

## **Board Meeting VIII**

2025-02-27, 17:00

G:a Köket room 208

Board of 24/25

Association of Foreign Affairs Lund

Present: *Filippo Fioretti Boccato, Gustav Yxell, Joosep Raudsepp, Lauren Gerber, Ludvig Eriksson, Santeri Rönty, Emelie Andersson, Irma Cucevic, Herman Roberth*

Online: *Ella Hellerup, Graciela Moreno Niño*

Co-opted: *Artem Rybalchenko, Sofia Bartolini, Antoine Vincenot*

1. Opening of the meeting

*Joosep Raudsepp opens the meeting at 17:11*

2. Election of Chair of the Meeting

*Joosep is elected the Chair of the Meeting at 17:13*

3. Election of Secretary of the Meeting

*Santeri Rönty is elected the Secretary of the Meeting at 17:14*

4. Election of Attestors and Vote Counters of the Meeting

*Filippo Fioretti Boccato and Herman Roberth are elected as Attestors and Vote Counters of the Meeting at 17:15*

5. Approval of the Electoral Roll

*The Electoral Roll is set at 11 at 17:17*

6. Approval of the Agenda

*Joosep suggests an amendment to the agenda:*

*Point 7. Co-opting of participants and 16. Information point: Applying for a common grant with RSR*

*Santeri suggests an amendment to the agenda:*

*Addition of 13. Discussion Point: UFS PC Decision: OSSE-Nätverket*

*The Agenda is approved at 17:24*

7. Co-opting of participants

*Artem Rybalchenko, Sofia Bartolini, Antoine Vincenot are co-opted to the meeting at 17:25*

8. Decision Point: Election of the new Head of Webzine

*Sofia Bartolini leaves the room at 17:28*

*Artem Rybalchenko presents himself and shares his views on becoming a Head of Webzine*

*The Board asks Artem questions*

*Artem leaves the room at 17:34*

*Sofia Bartolini enters the room at 17:34*

*Sofia presents herself and shares her views on becoming a Head of Webzine*

*The Board asks Sofia questions*

*Sofia leaves the room at 17:45*

*The Board discusses the candidates for the Head of Webzine*

*The Board decides to elect Sofia Bartolini to the position of Head of Webzine at 18:10*

9. Decision Point: Motion about acquiring a UPF fana

*Gustav presents the motion to the Board at 18:11*

*The Board is suggested to buy a fana for the UPF for current and future use*

*Gustav withdraws the motion since he feels that the motion was rushed*

*Santeri and Ludvig encourage Gustav to bring this up during the current operational year*

*Filippo asks how long it would take for the producer to make the fana*

*Gustav responds that it would take four to five weeks after having made the order*

10. Decision Point: Motion about opening variable-rate savings account and transferring large amounts of our money to this account

*Gustav presents the motion to the board at 18:16*

*The Board shows general support for the motion and trust towards Gustav the Treasurer*

*The Board approves the motion at 18:19*

11. Decision Point: Motion to approve the purchase of a payment processing plugin for the website.

*Antoine presents the motion to the board at 18:19*

*Joosep supports the motion and points out the benefits of implementing the payment processing plugin*

*Ludvig wonders if there are signs that people would want to donate to UPF*

*Antoine responds that working with the Alumni Network is a long-term plan, and that if work is put in place, it would pay off*

*Santeri wonders which budget the 99 USD would come from*

*Gustav says that he is less positive about the motion than the Alumni Network working group is*

*Joosep points out that the next Board can cancel the subscription if they wish, and that we should implement it to find out if it works out*

*Irma wonders if the UPF could share information about internships exclusively to members*

*Joosep responds that we have not done so before but it could be a plausible idea*

*Herman does not support the idea of gatekeeping internships, saying that it would not increase UPF's value*

*Joosep suggests that the discussion should not be diverted to the value of the Alumni Network and their activities*

*Antoine and Gustav support Joosep's notion*

*Herman supports the motion and asks if we could make the payment conditional*

*Gustav responds that the amount is so small that it does not need a Board approval, which means that the payment or subscription can be cancelled anytime without a Board decision*

*Filippo asks if there are other options for the same service*

*Antoine responds that there are cheaper alternatives but that the suggested one is a better option since it allows recurring payments*

*Joosep believes that there are people who would be interested in making recurring, perhaps monthly payments*

*The Board decides to approve the motion at 18:37*

*The Board meeting takes a break*

*The meeting restarts at 18:44*

*The electoral roll is set at nine at 18:45*

12. Decision Point: Motion to enter into Memorandum of Understanding with Global Human Rights Defence for their New Generation Uniting Nations project.

*Joosep presents the motion to the Board*

*Ludvig does not want to haste into a MoU that defines UPF Lund's responsibilities as "representing the voices of the students in our association" since we may want to keep our voices politically unaffiliated*

*Lauren wonders how long the MoU is valid for*

*Santeri responds that it is valid until the end of the event, as noted in the MoU*

*Herman and Graciela support the motion for the sake of increasing our partnership count*

*Ludvig wonders if the UPF would send our members to the event and pay for their participation*

*Joosep responds that the UPF is not obligated to pay for members who wish to join the event*

*Ludvig wonders what the point of passing the motion at this specific moment is, seeking Edwina's (the one who submitted the motion) clarifications on the matter*

*Ludvig suggests that the motion does not pass*

*Herman suggests that we pass the motion since the MoU is not legally binding*

*The Board passes the motion at 19:08*

13. Discussion point: UFS PC Decision: OSSE-Nätverket

*Santeri presents the discussion point to the Board*

*Joosep does not agree with UFS' motion at all, he views it as excluding good candidates from applying*

*Ludvig does not agree with the UFS at all, he views the motion as unfair and exclusive*

*The Board's consensus on the matter is to vote against the PC decision*

14. Discussion Point: Lecture about Sexual Harassment in Collaboration with LUPEF

*Ella presents the discussion point to the Board*

*Joosep points out that it can not be a decision point as had been discussed earlier since it would have needed to be submitted as a motion before the motion deadline*

*Ella says that the budgeting does not need a Board decision, and its only purpose is to find out what the Board thinks*

*Filippo wonders if there is a date for the event*

*Ella said that they would suggest the 20th of May 2025*

*Joosep suggests an end of debate*

15. Information Point: Date for Annual Election Meeting

*Joosep presents the information point: the Annual Election Meeting will take place on the 11th of May 2025*

*Santeri points out that every member of UPF has a vote and that the Committee Heads should encourage their committee members to join the meeting*

16. Information Point: Applying for a common grant with RSR

*Joosep presents the information point*

*Through cooperation with RSR (Tartu, Estonia), UPF could apply for grants whose value is between 30,000 and 60,000 euros. Joosep wants to invite the Board to contribute to the ideas for projects*

*The electoral roll is set at eight at 19:32*

17. Information Point: UPF guests in Blue Dot Live

*Ludvig presents the information point: he wants one person from each committee to come promote their committees on the Pod; why one should join the committee among other questions*

*Ella wonders if the Sexual Harassment Contact Person could come promote the position at the pod*

*Ludvig says that promotions of positions could be done together with PR*

18. Presidium reporting

18.1. Presidents

Attended weekly alumni network meetings

Attended weekly presidium meetings for the upcoming Sittning

Attended UFS Presidents meeting

Replaced Santeri at UFS board meeting

Held a new member Sittning ticket raffle

Made an introductory post on the LinkedIn alumni network page



Set up a plan for UPF Lund and RSR (Tartu) to apply for two civil society organisation grants together (one EU, 30 000 or 60 000€, other Sweden-Estonia cooperation fund, max 5000€ per project with additional travel grants)

Discussed setting up alumni membership with the alumni network working group

Started writing an article for Webzine

Sent position description to the nomination committee

Attended meetings with representatives from Global Human Rights Defence

Written motions regarding entering into a MoU with GHRD

Attended UFS presidents meeting

Attended meeting with Estonian counterparts to discuss joint grants

Attended Alumni Network meetings

Hosted presidium meetings

Attended the Valentines sittning

Attended UPF lecture and career events

Started doing MUCF reporting with the treasurer

Been in contact with the nomination committee setting timelines for the spring

Handled NC questions re nomination and counter candidacy for Head of Webzine

## 18.2. Secretary

Participated in Presidium meetings

Participated in PR meetings

Participated in Alumni Network meetings

Conducted the weekly newsletters

Finalised the BM7 protocol

Answered emails from our members and partners

Messaged the previous Head of Webzine about post-UPF matters

Contacted possible places to host the spring teambuilding weekend

Prepared a LinkedIn post for the Alumni Network

Attended the Valentine's sittings

Held a meeting with Emelie about the tasks of the Secretary

Sent the Secretary role description for the Nomination Committee

### 18.3. Treasurer

Done the accounting for January

Sent out payments and reimbursements

Finished taking payments for the Valentine's sittings

Started and finished taking payments for the Flower Power sittings

Started taking payments for the ball

Started MUCF reporting for 2024

Looked into setting up a fund for the alumni network

Written and submitted two motions

### 18.4. UFS Representative

UFS Board meeting taking place on the 11th of March

Attended weekly Presidium meetings

Attended PR meetings

Been in contact with the UFS Presidium and the UFS Development Committee

Been in contact with the UFS' Finnish counterpart, FAIA

Attended the Valentine's sittning

Planned Lundsala together with Eva, the UFS Rep of Uppsala

Written a motion to the UFS to obtain the remainder of the Knowledge exchange fund (4,500/5,000 SEK)

Received a PC Decision from the UFS (check the UFS channel on Slack)

## 19. Committee reporting

### 19.1. Activity

Hosted the Valentine's sittning

Sold and closed the Tickets for the flower power sittning

Finalising the details for the sittning

Opened, launched, selling tickets for the 90-year ball

Organizing the details for the ball

Held regular meetings

### 19.2. Career

Cancelled the trip to Copenhagen, instead planning another trip on April 25th

Held regular meeting once a week

Held an event on the 14/02 with the Swedish Foreign Ministry

Continued to organise Career Talk. The planning schedule now has 2 confirmed events with a date and 2 confirmed speakers with dates to be decided. Further speakers have

Decided commonly to have 1 more meaningful trip to CPH instead of 2 more “thrown-together” trips

Selected a new PR Trustee

Sent the Role Description to Nomination Committee

Career has a new PR trustee

### 19.3. Debate

Planning a tournament, 12 and 13 April

Recruitment coming up

### 19.4. Lecture

Organized two lectures

Had meetings with collaboration partners (EU Academy, SANSET, CMES) about upcoming lectures, confirming two short-term and one in the long-term

Overlooked the working groups who is in the final stage of planing lectures

Sent role description to the nomination committee

Had a meeting with Pod and radio about the environment week deciding on an idea and sent it in

### 19.5. Magazine

Second edition soon, this or next week

Third issue being worked on

Study visit being planned

Lecture, writers' workshop in planning

Finished the second issue of the magazine

Sent the magazine to print

Attended the Valentine's sitting

Received 20 pitches for the last issue

Held all weekly meetings

Appointed new sub-editors

#### 19.6. Pod&Radio

Attended and recorded interviews at the Valentine's sitting

Started to finalize arrangements for the first live show

Uploaded the second and recorded the third episode of Blue Dot Weekly

Uploaded the second episode of The Prospective

Entered into conversation to collaborate with an Estonian foreign affairs org's podcast team

Premier of the liveshow on Thursday the 6th of March at 16:00

Michael's pod coming up

Blue Dot Weekly has been recorded

RSR collaboration (Estonian UPF)

Proposal for sustainability week

#### 19.7. PR

Hosted committee meetings

Posted/designed events

Designed for and discussed our role in the Alumni Network

Started planning for AF Instagram takeover

Been in contact with the nomination committee regarding promoting applying for next year's operations

Started planning how to adopt our layout to the new Instagram updates

#### 19.8. Travel

Completed all of the logistics for Kenya

Started holding committee meetings with the participants

#### 19.9. Webzine

Attended the valentines sittning

Held 3 committee meetings

Published 3 articles

Been in contact with both candidates for the new position

Sent role description to nomination committee

Working on getting legal editor papers asap

#### 20. Other Points

20.1. Artem's point about collaboration with the Ukrainian counterpart, Adastra

20.1.1. Open for collective research and publications

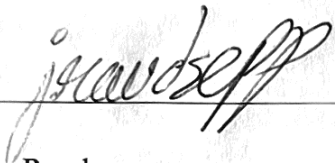
20.1.2. If the UPF is interested, the counterpart suggests that we gather for a meeting together Board to Board

#### 21. Confirmation of the next Board Meeting

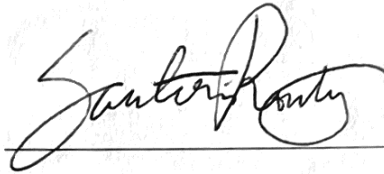
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22. Meeting adjourned

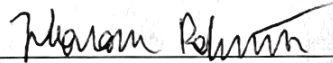
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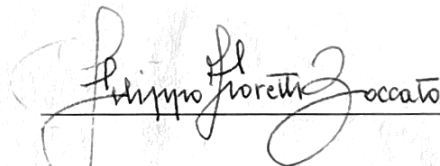
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Chair of the Meeting



Santeri Rönty  
Secretary of the Meeting



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