



HEC STEM Project Meeting (duration: (1.00 – 12.03) EDT)

Participants: (8) Eleni Bomi (11 to 11:24am), Terry Dritsas (11:18m) , Anna Lawless, Thanos Voudouris, Ioanna Katsavria (contact for STEM Project)

Absentee: (1) Fotini Eleftheriadou, Nico Michael, Stelios Manias

Abstainees: (1) Evangelos Rigos

Meeting – The meeting was conducted via GoToMeeting with live audio & video shared interface. The HEC EC convened today, January 23rd, 2015 at 11:00 EDT.

Agenda –

1. Presentation by Ioanna Katsavria)

Minutes –

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Thanos passed GoToMeeting Presentation competence to Ioanna Katsavria who presented her power point presentation to the meeting participants.

The power point presentation is to help HEC comprehend the direction for the HEC project. Ioanna highlights the required elements for the writing of the STEM Proposal for the program Funding.

It was clarified that the project must include all youth (age 15 to 24) and not only poor and orphaned children. The EU aims to raise the level of STEM education so that less than 15% of youth under-achieve in these subjects.

The proposal must follow all of the requirements given in the EU web site. For the EU any deviation from the set format would mean that it would be rejected. Therefore we need to study the requirements on the EU site and ensure that we meet them all. We do not need to create a proposal for all of Greece, which would require interaction with the Department of Education, a region would be sufficient.

Because of the complexity of the EU Proposal format we need to employ a specialist proposal writer for the application, who will receive a percentage of a successful grant. It was mentioned that Marios has a sister who has written a successful proposal.

Ioanna suggested that we use extra-curricular studies, with a program students can work through online plus the use of frontisteria. Anna asked about the availability of computers and internet connectivity to Greek youth, and Gus replied that the Greek government have a policy of giving all families below a certain income level a laptop or tablet plus one year of internet connectivity.

Thanos took over the presentation and displayed a table giving the tasks required to be completed for a successful application, especially the web site. Ioanna was concerned about a site that was open to all as that may allow another group to use our work for their own application.

Thanos suggested that we make a request in the Professors Forum for volunteers to become partners in this project, although they must all either live in Greece or be native Greek speakers.

The meeting ended with Ioanna saying she will send her presentation and details to the STEM List. We then learnt that a few people had not received STEM mails due to ISP policy. Thanos changed the email addresses of a few EC members to their HEC addresses in order to avoid this problem in future.

The next meeting is planned for Saturday, time to be arranged.

Meeting ended (12.03)

Respectfully submitted January 23rd, 2015.

Anna Lawless and Eleni Bomi
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