

Upcoming dates

24.4.2026	Master-Pub-Crawl
27.4.2026	Networking-Tea-Time
29.04.2026	Mental-Health-Group-Talk

Minutes of the FSR session on 22.04.2026

Begin: 6:32 PM

End: 8:36 PM

Attendees: Roxana Mittelberg, Emma Zenker, Lars Johannsen, Claudia Plaza Morales, Rasmus Kuhr, Freya Ditschkuß (till 20:01), Lou Herrmann, Jan Malmström, Lorenzo Nastase, Marie Recktenwald, Paul Robaschik, Anti Cageao, Hannah Scholz, Ansgar Müller (till 7:48 PM), Rumo Schilling, Florian Löffelmann (till 6:50 PM), Florian Jäniche (till 6:50 PM), Leni Wietfeld (till 7:50 PM), Nik Scheer, Zoe Karl (till 7:17 PM), Lea Suschynskyj, Winston Oberländer, Asli Engin (from 7:03 PM till 7:40 PM)

Head of the meeting: Roxana Mittelberg

Keeper of the minutes: Jan Malmström

AI 0: Hi & Minutes (6:32 – 6:44 PM)

Roxana opens the meeting. She welcomes the many new faces. We do a short round of introductions. Roxana explains our hand signs. Roxana explains we use a system of consensus for decision making. The members of the FSR have the right to object.

The minutes from last week were sent around. Lorenzo has some more comments he forgot to send, we delay passing the minutes to next week.

Roxana presents the Agenda for today.

AI 1: Reports (6:44 – 6:50 PM)

FS-T-Shirts The Freshmen-Department ordered the T-Shirts.

First-Year Information The Freshmen-Department will start reviewing it soon.

Common Room The common room bought a new shelf.

CS The CS student council has borrowed some of our stuff for their "Fachschaftsfahrt"¹. They took Axioml². We were promised pictures.

¹The student council goes on a trip for a few days, mainly to get some work done, but also for socializing.

²Our mascot

FK Jan was there. The Central Study Advisory and Counseling Service was there and got asked many questions. Some changes in some statutes were passed.

Seminar-Rooms The Hausvorstand is very angry about rooms being chaotic, that's why the BaMa forwarded an email about this to all students. Restore order, if you leave.

Stapler We now have a staple-less stapler.

Shotglasses Lorenzo and Ben found some metal shotglasses.

Study Advisory Board Jan was there.

Faculty Council Took place today, Simon was there.

AI 2: Events (6:50 – 6:57 PM)

Master-WaCE Took place thursday. Average WaCe.

Master-Hike There were 10 people there. It was a great hike. There was nature.

Master-WoKI-Sneak Was the day before yesterday together with the CS student council. Roughly 20 people were attending.

WaCE x Onboarding Took place yesterday. Average WaCE. Jan would like help in clearing out a dishwasher after the meeting. Attendace at the onboarding-talk was ok-ish.

Pub-Crawl This Friday there is the Master-Pub-Crawl. Ben invites everyone here to tag along. We will split into 2 groups, Ben would like someone to lead the second group. Additionally he needs someone taking care of Awareness. We will ask in the "Helfendengruppe".

Tea-Time Monday next week.

Group Talk Wednesday next week, at the same time as the FSR.

AI 3: Public Relations (6:57 – 6:59 PM)

IMC ³ The selection-exam is on Friday. Paul was approached to advertise this in the WhatsApp-Groups but has no detailed information yet. Might happen in the next 2 days.

Loo-Paper We will pass it next week. If you have topics, send them to Nik and Zoe before next week, ideally until Friday 24.04.

AI 4: Sports Equipment (6:59 – 7:06 PM)

Rumo would like some sports equipment on the Maths-lawn, as there is no proper sports-place close by. For example Rumo would like a pull up bar. Or maybe a spike-ball net or a table tennis plate. Jan has concerns about the doability because of regulations. Leni suggests having a ball is way easier. Rumo would like to further go through with this idea. Jan would appreciate temporary sports equipment that can be borrowed in the Fachschaft. He doubts that something stationary is affordable. Rumo will look into portable sports equipment for next week.

Asli asks for us to do AI 5 now. Nobody objects.

³International Mathematical Championship

AI 5: Preliminary Coding Course / AIMa I (7:07 – 7:40 PM)

The preliminary coding course did not take place last year, but did all the years before. It is a bit unfair to require a voluntary programming course to go understand the lecture. Professor Hougardy, who does the AIMa1-course next year, is asking us, whether we want a programming course. Hougardy would like to remove some unnecessary coding details from his lecture and would like to have the course take 1 instead of 2 weeks. We like this idea. Emma would favor a 2-week course, just because it gives more time to actually code. The self-learning coding time was really important for her to understand coding. Asli would also (strongly) like a 2 week course. Nik doesn't think that a 2 week course will make it easier for the people in the course. He had a 2 week course and was already lost after a few days. Claudia thinks that the course should be more focused on real beginners. She would like guidelines on how to learn further during the semester. Leni thinks a too complicated programming course is not helpful. Uploading the course materials so people not able to attend in person would be nice. Lou thinks that a 1 week course might be better because otherwise the professor will just do unnecessary content. Freya suggests an evaluation of the preliminary course. Marie would like a lot of tutors with the course, because people tend to need a lot of help, especially on the first few days. Many tutors and a shorter course could be more effective than less tutors and a longer course. Jan mentions that from his experience, the lecturers of the Discrete Institute are heavily out of touch with reality. Lars remarks that a 1 week programming course is better for people enrolled in educational studies. Roxana thinks Hougardy is aware of the fact that the course needs to be improved. Rumo thinks that a 1 week course with a free week after (before the start of regular lectures) allows to get coding experience yourself. Rumo thinks that we could ask students from other departments what the problems with learning how to code are. We do an opinion poll, if we want a coding course.

Yes	No	Abstain
20	0	1

And another on how long it should be. Claudia suggests that the preampus course could become standardized over the years and be always available. Emma disagrees, as the professors will manage to talk with each other and there are better online sources to learn programming from. Leni suggests providing better sources as Fachschaft. Jan suggests putting something in the First-Year-Information.

1 week	2 weeks	1 week + 1 week just tutorials	Abstain
7	5	15	5

Roxana will answer Hougardy accordingly. Ben asks if there is a programming Helpdesk. Roxana answers there is the AIMa-Helpdesk and you can ask questions in the programming tutorials during the semester. Emma remarks that you can try asking the people in CIP-Pool for help.

AI 6: KoMa (7:40 – 7:48 PM)

The next KoMa⁴ will take place from 22.5. till 26.5. during Pentecost in Essen. Registration is open till May 15th. Jan would like to come with a lot of people and only register rather late, so we don't steal any spots from other student councils. Emma and Roxana explain what the KoMa does. We created a Mattermost channel. Join it or talk to someone if you want to come with us to KoMa, preferably in the next 2 weeks. If you want to be added to Mattermost, talk to us after the meeting.

⁴Konferenz der deutschsprachigen Mathematikfachschaften/"Conference of German-speaking Maths student councils"

AI 7: Acquisitions (7:49 – 7:52 PM)

Paul was approached during the WaCE with a question about Picnic-blankets.

Tichu-Decks We want to have new Tichu decks.

The FSR shall decide: Up to 50€ can be spent from “Anschaffungen” for new Tichu-Decks.

We pass this decision. Freya and Jan will take care of that tomorrow.

Blender The blender of the Fachschaft is broken. Jan brought his personal one. We will talk about this next week. Lorenzo encourages us to buy a blender that lasts longer than 2 years. Lorenzo will look one up for next week.

AI 8: Printer in the library (7:52 – 8:08 PM)

We got an E-Mail from Welter complaining that the printer in the library is expensive. Welter wants to know, if we want to keep the printer. Roxana explains the current situation: We can print in the CIP-Pool and there is a fancier printer in the locker room of the library, which can also scan and copy. We are not sure if the latter option is still for free. You can pay to print in the MNL. Paul suggests asking Welter to remove 1 of the printers in CIP-Pool. Lorenzo remarks that those printers are paid by us, while the Uni is running the one in library.

We discuss the ups and downs of a printer. Emma would like to discuss this in the FSV.

We do an opinion poll.

only printer in CIP	some printer elsewhere	keep printer in library	Abstain
0	10	4	3

AI 9: Experiences of International Students (8:08 – 8:25 PM)

Roxana would like some feedback for the Fachschaft but also in general from international students.

Hannah couldn't convince many people to come here. But she has some written statements. She thinks it's a bad sign not many people came.

Anti explains that they were very active in organizing events in Spain. When coming to Bonn, they would have enjoyed to keep doing this kind of work. Their first impression of the Fachschaft was that it was very German and so they didn't do any research into whether it would be possible for them to participate. If this kind of meeting had existed a year ago, they could have imagined being active in the Fachschaft.

Claudia thinks that everything here is very bureaucratic. She thinks we should have a smoother way to get involved with the Fachschaft.

Hannah presents the opinions from Monika and Miguel. She explains that both speak German very well but that Monika strongly prefers English. She sent a long list of good points, Hannah will summarize. Firstly, Monika says people constantly default to German even in events and group chats that are in English. This happens, for example, when bigger groups split into smaller ones and in informal conversations before and after meetings. She feels that it often takes conscious effort on her part to keep conversations in English. Events are rarely entirely in English, key materials like slides are still often in German.

Paul mentions that someone complained that the Pi-Day event was in German when they expected it to be in English.

Hannah continues presenting Monika's comments. She says that in addition to language barriers, cultural differences can make it difficult for internationals to feel included. Examples of this are strict

punctuality and fixed schedules. Especially in social or fun setting this can feel restrictive. Lastly, she thinks that one English meeting a month is not enough. In particular, this will not change the default to English. We all need to be aware of language drifts. Thank you to Monika for the detailed thoughts!

Next, Hannah presents Miguel's thoughts. He says that it takes him half a second longer than a native speaker to process conversation in German. This makes it so that he cannot participate well in fast unmoderated discussions. Additionally, some people in the FSR enjoy using very formal and technical language. This was a little difficult to understand for him at first and very hard to replicate which makes him more hesitant to participate. He feels that English is more democratic in this sense because more people than just him make mistakes when speaking English. Thank you to Miguel as well for his thoughts!

Hannah would like to have a working group for this topic. In a smaller round Hannah feels she could motivate more international students. Hannah, Claudia, Emma, Roxana, and Paul are interested. Nik asks how many English FSRs we do. Roxana answers we do them on demand and by default at least once per month (at least for this semester). There will probably be an FSVV in June, probably in English. Nik would like more advertisement for the option that an FSR can be English on demand. Rumo would like to have this for other meetings too.

AI 10: Miscellaneous (8:25 – 8:36 PM)

CS-Pubquiz The CS do a pubquiz. We will join their pubquiz and have cancelled our own for that. It has no fixed date yet.

Educational Studies We would like to include Educational Studies people more in our events. We have some plans including bracelets.

Printing Reimbursement Hannah would like to get back money for USB sticks that have to be handed in with their thesis. She intends to write a mail to Kiesel, maybe we have to talk about it on the next QVM⁵-session.

Educational Studies The department for Educational studies constituted itself on Saturday.

Exercise Groups Winston wishes for a better system to assign study groups. He could for example imagine the Math department adapting something similar to TVS⁶ from the CS department. Jan comments, that Freya has similar ambitions. Jan suggests Winston team up with Freya.

Girls do Math The HCM has an event to encourage girls studying math. Stefan Hartmann of the organisation would like some student help with that. Next time this event is in November. Claudia would be interested. If you are interested talk to or message Hannah.

FSV Tuesday next week, 6:15 pm in room 0.011.

Bottle Caps The Box is full and it needs to be emptied. Jan can take care of it.

Next FSR Will default to German. If English-speaking people are there, we will of course switch.

FSR On May 20 will be another English FSR.

⁵QA allocation committee

⁶A system the CS department employs to distribute exercise groups according to student preferences.

Roxana closes the meeting at 8:36

Roxana Mittelberg
Head of the meeting

Jan Malmström
Keeper of the minutes