

Report from Students' Council

January, 19th 2011

Dear colleagues,

on Wednesday 19 January 2011 student's representatives met to discuss student's related issues. We will briefly summarize them for information purposes.

0. FUNDS CUT AND CONVENTIONS

From January 2011 all the funds for missions have been cut of 50% with respect to the 2009 funds. However all the missions abroad towards the Institutes we have conventions with are not affected by cuts. Also funds for fees for conferences and schools are not affected by cuts since they belong to another cost component. PRIN projects funds are not affected by cuts too.

SENIOR PROFESSOR

It's a new title assigned to a full professor assigned after titles evaluation for a last of two/three years. He/she can take under its supervision PhD students as internal advisor even if his contract will expire before PHD student defence. To prevent students to be without advisor the Senior professor will be assisted by another permanent member of SISSA staff.

1. STUDENTS REPRESENTATIVE CHANGES AFTER GELMINI LAW APPROVAL

There will be a students component also in the School Senate and in the committee for the rewriting of the School Statute. In this last committee will be present to represents students Bassan Nicola. Director decided to reduce the number of permanent Committees from 26 to the following ones: - Research;

- Didactics;
- Relationship with Enterprises;
- Services;
- Canteen/Cafeteria;
- Hiring;
- Equal Opportunities;
- Library;
- Safety;
- Confidential Consultants;

Temporary committees can be summoned with a precise working period, and will be dismissed after they have solved their function. For what concerns the didactic committee the discussion has been focused on the possibility to have students in it. Together with these rearrangement there will be also a new setting for what concerns sectors. They will be grouped into three big areas, Biology, Mathematics and Physics, with the PhD curricula left untouched.

2. OMBUS PERSON

We discuss the possibility to enlarge the number of members in the confidential consultant committee to include also the OMBUS person, a full professor chosen for his particular attitude.

3. LAPTOP CONTRIBUTION

There will be an increase in the laptop contributions. The funds will be distributed as follows

400 euros for the first year and a half;

400 euros for the second half of the second year;

200 euros for the third year;

100 euros for the fourth year.

Those who already received the contribution are excluded from this contribution.

4. GYM ISSUE

There has been a discussion concerning the bills of the gym. The official situation is in the CdA report.

5. PROPOSALS FROM STUDENTS IN CdA

Ask Erdisu to apply the lowest price band for all SISSA PhD students on the base of merit. Proposal to let SISSA students attend the master in Science Communication with discount on the taxes. Those students will form an extra component with respect to the actual number of positions available.

6. WIKI

Discussion about the improving of the student's wiki page

On the behalf of the student's council, the President

Dario Bettoni