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## **Board Meeting VII**

2024-02-29, 17:00

Eden 236, Lund.

Board of 23/24

Association of Foreign Affairs in Lund

*Present: Claudia Muñoz-Rojas Domínguez, Karolina Markusson, Seth Engellau, Antoine Vincenot, Francisco Cobos Cabral, Natalie De Souza, Edwina Magnus, Philippa Scholz, Joosep Raudsepp, Tawfique Elahi, Anna Dorina Szabo, Kristin Häsler, Iris Diotallevi, Lauren Gerber, Isabella Silva Ortiz, Ronja Lamberg, Dalija Logar, Co-oped Gustav Yxell*

1. Opening of the meeting

*President Claudia Muñoz-Rojas Domínguez opens the meeting at 17.11.*

2. Election of Chair of the Meeting

*Claudia Muñoz-Rojas Domínguez is elected the Chair of the Meeting at 17.11*

3. Election of Secretary of the Meeting

*Edwina Magnus is elected the Secretary of the Meeting at 17.12*

4. Election of Atestors and Vote Counters of the Meeting

*Kristin Häsler and Antoine Vincenot are elected the Attestors and Vote Counters of the meeting at 17.14.*

5. Approval of the Electoral Roll

*The electoral roll is set at 17 at 17.15.*

6. Approval of the Agenda

*Claudia introduces point 10 as a motion about reallocation of project of the year funds to the Lund spring debate tournament.*

*Joosep says that he wants to add a discussion point no 11 about having a former head wanting us to market his political campaign (MEP Visit)*

*Iris wants to have a discussion point 12 about having a lecture from the former President of Tunisia.*

*The Board approves the revised Agenda at 17.19*

7. Information Point: Unfinished Business

*UFS annual meeting - Isabella says nothing to report*

*Europa Direct feedback - Kristin reports that the debate will take place on 16/5 and will keep us updated on how UPF can be part of it.*

8. Decision Point: Motion about Electing an Attestor for the UPF Company Card

*Claudia presents the motion and explains its importance, Claudia used the Company Card without having an attestor for Skanör groceries, and must attest the purchase retrospectively. Someone must be chosen to sign off on the purchase.*

*Kristin nominates herself as the attestor*

*Joosep wonders if the company card can be tapped*

*Claudia says she did not tap it*

*Joosep suggests the tapping function be turned off for safety*

*Fransisco says the card tap function cannot be removed*

*The Board approves the motion to elect Kristin as attestor for the company card at 17:26*

9. Decision Point: Motion about Opening the Position of Head of Lecture for By-Election

*Claudia describes that Marco has resigned as a Head of Lecture, and the plan therefore is to replace him in through By-Election on the 21st of March.*

*Edwina says that she did not know that there was a third Lecture Head.*

*The board approves the Motion about Opening the Position of Head of Lecture for By-Election  
17:31*

*The meeting is paused at 17:31 so that Seth can go to the bathroom*

*The meeting adjourned at 17:36*

10. Decision Point: Motion about reallocation of Project of the Year Funds to the Lund Spring Debate Tournament

*Seth explains that the money was previously allocated to the autumn tournament which did not run as planned due to a lack of participants - Profit of 14 000kr from the autumn tournament which does not go into debate rather into the overall budget. Debate seeks that this money is reinvested into the Spring Debate tournament.*

*Isabella asks how much money it is?*

*Seth clarifies that it is 5000kr.*

*POI Edwina how much money are we talking about?*

*POI Francisco 5000kr was not required in the end from the previous tournament, but since it was so profitable the debate budget was not touched.*

*Karolina asks how much money debate needs?*

*Seth clarifies that the money instead would be a lump sum that went into the project of the year. And he speculates that he won't need all of the money but it is a lump sum that is allocated.*

*Karolina clarifies that a lot of the money made in the autumn was from one of the US participants.*

*Francisco suggests that Debate might not need it, instead they should calculate how much money they need and use it to break even or make a small profit from it. Therefore he suggests it could be saved for a future project. Alternatively if nothing else give it to debate.*

*Tawfique speaks to unforeseen travel costs as a reason why they ought to have the money*

*Seth mentions that they need to pay a chief adjudicator for the tournament to be valid*

*Francisco argues that if there is nothing else we ought to give it to debate and hopefully we get it back. From his experience coming up with a project of the year is a lot of work and this is a good use for it.*

*Claudia abstains from voting*

*Motion about reallocation of Project of the Year Funds to the Lund Spring Debate Tournament.  
The board approves the motion at 17:50.*

## 11. Discussion Point: MEP visit

*Nathalie explains that we received a letter from the political advisor to the former UPF president. The letter suggests that there is a PR request*

*Claudia believes that this is a blatant PR attempt, and this is a political campaign ahead of the upcoming European elections.*

*Joosep agrees with Claudia*

*Seth agrees and highlights that if we were to do something with him we would also have to invite others*

*Ronja mentions this sets a bad precedent for former UPF members*

*Joosep suggests a potential panel debate with young politicians*

*Iris says the lecture is very booked, and they are already organising events on the upcoming European elections and therefore does not believe it is manageable.*

*Nathalie says that a panel discussion would make UPF seem like they are affiliated to the party of the former head.*

*Consensus is that we will ignore the letter for now*

## 12. Discussion Point: Lecture with Former President of Tunisia

*Iris tells that one of her committee members has a contact with the former President of Tunisia who would be very happy to do a UPF lecture. He was a political dissident and HR*

*activist before becoming President of Tunisia. This is an opportunity that Iris would like to make the most of,*

*POI Claudia - which president? Moncef Marzouki*

*Francisco - budgetary concerns? Do we fly him from Tunisia? Do we need security? Do we need to rent a big room?*

*Antoine - he believes it is a good opportunity*

*Seth - also believes this is a good opportunity but considers the practicalities, perhaps a moderator is appropriate*

*Joosep - this is different from the MEP for example because he is not campaigning at all.*

*Claudia - very interesting, agrees that if the budget does not allow this year then it can be something for the autumn.*

*Iris - in may there is only one event that this could fit since it's such a good opportunity. If more committees were willing to become involved financially it could work.*

*Antoine says podcast has no money*

*Joosep says the Center for Middle Eastern Studies might be interested in collaborating financially on this. They would also provide a moderator.*

*Seth asks if there are time constraints?*

*Iris replies that he is available in May and suggests she could ask about September but wonders if she as the current head is allowed to set things up for the coming board*

*Francisco says that there is unfortunately no budget*

*Isabella reiterates Jooseps point*

*Francisco says that Iris ought to ask what the former president requires before saying yes or no*

*Iris will respond to him.*

### 13. Discussion Point: Evaluation of the Meet and Mingle

*Claudia introduces the Meet and Mingle as Karolinas idea*

*Karolina says she thought it was nice to meet other committees and that it was strange that Elliot was not there since he initiated it and that perhaps not many people came or that we should do it again.*

*Joosep says that the concept was cool but perhaps that this should be held in conjunction with the committee meetings since this concept meant that people needed to choose their committee preferences.*

*Seth wonders whether it is because it was a monday*

*Dalija agrees with Joosep but suggests maybe we don't mingle as we did as well as the committee meetings. Although she thinks that the idea to mingle was good.*

*Emily says she loved it and it was great*

*Joosep clarifies that we ought not to have committee meetings included because of those who are part of multiple committees.*

*Edwina plus one on Emily but says that the concept must develop since we can't introduce each other once a month, combined perhaps with the clothing swap in future.*

*Francisco plus one perhaps something else happens after a committee meeting ie a debate, a lecture.*

*Philippa highlights that the calendar must be balanced and not too UPF heavy any particular week.*

*Claudia says that we can continue talking about this at the Foreign Affairs cafe and that we can revisit this at the next board meeting.*

*Karolina asks if the clothing swap should go ahead as planned.*

*Claudia yes it should*

*Joosep does not believe this is practical and is critical to the concept*

*Claudia acknowledges his criticism and that we will revisit it.*

#### 14. Information Point: FBA Reporting

*Claudia says she is missing FBA reporting from Travel (perhaps other committees?)*

*Kristin asks if one is supposed to write something?*

*Paco says yes*

#### 15. Information Point: Budget Follow-Up

*Francisco says there is not much to report - entrance revenues are going fine and we got interest on our investment in the bunden placering konto. From FBA we have 30 000kr less, but entrance revenue is 20 000kr so will hopefully offset the costs.*



*Despite this, it is likely we will have a surplus, and we ought to reallocate the money at some point. Francisco will have a look at it, formulate a motion and urges people to come with their ideas.*

*Antoine asks how magazine has -6000kr*

*Francisco says they received money which was found in the safe*

#### 16. Information Point: Update from policy working group

*Iris says that we have had two productive meetings where we have brainstormed ideas for each topic required.*

- Iris For political non-affiliation - it means different things for different committees*
- Seth for accountability mechanism - list of definitions and discussions of procedure*
- Edwina for minimising the board - general feel that we should be abiding by the statutes*

*Emily asks when this will apply? And who would decide the recommendations for all committees?*

*Iris answers that she also wonders who ought to make the recommendations*

*Francisco says that this will be taken to the annual meeting and that it will be decided by the board*

*Claudia says that everyone has access to everything we are doing and encourages everyone to look at the drafts and that we will look at it together at the next meeting. After everything is clarified we will jointly bring it to the annual meeting. Claudia also clarifies that we have divided the work and highlights that UPF policy can be frustrating and contradictory. Also clarifies that accountability will be more procedural and the other two are more guidelines.*

#### 17. Information Point: Annual Election Meeting

*Claudia says that the suggested date is 11th of May*

*General feeling that this is not a good date.*

*Kristin suggests perhaps it be on a Sunday instead?*

*Seth says that perhaps it perhaps doesn't need to take all day*

*Isabella says it will still take all day*

*Francisco says he is not available*

*Joosep will be in the military and unavailable*

*Claudia will suggest she will ask if the 5th is okay or perhaps the 20th or 21st.*

*Tawfique leaves, the electoral role is set at 16*

## 18. Presidium reporting

### 18.1 Presidents

- 9.1.1. Renewed contracts with our partners
- 9.1.2. Prepared BM & relevant documents
- 9.1.3. Been in contact with NC about annual election meeting
- 9.1.4. Finished MUCF reporting with the treasurer
- 9.1.5. Started FBA reporting with the treasurer

### 9.2. Secretary

- 9.2.1. Finalized the merch purchase, it's coming next week
- 9.2.2. Kept all protocols up to date, they're published on the website
- 9.2.3. Regularly published an updated weekly newsletters and managed incoming members registrations

### 9.3. Treasurer

- 9.3.1. Finished payments until the 28th of February
- 9.3.2. Made approximate adjustments to the report for the month of February and expected expenses and incomes
- 9.3.3. Finished the budget report for FBA
- 9.3.4. Organized and hosted the Meet & Mingle (M&M)
- 9.3.5. Reinvested 100k in the Fasträntekonto at 3.9% for 3 months, after getting our investment of 150k back
- 9.3.6. Helped out with payments and accounting for the Spring Ball.
- 9.3.7. Finished MUCF reporting
- 9.4. UFS Representative
  - 9.4.1. Participated in the Meet and Mingle
  - 9.4.2. Attended UFS BM 4
  - 9.4.3. Kept planning Lundsala
- 10. Committee reporting
  - 10.1. Activity
    - 10.1.1. Has organized a succesful Valentine's sittning
    - 10.1.2. Has opened up the sign-up for the spring ball, which is going great
    - 10.1.3. Has had an Activity Committee hangout
    - 10.1.4. Has organized a hike - 10 March and a clothing swap - 19 March
    - 10.1.5. Ball: April 12
    - 10.1.6. Has started preparations for an event in early May
  - 10.2. Career
    - 10.2.1. Held a Career Talk with Kateryna Lavryk; next Career Talk is coming up on Monday in collab with Lecture
    - 10.2.2. Update about the Mentorship Programme: 7 students were selected and matched with a mentor
    - 10.2.3. Had a meeting with Susanne Linne who will participate at our CV&LinkedIn seminar which we are organising with PR
    - 10.2.4. Started working on a study trip to UN city and embassies : we have one working group and the plan is to have two trips
    - 10.2.5. Worked on FBA reporting

- 10.2.6. Worked on the handover document
- 10.2.7. Nominated a PR trustee
- 10.3. Lecture
  - 10.3.1. We had three committee meetings where we welcomed a few enthusiastic and active committee members
  - 10.3.2. We had a meeting with the PR committee to exchange ideas on how to improve our marketing process
  - 10.3.3. We kept organizing the event on the 7th of May with CFE, including contacting all the speakers
  - 10.3.4. We planned a new lecture on the 29th of April with Valentin Jeutner, professor of International law, about the interpretation of the ruling of the ICJ about the Israeli-Palestinian conflict
  - 10.3.5. We finished our FBA reporting
- 10.4. Magazine
  - 10.4.1. Gone through final rounds of editing
  - 10.4.2. Had an additional drop in editing evening with great turn out
  - 10.4.3. Finished the magazine and sent to print
  - 10.4.4. Had a committee hang out to celebrate the completion of our second magazine
  - 10.4.5. Has organised how to work with Ffion working remotely
- 10.5. Pod&Radio
  - 10.5.1. Ordered and received some of our equipment - we can now work outside of the studio!
  - 10.5.2. Had our first committee hangout
  - 10.5.3. Worked with the Policy Working Group
  - 10.5.4. Finished our FBA reporting
  - 10.5.5. Nominated a PR trustee
- 10.6. PR
  - 10.6.1. Been toastmaster/attended the Valentines sittning
  - 10.6.2. Conducted meetings with new PR trustees of other committees
  - 10.6.3. Created content for many committees

- 10.6.4. Continued to grow UPF instagram/linkedin
- 10.6.5. Begun planning a collaboration with RWI for a panel discussion with human rights actors
- 10.6.6. Participated in the policy working group
- 10.6.7. Finalised FBA reporting
- 10.6.8. Continued to collaborate on the merch purchase and planned the release
- 10.7. Travel
  - 10.7.1. Bought flights to Georgia
  - 10.7.2. Attended the meet and mingle
  - 10.7.3. Assigned tasks for our committee members
  - 10.7.4. Started contacting organizations, and now we have 4 confirmed!
  - 10.7.5. Worked on team building!
  - 10.7.6. Started brainstorming on sightseeing!
  - 10.7.7. Started a great collaboration with the UN association
- 10.8. Webzine
  - 10.8.1. Continued publishing two articles per week
  - 10.8.2. Submitted the FBA Report
  - 10.8.3. Hosted weekly committee meetings
  - 10.8.4. Decided to move to 1 article a week starting mid April
  - 10.8.5. Held a foreign affairs “book” club
  - 10.8.6. Are currently planning a hangout/movie night
- 10.9. Debate
  - 10.9.1. Hosted weekly debate sessions
  - 10.9.2. Hosted one of our monthly socials with the active Committee members
  - 10.9.3. Announced a debate tournament on 4/5 - collaborated with PR to create our tournament picture

## 20. Other Points

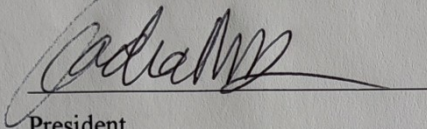
*Francisco has one point, what should we do with the Active Members Fund? It could be used for a more casual event, or a tack-sitting for our active members.*

21. Confirmation of the next Board Meeting

*The next Board Meeting will be held on the 21st of March.*

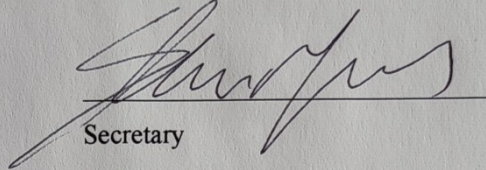
11. Meeting adjourned

*Claudia Muñoz-Rojas Domínguez adjourns the meeting at 19.12.*



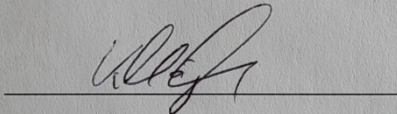
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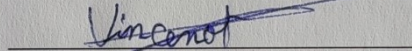
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Meeting attestor

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