

Plenary Assembly «Digital Society Initiative» - Meeting minutes

Datum/Zeit: Tuesday, November 12, 2019, 16:15-17:45

Ort: SOC-E-010, Rämistrasse 69, 8001 Zurich

Presenter/host: Abraham Bernstein, Director Digital Society Initiative

Topic	Content
Review	<p>Introduction by Abraham Bernstein, Director of the DSI and presentation of the agenda for the plenary assembly 2019.</p> <p>Approval of last year's minutes: The meeting minutes of the plenary assembly 2018 were approved by the attending members.</p> <p>Feedback on the new version of roadmap: The participants of the plenary assembly did not comment on the new version of the roadmap.</p> <p>Review – Developments Last Year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ DSI moved into SOC on 01.11.2019 ○ Over 350 researchers take part in the network of the DSI ○ Advisory Board: First meeting took place in October ○ New fifth director: Claudia Witt, MeF, joined the DSI directors ○ New project managers: Désirée Jäger, Annika Martin, Dustin Wüest ○ DSI Seed Funding: 27 projects – 280'000 CHF over two years ○ DSI research projects: third-party funding volume of more than 5 million CHF ○ Numerous projects and applications enabled by the DSI: Digital Lives, Ambizione, NFP 77 etc. <p>Review - Outreach:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Interdisciplinary dialogue: over 50 UZH-internal events (Brown Bag Lunch, Speed Dating, Fellows Exchange Days, DSI Professors Lunch etc.) ○ Public audience: over 30 public events (Digital Forum, DSI Lecture Series, Digital Day, Digital Festival etc.) ○ Members of the DSI present at many external events, as speakers and experts ○ New: LinkedIn – Follow us! ○ DIZH is under way: Universities and universities of applied sciences located in the canton of Zurich are launching a joint initiative to intensify and link their efforts in the field of digitalization. <p>Review – Challenge Areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Increasing activities in all challenge areas and labs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Communication, Democracy, Health, Mobility, Work, Ethics ▪ Text analytics workshop, organized by the Challenge Area Health ○ Budget: for workshops, coordinators etc. ○ Designated coordinators <p>Review - Fellows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 25 fellows so far ○ 5 Fellows Exchange Days in 2019

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Great opportunity to invite fellow researchers to work collaboratively and interdisciplinary on a project related to the digitalization of society ○ Next application deadline: February 1, 2020 <p>Review – Professors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 8 full professorships <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 1 position filled: Human and Crowd Computing ▪ 6 hiring processes under way ▪ 1 structural commission ○ 10 assistant professorships <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Public law and Digitalization, Health legislation und Health policy ▪ Managing Digital Transformation ▪ 5 hiring processes under way ▪ 3 positions being formed
<p>Studium Digitale (pre-sented by Dr. Annika Martin):</p>	<p>Skills Gap: Digital Literacy @UZH:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Skills gap: At the digital level and regarding their digital literacy, a large number of students from UZH are not prepared for the university studies. ○ Hot to fill it: A semester long course for UZH’s Bachelor Students of all Faculties ○ 3 ECTS with written exam as performance record ○ All Faculties involved to integrate the course into current/future study programs ○ Main language is German ○ Piloting: HS 2020 ○ Launch: FS 2021 ○ Aim to reach approx. 1000 students per semester <p>Learning Contents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Daten und Information (Data and information) ○ Programmieren & Computational Thinking (Programming & Computational Thinking) ○ Digitale Gesellschaft (Digital Society) ○ Digital studieren (Studying digitally) <p>Studium Digitale – 3 Features of the Course</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) The course is fully digital <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Learning Platform OLAT ▪ Learning materials will be delivered mostly in videos - Each content is split in several sections (~ 8 to 12 Videos à 5 to 9 Minutes) - Collaboration with UZH’s MELS, Marc Chéhab <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ E-assessment of the final exam - Collaboration with UZH’s EPIS, Daniela Fischer 2) The course is connective 3) The course is accessible <p>Create a course that is accessible to students with visual and auditive impairment. Goal: Standard WCAG 2.00 AA (Web Content Accessibility Guidelines) Strategy and operative management:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> I. Collaboration with UZH’s Disability Office, Benjamin Börner and Daniele Corciulo II. Luana Schena and Henning Beywl, Student Assistants and Staff for E-Accessibility

<p>Questions & Input:</p>	<p>Will it be compulsory for all students? AB: DSI is not a faculty. The faculties decide on this issue individually.</p> <p>Will the course be boring? AB/AM: The course can be optimized if it will not be corresponding to the needs and wishes of the students. Evaluation is necessary.</p> <p>How far can we build bridges into the faculties, to the content of the faculties? AM: Of course, there's the need of connecting to the content. Contextualization in the disciplines is mandatory. Faculties have a mission to integrate the programme in the teaching context.</p> <p>Content is submitted to rapid change. How do you keep up? AB: We have to accept the fact that we have to evaluate and updated constantly.</p>
<p>PhD Program (presented by Dr. Dustin Wüest)</p>	<p>DSI Excellence Programme for PhD Students: Goal: Prepare students of all disciplines for a world in which digital competences and interdisciplinary collaboration are top priority.</p> <p>Certificate: The complementary curriculum leads to a Certificate and is targeted to all interested PhD students with a relation to digitalization; The applications are competitive and assessed by a multi-faculty selection committee.</p> <p>Programme: Kick-off block course, Courses on fundamentals of digitalization and interdisciplinary studies (year 1), Interdisciplinary collaboration in application-oriented courses (year 2), certificate. The course is feasible in two years. Networking events will take place during the two years.</p> <p>Interdisciplinary team building:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Kick-off block course ○ Networking events (PhD students, professors, DSI fellows): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - DSI day (yearly) - Summer school (yearly) - Poster presentations (each semester) ○ Co-working space @ DSI <p>Target group: Any student with an interest in digitalization & M.Sc./M.A. with excellent track record</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Prospective PhD students not yet enrolled in a UZH PhD program: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Apply to the DSI program and apply to a PhD program of the student's discipline - Stipend for selected students up to four years (4-5 stipends available) - Placeholder advisor, agree on a thesis advisor within the first three semesters ○ PhD students already enrolled in a UZH PhD program: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Apply to the DSI program <p>Certificate, ECTS points:</p>

<p>Questions & Input:</p>	<p>When PhD students fulfil the requirements of the curriculum, they will receive a certificate from the DSI. They also receive ECTS points for the completed courses, which can count towards their respective PhD program.</p> <p>Dates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ First start of the program: fall semester 2020 ○ Application deadline: 28th of February <p>First Courses: Short PhD-level courses in spring semester 2020 Short block courses or workshops in spring semester 2020 would be desirable; initiative is welcome.</p> <p>Concerns are expressed in the audience about the deadlines for registrations etc.</p>
<p>Formalia</p>	<p>The following formalities were completed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Election of full DSI members: all members were accepted • Election for associate members: all members were accepted • Suggestions for the advisory board: Benjamin Talin, CEO and founder of MoreThanDigital proposes himself as a new member of the Advisory Board. More suggestions are welcome via mail: info@dsi.uzh.ch
<p>Outlook</p>	<p>Abraham Bernstein presented the Outlook on the DSI Lecture Series HS20 with the focus topic Health. Theme Days with focus topic Artificial Intelligence will be held in 2020.</p>
<p>Q&A</p>	<p>Q&As, concerns: Consider making the Digital Literacy Course public. Convince Michael Hengartner to take part at the Advisory Board. Advisory Board: Botnar Foundation, Basel.</p>

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