

Board Meeting IX

2026-03-12, 17:00

UPF Office, AF-Borgen

Board of 25/26

Association of Foreign Affairs Lund

Present: *Ella Hellerup, Emelie Andersson, Filippo Fioretti Boccato, Klara Sjöström, Ismail Ali, Klara Sjöström, Lina Ingstrand, Maya Bukhory, Max Ulander, Micol Zubrickaite, Nomena Andrianjafy, Semina Kozic, Wera Hänsch Mauritzon, Michael Alexander Müller*

Online: *Sam Löfström*

Co-opted: *Sabina Rameke*

1. Opening of the meeting

President Ella Hellerup opens the meeting at 17.05.

2. Election of Chair of the Meeting

Ella Hellerup is elected the Chair of the Meeting at 17.05.

3. Election of Secretary of the Meeting

Emelie Andersson is elected the Secretary of the Meeting at 17.05.

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 17.06.

5. Approval of the Electoral Roll

The electoral roll is set to 14 at 17.06.

6. Approval of the Agenda

The agenda is approved at 17.07.

7. Decision Point: Motion - Allocation of MUCF Surplus

Klara presents the motion. She explains the received grant from MUCF was larger than expected and therefore Klara proposes to allocate this surplus. The proposal would be to allocate 2,400 SEK to Administrative Subscriptions, 10,000 SEK to Merchandise (caps and tote bags) (will be put in budget post Other expenses), 5,000 SEK to Board Activities (active member appreciation / vieri), and the remaining 5,087 SEK to Other expenses.

The Board approves the decision at 17.11.

8. Decision Point: Motion - Cost of Security Guards

Lina Ingstrand presents the motion. She details that the Lecture Committee is planning an Election Lecture with Swedish Foreign Ministers which would necessitate hiring two security guards, as demanded by the Swedish Security Service (SÄPO). The cost of the security guards from Securitas hired in September was 5875 SEK, including tax. Now this cost would be divided with LUPEF as it will be a joint event with the Association.

Therefore the proposal would be for this probable expense to be taken from the budget post 5100 Other Expenses, and not from the budget of the Lecture Committee.

The Board approves the decision at 17.14.

9. Decision Point: Motion - Purchasing Merchandise

Ella presents the motion. She details that the idea is to purchase merch for the purpose of strengthening both the sense of community among members and for the visibility of the Association around campus. The total sum would not exceed 10,000kr. 20 caps would be bought as this is the minimum amount; 50 caps would be bought as this is the minimum amount to get a lower price per unit; and it is a bit unclear about the number of stickers at the moment.

The Board approves the decision at 17.25.

10. Information Point: Project of the Year

Sabina presents the information points. She details that she has procured a very strong team for the Project of the Year, composed of people from different backgrounds.

She updates that there is an interview secured as well as three article spots secured in the webzine. There are also plans for webinars, among other plans.

11. Discussion Point: Annual Electoral Meeting 2026

Ella presents the discussion point on the Annual Electoral Meeting 2026. She presents the idea of having the meeting on a weekday rather than on a Sunday as is usually done. The date set right now is on Sunday the 17th of May. Ella proposes to perhaps have this on Monday May 18th instead.

Wera says that having it on a weekday would perhaps make it more efficient than instead allocating a full Sunday for this.

Klara details that having it on the Sunday would allow for everyone to be able to come. She suggests maybe having it on Sunday evening instead.

Michael says that having it on Sunday would be nice, and that it could be good to push the start date from 09.00 am, but to not have it during the evening so it does not run late into night.

Lina says that from her experience she thinks more people would be likely to attend on a weekday rather than on the weekend.

Klara brings up the point that some people have their classes till 18.00 on weekdays.

Maya says that the meeting shouldn't necessarily be comfortable, but should rather be accessible for all and that this is the most important thing.

Wera summarizes that what sounds the most reasonable and what most people agree with would be to have the meeting on a Sunday, but start a bit later than 09.00.

12. Discussion Point: Politically Unaffiliated in our Media Outlets

Ismail presents the discussion point. He details that the committee is wanting to change the format of the podcasts; introducing a new format so it is more informal and discussion based. He details that an issue that came up is that since it will not be as well researched, and will be more opinion-based. He details that this may pose some issues.

Filippo details that the podcast can do as in the magazine where they have a disclaimer and in general for people to stay within a 'common-sense, decency' guideline, such as not stating blatant fallacies.

Ismail details that not censoring is one of the main things he is concerned about.

Maya says that they do a similar thing in magazines where they have specific pieces titled opinion-pieces where they include a disclaimer. She details that her and Moa encourage everyone to voice their opinion, as long as it is not hateful.

13. Discussion Point: External Collaborations

Ismail presents the discussion point. Ismail follows up on the discussion of the last board meeting in which the board discussed pop-ups in different faculties around campus to promote UPF. Ismail says that he emailed Juridicum and got the response that we are not able to present UPF there through a pop-up.

He says that another idea would be to have a collaboration with Juridiska Föreningen instead. Within this association they have something called the Internationella Utskottet in which they were very positive in having some sort of collaboration, perhaps an event together.

Ella proposed a break at 18.07.

Ella reopens the meeting at 18.17,

14. Presidium reporting

14.1. Presidents

- Participated in the trip to Tartu, Estonia
- Attended weekly presidium meetings

- Met with our newest board member, Ismail, to introduce him to the work
 - Met with potential external partners
 - Started with the reporting and evaluation of our project with RSR
 - Lightly assisted our treasurer, Klara, with the MUCF reporting
 - Met with fellow Lundsala participants to discuss logistics
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- Participated in weekly praesidium meetings
 - Joined some committee meetings and events
 - Contacted Alumni for the project on LinkedIn
 - Discussed with Career the possibility of an Alumni hangout in Stockholm

14.2. Secretary

- Participated in presidium meetings
- Finalized board protocols
- Published 4 newsletters
- Handled membership registry

14.3. Treasurer

- Participated in weekly presidium meetings
- Participated in meetings with RSR in preparation for the trip to Estonia
- Talked to the bank regarding the investment
- Had communication with Skatteverket
- Held communication with the ball coordinators

14.4. UFS Representative

- Participated in presidium meetings
- Participated in UFS BM

- Participated in meetings related to the organization of the NCIA and Lundsala

15. Committee reporting

15.1. Activity

- Planned a karaoke night
- Had a meeting with Utrikespolitisk Afton
- Planned a game night in collaboration with Utrikespolitisk Afton
- Started planning the next sitting
- Had a meeting with the ball coordinators
- Held weekly meetings

15.2. Career

- Recruited new trustees
- Planned career talks
- Planned CV & LinkedIn workshop
- Worked on alumni meetup

15.3. Debate

- Followed its weekly debates
- Changed the workshop meetings to Mondays once every two weeks
- Kept organising the yearly tournament

15.4. Lecture

- Held weekly committee meetings to continue the planning of projects for the semester
- Executed two successful lectures
- Continued collaborating with LUPEF for a Swedish party debate on May 6th
- Finished planning and started promotion of our last contracted lecture with ACE

- Helped the NCIA working group with scouting and contacting panelists
- Preliminary scheduled a lecture with Europa Direkt, CFE and the European Parliament Stockholm Office for October

15.5. Magazine

- Held Weekly Meetings
- Finalised the layout of the 3rd Issue
- Started working on the 4th Issue
- Participated in the Estonia Trip
- Coordinated with RSR for the 4th Issue

15.6. Pod&Radio

- Created a timeline for when to introduce video to our podcasts.
- Changed the format for which the connecting the dots pod is done from interview- esk to more of an informal discussion.
- Regular activities with the committee members to boost morale and collaboration.
- Started a workshop initiative (on journalism, podcasting, public speaking etc) to provide value in terms of transferable skills that could benefit the production of the podcast and the members themselves.
- Recorded episodes to be published on connecting the dots and news from the castle
- Discussed a change in promotion of our podcasts to increase viewership.
- Created a smoother process for editing.
- Discussed a future goal of having live events.
- Started preliminary collaboration efforts with two other committees.

15.7. PR

16. Made content for the Estonia trip

17. Bought a microphone to expand our content creation
18. Published the first post for NCIA
19. Made a PR plan for the Annual Election Meeting
20. Constructed the coffee pop-up together with Lina Ingstrand

20.1. Travel

- Traveled to Estonia and participated in an incredibly successful knowledge exchange with RSR
- Planned a day trip to Copenhagen for the 20th of March, which will be the Travel Committee's third visit to the Danish capital
- —> Confirmed visits include the Greenlandic representation in Copenhagen, Nordjobb Denmark, and CBS UN
- Held regular committee meetings

20.2. Webzine

- Held weekly meetings
- Organized a trustee hangout/workshop
- Published 4 articles
- Coordinated three article slots for the project of the year with Sabina Rameke

21. Other Points

21.1. *Ella brings up that each semester we usually go on an overnight trip, however this semester it was only the Karneval weekend that was available which is not super feasible. Therefore Ella proposes the idea to allocate a day or two in Lund to do fun activities instead.*

21.2. *Ismail brings up the discussion from a prior board meeting that we should all do more activities together.*

The overall consensus is that this is something we should definitely do!

Semina says that an idea her and Gaia thought of was to implement that each committee will be responsible for organizing an event for different months.

22. Confirmation of the next Board Meeting

The next Board Meeting will take place on the 26th of March.

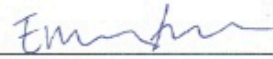
23. Meeting adjourned

Ella adjourns the meeting at 18.49.



Ella Hellerup

Chair of the Meeting



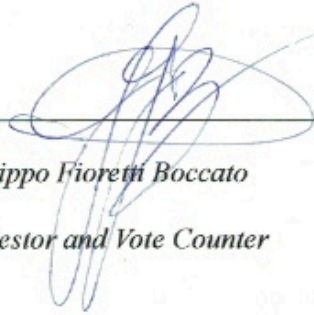
Emelie Andersson

Secretary of the Meeting



Klara Sjöström

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