

Minutes of SAPU meeting – March 3rd, 2021

Meeting time (CET): 04.30pm

Place: Zoom

Present: Elias Strand, Manon de Vries, Jake Hunter Ference, Emma Lyshaug, Margarita Lavrentjeva, Nora Engh, Freyja Holm Torjusen, Snøfrid Steen Tellesbø, Sara Benmalek, Ayla Mokhtari, Paula Mortensen, Magnus Olav Nyaas Ravnå, Regine Løche, Vegard Ramstad Johannessen, Dialyn Thelen

Agenda

1. Approval of notice and minutes of meeting

Approved

2. Report from all positions

2.1 Financial responsible

Nothing new to report. Financial status can be found in the minutes of meeting of the SAPU general meeting, posted on sapu.no.

2.2 Communication responsible

BA - First year – students have on own initiative arranged one social “båltur” (campfire evening), around twelve students participated. Nothing else to report.

BA - Second year – nothing to report

BA - Third year – nothing to report

Master – tried to remind everyone in the FB group of its purpose, but not really received anything new other than uncertainty about the renovation situation.

Communication Responsible for International Students: Most international students are in Oslo or Europe. Most issues are with students that are outside of Oslo, regarding time zones etc.

Paula from SVSU – in the peace and conflict studies a problem is reported with getting approval from police for registration of account number, so international students can't get a Norwegian bank account. Questions if the same problem has occurred with international students at SAI. Dialyn – informs that they have gotten a lot of emails with information regarding this. Dialyn or Jake can ask the international students if this is a problem among students at SAI.

2.3 Program Council representatives

The representatives are not present. Nothing new to report.

2.4 Department Board representatives

Magnus – have had the extraordinary meeting regarding hiring policies, no relevance to SAPU. Can report that it is difficult to get jobs within academia. Regine – the meeting of this month is cancelled. The next meeting is in May.

2.5 SVSU representative

- SVFF wants to arrange an event 'Professor rådet' (professor council). Inspired by a Norwegian talkshow called lørdagsrådet. They want us to recommend professors that could fit for this. Meeting regarding this is friday.
- The 'Valgkomité' had their first meeting today. Only two of three people showed up. They will try to find a new leader SVSU, and also someone to fill a position in the student parliament. They will start interviews when they get applicants.
- Faculty meeting in March, 3 student representatives. They will review the action plan again and try to include more environmental questions.
- Information regarding the case about grading at SAI. A committee has been created. Jenny from SVSU is the leader and Magnus from SAPU is a member.

2.6 Renovation representative

Nothing to report. Renovation council is most likely resolved. Has sent an email and waits for reply regarding this.

Paula sent link in the zoom chat with information for students about rehabilitation.

Regine - someone from office said she thinks master will have to leave floor in April.

2.7 Study activity responsible

Antrofrokost event Friday 5th of March, here Kenneth will talk about the peasant protest in India. Are trying out a collaboration with the programutvalg from Bergen and will hereby invite students from both universities to the events. Planning an event for after the Easter break with information for first year students about choosing 40 groups. Also an event with information about writing the bachelor essay in May for first and second years.

2.8 SoMe

It's going well. Considering posting memes, and short facts or quotes to keep a steady flow as well as giving anthropological content. Sara (SoMe SAF) unsure about what language to use. This will be something that will be discussed. Important to reach and include every student.

Paula – Kulkom posted about every member in the programutvalg on their story, SVSU also did something similar. Maybe this is something we could do as well.

This way people can see and know who they can contact.

Questions about sharing of SAF SoMe posts in the Antrobarn FB groups. SAF can share their posts with SAPU and then we can share them further but point out that they come from SAF.

3. Elect Communication Responsible for International Students

Dialyn and Jake (both from America) are elected and now officially SAPU's new Communication responsible for international students.

4. «Antropologer i Arbeid» (Working Anthropologists)

Anyone who would like to have a role in this project, please send Elias a text.

Comment: Cooperate with SAF its diskupils event because it's quite similar.

5. Update from SSS

Collaboration between social anthropology students from different universities. Will cooperate with each other in sharing each other's events. Will set up a work group. Invited into antropologisk forening møter.

6. Update from meeting with SAPU president and prof. Kenneth Bo Nielsen

6.1 The standard of the Bachelor program

Issue with methodology in the BA. Master programs at universities ask for more credits in methodology courses. The descriptions of courses on uio website will perhaps be changed to clarify about this, and generally give more information about methodology. Ayla points out that the bachelor essay can count as a methodology course. Elias adds that you will have to explain and defend your bachelor essay, and not all universities will accept explanation to why it counts as methodology.

6.2 Seminars in contemporary studies in kinship and gender

Kenneth will take this case about adding seminars to the course further. Sara informs that the professor in contemporary studies in kinship and gender (Keir Martin) said that the department had told him that they don't have the resources to set up seminars for this course.

7. Any other matters

7.1 The «Shot – Helt ærlig!» survey can be important to share on our channels.

7.2 The case about grading at SAI

Information - At master programs outside of Norway they have internal people grading.

Magnus – A department at SV refuses to give an answer to this case because they say the faculty will answer, seems that they put a lid on it and don't want us to investigate it. The case will be kept on the down low until we have more to go on.

7.3 New Project

Ideas about a project to 'humanize' social anthropologists from the curriculum. Do this through contacting relevant anthropologists and have some zoom webinars or something like that. One of the goals is to connect students with the curriculum and the anthropologists on it. Department seminars (Instituttseminar) are quite similar, but they are very academic, and it would be nice to have a more casual version.

Comment: Nice to become more of a part of the anthropological network.

Comment: Not a necessary project but would be nice to have if we have the capacity. Reminds students that the authors are people.

Everyone approves of looking further into arranging this through SAPU.

10.03.2021

VP and secretary SAPU

Manon de Vries