



**ASSOCIATION OF
FOREIGN AFFAIRS**

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Board Meeting VII

2025-1-31, 10:00

UPF Office

Board of 25/26

Association of Foreign Affairs Lund

Present: *Ella Hellerup, Emelie Andersson, Filippo Fioretti Boccato, Hwikyung Lee, Klara Sjöström, Lina Ingstrand, Max Ulander, Micol Zubrickaite, Nomena Andrianjafy, Wera Hänsch Mauritzon, Sofia Mina Pessina, Gaia Zubrickaite*

Co-opted: Moa Gustafsson

1. Opening of the Meeting

President Ella Hellerup opens the meeting at 10.11.

2. Election of Chair of the Meeting

Ella Hellerup is elected the Chair of the Meeting at 10.11.

3. Election of Secretary of the Meeting

Emelie Andersson is elected the Secretary of the Meeting at 10.12.

4. Election of Attestors and Vote Counters of the Meeting

Klara Sjöström and Filippo Fioretti Boccato are elected as the Attestors and Vote Counters of the Meeting at 10.12.

5. Approval of the Electoral Roll

The electoral roll is set to 12 at 10.12.

6. Approval of the Agenda

The agenda is approved at 10.13.

7. Information Point: Selection of Participants to Estonia

Max presents the selection criteria that he and Sabina developed for the trip to Estonia.

Max explains that each applicant was given points based on specific criteria: their level of activity in UPF, involvement in RSR planning, their field of study, and their non-academic background, including work experience and participation in other associations and organizations. Additionally, relevance to Estonia and foreign affairs, as well as proficiency in Estonian, were also considered. Max and Sabina also wanted to ensure representation from every committee.

There were a total of 58 applications. Among these, 24 were classified as very strong candidates.

The Board's consensus is that this was a very fair and well-structured point system.

8. Information Point: NCIA 2026

Nomena presents more information about the NCIA 2026 conference. She details that it shall take place between the 17th to the 19th of April. The event is fully funded by UFS and the current budget sits at 30,000 kr. Currently, the project team is looking into avenues for more funding.

Due to logistical reasons, the conference will be held in Malmö. UF Malmö, our co-organizers, has already booked some venues. UPF Lund will take care of the social aspect of the conference, which is to plan a dinner

The theme of the conference is the implications of a changing world order in Nordic-Baltic context

Nomena says that people are very welcome to join the working group.

9. Information Point: Lundsala 2026

Nomena details that the Lundsala knowledge exchange is taking place between the 27th to the 29th of March in Uppsala. UFS will be providing 5000 kr to the

knowledge exchange fund. Nomena and the UF representative from Uppsala will be applying for more funding.

10. Information Point: UPF Lund Website

Filippo has raised an issue with the website: when accessed online, it displays the Board from the previous Operational Year.

11. Discussion Point: UPF Lund Instagrams

Wera discusses that she has spoken with Hwi regarding the Pod & Radio Committee's proposal to create a separate Instagram account. She seeks the board's input on this matter.

Moa suggests a possible collaboration between the webzine's Instagram account and the podcast.

Hwi explains that the rationale for this suggestion is the abundance of information and topics covered in the podcasts, and the limited space on the Upplund Instagram account to highlight this. To address this, Hwi proposes creating short videos and reels for regular posting on a separate account. Additionally, Hwi wants to assign tasks to trustees.

Micol says it may be beneficial to keep UPF more centralized and to showcase a shared vision.

Sofia says it could be positive to have separate Instagram accounts.

Ella disagrees, saying it would be better to work more closely with the PR committee rather than to create separate accounts for posting.

Micol agrees with Ella, noting that we are too small and that people can get lost with several accounts tied to the UPF name.

Lina Ingstrand joins the meeting at 10.44.

Sofia suggests reducing the PR committee submission deadline to less than 10 days to provide greater flexibility in posting. She also highlights that it would be nice to further emphasize the committee's work.

Klara agrees with Sofia about highlighting the work of committees.

Ella disagrees about changing the 10-day rule, as it would place additional pressure on the PR committee.

Emelie suggests working more closely with PR rather than creating Instagram accounts for the different committees. She states that if you want to further highlight your committee, it may be a good idea to be more active in the PR committee. Additionally, she adds that she would be happy to highlight any committee work and events in the newsletter.

Sofia advocates for a more personal representation of each committee and its members on the instagram, showing more behind-the-scenes content. She states that the Instagram account can be limiting in showcasing content in this capacity.

Max says that this is a good thing to highlight, but perhaps on the main Instagram page instead.

Emelie agrees with Max on this point.

Ella highlights that having a separate Instagram account for each committee could be confusing in the long run. For example, one committee might want to work with the Instagram one year, while the same committee might not the following year. Additionally, being the head of, for example, the Lecture committee doesn't entail that the person should also be responsible for public relations.

Nomena suggests that the PR trustees from each committee should try to be a part of PR meetings in order to ensure a shared vision within the Association.

Wera says that having PR trustees involved in committee meetings is highly beneficial.

12. Discussion Point: Lecture committee

Ella explains to the Board that Ellen has resigned from her position as Head of Lecture and Deputy Board Member. She details that conversations between the lecture committee, the nominations committee, and the presidium have been had and the consensus is that there is not a need to open up this position for re-election.

Lina says that it has been going well and there is not a need to fill the spot.

13. Presidium reporting

13.1. Presidents

- Represented UPF at Hälsningsgillet and Student Association Fair
 - Assisted with the planning and/or execution of several events during the Orientation Weeks 2026
 - Handled the resignation of a board member and committee head
 - Participated in the planning of the Committee Heads Workshop
 - Participated in meeting with the Website Lead regarding updates to the website
 - Participated in the planning of the Committee Head Workshop 2026
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- Organised the Mothemburg MUN trip
 - Went to the student fair
 - Had two class visits
 - Went to the coffee stand during the orientation week
 - Went and helped hosting the pub quiz during the orientation week
 - Printed more flyers
 - Attended the presidium meetings

13.2. Secretary

- Finalized BM6 protocol
- Published newsletters
- Attended presidium meetings
- Represented UPF at SAF
- Represented UPF at hälsningsgillet
- Helped plan the documentary night for orientation weeks
- Helped host the pub-quiz for orientation weeks
- Planned the workshop/ hangout day together with the presidium

13.3. Treasurer

- Attended presidium meetings
- Represented UPF at the student association fair

- Helped Lecture and Activity with the pub quiz for orientation weeks
- Planned the team building day together with the presidium
- Represented UPF at Hälsningsgillet
- Had contact with the new Treasurer in RSR
- Begun the process of looking into investment options
- Got Orbi up and running

13.4. UFS Representative

- Attended NCIA Organization meetings
- Attended a UFS Board meeting
- Attended Presidium meetings
- Had a call with UFS Rep from Uppsala regarding the Lundsala KE

14. Committee reporting

14.1. Activity

- Held regular meetings
- Had a pub quiz with Lecture
- Represented UPF at the student association fair and Hälsningsgillet
- Started planning coming up events

14.2. Career

- Conducted the full recruitment for the mentorship program, both mentees and mentors.
- Planned and prepared for the diplomat lecture.
- Conducted the discussion night in collaboration with the Debate committee.
- Started preparations and invitations for this spring's career talks (SNS, New republic).
- Held weekly committee meetings.
- Given diplomas and gifts for HR Students (Also mentorship program).

14.3. Debate

- Hosted the weekly debates;
- Held the Discussion Night alongside the Career Committee;
- Started planning the yearly debate tournament and the art gallery event,

- Finalised the ski trip;
- Co-signed a friendship treaty with the debating association of Université Laval.

14.4. Lecture

- Evaluated the fall semester
- Created a new "strategy" for the spring including initiating more member-led lecture projects
- Developed the communication and task-division between heads & trustees
- Held weekly committee meetings (excluding Christmas break)
- Started planning for the project of the year-lecture
- Represented UPF at the student association fair & Hälsningsgillet
- Held a pub quiz with Activity during orientation weeks
- Confirmed 2 lectures for February and 1 for March

14.5. Magazine

- Resumed with Regular Committee Meetings;
- Published, Printed and Received the 2nd Issue;
- Started planning PR Release Note for the 2nd Issue;
- Started the Editorial Process for the 3rd Issue of the Year.

14.6. Pod&Radio

- Exchanged feedbacks on last semester internally
- Held weekly committee meetings
- Recorded the student-led discussion episode
- Confirmed 2 expert interviews for episodes
- Given H/W to find expert to interview to every active members by next week
- Created organised plans for spring semester
- Organised a documentary night with Webzine Committee

14.7. PR

- Started planning content for the trip to Estonia
- Planned potential alumni interviews
- Planned committee heads interviews
- Hosted the coffee stand during orientation week

- Participated at both SAF and Hälsningsgillet
- Planned more about potential new merch

14.8. Travel

- Created guidelines for selecting Estonia trip participants
- Held a documentary night with Pod&Radio
- Resumed committee meetings
- Started planning upcoming day-trips

14.9. Webzine

- Published 5 articles
- Held regular meetings
- Represented UPF at the SAF
- Represented UPF at Hälsningsgillet
- Helped organize a documentary night for orientation week
- Made plans with the Travel committee for the next travelblog and articles related to the Project of the Year.

15. Other Points

15.1. *Hwi wants to bring up and explain her committee's performance from last semester.*

16. Confirmation of the next Board Meeting

The next Board Meeting will take place on the 12th of February.

17. Meeting adjourned

Ella adjourns the meeting at 11.15.



Ella Hellerup

Chair of the Meeting



Emelie Andersson

Secretary of the Meeting



Klara Sjöström

Attestor and Vote Counter



Filippo Fioretti Boccato

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