



## ASSOCIATION OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

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### Board Meeting 4

2022-10-13, 17:00-21:00

Källarsalen

The Board 22/23

Association of Foreign Affairs

Present: Annie Anderek, Kathryn Dolan, Santeri Rönty, Lucile Corcoran, Anaïs Le Pluart, Zahra Aghazada, Ella Fasting, Sara Friman, Ana Caselles Calle, Anna Holm, Hassan El-Saghir, Nora Eliassen, Laila Sasivarevic, Helene Witte, Love Kirkegaard, Elliott Gunnell, Victor Åstrand, Isabella Silva Ortiz, Dianne Kok, Claudia Muñoz-Rojas Domínguez, Ronja Oechsle

Absent: Julia Hampel

1. Opening of the Meeting

*President Annie Anderek opens the meeting at 17:38.*

2. Election of Chair of the Meeting

*Annie Anderek is elected the Chair of the Meeting at 17:41.*

3. Election of Secretary of the Meeting

*Santeri Rönty is elected the Secretary of the Meeting at 17:41.*

4. Election of Attesters and Vote Counters of the Meeting

*Ella Fasting and Zahra Aghazada are elected the Attesters and Vote Counters of the meeting at 17:42.*

5. Approval of the Electoral Roll

*The electoral roll is set at 20 at 17:42.*

6. Approval of the Agenda

*Annie Anderek would like to amend the agenda in the following ways:*

*Ratification of PC Decision as point number 7.*

*Decision point regarding collaboration with CMES as point number 11.*

*Point about Senior Collegium as point number 14.1.*

*Kathryn Dolan would like to amend the agenda in the following ways:*

*Discussion point as point 14.2.*

7. Ratification of PC decision

*Annie presents adding more budget to a Shutterstock subscription. The Board has made a PC decision regarding the subscription, and the decision needs to be ratified at the Board Meeting.*

*Victor wonders if this point is a discussion point or a decision point.*

*Annie responds that it is neither.*

*Victor wonders why we needed to make a PC Decision.*

*Annie responds that it is because we needed a quick decision.*

*Dianne wonders if the plan is to only change the subscription.*

*Annie responds that the plan is to only change the subscription.*

*Elliott wonders if there are any other replacements for Shutterstock.*

*Annie responds that we did not have the time to look for a replacement.*

*Nora suggests that a working group could be looking into a replacement for Shutterstock.*

*Hassan wonders how many pictures we use per year.*

*Helene responds that we use around 200 per year.*

*The electoral roll is updated to 21.*

*The Board decides to ratify the PC decision at 17:57.*

8. Information point: UFS Forum Weekend

*Anaïs presents the information point to the Board. She informs the Board that the UFS Forum Weekend is going to be held in Karlstad in November. All active members are invited, but it is unclear whether or not UFS is paying for the accommodation.*

*Victor asks if it is active members or elected members that are going.*

*Anaïs responds that at least active members are able to come.*

*Victor wonders if the committee members are able to go even if the Head of the Committee can not go.*

*Anaïs responds that it is possible.*

9. Discussion point: Statistics

*Annie reminds the Board about the document that has all the Statistics for the committees and that the committees should fill in all the details about the statistics of the events.*

*Ella wonders if the Activity Committee needs to fill in the document.*

*Annie responds that the Activity Committee will need to fill in the document,*

*Nora wonders if it needs to be used for every occasion.*

*Annie responds that it is needed for every occasion or event.*

10. Decision point: Steering Document Working Group

*Annie informs that there is another working group that needs to be formed according to the Statutes. The working group will be reading through statutes and policies in order to avoid grammatical mistakes and typing mistakes.*

*Ana wonders what a steering document is.*

*Annie responds that they are for example Statutes and Policies.*

*Kathryn informs that some of the steering documents have been written vaguely, and that some of the wording should be changed.*

*Anaïs wants to be part of the working group.*

*Victor wants to be part of the working group.*

*Hassan wonders what Kathryn meant by not well-written language in the documents.*

*Kathryn responds that they should have a more clear phrasing.*

*Santeri wants to be part of the working group.*

*Victor wonders if there are only PDF files of these documents.*

*Kathryn responds regarding how to find the correct Word documents – she also wants to join the working group.*

*Hassan wants to be part of the working group.*

*Elliott wonders if there are paper back-ups of the documents.*

*Annie responds that there are not but that could be organised.*

*The Board decides to elect Anaïs Le Pluart, Kathryn Dolan, Victor Åstrand, Santeri Rönty, and Hassan El-Saghir into the Policy working group at 18:17.*

#### 11. Decision Point: Collaboration with CMES

*Annie, Ana, Love and Sara present the discussion point regarding the panel discussion regarding Iran next week. One of the speakers could be regarded as controversial. He was supposed to be at a panel discussion in Stockholm but the panel was cancelled. The controversy around him raises the question about the extent to which UPF Lund wants to protect the association from harm to its reputation.*

*Elliott suggests that it is important to evaluate which kind of a speech he intends to hold – in order to be non-political, we will have to take into account all the points of view. That is, if the points of view do not go directly against human rights.*

*Victor adds that it is a panel discussion, not a speech from one point of view.*

*Ana wonders what the Vice-Chancellor of the Medical Faculty means by supporting us.*

*Annie responds that we can take up the discussion with AF before the panel discussion.*

*Kathryn wonders what the worst case scenario would be from AF.*

*Annie responds that they could kick the association out from the AF.*

*Laila suggests that in the setting of a panel discussion, the audience is able to ask questions from the panellists, so the discussion would be open. The University would not invite anyone who is very controversial.*

*Anaïs suggests that the situation could escalate into something between UPF and UFS, and that it could even affect our grants.*

*Anna wonders if our only worry is the relation between AF and UPF, or even in other dimensions, like UFS, grants, reputation, public pressure, or other member associations.*

*Annie's biggest concern is that the panellist would be speaking against womens' rights. If there is a controversy deriving from the panel discussion, we do not necessarily have the capacity to deal with the situation.*

*Dianne wonders if our concerns have been communicated with CMES, and if not taking part in the panel discussion would in any way harm the relation between UPF and CMES.*

*Annie responds that we do get a grant from the collaboration.*

*Hassan suggests that he does not see how the person is talking in favour of the Iranian regime or against women.*

*Isabella proposes a break of 10 minutes.*

*The Board decides to take a break of 10 minutes at 19:54.*

*The Board continues the discussion at 19:07.*

*Isabella points out that the Board seems to have a common view on the issue, but that we would need to make a statement.*

*Helene suggests that pulling out from the lecture seems a bit extreme.*

*Victor suggests that much of the discussion on what could happen if we do go along with the current plan is pure speculation.*

*Elliott suggests that a statement can always be made if needed, and that pulling out is a political statement in itself.*

*Kathryn suggests that it could be a better idea to post a disclaimer regarding the*

*content of the panel discussion.*

*Laila wonders if the panel discussion is going to be organised in English.*

*Annie responds that it is.*

*Love suggests that pulling out from a panel discussion where we have another speaker who is due to have another lecture in two weeks could harm the other lecture as well.*

*Hassan suggests that it worries him that we have not had enough time to study what he has written or spoken in public. He also suggests that we could take a bit more time to make the decision.*

*Annie responds that we do not have any more time to find the response to the problem.*

*Isabella suggests that it would be a good idea to have a disclaimer published if we do go on with the panel discussion.*

*Annie suggests that having a disclaimer before the panel discussion does suggest that we were aware of the problem before the lecture.*

*Ana wonders how it is our responsibility to determine who is going to be at a panel discussion when it is not our event.*

*Helene points out that this person has not said anything against women's rights or on behalf of the regime in Iran.*

*Love suggests that we do keep the panel discussion, and that we do have a disclaimer ready after the panel discussion. Pulling out from the panel discussion would leave a lot of mess to clean for the Lecture Committee.*

*Hassan suggests that we ought to have a disclaimer that does not take a stand for the person, but rather a clarification of the situation.*

*The Board decides to go into decision at 19:37.*

*Three Board members abstain from voting.*

*The Board decides by the raise of a hand to go forward with the collaboration to keep the panel discussion at 19:38.*

*The Board decides by the raise of a hand to not publish a disclaimer at 19:40.*

## 12. Presidium Reporting

## 12.1. Presidents

- 12.1.1. Planning Skanör for spring semester
- 12.1.2. Crashing and fixing the UPF website
- 12.1.3. Updating the UPF website information
- 12.1.4. Considering appropriate action over the web development of the Perspective website
- 12.1.5. Updated the policy documents with changes made at the Annual Meeting
- 12.1.6. Initiating *Lundsala* exchange
- 12.1.7. Preparing information and presenting at the Annual Meeting last week

## 12.2. Secretary

- 12.2.1. Three more newsletters written
- 12.2.2. Responded to some emails
- 12.2.3. The protocols from the last three Board Meetings have been finished – now waiting to be uploaded on the website

## 12.3. Treasurer

- 12.3.1. Paid invoices and done reimbursements

## 12.4. UFS Representative

- 12.4.1. Had the first UFS Board meeting
- 12.4.2. Fixing the last of the start-up admin with UFS
- 12.4.3. Started meeting the committees
- 12.4.4. UFS nominated two people to LSUs youth representative positions to the UN
- 12.4.5. Created the external opportunities channel

## 13. Committee Reporting

### 13.1. Activity

- 13.1.1. Planned a kick-off with Lecture and PR for Tuesday the 11th
- 13.1.2. Informed the committee of the new Ball coordinator trustee and the future open trustee positions
- 13.1.3. Planned future non-confirmed activities: Baking night, Sauna party, Christmas finsittning, Valentine's sittning
- 13.1.4. Finished planning confirmed activities: Spinning class, Clothes swapping event
- 13.1.5. Looked for more events for this semester and next semester

### 13.2. Career

- 13.2.1. FBA with Olivia Nordell together with Lecture
  - 13.2.2. Application period for Trustees. The Trustees have been chosen and there is a plan to have meetings with them this week.
  - 13.2.3. Continued planning the Career Fair. The planning is going well, and we will hopefully have a full lineup of guests within a few weeks. Planning to start PR soon.
  - 13.2.4. Continued planning FBA seminars.
  - 13.2.5. Application period Prep Course and Mentorship Programme. The application will open next week and close on the 18th of November.
  - 13.2.6. Kick-off on Friday
- 13.3. Lecture
- 13.3.1. Held lectures with Hampus Holmer and Olivia Nordell
  - 13.3.2. Formulated trustee positions and informed the committee about them
  - 13.3.3. Planned future events
  - 13.3.4. Finalised some details for lectures in the coming weeks
  - 13.3.5. Planned a kick-off with activity and PR
- 13.4. Magazine
- 13.4.1. Installed a new co-head
  - 13.4.2. Held three committee meetings which were well-attended, still increased interest in writing for the committee every week
  - 13.4.3. Decided on the title for the FBA Magazine (“Security for whom?”)
  - 13.4.4. Opened up trustee positions. Two potential candidates within the committee, but not received any applications yet.
  - 13.4.5. Held a writing workshop with Webzine
  - 13.4.6. Planned a committee kick-off activity that will take place next week
  - 13.4.7. Continued search for lay-out editor, although we do have some knowledge of inDesign now through Ronja
- 13.5. Pod&Radio
- 13.5.1. Two trustee applications received
  - 13.5.2. Liveshow held
  - 13.5.3. Working on a Pod for FBA
- 13.6. PR
- 13.6.1. Has created and posted past events done by Lecture and Activity
  - 13.6.2. Has posted the trustee positions from requested committees
  - 13.6.3. Has decided on the upcoming available trustee positions for the PR committee
  - 13.6.4. Has delegated the upcoming tasks between the committee members
  - 13.6.5. Had a kick-off with Lecture and Activity
- 13.7. Travel

- 13.7.1. Currently in the process of paying the deposit for our accommodation
- 13.7.2. Tickets are bought for each person to Jordan, and from Jordan back to CPH
- 13.7.3. Has had a meeting
- 13.7.4. Continuing of reaching out to people and contacts from organisations in Jordan

13.8. Webzine

- 13.8.1. Opened up application for trustees, for one applicant
- 13.8.2. Slowly getting one or two articles in, but still no functioning website so delay of publishing
- 13.8.3. Contact with Shutterstock about the wrong type of licence led to a new offer suitable for us at 1800 EUR. The sum is 800 EUR more, but ensures legal security regarding the pictures.
- 13.8.4. Had a writing workshop together with Magazine

14. Other Points

14.1. Information point Senior Collegium

*Annie presents the point. The Senior Collegium consists of three previous board members. Annie is sharing this in order to inform the board about it.*

14.2. Discussion point: Sodastream

*Kathryn presents a point regarding purchasing a Sodastream to the office. In order to do so, the responsibility of refilling the gas canister will have to be equally distributed.*

*Annie suggests that it is possible that the responsibility will simply be forgotten.*

*Santeri suggests that it will take many months until the gas runs out so it is not that often one needs to refill it.*

*Hassan suggests that the flavouring will also cost.*

*Helene suggests that after the first month it is used a lot, but will be forgotten about after that.*

*Claudia suggests that a new coffee machine would be a priority.*

*Hassan suggests that a Sodastream may not be of efficient use.*

15. Confirmation of Next Board Meeting

*The next Board Meeting will take place on the 3rd of November at 17:00 in Eden 230.*

16. Meeting Adjourned

*Annie Anderek adjourns the meeting at 20:35.*



President

Annie Anderek



Secretary

Santeri Rönty



Meeting attestor

Ella Fasting



Meeting attestor

Zahra Aghazada