

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

Date: Thursday 29th January 2015

Time: 17:00

Location: Carre 3D, University of Twente

Persons present: Ioana Ilie, Wouter van Heeswijk, Kasia Markiewicz, Imke Lammers, Sarah Janus, Mihaela Mitici, Harmen Mulder, Victor de Graaff, Ana Inês Inacio, Adithya Sridher, Floris van den Brink, Jean-Baptiste Blonde, Mohammadreza Khelghati, Abebe Chukalla, Jonathan Barreaux

1. Opening
 - a. Introduction by the President of P-NUT (Jonathan Barreaux)
 - b. Chairman GMM (Ioana Ilie)

Jonathan Barreaux hands out the presence list
2. Determine and confirm agenda

The agenda is confirmed.
3. Messages and statements
 - a. Board: None
 - b. Members: None
4. Appoint voting committee

Victor de Graaff and Ana Inês Inacio form the voting committee
5. Review and approval of the minutes of last GMM

Victor points out that in the minutes it says "board members present", but this should be "members present". Under point 11 a typo exists (it should say 'of')
6. Annual report 2014

Jonathan presents the report. See slides for content.
Harmen asks what 'active members' means and Jonathan explains that this refers to paying members.
Ioana: Why was the idea abandoned to change the statutes?
Jonathan: A working group got initiated, but no progress was made on changing the statutes, as these were working fine and changing them would also involve a vote in the GMM
7. Financial Report 2014-2015
 - a. Presentation by the Treasurer (Wouter van Heeswijk) See slides for content
 - b. Questions from members
 - Floris: if the budget allocation of the PhD day is put in different categories the budget allocation would be close to the estimation

- Harmen: How many lunch meetings planned and how many were realized?
- Wouter: 8 to 9 were planned, four were realized
- Wouter & Kasia: the board was understaffed, in the summer in October (due to the PhD day) and in December (the lunch meeting became the Christmas dinner) non meetings took place. The budget for this category is decreased for next year. More workshops will be organized instead.
- Adithya & Ioana: allocate more money to social events, why are members charged 5 euro?
- Jonathan: to ensure commitment
- Victor: does not work as amount is charged only at the door, rather about seeing value in event
- Jonathan & Floris: those who registered but do not show up get charged
- Mihaela: only problem that those who are not a member yet and come to an event for the first time cannot be charged as their account number is not known
- Victor: P-NUT cannot keep on making profit
- Kasia: new board 2014 planned for more workshops, took more time to plan these than expected, got a lot of sponsorship in 2014
- Wouter: sponsorship difficult to predict
- Ioana: charge 5 euro, but give free drink
- Ioana: person external to the board needs to check the finances
- Adithya: need to appoint 2 people to check it
 - è Harmen & Adithya appointed to check finances, deadline 1st of April 2015
- Victor: for amount that still has to be paid (because no invoice has been received yet) make a reservation in the budget
- Harmen: advice to Wouter to ask for OFI invoice in person (as no invoice was sent between May and January even though Wouter e-mailed several times)

c. Amendments

è Harmen & Adithya appointed to check finances,
deadline 1st of April 2015

d. Approval: Approval of annual report and finances (which have to be checked though)

8. Candidate board presentation

a. Introduction by candidate President (Sarah Janus): see slides

b. Year-plan 2015-2016 by candidate President (Sarah Janus): see slides, combined with 8. a.

- Ioana: reasonable amount of members joining, what about new board members?
- Sarah: new board members will come if interested, tasks were put on the P-NUT website
- Jonathan: best to address people at events to join board
- Sarah: more emphasis in organizing events
- Victor, Jonathan: ideas for events= go-card, rent swimming pool, movie park Germany
- Ioana: what is the added value of the new presidency?
- Sarah: P-NUT runs smoothly, will continue this, in regard to board members, some current board members might stay on a bit more

c. Budget 2015-2016 by candidate Treasurer (Wouter van Heeswijk)

d. Questions

- Victor: KvK doesn't charge fee anymore
- Ioana: why faculty club fee?
- Wouter: board meetings held there
- Kasia: potentially a platform with TGS at faculty club, saver to keep fee in budget
- Mohammadreza: 250 euros for board integration enough?
- Victor: can increase this, reward board for efforts
 - è Amendment: increase budget for board integration
- Wouter: budget equity as it is as a basic income is needed, sponsorship added on top
- Mohammadreza, Adithya: show members what P-NUT all does (besides social events), e.g. more workshops, previous work on new doctoral charter
- Inês: combine workshops and social events, make them fun
- Adithya: offer credits via TGS for workshops, that way people would go to events of ½ day or more

9. Board change

a. Discharge current president

i. Jonathan Barreaux: 1 abstention, rest in favour

b. Charge new president

i. Sarah Janus: 1 abstention, rest in favour

c. Discharge current Treasurer

- i. Wouter van Heeswijk: 2 abstentions, rest in favour
- d. Charge new treasurer
 - i. Wouter van Heeswijk: 2 abstentions, rest in favour
- e. Discharge current Secretary
 - i. Mihaela Mitici: 1 abstention, rest in favour
- f. Charge new Secretary
 - i. Imke Lammers: 1 abstention, rest in favour
- g. Charge general board members
- h. Discharge general board members

10. Thanks: by Jonathan and Ioana

11. Round of questions

- Ioana: annual report send too later again, new board should do it on time
- Victor: P-NUT one of the best running PhD organizations in the whole country (2013 and 2014)
- Victor: P-NUT needs better representation, with the next possibility in 2016 P-NUT should be represented in the University Council again

12. Closing: At 18:14