Minutes of Students’ Council

Meeting n. 07/2019, 03/10/2019

The Students’ Council meets, regularly convened, on October 3rd, 2019, at 11:00 with the following agenda:

1. Approval of the last Students’ Council minutes;
2. President communications;
3. Vademecum for new students and wiki students;
4. Report about PhD4PMI;
5. Reports of the Evaluation Unit, Academic Senate, CdA, ARDiSS Committee;
6. Election of the new Students Council President;
7. Organization Students’ General Assembly;
8. Any other business;

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16) Pietro Paolo MAZZA    Statistical Physics    X
17) Alessandro NOBILE    ARDISS    X
18) Lara PANTONI    Supply. Phys    X
19) Alessandro RUBIN    Supply. Math    X
20) Carlo SCIALO’    JuMBO    X
21) Matteo SECLI’    Supply. Phys    X
22) Francesco SGARLATA    TPP    X
23) Gauri SHARMA    AP    X
24) Tiziano SURAN    CN    X
25) Giovanni TRICELLA    APP    X

Legend: P present, A absent.

Adam MAGEE, Alessandro BARENGHI, Tore ERDMANN, Nicola CALONACI, Alessandro GALVANI, Fabio CALEFFI have been invited to attend the meeting since they are going to be the next representatives.

Andrea PAPALE, as the President of the Students’ Council, after checking the legal number of participants (14/25), opens the meeting at 11:06. Alessandro RUBIN, as secretary of this meeting, writes the minutes.

At the beginning of the meeting the President of the School Council Andrea PAPALE proposes to
  * anticipate point 6. “Election of the new Students Council President” immediately after point 1. “Approval of the minutes of the Students’ Council minutes”;
  * add a new point “Post-Doc Representatives” after point 5. “Report about PhD4PMI”;
  * Split point 5. in two points.

The Student Council approves. The new agenda is therefore:

1. Approval of the last Students’ Council minutes;
2. Election of the new Students’ Council President;
3. President communications;
4. Vademecum for new students and wiki students;
5. Report about PhD4PMI;
6. Report of the Evaluation Unit;
7. Post-Doc Representatives;
8. Reports of the Academic Senate, CdA and ARDiSS Committee;
9. Organization of the Students’ General Assembly;
10. Any other business.

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1. Approval of the minutes of the Students’ Council n. 6/2019

The minutes of the Students’ Council n. 6/2019 are approved.

2. Election of the new Students’ Council President

Andrea PAPALE resigns as President of the Students’ Council.

Alessandro NOBILE communicates to the Students’ Council his candidacy as the Students’ Council President. Alessandro NOBILE is unanimously elected president of the Students’ Council.

Veronica FANTINI resigns as Vice President of the Students’ Council. The Students’ Council President Alessandro NOBILE suggests to vote for a new Vice President. The Students Council agrees. Mara DE ROSA communicates to the Students’ Council her candidacy as the Students’ Council Vice President. Mara DE ROSA is unanimously elected vice president of the Students’ Council.

3. President Communications

There are no communications.

4. Vademecum for new students and wiki students

The Students’ Council President Alessandro NOBILE explains to the Students’ Council the changes made to the Students Vademecum. The Students Council unanimously approves these changes.

The Students’ Council President Alessandro NOBILE believes that most of the links of the SISSA Wiki Students are not updated. This creates a lot of problems to the SISSA students. Alessandro NOBILE suggests to ask SISSA to hire a student with a 150 hours contract for students collaborations in order to update links and the information on the web site. The Student Council agrees and Gabriele PERFETTO and Mara DE ROSA will write the letter to be given to the Senate.

5. Report about PhD4PMI

Elena Tea RUSSO exposes the final report (see the attachment) of the initiative PhD4pmi to the Students’ Council. Summarizing this document, the activity is on the whole well received by the Students even if there are some problems:

- It is not clear which is the goal of the initiative;
- It is not clear how this initiative could and will evolve in the future;
- People don’t like doing a job for free.

The Students’ Council takes note.

6. Report of the Evaluation Unit

Carlo SCARPA communicates that the ANVUR committee is going to visit SISSA from December 2nd to December 6th. Carlo SCARPA explains to the Students’ Council what is ANVUR and which is his national purpose.

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Ore 11:30 Lara PANTONI joins the assembly.

Carlo SCARPA further explains that the committee’s aim is to perform the Accreditamento Iniziale delle Scuole Superiori, a sort of initial evaluation of the Italian PhD school in terms of the quality of the research and the didactic. This evaluation is supposed to establish whether SISSA is approved or not as a Scuola Superiore (school for PhD training). Carlo SCARPA further stresses that this is just an initial evaluation procedure inside a system of periodic evaluations that will start soon.

Ore 11:41 Lorenzo FANT joins the assembly.

Manuela SANTO and Emanuele CAPUTO believe that the Students’ Council should organize a collegial moment to recall to all SISSA students the efforts that the School does to improve their lives through facilities, money discounts and services. Lorenzo FANT strongly disagrees.

7. Post-Doc Representatives

Ore 11:47 Sara LAPORTE joins the assembly.

Sara LAPORTE reports to the Students’ Council some of the difficulties that Post-Docs have in SISSA to be represented. Most of these difficulties come from the national organization of this figure and consist of:

- Low knowledge of the guest institution because of an intrinsic high mobility career
- Low capability of organizing long term representatives actions due to a very short term mandate
- Low interest in being involved in bureaucratic issues of an institution that they will soon leave
- Low interest in non-research activities

Sara LAPORTE further communicates that she is no more eligible as a Post-Doc representative because, even if she still works in SISSA, she has changed contract and so she is no more regarded as SISSA personal. Nicola CALONACI and Elena Tea RUSSO believe that the Student Council should take care of these people.

Carlo SCARPA points out that the election procedure in SISSA are not smooth: who is elected is often not aware of this and no one in the Students’ Council seems to know when his mandate expires. Carlo SCARPA proposes to ask to Antonella DERIN (the Secretary responsible for the elections procedure) to send an email to every winner. The Students’ Council unanimously agrees.

12:28 Sara LAPORTE leaves the assembly.

8. Reports of the Academic Senate, CdA and ARDiSS Committee

Report of the Academic Senate: Manuela SANTO communicates that there has been an unauthorized change of the HPC Master regulation. The new regulation claims that SISSA is no more supposed to pay the master tax to his PhD students. This kind of changes are supposed to be approved by the Academic Senate but the Academic Senate has not been informed. There is an informal investigation of the Director to understand how this has been possible.

Gabriele PERFETTO communicates that during the SISSA Opening Ceremony for the Academic Year 2019/20 will be held on November 19th at 11.00 a.m. in the main lecture Hall “P. Budinich”, Mr Piero Angela will be awarded with the Master honoris causa Diploma in Science Communication. Gabriele PERFETTO and Lorenzo FANT further communicate that the Senate has also discussed whether to award with the same prize Mrs

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Greta Thunberg for her efforts in attract interest on climate changes but the Academic Senate has eventually rejected the proposal.

Report of the CdA: Elena Tea RUSSO reports that the relationships between SISSA Medialab Direction and SISSA Direction are getting more and more complicated. She is afraid that SISSA Medialab might interrupt its initiatives in SISSA (like SISSA4Schools ecc …) in the next future. The Students' Council Takes notes.

Report of the ARDiSS committee: no report from the ARDiSS committee.

9. Organization of the Students’ General Assembly

The President of the Students’ Council Alessandro NOBILE proposes to organize a general assembly on November 14th at 14:00. The Students’ Council agrees. In the next Council the agenda for the topic to present will be given.

10. Any other business

There are no other businesses.

The meeting ends at 13:10 pm.

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