

Doctoral Students Council

A protocol of the 16th meeting on March 13, 2025

The meeting was held in a hybrid form.

Attendance list:

- 1. Helena Anacka
- 2. Łukasz Cichocki
- 3. Martyna Czudec
- 4. Maria Ferlin
- 5. Franciszek Górski
- 6. Afaq Hassan
- 7. Farooque Janjhi
- 8. Rafał Jesiołkiewicz
- 9. Muzafar Kalwar
- 10. Aleksandra Ławniczak
- 11. Vipin Kumar Oad
- 12. Michał Palczewski
- 13. Ignacy Rogoń
- 14. Muhammad Saqib
- 15. Edyta Składanek
- 16. Arsalan Muhammad Soomar

Guests: Karolina Bodnarowska, Monika Butowska

Course of the meeting:

- 1. Aleksandra Ławniczak has opened the meeting session.
- 2. Attendance has been checked.
- 3. Łukasz Cichocki and Aleksandra Ławniczak provided a summary of the recent meeting with the Doctoral School, highlighting key points of discussion:
 - a. The Doctoral School expressed openness and willingness to collaborate on improving students' academic experience.
 - b. Discussions focused on courses, particularly on grant writing.
 - c. A proposal was made to complete all coursework by the end of the second year.
 - d. It was suggested that all courses be announced within the first month of the academic year to avoid scheduling conflicts.
 - e. Issues in Research Ethics and Scholarly Publications
 - i. The council discussed challenges related to publication ethics.
 - ii. A document will be drafted and sent to the rector advocating for a disciplinary committee dedicated to Doctoral students.

f. Course Enrollment System Reform

- i. Issues with course organization and enrollment were addressed.
- ii. A proposal was made to introduce an online system (possibly integrated with MojaPG) to streamline course selection and coordination.
- iii. The importance of timely responses from discipline coordinators was emphasized.

g. Well-being of Doctoral Students

 i. A plan to conduct a survey in collaboration with the Young Scientists Office was discussed to assess PhD students' well-being.

- ii. Previous surveys were noted to have limited impact, and concerns were raised about students' hesitancy to speak openly.
- iii. A more targeted approach using direct communication through discipline representatives was suggested.
- 4. The council voted on the appointment of Edyta Składanek for position of Social Media

 Committee Leader

For: 93.8% Against: 0% Withheld: 6.3%

Edyta Składanek was appointed as the Social Media Committee Leader. Edyta proposed an improvement to the social media engagement, focusing on increasing visibility on platforms like Instagram and LinkedIn.

5. The council voted on the acceptance of the 15th council meeting protocol.

For: 100% Against: 0% Withheld: 0%

The protocol has been accepted.

The council voted on the appointment of Vipin Kumar Oad and Franciszek Górski for the Sport Committee members.

For: 100% Against: 0% Withheld: 0%

Vipin Kumar Oad and Franciszek Górski have been appointed as the Sport Committee members.

- 7. Łukasz Cichocki provided a summary of the meeting with the Vice-Rector
 - a. The council met with the Vice-Rector to discuss SDPG's budget.
 - b. The Vice-Rector declined a 30,000 PLN budget request for the DS12 multipurpose room renovation, stating PhD students should focus on research. However, he will seek alternative funding sources. If funding is approved, renovations should begin before the new academic year.
 - c. A follow-up meeting has been scheduled to discuss the final budget allocation and identify potential sponsors or additional funding options.

8. The council voted on the appointment of Michał Dominow as a SDPG representative in Ethics Committee on Faculty of Applied Physics and Mathematics.

For: 92.9% Against: 0% Withheld: 7.1%

Michał Dominow has been appointed as a SDPG representative in Ethics Committee on Faculty of Applied Physics and Mathematics.

- 9. Aleksandra Ławniczak proposed changes in the Regulations of the Doctoral Council
 - a. The council engaged in an in-depth discussion regarding updates to the existing regulations governing doctoral students.
 - b. A key point was the clarification of election procedures, particularly concerning supplementary votes and the appointment of representatives.
 - c. A new provision was discussed to ensure that students with disabilities have proper representation and support within the council.
 - d. The council agreed on revisions and set a timeline for the official adoption of the updated regulations. A final draft will be reviewed and voted on in the next meeting.
- 10. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 10th, at 10:00 AM.
- 11. Aleksandra Ławniczak closed the meeting.