

Minutes General Members Meeting (GMM) PhD Network University of Twente (P-NUT)

Date: 30 January 2014

Time: 17:00

Board members present: Joana, Mihaela, Febriyani, Kasia, Burcu, Adithya, Jonathan, Wouter, Nana, David, Mohsin, Janne (taking minutes), Victor, Jair Santana, Andrea Minuto, Peter van Es

1. Opening
 - a. Introduction by the president of P-NUT (Ioana Ilie)
 - b. Chairman GMM (Victor de Graaff)
Victor hands out the presence list
2. Determine and confirm agenda
The agenda is confirmed. Under point 9 the order is changed. The current board members are first discharged, then the new are charged.
3. Messages and statements
 - a. Board: None
 - b. Members: None
4. Appoint voting committee
Joana and Lionel form the voting committee
5. Review and approval of the minutes of last GMM
David was present in the last GMM. Minutes are approved.
6. Annual report 2013
Nana presents the report. See slides for content.
7. Financial Report 2013-2014
 - a. Presentation by the treasurer(s) (David Barata)
David presents the report.
 - b. Questions from members
 - Should all the money not be spent, rather than be put in the savings account?
David: We spent as much as stated in the budget, but had more income than expected. This year the money can be spent.
 - Why was the balance of the current account put on the budget as an income, this needs to be put on the balance instead.
 - c. Amendments
 - The money that was in the current account at the beginning of the year will be moved from the budget to the overview of the balance.
 - d. Approval: The budget is approved with the amendment.
8. Candidate board presentation
 - a. Introduction by candidate president (Jonathan Barreaux)
Three main points:
 - Gain interest of new potential members
 - Novelty in events to satisfy current members

- Better communication within the board
- b. Year-plan 2014-2015 by candidate president (Jonathan Barreaux)
- c. Budget 2014-2015 by candidate treasurer (Wouter van Heeswijk)
- d. Questions
 - Are the certain groups of people to focus on as new members?
Jonathan: Yes, Dutch Phd candidates, people from ITC
 - What do board members have to do differently to approach people from ITC?
Jonathan: Go to them, have presentations there.
 - Is 5pm too early for people from ITC to attend our board meetings?
Jonathan: It has to be thought about what is most convenient.
 - External PhD candidates also are underrepresented and should be involved.
 - We should have a graph with the percentage of each group of PhD candidates that is member of P-Nut
 - The ITC does not have a mailing list of PhD candidates, only of all students, which makes it difficult to reach them.
 - Should we have an opinion on the employment status of ITC-PhDs?
Jonathan: Possibly, but first it needs to be found out what the situation is, then we can see what to think about it and whether to take action.
 - The P-Nut policy should not be too much in opposite of what the rector's opinion is, taking into account the contribution P-Nut receives from the UT.
 - If there is a closed-group atmosphere, doesn't make more social interaction within the board make this even worse?
Jonathan: No, the need to integrate would then not to be needed to be satisfied during the actual events, so that the board can be more concerned with non-board members.

Budget:

- The PhD day is accounted for under represent. Is the theme of it about representation then?
Wouter: That is not decided yet.
- Do we keep on not-ordering the food?
Wouter: The food can be pre-ordered, but picked up by ourselves.
- Will there be additional savings of €2000, or are these the total savings?
Wouter: This is €2500 in total

9. Board change

- a. Discharge current president
 - i. Ioana Ilie
1 person against, rest in favour
- b. Charge new president
 - i. Jonathan Barreaux
All in favour

- c. Discharge treasurer
 - i. David Barata
All-in favour
 - d. Charge treasurer
 - i. Wouter van Heeswijk
All-in favour
 - e. Discharge secretary
 - i. Mohammadreza Khelghati
One abstain, rest in favour
 - f. Charge secretary
 - i. Mihaela Mitici
Obe abstain, rest in favour.
 - g. Charge general board members
 - h. Discharge general board members
10. Thanks
11. Round of questions
- Why is the Head os Commissions not voted for in this meeting?
Nana: Not necessary according to statutes. It is possible for the new board to decide about that this year and then have it next year, or to call in a GMM in about 6 months to do so.
 - Why is the Annual Report only sent 2 days in advance of the GMM?
Nana: Next year that has to be earlier.
12. Closing
At 18:40h