

STUDENTS' COUNCIL – TERM 2014-2016
7th MEETING FRIDAY, 8th May 2015
MINUTES

On Friday, May 08 2015, at 2.00 p.m., in the A1 room of SISSA (International School for Advanced Studies) in Trieste (IT), the Students' Council – summoned by electronic mail on May 01 2015 – gathers.

There are present:

	Components	Role	P	E	A
1	Claudia MANCUSO	President – School Council – Phys.	x		
2	Silvia CORSINI	Senate		x	
3	Cristiano DE NOBILI	Senate		x	
4	Matteo CASATI	Board of Directors	x		
5	Massimo LUMACA	Board of Directors	x		
6	Domenico MONACO	Evaluation Unit	x		
7	Piermarco FONDA	School Council		x	
8	Paolo GIDONI	School Council – MA		x	
9	Yamil VIDAL DOS SANTOS	School Council – CNS - VP		x	
10	Federico ISEPPON	School Council - NB	x		
11	Giuseppe PUGLISI	AP		x	
12	Mauro VALLI	APP		x	
13	Lorenzo DEL RE	CM			x
14	Giovanni PINAMONTI	SBP	x		
15	Alessio CHIOCCHETTA T.	SP	x		
16	Pietro BARATELLA	TPP	x		
17	Francesco BOAROTTO	AM	x		
18	Giorgio SCATTAREGGIA	GEOM	x		
19	Gianluca ORLANDO	MAMA	x		
20	Nicolò PIAZZALUNGA	MP		x	
21	Cristina FIMIANI	SFG	x		
	Guillaume CASTEX	Postdoc - Senate			
	Sandro BOTTARO	Postdoc - Physics			
	Giuliano LAZZARONI	Postdoc - Mathematics			
	Paolo VATTA	Postdoc - Neuroscience			

Legend: P present, E excused, A absent. * see in the minutes variations; ° participates for specific points of the agenda

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Claudia MANCUSO, President of the Students' Council is the chairperson. Reporting secretary is Giorgio Scattareggia.

The President verifies that the legal number of participants is reached (12/21).
The meeting is opened with the following agenda:

- 1. Communications by the President;**
- 2. Report NUV;**
- 3. Pre selection of extra UE students;**
- 4. Progress reports situation (update);**
- 5. Report senato;**
- 6. Report CdA**
- 7. Any other business**

1. Communications by the President

The President reports on the SISSA party organization. There has been a meeting between the SISSA Club vice president, Riccardo Cristoferi, and the administration officers about insurance issues and the SIAE. General Secretary Rizzetto has proposed to arrange a further meeting with the security personnel. Moreover, a budget estimate for the SIAE expenses has been formally asked.

Federico Iseppon warns that he is leaving the Council before its end. Therefore, the President proposes to change the agenda, so that Federico Iseppon can participate to the debate about point 3 (Pre selection of extra UE students). Everyone agrees. Then, the agenda is modified as follows:

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2. Pre selection of extra UE students

Matteo Casati observes that there is an issue about pre selection of extra UE students. Indeed, in some Ph.D courses there is a different level of selection between ordinary UE students, who have to pass a written examination and an oral examination in order to get their Ph.D fellowship, and extra UE students, whose selection is curriculum based. Anyway, this is widely seen as an opportunity for the School to let skilled students from outside Europe enter SISSA.

Federico Iseppon leaves the Council. Anyway the number of participants (11/21) is still above the legal minimum.

3. Report NUV

Domenico Monaco reports on the Ph.D courses survey. Among all the three areas there is a wide appreciation of the Institution itself. Particularly, the level of appreciation is increased in the

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Neuroscience area, making a comparison with the previous academic year. Moreover, in Mathematics and Physics areas most of the students agree on the idea that the Ph.D course offered by SISSA is quite adequate for entering an academic career. The opinion inside Neuroscience area is slightly less enthusiastic. In fact, most of the Neuroscience students consider the duration of the Ph.D not sufficient for providing good experimental results.

4. Progress reports situation (update)

The President reminds the single representatives to discuss the adoption of Progress reports with the Ph.D courses coordinators. Everyone approve.

5. Report senate

It is cancelled by the President, since Silvia Corsini and Cristiano De Nobili (representatives in the Senate) are absent.

6. Report CdA

Matteo Casati reports about the last meeting in the Board of Directors - 31 March 2015. According to him there is a big issue about the various postponements of the Thesis defenses. The rule, as it had been underlined during the meeting of 31 March, is that the Ph.D fellowship lasts at most four years. If someone needs more time he has to use external grants. The matter is quite delicate, particularly in the Neuroscience area since during the last years several students defended their Thesis far beyond the temporal limit of their standard fellowship.

The President, Domenico Monaco and Massimo Lumaca propose to send SISSA Director a formal request to discuss the problem. There is a vote: 2 people abstain (Matteo Casati and Francesco Boarotto) and 9 people agree. Therefore the Council approves the request.

7. Any other business

Giovanni Pinamonti reports on a meeting he had with Gianluca Pietra, responsible for occupational safety. According to him, it should be provided a medical visit for those students whose kind of working activities make them use the computer for more than 6 hours a day. The Council agrees about the proposal.

Domenico Monaco reports on a meeting he had with the Students Secretary, Riccarco Iancer. According to him there is the possibility to get in business with an agency which provides assistance in sharing the dwelling with external students. This should be useful whenever SISSA students have to spend large periods of time outside Trieste, in order to save money. The Council agrees that the question ought to be investigated.

Matteo Casati reminds that in six months there will be a poll for selecting a large number of new students' representatives. He reminds everybody to remain vigilant, in case anyone in SISSA manifests his/her interest in being elected.

Having depleted the agenda, the meeting is dismissed at 3.30 p.m.