



FÖRENINGEN EKONOMERNA VID STOCKHOLMS UNIVERSITET

Board meeting #10
Wednesday 2020-11-04
The Board Room, House 1
Time: 18:00-22:00

§.1 **Call to Order**
Frida Sjöberg called the meeting to order at 18.02

§.2 **Appointment of Secretary**
Luisa Dahlstedt was appointed secretary

§.3 **Appointment of Adjusters**
Sahel Faez was appointed 1st adjuster
Frida Sjöberg was appointed 2nd adjuster

Samuel Gustafsson was adjusted into the meeting at 18.05 with speaking rights

§.4 **Adjustment of voting rights**

§.5	Attendees	Voting right	Speaking right
	Frida Sjöberg	.	.
	Karin Asp (via link)	.	.
	Luisa Dahlstedt	.	.
	Alice Arabshahi	.	.
	Juulia Kuusimäki (via link).	.	.
	Ada Nuutti	.	.
	Sahel Faez	.	.
	Vlada Borets	.	.
	Alexander Riese	.	.
	Samuel Gustafsson	.	.

§.6 **Adoption of Agenda**
The agenda was adjusted with the following changes:

- The background of appendix 5 was changed from 'public communication to 'public transportation'
- Editorial changes were made to the background of appendix 10

§.7

Follow up of to-do list

- Frida Sjöberg will look up what is possible to do and what the best solution is for the Spring Ball (still in process)
- Luisa Dahlstedt and Frida Sjöberg double checked that the restrictions were followed for the Halloween party.
- Luisa Dahlstedt spoke to the Sports committee about clarifying the cancellation policy and payment of the Ski Trip.
- Frida Sjöberg and Vlada Borets will keep looking into the Personal Data Policy (still in process)
- Luisa Dahlstedt has begun looking into the OMG steering documents
- Ada Nuutti will do research and look into what other associations are doing for their intro videos (still in process)

§.8

Adoption of previous protocols

The protocol from Board Meeting #8 was put to the archives with the following changes:

- Changing 'was appointment' to 'was appointed'
- Clarification of §.23 under Adoption of Agenda
- Change from 'the new IT-Committee Chair will be chosen per capsulam' to 'the new IT-Committee Chair will be chosen through a Board meeting'
- Add a date to §.13
- Fix the grammar under §.16
- Remove 'we invite' under the discussion of §.18
- Translate 'the total budget for IT' to English under §.19
- Add Frida Sjöberg's last name to §.23
- Put the upcoming events in chronological order

The protocol from Board Meeting #9 was put to archives with the following changes:

- Change 'band book' to 'brand book'
- Put Alex Goubaud and Elli Laukkanen on the attendee list
- Clarify which steering documents Luisa Dahlstedt will look into

§.9 **Check-in**
Processed

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

Frida Sjöberg: Fixed Halloween decorations for Festningen, started to change the storage spaces in Festningen to a more optimal way. Meeting with Mecenat, meeting with Akademiska Hus and SU regarding possible changes in Festningen, crisis meeting with SBS, crisis meeting with the Board regarding new restrictions, meetings with Fadderiet and the venue regarding Finsittning contracts, visited possible tv-studio for ED, meeting with David, meeting with ED, attended Fadderiet online ceremony and daily duties.

Alice Arabshahi: Daily duties, meeting with David, was in contact with insurance company, approved budgets, helped out with change of the storage space, attended the Fadderiet ceremony online.

Luisa Dahlstedt: Daily duties, visited possible Spring Ball venue, attended online Fadderiet ceremony

Karin Asp: Daily duties, been in contact with course coordinators regarding new courses starting. Attended meeting with SFR, attended meeting with SFN. Attended online Fadderiet ceremony.

Sahel Faez: Daily duties, had a meeting with IC, attended online Fadderiet ceremony

Juulia Kuusimäki: Daily duties, had a meeting with BC, had a meeting with Finance Society, had three meetings with ED, had a meeting with GT, attended Fadderiet ceremony for a little moment, had a couple of phone calls with Dream Brokers about the contract we are creating

Ada Nuutti: daily duties, filmed and edited the Board spex, marketing and organizing of Halloweek events, attended the online Finsittning and promoted merch during the event.

Vlada Borets: Daily duties, working on new design for the website, attended the extra meetings regarding Finsittnings, attended the Fadderiet ceremony, had a meeting with Mecenat, looking on pricing for softwares, refurbishing the physical IT environment

§.17

Decision item: Close down Festningen again

Rapporteur: Karin Asp

(Appendix 5)

There was a discussion on whether or not to keep Festningen open due to SBS also going online for MBA programs and the increasing cases of Covid-19. The Board discussed what 'necessary work' would entail. The idea is that work for the Association and those working on projects could still access the facility. Also, the Board discussed the idea of allowing committees to decide if they want to come into Festningen to work instead of strictly closing it. The policy states that those with keycards are allowed into Festningen regardless, but it is still important to follow government recommendations. The point was also brought up that when Festningen has been open, people have not been coming in regularly and there are often the same people, meaning that there isn't a problem of the place being too crowded. The question of if Board meetings could be labeled as 'necessary work' was brought up, with the argument that it could be all done online. Necessary work was defined as those with keycards that have to do work that cannot be done from home. The concern of mental health was brought up, and how Board members, among others, will be affected by being isolated in their work. Keeping in mind that restrictions might not improve, the notion would be such that making a decision with the possibility of revising it later may be harder than making a decision with the possibility of it being indefinite. It was concluded that the recommendations from the government is ultimately the basis on which the decision is made.

I claim

that the Board closes down Festningen for all members and only has it open for necessary work.

Decision

that the Board closes down Festningen for all members and only has it open for necessary work.

The meeting was paused at 19.33

The meeting was reopened at 19.50

§.18

Discussion item: Upcoming events with the current restrictions
Rapporteur: Frida Sjöberg **(Appendix 6)**

Since there are strict recommendations not to have physical events, it would not reflect well on the association to put together events in person. PrU has already gone ahead and cancelled their sittings but the question of Hjulmiddagen still remains. Hjulmiddagen could be adjusted online and awards could be sent through mail. Since it is also right before Christmas, the chances of restrictions being eased are slim and it would be worth more to look at online alternatives. Since it's hard to predict how the situation will look in a month's time, it is better to go off of the information available right now. The ski trip is also a concern, but the cancellation policy allows until January 2nd so there is still a bit of time before a final decision is needed. Other than that, physical events shouldn't be allowed for the rest of the semester and can be revisited at the start of the next semester. The question of the spring Fadderi also came up and whether physical events should be allowed to be planned. The discussion on Fadderiet was saved for a later date.

§.19

Discussion item: Election of new Vice Treasurer
Rapporteur: Frida Sjöberg **(Appendix 7)**

There is a concern on how to make the application formal and reflect the professionalism carried out by the Association election processes. Trying to find a temporary Election Committee may prove to be complicated since they can't sit in a trustee position the following year. There is the possibility of the Board appointing someone as the Vice Treasurer and not having to go through an Election Committee process, but done by someone in the Board instead. There is also the option of having applicants send in their documents and the Board interviews them together during a meeting with no prior processes. The position could also be filled through an extra Association meeting. There is a desire to focus on which route is more efficient since no option is ideal. If the Board were to call another Association meeting, it could add more legitimacy to the election. In addition, the fact that the Board may want to revise the Association Budget was discussed. Since the Board are intent on revising the budget, it makes more sense to summon to an extra Association meeting in December and elect the Vice Treasurer there.

§.20

Discussion item: How to prevent discouragement among the active members of the Association

Rapporteur: Ada Nuutti

(Appendix 8)

There is the concern that since there is little reward being a part of the Association right now. Since physical events and 'fun' aspects of the Association are cancelled because of the pandemic, members might feel discouraged to put in effort when they aren't getting the social side of things that students often look forward to. There is also the reminder that things can get better and we can still look to the future, especially for the OMG who tend to have some years left in the Association. The Board discussed that it comes down to really being creative and innovating new projects that can be done and being proactive when it comes to not letting the pandemic slow us down. It was also brought up how many hours each role on the Board puts in, and how to balance work with life.

The meeting was paused at 21.26

The meeting was reopened at 21.35

§.21

Discussion item: Updating the Bonus Points System

Rapporteur: Sahel Faez

(Appendix 9)

The question was brought up if bonus points should also be applied to the Board and it was argued that the Board helps to better not only the association but also the student's education experience and thus is deserving of bonus points. If given to the OMG, the 2nd Vice President or the Board as a whole should sign off on the chair or vice chair to make sure they have put in the work to deserve the points. Having an updated bonus point system could also mean people apply for the wrong reason and it could be a logistical nightmare. It was also an issue in the past that people wouldn't pick up their points and miscommunication about the information regarding bonus points. Instilling the bonus points could produce a wave of people who don't understand the scope of what they're getting into, and just to get the benefits of the points. Since the bonus point system has been tried and tested on a grander scale and hasn't added much value, it might not be worth going through the trouble of instilling it once more. The board could also look into being able to collect less than the 3 points depending on how deserving the individual is. Creating standards for how much each person could get could make it

more complicated. The Board concluded that Luisa Dahlstedt will look into creating standards in terms of clear OMG role descriptions before going forward with considering a bonus point system.

§.22 **Discussion item: Collaboration with Stockholm University's LGBTQ organization**

Rapporteur: Karin Asp

(Appendix 10)

The concern was brought up about marketing other associations and if that creates the idea that we will willingly market others for free. The association also already has their own LGBTQ flag and efforts, and it was decided that the focus should be on the cause internally, without the collaboration.

§.23 **Additional items**

§.24 **Up-coming events**

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§.25 **To-do list**

- Frida Sjöberg will continue to look up what is possible to do and what the best solution is for the Spring Ball.
- Frida Sjöberg and Vlada Borets will keep looking into the Personal Data Policy
- Ada Nuutti will continue to do research and look into what other associations are doing for their intro videos.
- Luisa Dahlstedt will look into Board Workshop with OMG to brainstorm ideas for online events
- Frida Sjöberg will look into having an extra Association meeting
- Luisa Dahlstedt will look into OMG role descriptions for manual 05
- Ada Nuutti will reply to the email in regard to the LGBTQ collaboration



§.26

Next meeting

Next meeting will be held on Wednesday the 18th of November

§.27

Meeting concluded

The meeting was concluded at 22.37

Appendix 1

Notification item: Budget for Ski Trip 2021 Approved

Rapporteur: Alice Arabshahi

Background: The Budget for the Ski Trip 2021 was approved on the 23rd of October 2020.

Appendix 2

Notification item: Budget for the Traditionsittning Approved

Rapporteur: Alice Arabshahi

Background: The Budget for the Traditionsittning was approved on the 23rd of October 2020.

Appendix 3

Notification item: Budget for the KMR sittning Approved

Rapporteur: Alice Arabshahi

Background: The Budget for the KMR sittning was approved on the 23rd of October 2020.

Appendix 4

Decision item: Vice Treasurer Resignation

Rapporteur: Frida Sjöberg

Background: David Olsson has decided to not continue his Board role as Vice Treasurer due to other commitments. In accordance with §36 in the statute, the Board can accept the resignation while awaiting the Association Meeting's decision. David has asked to resign with immediate effect.

I claim

that the Board accepts David Olsson's resignation as Vice Treasurer with immediate effect

Appendix 5

Decision item: Close down Festningen again

Rapporteur: Karin Asp

Background: Following the new restrictions where people are encouraged to avoid all forms of "unnecessary contact" i.e. meetings, public commute, hangouts etc., I think that we should close down Festningen again. Festningen can be open for our members with a valid key card where they take their own responsibility but I do not think that we as the Board should keep it open as it enforces us to use public transportation to get there and open it up and to be there on specific days. This current situation is according to FHM on the same levels as it were during the spring when the previous Board chose to shut everything down. Since then the situation has been better and we have adjusted accordingly, however, as this upcoming month is critical to see how the spread increases/decreases and the situation has drastically become worse I think we should take our responsibility and shut down again, at least during November.

I claim

that the Board closes down Festningen for all members and only has it open for necessary work.

Appendix 6

Discussion item: Upcoming events with the current restrictions

Rapporteur: Frida Sjöberg

Background: After last week's new strict recommendations to stay at home and not have any events I think we need to bring up the discussion about events again. We have a few events coming up in the upcoming month and I do think we need to reevaluate where we can go through with them or not.

Appendix 7

Discussion item: Election of new Vice Treasurer

Rapporteur: Frida Sjöberg

Background: As we have no current Election Committee, we should discuss the best way to go about recruiting a new Vice Treasurer. We have a few different options, some of the ones that have previously been discussed are; having me and Alice doing the

interview process, find a temporary Election Committee for this election only, summon to an extra Association Meeting or have no pre-election process and just have the applicant present themselves directly at the Board Meeting. There are probably more ways to go about it and even though these options are less than ideal we need to decide on how to make the process as fair and smooth as possible, for all parties involved.

Appendix 8

Discussion item: How to prevent discouragement among the active members of the Association

Rapporteur: Ada Nuutti

Background: With the stricter Covid-19 recommendations it will be even harder to be able to organize any (bigger) physical events and it is likely that some of the events already planned will have to be cancelled. This of course is very unfortunate, because a lot of time and effort is put to planning and organizing. Furthermore, there is an issue of events organized not attracting members to attend. Therefore, I believe that it is important to discuss how we can keep active members, including us in the Board, from feeling discouraged or unmotivated.

Appendix 9

Discussion item: Updating the Bonus Points System

Rapporteur: Sahel Faez

Background: The Bonus points system has been a reward system built through the collaboration with SBS, enabling students who qualify, subject to certain conditions, for bonus points to receive three (3) bonus points from Föreningen Ekonomerna in recognition of their engagement within the Association. These points can then be used when applying for exchange semester. The current Policy for Commitment and Bonus Points mainly rewards projects and work within the Education Committee. After our last discussion regarding handing out points to the OMG, it was brought to the Office of International Affairs, who are optimistic about updating the system. But have requested a document/email outlining any changes and/or observations we want to make to the existing policy.

Appendix 10

Discussion item: Collaboration with Stockholm University's LGBTQ organization

Rapporteur: Karin Asp



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Background: I received an email from the LGBTQ organization at Stockholm University where they asked for a form of collaboration or marketing of their organization as it is beneficial for their organization. I have forwarded the email to the Board and would like to discuss potential benefits of collaboration.