

Student Chapter of the International System Dynamics Society: Meeting Protocol

Time and place:

29.07.2007; 17:45-18:15; Seaport Hotel Boston

Participants:

16 members of the student chapter

Matteo Pedercini (chair), Stefan Grösser (chair and minutes), Andrea Bassi, Chintan Vaishnav

Absent of the Policy Council with excuse: Ines Winz

Agenda:

1. Address of Welcome
2. Presentation of the Activities of the Chapter in the Last Year
3. Discussion about Current and Future Issues
4. Election of the New Policy Council
5. Closing

Results/Resolutions

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| 2 | Presentation of the Activities of the Chapter in the Last Year <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Organization of an annual PhD Colloquium: New format• Issuing of quarterly newsletter: Newly instituted• Management of the chapter's website: fundamentally rebuilt• Management and moderation of list server: Newly instituted |
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Discussion about Current and Future Issues

1. Own Budget for the Student Chapter

In order to have some financial flexibility, the student chapter should try to obtain some funding. This issue is one of the tasks of the new policy council for the upcoming period. With this budget, the PhD Colloquium could be qualitatively enriched, e.g., organizing a simple gathering on the evening after the colloquium.

2. Distinction between positions and functions:

Discussion about the distinction between positions and functions. A person does not take over a position (president). It is rather a function, e.g., Newsletter management. The task for the new policy council is to associate clear functions and tasks to the positions described in the constitution.

3. Finding ways to engage more students in the chapter:

The discussion included the question how the members of the chapter could be more engaged and activated. The new policy council has to work on that pressing issue. One possibility was to increase connections to the local chapters of each country. Another would be to engage the SD-Society (Roberta, Jen) and forward messages to professors directly.

4. Continuity of the Development Process: (has not been discussed during the session, must be approved by the new policy council)

Stefan Groesser has for the future the function of a counselor that is especially dedicated to the linking of the Student Chapter with the SD Society. Particularly, the PhD Colloquium review process shall be integrated in the normal review process of the society. Also the time format of the PhD Colloquium should not be a separate activity, rather an activity that is integrated in the normal conference.

4 Election of the New Policy Council

Four functions have to be elected. In the following, the new members of the policy council are named:

- President: Michael Quigley, University of Salford, UK
- Chapter Representative/PhD Colloquium Organizer: Nicole Zimmermann, University of Mannheim, Germany
- Co-Organizer PhD Colloquium: Cecile Emery, University of Lugano, Switzerland
- Vice-President (Webmaster): Ines Winz, University of Auckland, New Zealand
- Secretary (List-server manager): Matthias Müller, University of Berne, Switzerland

After Meeting Nomination:

- Counselor (Connection of the Student Chapter and the SD-Society) Stefan Groesser, University of St. Gallen and University of Berne, Switzerland

We are looking forward to your efficient and high quality work. Thank you for your dedication.

At the same time we want to thank the past officers of the Student Chapter:

- President: Matteo Pedercini, University of Bergen, Norway
- Chapter Representative and Organizer of the PhD Colloquium: Stefan Groesser, University of St. Gallen and University of Berne, Switzerland
- Co-Organizer PhD Colloquium: Chintan Vaishnav, MIT, USA
- Secretary (List-server manager): Antonio Paco Forni, University of Bergen, Norway

Thank you for your wonderful work and commitment to the Student Chapter.
