Board Meeting XIII

2026-05-27, 17:00
UPF Office, AF-Borgen
Board of 25/26
Association of Foreign Affairs Lund

Present: *Ella Hellerup, Emelie Andersson, Ismail Ali, Klara Sjöström, Lina Ingstrand, Maya Bukhory, Max Ulander, Nomena Andrianjafy, Sofia Mina Pessina, Wera Hänsch Mauritzon*

Online: *Sam Löfström, Filippo Fioretti Boccato*

Co-opted: *Andreas Gruia, Diana Nadyrova, Ella Appelqvist, Martin Jönsson, Juan Camilo Franco, Märtha Brännström, Isac Petrius, Iris Arvidsson, Nicoloi Wetlesen*

1. Opening of the meeting

   President Ella Hellerup opens the meeting at 17.13.

2. Election of Chair of the Meeting

   Ella Hellerup is elected the Chair of the Meeting at 17.13.

3. Election of Secretary of the Meeting

   Emelie Andersson is elected the Secretary of the Meeting at 17.13.

4. Election of Attestors and Vote Counters of the Meeting

   Klara Sjöstrand and Lina Ingstrand are elected as the Attestors and Vote Counters of the Meeting at 17.14.

5. Approval of the Electoral Roll

   The electoral roll is set to 11 at 17.14.

6. Approval of the Agenda

The agenda is approved at 17.15.

7. Decision Point: Motion about Individual Signatories

Ella presents the motion about Individual Signatories.

The Board approves the motion at 17.15.

8. Decision Point: Amendments to Environmental Policy

Nomena Andrianjafy presents the motion and explains that, per the Policy document, it should be reviewed annually. She notes that since the last reviews were conducted in 2023, the policy working group believed it was important to make changes at this time.

Nomena explains that the main changes relate to grammatical errors, improved phrasing, enhanced clarity, US spelling converted to UK spelling, and the addition of new elements regarding transportation.

Klara brings up that she thinks the changes are really good. Regarding point 4.4. That pertains to travel beyond 650 kilometers; she asks whether this also applies outside Sweden?

Nomena explains that this just pertains to Sweden and has not been addressed in this capacity yet.

Ella Hellerup asks the current and new Board how they feel about point 3.2 regarding limiting the amount of printing UPF does, especially since several committees have used posters to promote their events.

Wera says that, in terms of PR, it has been up to committees whether to use posters. She suggests one idea is to laminate posters and reuse them.

Lina says it could be added to 3.2, that the main thing we use to promote our events is Instagram, but that posters and other printed items can complement it.

Juan points out that, under point 3.6, which pertains to UPF prioritizing the purchase of Free Trade Products, costs for such products could increase. He also mentions that the word 'preferably' could be taken out of 4.3.

Nomena says she was also confused about this, but she says changes to 3.6 were needed because the original phrasing was vague and confusing. She hears him on this. She also mentions, under point 4.3, that this particular point on vegetarian food has been discussed before.

Maya Bukhory suggests that the phrasing should be 'when possible', rather than 'preferably'.

Klara believes that the wording is good; she thinks that, combined with the economic policy, there is some room for interpretation.

Lina brings the discussion back to point 4.4 regarding international travel. She questions why it would be ok to take a flight to Hamburg but not Stockholm. She says she doesn't see a reason for keeping the phrasing as 'in Sweden'. She also adds that all travel should be by train if possible.

Maya also notes, regarding 4.3, that we have served meat at the last few Balls.

Emelie explains how we have rationalized it beforehand is that since it is a more expensive event than our sittnings and, technically, UPF does not pay for the meat, having a non-vegetarian option for the Ball is ok.

Lina says that the Ball is still a UPF event. She gives an example of another Ball she attended where the meat option was more expensive, and the money amassed from that was donated.

Diana Nadyrova questions why there is no meat at sittings. She mentions that this personally makes her reluctant to attend. Regarding section 4.4, she asks if we need to compensate for travels.

Nomena says she believes it is good to climate-compensate.

Märtha Brännström, as a 2026 Ball Coordinator, notes that the meat and vegetarian options cost the same. She notes that doing as Lina suggested, putting a higher price for the meat option, is a very good idea.

Ella Hellerup expresses that in most cases, Nations only offer vegetarian food. Additionally, she doesn't believe people are attending solely for the food experience.

Lina says that in terms of climate compensation, she thinks if it is UPF money is spent, then we should climate compensate. But it should be up to individual people when they go on a trip and pay for their own ticket.

Max Ulander says that, now, people have chosen whether to climate compensate or not themselves.

Lina suggests that one idea could be for UPF to climate compensate for some people going on the trips as well.

Filippo Fioretti Boccato leaves the meeting at 17.40

The electoral roll set to 10 at 17.45

The Board passes the motion 17.46.

9. Decision Point: Motion to Amend the Accountability Guidelines and Investigate Further Policy Amendments

Ismail Ali presents the motion. He describes the issues pertaining to the guidelines as larger matters that should be addressed with careful consideration. He expresses that we should take time to consider amendments, especially since these documents are not in use very often and therefore have the time to make changes without rushing. Yet he wants to raise some points for discussion now.

Ismail outlines several changes he wishes to implement regarding the handling of accusations. He believes that the accused individual should be notified of the proceedings and that the auditor should provide a written report detailing their activities. He also raises concerns about issues of anonymity, though he is unsure of specific solutions and wants to open this topic for discussion. Additionally, he proposes that individuals should have the option to retract their anonymity. He highlights a procedural issue concerning the timeline for the auditor to submit the report to the Board meeting; he suggests this should occur seven days prior to the meeting. This timeframe would allow the accused to present their defense to the Board before the meeting takes place.

Klara mentions that we should consider urgent matters and that 7 days may be too long a time frame.

Ismail explains that he chose a timeframe of seven days to ensure there is sufficient time for due process. This allows the Board to review the Auditor's report and gives the accused the opportunity to submit their defense, which the Board will also have time to read.

Nomena points out that it is already stated in the guidelines that the accused are informed about what they are accused of, and thus, this change isn't necessary to make necessarily.

Lina inquires about the anonymity of witnesses within the changes Ismail made.

Ismail explains that there are no guidelines regarding anonymity, and that the guidelines need to include more safeguards for the auditor during proceedings to safeguard anonymity.

Lina says it should be clarified who the witnesses are anonymous to. Also, regarding the 7 business days, it might be good to shorten the time to prevent information from spreading. She also mentions that business days are only Monday-Friday, so it could take longer.

Ismail explains that he did not want to be too specific, leaving the auditor room to make some decisions. He feels that the board should be given sufficient time to review both the report and the defense presented by the accused.

Lina says it could be good for a specific timespan and an even shorter time.

Ismail says he doesn't have a strong opinion on this at the moment and is open to discussion.

Ismail summarizes that there are still amendments to be made and more discussions to be had, and that this is just a starting point.

The Board makes an informal vote on that regarding point 3.2, deciding the wording should be changed to 'The board and the accused shall receive the oversight body's report ***at most five days*** *before the board meeting. The accused may submit a written* *response* ***at most three days*** *before the meeting, which the board shall read before voting'.*

The Board decides to pass the motion at 18.22.

Ella suggests a break at 18.30

Ella reopens the meeting at 18.33.

10. Presidium reporting

10.1. Presidents

- Participated to the presidium meetings
- Attended the Annual Election Meeting of UFS
- Started writing the handover

10.2. Secretary

- Finalized the BM protocols
- Participated in presidium meetings
- Published newsletters
- Approved Orbi memberships

10.3. Treasurer

- Attended presidium meeting
- Supported the presidium in their work
- Answered emails
- Handled reimbursements
- Checked the merch inventory
- Planned and organized two Vieri activities
- Prepared the hand over for our next Treasurer

10.4. UFS Representative

- Participated in the UFS Electoral Meeting
- Participated in weekly presidium meetings
- Worked with the PWG

11. Committee reporting

11.1. Activity

- Written the handover
- Planned a handover meeting
- Sent a suggestion for the RoR
- Written the assigned Annual Report section

11.2. Career

11.3. Debate

- Hosted the weekly debates
- Written the annual report

11.4. Lecture

- Held a lecture with UNDP and the UN society in Lund
- Started planning for handovers
- Planned and sold out our last lecture of the semester with Magdalena Andersson
- Had a kickout

11.5. Magazine

- Sent in for printing the last issue of the Magazine (4th Issue);
- Finalised the Magazine Reporting for the Annual Report;
- Started preparing for the take-over of the new Heads.

11.6. Pod&Radio

- Started posting our most interesting podcasts on linkedin to increase outreach
- Finished the handover
- Published the remaining episodes
- Had a kickout
- Had the last meeting/ hangout

11.7. PR

- Started preparing for the hand over
- Finalized the reporting for the annual report
- Planned the last posts for the operational year

11.8. Travel

- Written the annual report
- Started planning the handover

11.9. Webzine

- Met with the new heads and had a handover
- Published 3 articles
- Written the document for the Annual Report
- Put out posters on campus to market Webzine & the Perspective website

12. Other Points

12.1. Lina inquires about the changes we discussed earlier to the Rules and Regulations and when they will be presented for a vote.

Nomena explains that these changes will be voted on during the next Annual Meeting.

13. Confirmation of the next Board Meeting

The next BM will be decided upon by the new Board.

14. Meeting adjourned

Ella adjournes the meeting at 18.45.