



Board Meeting V

2024-12-16, 17:00

Edwina's apartment

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, Liam Jelmhag, Lizaveta Muravieva, Louise Falk, Lucas Röing, Ronja Lamberg, Sabina Rameke, Santeri Rönty*

1. Opening of the meeting

President Edwina Magnus opens the meeting at 17:20

2. Election of Chair of the Meeting

Edwina Magnus is elected the Chair of the Meeting at 17:21

3. Election of Secretary of the Meeting

Ronja Lamberg is selected the Secretary of the Meeting at 17:21

4. Election of Attestors and Vote Counters of the Meeting

Gustav Yxell and Graciela Moreno Nino are elected the Attestors and Vote Counters of the Meeting at 17:22

5. Approval of the Electoral Roll

The electoral roll is set at 14 at 17:23

6. Approval of the Agenda

The Board approves the agenda at 17:23

7. Decision Point: Motion about paying our part of the invoice for the fire brigade arriving to the U.S. Election breakfast

Gustav presents the details of the motion about paying our part of the invoice sent by AF Borgen about the fire brigade during the U.S. Election breakfast. AF Borgen was pleased with our suggestion and since we offered to divide it by fifty-fifty, they decided to contribute a bit more than half of the amount of the invoice.

Gustav adds that our part of the invoice will be paid soon after the Board approves the motion.

The Board approves the Motion about paying our part of the invoice for the fire brigade arriving to the U.S. Election breakfast at 17:27

8. Decision Point: Motion about how the Board interprets the Rules and Regulations in regard to the election of Sexual Harassment and Discrimination Contact persons

Edwina presents the details of the motion considering how the Board interprets the Rules and Regulations in regards to the election of the Sexual Harassment and Discrimination Contact person(s) (SHC). This issue is relevant since our current SHC will be starting an internship in another country and we do not have a second SHC who is not a UPF Board member. Moreover, the Presidium has noted a mistake in the Rules and Regulations. Two articles contradict each other since it is stated that the Board should be by-electing the new SHCs during a Board meeting while it is also stated that the "Nominating Committee" handles such a situation.

Edwina adds that we are missing one member of the Nomination Committee which makes it difficult to follow Article 5.2.3., and therefore, Article 5.2.2. seems to suit the current situation better.

Graciela suggests that we could add a point to the Rules and Regulations about how to handle a similar situation when there are missing members of the Nomination Committee and make it clearer how these procedures are handled.

Gustav suggests that we should correct the Rules and Regulations in terms of all positions and how to proceed if a position is left vacant in the Annual Meeting.

Ella highlights that it would be good to proceed with this motion and elect a new SHC as soon as possible during next year.

Edwina suggests that we should interpret the Rules and Regulations by choosing to follow Article 5.2.2.

The Board agrees.

The Board approves the Motion about interpreting the Rules and Regulations through article 5.2.2. in regard to the election of Sexual Harassment and Discrimination Contact persons at 17:37

9. Discussion Point: Applications of potential Sexual Harassment and Discrimination Contact persons

Ella proceeds to briefly introduce the main points of each application we have received since opening the applications for the new SHCs.

Edwina reminds the Board that it would be better for the SHC to have a different role in the UPF sittings than a regular member or trustee, for instance, it is preferable to stay sober in such events.

Graciela adds that she supports electing a person who is active in our events, has experience within UPF, and is someone we know well.

Lucas adds that the SHC should be someone who speaks both Swedish and English.

Joosep suggests a formal vote of choosing three or four people who will be the strongest applicants for this position.

Graciela proposes that Ella presents the four people we mentioned to be the strongest candidates, and the Board members would verbally express their support or say “no”.

The Board agreed to proceed with four applicants for the next step of choosing a new SHC.

10. Discussion Point: International Student Orientation Week, Student Association Fair & Mentor Group Challenge

Joosep presents the details of the plans for the spring semester student fairs in which we aim to attract new members to our association. The fairs and events we have signed up for are; the Hot Chocolate Stand on January 14th, Documentary screening and Mentor Group Challenge on January the 19th, and the International Student Fair on January 17th.

Joosep suggests that as many Board members as possible should participate in these events and we should decide closer who will participate in which event.

Edwina suggests a quick brainstorming session about what to arrange for the Mentor group challenge and the Board members present their ideas.

Edwina proposes a break at 18:17

The meeting resumes at 18: 28

Sabina leaves the meeting at 18:28 and the electoral roll is set to 13 at 18:29.

11. Discussion Point: UFS Budget mismanagement

Edwina presents the details of the recent events with UFS, containing an extra Annual Meeting and a presented Annual Report with zero business days notice which is against the UFS Statutes. This raised questions about how UFS has managed their finances and where they have used their money. It seems that the previous Boards of UFS perhaps have not kept precise booking of where they have used their MUCF grant. The UFS President decided to suggest that the extra Annual Meeting should be cancelled and postponed and this was eventually supported by the UFS Board as well.

Santeri reminds the Board that if we would like to send Motions for the UFS Annual Meeting, those have to be sent three weeks in advance.

Louise asks if we have sent a motion about us switching to Orbi.

Edwina answers that this is going to be discussed at the next UFS Board Meeting.

Joosep adds that UFS have been nontransparent with their workings and have not properly informed the member associations about the decisions made which they will fix by starting a newsletter which would include these matters.

Joosep and Edwina continue by explaining how transparency should be implemented better in the UFS procedures as well as when choosing how the money given to member associations are distributed.

Santeri proposes an End of Debate at 18:51

12. Discussion Point: Spring trip travel

Liam presents the details about the Kenya trip which the Travel Committee did not manage to get grants for. However, the Committee still plans on proceeding with the travel plan since UF Uppsala had expressed their interest in proceeding. Liam adds that they have four months until the trip to change plans, and in the worst case, they could travel to Morocco instead.

Sabina joins the meeting again at 18:53 and the electoral roll was updated to 14 at 18:54

The Board supports Liam's suggestion to keep planning ways to finance and arrange the Kenya trip.

13. Discussion Point: Operational Budget

Gustav presents the details of the meeting with the Magazine Committee and since the financial situation in this Committee has recently appeared challenging, he will make a motion about amending the Operational Budget in the future.

Gustav asks the Board members to send him a message containing details of their plans for the remainder of the operational year.

Edwina suggests Graciela to work with the Secretary to make a way to reach the UPF members so that they could inform whether they want a physical copy of the magazine.

Edwina adds that the Magazine Committee should look into ways to reduce the costs of printing the magazines.

Graciela says that the Magazine Committee has done everything possible to solve their financial issues and that in the future, magazines will not be delivered to members' house addresses anymore. Instead they would be only available in the UPF office.

Joosep suggests that we should try our best to keep delivering the magazines to members' home addresses but first try to opt in and make a form for the members.

Graciela reminds Joosep that the financial issues within this committee are extremely difficult at the moment, and that they do not have a budget to even print the next issues.

Gustav agrees with not shipping the magazines anymore and when changing to Orbi, we can ask our members in the app whether they want their magazine shipped if we manage to increase the Magazine Committee budget.

Edwina supports the claims that magazines should not be shipped anymore since there are also many magazines every time bouncing back to us since people have written a wrong address or they do not want them.

Joosep suggests that there should be a motion made about these issues for the next Board Meeting.

Edwina proposes an End of Debate at 19:14.

14. Information Point: Project of the Year

Gustav informs the Board that we are required to plan a “Project of the Year” since it is mentioned in our Statutes. He suggests the Board members to brainstorm ideas for the spring semester.

15. Information Point: Global Partnership for Education representative

Edwina presents the details of an email received from an NGO focusing on providing education in the Global South and they are looking for a Youth Representative who would work for the organisation and perhaps be an assistant for the person who is running this project.

Edwina asks the Board to send her an email if someone knows a person she could nominate for this position.

16. Information Point: Changes to the Career Committee

Edwina presents the recent details about the previous Head of Career resigning from her positions due to personal reasons and together with Lizaveta, they have started to plan a way to help the Career Committee to proceed with all the planned events for the spring semester.

Lizaveta adds that the spring semester is usually much busier in terms of Career Committee events, and we should focus on finding the new Head of Career as soon as possible while collaborating with other committees.

Edwina suggests the Board to take a step to help the Career Committee as much as they have resources to do that.

17. Information Point: UPF Committee Heads trip to Rome

Liam presents the details that it might not be possible to arrange the trip to Rome as early in the year as planned for now and they will come back with the updated information about when this trip would possibly be held.

18. Presidium reporting

18.1. Presidents

Participated in Lundsala

Attended a meeting with organisers of international student week

Registered UPF for international student week and came up with some of the activities for us

Attended the Winter Wonderland sitting

Had a productive meeting about UFS operations during Lundsala

Had a check in meeting with Career concluding the mid-semester check ins with all committees

Had several meetings with UFS in regard to their poor financial situation

Been in conversation with AF about the fire alarm invoice

Met with Magazine to discuss future funding possibilities

Applied for a grant for Magazine

Been in contact with with a representative for Global Partnership for Education

Held presidium meetings

18.2. Secretary

Finished the protocol editing and sent them to the Website trustee

Participated in Presidium meetings

Participated in PR meetings

Attended the Winter Wonderland sittning

Participated in Lundsala

Been in contact with AF Borgen about the missing/wrong Swedish social security numbers

18.3. Treasurer

Continued with getting access to PayPal

Working with Orbi

Had a meeting with the UFS Treasurer

Completed accounting for November

Attended the Winter Wonderland sittning

Resolved the issue regarding entry to the club

Had Robban remove the limitations on the radiators

Taken part in Lundsala

Had a meeting with Magazine

Written and submitted a motion

18.4. UFS Representative

Lundsala

Winter Wonderland

19. Committee Reporting

19.1. Activity

Held the Winter Wonderland sittning

Discussed with Västgöta nation how to solve the situation regarding the afterparty situation

Sent out emails regarding the afterparty situation at Västgöta nation

Started the “refunding” for the afterparty

Planned and Organized Lundsala with Santeri

Booked the final sittning for the spring.

19.2. Career

Held the Career talk with Iza

Held our weekly meeting

Had a check in talk with Edwina

Opened applications for the Mentorship program

Planned the timeline for the Mentorship program

Opened applications for Career Talks Lead trustee position

Planned the timeline for the Career Talks

Started planning next semester

19.3. Debate

Held weekly debates

Participated in Lundsala

Held socials

19.4. Lecture

Held more lectures

Sent out more invites

Helped our working groups to brainstorm and send out invites

Participated in Lundsala

Had meetings with upcoming lecturers

Booked venues

19.5. Magazine

Received the first draft for next issue's articles.

Held the movie night with the other Perspective committees.

Held weekly meetings.

Participated in the winter market and Winter Wonderland Sittning.

Had a meeting with Edwina.

Sent documents to Edwina for a grant application.

Had a meeting with Gustav.

Send an email to the printer in which UF Uppsala prints their magazines to see if we can reduce our costs.

Participated in Lundsala.

19.6. Pod&Radio

Published the first episode of our news show, with 124 streams across 60 different listeners in 15 countries

Recorded two out of four episodes covering the Croatia trip

Recorded the first episode of a committee member's independent series

Interviewed a Blue Book Trainee (Iza) for a new career-centric series

Interviewed the manager of Europa Direkt Lund for another new series

Scheduled a recording for an explainer episode about the collapse of the French government with the Website Trustee

Hosted a movie night with the Perspective Collective

Met with our UF Uppsala counterpart and decided that we can use sound bites from each other's interviews

19.7. PR

Attended Winter Wonderland

Posted vacant positions

Designed, written captions and posted for different events

Participated in Lundsala

Designed for future events

19.8. Travel

Had discussions with uppsala regarding the spring trip

19.9. Webzine

Published 5 articles

Implemented new PR templates

Participated/planned the perspective movie night

Participated in Lundsala weekend

Participated in the winter market

Held weekly meetings

20. Other Points

Lauren discusses the issues she has been facing regarding the Webzine Committee and that she feels overwhelmed with the workload she has been handling during this autumn semester mostly by herself. She expresses that her colleague is not putting in the work required and is often late or absent from their committee meetings.

The Perspective colleagues support Lauren's views on the situation and agree that something should be done.

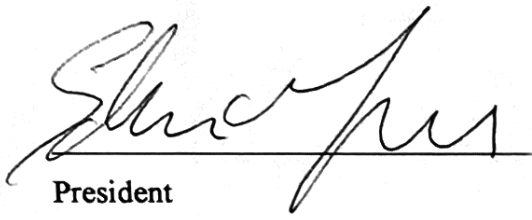
The Board comes to the unanimous decision to move forward with the accountability guidelines procedure. The president will contact the auditor.

21. Confirmation of the next Board Meeting

The next Board Meeting will be held on Thursday the 16th of January.

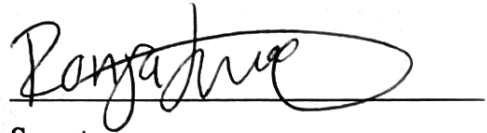
22. Meeting adjourned

Edwina Magnus adjourns the meeting at 20:07.



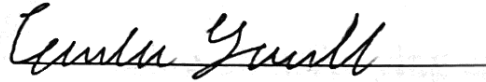
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