

Board Meeting VI

2024-01-16, 17:00

Room 208 GA Köket, Paradiset

Board of 24/25

Association of Foreign Affairs Lund

Present: *Edwina Magnus, Ella Hellerup, Emil Andersson Herrström, Graciela Moreno Nino, Lauren Gerber, Liam Jelmhag, Lizaveta Muravieva, Louise Falk, Lucas Röing, Ronja Lamberg, Sabina Rameke, Santeri Rönty*

Co-opted: *Ahmad Ismail, Emilija Branda, Filippo Fioretti Boccato, Julie Jessen, Miriam Hildebrandt, Oscar Behrmann, Sam Löfström*

1. Opening of the meeting

President Edwina Magnus opens the meeting at 17.08

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 elected the Secretary of the Meeting at 17.11

4. Election of Attestors and Vote Counters of the Meeting

Louise Falk and Emil Andersson Herrström are elected the Attestors and Vote Counters of the Meeting at 17. 12

5. Approval of the Electoral Roll

The electoral roll is set to 12 at 17.12

6. Approval of the Agenda

The agenda is approved at 17.13

7. Decision Point: Election of Head of Career

Oscar Behrmann is a candidate for the position of Head of Career. He is online and presents himself to the Board through Zoom and shares his views on why he should become the Head of Career for the remaining operational year of spring 2025.

The Board poses questions to the candidate.

The candidate answers the questions.

The candidate left the Zoom and the meeting at 17.26

Filippo Fioretti Boccato is a candidate for the position of Head of Career. He presents himself to the Board and shares his views on why he should become the Head of Career for the remaining operational year of spring 2025.

The Board poses questions to the candidate.

The candidate answers the questions.

The candidate leaves the room.

Ahmad Ismail is a candidate for the position of Head of Career. He presents himself to the Board and shares his views on why he should become the Head of Career for the remaining operational year of spring 2025.

The Board poses questions to the candidate.

The candidate answers the questions.

The candidate leaves the room.

Sam Ljöfström is a candidate for the position of Head of Career. He presents himself to the Board and shares his views on why he should become the Head of Career for the remaining operational year of spring 2025.

The Board poses questions to the candidate.

The candidate answers the questions.

The candidate leaves the room.

The Board discusses the four candidates.

Santeri leaves the meeting and writes his vote on a piece of paper.

Edwina points out that when there is more than one candidate, a secret ballot vote will be conducted in the electoral process.

The Board performs a secret ballot vote.

The Board elects Filippo Fioretti Boccato as the Head of Career at 18.07

The electoral role is set at 11 at 18.08

8. Decision Point: Election of Sexual Harassment and Discrimination Contact Person

Julie Jessen is a candidate for the position of Sexual Harassment and Discrimination Contact Person. She presents herself to the Board and shares her views on why she

should become Sexual Harassment and Discrimination Contact Person for the remaining operational year of spring 2025.

The Board poses questions to the candidate.

The candidate answers the questions.

The candidate leaves the room.

Ahmad leaves the meeting at 18.14

Miriam Hildebrandt is a candidate for the position of Sexual Harassment and Discrimination Contact Person. She presents herself to the Board and shares her views on why she should become Sexual Harassment and Discrimination Contact Person for the remaining operational year of spring 2025.

The Board poses questions to the candidate.

The candidate answers the questions.

The candidate leaves the room.

The Board discusses the two candidates.

The Board performs a secret ballot vote.

The Board elects Miriam Hildebrandt as Sexual Harassment and Discrimination Contact Person at 18.27

9. Decision Point: Election of member of the Nomination Committee

Emilija Branda is a candidate for the member of the Nomination Committee. She presents herself to the Board and shares her views on why she should become a member of the Nomination Committee for the remaining operational year of spring 2025.

The Board poses questions to the candidate.

The candidate answers the questions.

The candidate leaves the room.

Graciela and Edwina inform the Board that they will abstain from voting.

The Board elects Emilija Branda as the member of the Nomination Committee at 18.35

Edwina proposes a break at 18.38

Julie Jessen, Emilija Branda, and Sam Ljöfström left the meeting during the break, time unknown.

The meeting resumes at 18.58

10. Decision Point: Motion about requiring UPF Lund media committees to have a new responsible publisher (ansvariga utgivare) before the new publication period of every operational year

Edwina presents the details of the motion Joosep has made and highlights that this motion has been made to properly reflect who exactly is the current legal publisher.

Edwina asks the Board if we should pass the motion without Joosep explaining it further and without double-checking for possible amendments and overall, how to move forward with this.

Graciela asks if the Rules and Regulations are correctly addressed in the motion.

Louise suggests that we should push the motion for the next meeting and amend it.

Edwina agrees to postpone the motion.

The Board decides to postpone the motion for the next Board Meeting at 19.04

11. Decision Point: Motion to cease home delivery of The Perspective magazine

Graciela presents the details of the motion and firstly highlights that the Magazine committee has an obligation to print the magazines, however, it is not obligatory to deliver them to members' home addresses. She proposes to cease the tradition of home-delivering the magazines since the committee has experienced large cuts in their budget and they are looking for ways to reduce all possible costs that could be lowered in the future when the next issues are produced. She highlights that the Magazine committee has usually been the most expensive committee to run, and it has been difficult to find cheaper alternatives for printing, delivering and for other phases of producing the magazines throughout last semester even if the committee has used a lot of time for doing this research.

Edwina points out that the Magazine committee has not always been the most expensive committee and that it was previously the Lecture committee. She continues to highlight that through the past few years the Magazine committee budget has been increased,

which is why they have the largest budget now. She expresses her support for the motion and suggests that the Board should go forward with it.

The Board approves the Motion to cease home delivery of The Perspective magazine at 19.09

12. Discussion Point: Magazine Committee's budget amendments and transparency

Graciela presents the details of the document she has provided for the Board members before the Board Meeting and explains that they have throughout the semester been looking for new cheaper options for printing the Magazine but simultaneously not having a significant change with the quality. She adds that the Magazine committee does not personally receive the invoice of printing and they did not expect to receive such a large amount when the invoice came last semester. Now the committee is lowering the quality and planning to get rid of the home delivery system which allows them to continue publishing magazines in the future. They have also been looking into grants and other ways to get money, but issues have arisen with UPF not being a suitable organisation according to the grant providers.

Edwina advises Graciela to reach out to UF Uppsala and discuss possible deals with their printing company.

Graciela says that she had communication issues with the UF Uppsala's printing company and asks Edwina if she could help her to contact them again in Swedish.

13. Decision Point: Amendment to the Operational Budget

Edwina presents the details of the Operational Budget and highlights that we have earned significantly more money than was calculated and expected at the beginning of the operational year, thanks to the Activity and Lecture committees' successful events and the active work towards recruitment. There is an amount of 21 500 kr we had not budgeted for anything specific and due to the recent events with Magazine's budget losses, they will receive 19 000 kr. The remaining PR budget of 153 kr was included in this sum.

Lucas asks why the PR committee has to give away 153kr since it is a strange sum, and they have a very small budget in general.

Ella answers that they have already bought the camera battery they were planning to use the money for, and they do not need the amount that was left for anything special.

The Board approves the Amendment to the Operational Budget at 19.22

14. Decision Point: Motion about allocating the Project of the Year Funds to the UPF 90-year ball

Louise presents the details of the motion and highlights that this motion is very important for their committee and the members of UPF since it would help to lower the price of the upcoming spring ball.

Ella agrees with the motion and says that last year a few of her friends said that the price of the spring ball was a bit too high and lowering the price would help to attract more people in general.

Graciela points out that the Activity committee has done a huge amount of work for their events and sittings throughout last semester and their committee is a huge contributor to the UPF budget in general and that is why they deserve to receive the funds.

Sabina asks if there are any specific requirements for the Project of the Year and what it should contain or if it cannot be connected to an event where alcohol is served.

Edwina answers that there are no obstacles for going forward with allocating the funds to the spring ball since after going through the description of the Project of the Year, it seems like a good fit.

The Board approves the Motion about allocating the Project of the Year Funds to the UPF 90-year ball at 19.25

15. Discussion Point: Dates for Skanör

Edwina explains that she has been in contact with Studentgården about the possible dates UPF could book Skanör for this spring. The only available days were the 7th and 8th of March, and there were no available days to host a whole weekend in Skanör, which was what the Board had hoped for. Edwina continues to explain that she will not be able to attend Skanör these days and would be open for Joosep and possibly a few others to take more responsibility this time for the activities in Skanör.

Filippo asks what this Skanör is we are discussing about.

Lucas answers that it is a very pretty area in the peninsula of Southern Skåne where Studentgården has a house and recommends participating if the Skanör weekend will be held.

Ella asks Lucas and Louise as locals if there are any other options in this area that could be rented for this amount of people.

Lucas answers that he has connections to the Malmö sailing club house he has previously been in similar circumstances, however, they do not have enough beds.

Ella suggests that she could contact LUPEF and ask if they have organised something similar in a different place.

Edwina says that she will keep the booking for the 7th and 8th of March and suggests that if nothing better has been found within one week from now, we will keep the Skanör booking.

16. Discussion Point: Website

Graciela begins to explain that she has experienced a lot of issues with using the UPF website on a mobile device and the descriptions are difficult to read.

Edwina says that the IT Trustee is well-aware of the website issues on mobile phones, and he is looking for ways to fix it.

Louise points out that a few of the descriptions of the Board members are way too much on the right on the screen.

Ella says that she is soon having a meeting with the IT Trustee and discussing this with him.

17. Discussion Point: Future of Magazine Committee and contracts with our partners

Graciela wants to know the Board's views on how the procedure would go when making a motion about changing the number of published magazine issues within one operational year. In the contracts with the UPF partners and in our Rules and Regulations the number of issues is four per operational year and due to the Magazine committee budget cuts, the number of issues would go down to three per operational year.

Edwina says that it does not matter if the Rules and Regulations for now say four and she will work on contacting our partners who we have a contract with.

Edwina suggests Graciela to make a motion about changing the number of the published magazines per operational year to at least three issues instead of four.

18. Presidium reporting

18.1. Presidents

Submitted an alternative budget proposal to the UFS annual assembly

Been in touch with representatives from Global Partnership for Education

Been in contact with all applicants for open positions in UPF

Assisted in planning of ISW activities

Attended the Hot Chocolate Stand

Held presidium meetings

Booked Skanör for the spring trip

18.2. Secretary

Finalised the BM5 protocol

Published the weekly newsletter

Participated in a Presidium meeting

18.3. Treasurer

Completed accounting for December

Compiled a Q2 report

Had a meeting with the UFS Treasurer and our President

Put forth an amendment to the budget as a motion

Participated in the hot chocolate stand

Started taking payments for the Valentine's sittning

18.4. UFS Representative

Attended a UFS Board meeting

Submitted three motions from Lund to UFS, only one passed

Talked with the president of UFS to change the Rules of Procedure of UFS

19. Committee reporting

19.1. Activity

Finalised the 2 sittnings for the semester

Posted the Valentines sittning

Established a motion for the 90-year ball to be the project of the year

Currently planning the details for the ball

Helped out with the international students week

19.2. Career

Planned a semester

Been in touch with a representative from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs discussing an upcoming diplomat lecture

Held one committee meeting

Been in contact with a Diplomat Lund Club regarding the mentorship program

19.3. Debate

Made some planning for this semester

Had one debate session

19.4. Lecture

Planned and prepared material such as pr for upcoming lectures

Planned a meeting with a new collaboration partner for an upcoming lecture

Sent out invitations

19.5. Magazine

Received the final version for next issue's articles.

Written a transparency document for the board.

Written a motion to stop the home delivery of the magazine

19.6. Pod&Radio

Recorded one episode

Helped plan the documentary night

19.7. PR

Hosted committee meeting

Posted/designed events

Discussed and planned for the transaction of one head returning to Lund and the other one leaving Lund

19.8. Travel

Spoken to Uppsala

19.9. Webzine

published one article

Planned the documentary night for 19/1

Has helped out with international student week

20. Other Points

Louise asks the Board how many active trustees they have. She continues to explain that they have only seven old trustee medals left from the previous year, and they are not planning to order trustee medals this year.

Louise also expresses her concerns about the upcoming Mentor Group Challenge event which was delegated entirely to the Activity Committee by Joosep, and they do not have the time to plan this on their own since they are busy with the spring ball planning.

Five other Board members volunteer to participate at the event on the upcoming Sunday.

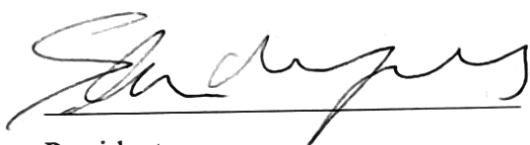
Edwina holds a speech for Ella since she is leaving soon for her internship in Kenya and tells her that we have appreciated all the hard work she has done for PR.

21. Confirmation of the next Board Meeting

The next Board Meeting will be held on the 6th of February.

22. Meeting adjourned

Edwina Magnus adjourns the meeting at 20.06



President

Edwina Magnus



Secretary

Ronja Lamberg



Meeting attestor

Louise Falk



Meeting attestor

Emil Andersson Herrström