

## MC2 PhD student council meeting

2020-11-13

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**Time:** 12:00 - 13:00

**Place:** Zoom

**Attendees:** Ariadna Soro, Marti Gutierrez, Hafid Zehri, Ivo Cools, Isabel H. Rodrigues, Stavros Giannakopoulos, Achintya Paradkar, Israel Rebolledo Salgado

### 1. Opening of the meeting

Explanation by Marti on what the board does, and the different agenda points.

### 2. Election of meeting officials

2.1 Chairman- Marti Gutierrez

2.2 Secretary- Ivo Cools

2.3 Adjustors- Nermin Trnjanin

### 3. Approval of agenda

Yes, unanimous

### 4. Meeting notice in due order

Yes, unanimous

### 5. Updates from other boards and committees

Executive board – no updates (Marti)

DS guild - No updates (Isabel)

FFF – No poster session for now (Isabel)

Advisory board – no updates, meet every 6 months

### 6. Election of new representatives

A) Advisory board of MC2: Nermin volunteered. Reason: speaks Swedish, has experience in AB.

B) Webpage admin: keeps site up to date and uploads the minutes  
Ariadna volunteers

### 7. Follow up survey to last year's survey w.r.t CoViD-19 pandemic

We promised a follow-up to last year's survey on the impact of the CoViD-19 pandemic on PhD student mental health/ project. Hafid will provide the form for a new survey (same as old one). Idea: same questions as last time, and some small new additional questions. The necessary files will be shared by Hafid.

Extra:

Nermin: add. Question: "did you take the last survey?"

Ariadna: add question to distinguish theorists and experimentalists  
Isabel: add. Question: "Did you encounter a change in working hours"

Planning: new questions ready before next meeting, at next meeting we finalise and send out survey.

#### **8. New rules for PhD defense**

Controversial rules which seem to contradict themselves.

Isabel: DS guild is making a survey about this topic

Stavros: for MC2, we are bound by Thesis Review committee

No official standpoint for MC2 guild decided upon, but if the question comes up at other guilds, we can discuss.

Probably: if it doesn't seem like an improvement, there is no need for change

#### **9. Other issues**

Hafid: we should restart the discussion to add the PhD guild minutes/ summary of actions to the bi-weekly MC2 information e-mail.

Discussion about walking- meetings. Should we push this at the executive board?

Nermin: what is opinion of supervisors?

Marti: meetings will now probably be monthly instead of twice a month

#### **10. Next meeting**

15th December 2020: 12-13.

Location TBD

#### **11. Closing of the meeting**

Pledge of Hafid: give me questions for survey