



The Association of Foreign Affairs in Lund Board meeting

May 16th 2019
Paradisgatan 5H, Lund

Present: Michal Gieda, Zigne Edström, Hannes Berggren, Olga Rudak, Timothy Parker, Jacob Wollheim, Sofia Gjertsson, Louise Grönsund, Isak Fritzon, Colette Heefner, Signe Davidsson, Joel Ekström, Simon Leo, Matilda Wilhelmsson, Julia Vázquez, Nina Lancelot and Henreitta Tuomalia

1. Opening of the meeting

President Michal Gieda declares the meeting open at 5.20 PM.

2. Election of Chair

Mr. Michal Gieda is proposed as Chair of the meeting.

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

3. Election of Secretary

Mr. Isak Fritzon is proposed as Secretary of the meeting.

Mr. Fritzon is by acclamation elected Secretary of the meeting.

4. Election of attesters and vote counters of the meeting

Mr. Simon Leo and Ms. Zigne Edström are proposed as vote counters and attesters.

Mr. Leo and Ms. Edström are by acclamation elected as vote counters and attesters of the meeting.

5. Approval of the Agenda

The meeting agenda is passed by acclamation.

Ms. Julia Vázquez leaves the meeting at 5.24 PM

6. Presidium reporting

Presidents

Ms. Edström informs that handover documents need to be prepared. Furthermore, keys and other things needs to be handed over to the next board. Mr. Gieda informs that study circle applications need to be sent in the 14th of June.

Ms. Edström informs that we need to report on the grants that we have got. The reports will be sent in to the next annual meeting. The reporting needs to be done over summer and includes some committees helping out. Information will be sent out.

Ms. Edström reminds of a hectic week ahead. They might not be as available as usual.

Ms. Edström reminds of the kick-out that will take place on the 7th of June.

Secretary

Not present, he is in Stockholm for the finals in the National Moot Championships.

Treasurer

Mr. Leo informs that he has been up to accounting and answering the committees question. Mr. Leo states that it has been Business as usual.

Head of IT

Mr. Jacob Wollheim informs about that he has been trying to post the travel blogs on the website. It has proved to be harder to what he thought.

Ms. Colette Heefner informs about a suspicious email she got. She wants the board to be aware of that.

7. Committee reporting

Activity Committee

The Committee is, over all, happy with the ball but had some complaint concerning Grand and have contacted them about this. The next heads will be informed about the problems. The ball photos are on their way and the photographers are editing them as of now. This weekend they are planning to go to Lomma Beach but might have a Eurovision night instead if the weather turns out to be bad. The committee will have a questioner/pub hangout on Thursday during the EU-week. They have had their last meeting and will have a kick-out for the committee. They will report the study-circles as soon as possible. It will probably account for 24 hours.

Ms. Heefner asks what Grand answered on the question why the ball finished earlier than expected. Louise answers that Grand have not responded on that question.

Career Committee

The committee has had its last prep-course this Easter. The committees last activity will be a study-visit to Copenhagen.

Lecture Committee

The committee informs that there was an issue with the lecture on North Korea last week, since the lecturer was stuck at the airport in Manchester, but it turned out good with the help of PR. Mr. Jonathan Garbe asks the rest of the board to promote the EU-week which the lecture committee has worked hard on.

Magazine Committee

The committee has sent its last issue to the printers. The Media Olympics are being arranged on Monday next week. The committee will have a kick out arranged. The study circles need to be approved but they have all the information they need.

Mr. Hannes Berggren asks about the collaboration with Ung Media. The collaboration turned out good and the winner of Ung Medias article competition will be published in the last issue of the Magazine.

PR Committee

The Committee informs about the study circles. On climate compensation Joel informs that the committee generally haven't produced posters except for the lecture on North Korea. The Heads have ordered tote bags. The committee has been working a lot on promoting NCI.

Ms. Nina Lancelot asks about the price of the tote bags. Mr. Joel Ekström informs that it will be around 80 Swedish crowns per bag.

Radio Committee

The committee has four podcasts left to publish. They have held there last committee meeting. They will have a kick out for the committee and also a handover meeting with the next heads. Ms. Olga Rudak informs that Mr. Jonatan Klefbom is on his way to completing the study circles. The Radio Committee will take part in the Media Olympics.

Travel Committee

The travel committee informs that they have done their climate compensations and have the recite for that. The heads hope the travel-blogs will be up soon. On study circles they have about 40 hours accounted for.

Ms. Edström asks how it's going with the ambassador from Taiwan visiting. Ms. Heefner answers that there probably will be a lunch with him next Thursday since he happens to be in town.

Mr. Leo asks about the work with EASA, and how they are going to divide the seats for the lunch. Colette answers that it probably will be first come first served.

Webzine Committee

They will have a theme week, together with the other media committees planned for next week and they finish publishing on June 6th. The Webzine committee will take part in the Media Olympics next Monday. They study circles have to be approved, other than that the study circles are done.

Meeting adjourned at 6.35 PM.

Meeting resumed at 6.45 PM.

8. UFS Reporting

The work with NCIA has been going well. They are happy with the amount of tickets sold. The UFS admin will step down from his job. The job will be announced and Mr. Berggren encourage everyone to apply.

9. UFS Annual election meeting

Ms. Edström and Mr. Berggren will go to the meeting and represent UPF-Lund. Hannes will go through the nominated candidates:

***President:** Mr. Sakari Teerikoski is nominated for the position as president. Hannes thinks that he is a great candidate. He doesn't see any reason not to support him.*

Mr. Ekström asks about Mr. Teerikoski's visions for UFS. Mr. Berggren thinks that he is a humble leader and will take the local associations ideas in consideration. Mr. Berggren refers to the document stating why he was nominated.

Ms. Edström asks about the discussion of UFS as an opinion shaper. Mr. Berggren answers that Mr. Teerikoski thinks that UFS could be an opinion shaper but he underlines that he is humble and that he doesn't have an strong opinion on it.

Mr. Gieda proposes that the board favours Sakari Teerikoski for the position.

The board decides to favour Sakari Teerikoski through acclamation.

Vice president

Ms. Amandah Andersson is the nominated candidate for the position of vice president. There is a counter candidate. Mr. Berggren thinks that Ms. Andersson should be favoured since the counter candidate is unknown and since Ms. Andersson is competent for the position.

Ms. Gjertsson thinks that Ms. Andersson is a good candidate that will get things done and suggest that the board favours her.

Ms. Lancelot talks about Ms. Andersson qualifications/merits in her local organisation and suggest that the board favours her.

Mr. Gieda proposes that the board favours Ms. Amandah Andersson for the position.

The board decides to favour Ms. Amandah Andersson through acclamation.

UFS head of communications.

Ms. Melinda Nilsson is the nominated candidate for the position as head of communication. Mr. Berggren doesn't personally know Ms. Nilsson but doesn't see any reason not to favour her since there are no counter candidates.

Mr. Gieda proposes that the board favours Ms. Melinda Nilsson for the position.

The board decides to favour Ms. Melinda Nilsson through acclamation.

UFS treasurer

Mr. Rafael Rodrigo is the nominated candidate for the position as UFS treasurer. There are no counter candidates. Mr. Berggren doesn't know Mr. Rodrigo personally but thinks that his experiences and studies show that he is a good candidate.

Mr. Gieda proposes that the board favours Mr. Rafael Rodrigo for the position.

The board decides to favour Mr. Rafael Rodrigo through acclamation.

UFS Secretary

Mr. Christopher Andersson is the nominated candidate for the position as UFS Secretary. Mr. Berggren think nothing has to be stated, meaning that we should favour Mr. Andersson.

Mr. Gieda proposes that the board favours Mr. Christopher Andersson for the position.

The board decides to favour Mr. Christopher Andersson through acclamation.

Election Committee

Ms. Hanna Waerland-Fager is nominated for the position as member of the election committee. Mr. Berggren thinks that we should favour her.

Mr. Gieda proposes that the board favours Ms. Hanna Waerland-Fager for the position.

The board decides to favour Ms. Hanna Waerland-Fager through acclamation.

Info on the position as auditor

Mr. Berggren informs that the position as auditor had no applications but that there will be people, from last year's UFS board candidating at the meeting. Mr. Berggren suggests that the ones applying should be voted through, but that it is up to Ms. Edström.

Motion for the position for press secretary

Mr. Berggren is sceptical to the reasons for having a press secretary since it is not, according to him, needed in UFS. Mr. Berggren doesn't think the role fills a purpose in the board and that the motion to remove the position should be voted through. The verdict on the motion states that the UFS board shouldn't remove the position but, instead, put the position into rest. Mr. Berggren doesn't agree with the verdict and thinks that the motion should be voted through, meaning that the position is removed in it's entirety.

The board discuss the motion and the option to go with the line of the verdict on the motion. Ms. Gjertsson lifts the point that the press secretary shouldn't be allowed to write articles in the name of UFS but that there might be a purpose for the press secretary if the mission of the press secretary is clarified and reviewed.

Mr. Gieda proposes that the board favours the motion to repeal the press secretary position in the UFS board.

The board decides to favour the motion to remove the press secretary through acclimation.

Other points

Hannes thinks that the UFS is moving in a positive direction.

Ms. Vázquez returns to the meeting at 6.41 PM.

Ms. Henrietta Tuomalia leaves the meeting at 6.43 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 6.43 PM.

Meeting resumed at 8.57 PM.

10. Motions

Motion about paying for tote bags.

The PR committee presents the written motion and explains the thoughts behind it.

The board discusses the motion. Mr. Berggren thinks that the board should spend all of the money, to be able to apply for grants next operational year, and not ending up with a budget surplus. He proposes to amend the motion; to buy, 80 extra bags, making it 130 tote bags in total.

Mr. Leo objects since he wants to investigate the demand for the bags first. Mr. Ekström thinks that if we order more it will take more time before the bags are delivered.

A majority of the board members think that the demand for tote bags will be high.

Mr. Leo doesn't see the problem with not spending the money since there is no problem with applying for grants as of now, furthermore the bags might arrive later if a big order on bags is placed.

Mr. Gieda proposes that the board, with a raise of hands, votes on what to go to decision on.

The motion with the amendment, to order 130 tote bags, gets eight votes. The original motion gets zero votes.

Mr. Gieda proposes that the board passes the amended motion.

The motion with the proposes amendment is passed through acclamation.

11. Other points

Annual Election meeting

Mr. Gieda thinks the annual election meeting went well, overall, but was a bit stressful and messy towards the end. Mr. Gieda asks the board to come with suggestion on how the meeting can be carried out more effectively. The board discusses whether people should be allowed to discuss a candidate if there are no counter candidates, and how that could be done faster.

Ms. Davidson thinks the election procedure should be updated. She is critical towards old board members being allowed to ask other people to talk at the meeting. Ms. Grönsund agrees on this point.

Mr. Berggren wants to remind the board that it is important not to undermine democracy in the name of efficiency. He clarifies that he wants both democratic and efficient annual election meetings.

Ms. Ekström brings up the idea of having the annual meeting over two days to shorten the meetings.

Mr. Wollheim suggests that 15 seconds could be the time limit for speaking in favor of candidates if there are no counter candidates. He also lifts the point that if we are more efficient more people will show up making it more democratic. Joel agrees on the point that efficiency will make the meeting more democratic since people won't feel any social pressure to take a stance quickly.

Ms. Rudak lifts the point that, when speaking in favor of someone, personal aspects shouldn't be a part of that speech. Hannes doesn't agree with that. He thinks that everyone at the meeting should be able to say whatever they want.

Ms. Gjertsson suggests that co-heads get elected under one point, speeding up the procedure. Louise agrees to this suggestion.

Handover board meeting

The handover board meeting will probably be moved to the 4th of June, since no venues are available on the time that, originally, was set out for the meeting. The majority of the board thinks that the meeting should be moved to the 4th of June to get a greater attendance at the meeting. The board discusses what day that will be better for the attendance at the meeting. The board decides to move the meeting to the 4th of June.

Ms. Gjertsson asks about the procedure of electing people into the Senior Collegium. Hannes answers that the bylaws state that only members of the Senior Collegium can nominate people into the Senior Collegium.

Board medals

Mr. Berggren thinks that the board should get board medals. He thinks that we should delegate the work to the Activity Committee. The board discusses what medals to get and how to pay for the medals.

Hannes suggests that the board takes a decision on that the board delegates the task of buying board medals, to Nina and Louise, for the board of 18/19 with a maximum amount of 2000 kr.

The board votes yes to the proposition through acclimation.

12. Confirmation of next board meeting

Chair Mr. Gieda proposes the next board meeting to be held on the 4th of June.

13. Meeting adjourned

Chair Mr. Gieda declares the meeting adjourned at 8.13 PM.



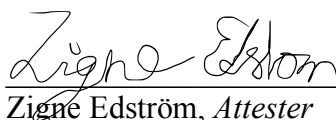
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Simon Leo, Attester



Zigne Edström, Attester