



ASSOCIATION OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

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Board Meeting

2022-09-22, 17:00-21:00 Kerstins Rum

The Board 22/23

Association of Foreign Affairs

Present: Annie Anderek, Kathryn Dolan, Lucile Corcoran, Santeri Rönty, Anaïs Le Pluart, Sara Friman, Ana Caselles Calle, Hassan El-Saghir, Julia Hampel, Zahra Aghazada, Nora Eliassen, Laila Sasivarevic, Ella Fasting, Elliott Gunnell, Victor Åstrand, Isabella Silva Ortiz

Absent: Love Kirkegaard, Dianne Kok, Anna Holm, Helene Witte

1. Opening of the Meeting

President Annie Anderek declares the meeting open at 17:32.

2. Election of Chair of the Meeting

Annie Anderek is elected Chair of the meeting at 17:33.

3. Election of Secretary of the Meeting

Santeri Rönty is elected Secretary of the meeting at 17:33.

4. Election of Attesters and Vote Counters of the Meeting

Elliott Gunnell and Lucile Corcoran are elected Vote Counters and Attesters of the meeting at 17:34.

5. Approval of the Electoral Roll

The Electoral Roll is set at 17 at 17:35.

6. Approval of the Agenda

Annie Anderek wishes to add a point under Other Points as Point 10.1.

Kathryn Dolan wishes to change the order of the points of the Agenda so that points Website Working Group and Recruitment Working Group are going to be discussed and decided first.

The Board approves the Agenda at 17:38.

7. Motions

7.1. Decision Point: Website working group

Kathryn Dolan presents the motion to the Board.

Annie Anderek continues the presentation to the Board.

POC Victor: Will there be more working groups?

Annie responds that there will be a more diverse set of working groups and that it will be discussed more in the future.

Elliott Gunnell signs himself up for the working group.

POC Elliott: Are people able to sign up later and drop out of the group later if needed?

Annie responds that it is possible.

POC Victor: Is the website not working well?

Annie responds that it is very slow.

POI Elliot: The layout of the website is not aesthetically pleasing.

POC Elliott: Who runs the main Google Account?

Annie responds that it is her.

The Board agrees to change the electoral roll to 16 at 17:48.

The Board goes into decision at 17:48.

The Board approves Kathryn, Elliott, and Isabella to the Website Working Group at 17:48.

7.2. Decision Point: Recruitment working group

Kathryn Dolan presents the point to the Board.

Elliott asks if the working group will be helping the VP to recruit more members.

Annie and Kathryn respond that they will be generally helping as well as helping with the recruitment strategy but not be doing more than the chief recruiters.

Ella asks if being in the working group is binding for the whole operational year.

Kathryn responds that it is not binding for the whole operational year.

The Board goes into decision at 17:53.

The Board approves Ella and Zahra to the Recruitment Working Group at 17:53

The Board sets the electoral roll to 15 at 17:54.

7.3. Decision Point: Membership Fee

Annie presents the motion to the Board.

The Board needs to set the membership fee for the durations of one, two and three years of membership.

Victor asks if the decision will go into effect immediately after the Annual

Meeting.

Annie responds that it would go into effect as soon as the administrative settings are set.

Elliott asks wonders if the membership for one year will become more expensive.

Annie responds that it will not unless it is changed.

Elliott suggests that a higher annual fee would generate more income.

Victor suggests that having a lower fee would make people sign up more.

Nora suggests that a 10-crown reduction in the price for two years of membership is not too incentivising.

Elliott suggests that paying a bit more for the membership would not be too big of a problem.

Julia suggests that 280 SEK is unattractive for people signing up for the first time.

Hassan asks if one can still sign up for 100 SEK for a year.

Annie responds yes.

Laila suggests that we could increase the membership fee for one year so that the membership fees for one or two years would be more attractive.

Elliott suggests that the annual fee could be increased to 150 SEK which would result in at least 10,000 SEK more in income for the association.

Annie responds that many other associations are also increasing the membership fees, so does UPF want to increase it too or should our association be the one that would not increase the fee? Annie could imagine an increase of around 25 SEK to the annual membership fee.

Victor suggests that if the membership fee is increased, we will recruit more members.

Annie responds that we get more money from the MUCF than from membership fees. We would get more grants per member than from an increase in the membership fee.

Hassan suggests that we should keep the fee at the current level or even lower it due to inflation to make our membership more appealing.

Annie reminds the board that if anyone wants to change the proposal, it will have to be sent via Slack to the board in order to change the proposal.

Victor asks if the proposals can be changed at the Annual Meeting.

Annie responds that it is possible to do so but it would be more simple to do so at a board meeting so that the board can discuss it.

Hassan suggests End of Debate.

Annie Anderek ends the debate at 18:33.

The Board goes through two proposals:

Proposal 1: The membership fees would be as follows: 100 SEK for one year, 190 SEK for two years, and 280 SEK for three years.

Proposal 2: The membership fees would be as follows: 125 SEK for one year, 225 SEK for two years, and 355 SEK for three years.

The Board decides to approve Proposal 1 regarding membership fees.

Board meeting takes a break at 18:36 for ten minutes.

The Board meeting continues at 18:48.

7.4. Decision Point: Operational Plan

Annie Anderek presents the Operational Plan to the Board, and suggests that it needs to be elected.

Annie Anderek suggests sending the Operational Plan to UFS.

Victor wonders why we need an Operational Plan.

Annie responds that it is for the sake of transparency with other associations. The Operational Plan will be used in the Annual Report of our operational year, which will then be used to discharge the current board from responsibility.

Victor asks what would happen if we were not discharged from responsibility.

Annie responds that in practice, a board is usually discharged from responsibility unless some serious mistakes or problems occur that would prevent the board from being discharged from responsibility.

The Board goes into decision at 18:53.

The Board approves the sending of the Operational Plan of the Operational year 2022-2023 at 18:54.

7.5. Decision Point: Operational Budget

Annie opens the discussion by presenting the motion.

Elliott wonders what the budget for Board Activities is for.

Annie responds that it is for activities for the Board, such as Board Meetings and the expenses for attending the Forum Weekend.

Elliott asks what the difference between Recruitment and Active members funds is.

Annie responds that they are allocated differently to different activities.

Elliott asks how the Advertisement fund is used.

Annie responds that the fund is used to promote our association on other platforms via other associations.

Laila asks why the board sweaters are so expensive.

Annie responds that they are expensive because they are custom-made.

Victor asks what goes under the category of “other expenses”.

Lucile responds that it is for such expenses that are not yet known.

Hassan wonders why they do not get any grants from FBA when they need to produce at least two podcasts.

Annie responds that the money goes indirectly to them via PR.

Elliott wonders why the board needs to get customised sweaters when we could get sweaters that are more generic.

Annie responds that this has not been discussed before. Generic sweaters are more likely to disappear.

Ana wonders if the FBA money can be shared among the committees when there are inter-committee collaborations.

Annie responds that adjustments can be done inter-committee-wise.

Victor suggests that merch could be involved in the Working Group activities.

Annie Anderek ends the debate at 19:12.

The Board goes into decision at 19:12.

The Board approves the Operational Budget for 2022-2023 at 19:13.

8. Presidium Reporting

8.1. Presidency

- 8.1.1. Has worked on the 2022-2023 Operational Plan
- 8.1.2. Reviewed the Annual Budget
- 8.1.3. Organised administrative matters
- 8.1.4. Sent in the FBA Application
- 8.1.5. Met with the Committees
- 8.1.6. Reorganised the office

8.2. Secretary

- 8.2.1. Since the last BM, two newsletters have been sent
- 8.2.2. Trying to find archive paper
- 8.2.3. Took part in the Presidium meeting on the 21st of September
- 8.2.4. Finished the Operational Plan

8.3. Treasurer

- 8.3.1. Finished the budget proposal for the Operational Plan

8.4. UFS Representative

- 8.4.1. Finished the Operational Plan
Anchored the meeting points for the UFS election on Slack and with former active members
- 8.4.2. Had a handover with the former UFS Representative
- 8.4.3. Had an introductory meeting with the President
- 8.4.4. Took part in the Presidium meeting on the 21st of September

9. Committee Reporting

9.1. Activity

- 9.1.1. Has held three committee meetings and one sitting
- 9.1.2. Upcoming events:
 - 9.1.2.1. Canoeing trip to Löddeköpinge 1st of October
 - 9.1.2.2. Karaoke night at Blekingska 15th of October

9.2. Career

- 9.2.1. Started with the weekly meetings
- 9.2.2. Introduced the new committee members to the events the committee is responsible for
- 9.2.3. Helped with booking a venue for the FBA seminar that is being shared with Lecture
- 9.2.4. Booking requested for Athen on the 17th of November for the Career Fair – just needs to be printed and signed
- 9.2.5. The next step is to start inviting people for the Career Fair to recruit trustees

9.3. Lecture

- 9.3.1. Hosted the Australian ambassador Bernard Philip on the 14th of September
- 9.3.2. Confirmed lecturers for September and October:
 - 9.3.2.1. Hampus Holmer, Olivia Nordell, Ian Manners, Zebulon Carlander, and Rola El-Husseini Dean
- 9.3.3. First committee meeting on the 21st of September
- 9.3.4. Discussed future lecturers/panels/events and trustees

9.4. Magazine

- 9.4.1. Has met with the previous editors
- 9.4.2. Set a plan for the year
- 9.4.3. Cleaned up the drive and mail box
- 9.4.4. Contributed to the planning of the writing workshop by Webzine
- 9.4.5. The first committee meeting is set for next Tuesday

9.5. Pod&Radio

- 9.5.1. Held the first committee meeting on the 20th of September

9.6. PR

- 9.6.1. Has created weekly schedules, board events, events on the social media channels for Lecture and Travel
Has held two committee meetings since the last board meeting

9.7. Travel

9.7.1. Has elected an announced the destination for the autumn trip: Jordan

9.7.1.1. A text has been written for social media and an application form has been created

9.7.1.2. The original deadline to apply for the 19th of September, but has since been changed to the 21st of September

9.7.1.3. Has started reaching out to contacts in Jordan

9.7.1.4. First committee meeting on the 28th of September

9.8. Webzine

9.8.1. Has set up schedules and infrastructure for the upcoming semester
Planning a writing workshop

9.8.2. One committee meeting held

9.8.3. Planning articles for October

10. Other Points

10.1. Information Point from the President

Annie informs the board about the usage of Slack: When someone asks something in the Board channel, please remember to ask people to react to the messages.

Annie informs the board about the FBA grants regarding its usage. All use of the FBA grant needs to be tracked on the Board drive.

11. Confirmation of Next Board Meeting

*The next Board Meeting will be held at 17:00 on October 13th.
The Annual Meeting will be held on October 8th.*

12. Meeting Adjourned

Annie Anderek adjourns the meeting at 19:34.



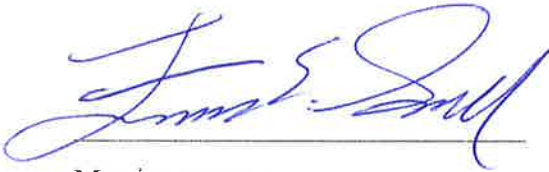
President

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Secretary

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Meeting attestor

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