

## **FÖRENINGEN EKONOMERNA VID STOCKHOLMS UNIVERSITET**

**Board meeting #28**  
**Wednesday 2020-04-29**  
**Held Digitally through Zoom**  
**Time: 18:00-22:00**

§.1 **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 18:06

§.2 **Appointment of Secretary**

Frida Johansson was appointed secretary.

§.3 **Appointment of Adjusters**

Robert Kisch was appointed 1<sup>st</sup> adjustor.

Mattis was appointed 2<sup>nd</sup> adjustor.

*Frida Wandborg, Frida Sjöberg, Juulia Kuusimäki, Sahel Fardeen Faez, Ada Nuutti, Vlada Borets & Luisa Dahlstedt were adjusted in with speaking rights at 18:08.*

§.4 **Adjustment of voting rights**

§.5 **Attendees** **Voting right** **Speaking right**

Alexander Riese	.	.
Frida Johansson	.	.
Mattis Jämtbäck	.	.
Carl Robertson	.	.
Robert Kisch	.	.
Lovisa Enholm	.	.
Marie Linden	.	.
Benjamin Söderman	.	.
Frida Wandborg	.	.
Emilia Ishak	.	.
Frida Sjöberg	.	.
Juulia Kuusimäki	.	.
Sahel Fardeen Faez	.	.
Ada Nuutti	.	.

Vlada Borets .  
Luisa Dahlstedt .

§.6 **Adoption of Agenda**

The agenda was adopted with the adage of point §23.

§.7 **Follow up of to-do list**

- Mattis talked to the Choir about becoming a club.
- Alex talked to the project group for the anniversary ball regarding canceling the event.
- Everyone talked to their committees about helping the social media content group to have content to post.
- Marie looked over the English version of the statue.
- Mattis and Frida redrafted the recruitment policy.

§.8 **Adoption of previous protocols**

The protocol from board meeting #26 was adopted and put to the archives.

§.9 **Check-in**

Processed.

§.10 **Debriefing, all areas of responsibility**

Alexander Riese: Attended SBS Crisis meetings, Been in contact with our auditor. Attended workshop with MÄ. Daily duties.

Frida Johansson: Been in contact with speak up week, been talking with the Education Committee regarding the election of Vice Chair, attended the workshop/hangout with the OMG and the workshop MÄ hosted for the board. Finished some documents to improve educational surveillance over time. Attended meetings with the department and the faculty.

Mattis Jämtbäck: Planned and held OMG-meeting through Zoom. Attended the the workshop/hangout with the OMG. Attended workshop with MÄ. Been in contact with the generals. Attended meeting with project group for the event with SÖFRE. Daily duties

Lovisa Enholm: Been in contact with our partners regarding renewing partner contracts, had a meeting with Akavia regarding our

collaboration, had handover with my successor, took part of MÄ's strategic workshop #3 and hangout/workshop with the OMG

Marie Antoinette Linden: Attended MA workshop and OMG hangout. Meeting with the generals and first meeting with my successor. Worked on the translation of the statute, waiver for trips and the hangover guide.

Carl Robertson: Started working on documents for association meeting 3. Budget and investment plan. Hunting down card holders to get receipts for everything. Finalizing accounts and getting ready for the annual report. Attended MÄ workshop. Daily duties.

Robert Kisch: Worked on the proposed budget for next year. Finalized the last of ED financial evaluation. Started drafting an investment policy. Contact with the AMG for input on new structure for AMG bookkeeping. Daily duties.

Liina-Sofia Neitenbach: Attended the OMG workshop/hangout. Attended the MÄ workshop. Daily duties.

Benjamin Söderman: Been in contact with the new generals in order to update the Fadderiet-page, held a handover-session with my successor, attended MÄ's strategic workshop #3 and hangout with the OMG.

§.11      **Debriefing, Treasury**  
Nothing to add.

§.12      **Debriefing, Operational Management Group**  
There was an OMG meeting Monday, where it was discussed how the recruitment of vice chairs would be performed to make all committees marketing easier. A deadline was set for the 20<sup>th</sup> of May and elections will be held the week after. They also started to plan events to do whilst Covid-19 is still ongoing.

§.13

**Decision item: Updated Recruitment Policy**

Rapporteur: Frida Johansson & Mattis Jämtbäck **(Appendix 1)**

There was feedback on the policy regarding what pages and places it would be referred to as it comes to applications and finding information. As the policy is a work structure it was agreed on that the policy should be tried out in practice before accepted as a policy. The drafted document would thus be a guideline for the future board and should be complimented by a list of what needs to be put into place as goes for various application forms, sites and such so that the policy could be tried out efficiently during the fall.

The policy also needs to be proofread as there are some grammatical errors and spelling mistakes and the notes which were still left in the attached document needs to be removed.

**Claim**

**that** the Board approves the updated Recruitment Policy.

**Decision**

**that** the Board does not approve the updated Recruitment Policy.

§.14

**Decision item: Founding of Choir Club**

Rapporteur: Mattis Jämtbäck **(Appendix 2)**

**Claim**

**that** the Board establishes a new club called the Choir Club.

**Decision**

**that** the Board establishes a new club called the Choir Club.

*The meeting was paused at 19:06*

*The meeting was reopened at 19:21*

§.15      **Decision item: Motion for Association Meeting #3 Updating Statute  
Regarding Signatories in Bank Matters**  
Rapporteur: Alexander Riese      **(Appendix 3)**

A short discussion on what formulation to use would be better was held.

**Claim**

**that**            the Board sends in the attached updated statute as a motion to Association Meeting #3.

**Additional claim**

**that**            the Board sends in a suggestion to a statute change regarding signatories as a motion to Association Meeting #3 with the change of formulation to be “med undantag för teckning av firma gentemot bank där skattmästare och vice skattmästare tecknar firma var för sig.”.

**Decision that**

**that**            the Board will not send in the attached updated statute as a motion to Association Meeting #3.

**Decision**

**that**            the Board sends in a suggestion to a statute change regarding signatories as a motion to Association Meeting #3 with the change of formulation to be “med undantag för teckning av firma gentemot bank där skattmästare och vice skattmästare tecknar firma var för sig.”.

§.16      **Discussion item: Motion for Association Meeting #3 Updated  
Translation of Statute**  
Rapporteur: Marie Linden      **(Appendix 4)**

The Board discussed the wording of trustees and went through the document scouting for errors which was corrected.

§.17      **Discussion item: Election Processes in the Association**  
Rapporteur: Alexander Riese      **(Appendix 5)**

A quick overview of how our friend associations hold their elections were gone through. A deeper discussion of whether it would be better with a higher engagement of non-active members was to be preferred over fewer but more engaged members, as the association meetings currently rarely have a low attendance number. A low attendance number makes it easy for candidates to invite their friends and thus be elected, as it takes relatively few members to do so. However having members who are very engaged in the association might be beneficial as it is in their interest to elect the best candidate. If elections were to be held online or likewise it would be likely that more members vote, but the candidates would then need to campaign.

What could be a solution would be to market association meeting #2 as an election meeting to spark interest and increase attendance whilst keeping our current system.

*The meeting was paused at 20:31*

*The meeting was reopened at 20:47*

§.18      **Discussion item: Association Meeting #2 Evaluation**  
Rapporteur: Benjamin Söderman      **(Appendix 6)**

Association meeting #2 over Zoom worked well. It would probably not be necessary next time to have a pre-signup, as long as membership could be checked for.

§.19      **Discussion item: Outsourcing of Website**  
Rapporteur: Benjamin Söderman      **(Appendix 7)**

The Board agreed that the next board would be recommended to outsource the website and discussed what purpose we see with the website features would be needed for the website to fill said purpose. It was found that the website should contain more information and that what mainly was lacking was esthetic and appearance as information needs to be added by the association. A login was not deemed necessary as we currently could not find enough actions which only





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**To-do list**

- Liina and Benjamin will construct templates for various documents.
- Frida and Alexander will draft a disciplinary policy.
- Marie will proof read the recruitment policy.
- Mattis will create a step by step implementation and evaluation of changing recruitment strategy
- Alexander will send in a point of continued discussion on alternative association meeting formats.
- Benjamin will take a quota on outsourcing the website.

§.26

**Next meeting**

The next meeting will be held 18:00, the 13<sup>th</sup> of May via Zoom.

§.27

**Meeting concluded**

The meeting was concluded at 22:24.



## Appendix 1

### Decision item: Updated Recruitment Policy

Rapporteur: Frida Johansson & Mattis Jämtbäck

**Background:** Me and Mattis finished the Recruitment policy and would like it to pass and if not passing we would want more feedback on what to add.

### We claim

that the Board approves the updated Recruitment Policy.

## Appendix 2

### Decision item: Founding of Choir Club

Rapporteur: Mattis Jämtbäck

**Background:** The interest in a choir has grown and there is now a significant amount of people active in the group. Therefore, I suggest we make it an official club. The suggestion is that the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President will be contact person for the club and that Tobias Hellström is to be the first Chair leading the club. The future structure is yet to be determined.

### I claim

that the Board establishes a new club called the Choir Club.

## Appendix 3

### Decision item: Motion for Association Meeting #3 Updating Statute Regarding Signatories in Bank Matters

Rapporteur: Alexander Riese

**Background:** Due to complications with the bank and their interpretation of our statute, we have made an addition allowing the treasury to handle bank matters as independent signatories, rather than requiring each action to be signed by two signatories of the association. This has been the typical way of working in the past and there have been few risks or problems with it. I therefore suggest we make it even more clear in the statute that this is allowed.

## I claim

**that** the Board sends in the attached updated statute as a motion to Association Meeting #3.

## Appendix 4

### **Discussion item: Motion for Association Meeting #3 Updated Translation of Statute**

Rapporteur: Marie Linden

**Background:** Attached is the revised version of the English statute. In order to ensure that it conveys the message stated in the Swedish version (and that it is not only my interpretation), I have made a suggested break down of the pages we can each read through. Once you have compared your points of the English statute to the Swedish statute, send me an email by the 6th of May with suggested changes or if it is good as is. The final version will be sent to everybody so that we can read through it and ultimately send it in to Association Meeting #3 for approval.

Mattis §1-§9

Robert §10 - §20

Frida §21 - 25

Lovisa §26-§39

Alex §40-§45

Benjamin §46-§58

Carl §59-§69

## Appendix 5

### **Discussion item: Election Processes in the Association**

Rapporteur: Alexander Riese

**Background:** The association has an established structure for all trustees elected by the association's members, whether it comes to committee vice chairs or the board. However, this has always followed with a few flaws, especially when it comes to the voting. We have a very low attendance at association meetings, relative to our member count. This allows for a very small group of members to drastically impact the results of not just elections, but also motions passing or not. This is a known issue

with the system, which candidates are incentivized or forced to play along with, inviting their friends to association meetings to amass a critical number of votes.

This is not to say that any trustee within Föreningen Ekonomerna has received their position undeservedly, but they have been forced to work within the system we have. Even in cases where the decision is not pre-determined based on the attendees of the meeting, anyone is only required to convince a small amount of people to sway the vote.

This is a very typical system, that also has its upsides, such as giving more power to dedicated members and allowing those who really care to have the largest say by attending meetings. I however believe that the idea of an elected board only having the actual support or vote of not even 10% of the Association's members undermines their credibility and is a vote in favor of having a political party-based structure, which can engage a larger share of students.

I would like to discuss what other systems there might be, how necessary we see it to investigate alternative systems and how this system currently affects our Association.

## **Appendix 6**

### **Discussion item: Association Meeting #2 Evaluation**

Rapporteur: Benjamin Söderman

**Background:** After hosting our first Association Meeting via link due to the ongoing situation with covid-19, I would like to hear what your impressions were. What went well, what could be better, how could we plan this better for the next meeting, etc. Do we want to continue with online association meetings after the situation has been cleared out instead of physical meetings? What problems could we be facing in that case - what is its' pros and cons?

## **Appendix 7**

### **Discussion item: Outsourcing of Website**

Rapporteur: Benjamin Söderman

**Background:** We have been discussing a bit regarding potentially outsourcing the development of our website. Sanna and Cajsia did a great job last year on improving

the website from our previous one. However, I have had to clean it up a bit as well as improving it further. Some have said that we don't have a good foundation to build upon and are slowly making minor improvements, which was the same case with Ekonomernas Dagars website. After the outsourcing they now have a professional-looking website with some great functionality.

Is this something we would like to investigate? In that case, what kind of functionality are we searching and what should be made different than our current one?

## **Appendix 8**

### **Discussion item: Working More Like a Union**

Rapporteur: Alexander Riese

**Background:** The board has had several discussions on how to adapt our mindset and work to be more in line with the work of a union rather than a student association. The board got a task two weeks ago to look at various student unions across Sweden and how they work within the areas of responsibility correlating to each board role.

Based on this I would like to have a discussion on what we believe this entails for us, the importance of adapting how we work to be more like a union and what easy first steps could be.

## **Appendix 9**

### **Discussion item: Association Operations Post Covid-19**

Rapporteur: Frida Johansson

**Background:** Whilst great that the OMG have started creating projects and such for our member, I think the harsh reality may be that fewer people will engage in the association for some time now and if SBS continues with all-online classes we will have a huge drop as it comes to student engagement during the fall. In the best case we would be allowed and find it possible to have certain events, but it will be likely that these will have a limitation on how many can attend, and it is not impossible that several of our trips will be cancelled as different countries have different regulations regarding the covid-19 situation.



Even though all of this is filled with uncertainty I would like to talk about how we can help our committees prepare in the best way as it is my belief that their committee-work will be vastly different the upcoming semester.

In the association we rely heavily on the big and grand events that often require the participants to pitch in with money. We have a large portion of trips offered. I think the key to have the committee engagement revived and at this point to survive is to have the committees bring their work back to a broader audience and offering less expensive events.

What I want to discuss is thus 1) if we share the view that the OMG by far most likely struggle during the rest of the semester and the fall. 2) if you agree with my view that we've relied too much on the "grand" events as an association and 3) if, or if not - how can we as of now help out committees to prepare for upcoming semester so that we get as much student involvement as possible?

## Appendix 10

### Information item: Board Activity Plan

Rapporteur Alexander Riese

**Background:** For Association Meeting #3 we need to approve a preliminary activity plan for the Board of 20/21. I have attached our Activity Plan for the year to give an idea of what it typically looks like. I want everyone to pitch in with ideas here and make it a collectively produced document. I will be taking the final responsibility of having a version ready for Association Meeting #3.