



Protocol: Board Meeting of the Uppsala Association of Foreign Affairs

21st of November 2020

Present: Per Risberg, Emelie Wendesten, Katja Åman, Diana Simon, Mathe Hanik, Linnea Arnstedt, Lina Hellman, Aina Olsson, Stella Xing, Felix Hasselblad (left early), Robin Bucher (left early), Benjamin Samuelsson, Gustav Eurenus

Absent: Therese Lager, Charlotte Renström, Amanda Bolann Håland, Michelle Gano, Daniel Rezania, Isa Almäng

1. Opening of the Meeting

The meeting is opened at 11.06.

2. Election of Meeting Secretary (1) and Attesters (2)

The board decides to appoint Wendesten as Secretary, and Bucher and Olsson as meeting attesters, at 11.07.

3. Approving the Agenda

A. *The Proposed Agenda*

The proposed agenda is presented.

B. *Addition of Miscellaneous Matters*

Lecture suggests adding a point regarding UF visibility. The topic is added to the agenda.

C. *Approving the Revised Agenda*

The revised agenda is approved.

4. Board Members' Report

A. *President and Vice President*

Lefvert has primarily been working with issues regarding covid-19 and some administrative tasks. Xing has been slightly absent recently.

- B. *Heads of Activity*
Samuelsson and Åman recently organized an online USA quiz, which was very successful.
- C. *Heads of Careers*
Not present.
- D. *Head of Debate*
Everything is going well.
- E. *Editors In Chief*
Not present.
- F. *Heads of Lectures*
Simon and Hanik have been busy planning upcoming lectures and encourage the board members to attend these.
- G. *Heads of PR*
Bucher notes that it has been quite a handful recently but that they now have a functioning PR group. While they are still catching up on stuff, Bucher is hopeful that it will not take long until they are up and running.
- H. *Head of Radio*
Absent.
- I. *Head of Travels*
Planning the Kiruna trip. Have decided to push forward the date until the end of January and are thus waiting with planning the details until later. If the situation has not improved by January, they will cancel the trip and do something else instead.
- J. *Head of UFMUN*

Reports that they have now assembled a team and that everything is going very well.

K. *Web Editor In Chief*

Olsson reports that everything is going well.

5. Economic Report

Haselblad mainly been working with stuff regarding FBA.

6. Member Base Report

Wendesten reports that the organization currently has 610 members and that 69% of these are below the age of 26. Wendesten notes a continued decline in UF memberships. However, Uppsala is still, by far, the biggest Association of Foreign Affairs in Sweden. Wendesten is keeping an eye on the memberships and considering different options regarding member recruitment.

7. UFS Report

Risberg notes two main highlights from the UFS Assembly: when UF stirred the pot when voting against putting the economic report to the archive, due to perceiving the quality of the document as lacking, and when Umeå raised the matter of financial compensation for long trips. Argued that travel reimbursement should they be 7 hours or more. UFS now need to show improvement on the matter on the next annual meeting.

Risberg also mentioned the Forum Weekend, encouraged the board members to join their networks at UFS's slack and urged all Heads to send Risberg their numbers regarding group meetings.

8. Lund Exchange Plans

Risberg informed of an upcoming online exchange between Uppsala and Lund. The exchange will take place after Christmas.

9. Online Christmas Gasque

Samuelsson and Åman suggest allocating 5000 SEK for the online Christmas gasque on the 13th of December. The target group of the gasue are board

members, active members and trustees and the goal is to get these to get to know each other better.

The board decide to allocate 5000 SEK for the online gasque.

10. Break

The meeting is adjourned at 11.53 and resumed at 12.13.

11. Working in UF, Rethought

Lefvert places the board members in different Breakout Rooms in Zoom where they can discuss how their work, goals and expectations regarding UF has changed due to the covid-19-pandemic. Further, what people miss and what they want from UF is also discussed.

Several board members note that they want to have more online activities together. While many board members struggle with fewer possibilities than usual, lecture has even more to do. Many miss the social interaction with others and casual chit-chat.

Lefvert highly encourages board members to plan online activities.

12. Long-Term Corona Strategy

It is discussed whether to allow for people to study in Office or not, as there are several rooms, and it is fairly easy to socially distance ourselves from each other. Different alternatives are discussed, such as having a maximum limit or simply refurbishing Office as well as whether to have a sign-up-sheet or not. The board decides to vote on the matter later in the meeting.

The meeting is adjourned at 13.33 and resumed at 13.48.

Lefvert notes that there are a lot of different voices regarding covid-19 from different actors, and no straight answers regarding whom to listen to. Thus, there is a need to establish some clarity on who UF should primarily listen to.

This spring, it was decided that we follow the restrictions of the University. Should we continue with this, or embrace another position?

There is also another breakout room-session on whether UF should cancel all activities or have activities which can ensure social distance. After this session,

the board decide to vote on whether to apply a stricter policy or not after a short break.

The meeting is adjourned at 14.48 and resumed at 14.58

15. Decision on a Long-term Corona Strategy

See *attachment A*.

Regarding Office, the board decide to make a new decision. It is decided that the new policy is only applicable to board members. The board decide to set a maximum limit on people in Office at 5.

Further, regarding the long-term corona policy, the board decide to adopt stricter measures by taking operations digitally but leaving decisions regarding group meetings up to the group heads. It is decided by the board that these measures will last until further notice.

As the meeting is running long, it is decided that the board will make per capsulam decisions on the topics of Internal Communication with External Appointees (see *Attachment C*) and new PR trustees (see *Attachment D*).

16. UF visibility

See *Attachment B*.

Hanik and Simon report a low attendance on lectures, thus, board members are encouraged to attend lecture but also to hype up and promote events. It is also suggested that UF should enhance its social media presence and visibility. This finds great support among the board members.

Olsson volunteer to update the website, while Xing, Wendesten, Arnstedt and Hellman volunteer to help out with on Instagram.

Furthermore, it is agreed that all board members should try to attend events and/or share posts more often.

17. Next Meeting

Next meeting will be in the middle of December, with more information coming on Slack.

18. Closing of the Meeting

The meeting is closed at 16.02.

Attester: Robin Bucher



Date/place:

Uppsala 17.12.2020

Attester: Aina Olsson



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2020

Meeting secretary: Emelie Wendesten



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Uppsala 3/12 2020