

Protocol of the 1. meeting in the summer semester 2016

11.04.2016, 17:45 – 18:45, Seminar room 6/1

Participants: 13: Alexander Wlotzka, Andreas Parger, Anne Zilles, Francesca Bisconti, Garlich Fischbeck, Hendrik Seitz-Moskaliuk, Janina Klier, Julian Gethmann, Mareike Hoyer, Martin Schumann, Matthias Bard, Robin Roth, Simon Fink

Guests:

Chair: Alexander Wlotzka

Protocol: Robin Roth

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Presence of a quorum

We have a quorum.

1 Acceptance of the agenda

The agenda sent as part of the invitation is accepted.

2 Reports

Infrastructure:

- created and updated by-laws (working groups, meetings only once per semester)
- homepage: <https://www.khys.kit.edu/doktorandenkonvent-physik/>, provides meeting minutes, dates of meetings

- mailing lists (for all members and board)
- flyer for new PhD students
- poster for Doktorandenkonvent
- contact to other PhD organizations and graduate schools

Committees we are active in:

- Faculty Council (one guest, two seats via scientific staff representation)
 - Protocols will be made available electronically starting this semester.
- KITwide meeting of PhD konvents
 - connects to other KIT organizations
 - 2 seats in “Mitarbeiterkonvent”
 - BW wide meeting
 - contact to ministry
- Sounding Board (Anne Zilles)
 - 2 PhD students in sounding board
 - discusses future of excellence initiative, current one runs out in 2017
 - “Förderlinien”: Excellencecluster and Excellenceprämie (Bonus applicable for 2+ Clusters)
 - currently 14 ideas under consideration, 4-8 will be proposed
 - timeframe: 2 · 7 years
 - more info coming end of June
 - no graduate schools anymore
- KIT Mitarbeiterkonvent (Anne Zilles)
 - academia for critical interdisciplinarity: discussion round for PhD students, organizers wanted
 - Strategieentwicklungsplan: Should also involve students, PhDs, ...
 - “Wahlordnung” got changed

3 Working groups

- Promotionsordnung

- There will be changes to the Promotionsordnung probably this year.
- We should be prepared if we want to get our ideas into the draft.
- TODO: Finish HowTo PhD document, describing the process of getting a PhD and the current exam form.
- Arbeitsbedingungen
 - Discussed/Assessed current working conditions.
 - Started to create fact sheet/flyer on stipends/contracts for PhDs and advisors.
 - TODO: Make a survey about working conditions at the faculty
 - TODO: get in contact with other working groups (Konvent, Sounding Board, ...)

4 Election of new board members

Formalities for board election:

- 5 members
- 5 votes, no cumulation
- 1 year period
- should represent the groups at the faculty

Candidate	Votes
Garlich Fischbeck	12
Martin Schumann	13
Julian Gethmann	12
Abstain	0

Martin Schumann, Garlich Fischbeck and Julian Gethmann are elected to the board.

5 Other/Suggestions

- we continue the 2 existing working groups
- PhD council should distribute more info via email
- have a wiki for all PhDs in Physics department