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Board Meeting

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The Board 22/23

Association of Foreign Affairs

Present: Annie Anderek, Kathryn Dolan, Santeri Rönty, Anaïs Le Pluart, Francisco Cobos Cabral, Claudia Muñoz-Rojas Domínguez, Victor Åstrand, Julia Hampel, Annalena Herrmann, Love Kirkegaard, Anna Holm, Sara Friman, Elliott Gunnell, Dianne Kok, Ronja Oechsle, Ella Fasting, Natalie de Souza.

Absent: Isabella Silva Ortiz, Hannah Höfle, Donja Tavakolinia, Zahra Aghazada, Ana Caselles Calle.

1. Opening of the Meeting

President Annie Anderek opens the meeting at 17:25.

2. Election of Chair of the Meeting

Annie Anderek is elected the Chair of the Meeting at 17:26.

3. Election of Secretary of the Meeting

Anaïs Le Pluart is elected the Secretary of the Meeting at 17:26.

4. Election of Attesters and Vote Counters of the Meeting

Elliott Gunnell and Love Kirkegaard are elected the Attesters and Vote Counters of the meeting at 17:27.

5. Approval of the Electoral Roll

The Electoral Roll is set at 16 at 17:27.

6. Approval of the Agenda

Julia Hampel moves to remove Motion: Operation Sock from the agenda.

Annie points out that it is better to keep the point in order to avoid the need to move it to the next Board Meeting.

Dianne Kok moved to add a new 10.1 Discussion point: Magazine discussion point.

Elliott Gunnell moved to change points 6 and 7 to points 2 and 3 and to adjust the other points accordingly.

Francisco moved to add a new point 10.2: Discussion point: Budget.

The Agenda is approved with amendments by the Board at 17.31.

7. Motions

7.1. Motion to change Website Lead Trustee to IT Trustee

Kathryn presents the motion to the Board.

Francisco wonders who would be responsible for being the contact person in the board for the IT Board Trustee.

Annie responds that most likely it would be one of the presidents.

The Board is proposed to approve the addition of the position of 'IT Board Trustee' to the UPF Rules and Regulations and send it to the Annual Election Meeting on May 6th.

The Board approves the motion at 17:39

7.2. Motion: Factchecker Trustee

Julia presents the motion to the Board. Fact checkers have been used as informal trustees for two years and the committee would now like to formalise this.

The Board is proposed to approve the addition of the position of 'Factchecker' to the UPF Rules and Regulations and send it to the Annual Election Meeting on May 6th.

Annie suggests that a discussion is held but that the final decision be made via PC decision. The question of whether it then would need to be ratified before the Annual Meeting is raised.

The decision is tabled until after the first break.

The point is reopened at 18:51.

Anaïs suggests some grammatical changes.

The board approves the motion with grammatical changes at 18:53.

7.3. Motion: Lecture Trustee descriptions

Sara Friman presents the motion. The Lecture Committee would like to add a third trustee.

Anaïs raises the fact that the format of the motion does not match the rest of the Rules and Regulations.

Sara Friman says that the lecture committee would like to keep the description open for future committee interpretation.

Annie suggests approving the motion with format and editorial changes (changing “responsible” to “obligated” and making the paragraphs bullet points).

Kathryn asks why there needs to be a PR lead trustee when there is a PR committee.

The board approves the motion with formatting and editorial changes at 17:48.

7.4. Motion about the proposed Recruitment strategy

Kathryn presents the motion to the Board. There were a few different old strategies and Kathryn has consolidated, updated and rewritten them. She highlights that the document should be treated as suggestions and not rules. The Board is proposed to adopt the Recruitment Strategy.

Annie wonders if the next Board is obligated to follow this Recruitment strategy.

Kathryn responds that the Recruitment strategy is a strong recommendation.

Anais asks why a novice period isn't mentioned in the document.

Kathryn answers that the current structure would imply a too large workload on the vice president.

Annie Anderek discusses adding something regarding events earlier during the semester.

Elliott Gunnell responds that the Recruitment working group wants to avoid telling the future board what to do.

Anna Holm raises that the prep course currently does not require membership, which the Recruitment Strategy assumes in its current form.

Annie Anderek asks if it would be too much to ask to require membership from applicants to the prep course.

Anna Holm and Victor Åstrand say it may be difficult to find applicants.

Elliott Gunnell suggests that the details be discussed at another time.

Francisco raises the efficacy of novice events.

The Board approves the motion at 18:02.

Dianne Kok left the meeting at 18:03.

The board set the electoral roll to 15.

7.5. Motion to add The Debate Committee to the Rules and Regulations

Francisco presents the motion to the Board.

The Board is proposed to add the new point 4.4 The Debate Committee and approve to send the proposal to the Annual Election Meeting.

Julia raises that it would be unfair to exclude the debate committee from the board simply due to the board being very large.

Claudia asks what consequences the change would make to the other committees' budgets.

Francisco answers that it should not affect the other committees' budgets significantly.

Annie requests that the date when the Debate Committee should begin existing should be added to the motion.

Francisco replies that he isn't sure but would like the Debate Committee to become official starting the next operational year.

Annie and Francisco discuss whether people who have applied to be a debate coordinator can also be elected as board members when the positions have not been announced as such. The conclusion is that the annual meeting should be able to change the type of the election, but the candidate should be informed and consenting.

Kathryn asks if the number of tournaments that trustees should organise be specified.

Francisco responds that it could be but is perhaps not necessary.

Love asks if the annual meeting could create a Debate Committee but not elect the heads to the board.

Annie lists the types of Committee heads possible according to the steering documents.

Julia asks if the Debate Coordinator can be elected to the board at an extra electoral meeting or by-election.

Francisco replies that yes, that would be possible.

Anais asks if the election process must be decided on now or if the board can approve the motion and decide

Annie replies that the board should decide now, but suggests that the board asks the annual meeting to delegate the election to the board at a later date.

Annie raises that the debate committee is already mentioned in the rules and regulations and should be removed before it is added to a new place.

The board decides on a break at 18:23.

The meeting reopens at 18:50.

The electoral roll is set to 14 at 18:50.

Further discussion of the election process is held.

The board approves the motion and decides to send it to the annual meeting at 18:59.

7.6. Motion about Changes to the Rules and Regulations

Santeri presents the motion to the Board.

Annie requests a copy of the motion to track changes during the discussion.

Elliott and Annie that the formulation “The Board is responsible for regularly evaluating, establishing and revising the Association's regulatory documents under the Statutes as well as the Rules and Regulations.” be changed to The Board is responsible for regularly evaluating, establishing and revising the Association's regulatory documents.”

Elliott asked to change “run” to “responsibly run”.

Elliott asked to change “Make sure changes that have been decided upon are implemented” to “implement changes decided on by the board and annual meetings”.

Anaïs requests it be changed to “ensure the implementation of changes decided on by the board and annual meetings”.

Elliott asks to change “§6 Strive to adjust the operations of the Association in accordance with the evaluation results.” to "Evaluate and adjust operations of the association to reflect the best interest of the members". Elliott retracts his request.

Elliott asks to change “§7 The responsibilities of the President are not limited to the points mentioned in this document and other tasks will potentially end up being their responsibility during the operational year.” to "The responsibilities of the President are not limited to the previously stated points, but can at times, include other tasks throughout the term".

Annie suggests "The responsibilities of the President are not limited to the previously stated points, but can include other tasks throughout the operational year".

Elliott asks to change “Arrange seminars with a connection to future careers for all members of the Association every year,” to Arrange seminars with a connection to future careers in foreign affairs for all members of the Association every year;”

Anna asks to remove the point entirely as the committee has been moving away from open seminars.

Annie suggests it be changed to “Every year arrange seminars with a connection to career for all members of the Association,”. The board agrees.

Victor suggests that “Preparing and bringing fika, merch, UPF material, gifts etc for the Career Committee events,” be changed to “Preparing and bringing fika, merchandise, gifts etc for the Career Committee events,”. The board agrees.

Elliott asks to change “Perspective magazine website” to "perspective.se".

Victor suggests removing the dash in “prep-course” everywhere. Annie replies that this is an editorial change.

The issue is raised that several committees share perspective.se, not just the magazine.

Annie suggests changing it to “This may include performing similar maintenance on The Perspective website.”. The board agrees.

Love asks about who the travel committee plans trips for. Annie explains.

Elliott asks why the document should not stipulate that one member of a crisis group must be a member of the presidium? Annie agrees that it should be included, perhaps as an option which is “preferred”.

Elliott asks that the crisis group should always include a member of the presidium.

Annie informs the board that this is already stipulated in the policy regarding crisis groups.

Anaïs explains why the proposal has been suggested.

A discussion is held on the pros and cons and consequences of changing the structure of the crisis group.

Annie suggests changing it to “The Crisis Group is elected by the board in accordance with the crisis and risk mitigation policy when necessary and assumes their roles effective immediately”.

Francisco suggests leaving the proposal as is.

Anaïs suggests a test votation on proposal 26 regarding the crisis group. The option to approve the proposal as originally written wins.

The Board is proposed to approve changes 1-30 and approve to send the proposals to the Annual Election Meeting.

The board approves the motion and new version of the Rules and Regulations and decides to send it to the annual meeting with the above changes at 19:52.

The Board decides to take a break at 19:52.

7.7. Motion about Changes to the Statutes

Annie reopens the meeting at 20:03.

Francisco presents the motion to the Board.

The Board is proposed to approve changes 1-7 and approve to send the proposal to the Annual Election Meeting.

Elliott says the sentence “§ 1.5 Signatories The Association of Foreign Affairs’ Board gives the right to sign the firm to individuals. The President and The Treasurer are individual signatories for the Association.” does not make sense.

Anaïs asks if the auditor or another expert can be asked which would be the most correct formulation.

Annie explains the translation and meanings of the Swedish legal terms and argues for the formulation in the proposal.

Elliott retracts his suggestion.

Francisco suggests retracting the proposal if the previous formulation works and the proposal could cause issues with the bank or the authorities.

Anaïs asks why we changed it in the first place.

Annie replies that the current version was unclear.

Victor suggests adding “the”.

Annie suggests “The Association of Foreign Affairs’ Board have the right to sign the firm. The President and the Treasurer are individually signatory for the Association.” the board agrees.

Regarding proposal 4, Elliott asks why the board doesn’t just appoint a Nominating Committee instead of directly considering applications. Anaïs and Annie reply that the proposal aims to solve the issue of when the nominating committee positions are vacant.

Elliott asks why the board can’t just be appointed by the board when vacant.

Annie replies that they are vacant because there are no candidates.

Elliott suggests changing “The Association of Foreign Affairs, by students referred to as UPF, was founded in 1935.” to “The Association of Foreign Affairs, commonly referred to as UPF Lund, was founded by students of Lund University in 1935.”

Kathryn suggests “The Association of Foreign Affairs, commonly referred to as UPF Lund, was founded by Gösta Lindeberg and students of Lund University in 1935.”

Elliott asks which year, regarding the sentence “UPF Statutes were first established through its first reading during the Annual Election Meeting on May 9”

Annie suggests changing it to “UPF Statutes were first established through its first reading during the Annual Election Meeting on May 9 2020 and was voted through its second reading at the Annual Meeting on September 24, thereby replacing the UPF by-laws.”

The board approves the motion and new version of the Statutes and decides to send it to the annual meeting with the above changes at 19:52.

7.8. Motion: Operation Sock

Elliott presents the motion to the Board.

The Board is proposed to adopt a sock-based approach to merchandise and physical PR manoeuvres.

Elliott withdraws the motion since it was just for fun.

8. Presidium Reporting

8.1. Presidents

- 8.1.1. Met with Uppsala and Stockholm to plan the Lundsala exchange
- 8.1.2. Redrafted and completed the proposed recruitment strategy for 23/24
- 8.1.3. Wrote the motion to adopt the recruitment strategy
- 8.1.4. Wrote the motion to change the position of website lead trustee to IT Board trustee
- 8.1.5. Created a leadership workshop with the UFS Rep
- 8.1.6. Finalised and submitted the FBA report
- 8.1.7. Met with Senior Collegium members in Monaco

8.2. Secretary

- 8.2.1. Wrote three newsletters
- 8.2.2. Took part in the Policy Working Group meetings and made changes in all planned policy documents, ready for an approval by the Board
- 8.2.3. Responded to mails
- 8.2.4. Wrote an article for Webzine
- 8.2.5. Wrote an article for Magazine

8.3. Treasurer

- 8.3.1. Aided the President in finishing the FBA report for 2022
- 8.3.2. Finished payments from March
- 8.3.3. Finished accounting from March
- 8.3.4. Completed the third quarterly report
- 8.3.5. Attended one FAC
- 8.3.6. Attended one Policy Working Group meeting
- 8.3.7. Met with the Auditor to run over the budget and quarterly reports so far

8.4. UFS Representative

- 8.4.1. Took part in Policy Working Group meetings
- 8.4.2. Prepared Policy motions
- 8.4.3. Planned and booked things for the Lundsala exchange
- 8.4.4. Took part in a meeting to re-prioritise the UFS operational plan

9. Committee Reporting

9.1. Activity

- 9.1.1. Held a movie night
- 9.1.2. Had a hike
- 9.1.3. Planned for the upcoming events
 - 9.1.3.1. Waltz workshop
 - 9.1.3.2. The Ball
 - 9.1.3.3. BBQ

9.2. Career

- 9.2.1. Hosted an FBA seminar
- 9.2.2. Hosted two Prep Course seminars
- 9.2.3. Had a potluck
- 9.2.4. Confirmed the study visit at UN City for the 12th of May

9.3. Lecture

- 9.3.1. Has held two lectures
- 9.3.2. Has been organising the Anna Lindh Lecture in collaboration with RWI and LU
- 9.3.3. Continues to finalise planning for lectures in May

9.4. Magazine

- 9.4.1. Progressed with all articles as well as all other magi-related things for the third edition
- 9.4.2. Chose a title for the third edition
- 9.4.3. Spoken to ISSUU about uploading restrictions of files over 50 pages

9.5. Pod&Radio

- 9.5.1. Had a committee hangout
- 9.5.2. Worked on the questions for the FBA Podcasts
- 9.5.3. Scheduled Editing with the Editing Trustee
- 9.5.4. Fixed the Spotify Stream with the help of Senior Collegium Member Ismar Didic

9.6. PR

- 9.6.1. Created content for events, lectures and beyond
- 9.6.2. Held an unofficial committee hangout with Activity and Career
- 9.6.3. Planned Ball content with activity
- 9.6.4. Took pictures at UPF events and lectures
- 9.6.5. Talked about PR for Travel's trip
- 9.6.6. Posted trustee pictures

- 9.7. Travel
 - 9.7.1. No updates

- 9.8. Webzine
 - 9.8.1. Increased publishing articles to two per week
 - 9.8.2. Held committee meetings and planned new articles
 - 9.8.3. Held a committee hangout with Pod&Radio, Lecture, and Magazine

10. Other Points

10.1. Discussion point: ISSUU License

Ronja presents the motion to the Board. The Magazine Committee asks if they can stop using ISSUU to upload their magazines since it is no longer free and wants to .

The board discusses various storage and upload options.

Elliott asks what the perks of ISSUU.

Ronja responds that it was for aesthetics and ease of use but that it is no longer worth the money. The oldest issue on ISSUU is from 2014.

Annie says the old issues can probably fit on the drive.

10.2. Discussion point: Budget

Francisco informs the board that due to budget decreases the operational budget of 2022-2023 is at risk of deficit.

Julia says that Webzine has money left over.

Victor asks what happens if the association goes into deficit.

Annie responds that it's not yet a crisis.

Santeri informs the meeting that membership numbers have remained stable throughout the year.

Francisco implores the board to trend towards adjusting budgets down rather than up due to the current political situation in Sweden.

11. Confirmation of Next Board Meeting

The Annual Election Meeting will be held on 6 May 2023, likely in LUX.

12. Meeting Adjourned

Annie Anderek adjourns the meeting at 21:03



President
Annie Anderek



Secretary
Anaïs Le Pluart



Meeting attester
Elliott Gunnell



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Love Kirkegaard