



February 24

Board meeting of the Data Guild board

Time: 20:00 on Tuesday, February 24th, 2026

Place: Room K101: H1, Otakaari 1, 02150 Espoo

Present: Pranava Varshan (Chair), Kiia Koskinen (Secretary), Hien Thao Vu, Helen Nguyen, Daniil Parniukov, Alvar Isomäki, Ignacio Wąsowicz-Peinado, Khanh Hoang, Ojaswi Tyagi, Magnus Greig, Napat Borvornpadungkitti, Christian Guidikov, Vedant Maheshwari, Tran Hoang Minh, Anna Sihvonen, Aawez Akbar, Veera Fristadius(left at 20:27), Jonasz Ciesielski (joined 20:06)

1 Opening the meeting

Pranava Varshan opened the meeting at 20:00.

2 Legality and quorum of the meeting

The meeting is legal and has quorum.

3 Selecting minutes inspectors

Christian Guidikov and Ojaswi Tyagi were selected as minutes inspectors.

4 Accepting the agenda for the meeting

The agenda for the meeting was accepted.

5 How are you doing round

Danny is doing ok, he exercised which felt good but he miscalculated the time to get to the meeting which is why he had to run

Helen is doing fine

Alvar is doing well

Zoe is doing fine

Ignacio is doing decent

Khanh is doing

Kiia is doing well

Pranav is doing great, he is happy that the annual ball is this week

OJ is doing pretty well, he had a very busy week but there are very nice things coming in the future so he's excited about them

Magnus is doing very well

Christian is doing really good, he is quite busy

Tarm is doing fine

Vedant has been very busy but other than that he's fine

Minh is doing great

Anna is doing well

Aawez is doing very good, Wappu was announced, he also ran to the meeting

Veera is doing good, busy start for the period

Jonasz is doing good

6 Announcements

OJ announced three times that Wappu has been announced. OJ also announced that Epoch is coming. Pranav says Covid still sucks.

Jonasz Ciesielski joined the meeting at 20:06

7 TEK Student Liaison Presentation

Veera Fristadius, the TEK Student Liaison, gave a presentation about TEK. The presentation talked about what TEK is and how they work with guilds.

TEK for students offers services such as support in job search and student culture, as well as legal advice. Other than these, TEK also works with topics such as mental health advocacy.

TEK is a union, which affects the amount of monetary support that they can give. TEK can support guilds with other ways than monetary help, such as events like summer job evenings, where there is a possibility to get a lawyer present through them. TEK especially supports events that promote wellbeing, equality, internationality, and job search.

Christian asked if a TEK representative can organize events like CV workshops. Veera said they can ask about it. They said that TEK has a lot of different people working in different areas.

Danny asked how TEK supports job search, since job search related events are usually major Aalto events with people checking QR codes from stands. Veera said that TEK has webinars, but they are mostly for working life professionals. However, some are job search related and there are also work books and information on the TEK website. Veera suggested that if the guild organizes something related to job search, TEK could help with it.

Pranav asked if there has been a different way for TEK to help guilds other than money or food. He asked if other guilds use TEK's help differently than DG uses it at the moment.

Veera said the majority of sponsorships are songbooks and money for events, but if the guild comes up with something TEK could be happy to work with us.

TEK owns a few summer cottages, which can be rented cheaper for members. There are also cottages that are owned by Akava and TEK, which are easier to book for TEK members.

The sponsorships given by TEK are usually for x5 or x0 annual balls, nation-wide collaboration, small and large events, and "ideological activities". TEK doesn't sponsor events such as fuksi parties, overalls, excursions, boozy parties, regular annual balls, and most sisis. To get sponsorship for events, the guild can send Veera a message on Telegram (@OtaniemiTykki) or an email. In the message it should be

stated how TEK can get visibility in the event or what else TEK could get in return. It is also fine to send a draft message about the event and figure out together what kind of visibility TEK can receive.

OJ asked what is considered a normal amount of monetary help for (fuksi) events. He asked if 50-100€ is the maximum. Veera said it depends a lot on the visibility, how many people are participating in the event, and if the event is very important to the guild and couldn't be organized without financial help. In addition, if the event has something to do with wellbeing or job search, they might be more lenient. Since DG is a small guild, the amounts for monetary help are smaller. If the sponsorship is smaller than 500€, Veera can decide on giving them.

Veera Fristadius left the meeting at 20:27.

8 Administrative issues

8.1 Emails, Mailbox, Bills

Bills:

The outgoing transactions have been halted, so the guild can't currently pay any bills.

Lassi is still the owner of our bank account and there are issues in transferring the account to OJ.

Holvi requires a list of all board members and their social security numbers, but the information needs to go through Lassi. Pranav will collect everyone's social security numbers and emails.

Once Holvi gets the information of the board members, they can unblock us and Lassi can make OJ the owner of the account. Currently, there is an unpaid DGCC event.

We have 11 000€ in the account. Bills from Epoch should be coming soon. Money from Epoch billing on Kide should come on the 14th.

OJ will bill the fuksis (and Danny) for the overalls soon.

Pranav has not looked at the mailbox and there are no important emails.

Tarm and Vedant left the meeting at 20:32.

8.2 Membership applications

The following members were accepted:

- Konsta Mikael Tiilikainen
- Kirill Eliutin

8.2.1 Website section

IT should work on a website section where people can give their name and email to check if they are an active member or not.

8.2.2 Kide or billing

Kide charges 55 cents for the membership fee so people would pay 7,55€ on Kide.

OJ said that he has heard that people have a hard time filling the membership application form and then paying money separately, which can be confusing. If we use Kide, the information would be handled through Kide and people can pay immediately.

8.2.3 Pricing

The membership fee will be proposed to be increased to 7€ starting from the next academic year.

8.3 Committee applications

Kiia checks the application weekly and messages committee heads on who to add to their committees. The committee heads should give Drive folder and Notion access to committee members.

8.4 Annual meeting

In the annual meeting the board proposes and approves the budget. The meeting is open to everyone.

8.4.1 Budget

The budget should be ready immediately after Epoch. OJ and Pranav will meet on Friday to discuss it.

8.4.2 Date

First or second week of March. It needs to be announced a week before the meeting.

8.5 Other administrative issues

There is an issue with board members having a key to the storage in CS, but not having access to a door that leads to the storage. Jonasz will send a message to the BOA chat about how to solve this problem.

Board members can get the storage keys from the staff in CS by showing their ID. There is a key in the guild room, which should be returned.

9 Fuksi and Tutor Updates

Wappu has been announced. Many fuksi events are coming up.

10 Committee Discussion Points

10.1 Epoch 7

Christian said that preparations have been going really well. He has received the decorations, been in contact with the caterers, and volunteers have been assigned for workshifts. Detailed workshifts and

some printing should still be done. He prays that everything will go well. Pranav thinks everything will go well.

We have a lot of volunteers from other guilds. However, we are lacking a few volunteers in the afterparty and selling refreshments during the event.

Last year volunteers sold refreshments. This year no one wanted that as a preference. Christian would preferably want someone from the IE committee to sell refreshments. OJ asked if Christian could ask old IEs from DG or other old IE committees if someone wants to do it.

Christian will give a list of all the fuksis from DG and other guilds who are volunteering to OJ.

Tarm and Vedant rejoined the meeting at 20:45

10.2 DGCC

DGCC had a meeting four hours ago. They discussed the events during March. There is an event planned for next week, a collaboration painting night event with IE on the 15th, and a collaboration event with DSD at the end of the month, possibly also in collaboration with wellbeing.

Khanh will poll for an organizational meeting.

10.3 IE

There are 3 events for March. There are plans for an Eid event on the 20th in the Living room. IE needs help for the event from people who are more knowledgeable about Eid.

DGxTiK sitsit is on the 30th, which will be open for everyone in DG, not only the fuksis.

There are a total of 5 events in March. We can also market towards ETCo (EBCo).

Nothing planned for April, but for May there are plans for the maid cafe. IE needs volunteers who dress up as maids.

The organizational meeting is yet to be done.

10.4 Wellbeing

10.4.1 Clash of Titans

Currently 7 people are interested in participating on the team. 10 people for the team would be good. The initial advertising for the event left some questions about what the event is like, but we should manage to get a team for the event. We can advertise it better in the future once we see how the event is like.

10.4.2 Women's Representative

Helen has applied as the representative. Alvar could have a meeting with the committee and ask a few questions from Helen.

The main HCP has not been chosen yet due to clashes in schedules. The HCP will be chosen soon.

10.5 Songmaster

Songmasters for Epoch have been chosen. Schedule and läsy have been mostly done.

10.6 Guild Room

The committee has not been made yet.

10.6.1 Form for suggestions

A structured form could work better. There should be questions about drinks and snack preferences, as well as suggestions for games, decoration etc.

10.7 Publicity

There will be a lot of material soon.

Zoe said that in the future she might need help for things like graphics or the design for the posters. For this a role under the committee could work. The head of aesthetics used to do this but the role was removed.

Zoe is thinking about choosing someone from the committee or sending a message to everyone and asking for interested people. Anna thinks it would be easier to get a person from the committee, or to ask case by case. Aawez recommended having two people do the role.

10.7.1 Board IG Post

We have pictures of 13-14 people from BOA.

The board poster could be done in the photostudio in Väre, since there's a green screen there.

10.7.2 Board Poster Themes

Suggested themes are Disney, Breaking bad, Middle Earth, D&D, Marvel/DC, Scooby-Doo, Pirates of the Caribbean, and Disney villains.

Aawez thinks Disney seems to be the best idea, since there can be much variety and it's the easiest to find outfits for.

The board can decide a date where everyone goes thrifting. The posters should be sent by the end of March. Pranav will make a poll about the theme.

10.8 Study

10.8.1 Feedback and pre exam party review

The study committee has had their first meeting. The first pre(xam) party went quite well. The studying part went better than the party part. Danny thinks there should have been more effort put into the party part.

The guild should restock board games for the guild room, which can be played in events.

The feedback had some complaints about some specific courses, but mostly people like the courses they are taking. There were surprisingly good answers to the open questions.

Danny is planning to tailor the next form based on the answers to this feedback form.

Aawez asked if having a raffle made the quality of the answers worse, which Danny said did not happen. The form had 37 answers, which means that Danny will perform material girl.

Danny talked about the discussions the school has had about the data science programme. There will be a supervised maturity test, which will happen in the electronic examination system. Danny will find more information about this. Pranav said there has also been discussion about potentially having admission tests for data science for the future.

Danny also said that there was discussion of the use of AI in bachelor's seminars. The main point is that there should be transparency about the use of AI.

Lastly Danny showed the number of applicants per study track.

10.9 IT

Dung and the IT committee have worked on the website and the DG TV. The DG TV shows the student restaurants, weather and events. However, the TV turns off after a while.

The next task for IT is the implementation of linking Kide and Ilmomasiina. The idea is that after signing up on Ilmomasiina, people get taken to Kide immediately to pay.

10.10 Merchandise

The group has been created but everyone hasn't been added yet. Minh is going to focus on scarves and other winter gear first.

The Epoch patch has been done and it looks fire.

10.11 External and corporate relations

Vedant thanked everyone for emailing potential sponsors. However, he thinks his email has been shadowbanned, but it's not for sure. He has gotten some responses, so Pranav thinks he might not be shadowbanned.

Vaisala might be interested. Pranav thinks that 800€-900€ might be a good range to ask for sponsorships, but 1200€ could be too much since we're a small guild. We should ask how much other guilds are getting sponsored and base our range on that. n8n was also interested in sponsoring things like hackathons.

We should have more excursions this year. Netlight and Codento could be potential options for excursions.

10.11.1 Pricing of DG Package

Will be discussed further in the corporate committee.

10.12 Other events

We will use Flickr to post photos from future events, such as from Epoch. Aawez asked if we can create folders for specific years, such as "Fuksis '26". Zoe said that it is possible. It is also possible to create private folders. All the photos can be dropped there, not only polished ones. We have a lot of storage.

Pranav can give access to Flickr, Canva, and Adobe Suite.

11 Dean discussions

The chairs of Pranav's year have had one meeting and one with the previous chairs.

11.1 Increase in Intake

Pranav wants to push for an increase in the intake for data science students by 10-15 students. We should try to get the intake to at least 40 students, if the board agrees with this. Pranav will have discussions with the Dean of SCI.

Vedant asked if Macadamia could be under DG. OJ said it'll be very hard, since we have limited resources and the master's students are not that active anyways. We should focus on raising the intake first to 50 and then think about master's students.

11.2 New Bachelor's Programme

There will be a new multidisciplinary programme, which is currently unnamed. The idea is that students don't have to know what they want to do in the beginning of their studies and they can pick their majors later. There is a possibility to go to any master's programme as long as the requirements are met. The programme will have options for business, economics, IEM or CS. It will be an English major.

A problem with the programme is the guild allocation. The school wants to push the 60 new students towards Prodeko or Athene or they might go under IDBM. The programme is planned to start in 2027.

12 Other discussion points

12.1 Cake Day learnings

It didn't work that well since we didn't really get feedback. The feedback should be collected first and then move on to the main focus section. It would be a good way for people who are not in the committees to give feedback. There could be something on the wall for people to write feedback to.

12.2 ETCo

ETCo (or EBCo) is now an AYY association. They need a similar amount of money as before. The money payment system will be 9€ per fuksi per guild.

IK and NuDe have joined EBCo, so they are not English Technology Bachelor's Committee anymore but English Bachelor's Committee. They are also talking to Econ about joining EBCo.

Pranav asked what is the advantage for becoming an association. Ignacio said that they want to become an AYY committee in the future. They will not have memberships, but they would want free spaces after expanding, if they are under the teekkari section. These plans are still open and there is the possibility to go back to being ETCo.

There is no official head yet because of weird Finnish legislation. Either Khanh or Nimrod will likely be a head of EBCo.

There was a discussion about which section EBCo would fall under in teekkari section or in Aava. If NuDe and Econ are in EBCo, they couldn't be under teekkari section. EBCo wants to avoid being associated with being a guild.

There will be EBCo sitsit in March, which will be Smökki sitsit. Since there will be a lot of events in March, we could think about scaling down on some events. DGCC, IE, EBCo and wellbeing should have a discussion about the events.

12.3 Advance Bookings for spaces

The advance bookings will happen from the 9th of April. The bookings will be for August-January.

13 Board fun

13.1 Apartment Crawl

The idea is to go around each person's apartment, if people want to host. This might be closer to the summer, after Wappu. Pranav will poll about it in March to tentatively book it.

13.2 Bowling? Air Soft? Go Kart? Throw Axe? Laser Tag?

13.3 Other suggestions

A go-karting event is being planned for the fuksis.

Other suggestions were a movie night, indoor surfing, Allas sea pool, flamingo spa, mushroom/blueberry picking, and laser tag.

There was also a discussion about an overnight trip to Tallinn, camping in the forest, and visiting Latvia or Lithuania.

14 Other issues

People should check the Kanban board in Notion.

We should consider giving cards to other guilds, such as Valentine's, Christmas etc.

Chair's quarters will happen after the budget has been finalized.

14.1 Other other issues

15 Next meeting

The next meeting will be as soon as the budget has been finished.

16 Closing the meeting

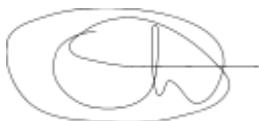
Pranava Varshan closed the meeting at 22:01.



Pranava Varshan
Chair of the meeting



Kiia Koskinen
Secretary of the meeting



Christian Guidikov
Minutes inspector



Ojaswi Tyagi
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