



ASSOCIATION OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

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Board Meeting

2023-05-25, 17:00–20:00

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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, Kristin Häsler, Dalija Logar, Natalie de Souza, Antoine Vincenot, Iris Diotallevi, Isabella Silva Ortiz, Victor Åstrand, Hannah Höfle, Emily Wudie Jonsson, Elliott Gunnell, Seth Engellau, Karolina Markusson, Ffion McEvoy, Cajsa Aronsson, Ella Fasting, Joosep Raudsepp, Love Kirkegaard, Ana Caselles Calle, Sara Friman, Annalena Herrmann, Johanna Marie Fredrich, Ronja Oechsle, Dianne Kok, Anna Szabó, Anna Holm, Marco Rizzi

Absent: Donja Tavakolinia, Zahra Aghazada

1. Opening of the Meeting

President Annie Anderek opens the Meeting at 17:20.

2. Election of Chair of the Meeting

Annie Anderek is elected the Chair of the Meeting at 17:20.

3. Election of Secretary of the Meeting

Santeri Rönty is elected the Secretary of the Meeting at 17:20.

4. Election of Attesters and Vote Counters of the Meeting

Claudia Muñoz-Rojas Domínguez and Victor Åstrand are elected Attesters and Vote Counters of the Meeting at 17:21.

5. Approval of the Electoral Roll

The Electoral Roll is set at 20 at 17:22.

6. Approval of the Agenda

Francisco would like to add a point 10.9 Debate.

The Board approves the Agenda with the amendments at 17:23.

7. Information point: Handovers and the upcoming operational year

Annie presents the information point to the Board meeting, in which she reminds the current Board to hold their Handover meetings. The keys of the current Board members should be handed in to Annie and Claudia will give the onwards to the new Board members. In addition, Annie has sent a reminder about the Board kick-off in Skanör and other important dates during the beginning of next operational year.

8. Motions

8.1. Motion about individual signatories

Annie presents the motion to the Board meeting. The President and the Treasurer are the signatories of the firm and when moving to the next operational year, the signatories need to be accepted by the Board. She suggests that the Board of the operational year of 2022/2023 accepts the motion.

The Board approves the Motion at 17:28.

8.2. Motion about SUHEN collaboration

Annie presents the motion to the Board meeting. SUHEN approached UPF with an opportunity of association collaboration. The purpose of the association is to promote the EU to Swedish students.

Julia points out that even if it is for Swedish-speakers only, it's a remarkable opportunity.

Love wonders how long the contract is.

Annie responds that we can leave the contract any time.

Annalena wonders if it is for only Swedish students or also Swedish-speaking students.

Annie responds that the events are in Swedish, so if you do speak Swedish, you have the opportunity to go. There are no requirements for being Swedish.

Francisco points out that this should be made into a reminder to PR in order for them to remember to promote the events.

Annie points out that it is possible for the new Board to cancel the collaboration if needed.

Johanna wonders if the communication can be held in English.

Annie responds that it can.

Natalie wonders how many people will be selected and how they will be selected.

Annie responds that there will be a set amount of spots available for UPF and that the Board of 23/24 will decide on the best way to do the selection.

Ana wonders how big the association is.

Annie responds that they started their operations last year.

Victor wonders how many events the association would share with UPF.

Annie responds that there are a few during the year, some online too.

Elliott wonders about logo-sharing within our Association and vice-versa.

Annie responds that the conversation will be brought up later.

Ana suggests that Claudia were to look at the old contracts for inspiration contentwise.

The Board approves the Motion at 17:41.

8.3. Motion about funding for Mostar Rock School

Hannah presents the Motion to the Board. She suggests to the Board to start a GoFundMe set up by the Travel Committee in order to support the funding of Mostar Rock School.

Julia wonders how it aligns with our financial policies and how it would affect our funding.

Annie responds that she does not know anything that suggests that it would go against our funding. She points out that we are not using our own operational budget, but the funding comes from the outside.

Love wonders how the GoFundMe would affect Board work.

Hannah responds that the work will stay within the Travel Committee.

Annie wonders about the time frame of the GoFundMe.

Hannah responds that the time frame depends on the Board and the Presidium.

Anaïs supports the idea.

Dianne wonders if there is a target amount of funding.

Hannah responds that any contribution will be amazing.

Elliott wonders how the funding would affect the Mostar Rock School.

Hannah responds that the school might need to end their operations if the funding becomes too low. She points out that it is not only about donating but the impact that it would have on this specific target.

Victor wonders if the idea is only for members or for the general public.

Hannah responds that the idea is that UPF's name would be on the GoFundMe.

Seth points out that it would perhaps be better if Mostar Rock School sets it up and we share it with our members.

Hannah responds that it might logistically be a better idea. She suggests that the end goal is the most crucial.

Kathryn supports the idea. She wonders if the GoFundMe is open to the broader public or only for UPF and the Alumni.

Hannah responds that it is open to anyone.

Julia points out that this idea could reflect on future collaborations too.

Annie points out that the formalia suggests that this motion should conclude the discussion, which is why there is a possibility to take a look at the logistics first and make a PC decision.

Elliott is concerned about the timing. He suggests that the Board should take it up again next semester when the new Board has started its operations.

Emily suggests that if the motion is approved now, it will not be left hanging.

Anaïs agrees with Emily and supports its launch.

Annie suggests that any new proposal should be presented.

Hannah clarifies that even if the Motion is passed, the Travel Committee will take into account any possible difficulties regarding policies or the Statutes. If the Motion passes, the Travel Committee will take contact with Mostar Rock School to figure out the best logistics.

Marco supports what Seth pointed out earlier.

Johanna points out that Mostar Rock School might already know best how fundings would work for them.

Hannah responds that either way it is important for the Travel Committee to have the Board support on the question, with no need to discuss the actual planning.

The Board takes a break of 15 minutes at 18:11.

The Board recommences the Board Meeting at 18:26.

A new motion has been presented.

The Board is proposed to approve that the committee looks into a process of facilitating the process of donating money to Mostar Rock School.

Elliott calls for a secret ballot.

The Board approves the Motion at 18:27.

The Electoral Roll is set at 19 at 18:28.

8.4. Motions about policy documents

8.4.1. Environmental policy

Anaïs and Francisco present the Motion to the Board meeting. The proposals are the following:

Proposal 1:

Change small grammatical changes that don't change the meaning of the sentence, such as:

- Adding and removing punctuation*
- Capitalizing or making minuscule*
- Removing, adding or replacing articles, conjunctions and prepositions such as "to"s, "a"s, "the"s, "in", "this", "which", etc.*
- "Taking" decisions changed to "making" decisions everywhere*
- Making some words plural or singular*

Proposal 2:

Change on the cover

Therefore, our vision is minimal environmental impact

To

Therefore, our vision is to have minimal environmental impact

Proposal 3:

Change in PURPOSE

As a polluter we are not very large, but since every contribution matters, we commit to minimizing our environmental impact on a local and global level as much as possible.

To

Despite us not being a big polluter, every contribution matters. We therefore commit to minimizing our environmental impact on a local and global level as much as possible.

Proposal 4:

Change in 1. GENERAL GUIDELINES

1.2 Furthermore, we aim to use as much carbon neutral transportation as possible for ourselves and externally invited people. We treat the local nature with care and respect when at home or away.

To

1.2 Furthermore, we aim to use the most environmentally friendly forms of transportation available for ourselves and externally invited people. We treat nature with care and respect both at home and away.

Proposal 5:

Change in 1. GENERAL GUIDELINES

1.4 The committee heads of every committee should always be mindful of how their specific activities affect the environment and work continuously to minimize this impact.

To

1.4 The heads of each committee should always be mindful of how their specific activities affect the environment and work continuously to minimize this impact.

Proposal 6:

Change in 3. UPF EVENTS

3.6 Lecturers and other invited guests should use the most environmentally friendly means of transportation available and possible.

To

3.6 Lecturers and other invited guests should use the most environmentally friendly means of transportation.

The Board approves the Motion at 18:30.

8.4.2. Anti-corruption policy

Anaïs and Francisco present the Motion to the Board meeting. The proposals are the following:

Proposal 1:

Change small grammatical changes that don't change the meaning of the sentence, such as:

- Adding and removing punctuation*
- Capitalizing or making minuscule*
- Removing, adding or replacing articles, conjunctions and prepositions such as "to"s, "a"s, "the"s, "in", "this", "which", etc.*
- "Taking" decisions changed to "making" decisions everywhere*
- Making some words plural or singular*

Proposal 2:

Change in §2.3 Zero Tolerance for Corruption

Paragraph title: "Unacceptance"

To

Paragraph title: "Zero Tolerance for Corruption"

Proposal 3:

Change in §2.4 Information

“Always inform what UPF Lund stands for and its values”

To

“Information on UPF Lund’s values and what it stands for shall be provided”

Proposal 4:

Change in §2.5 Action

“The working group has no mandate to take actions on behalf of the association, the actions must be presented and approved by the Board.”

To

“The working group has no mandate to take action on behalf of the association. Actions must be presented and approved by the Board.”

The Board approves the Motion at 18:32.

8.4.3. Discrimination and Sexual harassment policy

Anaïs and Francisco present the Motion to the Board meeting. The proposals are the following:

Proposal 1:

Make grammatical changes in accordance with the attached appendix, such as:

- Adding and removing punctuation*
- Capitalizing or making minuscule*
- Removing, adding or replacing articles, conjunctions and prepositions such as “to”s, “a”s, “the”s, “in”, “this”, “which”, etc.*
- “Taking” decisions changed to “making” decisions everywhere*
- Making some words plural or singular*

Proposal 2:

Change

UPF recognizes the need and its responsibility to work proactively to hinder harmful incidents from occurring at UPF activities and events as well as provide guidelines for how to address an incident after it has occurred to create a safe and inclusive environment for all its members.

To

UPF recognizes the need and its responsibility to work proactively to prevent discrimination and sexual harassment from occurring at UPF activities and events as well as provide guidelines for how to address an incident after it has occurred to create a safe and inclusive environment for all its members.

Proposal 3:

Change

§ 1.4.2 Each committee shall keep in mind to present topics that represent a broad perspective of the world and keep broad representation in mind within their operations.

To

§ 1.4.2 Each committee shall aim to present topics that represent a broad perspective of the world.

Proposal 4:

Change

§ 2.1.1 Discrimination will here be defined as: Any action by an individual or a group that is to put another individual or group in to a disadvantage based on the grounds of discrimination listed below.

To

§ 2.1.1 Discrimination: Any action by an individual or a group that disadvantages an individual or group based on the grounds for discrimination listed below.

Proposal 5:

Change

§ 2.1.2 If an individual, or a group, attempts to justify an act of discrimination on the basis of their own belonging to a ground of discrimination, the act will not be protected by this policy.

To

§ 2.1.2 Discrimination towards a group that the perpetrator also belongs to is still considered discrimination and is not protected from sanctions.

Proposal 6:

Change

§ 2.2.1 Direct discrimination entails that the individual is discriminated through active choices or actions made by another individual, by a group or by society.

To

§ 2.2.1 Direct discrimination is when an individual is discriminated against through active choices or actions made by another individual, by a group or by society.

Proposal 7:

Change

§ 2.2.2 Indirect discrimination entails that an individual is discriminated by a criteria, a regulation, an action, et cetera, that at first glance seems to be neutral but later turns out to be discriminating or to favour discriminatorial behaviour.

To

§ 2.2.2 Indirect discrimination is when an individual is discriminated against by a criteria, a regulation, an action, et cetera, that at first glance seems to be neutral but later turns out to be discriminating or to favor discriminatory behavior.

Proposal 8:

Change

§ 2.3 Grounds of discrimination

To

§ 2.3 Grounds for discrimination

Proposal 9:

Change

§ 2.3.1 Gender, gender transgressing identities or expressions: The individual's gender identification, whether it is man, woman, neither or somewhere in between, along with the individual's visual attributes of belonging to one of the genders or several of them.

§ 2.3.2 Sexual orientation: People who identify with one or more of the LGBTQ+ groups.

§ 2.3.3 *Socioeconomic background: The individual's economical and/or personal background from their childhood or earlier life experiences.*

§ 2.3.4 *Ethnicity: The individual's national or ethnical background, skin color or similar circumstances.*

§ 2.3.5 *Disability: The individual has lasting physical, psychological and/or mental limitations of the individual's functional ability as a consequence of an injury or illness from birth, that has occurred thereafter, or that might be expected to occur.*

§ 2.3.6 *Religious/spiritual conviction: Belonging to a specific religious/spiritual group or the individual's personal beliefs.*

§ 2.3.7 *Age*

§ 2.3.8 *Political conviction: The individual's political opinions and standpoints.*

To

§ 2.3.1 *UPF Lund follows the grounds for discrimination as listed in the law (2014:958): gender, gender nonconformity or expression, ethnicity, disability, sexual orientation, age, and religion or other belief.*

Proposal 10:

Adding under 3. PRE-EMPTIVE STEPS

3.5 Relationships within the association that could entail potential conflicts of interest or power imbalances must be disclosed to the president or vice president. Potential bias must be taken into account when the affected parties make decisions or organise operations.

The Board approves the Motion at 18:39

8.4.4. Economic policy

Anaïs and Francisco present the Motion to the Board meeting. The proposals are the following:

Proposal 1:

Make grammatical changes in accordance with the attached appendix, such as:

- Adding and removing punctuation*
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- Replacing “Taking decisions” to “Making decisions” everywhere*
- Correcting the spelling of some nouns to make them singular or plural as necessary and conjugating verbs.*

Proposal 2:

Change in the Introduction

Besides, a clear framework for spending can help maintain the general objective that resources are always spent with the best interest of the organization in mind.

To

A clear framework for spending can help maintain the general objective that resources are always spent with the best interest of the organization in mind.

Proposal 3 is withdrawn.

The Board approves the Motion at 18:41.

8.4.5. Rules of procedure

Anaïs and Francisco present the Motion to the Board meeting. The proposals are the following:

Proposal 1:

Grammatical changes, such as:

- Adding and removing punctuation*
- Removing or adding “a”s and “the”s that don’t change the meaning of the sentence*
- “Taking” decisions changed to “making” decisions everywhere*
- Making some things plural*

Proposal 2:

Change 1.7 Reservation

A member, who does not agree with a decision, has the right to make a reservation. The member is then freed of responsibility for this decision. Reservations should be handed in to the Secretary of the meeting before the signing of the protocol is done.

To

A member, who does not agree with a decision, has the right to make a reservation. The member is then freed of responsibility for this decision. Reservations should be handed in to the Secretary of the meeting before the end of the meeting.

Proposal 3:

Change 2.4 Going into decision

Meeting chair can ask to go into decision or anyone at the meeting can ask for end of debate. When the board ends discussion about an election or other topics they must formally go into decision.

To

The Meeting chair can ask to go into decision or anyone at the meeting can ask for an end of debate. When the board ends a discussion, they must formally go into decision.

Proposal 4:

Change 3.3 In case of no nomination, no counter-candidacies, and no registered candidates

1) Chair of the meeting will ask if there is anyone willing to free nominate themselves for the position.

1) The Chair of the meeting will ask if there is anyone willing to free nominate themselves for the position.

The Board approves the Motion at 18:34.

9. Presidium Reporting

9.1. Presidents

- 9.1.1. Delivered a Presidential Address at UPF Spring Ball
- 9.1.2. Hosted six FAC's
- 9.1.3. Coordinated the UPF Annual Election Meeting
- 9.1.4. Interviewed with the Police regarding the AF robbery
- 9.1.5. Attended the UFS Annual Election Meeting in Uppsala
- 9.1.6. Kate finished her Master's Thesis
- 9.1.7. Annie finished her final exam
- 9.1.8. Started putting together the end of the year reporting and statistics
- 9.1.9. Started structuring event for the beginning of the new operational year
- 9.1.10. Went to orientation weeks info meeting
- 9.1.11. Started sending out info to the new Board
- 9.1.12. Meeting with SUHEN about potential new collaboration
- 9.1.13. FBA reporting things

9.2. Secretary

- 9.2.1. Written six newsletters
- 9.2.2. Together with the Policy Working Group completed all changes to the policy documents
- 9.2.3. Responded to mails
- 9.2.4. Completed all protocols so far except for the Annual Meeting Protocol
- 9.2.5. Celebrated the new Magi edition
- 9.2.6. Tried to book a time slot to visit the Archives
- 9.2.7. Sent the Secretary handover meeting right before the last B of the operational year

9.3. Treasurer

- 9.3.1. Counter-candidated for Treasurer for the Operational Year of 2023/2024
- 9.3.2. Held a collaboration with ELA Lund for a debate on Artificial Intelligence
- 9.3.3. Attended the Annual Meeting
- 9.3.4. Been elected as Treasurer for the Operational Year 2023/2024
- 9.3.5. Held meeting with Career, Travel, and Activity to run over payments, reporting and budget issues
- 9.3.6. Finished the accounting for April
- 9.3.7. Caught up with payments until the 25th of May

9.4. UFS Representative

- 9.4.1. Had the Lundsala trip
- 9.4.2. Attended the UFS Annual Election Meeting
- 9.4.3. Other UFS Board work and admin tasks

10. Committee Reporting

10.1. Activity

- 10.1.1. Had the Ball
- 10.1.2. Had the Waltz workshop
- 10.1.3. Had Kvalborg and Valborg hangout
- 10.1.4. Had a committee kick-out
- 10.1.5. Almost finished our handover documents and final report

10.2. Career

- 10.2.1. Had a FBA seminar
- 10.2.2. Had three Prep Course seminars
- 10.2.3. Organised a study visit
- 10.2.4. Finalised the documents, budget, statistics etc.
- 10.2.5. Planned a kick-out

10.3. Lecture

- 10.3.1. Held the final lectures of the year
- 10.3.2. Worked on the handover and final reporting

10.4. Magazine

- 10.4.1. Published and received the final edition of The Perspective
- 10.4.2. Elected a new head
- 10.4.3. Delivered magazines to those that should get it
- 10.4.4. Held a committee picnic/hang out and final committee meeting
- 10.4.5. Did statistics

10.5. Pod&Radio

- 10.5.1. Published the final FBA podcast
- 10.5.2. Attended the Annual Meeting
- 10.5.3. Had the final committee meeting
- 10.5.4. Held a kick-out dinner
- 10.5.5. Had a handover meeting with the new Heads

10.6. PR

- 10.6.1. Took pictures at several events and lectures
- 10.6.2. Created content for event and lectures
- 10.6.3. Had a kick-out
- 10.6.4. Began working on handover documents
- 10.6.5. Posted content and events in social media
- 10.6.6. Contacted a possible future PR head

10.7. Travel

- 10.7.1. No updates

10.8. Webzine

- 10.8.1. Published more articles
- 10.8.2. Had a committee hangout
- 10.8.3. Attended the Annual Election Meeting and elected two new Heads of Webzine
- 10.8.4. Worked on the Handover documents and final reports

10.9. Debate

- 10.9.1. Canceled many debate practices due to lack of quorum
- 10.9.2. Had a debate collaboration with ELSA which was very successful
- 10.9.3. Held the last debate practice of the year
- 10.9.4. Finished the handover document for the new Debate Coordinator

11. Other Points

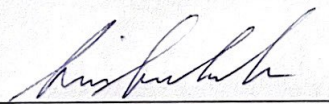
There are no other points.

12. Confirmation of Next Board Meeting

The next Board Meeting will be held during the Operational Year of 2023/2024.

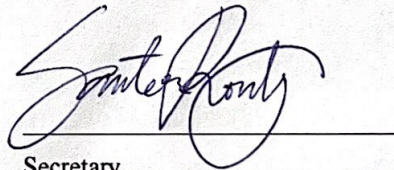
13. Meeting Adjourned

Claudia Muñoz-Rojas Dominguez adjourns the meeting at 19:04.



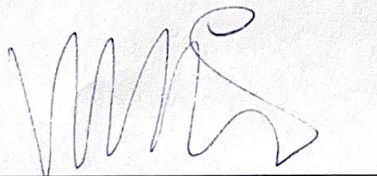
President

Annie Anderek



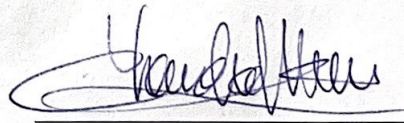
Secretary

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Meeting attester

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