

Minutes: DS Board Meeting

#VT24-1, 2024-02-15

Time: 12:00 – 14:00

Place: [Zoom](#) (ID: 695 6152 5120, code: 126937) and room Analysen on EDIT

Coffee room before Analysen is also booked 11:00 to 16:00.

§1. Election of meeting officials and approval of agenda (Francisco)

Chair – Francisco Blas Izquierdo Riera

Secretary – Fredrik Börjesson Sandén

Reviewer – Rahul Aggarwal

Decision: The agenda and meeting officials were approved

§2. Meeting notice (Francisco)

Decision: The notice was in due order

§3. Minutes from previous two meetings (Francisco)

There was a delay in approving the previous meetings' minutes due to an issue understanding signature workflows in edusign.

The minutes were uploaded to the DS-webpage as soon as possible.

Decision: the minutes from the prior two meetings were approved

§4. Important information from management (MADS)

Help is needed for the GA:

- A president is needed for the GA

We need to find someone who can preside over the General Assembly. People have been called, but nobody has given very positive replies. The President of the GA should be outside of the board and ideally also of the previous board.

- Help bringing drinks to the GA

The drinks should be brought, and the empty glass bottles should also be returned. We need somebody to help with that. Mustapha, Paul and Francisco will take care of this.

- Help fetching and bringing food

Currently, 40 people have signed up to the GA. Voting about the foods ends with the decision of ordering baguettes for this. They are to be picked up at J.A. Pripps. Cristina will assist with the food.

- Help controlling people in/out for the electoral register

Athanasios and Prabhat and Michail will take care of this.

Decision: baguettes instead of pizza will be ordered for the GA

§5. Urgent information from work groups (Work group representatives)

6DS: Nothing to report.

CoDS: Nothing to report.

IT: Nothing to report.

MoDS: Nothing to report.

NoCo: Nothing to report.

REDS: Received 17 nominations for Supervisor of the year. It has now been narrowed down to 3 finalists. The decision will likely be “taken”, as far as the DS is concerned, by the end of March.

Fredrik will send a mail concerning: “What is DS’ position regarding using ChatGPT and similar systems? Wants DS to take a stance on the question? What is okay and not okay to do? Do we have any red lines that shouldn’t be crossed?”

The final decisions will be collected and shared with Dave, who represents the student union.

WESEE: DS has been invited to participate in a “sustainability day” at Chalmers. The DS did not have any objections to this.

Decision: none to be taken

§6. Nomination Committee (Francisco)

With Eve’s resignation it is unclear if she wants to remain part of the Nomination Committee. I sent her an e-mail to ask but I have received no reply. Therefore, I would recommend the board suggests the Nomination Committee to be formed by: Gabriel Arslan Waltersson, Heng Zhu and Yiting Cai.

Angelica and Yin both volunteered to join the committee, and it was proposed that Yiting will not be involved in the suggested committee, due to her inactivity in her other assigned groups.

Decision: The board will propose the committee as Angelica Avella, Yin Zeng, Gabriel Arslan Waltersson and Heng Zhu with place for one self-nomination at the GA.

§7. Received Motions (Francisco)

The motions were found difficult to take in, to the degree that they could not be decided upon in a clear manner with the time that we have in the meeting.

The motions must, by the statutes, be presented in the GA.

Motion 0: an amalgamation of motions 1 and 4 to create a single policy document.

Motion 1: on compensation to DS members for performing tasks at DS

Motion 2 can be moved to the next general assembly (regarding the DS involvement in Dr.Genie and guests on board meetings)

Motion 3 is a recommendation for the nomination committee (to try and slim down the formal board). Whether this motion is tabled or not should be decided by the nomination committee.

Motion 4 regards compensation for FUM and CHS members.

Motion 6. Budget for Dr.Genie. This 25 000 kr can be used for Dr.Genie to be used as they please.

Motion 7. A work group to rework the statutes of DS.

Motion 8. Regards other member types of the DS board. This would allow for Post-docs, Alumni, visiting PhD students, etc. They would not have voting rights.

The debate on the motion contents were stopped as it was found it was not a very useful discussion for the purpose of the meeting.

These motions will be presented at the GA.

A vote was called regarding:

1. Either Paul receives feedback by 23:00 today and puts it into the final call to the GA.
2. All nine motions are recommended to be tabled until the next General Assembly.

The board decided with majority to vote for the second option: All nine motions are recommended to be tabled until the next General Assembly.

Decision: The Board will suggest to the GA that all nine motions are tabled until the next General Assembly.

§8. Future of DOMB employment and accounting (Francisco)

Expected time: 13:15-13:35

The DOMB will become a service provided by CHS, same with accounting. What do we need on a good DOMB? Who can write the specification document?

Decision: Francisco will send some feedback from our current DOMB and other sources to the board to assist with the recruitment. The feedback from the board will be sent to the DS board mailing list before 8:00 on 26/2-2024 (Monday). Yin will then collect that feedback and propose a stance from the DS to the student union. The decision was taken unanimously.

§9. Round work group table (Work group representatives)

Expected time: 13:35-13:45

Here you can raise less urgent topics like achievements made in your group.

6DS: 15 extra hours are needed for organizing a joint event alongside Unimeet Gothenburg in June. However, there's uncertainty about whether Unimeet Gothenburg will organize the event again.

CoDS: Nothing to report.

IT: Nothing to report.

MoDS: Nothing to report.

NoCo: Nothing to report.

REDS: Nothing to report.

WESEE: 400 people have answered the DS-survey, which is comparable to the last survey.

Decision: 50 hours for the 6DS-work group are allocated for organizing a joint event alongside Unimeet Gothenburg in June if it happens and for organizing the pub crawls.

§10.Round department table (Department representatives)

Expected time: 13:45-13:55

Want to raise anything relevant that has happened or will happen at your department?

ACE: Nothing to report.

K: Nothing to report.

CLS: Nothing to report.

CSE: Nothing to report.

E2: Nothing to report.

IMS: Nothing to report.

LIFE: Isabelle Dombeck has expressed interested in joining the DS. The DS voted to recommend her joining.

MV: Nothing to report.

M2: Nothing to report.

MC2: Nothing to report.

F: Nothing to report.

SEE: Nothing to report.

TME: Nothing to report.

Decision: The DS voted to recommend Isabelle Dombeck joining the DS board. The decision was taken unanimously.

§11.Other matters (Everybody)

Nothing to report.

§12.Meeting is closed (Francisco)

Decision: meeting was closed at 14:03

Glossary

Work group names

6DS: Events work group

CoDS: Communication work group

IT: Information Technologies work group.

MoDS: Onboarding (Mottagning) work group.

NoCo: Nomination committee.

REDS: Research and Education work group.

WESEE: Work Environment, Sustainability, Equality and Ethics work group.

Department names

ACE: Architecture and Civil Engineering

K: Chemistry and Chemical engineering

CLS: Communication and Learning in Science

CSE: Computer Science and Engineering

E2: Electrical Engineering

IMS: Industrial and Material Science

LIFE: Life Sciences

MV: Mathematical Science

M2: Mechanics and Maritime Sciences

MC2: Microtechnology and Nanoscience

F: Physics

SEE: Space Earth and Environment

TME: Technology Management and Economics

Other

CHS: Chalmers Student Union

GA: General Assembly

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