Board meeting of the Data Guild board

Time: 20:00 on Thursday, April 23rd, 2026
Place: Room M145a, Otakaari 1, 02150, Espoo

Present: Pranava Varshan (Chair), Kiia Koskinen (Secretary), Napat Borvornpadungkitti, Daniil Parniukov, Ellen Ilivitzky (left: 20:35), Anna Sihvonen, Aleksei Filonov, Hien Thao Vu, Dung Nguyen, Khanh Hoang (joined 20:02), Jonasz Ciesielski (joined 20:02), Magnus Greig (joined 20:04), Minh Hoang Tran (joined 20:04), Aawez Akbar (joined: 20:30)

1 Opening the meeting

Pranava Varshan opened the meeting at 20:01.

2 Legality and quorum of the meeting

The meeting is legal and has quorum.

3 Selecting minutes inspectors

Anna Sihvonen and Hien Thao Vu were chosen as the minutes inspectors.

4 Accepting the agenda for the meeting

The agenda for the meeting was accepted.

5 How are you doing round

Zoe is doing good since exam week is over
Anna is happy that exam week is over
Danny is good, but the thesis is not yet over
Tarm is fine
Ellen is good, the representative council is over for now so she can chill until Wappu
Pranav is great but a bit tired, he is excited that it’s the last week until Wappu
Kiia is doing great
Aleksei is good, he was just at the launch of aalto robotics club
Dung is doing good, exams are over but he is more busy now
Khanh is pretty good, thesis is thesising
Jonasz is great, was just doing undisclosed peijais stuff

6 Announcements

Anna says Wappu is coming.

Magnus Greig and Minh Hoang Tran joined the meeting at 20:04.

7 Introduction from our Board Angel

Ellen Ilivitszky is AYY's board angel for DG. Ellen talked about what AYY does, how it is structured, what they offer for student associations and members, and shared some recent news regarding AYY.

Some of the services AYY offers are grants, advice, AYY's rental places and van, harassment contact person services, the TTER fund, archiving of activities, tutoring, training, event supplies, and opportunities to influence the study environment. If the guild wants to inform others of DG events, AYY has communication channels we can use. AYY also has student housing, organizes events and offers scholarships.

News from AYY:

AYY will organize their first membership vote for Trinet, which will be on the 27.4-30.4.
Magnus asked what would happen if the majority voted for Trinet. Ellen said that there most likely would be repercussions, and AYY will look at alternatives.

Probba moves from Mikkeli to Helsinki. OK15 will be completed in the summer. A new KY building is being built in Metallimiehenkuja 10. Täffä will be renovated. SMT8 daycare centre opened for association use and all spaces have been taken. OK20 upstairs will be renovated to serve larger sitsis, around 80 could fit there in the future.

Anna asked if campus initiatives are under AYY. They are under ACRE, but AYY speaks with them about the initiatives. There was some discussion around what campus initiatives are good decisions for students.

Halloped activities were discussed. Danny said that we have been looking at halloped activities, but it is something we still need to work on. The current system is not that good and the information about hallopeds is difficult to find.

Aawez Akbar joined the meeting at 20:30.
Ellen Ilivitszky left the meeting at 20:35.

8 Administrative issues

8.1 Emails, Mailbox, Bills

There is a 270€ bill from ETCo, which was based on the estimated amount of new fuksis. Pranav hasn't looked at the mailbox.

8.2 Membership applications

There were no membership applications.

8.3 Other administrative issues

There were no other administrative issues.

9 Fuksi and Tutor Updates

Aawez said that Peijaiset are going very very very very well. There are big things coming.
Aawez and Vedant have gotten more sponsors. Netlight was billed for 1000€. There might be enough money to order overalls now.

Aawez said that something should be organized for Ullis. Pranav added Ullis and Wappu Homebase as point 14.1.

The fuksi committee applications will open tomorrow.

10 IT and Administration Overhaul

10.1 DG Master Console

The DG master bot has been created. Currently, it is possible to submit bills in it and the bot will tell what has been submitted, send a message when the bill was approved and when the bill was paid.

The bills are visible for the chair and treasurer. The treasurer can choose which cost center the bill belongs to. The master console will be available for BAO, but the bills are only seen by the chair and treasurer. The form on the website will still be up.

The bot can also be used for knowledge transfer, since you can add points about anything at any time. The poll voting reminders and minute signing reminders could also be done through the bot and it could inform about new committee applications.

10.1.1 Additional features

10.1.1.1. Newsletter making help

Zoe has been making a bot that selects content from certain groups to post for the newsletter, which would make the making of newsletters quicker. She would like to delegate the task to IT.

10.2 DG Website remake

The website remake should be done ASAP. For now there's no need to focus on the design, the main goal is to create the website somewhere else than WordPress. The website should be redesigned before the summer ends, but preferably sooner.

10.3 Membership Registry

The guild should implement a membership registry for the website, so that people can see if they are active members or not. Currently a lot of people have the registry on Kide, but Pranav is also looking into using Stripe.

10.4 Calendar Management

10.5 Thoughts on Notion and Drive

Pranav asked about people's thoughts on Notion. Aawez said that currently Notion is quite useless, since there's no clear idea on how/in which cases to use it. It isn't clear what should be in Google Drive and what in Notion. Anna agreed that most committees aren't using it and keep using Google Docs. Khanh likes Notion and has been using it for the culture committee.

There is a lot of stuff on Drive, which makes it easy if you want to look at previous years notes.
Aleksei said that docs related tasks are easier in Google Docs and file handling is easier on Google Drive, but tracking stuff is better in Notion. Aawez said that ideating, listing, summaries, and unofficial docs are nice to do in Notion.

The conclusion was that there should be a clear distinction between the two. The committee head can decide on how Notion and Drive are implemented in their committees. There could be some level of enforcement to use Notion, so that others can see the progress of the committees. The Notion tasks would also be sent through the DG master bot.

A big problem with Notion has been that people don't have access to everything. Automatic access should be given to most committees. The fuksi committee should be separate and specific financial stuff, as well as HCP stuff.

There was also discussion about a potential DG hackathon. Some of the sponsors have been asking about potential hackathons. The DG hackathon could be related to designing the website or integrating the sponsors' tasks with the hackathon. A larger scale hackathon could be good at some point as well. We only ask money for sponsorship for overalls, so we could have a better relationship with the sponsors through other ways, such as hackathons and excursions.

We could do a small DG hackathon first and then think of a bigger one with sponsors or collaborating with entities such as Junction.

Daniil Parniukov left the meeting at 21:31.

11 Committee Updates

11.1 IE

IE had the DG x TiK sitsit and the DG x PT egg hunt recently. Tomorrow there's a meeting about the maid cafe, which would be advertised Otaniemi wide.

11.2 DGCC

There are plans to have a DnD event on the 7th of May in the living room.

11.3 Wellbeing

The committee has been looking at cottages and the dates for the summer days timing has been polled.

11.4 Corporate Relations

OmaSp and EY have paid us and Etteplan and Netlight have been billed. This should cover the overall costs. Aawez has set a deadline for early June to give the logo information to the person handling the overall order. We have emailed a lot of old sponsors but they have not been responding.

We could get some sponsors involved for the orientation week or excursions, which have been planned for the autumn.

11.5 Guild Room

11.5.1 Issues regarding dishwasher

People don’t know how to use the dishwasher properly. A solution should be found for the situation. Some suggestions were to give clear instructions and make a bigger emphasis on if the dishes are clean or dirty. Jonasz suggested that he can run the dishwasher himself. In that case, people need to know that the dishes should be put in the sink. Tarm suggested that everyone can wash their own dishes by themselves.

The cabinets need to be relabeled, since now things are not in their right place.

Anna asked if IE could get a locked pantry to the guild room.

11.5.2 Snack and drink sales

A form about which snacks and drinks to sell should be sent after Wappu. There should be other drinks sold than energy drinks.

11.6 Publicity

There are a lot of materials to post. The committee should make sure that there’s enough photographers for Wappu events, especially on the 30th and 1st.
Zoe suggested buying a disposable camera for fuksis to take pictures. Pranav said that he has been thinking about getting digital cameras for the guild to use in events.

11.7 Study

11.8 Merchandise

More opinions should be given on the liian patch. Minh is working on other stuff for now and will have a meeting soon with the committee.

11.9 Songmaster

A poll for the lasagna sitsit should be sent.

12 Other discussion points

All points for 12 were moved to another meeting.

12.1 Dean’s Meeting

12.2 Provost Meeting

12.3 Macadamia Fuksis Status

12.4 Archiving Guild's History

13 Board fun

13.1 Riga trip

Pranav will get back to this topic later.

13.2 Movie night

The board could have a movie night in a movie theater in Otaniemi. He will poll for a date in May to watch a movie together.

14 Other issues

14.1 Ullis and Wappu Homebase

There was a discussion about responsibilities for Ullis and the homebase.

A clearer schedule for Ullis is needed so that people know better for example when the skumppa is.

Usually there has been no programme for the homebase, but we could think of something for this year. There is going to be a sauna and we could watch a movie, and play video games or board games. However, organizing something/having a schedule for the homebase could be difficult since most people just pop in for a while and leave elsewhere.

The capping place will probably be sent from Aawez, but he will look into it.

Aawez suggested that people could take a Wappu ferry to Ullis. For example the Jäynä one, if we post about it to the guild chat. However, the ferries often leave early in the morning, which might reduce the number of people signing up for it.

14.2 Remember Picture

14.3 Other other issues

15 Next meeting

The next meeting will be in two or three weeks.

16 Closing the meeting

Pranava Varshan closed the meeting at 21:57.



Pranava Varshan	Kiia Koskinen
Chair of the meeting	Secretary of the meeting



Anna Sihvonen	Hien Thao Vu
Minutes inspector	Minutes inspector