Proposte di modifica del QUESTIONARIO STUDENTI

SOMMARIO/SUMMARY

In this document, we propose some changes to the student questionnaire proposed by SISSA. In particular, the proposals are subdivided in three groups:
- reformulations of questions that were already present; in this case, we indicate the code of every question in the questionnaire;
- additions of new questions; in this case, we label the questions with a similar code to a very close question that was already present (for instance, we label by H5.1 and H5.2 new questions that are very similar in the topics with the question H5);
- deletions of questions; in this case, we indicate the code of every question in the questionnaire.

REFORMULAZIONI/REFORMULATIONS

Question H3: “Do you think that psychological assistance service at SISSA is needed?”
We propose to adopt the same formulation of Question H1: “How would you judge the efficiency of the Students' secretariat?” to inquire about the efficiency of the Psychological Support.

Question H5: “How well are you informed about the activities of students' representatives in your Area, in the Academic Senate and in the Administrative Council/Board of Directors?”
Reformulation: “Which of the following activities of the students’ representatives are you actually informed about?”
Options:
- Representation in your Area Council
- Representation in the Academic Senate
- Representation in the Administrative Council/Board of Directors
- Representation in the ARDISS committee
- Representation in the Student-Professors joint committee (Commissione Paritetica)
- Representation in the Evaluation Unit (Nucleo di Valutazione)
- Representation in the Guarantee Committee for Equal Opportunities, Employee Wellbeing and Non-Discrimination at Work (CUG)
- Representation in the Quality Assurance Unit (Presidio di Qualità).

**Question L1: “Did you attend any course this academic year?”**
Reformulation: “Did you attend any course in your PhD program in the ____ academic year?” We believe it is important to specify the academic year of reference.

**Question L2: “How well informed are you about the scientific activities of other groups in SISSA?”**
Reformulation: “How well informed are you about the scientific activities of other research groups in your area?”

**Question L3: “What do you think about the usefulness of SISSA colloquia?”**
Reformulation: “Are you generally interested in the SISSA colloquia topics?”

**Question L8: “Was the level of the exams appropriated to the level of the corresponding courses?”**
We propose this question to be conditional on the academic year indicated at the beginning of the questionnaire, in order to collect responses only from first-year students.

**Question N2: “Were you free to choose the project/supervisor that you liked the most?”**
Reformulation: “Were you free to choose your supervisor?”

Options:
- Yes
- No.
Conditional: If no, why?
Options:
- Prompt your response:
• I’d rather not say.

**Question N10:** “Have you already been assigned a research project?”
Reformulation: “Do you have a well defined research project?”
Options:
• Yes
• No
• Not applicable.

**Question O3:** “Who has been your main mentor in relation to your training for the lab activities?”
Reformulation: “How much have you been trained for your lab activities?”

**Question Xxx1:** “How would you rate the safety level in your lab?”
Reformulation: “How would you rate the safety level in the lab environment?”

**Question P4:** “How effective was the PhD program to train you as a young scientist in the subject chosen for your studies?”
Reformulation: “How effective was the PhD program to help you develop the following skills?”
Options:
• Critical thinking
• Independence
• Technical skills
• Knowledge of the relevant literature for your chosen field
• Developing a network of contacts.

We envision this question to have a 1 to 4 scale for each option, with the addition of a “not applicable” choice.

**REFORMULAZIONE OPZIONI MULTIPLE-CHOICE/REFORMULATION MULTIPLE-CHOICE OPTIONS**

**Question B2:** “Which of the following topics are you actually informed about?”
In this case, we propose to keep the old set of options, by adding a new set, as listed below.
Previous options:
• SISSA Statute and Ph.D. rules
• SISSA contributions (housing, laptop, etc.)
• Housing Service
• ARDISS card to get meal discounts and the process to obtain them (ISEE)
• Psychological Assistance
• Students@sissa wiki
• Students' representatives
• SISSA Club Activities
• CUS (Trieste university sport activities organizing committee)
• SISSA Kindergarten.

We propose to add the following options:
• Dental care;
• CUG;
• Ombudsperson;
• TTO (Technology transfer service).

**Question P1:** “What would you like to do after your PhD?”

In this case, we propose to change the set of options, by substituting the previous with the following.

**Previous options:**
• Keep on with a scientific career in a public institution
• Research for private institution/industry
• Something completely different
• I don't know
• Other.

We propose to have the following pool of options:
• Stay in Academia
• Become a researcher for the industry
• Become a data scientist
• Become a teacher
• I don’t know
• Other.

**DOMANDE AGGIUNTE/ADDED QUESTIONS**

**Question H1.1.**
We propose to adopt the same formulation of Question H1: “How would you judge the efficiency of the Students' secretariat?” to inquire about the efficiency of the Help Desk.

**Question H1.2.**
We propose to adopt the same formulation of Question H1: “How would you judge the efficiency of the Students' secretariat?” to inquire about the efficiency of the Technology Transfer Service.
**Question H5.1: “How do you get informed about the activities of the students’ representatives?”**

Options:
- Word-of-mouth
- Poster and flyers
- Social media
- Direct communication from the students’ representatives
- Other: indicate main sources.

We envision this question to offer the possibility of indicating a maximum of two options.

**Question L10.1: “Have you ever attended courses in other institutions outside of SISSA?”**

Options:
- Yes, in another research institute in Trieste (e.g., ICTP)
- Yes, at the University of Trieste
- Yes, in an institute outside of Trieste (e.g., University of Trento)
- No.

We envision this question to offer the possibility of indicating all of the compatible options.

**Question N10.1: “How much time after the beginning of your PhD you started working on your project?”**

**Question N2.1: “Were you free to choose your research project?”**

Options:
- Yes
- No.
  Conditional: If no, why?

Options:
- Prompt your response:
- I’d rather not say.

We propose to substitute **Question N5** with the following group of questions:

**Question N5.1: “Are you satisfied with the amount of time you spend with your supervisor?”**

**Question N5.2: “How would you judge the quality of time you spend with your supervisor?”**

**Question N5.3: “How would you judge the availability of your supervisor in helping you on your project?”**
Question N5.4: “Does your supervisor have the expertise necessary to mentor you on your research project?”
Options:
- Yes
- No.
Conditional: If no, is he/she available to help you in indicating other collaborators?
Options:
- Yes, a researcher within my research group
- Yes, a researcher in my Area
- Yes, an external researcher
- No.

Question N5.5: “How would you rate the amount of feedback you receive from your supervisor on the quality of your work?”

Question N5.6: “To what extent does any of the following figures support you in your research activity?”
Options:
- My supervisor
- A senior researcher (post-doc)
- Other professors at SISSA
- Other professors outside of SISSA
- Technicians
- Other students.

We envision this question to have a 1 to 4 scale for each option, with the addition of a “not applicable” choice.

Question N5.7: “Overall, how would you rate the supervision on your research project?”

Question O1.1: “How easy it is for you to access the laboratory resources necessary for your research activity?”

**CANCELLAZIONI/CANCELLATIONS**

We propose to delete the following questions:

**Question B3: “Which of the following facilities do you use?”**
Question H6: “How would you judge the efficacy of the students' representatives in your Area, in the Academic Senate and in the Administrative Council/Board of Directors?”

Question M2: “Have you ever attended at least one seminar in any other scientific institution in Trieste this past year?”

Question M10: “Have you ever attended at least one seminar organized by another PhD course?”

Question L11: “The quality of the courses you followed, organized in other SISSA PhD programs, is on average:”

Question N5: “Overall how effective is the supervision of your Ph.D project by your supervisor?”

Question N9: “Does the project you are working on reflect the quality expectations that you had when you entered SISSA?”

Question xxx3: “In your perception, is safety a priority at SISSA?”

Question xxx7: “Are your requests regarding the correction of unsafe conditions acted on promptly?”

Question xxx8: “How would you rate the support of Health and Safety Service Staff?”

Question P3: “Do you think that your research project is good enough to be able to get a position after SISSA?”