

CISI Board Meeting Minutes - 27.2.2021

1. Opening the meeting

-Present: Satu, Sami, Merjin, Hamish, Iina Rautio, Olli Castren, James Hardy, Ilmari Läntinen, Axelle, Thibault Dejeanne

18:10

2. Declaring the meeting legal and competent

-the meeting is legal and competent

3. Nominate minutes takers

-Sami, Ilmari

4. Selection of chair, secretary and two vote counters for the meeting Approval of the agenda

-Hamish Chair, Satu secretary,

5. Tahlo/HYY Grants Overview

-revisited later on

6. Proceeding through 2020 documents to be reviewed and voted on

- Annual Report

Iina:-covid messes up plans

Only 3 months of operating normally. Some outdoor events and online events. Not much to review. Did well overall considering the situation. Bigger problems within the board, the initial treasurer resigned and took 3 months to come up with a new one (Hamish). Cancelled sitsit. Loss of 40e which is ok considering the whole hassles. Problem's with tahlo and hyy grant applications. -did not reach any of the aims due to covid-19. Understandable. Ended the year with a surplus of bit over 300 euros. Was not able to use tha grants as was meant to.

-Merjin: all summed up in the yearly report.

-Juho: leaves comments with the auditors statement. The annual review was well written. Good job.

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- Financial statement

-cissi ry financial statement 2020. Hamish: issue trying to get the bank accounts in order but all simple transactions went fine. Nordea. Grants. Cashbox well maintained. Very little money spent on anything really due to the covid-19 impact on the activity. All happy with the financial statement

- Auditor Report

-olli: the organization of 2020 did not cause damage to the organization. Qualitative assessment went well. Pandemic makes it difficult to assess an organization, challenging times and not much to audit. Congratulations the previous board. 2 major issues challenging the organization: covid and financial transparency. Balance sheet and income statements are bureaucratically fine all good. No events this year, the bit is very small. When you do start having events, further subcategorize the events: ass sub events so it looks less dodgy. Second, challenges: secretary leaving. More elaborate action from treasurer: the finances are not transparent enough. Discussion does not appear in the annual review as much as possible. Much had to do with the poor transaction from the documents from 2019-2020 board. In the future, make sure that the financial transactions are good. Make sure all the minutes are in order, some minor style issues.

Positive observations, good job with the cards were handed. Cissi has always had a very strong social media presence and it was well handled. Very open discussion at the end of the annual review. Honest and frank discussion on problems caused by the pandemic and which were the problems of the board itself. Competently done. This tradition should continue. Documents are in order.

Thinking of ways to be more inclusive, very good. Financial transparency keep in order. Board 2020 did its administrative and financial duties well and weekly. Congratulations. Congrats the new board.

7. Voting on 2021 documents

- Blueprint

Hamish: Inclusion. Integration the core focus on what we want to do. Focus on what we are as organization. As environmentally friendly as possible. The team 2021

Specific aims for 2021. Increase the representation of the international students in the faculty. Try to reach as many international students as possible to integrate in the Finnish society, education culture. Connect with the international students. Promoting

international students job opportunities. Improve chances for intl studentsnt o find job. CV building, sector requireents, quite a prominent thing. Don't require physical presence.

Exposure. Tallinn university cooperation. Orbis cooperation. Enhance cooperation. Corona virus challenges are expected to be present many months ahead.

We need to be dynamic. Positivity, see what we can do, how we can take events online which are going to be interesting and engahing.

Better involving international students. This year is many important because many intl. students may find this time period challenging. At least one way to connect with each other. Inclusive events. Get to know finnish culture better.

-ilmari: strengthening cooperation. Faculty of education sciences there is a new englihs speaking organization called OSA, which we aim at taking involved and including them in the froup of international sub-organizations.

Hamish: proposed events. Still bare since we need to follow the covid 19 situation. We have to follow the restrictions and the events are to be done accordingly. Outside events. We will have more detailed discussion on this and we will keep updating the blueprint as the corona situation allows.

No one voiced disapproval and the blue print is accepted as it is.

- Budget

Follows guidelines of the previous year with a hope of doing larger events. We remain hopeful that we can organize something as the covid-19 eases. We wait to see how much we get from the HYY grant.

We will add the surplus from the previous year to the budget. Revenue and expenditures added for the events. Estimation of HYY grant. If you have any idea of specific events that you could split, it would be easier to split some of the money to as "possible events" and increase the clearness. We can't know which events we can and cannot run is a limitation to the formation of the budget. Increase subcategorization.

Proposed changes to the budget: adjustments and republished after the meeting.

Otherwise approved.

8. Other Proposals

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9. Other matters to discuss

-Juho: spring AGM you have to decide if you want to collect a membership fee. Perfectly technical: propose approval of the agenda. If people want to have a different membership fee. What has been the traditional membership fee? 0e. Zero. No one wants to change the fee.

10. Closing the meeting

-meeting closed on 18:52.