

Setup Student Council

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GA)



FuseNet
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1. Introduction

In its 6th General Assembly meeting of the FuseNet Association in February 2017 in Prague it has been proposed to establish a student council, since the student themselves were not yet represented in any of the FuseNet committee. By establishing a student council, it is aimed to provide valuable input to board of Governors, such that they can adapt their strategy and focus of activities to the needs of the students.

This document presents the setup of such a student council and addresses:

- The terms of reference
- The membership profile and nominations
- The principles of operation

2. The Student Council of FuseNet (SCF)

2.1 Terms of Reference

One of the fundamental functions of the FuseNet Association is to stimulate excellence in fusion education at all levels and increase the homogeneity of the quality of fusion education throughout Europe. Central in the aim is the role of students: attract smart young people into the Fusion field, enthuse them for a career in Fusion, provide them with the best possible education, and make sure they form a network for an efficient (and pleasant) progress of the fusion enterprise.

The voice of these student is indispensable to setup a range of efficient activities to reach the above goals. To that end, a student council will be established by the Board of Governors (BoG), with the power given to the BoG in article 11 of the Statutes.

The terms of reference of the Student Council of FuseNet (SCF) are:

- To bring to the attention of the BoG all matters brought up by the Fusion student community in Europe.
- To provide feedback to the BoG on the effectiveness of the FuseNet activities.
- Upon request by the BoG: any other advisory action in which the judgment of the students is required.

The SCF has at least 5 and at most 9 members.

The SCF is a permanent advisory body. As per the Statutes, the SCF is established by and reports to the BoG. Upon advice by the SCF, decisions are taken by the BoG, which in turn reports to the GA.

The BoG asks advice to the SCF, the BoG will normally decide conform the advice of the SCF. In case it decides not to follow this advice, it will bring the case, with full explanation, to the GA.

2.2 Membership profile & procedure of nomination

The members of the SCF need to be registered as a master student in a field relevant for fusion at a university who is a FuseNet member, or have a PhD contract with one of the FuseNet members on a fusion relevant topic.

In the composition of the SCF, a spread over the level of the students (i.e. master vs young PhD's versus PHD students close to their completion) , gender, and organizations (universities and research institutes) as well as geographical spread is sought.

A member of the SCF cannot simultaneously be a member of the BoG.

A member of the SCF has to step down if he leaves the fusion field. Once he has completed his PhD and stays active in Fusion, he or she is allowed to serve in the SCF for a maximum of one more year after graduation. In this manner, also their experience in the last phase of the PhD or the actions to continue a career in fusion, can be dealt with in the SCF.

In accordance with the statutes, the installation of a committee, and therefore of the SCF, is up to the BoG.

For the first setup, the BoG will send out an open call for self-nominations. It will appoint 5 members out of these nominations, taking into account the membership profiles as defined above and making sure that at least one member is a master student, one member is a PhD student and not any two SCF members have the same affiliation.

After establishing the first SCF, at the yearly PhD event 2 new members can be nominated by the PhD community. If they fulfil the above criteria, the BoG will appoint those. In addition, each year the BoG will appoint at least one new master student.

The SCF elects a Chair from their midst.

A member of the SCF will serve for a term of 2 year or shorter, to be renewed once (to be decided by the BoG).

2.3 Principle of Operations

The SCF meets at least twice a year.

SCF meetings shall as a rule be held by videoconferencing, but once per year a live meeting shall be held (preferably at the PhD event). The additional expenses (incl. travel costs) for this live meeting can be claimed up to a maximum of 500 € per person.

Of each meeting, minutes and/or a list of decisions will be made and communicated to the SCF members and the BoG, within one month after the meeting.

The Chair of the SCF reports to the BoG and has a standing invitation to attend the BoG meetings as guest, for agenda items related to the work of the SCF, or any other other agenda item on invitation by the chair of the BoG.

In case the Chair of the SCF cannot participate in the BoG meeting, he/she can be represented by another member of the SCF.