Minutes of Students’ Council
Meeting n. 03/2020, 15/04/2020

The Students’ Council meets, regularly convened, on April 15th, 2020, at 16:05 with the following agenda:

1. President communications;
2. Reports of the Evaluation Unit, Academic Senate, CdA, ARDiSS Committee and Task Force;
3. Proposals from the students for SISSA’s phase 2 of the pandemic;
4. Any other business.

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President
[Alessandro NOBILE]

Secretariat
[Alessandro GRANELLI]
Alessandro NOBILE, as the President of the Students’ Council, after checking the legal number of participants (17/25), opens the meeting at 16:05. Alessandro GRANELLI, as secretary of this meeting, writes the minutes.

Due to COVID-19 pandemic, the last minutes were not written. They will be approved later.

1. President Communications

Alessandro NOBILE’s communications are here listed:

1. About TTO:
   - PhD4Innovation postponed to September 2020;
   - There will be a webinar for talent valorization outside academia on the 20th April.

2. Physics area is missing two suppletive representatives because Saman SOLTANI and Alessandro GRANELLI declined since they are already representatives of TPP and APP areas respectively.

3. There are currently some problems with masks. Some students in Trieste have them, some not. The council discussed whether this should be reported to SISSA’s director. The council agreed that it is not a SISSA problem.

2. Reports of the Academic Senate, CdA, Evaluation Unit and ARDiSS Committee

Report from the Senate:

Manuela SANTO reports that the last discussion in the Senate focused on the following points:

1. Current emergency situation

Many phd students are having problems, e.g. experimental students that can not do their experiments; students asking for psychological support. SISSA will take care of its students. How this will be handled exactly is still to be decided.

2. Phase 2 of the emergency
Maybe experimentalists will go back to work from the first week of May. Two main periods have been established.

The 1st period: from May to August in which experimentalists will little by little start again their work.

The 2nd period: from August to Autumn, in which there will be a loosening on the restriction to go in SISSA.

For non experimental students it will take very long to go back to SISSA.

Until all students that can go to SISSA don't have masks, SISSA won't open again to students. If masks arrive, probably from the first week of May experimental students can go to SISSA. No differences according to the year.

Someone asks if SISSA’s garden is open at the moment. Absolutely not, it will probably follow the measures taken for public places in the city.

Someone asks for information about public transportations for experimental students coming back to SISSA.

This point is still under discussion in the Senate. Someone proposed a specific shuttle for students.

Someone asks whether one can go to SISSA and take something from the office or whatever.

Extra people should probably make a request before going, but it should be for essential things.

Elena Tea RUSSO asks about contributions for internet connection in this emergency period.

This is to be proposed to the Senate. Someone proposes as a solution a refund of 10€ per month.

Elena Tea RUSSO also points out that studying from home in summer will be difficult, especially in some houses in the city because of the heat. Is there something SISSA can do?

For some people, especially foreign students, it will be difficult to go back to their home countries.

Some possibilities that come up are: ask to ARDiSS and/or hotels that have a partnerships with SISSA. This is to be proposed to the Senate.

The council agreed on making a list of foreign people that feel the need to go back home or report problems in staying in his/her house in Trieste. This is to have a general overview of this situation.

Since we don't have elected yet the rep. of foreign students, that would fit this role perfectly, Osvaldo Basilio ARTIMAGNELLA volunteers himself to collect these data.

Carlo SCARPA asks about the procedure for closing missions in this situation. In particular, how students should give physical documents to the secretariat.

Up to now, they are very flexible with the time, probably one can close a mission later. Manuela SANTO will ask the secretary about this.
Report from the Board of Directors:

Gabriele PERFETTO speaks about the last meeting. The main point of the meeting was the final result of the evaluation by CEVS. The evaluation was very positive. The next evaluation will happen in 5 years.

Nicola CALONACI joins the meeting at 16.45.

The main critical points were: problem of spaces, in particular the capability of the building; fundings of SISSA from the Ministry had decreased during time; the ratio of number of researchers for number of professors should be 2, but in SISSA it is lower (this is peculiar to the structure of SISSA). There is a discussion going on about another criterion for special schools like SISSA to evaluate the last ration.

Report from the Evaluation Unit:

Carlo SCARPA quickly recaps a long (3hrs) meeting. The main points were:

- again the ratio numbers of researchers for number of professors is lower than what it is prescribed in the Italian law. This means that probably they will ask the indicator to be changed or maybe SISSA will start to change the recruiting tactics;
- all the deadlines for the evaluation unit have been shifted by some months;
- important decisions for the next three years have already been taken this year;
- there will be in the near future a meeting of the evaluation unit with the area reps.

Report from ARDiSS:

Alessandro Nobile proposed to rise the following point in the next ARDiSS meeting: to have a discount for ARDiSS tax or to be refund for the period during which students didn't go to SISSA (and did not use ARDiSS services).

Report from the Task Force:

Osvaldo Basilio ARTIMAGNELLA sums up his work in the COVID-19 Task Force Unit.

Message from Task Force: if you can work from home, do it.

Osvaldo Basilio ARTIMAGNELLA also report that there will be created a committee to organize the phase 2 in SISSA. In this task force, the students will be represented by Manuela SANTO.

The council agreed that Osvaldo Basilio ARTIMAGNELLA and Manuela SANTO should write an email to the student council with a summary of what's going on with the Task Force Unit and the Committee, so to keep everyone updated. Also one mail per week is fine.
3. Proposals from the students for SISSA's phase 2 of the pandemic

Alessandro NOBILE reports the main students’ proposals that came out from the questionnaire:

1. possibility to extend the deadline for phd defenses;
2. posticipate progress reports;
3. refund the cost of devices needed for smart working;
4. recording seminar lectures done online and save them in a “SISSA cloud”;
5. problem of housing in summer in Trieste.

No other proposals were presented.

4. Any other business

There are no other other business.

The meeting ends at 17.15.