

Meeting minutes 10-01-2023

Present: Carolina, Mohit, Gijs, Dylan, Luise

Minutes:

Who will be there at the social event thu/fri ?

Gijs organising room and food

Friday problem: no one there → talk to former council members

Date was terrible in hindsight

OWC meeting this month

Gijs won't be present for that one

no major discussion points with them so we will skip this one

Buddy system

8 responses so far (mentors only)

Luise working on document to explicit end date to check availability of mentors

Will send message to PIs of different groups to ask about new PhD students

Discussion: one large email introducing all about PhD Council or a separate email about the buddy system?

Add PhD Council email every March and October?

Attach PhD council to update emails from Joan to announce new things/decisions

→ Has to be discussed in OWC meeting with Stan and Juan: aim for in a few months

Physical flyer in the different universities?

Practice conference

New mattermost announced by Stan? Useful for PhD Council announcements? Still too early to be sure

Juan wants to create a PhDs+Juan channel to quickly resolve questions and announce PhD council news to everyone

Dylan input: now it's the beginning so we can set the tone for what it will be

Would it make the website/email obsolete?

Stress the importance of PhD Council website

Need to go through it and check info is up to date (specially for own institute, do the links still work?) → links to courses!

Dylan from UvA councils:

- their central PhD council investigated happiness of everyone from different faculties to get overview → should have same pattern in different universities
- science PhD council got email informing the HR department is making it difficult to get extension of PhD based on corona reasons → may happen in Nikhef, discussion about C3 meetings and reporting the problems in specific times → Mohit believes this is a government issue with the corona

extensions and not a university issue → we need to gather info on this, what period is accounted, are we on the list of students who can be granted this extension, do we have access to the list, do the supervisors know of this possibility for their students? **Ask Juan for what the Nikhef rules for this are**

Budget for activities:

Is there a number? Nope, it's all "within reason" (maybe even Juan doesn't have a number)

Bigger things ("playing paintball") needs to be asked a bit more in advance and cannot happen all the time

Always going for drinks in Amsterdam is bad → not attractive to who lives far

When and where is the next Jamboree? Ask Joan!

News about BND school in August? Poll was made in topical lectures, ~60% were not planning to attend the school

Gijs believes nothing can be done to change the school

Who started after 2021 may not be able to do replacement school? Gijs will check policy (Juan document), if 2 BNDs are mandatory for anyone

Will be judged case by case if a BND cannot be attended

Juan's bible to things: [Nikhef-OWC online documentation](#)