Minutes of Students’ Assembly
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The students’ assembly opens at 11.05.

There are some complaints by the representatives due to the fact that the Director of SISSA forgets to suspend the lectures for today allowing all students, in particular first year students, to attend the assembly.

Elena Tea RUSSO opens the meeting explaining what the main institutional bodies of SISSA are and what are their functions. Then, for every institutional body of SISSA, she presents the student(s) representative(s) in there.

Then Gabriele PERFETTO and Alessandro NOBILE talk about ARDISS; in particular they explain the new feature that, starting this year, SISSA’s PhD students can ask in order to save more money: ISEE RIDOTTO. Students describe problems concerning misunderstanding between CAFs and them and ask question to understand how to solve them. There were also questions on how to get the ARDISS card.

Then Lorenzo FANT talk about the new feature SISSA's Students' Secretaries are trying to improve: namely ESSE3 and PICA. Then he moved on talking about grants to buy laptops. It is pointed out that laptop contribution works only for laptops and not for iPads, it can be asked only in the first two years and it is valid only for PhD students, not Master Students (even for SISSA).
During Lorenzo FANT discussion it is remarked that there is a big problem of communication in SISSA: mainly only view people of SISSA reads the emails. There are two proposals: one is to filter emails for research groups and the other is to list all events in one mail and then sent it to all students.

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Then Elena Tea RUSSO takes again the lead talking about TTO (Transfer Technology Office) stressing the fact that very few PhD students, after their PhD, work in the academia while the majority works in private industries. Therefore, SISSA is organizing these kinds of events. From the audience it is pointed out that in an email advertising one of these events (PHD4PMI) the description of the projects was not clear plus there were not present the name(s) of the industries participating. Elena Tea RUSSO then explains that the message was willingly not clear in order to incentive PhD students interested to talk in person with the local organizers.

Carlo SCARPA then explain the importance of the questionnaires to ensure a complete evaluation of quality. He strongly invites all the present to fill them and to spread the voice to the missing students.

Manuela SANTO than took the word to explain all the services SISSA is offering to PhD students; in particular there are discussed the CUG, the Ombudsperson, the psychologist, the trusted advisor. In particular she stressed the services offered by SISSA to women who get pregnant during their PhD.

Then Lorenzo FANT talks about the gym, asking the presents who would be interested in using the gym for doing sports without the presence of any instructor: only five people are interested. It is also pointed out that:
   i- the gym cannot be used by one person at time but there always must be at least two persons around for security reasons, and both of them must have undergone a security course;
   ii the shower(s) is(are) not working. Moreover, it is remarked that the gym is very dirty and a cleaning is necessary.

A student from the audience asks us that meaning of the email titled “plastic and paper recycling services” which states that there is no more money left to continue the recycling. It is explained that SISSA is suffering a loss of Italian State funding and so they are saving money. A more detailed explanation will be given once Elena Tea RUSSO and Gabriele PERFETTO will have the effective budget status loss from the Board of Directors.

Students stress also the fact that the wi-fi connection is working very bad and we, as SISSA, are making a bad impression for visitors. A petition for improving the Wi-Fi has been proposed.

Students propose also to meet in assembly like in a more regular basis (like once every month).

The assembly ends at 12.45.