

FÖRENINGEN EKONOMERNA VID STOCKHOLMS UNIVERSITET

Board meeting #24
Wednesday 2020-04-01
Held Digitally through Zoom
Time: 18:00-22:00

§.1 **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 18:03
Andreas Wassenius was adjusted in with speaking rights at 18.03.

§.2 **Appointment of Secretary**

Frida Johansson was appointed secretary.

§.3 **Appointment of Adjusters**

Lovisa Enholm was appointed 1st adjuster.
Marie Linden was appointed 2nd adjuster.

§.4 **Adjustment of voting rights**

§.5	Attendees	Voting right	Speaking right
	Alexander Riese	.	.
	Frida Johansson	.	.
	Mattis Jämtbäck	.	.
	Carl Robertson	.	.
	Robert Kisch	.	.
	Lovisa Enholm	.	.
	Liina-Sofia Neitenbach	.	.
	Marie Linden	.	.
	Benjamin Söderman	.	.
	Andreas Wassenius	.	.
	Tobias Hellström (19:20-19:51)	.	.

§.6 **Adoption of Agenda**

The agenda was adopted with the following changes:
- Adding point §15, Discussion item: Choir. All points were adjusted accordingly.

- Adding point §21, Information Item: Change of Auditor. All points were adjusted accordingly.

§.7

Follow up of to-do list

- Mattis finished a draft for manual 05.
- Benjamin and Carl looked up how to use Zoom for an association meeting.
- Alex informed election committee regarding having interviews with the candidates for Ekonomernas Dagar and Fadderiet through Zoom.
- Liina made a post about postponing association meeting #2 at the association's channels.
- Alex looked into the contract for the venue for the anniversary ball.
- Mattis was in contact with the Anniversary project group regarding the ticket release for the Anniversary Ball.
- Lovisa contacted the partners about cancelling the partner dinner.
- Mattis reached out to the OMG regarding festningen being closed until further noticed.
- Benjamin and Frida started looking at potential improvements for the website.

§.8

Adoption of previous protocols

The protocol from board meeting #22 was adopted and put to the archives.

§.9

Check-in

Processed.

§.10

Debriefing, all areas of responsibility

Alexander Riese: Been in contact with U9 regarding their operations in these times. Been in contact with the previous treasury regarding their financial report. Had a meeting with MÄ and IA regarding how we'll hold AM#2. Had 6 more crisis meetings with SBS. Been in contact with SBS regarding the bachelor's graduation ceremony. Been contacted by Studietid regarding how we're affected by Covid-19. Daily duties.

Frida Johansson: Attended the faculty board meeting. Been in contact with U9. Daily duties.

Mattis Jämtbäck: Been in contact with OMG and contact committees about events and the Covid 19 situation. Been in contact with the

project group for the event with SÖFRE. Looked into holding an OMG meeting online. Daily duties.

Marie Linden: Translated role description document. Daily duties.

Lovisa Enholm: Been in contact with some of our partners regarding how to go about the rest of the semester, had a meeting with RedBull regarding future collaboration and sponsorship, daily duties

Carl Robertson: Been in contact with new auditor, corona stuff, daily duties

Robert Kisch: Economic project evaluations, started invoicing companies that participated in ED, daily duties.

Benjamin Söderman: Been investigating different solutions for Association Meeting #2 with Carl, had a meeting with IA and MÄ regarding association meeting #2, daily duties.

§.11 **Debriefing, Treasury**

Nothing to add.

§.12 **Debriefing, Operational Management Group**

Next OMG-meeting will be held online.

§.13 **Discussion item: Covid-19 Update**

Rapporteur: Alexander Riese

(Appendix 1)

From the contact with SBS and our friend associations in U9 we have found that students aren't following their planned education as well as they usually do. This would not be anything out of the ordinary as students presumably are allocating their time differently as they do not have to be at campus to attend classes.

CSN stated in the beginning of the week that the allowed earning to still be applicable to receive financial aid would be removed, so that students who can would be able to help out more during the crisis.

Studietid, the newspaper run by Stockholm University Student Union, reached out to us to ask how association life was affected, where

Alexander made a statement on our current situation of having shut down a large amount of our usual operations.

SBS will have their graduation ceremony live.

In more general terms the university have stopped trying to recruit international students as they most likely will be less eager to travel abroad already in the fall, but there will be no stop of admission for international students. The University is trying to expand the number of students they can take in to ease the strain of a high youth unemployment in the fall.

Semesters will not be elongated but all departments are offered to have extra reexams outside of the ordinary semester.

For SBS students on exchange it is up to the partner Universities to make decisions regarding the exchanges until further notice.

Regarding association related items, the event with SÖFRE is still being worked on through Zoom and the website views peaked March 14th as students looked for what our reaction and action plan due to the virus would be.

The meeting was adjourned at 18:51

The meeting was reopened at 19:03

§.14

Discussion item: Manual 05

Rapporteur: Mattis Jämtbäck

(Appendix 2)

The board reviewed the draft of Manual 05 and decided that it should be more detailed. For example, the policies will be looked through more carefully, and new vice chairs should be taught how to do expense declarations, corporate requests and generally how to use podio.

Furthermore, the problem of getting people to retain the information written was discussed, as there is a lot to keep track of. The necessity of including all details was pointed out in order for nothing to be forgotten while going through the handover process.

The board thinks it would be good to have the purpose of the OMG stated, as that would add weight to the importance of the roles of Chair and Vice Chair of a committee.

The document could either be written as a guide for the person stepping on or as a document for the person holding the handover or a combination of both. It was stressed that a combination would probably be the most beneficial to decrease the risk of having one bad handover leading to future setbacks of a committee for a long time.

§.15

Discussion item: Choir

Tobias Hellström was adjusted in with speaking rights at 19:20.

Tobias presented what would be needed to have a fully operational choir and gave us the pros and cons of an acoustic piano as well as an electronic portable piano, in terms of cost and accessibility. It was agreed upon that a piano would be needed and that the best place to have it would be in festningen. The board deemed that the cost of either kind of piano was a less important factor than portability and size. When it comes to venues, the Choir discussed the options they saw at hand and explained that they would like a big room with nothing in it but the piano. Furthermore, they would need equipment for performances and Tobias explained that in order for a microphone to capture all choir members voices a special kind of microphone would be required. The choir saw it best fitting that for performances to have a playback of a piano rather than someone playing live and therefore preferred an acoustic piano.

As it comes to members of the choir there has been a lot of attention and the current members are practicing at home in the wait of the Association premises to be reopened. Currently, the members of the choir have gear to use short term, but they would like it if the association could invest in gear to be used and stored in festningen. Tobias estimates that if festningen were to be closed throughout the semester there would still be enough members interested in the fall to justify a purchase of instruments and equipment this semester.

Tobias was adjusted out at 19:51

The board finds it easier to have the choir set up a budget for what purchases needs to be made, which would then be reviewed by the board. The next step would be to discuss the choir potentially becoming an official club.

The discussion regarding the appropriateness of the different rooms was connected to the discussion of an acoustic vs. an electronic piano and the board found it easier to purchase an electronic piano as that would allow for more flexibility if the choir was to outgrow festningen as it then could be used in SBS venues. It would also allow for the choir to find what room in festningen suits them the best. An electrical piano can also never be too loud such that it would drown out the choir

members as one can turn down the volume. The board was not worried about the sound volume as it was deemed easy to book venues and arrange a schedule for practices.

The board was unified in making them a club eventually, and found that it then would be suited that the contact person is the 2nd vice president.

The meeting was adjourned at 20:07

The meeting was reopened 20:16

§.16 **Discussion item: Marketing and Planning of Projects SS20 and FS20**
Rapporteur: Mattis Jämtbäck **(Appendix 3)**

The discussion included what events should be marketed and continue to plan as if they were to be carried out. If they wouldn't market the risk would be that we don't have project groups to plan events if as times get better the event was to happen, but it also does not make sense to market when the risk of canceling is very high.

The board found that projects should keep working if they still have the motivation, but that will be up for each project group to decide. The association will not sell tickets until we know for sure that the event will happen. Furthermore, marketing the recruitment of new project groups within committee Facebook groups will be allowed, as the events will hopefully take place during the fall. Nothing will be marketed on the official Facebook site.

Events will currently not be marketed at all, but the board is positive to keeping the feed alive by posting "throwbacks".

§.17 **Discussion item: Preparing for an Economic Downturn**
Rapporteur: Alexander Riese **(Appendix 4)**

This fall many young people will be unemployed and it is important to keep in mind that this might affect the association.

Presumably there will not be a sufficient change in how we work with our current partners in terms of events and marketing, for us to notice it financially, but we might have less income from companies which we do not have a partnership with but still chooses to ask us to market open positions and recruitment ads. We should thus look through what our income really stems from and what streams might be lost.

In the long run, we want to prepare our students for the job market as best as possible and we should try to strengthen the bond with our partners even further in terms of finding out what skills they value in newly graduated students.

Affecting the education that are given to students at SBS is something that takes time, and during this crisis the board aims to be the voice of students towards SBS. During this time it is easier to work on students soft skills.

§.18 **Discussion item: Evaluation of Fadderiet's Structure**

Rapporteur: Mattis Jämtbäck **(Appendix 5)**

The board had a discussion on what would be beneficial and what would be counterproductive when it comes to fadderiet consisting of both international and Swedish students. One pro of keeping them apart for at least some time or during specific events, could be to enable more targeted events for the different groups. This however was deemed strongly outweighed by the differentiation and lack of inclusiveness between the different groups.

It was found that there was nothing that the board wanted to change about fadderiet which could be left for the generals to decide.

§.19 **Information item: Partner Collaboration with Academic Work**

Rapporteur: Lovisa Enholm **(Appendix 6)**

Academic work have dropped out of our partnership, as they have with all their student association collaborations. This is one of our bigger partnerships but nothing that will affect us significantly.

§.20 **Information item: New Bachelor's Program at SBS**

Rapporteur: Frida Johansson **(Appendix 7)**

There will be a new Bachelor Program starting the fall of 2021. The board briefly touched upon the employability of these students.

§.21 **Information Item: Change of Auditor**

Rapporteur: Carl Robertson

The treasury has been speaking with a new auditor from the firm R3 revision. They have offered us an estimate of a price which is within



our budget.

§.22 **Additional items**

§.23 **Up-coming events**

§.24 **To-do list**

Liina and Benjamin will continue working on templates for various documents.

Alexander and Frida will continue working on a draft for a disciplinary policy.

Marie will continue on working on the translation of the role descriptions after new input from the board.

The treasury will look into how much money we would be able to allocate to the choir.

Mattis will contact the choir leader and tell them what is expected of a club.

§.25 **Next meeting**

Next meeting will be held through Zoom, 7th of April. 18:00.

§.26 **Meeting concluded**

The meeting was concluded at 21:55

Appendix 1

Discussion item: Covid-19 Debriefing

Rapporteur: Alexander Riese

Background: As we continue to monitor the situation, I wish everyone to bring the latest update on what's going on in terms of projects, workload and changes to routines within your areas of responsibility.

Appendix 2

Discussion item: Manual 05

Rapporteur: Mattis Jämtbäck

Background: The idea of Manual 05 is to make it easier for the OMG in their handover process. Right now, it is mostly an out take with the most relevant information from Manual 65.

In addition to this my idea is to add a section with a "handbook" for being an OMG member, I would therefore like your input on what this section should contain. For example OMG meetings, podio, internal communication etc.

Appendix 3

Discussion item: Marketing and Planning of Projects SS20 and FS20

Rapporteur: Mattis Jämtbäck

Background: I have gotten some questions about how to go about marketing, recruitment of project groups and how far they should plan events. I think we should have a discussion about how we go about this and potentially discuss coming events and what to communicate to the OMG.

Appendix 4

Discussion item: Preparing for an Economic Downturn

Rapporteur: Alexander Riese

Background: As we are likely heading into an economic downturn, something Föreningen Ekonomerna and Students haven't seen in many years, I think it's



relevant to discuss what this means for us, both in terms of our mission toward students and how it affects our operations. Are there any precautions we need to start working toward and how will this impact the board stepping on after us?

Appendix 5

Discussion item: Evaluation of Fadderiet's Structure

Rapporteur: Mattis Jämtbäck

Background: Point tabled from Board Meeting #22.

With Fadderiet almost being over I thought it would be a good time to have a discussion on what we can improve strategically to make an even better start of the new students association life. I want to discuss who we invite into Fadderiet and if there should be more than one welcome program. In 2017 Fadderiet was changed to be completely integrated between Swedish and international students to go with the internationalization of the association. I have during this Fadderi got some questions about why that is and I have had some thoughts on if that is the right way to go to integrate the most people possible. Also with discussions being held on integrating students from other faculties we would need to make room for more people at the events. I want to hear your ideas on how we can solve this and in the long run gain more members.

Appendix 6

Information item: Partner Collaboration with Academic Work

Rapporteur: Lovisa Enholm

Background: Due to restructuring of Academic Work's organisation and marketing plan they are terminating partner agreements with all student organizations, including us. From next year on Academic Work will therefore no longer be a partner.

Appendix 7

Information item: New Bachelor's Program at SBS

Rapporteur: Frida Johansson

Background: It was decided in the Department Board roughly two weeks ago that a new bachelorsprogram would be given for the first time in the fall of 2021. It will be a program in business and sustainability and is a collaboration between SBS, Resilience center and the department of philosophy. The students will study their first two and their last semester at SBS and their degree will be in the business field. The program is an international program and they will study their introduction courses together with the already existing program in international business and politics. It is today estimated that once the program starts we will have an increase in the number of first semester students by approximately 120 persons.