



## **Board Meeting IV**

2024-11-28, 17:00

UPF Office, AF-Borgen

Board of 24/25

Association of Foreign Affairs Lund

Present: *Edwina Magnus, Ella Hellerup, Emil Andersson Herrström, Graciela Moreno Nino, Gustav Yxell, Joosep Raudsepp, Lauren Gerber, Louise Falk, Lucas Röing, Ronja Lamberg, Sabina Rameke, Santeri Rönty*

Online: *Agnes Fischer, Liam Jelmhag*

1. Opening of the meeting

*President Edwina Magnus opens the meeting at 17:10*

2. Election of Chair of the Meeting

*Edwina Magnus is elected the Chair of the Meeting at 17:10*

3. Election of Secretary of the Meeting

*Ronja Lamberg is selected the Secretary of the Meeting at 17:10*

4. Election of Attestors and Vote Counters of the Meeting

*Sabina Rameke and Santeri Rönty are elected the Attestors and Vote Counters of the Meeting at 17:11*

5. Approval of the Electoral Roll

*The electoral roll is set at 14 at 17:11*

6. Approval of the Agenda

*The Board approves the agenda at 17:16*

7. Discussion Point: Responsibility for fire brigade invoice

*Edwina presents the details of the given fire brigade invoice from AF Borgen and whether the responsibility to pay the invoice relies only on UPF. The issue being discussed was that the contract with AF Borgen does not mention anything about how to act in a similar situation which therefore, suggests that there are no legal obligations for us to pay the invoice.*

*Edwina adds that there is a will from the AF Borgen board to help us with the invoice and they have suggested us to discuss and decide upon a sum we would be able to contribute.*

*Gustav suggests that we could divide the invoice with AF Borgen 50/50.*

*Agnes asks how much we have in our savings account.*

*Gustav answers that the sum in our savings account is around 500 000 kr.*

*Ronja adds that the amount we could contribute should be a maximum of one third of the total sum since there is no harm trying to pay a lower sum and AF Borgen has not included this in our contract, suggesting that there are no legal obligations for us to pay this invoice.*

*Liam adds that we should not worry about our relationship with AF Borgen since they are dependent on us and vice versa, and that we should contribute with a sum around 2000 kr.*

*Edwina adds that she thinks we should divide the invoice 50/50 with AF Borgen because we have a moral obligation to acknowledge our part in the situation and what caused it. She highlights that it would be easier for her to continue the communication with AF Borgen with this sum since it would not cause her any extra work, counting, or thinking.*

*Graciela says that we should not contribute to the invoice by dividing it 50/50 because that is not fair since AF Borgen is a much bigger organisation with larger resources than us and they have made a huge mistake with conducting contracts and their legal tasks.*

*Lucas says that we should pay 50/50 since an undefined lower amount would cause more work for the President and that amount seems fair according to our actions.*

*Joosep adds that he would suggest contributing 5000 kr and he fully supports the comments about AF Borgen's mistakes in their contracts.*

*The Board conducted an informal vote which resulted in 8 board members voting for paying half of the amount of the invoice and 6 board members voting for paying less than half of the amount of the invoice.*

*Edwina ends the discussion by informing the Board that she will contact AF Borgen and inform them about our decision.*

8. Decision Point: Motion about paying the invoice for the fire brigade arriving to the U.S.  
Election breakfast

*The Board rejects the motion at 17:50*

9. Discussion Point: Political and religious unaffiliation

*Gustav begins the discussion with mentioning examples from past that are read aloud by Joosep, indicating that we have multiple of past events with names that included the word "Christmas" and other reasons why using that word does not mean that we are affiliating an event with Christianity but rather just having an event that celebrates a festivity related to Swedish culture. Therefore, using the word "Christmas" comes off naturally for an organisation located in Sweden and in relation to Swedish universities that celebrates the particular holiday and celebration.*

*Lucas adds that he agrees with Gustav about how using a word such as "Christmas" does not mean we are affiliated with a religion, and we should not deny using such words only to please a person who will never be pleased.*

*Graciela says that it feels ridiculous to be this careful with wording because our events have nothing to do with religion but rather the cultural background of the country we are operating in.*

*Graciela left the room due to a phone call.*

*Lauren asks if religious affiliation is mentioned in our statutes.*

*Edwina answers that it is in our statutes, but it is up to us how we interpret it.*

*Graciela joins the meeting.*

*Louise adds that not using the word “Christmas” has become increasingly difficult when the Activity Committee has been planning their events since other associations who collaborate with us include the connotation of “Christmas” while we cannot and that the upcoming sitting is about celebrating the Christmas season and not winter as it is now expressed due to the “restrictions” of using religiously affiliated words.*

*Ronja adds that she understands the pressure that using such words causes for the PR Heads and that using those should be carefully considered.*

*Gustav proposes an End of Debate at 18:12*

10. Information Point: Q1

*Gustav shortly presents the details of the quarterly report to the Board.*

11. Information Point: Variable-rate savings accounts

*Gustav begins by explaining that he has opened the variable-rate savings account and the 3% interest rate we chose in the previous Board Meeting was changed after the decision was made and instead an interest rate of 2,7% was chosen by him.*

*The Board expresses their acceptance of Gustav’s decision.*

*Edwina proposes a break at 18:16*

*The meeting resumes at 18:29*

12. Information Point: Protocols

*Gustav informs the Board and the Secretary that the Board Meeting protocols on the UPF Lund website are missing the signature page and are therefore, not complete.*

*Ronja answers that she has done the protocol procedures how it is traditionally done and sent the signature pages to the IT Trustee. She will contact the IT Trustee again and discuss how the signature pages can be added to the protocols.*

13. Discussion Point: Lundsala

*Santeri explains that he has held weekly meetings with the UFS Representative of Uppsala and has been continuing planning the Lundsala weekend and has booked a room for one of the activities with the help of Emil.*

14. Discussion Point: Fika and cleaning after weekly meetings

*Graciela informs the Board to be mindful of not leaving fika on the table after committee meetings and keeping the office clean. She adds that we should not leave anything unwashed in the sink in the kitchen and that everyone should make sure to save fika for other's meetings.*

15. Discussion Point: Concerns following the Career Fair

*Edwina presents the details of the concerns following the Career Fair that was held on Tuesday since the Career committee wished that they would have had more help from the Board during the event.*

*Agness continues the discussion by saying that they felt that the UPF Board members did not seem to be willing to participate in the event and sit behind the UPF desk to raise awareness of our association. She adds that the Career committee did not consider how much help they actually needed during the event.*

*Edwina adds that since it was difficult to anticipate how many people would participate, that could be added to the Career committee handover and that they should expect success for future events while asking help on time.*

*Louise adds that she participated in the Career Fair, and she was not able to provide help since she was there to quickly participate and then she had to leave and continue her university assignments.*

*Ronja says that she also participated in the Career Fair, and she helped the PR Trustee with merch and bringing down the Swish account details and the card reader. She went to the UPF desk and discussed with the other members who did not seem to need any more help with anything.*

*Joossep adds that he thinks the Board members should have the opportunity to participate in our events as individuals without having the pressure to help with organising.*

16. Discussion Point: Potentially moving the board meeting on May 1st to a different date

*Louise suggests that the Board Meeting on May 1st should be moved to another day and that the current date is also a red day.*

*Edwina suggests that the Board meeting will be moved to 2nd of May instead.*

17. Information Point: Application to the UFS election committee

*Joosep informs the Board that the UFS election committee is looking for people willing to apply for the missing five election committee positions.*

*Edwina suggests everyone to consider applying since it would be great to see as many of us UPF members representing and taking a stance on the election of the next UFS Board members.*

18. Information point: UFS Presidents-VPs meeting

*Edwina informs the Board that the Presidents of UFS and the member associations had a meeting in which they were supposed to share experiences of leading an association. The meeting also led to the discussion of the membership registry platform being used and the MUCF grant.*

*Edwina suggests Santeri to write a motion for the next meeting clarifying that the member associations are free to choose whichever membership platform they find suitable for their operations.*

*Joosep reminds the Board that UFS does not rule over our organisations and we can operate separately from them when making decisions about e.g. our membership platform.*

19. Information point: Alumni network progress

*Joosep begins with informing the Board about the details of the first Alumni network meeting and that the working group has created a LinkedIn group which is supposed to be branded and launched soon. He explains that the approach to the network is that an*



*alum should get something in favour of being a supporting member such as access to events, and alumni-only meetups are the ultimate aim when the network grows bigger.*

## 20. Presidium reporting

### 20.1. Presidents

Conducted check in meetings with 8 of 9 committees

Been in contact with AF regarding potential responsibility for firm alarm on 6th of November

Cleaned the office

Met with UFS representative regarding Lundsala

Taken part in a presidents meeting with UFS

Had bilateral meetings with UF Uppsala President

Written recommendation letters for members

Taken part in the Anna Lindh lecture festivities

Held weekly presidium meetings

Held first 'alumni network' meeting and started with creating a LinkedIn page/group for alumni

Booked us in for 2025 January Hälsningssillet & booked cafe Athen for January Get Active

Uploaded digital magazine on the perspective website

### 20.2. Secretary

Participated in Presidium meetings

Participated in PR meetings

Participated for the Forum Weekend in Uppsala

Finalised and sent the previous Board Meeting protocols to the IT trustee

Sent the current membership registry to AF

Participated in the Career Fair

Conducted weekly newsletters

Participated in the Alumni Network planning and implementation

### 20.3. Treasurer

Opened variable rate savings accounts according to the motion passed at BM3

Taken part in the UFS Forum Weekend

Finished taking payments for the Winter Wonderland sitting and the Max IV visit

Continued contact with PayPal to gain access to that account

Helped out at the Anna Lindh lecture

Written and submitted a motion

Booked a meeting with UFS' treasurer

Taken part in Presidium meetings

Completed payments and reimbursements until today

Compiled a Q1 financial report

Taken contact with Robban regarding heating

### 20.4. UFS Representative

Been in Uppsala for the Forum Weekend

Been in close contact with Uppsala about the Lundsala planning

Planned the Lundsala weekend

With the help of Activity booked a table for the Lundsala Saturday dinner

Held meetings with the Presidium

Brought up the membership platform change to the UFS Presidium and Board

## 21. Committee reporting

### 21.1. Activity

Participated in the Uppsala forum weekend

Held in the MAX IV event

Had a meeting with Edwina evaluating the working between the co-heads

Organized with LUPEF the winter market planned the activities we will have

Sold out the Winter Wonderland sittning

Planned and organized the Winter Wonderland sittning

Had meetings with Santeri planning the Lundsala weekend

Booked a sittning for the spring semester

Booked the afterparty for the ball

### 21.2. Career

Held the career fair

Held our weekly meetings

Planned the mentorship program

Had meetings for mentorship program

### 21.3. Debate

Held weekly debates

Have held a successful socials

Elaborated on the plans for setting up debate tournament in Swedish in the spring

Further increased colab with our trustees

#### 21.4. Lecture

Participated in the Uppsala Forum Weekend

Had a meeting with the President

Had meetings with upcoming lecturers

Planned two new lectures

Held 4 lectures

Started working groups within the committee

#### 21.5. Magazine

Published the first issue of the academic year

Had weekly meetings

Had a meeting with the Perspective collective to foster collaboration

Planned the movie night with the perspective collective and created the instagram post for it

Had an evaluation meeting with the President

Received 17 pitches for the next issue

Coordinated the editing process for the next issue

Welcomed a new sub-editor

Had a presentation with specific writing and copyright guidelines to ensure the highest quality of articles for the next issue

Been present at the meetings of other committees

#### 21.6. Pod&Radio

Made preparations to record a show about the Croatia trip

Helped members make progress on two independent projects

Laid the groundwork for a biweekly news show + scheduled a recording session for next week

Met with the perspective collective to plan a movie night, shared social media identity, and Multimedia project relating to magazine's next issue

Figured out how to vastly improve audio quality

#### 21.7. PR

Held weekly committee meetings

Implemented ideas to improve our social media feed

Created new designs for The Perspective

Implemented changes to the PR for the lecture committee

Implemented changes to promote recruitment of new members

Met with the president to evaluate our committee work

Designed, written captions and posted for different events

Attended and taken photos of several events

#### 21.8. Travel

Started planning for alternative ways of financing the Spring trip

Started planning an optional trip for the Committee heads

Posted on social media

Confirmed that the participants have started their respective projects

#### 21.9. Webzine

Published 3 articles

Had 3 committee meetings

Worked with PR to implement new social media designs

Participated in the first perspective collective meeting where we decided to combine our social media starting in the new year and collaborate on the magazine theme

Planned a movie night for 6/12 with the perspective collective.

Recruited a PR trustee

Had a meeting with the President evaluating the fall semester

22. Other Points

*Gustav reminds the Board to always lock the office door.*

23. Confirmation of the next Board Meeting

*The next Board Meeting will be held on Monday the 16th of December.*

24. Meeting adjourned

*Edwina Magnus adjourns the meeting at 19:45*

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President

Edwina Magnus

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Secretary

Ronja Lamberg

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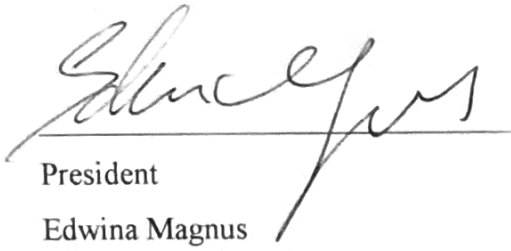
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