



Board Meeting X

2025-04-10, 17:00

UPF Office - AF Borgen

Board of 24/25

Association of Foreign Affairs Lund

Present: *Edwina Magnus, Emil Andersson Herrström, Filippo Fioretti Boccato, Graciela Moreno Niño, Gustav Yxell, Joosep Raudsepp, Lauren Gerber, Louise Falk, Lucas Röing, Ronja Lamberg, Sabina Rameke, Santeri Rönty*

Online: *Ella Hellerup*

Co-opted: *Herman Robert*

1. Opening of the meeting

President Edwina Magnus opens the meeting at 17.11

2. Election of Chair of the Meeting

Edwina Magnus is elected the Chair of the Meeting at 17.11

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

Filippo Fioretti Boccato and Gustav Yxell 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 13 at 17.13

6. Approval of the Agenda

The agenda is approved at 17.14

7. Decision Point: Motion suggesting changes to the Rules and Regulations regarding the mid-year appointment of SHaD contact persons

Edwina presents the details of the motion suggesting changes to the Rules and Regulations regarding the mid-year appointment of SHaD contact persons. The purpose of the motion is to bring it to the Board meeting now so that the Board can bring it to the Annual meeting. The background of the motion is based on the wrong and contradicting word choices in the Rules and Regulations concerning the election of SHaD contact persons.

Edwina points out the contradictions by pointing out the wording that is to be changed.

Santeri thinks this amendment is important and agrees that the Board should go for it. He also points out a few grammatical errors in the motion document.

Gustav noticed a bureaucratic error in the amendment; the Board is not proposing to amend the Rules and Regulations, instead the Board is proposing to send the motion to the election meeting.

The Board rejects the motion at 17.25

An amended version of the motion is submitted.

The Board approves the amended motion suggesting changes to the Rules and Regulations regarding the mid-year appointment of SHaD contact persons at 17.26

8. Decision Point: Motion: Requiring UPF Lund text-based media committees to have a new responsible publisher (ansvariga utgivare) before the new publication period of every operational year

Joosep presents the details of the motion about requiring UPF Lund text-based media committees to have a new responsible publisher (ansvariga utgivare) before the new publication period of every operational year. The motion will be a stand-alone motion which aims to fix the trend of not releasing the old Head of Webzine out of responsibility before the new elected Head of Webzine takes over.

Graciela asks if this is already written somewhere in our Rules and Regulations.

Joosep answers that this is the requirement of the President and if the new Heads of Webzine do not fill in the document on time, it often happens that the previous legal publisher stays responsible.

Santeri suggests making this as an amendment to the Rules and Regulations.

Edwina says that we can still pass the motion and later on work for the amendments in the Rules and Regulations.

Filippo says that it would be better to appoint someone as the publisher already in the Annual Election Meeting.

Edwina disagrees and says that this is the point of the motion and in terms of bureaucracy we should not have this as a decision point in the election meeting. The Board approves the motion Requiring UPF Lund text-based media committees to have a

new responsible publisher (ansvariga utgivare) before the new publication period of every operational year at 17.35

9. Decision Point: Motion about updating the economic policy

Gustav presents the details of the motion about updating the economic policy. The motion is connected to what was discussed during the previous Board meeting, aiming to bring forward the idea of investing in a fund, possibly an index fund. He points out that he has phrased the motion in a way that it is not mandatory to invest the savings.

Joosep agrees that it is good that it is not set in stone that the Board has to invest every year since the financial atmosphere can change.

Santeri trusts the Treasurer.

Edwina agrees that we should open the account and make sure all the required platforms exist for the future Board.

Gustav suggests that when we get back the 300 000 SEK from the savings accounts, he will put forth a motion to invest the savings to a fund.

Emil agrees with Gustav.

Ella agrees that Gustav has done a lot of research, and she trusts the plan.

The Board approves the motion about updating the economic policy

at 17.42

Edwina proposes a ten-minute break at 17.44

The meeting resumes at 17.56

10. Decision Point: Motion for a budget amendment

Gustav presents the details of the motion for a budget amendment. He specifically points out the revenues and putting 7000 SEK under the “other expenses”. He suggests spending the money on a lecture, a fana, and the home delivery and printing of the upcoming anniversary magazine. Santeri, Joosep and Gustav have also planned an active members event in Stadsparken for the spring and some money has been planned to spend on that. They have also planned to use money for the upcoming annual election meeting lunch.

Graciela says she cannot give a specific number for the magazine expenses, but she thinks they will print less magazines and that will probably be cheaper than previously since the quality will be different and less-expensive. She suggests that the money the Magazine committee has left could be spent on printing and the additional money to home delivery to fix the issue of magazines being left in the office.

Filippo agrees with Graciela and says that members have previously appreciated the magazine home delivery.

Gustav suggests that we can post on Instagram and tell our members to pick up a magazine.

Ella says that PR is happy to do it.

Joosep asks the Board whether they agree spending money on an active members event and for the election meeting lunch.

The Board agrees.

Gustav reminds the Board that we have 44 886 SEK to reallocate, and we can come up with even more points.

Lucas agrees with the suggestions.

Louise mentions that an active members event is something the Activity Committee has been discussing, and they could help with the arrangements.

Herman brings up their plan of organising a Debate tournament and the possibility that they would need additional money to cover the expenses.

Filippo suggests that we could spend spare money on a new roll up.

Edwina suggests that the Activity Heads' spring ball ticket reimbursements should be added to this list.

Gustav says that we have not covered the amount we could spend as a minimum amount for the Grand Hotel for the ball booking.

Edwina asks if we are making profit.

Gustav says yes.

Herman adds they would need around 4000 SEK for the debate tournament budget.

Graciela says Magazine needs 5000 SEK.

Joosep says that the annual election meeting lunch could be 3000 SEK.

Edwina adds that the nomination committee deserves paid lunch, which could be 600 SEK.

Joosep suggests 3000 SEK for the Alumni Network meetup and the active members event could be 7000 SEK.

Gustav decides that the fana needs 11 000 SEK.

Ronja says a general active members event has not previously been a huge success and that we should not overestimate the expenses for that.

Lucas agrees that people generally have plans close to summer break.

Filippo and Louise ask Gustav to move money from their committee hang-out budgets to their general committee budgets.

Lucas suggests spending money to update the office table.

Graciela and Filippo suggest that we spend money on a new carpet instead.

Santeri disagrees with Lucas about buying a new table.

Edwina suggests that we spend 1500 SEK on cleaning the office carpet.

At the end of the discussion Gustav presents the suggestions the Board has agreed on spending the remaining money on by showing the exact sums on Excel.

Liam joins the meeting at 18.38

Edwina suggests that we should put money aside to reimburse the Travel Heads from their trips.

Joosep suggests moving money from the annual election meeting lunch so that the Travel Heads end up receiving 2500 SEK.

Gustav proposes a break at 18.44

Emil leaves the meeting at 18.55

The meeting resumes at 18.57

Gustav informs the Board about the details he has changed and added to the budget during the break.

The electoral roll is updated to 12 at 19.01

The Board approves the amended motion for a budget amendment at 19.02

11. Information Point: The spring team-building weekend

Ronja begins to explain the recent developments of the spring team-building weekend she has been arranging. The additional Friday 16th of May night has been booked but Trelleborgs scoutkår has not sent the invoice yet. Santeri and Filippo have agreed to be drivers. The activities have not yet been planned, and she needs a few volunteers to participate in the planning and all ideas are welcome. She suggests that the Presidium members other than Edwina would take more responsibility this time.

Graciela adds that she would be happy to help.

Lucas says his family could lend a car for the weekend.

Santeri suggests a crisis management workshop as an activity.

Joosep informs the Board that he is making a poll on Slack about who is interested in working for the matters we have been discussing about.

Ella asks if there is a driver who could drive on Saturday.

Edwina answers that the drivers will pick her up at the bus stop.

Herman says that we might be overthinking about the need for multiple cars.

Edwina agrees and says that one car is enough and two would be maximum.

Edwina calls for end of discussion at 19.19

12. Discussion point: The 90-year anniversary ball

Louise brings ideas to the Board regarding the 90-year anniversary ball. She suggests that we need to show our fun and relaxed side since UPF's image is too serious. She proposes a Presidium song, a Board song, and the Board and Committee Heads together arranging a spex.

Santeri agrees and says this will be fun.

Lucas agrees with the songs and says that the spex might need quite a lot of planning.

Louise answers that the spex does not have to be a play but more like a song that we change lyrics to.

Edwina agrees with the ideas.

Louise says that if anyone comes up with ideas, they can come to her.

13. Presidium reporting

13.1. Presidents

Attended presidium meetings and alumni network meetings

Raffled out a ball ticket

Booked venue for the Annual Election Meeting

Attended Nordic Convention initial planning meeting

Reached out/responded to UF Göteborg VP to share insights into VP position here at Lund

Cleaned office

Hosted Presidium meetings

Secured renewed contracts from 3 of 5 partners so far

Secured a meeting with a potential new partner collaborator

Contributed to the applications to two large grants with RSR in Estonia

Participated in Lundsala

Met with a donor to discuss the Sustainability panel event

Met with the UN association to discuss collaboration

13.2. Secretary

Participated in Presidium meetings

Edited the BM9 protocol

Attended the Lundsala knowledge exchange in Uppsala and filmed content for PR

Sent our membership information for AF for the spring check up

Checked the memberships of the applicants for the next operational year

Conducted the weekly newsletter

Posted engaging updates on the Alumni Network LinkedIn page

13.3. Treasurer

Had a meeting with Samhällsvetarkåren

Completed reimbursements

Done the accounting for March

Compiled a Q3 report

Registered ball payments

Signed contracts for lecture venues

Sent invoices to collaboration partners who have renewed contracts

Updated the way we invoice our partners to look more professional

Finished MUCF reporting for 2024

13.4. UFS Representative

Organised and attended the Lundsala knowledge exchange in Uppsala

Amended the UFS Rules of Procedure

Taken part in the planning of the Nordic Convention together with the UFS and our international collaborators

Attended a UFS Board meeting

14. Committee reporting

14.1. Activity

Sold and closed the 90-year ball

Held 3 activity meetings

Currently planning the ball details and other potential projects

Helped organise the GPE lecture with the lecture committee

14.2. Career

Held a Career Talk on the 4/04/2025

Planned and Organised a Copenhagen Study Trip to UN City and Nordjobb on the 25/04/2025

Defined an almost definitive calendar for upcoming events up to the end of the Academic Year

Been in communication with the Human Rights Institute in Lund for a visit in May

Held bi-weekly Committee Meetings

14.3. Debate

Had weekly debates

Had socials

Planned for the tournament

Made some advertising with flyers to try to attract more people to the English debates

14.4. Lecture

Had meetings with external partners for lectures and financial support together with president and pod&radio.

Planned for lectures and sending out invitations, one together with pod&radio

Held the lecture together with GPE

Been in contact with CMES for a collaboration on the upcoming lecture with the former Tunisian president

14.5. Magazine

Finished the editing process for last issue

Held weekly meetings

Talked to Gustav about potential budget increases

14.6. Pod&Radio

Held weekly meetings

Published the 5th and recorded the 6th episode of Blue Dot Pod

Put on the second Blue Dot Live broadcast

Made progress working on the Sustainability Week event with Lecture

Published another episode of The Prospective

Collaborated with ADASTRA as part of Blue Dot Pod

14.7. PR

Designed, posted and written captions for several events and announcements

Reached our goal of gaining 2300 followers

Taken over @akademiskaforeningens instagram

Hosted weekly committee meetings (online)

Cleaned the office

14.8. Travel

Finished planning for Kenya

Held weekly meetings

14.9. Webzine

Held 2 committee meetings

Published 5 articles

Held a mini hangout- official one coming soon

Almost have all the legal editor papers

15. Other Points

Graciela brings up a Board hangout this Friday.

Gustav presents the remaining decisions about who will take responsibility for the fana, roll-ups, and carpet cleaning.

16. Confirmation of the next Board Meeting

The next Board Meeting will be held on the 2th of May

17. Meeting adjourned

Edwina Magnus adjourns the meeting at 19.49



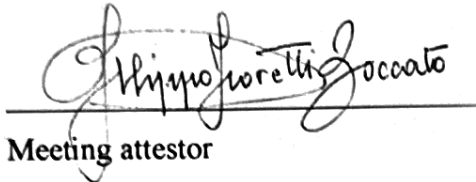
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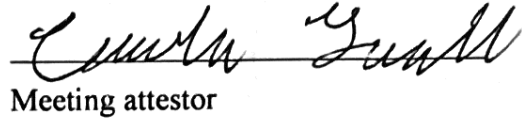
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