



Motion to approve advisory board policy

Background

A problem with the work of UF Uppsala is that it is difficult to work long-term. Members of the board are elected for one year and rarely run for re-election or for other board positions. Previous board members also quickly leave the association as they often are finished with their academic endeavors. This has led to a short institutional memory in the association and to a risk that one board after the other work with similar issues and trying the same solutions even though they might have proven ineffective the first time. Although institutional memory is a larger question in itself and will require planning-related organizational reforms in the future, one step towards improving it is by making sure that there are structured ways in which competent individuals can assist the association. This is the reason for the proposition of creating an advisory board for UF Uppsala.

The advisory board will gather a combination of individuals which with their previous engagement in UF Uppsala has a deep knowledge about its organizational structure and history, and those with less experience from UF Uppsala but with a career path which can be beneficial for the board in terms of assistance. Their task is to every semester have a meeting with the President and Vice President to discuss the coming priorities and challenges and to continuously throughout the year be available to provide guidance. A more detailed description of the advisory board's structure, priorities and tasks can be found in the policy itself which was sent out together with the meeting documents.

Purpose

The purpose of the advisory board policy is to create a group to turn to when faced with difficult decisions and when needing an outside and/or historical perspective. It also serves the purpose to make sure that the plans for the semester is not a repeat of failed ambitions from previous years. Furthermore, it will be a forum where technical questions regarding budgetary, judicial and organizational issues can be raised with career professionals in respective field. The advisory board will in total contribute to a stronger and more long-term planned governance of the association.

Proposal

Can the board decide to approve the advisory board policy?

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