



# ASSOCIATION OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

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## Board Meeting 1

14:35-19:41

2020-08-20

Studentgården, Skanör

The Board of 20/21

Association of Foreign Affairs,  
Lund

Present: Agnieszka Gryz, Carl Cotton, Clara Karlsson Schedvin, Daniel Bergdal, Demi Bylon, Frida Lindberg, Gabriella Gut, Hedda Carlsson, Henrietta Kulleborn, Kerime van Opijnen, Lovisa Lundin Ziegler, Maguette Fall, Mara Glas, Max Onkenhout, Roja Jabarzadeh, Soha Kadhim, Thea Sandin, Victoria Becker.

Absent: Anna Mizser, Emma Liljeström, Karin Mizser, Miljaemilia Wala.

### 1. Opening of the meeting

*President Soha Kadhim declares the meeting open at 14:35.*

### 2. Election of Chair of the meeting

*Soha Kadhim is elected Chair of the meeting at 14:35.*

### 3. Election of Secretary of the meeting

*Carl Cotton is elected Secretary of the meeting at 14:36.*

### 4. Election of Attesters and Vote Counters of the meeting

*Thea Sandin and Kerime van Opijnen are elected Vote Counters and Attesters of the meeting at 14:36.*

## 5. Approval of the Agenda

(Attachment 1)

*Hedda Carlsson proposes to amend the agenda by removing point 10. Grants, by adding point 11. Board member and office rules and by adding point 16.2 Get active.*

*Proposal to approve the agenda with the suggested amendments.*

*Passed by acclamation at 14:38.*

## 6. Presidium reporting

### 6.1. Presidents

- *The annual meeting of the fall 2020 will be held on the 24th of September (24/9). The next regular board meeting will be held on the 3rd of September (3/9). During the annual meeting we will need to fill two vacant positions in the Election Committee. We will also need to fill two vacant positions as Chief Recruiters. The regular board meetings will be held in person, if everyone is comfortable with this. Questions arise revolving around the possibility of having the meetings through Zoom if board members are feeling sick.*

### 6.2. Secretary

- *Work so far has mainly revolved around implementing the new membership system, Cardskipper. Explains how to sign up new members through Cardskipper.*
- *Informs the board that as of Monday (17/8), we have 492 members. There is a substantial difference between this and the same time last year, where we had 775 members.*
- *Will begin with the newsletters on Monday (31/8). Asks Heads of Committees to send information that they want in the newsletter, at the latest on Saturdays.*

- *Most of the board members need to renew their membership, especially since the Annual Meeting is approaching. Will send out extra reminders to do this on Thursday (10/9) at the latest.*

**(The Chairperson Soha Kadhim declares the meeting adjourned for a break at 15:11)**

**(The Chairperson Soha Kadhim declares the meeting re-opened at 15:20)**

### **6.3. Treasurer**

- *Informs the board about reimbursements if members spend private money in account of UPF, and how to use the form.*
- *Informs the board about a document where board members fill in information about their different events. This will later on be used in applications for grants and similar.*
- *We now have credit cards.*

### **6.4. UFS-representative**

- *Information about Foreign Weekend, which is an event where the member associations and UFS-representatives get to know each other. This year it will be held in Stockholm on the 14th-15th of November (14/11-15/11). Both active members and board members will be able to attend.*
- *The first board meeting for the UFS-representatives has been held. Discussions revolved around how UFS is to become more approachable, this resulted in the creation of four different committees that will help UFS reach this goal. Furthermore the UFS will try to communicate more directly with its members within the local associations.*
- *UFS is to create and print a UFS-songbook. Initially the price for each book will be 117 SEK and the local association will have to buy a set of books and then resell them to their members. The board is asked whether or not this cost should be included in the budget. This will be discussed during the next board meeting.*

## 7. Committee reporting

### 7.1. Activity

- *Several nations will be willing to host events, for example sittings. Will discuss in-person events further during point 14. Coronastrategy.*

### 7.2. Career

- *Both of the heads of Career are absent.*

### 7.3. Lecture

- *Has started contacting lecturers. Get Active is approaching and they are discussing which theme to choose for the event. Has also discussed different ways to host lectures during the coronavirus pandemic. Three different lecturers have been booked preliminary.*

### 7.4. Magazine

- *Recruitment during the Get Active event will be crucial. Discussion arises regarding the committee meetings and which day of the week these will be held. The first issue will hopefully be printed in mid October.*

### 7.5. PR

- *Everything that is to be posted on the associations social media outlets should go through the PR committee. The main reason for this is coherence and unity. Asks the board members to start using the Google Calendars so that it will be easier to check each other's schedules.*

### 7.6. Travel

- *Is currently planning on different scenarios in regards to the coronavirus pandemic. Will discuss this further during point 14. Coronastrategy.*

#### **7.7. Radio**

- *Has had their first meeting with Radio AF. Asks the board members to join them in presenting UPF through the radio since "Hälsningsgillet" will be digital this year. This is a great opportunity for the association to market itself. Will let the interested board members know when they might be needed.*

#### **7.8. Webzine**

- *Has published their first article for the operational year. Up until the American election in November, the Webzine committee will publish one article each Monday discussing the election. Struggles somewhat with marketing of this, due to Facebook being reluctant to include political content in their ads.*

**(The Chairperson Soha Kadhim declares the meeting adjourned for a break at 16:14)**

**(The Chairperson Soha Kadhim declares the meeting re-opened at 16:20)**

### **8. Election of publishers**

#### **8.1. Election of publisher for The Perspective Magazine**

*Victoria Becker is nominated for the role as publisher for The Perspective Magazine.*

*Proposal to elect Victoria Becker as publisher for The Perspective Magazine.*

*Passed by acclamation at 16:23.*

## 8.2. Election of publisher for The Perspective Webzine

*Daniel Bergdal is nominated for the role as publisher for The Perspective Webzine.*

*Proposal to elect Daniel Bergdal as publisher for The Perspective Webzine.*

*Passed by acclamation at 16:23.*

## 8.3. Election of publisher for The Perspective Radio

*Max Onkenhout is nominated for the role as publisher for The Perspective Radio.*

*Proposal to elect Max Onkenhout as publisher for The Perspective Radio.*

*Passed by acclamation at 16:24.*

## 9. Membership sign-up

*The point is abolished due to this having already been discussed during point 6.2. Secretary Report.*

## 10. Membership Fee

(Attachment 2)

*The basic problem and background of the discussion can be found in Attachment 2.*

*The Chairperson Soha Kadhim summarizes the problem by explaining that the board needs to decide if it is going to propose that the annual meeting abolishes the membership fee. This would then be done for a set amount of time in order to get more, and keep existing, members during the coronavirus pandemic.*

*Mara Glas explains how this would affect the UFS economically since a portion of the membership fee goes to UFS.*

*The Chairperson Soha Kadhim and the Secretary Carl Cotton answers questions in reference to how this would play out concretely if decided upon.*

*Max Onkenhout suggests to have an extra annual meeting before the already scheduled annual meeting on September the 24th (24/9). The main reason for this is urgency.*

*Clara Karlsson Schedvin proposes that we call an extra annual meeting on the 9th of September to vote on the membership fee for the operational year.*

*Clara Karlsson Schedvin secondly proposes that we remove the membership fee for the autumn semester of 2020.*

*Kerime van Opijnen counter proposes that we scrap the membership fee for the whole operational year 20/21.*

*Max Onkenhout counter proposes that we call an extra annual meeting on the 10th of September to vote on the membership fee for the operational year.*

**(The Chairperson Soha Kadhim declares the meeting adjourned for a break at 17:12)**

**(The Chairperson Soha Kadhim declares the meeting re-opened at 17:18)**

*The proposition to call an extra annual meeting on the 9th of September is passed by voting with a raise of hand (11 out of the total 18 votes are in favor) at 17:23.*

*The counterproposal to call an extra annual meeting on the 10th of September to vote on the membership fee for the operational year, is therefore no longer relevant.*

*The proposition to remove the membership fee for the autumn semester of 2020 is rejected by voting with a raise of hand (4 out of the total 18 votes are in favor) at 17:25.*

*The counterproposal to scrap the membership fee for the whole operational year of 20/21 is passed by acclamation at 17:26.*

#### 11. Board member and office rules

*Hedda Carlsson informs the board members that they have certain responsibilities as board members, and discusses the rules which the board members need to follow. This mainly revolves around inclusivity and rules in regards to how the office should be used. The rules have been put together by the presidents and lean on several directives from AF.*

*A discussion arises in regards to the rules, as some members oppose them. The Chairperson Soha Kadhim suggests that it would be more beneficial to discuss this further during a later time.*

#### 12. Office hours

*The Chairperson Soha Kadhim proposes that the board table this point until the next board meeting.*

*Passed by acclamation at 18:00.*

#### 13. Crisis group

*The Chairperson Soha Kadhim proposes that the board table this point until the next board meeting.*

*Passed by acclamation at 18:00.*

*The Chairperson Soha Kadhim proposes that the board prolongs the meeting until 19:00.*



*Passed by acclamation at 18:02.*

**(The Chairperson Soha Kadhim declares the meeting adjourned for a break at 18:04)**

**(The Chairperson Soha Kadhim declares the meeting re-opened at 18:13)**

#### 14. Coronastrategy

*The board needs to decide upon strategies to handle the coronavirus pandemic. Many of the committees are dependent on an association wide stance when it comes to for example in-person events. The three committees that will be discussed in depth are the lecture committee, the travel committee, and the activity committee. The different committee heads will initially describe the situation, and then decide if they want to hand in propositions to the board.*

*Frida Lindberg suggests that in-person events could be possible for the lecture committee if we follow the recommendations (for example a limit on the amount of people being able to sign up for the event). The idea to hire a guard to make sure that the limit is not breached arises as well.*

*Thea Sandin asks the board if they feel comfortable with letting the travel committee go outside of Sweden (Paris is mentioned). If not, the travel committee will most likely travel within Sweden, this is something that the heads of travel have a mandate to do without the board's approval.*

*Discussion arises in regards to whether or not it is a good idea to bring international students outside of Sweden in case of changing rules and regulations. The point that the government currently recommends people to not travel on unnecessary foreign trips, is brought up. The heads of travel committee decides to not construct a proposition for the board to decide upon, and will most likely travel within Sweden instead, since it is obvious that the board is reluctant to approve traveling abroad.*

*Henrietta Kulleborn asks the board if they feel comfortable with hosting sittnings on nations, or if outside events would be preferable. The point that it would be difficult to market is brought up.*

*Hedda Carlsson informs the board that if we market the event, and the recommendations would be broken, we could be legally responsible. The recommendations revolving around social distancing and a limited amount of people being able to participate, is also brought up as arguments against having sittnings.*

*Frida Lindberg proposes that the board decides that the lecture committee can host physical lectures with restrictions, a high level of precaution and can go back to digital lectures if the situation in Sweden requires it.*

*Passed by acclamation at 19:00.*

**(The Chairperson Soha Kadhim declares the meeting adjourned for a break at 19:00)**

**(The Chairperson Soha Kadhim declares the meeting re-opened at 19:04)**

*Henrietta Kulleborn proposes that the board allows the activity committee to preliminary book two sittnings in October and December during the autumn semester of 2020.*

*Hedda Carlsson suggests an amendment of the proposition by adding a maximum limit of 50 people to these events.*

*Henrietta Kulleborn agrees to merge her proposal with Hedda Carlssons amendment.*

*Passed by acclamation at 19:08.*

*Daniel Bergdal and Lovisa Lundin Ziegler declares a reservation against the decision proposed by Henrietta Kulleborn.*

## 15. Motions

### 15.1. Motion of name change for radio

*Max Onkenhout proposes to table the motion until the next board meeting.*

*Passed by acclamation at 19:10.*

## 16. Other points

### 16.1. By-laws and policies

*The Chairperson Soha Kadhim proposes that the board table the point until the next board meeting.*

*Passed by acclamation at 19:11.*

*The Chairperson Soha Kadhim proposes that the board prolongs the meeting until 19:30.*

*Passed by acclamation at 19:12.*

### 16.2. Get Active

*The Chairperson Soha Kadhim informs the board that it needs to decide how this year's Get Active event will take place in regard to the coronavirus pandemic.*

*The idea to do the event outside is brought up. The problem with the marketing and the legal aspects are however still relevant.*

*Henrietta Kulleborn proposes to have a Get Active on the 16th of September (16/9).*

*Passed by acclamation at 19:36.*

*Victoria Becker proposes that we host the Get Active outside in a corona friendly manner. Possibly coming up with a booking system for people to book a slot to avoid overcrowding and making the event illegal.*

*Passed by acclamation at 19:39.*

*Hedda Carlsson and Clara Karlsson Schedvin declares a reservation against the decision proposed by Victoria Becker.*

*Max Onkenhout proposes that we have a digital Get Active together with the lecture planned for September and to market it as a Get Active event.*

*Passed by acclamation at 19:40.*

17. Confirmation of next board meeting

*The Chairperson Soha Kadhim informs the board that the next board meeting will be held on 3rd of September (3/9) at 17.00.*

18. Meeting adjourned

*The Chairperson Soha Kadhim declares the meeting adjourned at 19:41.*

Carl Cotton, Secretary

Soha Kadhim, Chair

Kerime van Opijnen, Attester

Thea Sandin, Attester

## Attachment 1

### **Board Meeting**

2020-08-20, 14:00

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Skanör The Board

20/21 Association of

Foreign Affairs, Lund

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17. Confirmation of next board meeting
18. Meeting adjourned

## Attachment 2

### Removing the Membership Fee

**Background information:** The Board of 19/20 saw a steady decrease in membership sign ups which hit the association harder with the COVID-19 pandemic. With this situation creating uncertainties in certain regular incomes (MUCF grant and membership revenues), the Presidium of 19/20 suggested an alternative to remove the membership fee with different alternatives for how long it should last (the alternatives are mentioned below).

The reason for this suggestion depends mostly on the fact that we are not able to recruit new members, which means we would lose a big amount of income from both MUCF and membership revenues. Keeping the membership fee would mean that we lose both membership revenues and MUCF Grant money. While removing the membership fee would mean we lose the membership revenues for a certain amount of time but would potentially still mean that we receive the higher amount MUCF grant money than what we would if we continue having a membership fee.

#### **The amount we have received from MUCF**

*Autum semester 2019:* 68 875 SEK

*Spring semester 2020:* 87 019 SEK

*Autumn semester 2020:* 87 019 SEK

**Membership revenues for 19/20:** 47 630,20 SEK

*What the Board needs to decide upon:*

1. Should the Board of 20/21 send in a proposition to the Annual meeting and encourage the meeting to remove the membership fee? Or should we keep a membership fee?
2. If there is a consensus on removing the membership fee, should the membership fee be set to 0 SEK (free membership) for:
  - a. the autumn semester 2020
  - b. the whole operational year of 20/21 or,
  - c. As long as there are recommendations prohibiting public gatherings under 100 people?
3. Since the annual meeting owns the right to take a decision on this issue, should the Board:
  - a. Call in for an extra annual meeting for as soon as it's possible to have one? Absolute first possible date would be 3rd of september.
  - b. Not call for an extra annual meeting and wait until the ordinary annual meeting which will be held on the 24th of september

Soha Kadhim & Hedda Carlsson  
President & Vice President 20/21