Report from SCI PhD council

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- We held a painting in ceramics event in April. It was highly appreciated and the students were very grateful.
- We held a Pilates event on 21st May successfully and was appreciated by the students.
- We are planning a barbeque event in June, a casual social event before the summer break.
- We are also planning a workshop in September to create awareness on gender equality and discrimination. The event will have a presentation and group work.
- Several workshops are being held in PhD programs on technical topics such as using python for ANSYS and using tools such as Affinity for making posters and figures.
- We are still in the process of recruiting FoAs for applied physics and math, and applied math.
- We received a new compensation proposal from the school. We are not sure if it is a
 fair assessment, so we are analysing our time spent and writing our own proposal
 and will bring to the FN meeting soon.
- We had our first FA-PA-FoA meeting on June 4th.
- In the recent FN meeting, we received information that the various committees are
 facing an issue with regards to gender balance since many of the women members
 who are interested in participating in committees are being overworked by being in
 too many committees. To address this, we at the council are planning to suggest that
 the school will report about the progress being made to battle this gender inequality
 in committees and in hiring.