

Minutes of SAPU meeting – March 17th, 2021

Meeting time (CET): 04.30pm

Place: Zoom

Present: Loraine Vlasblom, Elias Strand, Jake Hunter Ference, Sara Benmalek, Margarita Lavrentjeva, Nora Engh, Dunia Zeinalzadeh, Emma Lyshaug, Paula Mortensen, Vegard Ramstad Johannesen, Snøfrid Steen Tellesbø, Ayla Mokhtari, Dialyn Gray Barry Thelen, Caroline Ruyter

Agenda

1. Approval of notice and minute of meetings

Approved

2. Report from all positions

2.1 Financial responsible

We have the same amount of money available since the start of the semester. Nothing is used. Otherwise nothing to share. There was a question from the group that arranges the buddy week (autumn 2021) whether it is possible to get funds from SAPU if there is money left, as they only get 30, - pr. Buddy student. The specific amount requested is not defined, and the finance manager requests a specific request for a sum of money, and what the money will go to.

Input from Vegard: We have a leftover amount from 10.000kr we have received, which is possible to use to contribute.

2.2 Communication responsible

BA - First year - No new activities since last time, and nothing new to report.

BA - Second year - Nothing new to report.

BA – Third year – Nothing new to report.

Master - The reading room at Eilert Sundt for MA students is closed, and there has been no alternative place to read. The planned opening is 11th of April, and they plan to close at the end of April.

Communication responsible for International Students: Dialyn and Jake have made themselves available to MA international students, but no one has contacted them. No one reports problems with the necessary police application to get to Norway.

2.3 Program Council representatives

The program council representative from BA was able to announce that the next meeting is 7th of April, and that there is therefore nothing new to announce.

Elias has had a chat with Marianne Lien about how to do things differently when it comes to "humanizing the curriculum" / humanizing the curriculum. Making these meetings part of lectures may be possible. This means receive digital visits from those who have written some of the articles / monographs on the syllabus. Is this something that could have been done at MA as well? The advantages of this are that you can ask questions directly to the author / anthropologist.

The program council representative from MA wanted to draw attention to something from the last meeting of the program council. If you want a change in a topic or something in general on e.g. bachelor, you have to think one year ahead. These changes often take longer than desired.

2.4 Department Board representatives

No representatives were present.

2.5 SVSU representative

- In SVSU, they have had a meeting since SAPU last met. At that time they opened up for physical lectures with up to 20 person, which has now closed down again due to the Covid.
- There have been some problems with the 'Miljøtårnsertifisering', which has to do with our environmental protection awareness, and a separate group has therefore been created to work specifically with these issues.
- Encourages people to recommend someone or themselves to the nomination committee.
- Evaluation of the "working life days" (arbeidslivsdagene): Few showed up, and it was noticed that few from SVSU showed up.
- The censorship case: Various departments do not want to answer this separately and want their faculty to make a joint statement.
- Rehabilitation of Eilert Sundts: They are looking for an alternative reading room for MA students and have, among other things, looked at the VIP part of Ullevål Stadium, but this can be problematic because you have to move everything out two to three

times per. season or semester for football matches. In any case, these are not reading- like spaces, but they can be used as colloquium rooms.

- The study barometer: social anthropology did not do too well. Still, we did better on working-life relevance than before, possibly because of the topic Anthropology at Work? Paula requests feedback by Monday (22.03) if anyone has feedback regarding the study barometer. Either what we can do better, or what has worked. She will take this further in SVSU.
- SVSU has also made a joint document where we can fill in corona-friendly activities we have done with our associations, and possibly give or get inspiration from other associations.

Link to this document:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1nx3KI3IWwBBM3Gtozmlvrxl_b9Sxe8e_nzUpUmfySk/edit?fbclid=IwAR3xOhVW5LKXg2t3tAngz8EAIKylB9pJmM4R

2.6 Renovation representative

Representative not present.

2.7 Study activity responsible

Plans to arrange a seminar for first-year students about 40-group after Easter. In addition, there are plans to arrange a bachelor essay seminar for both first- and second-year students, on how to prepare to write a bachelor essay, what to write about and in general how to write a better essay. Antrofrukost (antro breakfast) was a great success with many participants, and they plan to arrange one more in 2-3- or 4 weeks, sometime before the exam period. If anyone has a suggestion for a professor / person / topic that you want to invite / talk about at the antrofrukost, please send it to Emma or Nora.

2.8 SoMe

Margarita has made a template for the presentations to be posted on instagram and facebook-story in week 12. SAF presents the members of its board this week (11). Ideas have come in on how to make the instagram feed more active. For example, one can post all the pictures of the board in one common picture and encourage to look at " highlights " or story.

2.9 Communication Responsible for International Students

This was addressed earlier under 2.2.

2.10 SAF

We are currently working on publishing events that will take place soon. Antrofilm, Diskupils and Quiz. This will be on Facebook during the week. And as previously mentioned, it is SAF that has the get-known-round on instagram -story this week.

3. SSS update

A Facebook group has been created, and everyone in SAPU is encouraged to be active in the group, in order to create engagement. (SSS has changed abbreviation to ASA)

4. Any other matters

4.1 Suggestion for a survey on sapu.no, about what people want from SAPU.

4.2 Reminder of department seminar tomorrow (18.03)

4.3 Marianne Lien: In Elias' meeting with Marianne, there was some talk about having a representative from SAPU in a meeting with the management, which will be a little less formal than the department board. This will be to be able to meet with the leaders in a slightly different arena.

4.4 Companies that come to UiO and show interest in anthropology. One idea is to create a kind of "lab" where you encourage them to talk to the students as well. (?)

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