

Minutes of meeting

February 17th, 2021

Meeting time (CET): 4.30 pm

Location: Zoom

Present: Elias Strand, Manon de Vries, Loraine Vlasblom, Dunia Zeinalzadeh, Emma Lyshaug, Magnus Olav Nyaas Ravnå, Nora Engh, Margarita Lavrentjeva, Regine Løche, Sara Benmalek, Vegard Ramstad Johannessen, Caroline Amalie Ruyter, Paula Mortensen, Simon Oxholm Roy

Agenda

1. Approval of the notice and minutes of meeting

Approved

2. Report from all positions

2.1 Financial responsible

No difference in budget from previous meeting. Bank cards have proven to be difficult to obtain. This will require a lot of work and greater collaboration with SAF.

2.2 Communication responsible

Nothing new to report from any of the communication responsible. An idea is presented for posting a post in the Antrobarn Facebook groups to remind about their function and that SAPU can be contacted.

2.3 Program Council Representatives

BA representative: The first program council meeting was 16th February. The case about reintroducing the medical anthropology subject in the Bachelor run was taken up and went through successfully. Medical anthropology will most likely be set up again as a subject in autumn 2021. This because several students have sent mail directly to, among others, Kenneth Bo Nielsen. Several students have also signed the case which was submitted to the program council meeting. In addition, Ebba (who raised the issue and started the case) had been in contact with the professor and seminar leader who had this subject when it was active, and they were both open to starting it again.

MA representative: Case about language on BA exam - it was stated that it some examiners who correct exams do not speak Norwegian (or the other way around – do not speak English), which makes it difficult to correct exams in a certain language. The issue about confusion about which language exams are in was also raised. There was a discussion about different solutions to this. One thing is that there must be more clarity on the website regarding which language a subject has as the exam language. Must also try to keep the same language every year to avoid confusion. The last issue raised at this program council meeting was regarding Covid, digital education and student welfare.

2.4 Department Board Representatives

There has been one department board meeting. Here, among other things, the year plan was discussed, but nothing that is relevant for SAPU. New meeting is set up for Friday 19th of February to discuss hiring cases. The department has unused basic funds, so they have money to spend.

2.5 SVSU representative

Not much to report outside the Student Council meeting, but this is a separate item on the agenda (see item 3.). SVSU will have a meeting this or next week. A committee has been set up to find new leaders where SVSU representative Paula has been elected as leader, anyone can contact her if they know of anyone with ambitions.

2.6 Renovation representative

Renovation representative is not present at the meeting. The first renovation meeting is set for 19th of February.

2.7 Study activity manager

The Study activity managers so far have plans for arranging two events: 1. Information Seminar on how to write the bachelor's essay. 2. Lunch or breakfast with Professor Kenneth Bo Nielsen about India and the peasant rebellion.

2.8 SoMe

Ideas for Insta story (can also be posted on FB story): post daily 'antroquotes' or facts. SAF will also use SoMe more. Sara (SAPU 'funksjonær' and member of SAF) announces that people can tell her if they have any feedback on what is being posted on SoMe by SAF. It is important to have a nice balance of fun and info stuff on the SoMe pages.

3. Update from student council meeting

Since the last SAPU meeting there has been a meeting with all the student councils (programutvalg) at the faculty. Not much relevant to SAPU was taken up other than the grading case raised by us. More about this under the next item.

4.1 The case of grading at the SV faculty

In the Student Council meeting several councils (programutvalg) from various departments showed great interest around this issue. SVSU also showed interest and chose to get

involved. They will set up a separate committee for this case about grading at the entire faculty.

Informs that 2/3 of grading at the faculty is carried out by one person. The case of the language of the examiners (see under section 2.3 Program council representatives - *MA representative*) is also relevant to the grading case.

FUS meeting - several faculties have raised this same issue about grading and gotten through to the faculty.

4. 'Antropologer i Praksis' (Working anthropologists)

Project we want to start up again where we will try to bring in working anthropologists for seminars/interviews etc. The SAPU president asks if anyone might be interested in helping to set it up. In that case, feel free to contact the president.

There is a suggestion to ask Professor Marianne Lien, who leads the course Anthropology in Practice, she is enthusiastic and will probably be happy to give tips. In addition, Kenneth Bo Nielsen can also contribute.

5. Any other matters

5.1 Election of MA - Program Council representative be

Simon Oxholm Roy is elected as the new MA - Program Council representative deputy.

5.2 Communication responsible for International students

There are two people who have shown interest in this position. More contact will be taken up with both so that we will hopefully get them/one of them elected at the next meeting.

5.3 The battle for SV

The battle for SV is a debate organized by SVFF happening 22/2. The goal is a fun debate with representatives from each department at SV who will defend their fields of study. No one in SAPU shows interest in being a representative. Communication responsible will be asked to share information regarding this in order to find a representative of SAI.

5.4 Method points in the BA race

The SAPU president has been made aware, by applying for a master, that the University of Amsterdam has a requirement of 20 credits in method in the bachelor's to enter the social anthropology masters. If it is the case that our bachelor is not sufficient to apply for a master's degree, this is something that must be made a case. There is an input that bachelors and masters at different universities are often a mismatch, but that universities often are open to adapt. This should be investigated further before it is made a larger case, for example see if this only applies to only one university or more.

5.5 Update from FUS meeting

The student parliament will get through universal guidelines for student representation at the entire university.

5.6 Update from SSS

SSS has been in contact with the Social Anthropological Association of Norway (Norsk Antropologisk Forening), and one from SSS will be on their board. There will come more info about this. SSS stands outside the university, gathers influence in the social anthropological association. A position as a representative will probably be opened up. Questions regarding this can be sent to Elias.

24.02.2021

Deputy Chairman and Secretary SAPU

Manon de Vries