Minutes of Students’ Council
Meeting n. 08/2019, 13/11/2019

The Students’ Council meets, regularly convened, on November 13th, 2019, at 10:00 with the following agenda:

1. Approval of the last Students’ Council minutes;
2. President communications;
3. Election of representatives in some committees;
4. Reports of the Evaluation Unit, Academic Senate, CdA, ARDiSS Committee;
5. Orientation day - 15th November;
6. Report about the SISSA Party;
7. Area Councils to be held in English;
8. Any other business;

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President
[Alessandro NOBILE]

Secretariat
[Nicola CALONACI]
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16) Fabio CALEFFI  
17) Nicola CALONACI  
18) Alessandro GALVANI  
19) Lara PANTONI  
20) Matteo SECLÌ  
21) Francesco SGARLATA  
22) Gauri SHARMA  
23) Giovanni TRICELLA  
24) Saddam HIJAZI  
25) Domenico GURASCIO

Legend: P present, A absent.

Adam MAGEE, present from the starting of the council, has been invited to attend the meeting since he is going to become one soon.

Alessandro NOBILE, as the President of the Students’ Council, after checking the legal number of participants (16/25), opens the meeting at 10:02. Nicola CALONACI, as secretary of this meeting, writes the minutes.

1. Approval of the minutes of the Students’ Council n. 7/2019

The minutes of the Students’ Council n. 7/2019 are approved.

2. President Communications

Alessandro NOBILE’s communications consist of three points:

1. Students are requested to bring back cutlery, glasses etc. back to the canteen. He asks to report to him the office numbers where food from the canteen is clearly abandoned.

2. Andrea PAPALE, the previous President of the Student Council, proposed to run an investigation about the need to increase number of working hours of the psychological support service. Manuela SANTO reports that the CUG has already increased the number of working hours of the service last year; that the psychologist claims she’s working already more than she’s supposed to; that a change in the service contract should be proposed before the new position is opened. Mara DE ROSA proposes to base this request on a students’ survey. Manuela SANTO proposes to invite the present psychologist to the next CUG assembly in order to better understand the actual situation and future possibilities.

3. By the end of next December the winners of the 150 hours positions will be presented; Osvaldo Basilio ARTIMAGNELLA accepts to take care of maintaining the web page.

Ore 10:20 Alessandro BARENGHI joins the assembly.

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3. Elections of some representatives in some committee

The following representatives volunteer themselves to enter the following committees:
- Didattica: Gabriele PERFETTO;
- Servizi e Risorse: Alessandro BARENGHI.
The president, Alessandro NOBILE, informs that as soon as the meeting ends, he will forward these names to Antonella DERIN, head of the office “Ufficio Supporto Organi di Governo e Gestione Documentale”.

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

Report from the Senate:

Manuela SANTO reports the discussion in the last Senate assembly about overcrowding problems in lecture rooms, library and canteen. It was proposed to move master lectures to University buildings, but this could be a problem for SISSA students as they would have to move back and forth.
Lorenzo FANT supports the proposal of moving lectures to University, disregarding master students’ problems with transportation.
Adam MAGEE points out that in the library the problem is not only regarding the number of seats, but also the number of available boxes.
Alessandro RUBIN reports that a “space committee” exists but does not if and when it meets; that there is a booking service online for rooms, but only SISSA students can access it.
The majority of CdS proposes to extend the service to other students and to have a list of spare rooms daily updated and hanged at the library.

Ore 10:50 Carlo SCARPA joins the assembly.

Elena Tea RUSSO points out that the situation can in some ways be adjusted in the short-term, but it will become critical in the long-term (next academic year) because interest in the MHPC master program is clearly growing.
Manuela SANTO reports, about the MHPC master, that the specific rules regarding SISSA present and former students have been written down.
Alessandro NOBILE points out that SISSA is waiting for approval of the ICTP Director, and that there should be general agreement on the fact that SISSA will cover the price of the master, whereas money from sponsoring companies can be used as supply by the sponsored student.

Report from the Board of Directors:

Elena Tea RUSSO reports that there has been analogous discussion about space issues; that ANVUR committee will be in SISSA during the first days of December; that the position for MediaLab director is open; that an Excel sheet with financial balance for each PhD course has been shown; that it has been reminded that each student has a 10% of his allocated money for individual resources as missions, devices etc. and in this amount a part is included to pay visitor scientists to come in SISSA, which rarely happens.
The majority of the CdS asks that each student is provided with more transparent access to his personal allocated money.
Alessandro NOBILE asked the International Affairs Office to fill in the gaps in the vademecum about gestione separata INPS, health insurance and permit of stay for foreign students.

Report from the Evaluation Unit:

Carlo SCARPA reports that the number of participating professors in the library committee was low with respect to the supposed one (around ten); that the library administration will employ around 500,000 Euro for books, journals, papers, and electronic journal subscriptions.
Elena Tea RUSSO points out that we still have access to Elsevier’s papers published before 2019, but as time goes by we will accumulate more and more papers to which we won’t have free access.

Carlo SCARPA reports that there is a leftover of around 40.000 Euro in the library budget, and that the library administration asks the students for proposals about how to spend them.

Nicola CALONACI proposes to use a part of the leftover to take care of the overcrowding problem in the library (e.g. increase the number of seats, boxes, plugs and lamps).

Carlo SCARPA recall to the whole Student Council that on the first week of December there will be the visit of the CEVS-ANVUR evaluation committee and that a group of students may be summoned to answer their questions.

Carlo SCARPA reports that our proposal approved by the Student-Professor Joint Committee — to change the voting scale in the students questionnaire from 5 to 4 + “non-adaptable to me” (when needed) — has been rejected. He tells that ANVUR published best-practice guidelines for students questionnaire, where the voting scale is 1 to 10 and that SISSA, differently from other Universities but similarly to other Special Schools, lacks an ANVUR grading system for students’ questionnaires. Mara DE ROSA proposes to submit our “internal” questionnaire to ANVUR as best-practice proposal.

5. Orientation Day - 15th November

The President of the Students’ Council Alessandro NOBILE announces that the Orientation Day will be held on November 15th at 9:00 in room 128-129.

Alessandro RUBIN shows the poster he prepared to spread the event.

Mara DE ROSA proposes to distribute flyer versions of the poster.

Alessandro NOBILE stresses the representatives to encourage their represented students to participate.

6. Report about the SISSA party

Alessandro RUBIN reports that the money spent for the party amounts to around 3000 Euro, as expected; that there was no complaint from the Security Staff nor from the Director.

Alessandro NOBILE proposes the creation of the “SISSA Party Committee”, made by from 10 to 15 volunteer students with one representative of the students to report the on going, whose main task is to organize the SISSA Summer Party. The Council approves the creation of this committee and decides also that the deadline to present a candidature is the end of February 2020 and that if there are no volunteers the party will not be organize.

7. Area Councils to be held in English

Mara DE ROSA proposes to hold all area councils in English: since part of the representatives come from abroad and SISSA is supposed to be an international institute.

The majority of CdS proposes to write a letter to the Senate to ask for Area Councils to be held in English and Mara DE ROSA will write it.

8. Any other business

Mara DE ROSA points out that it is not straightforward for SISSA students to access the various vectorial versions of SISSA logo, as often requested.

Alessandro RUBIN and Mara DE ROSA will ask the press office to provide students with a package containing the requested versions of the logo and also to provide LaTeX files for official slides and the front page of the thesis.
Alessandro RUBIN reports about works that will be conducted to enlarge part of SISSA buildings: the call of interests will be advertised around the end of this (solar) year.

Alessandro RUBIN reports about complaints from the Director about the usage of the delivery service. The majority of the CdS agrees on the fact that the delivery of packages, even not related to work, is a strongly needed service for students.

Alessandro RUBIN proposes two options: to change the rules of the delivery service in the reported direction and to install Amazon boxes in SISSA so that the delivery service staff will maintain its present responsibilities as reported in their work contract.

Elena Tea RUSSO proposes to directly free the delivery service staff of responsibilities on the packages and also to limit the size of deliverable packages.

Alessandro SCAGLIOTTI reports a proposal from the Collegio Fonda to invite SISSA students to teach seminars to the students of the Collegio, for free. The majority of CdS answers that the only chance for this to happen is that this service is retributed, as generally expected in exchange for a teaching service from PhD researchers.

The meeting ends at 12.58 pm.