Meeting of the Data Guild board

Time: 18:00 on January, 15th of January 2024
Place: Data Guild Guild Room, Otakaari 1, 02150 Espoo

Present: Christian Guidikov (chair), Anna Sihvonen (secretary), Daniel Clegg, Tony Heinola, Selin Taskin, Lassi Malvikko, Fathima Afrooz, Bach Pham, Katsuya Kurosawa, Ilia Zaleskii, Khanh Hoang (joined at 18:15), An Binh Bui (jointed at 18:16), Rainer Ruuskanen (joined at 18:27, left at 19:08)

1 Opening the meeting

Christian Guidikov opened the meeting at 18:08.

2 Legality and quorum of the meeting

The meeting is legal and has quorum.

3 Selecting minutes inspectors

Afrooz and Lassi were selected as the minutes inspectors.

4 Accepting the agenda for the meeting

The agenda for the meeting was accepted.

5 How are you doing round

Tony said, to quote Charlie Chaplin, “I am poorly and stupid and hate everyone and everything.”
Selin is tired. She will start working full time and still needs to take some courses.
Lassi is doing well.
Afrooz is doing fine as well.
Anna is great.
Bach finds multivariate statistical analysis difficult.
Katsuya is lacking in sleep but well overall.
Ilia thinks the year started well and has a fun thesis topic.
Daniel is good.
Christian is excited for all the upcoming events.
6 Announcements

Tony announced that corona still sucks and to come to the Talvipäivä afterparty.

7 Administrative issues

7.1 Emails

Consisted of AYY committee matters (handled by Lassi) and invitations to other associations’ annual balls.

7.2 Mailbox

Nobody has checked the mailbox.

Khánh Hoang joined the meeting at 18:15.

7.3 Finances

No finances related issues.

An Bình Bui joined the meeting at 18:16.

7.4 Membership applications

The following new members were accepted:
- Ye-hoon Ahn
- Magnus John Greig

7.5 Committee applications

Committee members were accepted according to the appendix B2.1.

7.6 Other administrative issues

Lassi filled the form for AYY committees.

Rainer Ruuskanen joined the meeting 18:27.

8 Board plan for the year

Christian referred to the board ‘24 timeline Google sheet which is available for committees to update and edit.
Christian mentioned that the Epoch Committee Chair decision could be made in September or October this year after orientation.

9 The responsibilities of the Treasurer

The Treasurer, Bach Pham, can accept bills up to 500€ for the account 4200 and 250€ for the rest of the accounts. Other bills must be accepted at a board meeting. The Chair, Christian Guidikov, or the Vice Chair, Lassi Malvikko, can accept bills in an emergency when the bill deadline is before a meeting can be held. The Treasurer must report all expenses to the board at least once a month.

10 Fuksi and tutor issues

Tony will start working on next year’s fuksi guide and has also mentioned plans for an event during orientation week with AS.

Overall have been ordered.

Board members are excited.

1-2 tutor hangouts will be organized in spring before Wappu and another potential hangout in the summer. Additionally, there will be a thank you party after Wappu.

11 Events

11.1 DGCC

The first event, the beer pong tournament went well. More DGCC events are planned for the coming year.

11.2 IE

There are currently three sitsit planned:
- 10 February 2024: DG x TiK at OK20. Two fuksi volunteers and one HCP are required from DG. The sign ups and payment collection will be done by DG.
- 23 March 2024: (Easter) sitsit at Otaranta 8 clubroom.

11.3 Epoch

The first Epoch Committee meeting was held last week and it gathered six new recruits. The venue is to be decided very soon; Smöikki and Myllysali in Suomenlinna are currently reserved. The cocktail party will be at OUBS studio and sillis at OK20 big side.
Possible sponsorships can be discussed in the corporate relations committee.

Lassi recommended an increased price for non-DG members to encourage memberships.

Rainer recommended that Epoch Advertisements can be added on DG website.

### 11.4 Other events

Christian suggested summer days for 16 - 18 August. The board summer day could come first, and the DG summer day after.

### 12 External and corporate relations issues

Tietoevry excursion date is still to be confirmed and requires a participant list. The contract with Tietoevry will be signed by Tony.

Rainer and An Binh discussed a possible sponsor and requirements for Epoch.

### 13 Study issues

After polling, the basic optional course will be replaced with the Beginners Python for Engineers course. This will likely be reflected in the 2024 curriculum.

Upcoming dates are Halloped training on 23 January and student representative meeting on 8 February.

Regular feedback polls and forms will be utilized to address study concerns.

*Rainer Ruuskanen left the meeting at 19:08*

### 14 Other guild activities

#### 14.1 Guild room

Daniel will keep in contact with the CS department and any updates on the room. Ilia mentioned ideas from the IT committee to have a screen in the guild room. Safety and access issues were discussed.

#### 14.2 Publicity

Khanh suggested a more active social media (this includes Instagram, Facebook, Linkedin). In the future, Instagram could update with more posts, stories, and reels. The DG Linkedin could also announce upcoming company excursions.
The weekly/monthly newsletter will update on upcoming events, recruitment advertisements, and general student life.

14.3 IT

The DG website is currently undergoing transformation. The sign-up functions remain the same. Corporate relations and IE have access and can create their own events. Budget information is not available as of yet.

14.4 Apparel

Board/officials hoodies and general DG merch will be discussed further later.

15 Other issues

15.1 Regular meeting time

A poll will be posted later to determine availability.

15.2 Chair's quarters

Christian suggested one-on-one discussions (similar to those currently in AYY committees) as those can be especially helpful for new board members.

15.3 Board fun

A living room reservation for 19 Jan is available for board members to use. Selin suggested a visit to a trampoline park.

15.4 Other other issues

No other issues.

16 Next meeting

Christian will post a lettuce meet to decide on the next time.

17 Closing the meeting

Christian Guidikov closed the meeting at 19:37.
Christian Guidikov
Chair of the meeting

Anna Sihvonen
Secretary of the meeting

Fathima Afrooz
Minutes inspector

Lassi Malvikko
Minutes inspector

Appendix: B2.1 Committee members 2024