



## The Association of Foreign Affairs in Lund Board meeting

*April 25<sup>th</sup> 2019*  
Eden, Paradisgatan 5H, Lund

Present: Christopher Andersson, Michal Gieda, Zigne Edström, Simon Leo, Signe Davidson, Sofia Gjertsson, Colette Heefner, Henrietta Tuomalia, Endrit Bytyqi, Timothy Parker, Louise Grönsund, Jonatan Klefbom, Isak Fritzon, Joel Ekström, Colette Heefner, Julia Vázquez, Nina Lancelot, Jonathan Garbe, Jesper Olsson and Olga Rudak.

### 1. **Opening of the meeting**

*President Gieda declares the meeting open.*

### 2. **Election of Chair**

Mr. Gieda is proposed as Chair of the meeting

*Mr. Gieda is by acclamation elected Chair of the meeting.*

### 3. **Election of Secretary**

Mr. Andersson is proposed as Secretary of the meeting.

*Mr. Andersson is by acclamation elected Secretary of the meeting.*

### 4. **Election of attesters and vote counters of the meeting**

Ms. Olga Rudak and Ms. Julia Vázquez are proposed as vote counters and attesters.

*Ms. Rudak and Ms. Vázquez are by acclamation elected as Vote Counters and Attesters of the meeting.*

### 5. **Approval of the Agenda**

Ms. Vázquez proposes to add 'Future merchandise' to other points.

Mr. Klefbom proposes to add 'Magazine budget post' to point nine.

*The meeting agenda, with the proposed amendment, is passed by acclamation.*

## 6. Presidium reporting

### Presidents

*The Presidents have been working with the FBA grant. They spoke with the FBA representative regarding the UPF work for the FBA grant. The representative told the Presidents that they are flexible with the money.*

*The Presidents have not booked venue for the Annual Election Meeting yet.*

### Secretary

*The Secretary informs that there are some minor problem with CoachHippo: Members that have already paid for their membership receives payment reminders.*

*Ms. Gjertsson informs that she is very frustrated with CoachHippo.*

### Treasurer

*Mr. Leo informs that he has helped the lecture committee with iZettle, done usual accounting and helped the Presidents with the FBA grant.*

### Head of IT

*Mr. Wollheim is not present.*

### UFS representative

*Mr. Berggren is not present, but Ms. Edström presents his report in his place. It says that the UFS board decided on the documents that they will jointly present under the point 'prepositions' to the UFS Annual Election Meeting.*

*Regarding NCIA, the ticket sale have been a bit slow and could be speeded up a bit.*

## 7. Committee reporting

### Activity Committee

*The Activity Committee is preparing for the ball. They have everything ready and have sold 102 tickets. The committee will be having a waltz lesson on Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup>. They also had a dinner with several of their members. The 'Sexmästarna' informs the rest of the board that they need to tell the members that no one is allowed to change seats at the ball.*

*Week 22 the committee plans a potluck and an excursion, as well as a Eurovision watch party.*

### Career Committee

*The Career Committee had the last prep course last week and is now planning a study visit to Copenhagen with both the prep course and the mentorship program.*

*Only two out of eight prep courses were cancelled. The Mentorship program is going well, except two mentors whom have not been very responsive.*

#### Lecture Committee

*The committee recently had a very interesting meeting. The background is that one of the lectures was seen, by some members of the committee, a bit too much party-affiliated. The lecturer could not seem to miss the opportunity to promote himself for the upcoming elections. The suggestion from the committee is that after every lecture UPF should state that 'we are a debate platform, the lecturer's stand point does not necessarily reflect view of UPF'.*

#### Magazine Committee

*The Magazine Committee have had meetings about new formats for the magazine. The new magazine will arrive the same week as the NCIA (week 21).*

#### PR Committee

*The PR Committee has not been very active on Social Media due to Easter. Right now, the committee is pushing for the NCIA and the ball.*

*Furthermore, the committee has ordered 108 UPF cups. The pins will be given out at the ball.*

#### Radio Committee

*The heads inform that it was really fun to produce the Tbilisi travel report. Moreover, the Committee had a very motivated member who will release a mini-series about American politics.*

*The committee also bought the plug-in to the Perspective website which apparently has worked very well.*

#### Travel Committee

*Had a great trip to Tbilisi. The calendar worked flawlessly.*

#### Webzine Committee

*Has no deadlines left for the semester, which means that they have received all the articles for the semester.*

Mr. Jesper Olsson enters the meeting at 6.02 PM

Meeting adjourned at 6.33 PM.

Meeting resumed at 6.47 PM.

## **8. Motion about signing of a lecture partnership with SASNET**

Mr. Olsson presents 'Motion about signing of a lecture partnership with SASNET (Swedish South Asian Studies Network)' (please see attached file).

The board discusses the motion:

Mr. Leo says that one of the pros is that UPF will get cash and their network. However, some of the board members are worried that other collaboration partners will be wanting better offers.

The board is informed that the name 'collaboration partner' has been changed to 'partnership', so it gives the impression of an another level of collaboration, and thus not the same level as UPF's current collaboration partners.

Ms Gjertsson asks if Magazine will be able to choose which issue their ad would be in. Mr. Olsson responds that Magazine will be able to choose.

Mr. Bytyqi proposes that UPF Lund has disclosure clauses regarding financial figures. The board agrees the issue should be discussed in the future.

The board votes on the motion.

*The motion is passed by acclamation.*

## **9. Discussion on Magazine budget post**

Mr. Klefbom informs the board that he would like to have a discussion on the costs of the Magazine, with three discussion points:

1. Is it value in proportion to our costs?
2. Are there ways we could make the committee more cost effective?
3. What would we like to use the money for?

Before the board is divided into small discussion groups, Mr. Leo informs that when UPF applies for the FBA-grant, UPF applies specifically for money to the Magazine. The money we receive from FBA for the magazine, must go to the magazine. With that being said, the other money could be spent on other costs.

The board discusses the above questions in small groups.

After the small groups discussions, the board as a whole discusses the above questions.

Ms. Lancelot informs about an idea where UPF hands out the magazines at lectures. Ms. Gjertsson likes this idea but says that we in that case need to change our selling point of the membership. She suggest that we perhaps reduce the number of issues from four to three each year.

Mr Fritzon suggests that we fix CoachHippo. Ms. Vázquez highlights the environmental aspect of the magazine.

Ms. Rudak asks Mr. Leo about the Folke Bernadotte grant: Could we instead apply for some money to the online platform instead of the Magazine? Mr. Leo explains how the money is distributed.

Ms. Lancelot leaves at 7.37 PM.

Ms. Lancelot is back at 7.40 PM.

Ms. Davidson highlights that the issue is not the amount of money for the magazine, but that the other media committees does not have close to the sum magazine receives. Mr. Bytyqi says that it is difficult to have a discussion on a cost/benefit-analysis.

Mr. Leo argues that the magazine has a very high PR-value for the FBA grant, is a good selling point to new members at the Hålsningsgille and that the magazine is one of the easiest committees to apply money for.

Ms. Heefner argues that handing out the magazines at lectures or offices could be very demanding. She also argues that the magazine is a very good gift when travel goes to meetings abroad.

Mr. Fritzon says it is better to focus on the membership registry.

Ms. Lancelot suggest that we keep the number of issues at four but that we hand them out in order to examine the interest of the magazine and save costs.

As the last speaker, Mr. Klefbom raises the open question: Why do we have a magazine? Firstly, he says, that it is an opportunity for our members to write in a printed magazine. Secondly, it is a great PR opportunity.

Mr. Garbe enters the meeting at 7.51 PM.

Meeting is adjourned at 8.00 PM.

Meeting is resumed at 8.07 PM.

## **10. Other Points**

### *Climate compensation*

The presidents informs the board that we have to climate compensate. Heads of career, who have flown two people for the prep course, inform that they will climate compensate soon. Heads of travel inform that they climate compensates after every trip. Lecture committee has not climate compensated yet, but will do. The activity committee compensated for the Berlin trip (they went by bus).

Ms. Gjertsson asks the question: Where does the money end up? It could be quite good that UPF makes sure that the money is used in the best way to compensate. Mr Klefbom agrees with Sofia that there are other ways to use the money – For example, climate research at the university instead.

### *Kick out group*

Ms. Edström informs that the kick out will be held at June the 7<sup>th</sup>. She asks if anyone would like to plan the sittning. Ms. Heefner says that she will help. The kick out will be outside Landskrona, at Mr. Olsson's house.

### *High school recruitment follow-up*

The committee responsible for this suggests that we have a 'youth-membership', for example at 60 SEK a year. This will only give free entrance at the lectures.

Mr. Olsson will write an evaluation to the next board about this issue.

*Get Active Meeting 2019*

Mr. Garbe wants to set the venue and the date for the Get Active Meeting next autumn. The suggestion is September 11<sup>th</sup> as the 'Hälsningsgille' is at September 6<sup>th</sup>. There are different suggestions for venue: LUX, Eden, Palaestra, Lilla och nya fest and the gallery at the Faculty of Law.

*The board agrees to set the Get Active Meeting on September 11<sup>th</sup>.*

*Future Merchandise*

PR will be buying more things before the semester ends. More specifically they are planning to sell tote bags. To fund this, they will take money from 'other expenses'.

Ms. Davidson leaves 8.33 PM.

**11. Confirmation of next board meeting**

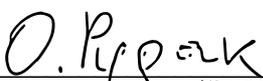
*Chair Mr. Gieda proposes the next board meeting to be held at May 16<sup>th</sup>.*

**12. Meeting adjourned**

*Chair Mr. Gieda declares the meeting adjourned at 8.56 PM.*

  
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Christopher Andersson, *Secretary*

  
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Michal Gieda, *President*

  
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Olga Rudak, *Attester*

  
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Julia Vázquez, *Attester*