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Board Meeting

18:00-21:06 2018-03-27

Eden room 222A, Lund

The Board of 2017/18

Association of Foreign Affairs

Present: James Davies, Leon Klingborg, Maximin Orsero, Glenn Lio, Tove Jörgensen, Mårten Randau, Joseph Aivalikli, Zigne Edtröm, Soha Kadhim, Lovisa Lundin Ziegler, Tilda Kajbjer, Hanna Kanon, Anna Bernhardsson, Eleonora Hallberg.

1. Opening of the meeting

In the absence of President Ebba Coghlan Vice President James Davies declares the meeting open at 18:19.

2. Election of Chair, Secretary and Attesters of the meeting

James Davies is elected Chair of the meeting

Leon Klingborg is elected Secretary of the meeting

Soha Kadhim and Anna Bernhardsson are elected Vote Counters and Attesters of the meeting. (18:21)

3. Approval of the Agenda (Attachment 1)

(Ebba Coghlan enters the meeting at 18:22.)

Decision:

Proposal amend the agenda by adding the Other point Folkuniversitet study circles and to approve the agenda.

Passed by acclamation. (18:22)

4. Committee reporting

Lecture Committee

- The schedule for the rest of the working year is now set.
- There will be a lecture about cyber warfare.
- The work with getting Dilma Rouseff to Lund is continuing, the notion is that it will be managed at some point.
- The Lecture Committee has had a great hangout where the committee went to the RWI Human Rights Film Festival.
- The Palestinian Ambassador has said that she is open for being interviewed by the UPF media committees.

Radio Committee

- The next radio show will be on the Belarussian exchange.
- The Perspective Radio is now up on Itunes, this means that the podcasts are now reachable through any podcast app.
- The Radio Committee has had low attendance on its meetings lately.

PR Committee

- The LinkedIn account for UPF has now been retrieved, this is good for advertising UPF events but also for our members to be able to show that they have been involved with UPF.
- The facebook event for Cecilia Malmström event should come out soon.
- The facebook event for the Olof Skoog event is coming up soon.
- The UPF film is coming along.
- The pictures from Taipei and Taiwan are being worked on.

Activity Committee

- Study visit to UN City in Copenhagen is now planned and will have 15 spots which can be applied for on a first come first serve basis. The visit will be set to the 20th of April. Amongst other institutions a visit will be made to the Icelandic Embassy.
- The youth party debate is set to the 24th of April, all eight parties represented in Riksdagen are confirmed, a moderator is being sought after.
- On the 16th of April a movie screening of the movie The 13th Amendment, in cooperation with ESN, will be hosted. Hopefully SF will contribute with popcorn.
- On the 13th of May a barbecue and burnball event, for all members, will be held.

Magazine Committee

- The first issue of The Perspective Magazine for 2018 has arrived at some members' mailboxes, there appears to be a problem with Post Nord not delivering successfully to everyone.
- The Magazine committee is already working on the next issue, the theme is yet to be decided, the Middle East is a suggestion being considered.
- On the 21st of April a workshop will be held.
- *Discussions in the Board about letting non-members write for the Magazine.*
- The Perspective Magazine will hopefully have an article about the Belarussian exchange in the next issue.

Webzine Committee

- The new layout for the website is up thanks to Head of IT Christopher Andersson.
- The Perspective Webzine is now publishing around three articles every week.

- There has been a hangout where the committee members played pool together.

Travel Committee

- The Committee is going to Brussels, Belgium next week.
- In Brussels around four visits to interesting institutions will be made every day.
- Since the demoted regional president of Catalonia was arrested in Germany the Travel Committee will not be able to meet with him in Brussels as planned.
- At the moment the committee is not able to access the travel blog.

Career Committee

- The Prep Course and the Mentorship Program will go on a study trip to Stockholm together on the 9th of May.
- On the 10th of April a workshop about the External Action Service of the EU will be held.

5. Presidium reporting

Presidents

- The Presidents have now had the second round of individual talks with all Board Members.
- The planning of the Annual Election Meeting has begun.

Secretary

- Members Registry will hopefully be fully implemented soon.
- *Secretary Leon Klingborg encouraged Board Members to make sure that their Memberships have not expired.*

UFS Representative

- There has been a UFs Board Meeting which is describes as uneventful.
- In the middle of October next year, a push to get members from gymnasiums will be made.
- The application procedures for the MUCF grant has changed.
- Opinions on how to arrange the budget should be formulated before the UFS annual meeting in May.
- The press secretary of UFS has started working.
- The organizational development manager of UFS has started working.
- A PC decision on who to send to Folk och försvar´s annual election meeting has been made. UFS will be sending the UFS presidents.
- The climate compensation policy of UFS has been voted through.
- The annual election meeting of UFS is coming up, UFS Representative Julia Bergström wants help with preparing documents for the meeting.
- UFS Representative Julia Bergström has applied for the positions UFS secretary, together with Arash Bolouri, applying for the position of president, Salomon Rutikanga Masaka, applying fro the position of vice president, and Niclas Hvalgren, applying for the position of UFS treasurer.

Treasurer

- There are some extra funds which can be applied for by any committee.

Head of IT

- *Head of IT Christopher Andersson is not present.*

(Break at 19:20.)

(Chair James Davies declares the meeting open at 19:33.)

6. Belarus update

It will be difficult to reach the travellers when in Belaruss, Board Member and Crisis Group member Zigne Edstöm will be the contact person in Sweden for the travellers.

There will be an event were the Committees of UPF introduce themselves to the Belarussians.

The entire Board will not be able to join all the events with the Belarussian during their visits, because of lack of space and money granted.

The schedule for the visit will be up on the Board Facebook page when set.

7. Project Integration

Project Integration has sent an email to the Presidents.

President Ebba Coghlan present the contents of the email to the Board.

Project integration will have an integration conference, a couple of speakers are already confirmed.

Project Integration are planning to write a motion about a potential continuation of Project Integration.

Discussion in the Board about Project Integration.

(Julia Bergström leaves the meeting at 19:52.)

Further discussion in the Board about Project Integration.

(Julia Bergström enters the meeting at 19:56.)

Further discussion in the Board about Project Integration.

8. Alumni Network

A venue for an event, gathering alumni of UPF, is being looked after.

A lot of alumni have shown interest in the event.

Member of the Managing Group of the Senior Collegium Ebba Berström will present further details on the next Board meeting.

9. Annual Election Meeting

Applications for next year's Board are open.

The Annual Election Meeting will begin in the morning, at 10:00, on the 12th of May and there will be a lunch break.

Board Members are encouraged to recommend people to the various positions in the Board.

More information about the Annual Election Meeting will come soon.

10. Motions

(Attachment 2)

a) Climate compensation

Vice President James Davies present the motion to the Board.

Discussion in the Board about the motion.

Decision:

Proposal to update the Environmental Policy in accordance with the motion.

Passed by acclamation. (20:21)

Motion passed.

(Break at 20:22)

(Chair James Davies declares the meeting open at 20:30)

- b) International Debat in Copenhagen (Attachment 3)

Board Member Glenn Lio present the motion to the Board.

Discussion in the Board about the motion.

End of debate at 20:46.

Decision:

Proposal to establish a strategic partnership with International Debate at Copenhagen Business School through signing a Memorandum of Understanding with the forms of cooperation specified in the motion.

Passed by acclamation. (20:49)

Motion passed.

11. Other points

- a) Annual election meeting

Already discussed.

- b) Kick-out

On the 24th to the 25th of May the Board will have a kick-out to Lillsjödalen in Sösdala.

- c) UPF ball

Over 100 tickets have now been sold.

Board Member Julia Bergström and active Member Henry Stout will be toastmasters.

UPF Official Photographer Erik Hertz and one more active members will be photographers for the evening.

On the 14th or the 15th of April Balroom dance lessons will be held, the dates might still be changed.

Speeches will be limited to presidents and the committee members who have been a part of organizing the ball.

d) Office remake

A date on which a remake of the office could be carried out, is being looked for.

e) Coffee thermos update

Two new thermoses have been bought.

f) Archive

The UPF Archive has now been reorganized by AF.

A document describing the history of UPF which was written as a part of the reorganization might have to be corrected on a few points.

g) Cybersecurity panel in Copenhagen

The presidents have been contacted by previous members of UPF about a potential cooperation next autumn on a panel on cybersecurity.

12. Confirmation of next board meeting

Vice President James Davies informs the Board that the next Board

Meeting will be held on the 19th of April.

13. Meeting adjourned

Chair James Davies declares the meeting adjourned at 21:06.

Leon Klingborg, Secretary

Ebba Coghlan, President

Soha Kadhim, Attester

Anna Bernhardsson, Attester



Board Meeting

2018-03-27, 18:00

Venue: Eden 222A

1. Opening of the meeting (18:05)
2. Election of chair, secretary, attesters and vote counters of the meeting
3. Approval of the agenda
4. Committee reporting (18:15)
5. Presidium reporting (18:35-18:55)
6. Belarus update (19:00)
7. Project integration (19:10)
8. Alumni network (19:40)
9. Annual election meeting (19:50-20:05)
10. Motions (20:10)
 1. Climate compensation
 2. International Debat in Copenhagen
11. Other points (20:50)
 1. Annual election meeting

2. Kick-out
 3. UPF ball
 4. Office remake
 5. Coffee thermos update
 6. Archive
 7. Cybersecurity panel in Copenhagen
12. Confirmation of next board meeting (21:20)
13. Meeting adjourned



Motion about “updating the Environmental Policy”

Background

Currently, the Environmental Policy of UPF states the following:

“All committee members climate compensate for the carbon dioxide produced by their flying, in which way this is done is up to each committee member although climate compensation through Naturskyddsföreningen or planting trees are recommended.” However, Naturskyddsföreningen does not offer climate compensation. Furthermore, climate compensation through planting of trees has been widely disputed as an ineffective and, by some, even harmful activity. Instead, proponents of climate compensation have recommended that climate compensation be conducted in a way that invests in long-term solutions to mitigate carbon dioxide emissions. Therefore, the Environmental Policy should not recommend planting of trees, but rather recommend climate compensation through klimatkompensera.se, which at the moment provides opportunities to climate compensate by investing in green energy in India, energy efficient stoves and protection of woods in Zambia.

Apart from this, a section of mandatory reporting of climate compensation at each board meeting should be implemented. This is to increase the transparency of UPF as well as ensure that climate compensation is being conducted when flights have been booked.

Purpose

The purpose of updating the environmental policy is to ensure, or at least increase the chances, that UPF climate compensates in a manner that helps the environment in the long term as well as increases its transparency of climate compensation.

Thus, I suggest that the Environmental Policy is updated with the following changes:

~~“All committee members climate compensate for the carbon dioxide produced by their flying, in which way this is done is up to each committee member although climate compensation through Naturskyddsföreningen or planting trees are recommended.”~~ Replace with:

“All committee members climate compensate for the emissions of carbon dioxide produced by their booked flights. Climate compensation is recommended to be done through klimatkompensera.se to ensure that the conducted climate compensation is efficient and contributes to long-term solutions.”

Additionally, I suggest that this paragraph is moved to “General guidelines” and/or included in the paragraphs about the UFS-representative, career committee, and lecture committee.

To add (under “General guidelines”):

"Each board meeting should include an update on climate compensation to ensure that climate compensation is being conducted in a responsible and transparent manner."

Proposal

With this in mind, I propose that the board decides **to** update the Environmental policy according to the motion.

Julia Bergström,
UFS Representative



Motion about “Partnership with International Debate CBS”

Motion about establishing strategic partnership with International Debate CBS

Background

UPF Lund and International Debat in Denmark perform many similar activities without competing against each other. Despite this, the two associations have never cooperated to save resources for lectures and other events. As we are located in the southern tip of Sweden and the proximity Copenhagen, we believe it is in our paramount interest to establish a cross-Öresund partnership with student organizations that shares the same value and mission as us. Furthermore, we believe this will enable UPF Lund to optimize our resources and international influence.

Purpose

This mutually beneficial partnership will create more opportunities for our members to establish international contacts and participate in a wider variety of activities, enable us to better utilize our resources, secure bigger names to speak at our events, and spread our influence in Denmark.

Proposal

Establish a strategic partnership with International Debate at Copenhagen Business School through signing a Memorandum of Understanding with the following forms of cooperation:

1 Study Trips

- Places open for Lund UPF on study trips organized by ID CBS
- Places open for CBS students on Lund UPF trips;
- Possibility to plan study trips together in future
- Discuss on the Brussels trip in greater future

2 Speaker Sharing

- Work together to secure famous names to speak at both of our events o Example: Selected speakers attend one event in Copenhagen the one day and one event at Lund the following day - or vice versa, so as to make use of geographical proximity.

3 Contacts

- Both sides open to sharing contacts upon request
- Arrange bi-annual introduction meeting between the UPF Lund Head of Lecturers and ID CBS Board, or otherwise an appointed individual by the ID CBS Board

4 Event Promotion and Participation

- Each party promotes three events hosted by the other party per semester o Notification of this should be sent via email at least three (3) weeks in advance of the respective event, in accordance with UPF Lund policy
 - o For UPF Lund, the relevant email is to be directed to UFS

Representative who will be in charge of partner relations - see section four (4) for contact information

- Waiver entrance fee for Copenhagen Business School students at UPF Lund lectures upon showing valid Copenhagen Business School ID card

5 Official Acknowledgement

- List each other as official partners on the website

6 Social Aspect

- Semester visits for our active members and boards to socialize
- Participation in each other's events to be followed by a social activity -lunch, coffee or dinner, for the active members to mingle

Glenn Lio
Head of Travel / Board Member

Julia Bergström
UFS Representative / Board Member