

CLEWS FSR – Meeting Protocol

Location and time: *Golm, house 1, room 1.15, 18:00, 11th November 2025*

Meeting announced on: *23rd October / 10th November 2025*

Protocol Author: *Aeon, Emma*

Moderation: *Sophia*

Format of the representation of voting results: (For / Against / Abstentions)

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1. Attendance

Members present: Silke, Benny, Emma, Sophia, Aeon; on-line: Liv, Konsti, Rike

Members absent: Gustav, Jay, Ludo, Paola, Tilo

Guests: Louis (former member), Elli (associate), gen25: Bianca, Alex, Marissa, Emma, Paulina

2. Determination of quorum

50% or more present? **yes :D**

3. Acceptance of the previous protocol

Protocol of the last FSR meeting (*21st October 2025*) written by *Emma* accepted unanimously.

4. Action items review

Ongoing action items:

- Erstifahrt action items ✓
- Handcart: Receipt from AStA? – **Tilo** ✓
- Handcart: Contact toom – **Louis** → waiting for AStA answer/receipt
- Loss box: Consult finance bible – **Tilo** ✓
- Lost box: Liability insurance – **Emma** → still todo
- Thesis Slam action items ✓
- Discord: meme channel – **Sophia** [in progress]
- Discord: Invite Australian Embassy – **Sophia** ✓
- Contact Annegret Thieken – **Sophia** ✓
- Event planning & timetable – **Events Team** ✓
- Merch get-together – **Merchteam** → still todo
- Find a mascot – **Merchteam** → still todo
- Update website – **Aeon** ✓

5. FSR Room

Environmental Science Building opening probably in March. Then clews might get a room in Haus 1 for the FSR. More news coming soon! We should get a letterbox whenever we get the room.

6. Finance

All the nice finance stuff:

Receipt for the Bollerwagen: No answer from ASTA yet, probably very busy with annual reports. Contacted them again at 9/11/25.

Lost box, finance bible: Just cross of from inventory, add explanation. Might need to talk to ASTA because technically it was already lost in the last financial year.

7. Erstifahrt

Evaluation, feedback, etc. (see also [here](#)): there was some feedback at the end of the Erstifahrt, Benny took notes. Benny writes a report for finances, Alex (+maybe others) write a report for the website

Finances: Everything okay? Can we pay back people who couldn't make it? → need to ask Tilo

Leftover stuff: How can we get rid of a bit of the stuff? → we go to the office after the meeting and take care of it

8. Website

Updates accepted, we could add the Erstifahrt report there rather than in clews experiences when it's done.

9. Appointment committee for new ocean prof

New professorship for Physics of the Ocean for courses in physics and CLEWS (see [here](#))

There are student representatives from physics in the committee (including Alex (also CLEWS Ersti)) but we could probably at least send two deputies (they wouldn't have voting rights but can take part in the meetings, get all the info etc.)

The application period is now over, which means that the preliminary selection will be made before Christmas. There will be several meetings to determine the evaluation criteria, then to review the candidates, and then to make the selection. After that, the teaching demonstrations and lectures will be scheduled, which I think will be sometime in the spring.

Apparently, overall, there are relatively few meetings compared to the waiting time, but the meetings can easily last several hours

Who would be interested from CLEWS to join?? Interested people: Konsti, Bianca, maybe Aeon(?)

10. CLEWS Financing

Mail from Annegret Thieken:

Dear CLEWS students,

Unfortunately, the chancellor and president did not answer my questions, but there are clear signs that they definitely want to pursue option A (co-financing by non-university research institutions) for the time being. The option of *CLASSIFIED* (aka we talked about two meetings ago) will be examined, but is not favored by either side. Unfortunately, the overall process

is progressing somewhat slowly (which is also partly my fault). We are currently considering submitting an application to the DAAD to finance Andreas' position.

So you don't need to take any action at the moment. Or: I would be grateful for any ideas (for the DAAD application) on how foreign students could be even better integrated into CLEWS and Potsdam/Germany, or what career opportunities might be conceivable at CLEWS.

Best regards,

Annegret Thieken

Any thoughts?? Two Erstis are currently funded by the DAAD for their CLEWS studies, so the CLEWS program was already reviewed by the DAAD. Uni Potsdam has gotten more international recognition through clews There is someone from clews at COP right now. Metrics on how "internationality" has increased from the program start until now - the 2025 generation is the most international.

11. Events

MatNat Volleyball tournament: Mail from Informatics FSR:

Hello everyone, [...] Since there is already quite a bit of interest, I wanted to ask a few general questions about the organization:

- Would an event in the summer (possibly the beach volleyball courts at the Neues Palais) or in the winter/spring (possibly in the Golm sports hall) suit you better? – **Summer is better because most people like playing beach volleyball**
- I would suggest mixed teams, which would be a maximum of 6 people in the hall and perhaps a maximum of 4 on the beach.
- In addition, if there are a lot of teams participating, I would possibly have them play shorter sets (20 or 15 points) or time-limited sets (20 or 15 minutes).
- Depending on how big the whole thing is going to be, we could consider applying to the VeFa for funding for the event. If anyone is more familiar with this, I would really appreciate your help.

I have created a [short survey](#) about these questions, which you are welcome to fill out. **Survey was filled out and submitted during the meeting! :D**

Thesis slam: Everything is going well. Tell your friends to come!

Christmas market: 28.11., starting at 3 pm in Golm (three Christmas markets, same as last year)

Game afternoon: 12.12., starting 3 pm, with mulled wine in the geo room

Festive party: 16.12. starting at 6pm at Lesecafé

Events for Jan/Feb 2026: ice skating, movie night, end of semester party

Internationals' Erstifahrt ideas: International dinner & German Slam → Bianca + Marissa help organize that

12. Action items

Erstifahrt:

- Write Erstifahrt finance report – **Benny**
- Write Erstifahrt report for website – **Alex**
- Add Erstifahrt report to website – **Aeon**

Events:

- Sharepic for Xmas market on the 28th – **Silke**
- Book lesecafé for festive party – **Silke?**
- Sharepic for festive party – **Emma**
- Ask geo people for the room for game night – **Sophia**
- Sharepic for game night – **Silke or Emma**

Inventory:

- Handcart: Contact toom – **Louis**
- Lost box: Liability insurance – **Emma**

Merch:

- Merch get-together – **Merchteam**
- Find a mascot – **Merchteam**

Others:

- Find out more about the FSR room & get a letterbox whenever we get it – **Sophia**
- Write email to Annegret – **Sophia**
- Discord: meme channel – **Sophia** [in progress]

13. Next scheduled meeting

Date: 25 November 2025, 18:00

Location: Golm, house 1, room 1.15, 18:00