



**ASSOCIATION OF
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Board Meeting Protocol

17:17-21:21 2017-11-16

Eden Room 236, Lund

The Board of 2017/18

Association of Foreign Affairs

Present: Ebba Coghlan, James Davies, Leon Klingborg, Eleonora Hallberg, Hanna Kanon, Joseph Aivalikli, Maggie Huynh, Soha Kadhim, Jakob Granath, Mårten Randau, Vide Wassberg, Tove Jörgensen, Tobias Adolfsson, Julia Bergström, Ellen Boije af Gennäs Erre, Jonatan Pupp, Tilda Kajbjer, Glenn Lio, Christopher Andersson, Zigne Edström

Erik Helldén entered the meeting late.

1. Opening of the meeting

Ebba Coghlan declares the meeting open at 17:17.

(Erik Helldén enters the meeting at 17:18.)

2. Election of chair, secretary, and attesters and vote counters of the meeting

Ebba Coghlan is elected chair of the meeting

Leon Klingborg is elected secretary of the meeting

Zigne Edström and Maggie Huynh are elected vote counters and attesters of the meeting. (17:19)

3. Approval of the Agenda (Attachment 1)

Proposal to amend the agenda by adding the point of Entrance fee under other points and to approve the amended agenda.

Passed by acclamation. (17:20)

4. Presidium reporting

President

- *Membership survey is going to be carried out by Michal Gieda on Monday the 27th of November.*
- *A workshop will be held on the 10th of December about the role of Board Members and Heads of Committees followed by a hangout during the evening.*
- *Advent Board hangouts on weekends in December will be held.*
- *The Presidents are proceeding with individual talks with all board members.*
- *The Folkuniversitet grant is going well, only minor changes needed in some of the applications.*
- *On the 14th of December UFS Administrator Daniel Kjellén will meet us on a lunch meeting.*
- *Skånör kick out for the Board will be the 2nd to 3rd of February.*
- *Meetings for Board Members with the presidents will have to be at lunch or after 16 from now on.*
- *On the 28th of November the Australian Ambassador will come for a fika with UPF, a limited number of UPF Members will be able to participate. The Ambassador might be interviewed by Webzine.*

Secretary

- *There is now a membership box for signing up new members on Mondays in the office.*

UFS Representative

- *The UFS board has made a PC-decision to nominate Taffan Ako Sharif as LSU's Youth Representative to the General*

Assembly and Emma Brandstedt as LSU's Youth Representative to the High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development.

- *The price for the UFS presidents trip to Sälen has been raised and it needs to be considered how much of the cost is to be funded by UFS.*

Discussion in the board about how UFS Representative Julia Bergström should vote when the matter is raised on the next UFS board meeting.

The Board thinks that UFS should fund no more than 3 000 SEK of the costs of each of the presidents.

- *Rosaline Marbinah, previous president of UFS has been elected Vice President of LSU.*
- *Board meeting for UFS will be held on the 17th of November.*
- *The UFS Convention is coming up, starting on the 17th of November.*
- *Possible Musikhjälpen related events should be communicated through UFS.*

Treasurer

- *The credit card is missing and therefore UPF might want to get a new one.*

Head of IT

- *Fragments of UPF's history have been put up on the website, for example details about prominent lecturers.*
- *The work on the visuals of the website is continuing*

5. Alumni Network/Senior Collegium

Will be discussed under the point Motions.

6. The Israeli Ambassador Lecture – a follow up

A UPF Member who had not signed up for the Israeli deputy ambassador lecture in time was refused entry. The member was of the understanding that things were not conducted in a correct way. The Crisis Group have been in contact with the member and the situation has since been neutralized.

Discussion in the Board about the event.

Suggestion to have a meeting with the Crisis Group to evaluate the routines of the Crisis Policy on basis of recent events.

Suggestion to include in the Crisis Policy and Handover documents that there should always be a Board decision when hosting closed lectures.

(Break at 18:31)

(Chair Ebba Coghlan declares the meeting open at 18:43)

7. Election of the Project Integration Coordinators (Attachment 2)

Leon Klingborg and Jonatan Pupp declare themselves biased (Jäviga) and will not be taking part in discussion or decision on this point.

Proposal to accept that Ebba Bergström, Caroline Asker, and Markus Hellström acted as the Election Committee for the nominations of the Managers and Deputy Managers of Project Integration the year of 17/18. Passed by acclamation. (18:49)

Miriam Steinwall, Fanny Teppe, Adrianna Sica, and Sofia Isaksson have presented their candidacy for the positions.

a) Election of Project Manager of Project Integration

The Election Committee nominates Miriam Steinwall for the position as Project Manager of Project Integration.

Discussion in the Board about the candidates.

Proposal to elect Miriam Steinwall as Project Manager for Project Integration.

Passed by acclamation. (18:58)

b) Election of Deputy Project Manager of Project Integration

The Election Committee nominates Fanny Teppe for the position as Deputy Manager of the Project Integration.

Discussion in the Board about the candidates.

Proposal to elect Fanny Teppe as Deputy Manager of Project Integration.

Passed by acclamation. (19:01)

c) Election of Deputy Project Manager of Project Integration

The Election Committee nominates Arianna Sica for the position as Deputy Manager of Project Integration.

Discussion in the Board about the candidates.

Proposal to elect Adrianna Sica as Deputy Manager of Project Integration.

Passed by acclamation. (19:07)

8. Motions

a) Motion: Meet, Talk, Change!!! (Attachment 3)

The author of the motion would be willing to be a part of managing the project if elected and does not think that it would need a lot of money.

Discussion in the Board about the motion.

End of debate. (19:42)

The Board believes that the thought behind the motion is good and creative but has some questions and objections regarding the practicalities of the motion. Therefore, the Board does not want to accept the motion as it is, but would like to try to initiate some kind of practice on the topic.

Proposal to accept the motion as it is written.

Failed by acclamation. (19:51)

(Hanna Konon leaves the meeting at 19:53)

- b) Motion about restarting the Senior Collegium (Attachment 4)

Leon Klingborg, Maggie Hyunh, and Tove Jörgensen present the motion to the Board.

Discussion in the Board on the motion.

End of debate. (20:24)

*Proposal to make the restart of the Senior Collegium, as the alumni network of the Association of Foreign Affairs, the project of the Association of Foreign Affairs for the working year of 2017-2018.
Passed by acclamation. (20:29)*

Proposal to delegate the task of managing the project to four (4) Board Members, entitling them, the Board or the Election Committee to recruit more Board Members and/or Regular Members as they would see fit.

Passed by acclamation. (20:30)

Proposal to allocate the remained of the project budget post to the starting up of the Senior Collegium.

Passed by acclamation. (20:30)

(Break at 20:31)

(Chair Ebba Coghland declares the meeting open at 20:43)

Proposal to delegate the task of managing the project of Starting up the Senior Collegium to Tove Jörgensen, Maggie Huynh, Leon Klingborg, and Maximin Orsero and to recruit Soha Kadhim as a fifth board member involved in managing the project. (20:43)

9. Committee reporting

Webzine Committee

- *The theme week, A Brighter Future, will be held with five (5) articles.*
- *Interviews with the Australian ambassador and Raul Wallenberg president will be carried out.*

Career Committee

- *Commissioner Cecilia Malmström is invited to do a prep course and maybe hold a lecture. She has expressed interest.*
- *Prep course holders are nearly all booked and have an even gender balance.*
- *The Career Committee have received a grant of 12 000 SEK.*
- *There might be a possibility of partnership with a company, further details to come.*
- *The Networking Event is coming up on the 29th of November. The Career Committee wants to have cooperation with the Lecture Committee on the event. Career might also raise the entrance fee on the event to control the number of participants.*

Activity Committee

- *The Nobel Sittning, which is to be held on the 8th of December, has sold out. The Activity Committee is looking for Toast Masters for the evening. Any profit from the evening will go to Musikhjälpen. Heads of Committees are to nominate a member of their committee to get an honorary price at the sittning.*
- *There will be a baking workshop on the 11th of December in order to raise money for Musikhjälpen.*

Magazine Committee

- *The first issue of the Magazine is now out.*
- *The Heads of the Magazine Committee have appointed a committee member with extra responsibility for the layout in upcoming magazines this year.*
- *First theme week, A Brighter Future, is coming up.*
- *A lot of magazines came back after being sent out because of faulty addresses. Some UPF Members have not received their magazines and have not been able to find theirs among the returned ones.*

Travel Committee

- *The first travel of this working year will begin on the 24th of November and go to Taipei, Taiwan.*
- *Travelers are going to visit a lot of interesting people and institutions in Taiwanese society.*
- *On the 11th of December representatives of the delegation from Taiwan to Sweden will visit us and hold a lecture.*

PR Committee

- *Work on this year's Christmas calendar will soon begin.*
- *The PR Committee is working on a "year-review" film to be shown on the ball the 5th of May.*

- *A snapchat account will be created for the committees to use when they want to.*

Lecture Committee

- *The Heads of the Lecture Committee were very satisfied with the lecture on torture on the 15th of November.*
- *The gender balance is currently an issue, but an equal balance can still be achieved.*
- *The Lecture Committee might have to buy some new electronic equipment because of wear.*
- *The Raul Wallenberg Institute wants someone from UPF to lead the Q&A on the Anna Lindh Lecture the 27th of November.*

10. Other points

a) Entrance fee

Christopher Andersson suggests that we raise the entrance fee to make the incentive to become a member higher when attending one of our lectures.

Discussion in the Board on the suggestion.

No decision or consensus reached.

11. Confirmation of next board meeting

President Ebba Coghlan informs the Board that the next Board Meeting will be held on the 7th of December at 17:00.

12. Meeting adjourned

Chair Ebba Coghlan declares the meeting adjourned at 21:21.

Leon Klingborg, Secretary

Ebba Coghlan, President

Zigne Edström, Attester

Maggie Huynh, Attester

Attachment 1



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12. Meeting adjourned

Attachment 2

The Election Committee for Project integration 2017/2018 has decided to nominate Miriam Steinwall, Fanny Teppe and Arianna Sica for the core group of Project Integration 2017/2018.

The Election Committee would like to nominate Miriam Steinwall as Project Manager. Miriam is ambitious and has a clear vision of what Project Integration could accomplish as a part of the Association of Foreign Affairs. She has shown concrete leadership qualities and the capability to work well within a team. We believe that her experience in UPF and understanding of the association's needs will be useful assets for working closely with the board.

The Election Committee has decided to nominate Fanny Teppe as Deputy Project Manager. Fanny is driven, motivated and has displayed extensive communication skills through her professional experience in external relations. She has shown an understanding of working with diverse groups of people and a capability to solve problems in an intercultural setting.

The Election Committee wants to nominate Arianna Sica as Deputy Project Manager. Arianna has experience from managing a student organization dealing with complex social issues and has high and clear ambitions for the project. We believe that Arianna will be a great asset for the project group, as she is level headed and open minded.

These three individuals all showed clear ideas and a strong interest for Project Integration, which we believe are key qualities in the development of the project.

Attachment 3

9.11.2017

UPF Lund Project Suggestion

Contact person: Jiri NAVRATIL (email: navratiljr@gmail.com; tel.: 00420 774 929 296)

Suggested Name: Meet, Talk, Change!!!

Motivation: Massive use of social media is, as recently having been reported by many experts, connected to a significant side-consequence: people live in their own enclosed social bubbles, meaning they are prevailing in contact with people with relatively similar background in many senses – should it be age, education or ethnicity. This leads to a loss of sense for what are the motions, crucial concerns etc. in the whole „real“ society. Resultingly, it is not uncommon to hear conversations such as „How could they (a certain political party) get so many votes? Who on Earth could cast them a vote?“ „I have no idea, I have not met anyone who voted for them.“ Such dialogues are numerous in many of the created social bubbles, making its members very surprised that there are so many people with a completely different opinion (and possibly enclosed in another social bubble).

Project description: In order to acknowledge all (or at least as many as possible) perspectives on crucial socio-political issues of today’s world, it is necessary to bring these rather separated social groups together as a starting point for finding effective solutions of these issues, as only policies accepted by most of the society can be successful. Accordingly, this project suggests the UPF to moderate meetings and discussions of individuals with different point of view. The proposed procedure is as follows:

1. UPF announces a topic to discuss. This could be done on monthly basis, i.e. one topic for every month. Alternatively, more topics can be announced for the whole duration of the project or the discussed issue could even be decided by the two individuals who wish to discuss it (see further points). Possible topics are: (dis)advantages of EU membership, quotas for equal presence of both genders in governmental bodies and any other relevant issues.
2. Individuals will announce their interest to participate and make clear their point of view – for instance, for YES or NO questions, everyone interested needs to express the side to which (s)he belongs.
3. UPF then connects (shares their contacts) participants with different views on the discussed issue. This is where the role of UPF in the project is crucial.
4. Then it’s up to the two persons how they arrange their meeting. Personal meeting „face-to-face“ is preferred, but for example a Skype call is also possible. This enables participants who are not based in Lund to also take part in the project (and that is important, because Lund itself could also be perceived as a social bubble).
5. The individuals are then asked to provide a brief feedback to UPF, including arguments of both sides for their opinions and a possible announcement about finding a joint perspective, or expressing what what the most beneficial from meeting the other side. This can then be published in the webzine and the most interesting cases (i.e. people having part) could be presented in a panel discussion of the issues towards the end of the project in front of the UPF audience.

It is important to get people outside academia into the project (including all age groups, if possible). The biggest challenge for UPF is thus to spread information about the project so that people not affiliated to LU can take part. Therefore, it is proposed to try to cooperate with Lunds kommun and other kommuns in Skåne to spread news about the project through the communal newspaper, for instance. Academic discussion is important, but it will never bring desired results if not communicated with the general public. Use of social media is of course also anticipated, but they can't be the only way to communicate the project so that it is also reached by people not having e.g. a FB profile. All UPF members would then be kindly asked to inform their surroundings (families, friends etc.) about the project – we have got many international members, communicating certain issues internationally would be really desirable! The two participating people can also be two members of one family, if they do not share a certain opinion on the discussion topic!

And why not to try to make it big? Getting enough people from outside academia will probably not be easy and every case of success could deserve publicity. And despite a seeming risk of commercialization of the project, publicly known people could attract attention of the general public. This would promote UPF in media and also attract more people to participate in the project. I suggest cooperation with the lecture committee in this respect and try to involve invited lecturers to even personally participate in the project or promote it within e.g. their workplace (their contacts are in completely different social bubble than the bubble of UPF). I believe some of them would be attracted. And why not to try to make it even bigger? There are many celebrities being happily involved in such projects. See what brought Emma Watson's involvement in UN's HeForShe campaign for promoting gender equality – that could be an inspiring example...

I realise this might sound too ambitious, but nothing is reached without ambition. I believe this is also a way for UPF to really make a difference in the issues it is concerned with. Moreover, it connects the UPF world with the outside world. And last but not least, the project brings people together.

Further questions or comments: In case of any questions or alterations of the suggested project, feel free to contact me via the contacts provided at the top. There might naturally be alternative parameters of the general idea of this project, so the aforementioned details can of course be changed, if it is found appropriate.

Jiri NAVRATIL,
UPF Member (at the time in Berlin)

Attachment 4



Motion about starting up the Senior Collegium

Background

The bylaws of UPF regulate how to become a member of the Senior Collegium. However, today this part of the association is not active and has not been for some time. Thus, for old board members or active members of UPF there is no forum through which to maintain an active connection with the association.

To restart the Senior Collegium as the alumni network of UPF could be a potent way of addressing this. It shall also be mentioned that a decision to restart the alumni network was made by the previous board, however not specifically as a project.

There are a few challenges with starting up and maintaining an alumni network.

- Firstly, a decisive effort is needed in order to get things up and running. Naming the restart of the Senior Collegium the project of the year of 17/18 does just that.
- Secondly, creating a strong sense of belonging is essential to make such an initiative successful in the long run.

Purpose

Restarting the Senior Collegium would give the Association of Foreign Affairs access to the unique resources which an alumni network has the potential to offer.

- Many of the **association's activities could benefit** from this resource. For example, it could help and facilitate lecturers, contacts for travels, mentors, contacts for study visits, guest writers, interview subjects, and so on.
- It can also provide a **large quantity and broad spectra of professional and personal contacts** for any individual UPF alumna and alumnus in their professional lives and careers, while offering a way of keeping in touch with the University and old friends.

The end goal this working year is an alumni event in the end of the spring semester. To get there, the first step will be to reach out to a limited number of alumnis (mainly previous board members) and ask them what they would want from the Network. Based on this we can then work out a more detailed plan and start reaching out to a larger number of potential participants. This survey will also allow us to make detailed estimates on costs but it is reasonable to believe that the bulk of the money, if allocated to the project, would be spent in liaison with the alumni event.

Our initial vision is to have it be a **great sitting and party** gathering old and current UPF members in Stora Salen at AF Börger. This place would bring a touch of nostalgia that for sure will touch previous active members. In order to incentivize a maximum of old members into joining the event, it would be free for them entirely. As for current members, the event would be self-sustained financially by an entrance fee. As for old members who are not students anymore, it would be “subventioned” by the budget allocated to the project.

Another source of costs could be incurred if we would decide to create an **online platform** for the network. Our initial research suggests it would not be necessary this year, but it is something worth mentioning.

An important task for this year is also to create clear guidelines for how the network is to be managed as well as making sure that the task of managing the network is included in the role of suitable board positions. The aim of all this to secure continuity, prosperity, and a strong sense of belonging to UPF for the years to come.

All in all, we see the restart of the Senior Collegium as a good candidate for this year’s project. Both since an alumni network clearly has got a lot to offer both for the Association and its members and since it is realistic to achieve a stable foundation for a functioning network this year.

Proposal

We propose that the Board decides:

to make the restart of the Senior collegium, as the alumni network of the association, the project of the Association of Foreign Affairs for the board year of 2017-2018,

to delegate the task of managing the project to four (4) Board Members, entitling them to recruit more Board Members and/or Regular Members as they would see fit,

and

to allocate the remained of the project budget post to the starting up of the Senior Collegium.

Maggie Huynh, Tove Jörgensen, Leon Klingborg and Maximin Orsero