



ASSOCIATION OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

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Board Meeting

17:24-20:07 2018-03-08

Björckska Rummet, Lund

The Board of 2017/18

Association of Foreign Affairs

Present: Ebba Coghlan, James Davies, Leon Klingborg, Tove Jörgenssen, Glenn Lio, Maggie Huynh, Anna Bernhardsson, Eleonora Hallberg, Ellen Boije af Gennäs Erre, Mårten Randau, Joseph Aivalikli, Vide Wassberg, Zigne Edström, Christopher Andersson, Julia Bergström, Lovisa Lundin Ziegler

1. Opening of the meeting

President Ebba Coghlan declares the meeting open at 17:24.

2. Election of Chair Secretary and Attesters and Vote Counters of the meeting

Ebba Coghlan is elected Chair of the meeting

Leon Klingborg is elected Secretary of the meeting

Vide Wassberg and Lovisa Lundin Ziegler are elected Vote Counters and Attesters of the meeting. (17:25)

3. Approval of the Agenda (Attachment 1)

Proposal to amend the agenda by adding the other points Stress prevention day and International Debate in Copenhagen and to approve the agenda.

Passed by acclamation. (17:26)

4. Presidium reporting

President

- The Presidents have had meetings with other UFS member associations presidents and will continue to do this, through webex, in the future, this will be good for having a constructive debate about what UFS does.
- Anyone interested is welcome to come and ask questions and talk about the position of president or other board positions with the Presidents.
- On the 21st of March there will be a mingle and lecture about the work of the UPF Board.

Secretary

- The implementation of the new member registry is ongoing.

UFS Representative

- The UFS election meeting is coming up, the Board is encouraged to spread information about this to involve more UPF Members in the process. The meeting will be held in Stockholm.
- UFS workgroups which are to write documents which will outline what UFS should do the coming years, are being formed.
- The Almedalen week of politics is coming up, there are earmarked tickets for UPF members, provided by UFS.
- The second step of the UFS trust survey will now be initiated, UPF Members are encouraged to fill in the form.
- The UFS PC decision about sending the UFS presidents to Folk och försvar's annual meeting was passed.

Treasurer

Treasurer Tobias Adolfsson is not present.

Head of IT

- The Perspective Webzine website will soon get a new layout.

5. Committee reporting

PR Committee

- The Committee has got a lot to do.
- The committee have grown recently and is now very large.

Activity Committee

- Work with the youth party debate is proceeding, the debate might collide with a lecture with the Palestinian Ambassador.
- Work with the study visit to Copenhagen is proceeding.
- On the 27th of April a Waltz lesson will be offered to those planning to attend the bal.
- On the 26th of March an Easter potluck dinner will be held.
- Badminton, Yoga and Volleyball are suggestions for sports events to be held towards the end of the semester.

Magazine Committee

- The committee is doing layout for the next issue of The Perspective Magazine, they have got a sufficient amount of committee members for the work.
- On the 21st of April a workshop on writing and on the situation in the Middle East will be held, active members in the media committees and the Board are welcome.

Webzine Committee

- The Committee is publishing a lot of articles right now.

- On the 24th or the 25th of March the committee will hold a kick-out and might play pool.
- The Board is encouraged to like webzines articles on social media.

Lecture Committee

- Brazilian ex-president Dilma Rouseff might come to UPF sometime in May under the conditions that UPF pays for her trip back to Brazil and that her lecture is translated from Portuguese to English.

Discussion in the Board about the possibility to host Dilma Rouseff.

It might be possible to cooperate with the University.

- The Palestinian Ambassador is coming to UPF, suggestions on the topic of the lecture are welcome.

Radio Committee

- A radio show will be broadcasted on the 11th of April.
- There is a suggestion to have a radio show with the Belarussian students.

Career Committee

- The mentorship program is ongoing and going well, the group will have a study visit to Copenhagen in May.
- The Prep-course is also going well.
- Career workshops will be held in March and April with amongst others former CDO of IKEA and Åhlens on the 16th of April.

Travel Committee

- The committee is very eager to leave for Brussels.
- A meeting with the Catalanian regional ex president, Carles Puigdemont has been arranged.
- A meeting with Kreab, the targets lobby firm in Brussels, has been arranged.
- The committee is lacking in people for the travel, four (4) additional committee members are being sought after, the committee have offered members of UF Malmö about this.
- UPF might be able to finance the trip with a grant from a Member of the EU Parliament if such a parliamentarian can be persuaded to back UPF.

(Break at 18:28.)

(Chair Ebba Coghlan declares the meeting open at 18:40.)

6. The Annual Election Meeting

- The work on how the Annual Election Meeting should be advertised has been initiated.
- The Annual Election Meeting will be held on the 12th of May at 10:00.
- There will be a “apply for the board” facebook event.
- The Annual Election Meeting will be held on the weekend of Kristi himmelfärd, the reason being that there are no other suitable dates.
- Counter candidacies will have to be announced well before the Annual Election Meeting, the exact deadline will be decided on soon.
- A Get to Know the Board event will be held on the 21st of March to inform members about the work of the Board in order to make the election process surrounding the Annual Election Meeting, as open as possible.

7. Membership cards (suggestion from active member) (Attachment 2)

President Ebba Coghlan presents a suggestion sent in by an active member, to the Board.

Discussion in the Board about the suggestion

Large parts of the suggestion will or might be implemented as a part of implementing the new member registry.

8. Motions

- a) Motion about purchasing one additional 3-litres thermos for the UPF office (Attachment 3)

Board Member Maggie Huynh present the motion to the Board.

Discussion in the Board about the motion.

The author of the motion amends the motion by proposing to buy two (2) thermoses instead of one (1) thermos.

Decision:

Proposal to purchase two (2) additional 3-litres thermos to the UPF-office and funding them from the UPF office budget post.

Passed by acclamation. (19:11)

- b) Motion about “UPF Lund Transparency and Accountability Forum” (Attachment 3)

Board Member Ellen Boije af Gennäs Erre present the motion to the Board.

Discussion in the Board about the motion.

Vice President James Davies seconds the motion.

Board Members Ellen Boije af Gennäs Erre and Zigne Edström would be interested in being in charge of the format of a meeting such as described in the motion.

Decision:

Proposal to

- *allocate an hour before one (1) board meeting this spring (2018) where members have the opportunity to ask questions to the board regarding decisions the board has made throughout the year*

and to

- *delegate to one or two board members to be in charge of the format of the meeting.*

Passed by acclamation. (19:25)

Motion passed.

9. Other points

a) RWI Human Rights Film Festival

UPF needs to sell at least 50 tickets for the festival, tickets which we are not able to sell will have to be payed for by us.

There is a suggestion to make the festival a kick-out for committees

Board Member Julia Bergström will moderate one of the films on the festival.

b) Board Kick-out

It has proven hard to find a good date and a good activity for a board kick out.

Discussion in the Board about potential kick-out possibilities.

There is a suggestion to set up a group which will suggest an activity, and a time that can be decided upon later. The group will consist of Baoard Members Tove Jörgensen, Anna Bernhardson, Julia Bergström and Vide Wassberg.

There will be a smaller kick-out after the Board Meeting on the 24th of May.

c) The Archive

A remake of the UPF Archive is being carried out by AF.

Board Members are encouraged to save any material which could be archived.

d) The Belarus Exchange

Everything for the trip to Minsk is now booked, flight, accommodation etc.

Approximately half of the schedules have now been set.

The group going to Belarus will visit universities and politicians when in Minsk.

There will be a focus on student organisations when the Belarusians are in Lund.

On the 10th of April EU a potluck dinner, which will be open to active members, will be held.

Venues for the events are being sought after.

(Christopher Andersson leaves the meeting at 19:52)

Student organisations able to present themselves to the Belarussians are sought after.

e) Individual talks

Individual talks between the Presidents and all Board Members are proceeding.

f) Office remake

There is a suggestion to remake parts of the the office, for example repainting the walls.

Board Members Joseph Aivalikli, Mårten Randau, Eleonora Hallberg are interested in working with a potential remake.

g) Project Integration (Attachment 4)

President Ebba Coghlan presents a letter from the Project Coordinators of Project Integration to the Board.

h) Stress Prevention Day

There is a suggestion to have a dancing workshop on the 15th of April.

i) International Debate in Copenhagen

Board Member Glenn Lio has been in contact with the association.

Board Members Glenn Lio, Julia Bergström and James Davies will have a meeting with International Debate in Copenhagen to get to an understanding of what kind of collaboration is possible between UPF and International Debate.

10. Confirmation of next board meeting

President Ebba Coghlan informs the Board that the next Board Meeting will be held on the 27th of March.

11. Meeting adjourned

Chair Ebba Coghlan declares the meeting adjourned at 20:07.

Leon Klingborg, Secretary

Ebba Coghlan, President

Vide Wassberg, Attester

Lovisa Lundin Ziegler, Attester



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Attachment 2

Dear UPF bord:

Thank you very much for all the work you are doing, coordinating all the great issues *UPF Lund* is involved in. Last Wednesday was a good example of the scope and the fruits of your work.

As member of the lecture committee my commitment spans explaining people trying to sign up as a new member where to find the @ symbol on a French, a German, an American, a Swedish keyboard. While getting more and more experienced with that, two suggestions crept into my mind:

- The membership cards could be made in a way that avoids the question whether they are provisionally. On every sheet with new membership cards the line "Please print on yellow 300 g paper" (or similar) is written. Unfortunately I am pretty sure that I never read that line on 300 g paper. Also, the size of the cards could be increased to usual credit-card format. If they were arranged on the print sheets in a way that they touch each other, cutting them would take much less time as a further benefit.
- The entrance and membership fee can be paid by cash or via *Swish*. Since it is hard to get *Swish* as an international student, they have to pay by cash. That is pretty unusual in Sweden. I think, to offer the possibility to pay with card should not be that complicated.

These suggestions do not touch profound issues, but I think both are easy to implement and could help new members to feel even more welcome.

I am looking forward to the continuation of this semester, filled with interesting *UPF* events.

Best regards



Motion about purchasing one additional 3-litres thermos to UPF office

Background

Currently, UPF only has two functioning 3-litres thermoses at the office. As a consequence, there has been several occasions where these thermoses have become a minor problem since committees have wanted to use them at the same time. For instance, regarding the Prep Course, we in Career are told that we are encouraged to have coffee and tea during our career seminars to offer our invited guest, resulting in that these two thermoses have been used for that purpose. Meanwhile, other committees have held their committee meetings at the same time as the Prep Course seminars, leaving them with no item to store the hot beverage.

One 3-litres thermos cost around 250 SEK to 500 SEK, depending on size and brand.

Purpose

This will resolve the issue of not having enough thermoses at the office, which will benefit all committees in UPF. With other words, this will ensure that there will be thermoses at all our events and meetings that occur at the same time.

Proposal

Purchase one additional 3-litres thermos to the UPF-office and funding it from the UPF office budget.

Maggie Huynh

Head of Career / Deputy Board Member



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Motion about “UPF Lund Transparency and Accountability Forum” Motion about giving the members more possibilities to hold the board accountable

Background

In many democratic institutions in today’s society, the voters think that they do not have enough insight and that the vessels where they are supposed to be able to hold the democratically elected ones accountable are insufficient. UPF Lund is not an exception. In the recent member survey, some said that they wanted more insight into the board’s work while others had opinions about how the association is run. The current possibilities for UPF’s members to hold the board accountable is by not voting for discharge at the annual meeting or by asking questions to the board at the annual meeting. The “no discharge”-tool is an effective way to hold the board accountable, but the consequences of a “no discharge” are severe and therefore it is only used in the most extreme cases. The possibility to ask questions during the annual meeting is a good tool but is not sufficient since the meeting is held during the autumn semester and parts of the board will have left Lund, which means that all questions might not be answered.

UPF Lund should be on the front lines of transparency and accountability as we expect nothing less from other democratic organisations. This motion will propose that we have a meeting this spring where members can ask the board questions.

Purpose

The purpose of the meeting would be to make the members feel like they can have more influence and insight in the board’s work, hence making UPF Lund a more democratic and open association.

Proposal

I propose that the board decides:

- To allocate an hour before one (1) board meeting this spring (2018) where members have the opportunity to ask questions to the board regarding decisions the board has made throughout the year.
- To delegate to one or two board members to be in charge of the format of the meeting.

Ellen Boije af Gennäs Erre
Head of Lecture / Board Member

Attachment 4

Hi again,

Ok, thank you - we hope it will be fine then :)

Here are some updates I wrote down:

- We have not yet found anyone to help us with our initial idea for the website, however – Kompis Sverige did not express the same positive attitude towards it (as the other organisations) as they fear people will not find their way there. Thus, this “project” is for now put on ice, whereas we are looking into other options to reach out in the same way as we had wished for through the website (possibly via Facebook).
- All organisations we’ve met with agree on the same issues – they feel like they don’t reach out enough to students and even though being present at Hälsningsgillet, they have the impression that most students go there only to find a nation. Consequently, they are very keen on repeating the Get active-mingle Project Integration hosted last spring but rather to have it in the beginning of a semester. We are hoping to make this happen in September and if successful this is hopefully something that can continue annually (or even each semester).
- We are working on the panel discussion taking place on April the 19th. No speaker is confirmed (we are aware of the time constraint!) but we are comfortable that we will manage :)

If you have any questions we're happy to answer!

Best, Miriam