

Board Meeting Nr. 8

Date: 2023-01-18

Time: 16:00-18:00

Place: The Forum

David Gren, William Grote, Michaela E Viklund, Alva Barchéus, Emma Larsson, Viktor Ottosson, Hany Dabbour, Filip Mattsson, Olle Persson, Linnea Johansson, Melisa Memet, Nelly Quicanga, Rebecca Slättås.



§1 Opening of the Meeting

Meeting opened at 16.09.

§2 Election of Meeting President

Suggestion to elect Michaela as Meeting President.

The board decided **to** elect Michaela as Meeting President.

§3 Election of Meeting secretary

Suggestion to elect Alva as meeting secretary.

The board decided **to** elect Alva as meeting secretary.

§4 Election of Tellers for the Meeting

Suggestion to elect Emma and Linnea as meeting tellers.

The board decided **to** elect Emma and Linnea as meeting tellers.

§5 Consideration of the Meeting's Quorum

The quorum is set to 11 people, 10 with the right to vote.

Quorum changed at 16.30 to 12 people, 11 with the right to vote.

Quorum changed at 17.05 to 13 people, 12 with the right to vote.

§6 Determination of the Agenda

Suggestion to update the agenda by moving **§8.4** to after **§8.11**.

The board decided **to** accept the updated agenda.

§7 Objectives from previous Agenda:

Discuss evaluations of the fall semester.

Postponed to the next board meeting.

§8 Update from Board posts

§8.1 Head of Program

- Lecture yesterday. Quite few attendants (about 15, of which 10 were from the board). Some people from Elsa were supposed to join but didn't. Suggestions: to market future lectures with posters on campus. Have lunch lectures instead of at 16? Send out some kind of evaluation/suggestion form to members, to find out people's lecture preferences (Instagram stories?).
- **Budget**
More money is needed. A budget meeting is needed, and a calculation of how big of a budget is needed for the spring.

§8.2 Head of Communication

- We now have Grammarly.
- Looking for improvements to the website.

Quorum changed to 12, 11 with the right to vote.

§8.3 Head of Travel

- Linnea is going abroad March - May, Viktor Ottosson will be the substitute Head of Travel. Current destination options are Skopje, Sarajevo, Budapest. An Instagram poll will be made to pick up member opinions. (We might have connections for Macedonia through UF Stockholm, and Patrik Johansson at Umu.) Linnea will create a motion to make Viktor an official substitute.

§8.5 Editor

- Not present.

§8.6 Head of Media

- An episode was recorded yesterday with Anna Södersten, but only 1/3 of the recording is usable. Anna is willing to record a new one online. An episode with Abrak Saati is in the works. Suggestion to make it a themed episode, for example on democracy.

§8.7 Secretary

- 204 members currently.

§8.8 Treasurer

- Some receipts are missing; from Hansson & Hammar and trains from Dublin. Hany asks everyone to please make sure to keep the receipts.

§8.9 Vice President

- **Pax Nordica**
23rd of March, Nordic security politics conference in Aula Nordica. The main theme will be Nato, Sweden & the Arctic. David encourages everyone to attend, there will be many interesting people & lectures (ambassadors, professors, FOI). Needs to be marketed a lot, a few weeks ahead. Will need help with moderating questions to the lecturers, 3-4 people actively helping.

§8.10 President

- Grant application process is in the works.
- The bank card is still in Ebbas name, we will order 2 more so that Michaela and Hany can use them according to the steering documents.
- We will be at the Welcome fair February 1st, at 10-15.

§8.11 UFS-representative

- We will likely not be able to host Forum Weekend, as UFS is losing an important grant (ForumCiv) which usually funds Forum Weekend. We still can, but if so we need to find 50k. Olle will contact possible funding sources. Otherwise FW will be online or not at all. They discussed prioritizing Umeå for next fall, although by then most boards will be replaced.
- They discussed applying for new grants (eg. Folke Bernadotte academy). The president of UFS has been networking at Folk & Försvar, there was interest from UF alumni to help with grants.
- UFS total member count is 2500, we gained 600 more members. But Uppsala, the largest, are over the 26 year quota limit. UPF Umeå are almost as big as Stockholm! Total UFS budget will likely shrink in the future.
- We will probably get more internship opportunities (because of Folk & Försvar contacts). There will be an information meeting for an internship in Washington DC. The vegetarian policy has been reinstated for UFS, as well as a no-alcohol policy. They also discussed that the member associations' social media accounts should be better at political neutrality regarding which parties we follow: either all parliamentary parties or none.

Quorum changed to 13, 12 with the right to vote.

§8.4 Head of Activities

- Has discussed a release event for Utpost, nothing planned yet.
- A student association from Vasa is coming to Umeå in March and wants a sitting with our associations. Although it's the same date as Pax Nordica. Maybe with Nordpol? Maybe they could attend Pax Nordica?

§9 Decision Point:

§9.1 Authorized Signatories

The purpose of the motion is to elect Hany Dabbour as Authorized Signatory alongside Michaela E Viklund.

Suggestion **to** accept the motion.

The board decided **to** *accept the motion*.

§10 Discussion Point:

§11 Other questions:

There is an opportunity to become an academic association under Umeå Studentkår, it will mean a grant from them. But then all UPF members need to be members of the Studentkår. Opinions? It goes against the purpose of removing our membership fee. It would make us a student association. Bylaws will need changing. Look into this again for the next annual meeting if there is interest.

§12 Objectives for the next Meeting:

Evaluations of the fall semester.

§13 Deciding the date for next Board Meeting

Tuesday, January 31st.

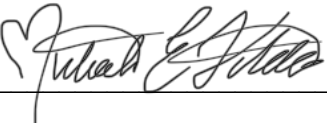
§14 Choosing the one responsible for fika at next Board Meeting

Melisa will bring fika to the next meeting.

§15 Closing of the Meeting

Meeting closed at 17.27.

Signature of Meeting President



Michaela E Viklund

Signature of Meeting Secretary



Alva Barchéus

Signature of Meeting Teller



Emma Larsson

Signature of Meeting Teller



Linnea Johansson



Umeå Association of International Affairs – UAIA

Authorized Signatories

Background

UAIA held an Extraordinary Annual Meeting in December 2022. During this meeting a new treasurer was voted into the board. In order for the treasurer to get access to the association's bank account they also need to be an Authorized Signatory for UAIA. In accordance with §5 in our by-laws the Authorized Signatories can be elected by The Board. Therefore, treasurer Hany Dabbour should be elected to become an Authorized Signatory together with president Michaela E Viklund.

Purpose

To elect Hany Dabbour and Michaela E Viklund as the Authorized Signatories for the association.

Decision

To elect Hany Dabbour and Michela E Viklund as the Authorized Signatories

Sender

Michaela E Viklund, President, Umeå Association of International Affairs