

Minutes of SAPU meeting – April 14th, 2021

Meeting time (CET): 04.30pm

Place: Zoom

Present: Elias Strand, Manon de Vries, Emma Lyshaug, Margarita Lavrentjeva, Jake Ference, Loraine Vlasblom, Ayla Mokhtari, Sara Benmalek, Vegard Ramstad Johannessen, Paula Mortensen, Magnus Nyaas Ravnå, Nora Engh

Agenda

1. Approval of notice and minute of meetings

Approved.

2. Report from all positions

2.1 Financial responsible

Not present, but nothing new to report. Will have a meeting with the “buddy” board (fadderstyre) about our support of money for the fadder/buddy week next week. Because of this there will be more to report at the next meeting.

2.2 Communication responsible

Nothing to report

2.3 Program Council representatives

BA – 12 cases were discussed at the last program council meeting. The most relevant for SAPU is the case we brought up about humanizing the curriculum. This was seen as a good idea and will be discussed further at a higher level.

MA – not present

2.4 Department Board representatives

New meeting May 4th.

2.5 SVSU representative

Reading hall - All the master students at SV get access to a reading hall on the 12th floor of the HF building. Here there are 24 places, without taking Covid restrictions in account. Will also get access to Reading Hall E at the Læresenteret, here there are 50 places. That means that there will be a total of around 75 places for all master students at SV.

Election – Reminder of the Student parliament election. SVSU has now opened for applications for Chairman/President, Deputy Chairman/Vice President and Student Parliament representative. They have to this day no applications yet.

Money – SVSU has a good amount of money. They will use it for some more competitions on SoMe and have some nice prizes to win. They are also considering buying a camera for SoMe. If a PU (programutvalg) needs money, they can ask/apply for money from SVSU.

2.6 Study activity responsible

We are in contact with two professors from NTNU in Trondheim about hosting Anthro Breakfast. One of them has said yes to host one. Now we're figuring out date and topic.

There is active communication about the seminar about 40 group subjects for BA, and it will be arranged.

2.7 SoMe

SoMe responsible for SAF and SAPU had a meeting last week. Come up with different ideas for SoMe:

- Insta Story takeover of various students in social anthropology.
 - Comment that this has been done on KulKom and was a great success.
- Collect "Antro quotes", where students who read exciting quotes in the syllabus and other literature can send them to Sara or Margarita so they can be shared on SoMe. This can be both interesting and useful.
- Possibly share more posts and more information from SiO

- Comment with the idea of more competitions, where people have to tag each other and follow us to join.

SAF has spent some money on 'boosting' the SoMe accounts to reach more people and get more followers and more activity. They come with a request if SAPU will contribute to this. The leader of SAPU says that since we use the same accounts, we are happy to contribute, but there must be a written application for this for the sake of order and formality.

- Comment that it may be possible to set aside money for SoMe in the budget each year so that those responsible for SoMe have money to spend.

2.8 Communication Responsible for International Students

Brainstorming for ways to engage the international students which is challenging, partially because of the distance between them now.

2.9 SAF

Arranging a new diskupils the day after this meeting. Quiz with Keir is coming up next week.

Another diskupils will be arranged soon.

3. Potential improvement for SAPU for the autumn semester

3.1 Focus on recruitment of new members this autumn - how do we engage and inform both new and current students

3.2 Proposal to create a new «handbook» for SAPU

3.3 Renew the articles of association

3.4 Proposal to create an information booklet with information about SAI

associations to hand out to new students this autumn in the “buddy” week.

The VP presents the points above and emphasizes that it is important to start focusing on the new semester, and how to inform and engage the new students. Informing the students in the sponsor week is important, and we come with a proposal to make a small brochure with info about SAPU, SAF and possibly Antropress and with time and place for an information meeting, which can be distributed to all new students in the “buddy” week/fadderuka together with the tote bag they receive.

In addition, we will create a 'handbook' where we collect absolutely all the information that is necessary to run SAPU and each position. This includes, among other things, articles of association, careful descriptions of positions, contact information for important people

associated with the positions and passwords, etc. This will make the transition between new members much easier, and it will make SAPU more efficient.

Discussion:

- Create a FB group for all the new students in the buddy week instead of just using Microsoft Teams, which UiO has switched to. Get all new students gathered in one place early in this way.
- Send information through the 'buddies', and make sure they are told to spread information.
- Also make a brochure that can be handed out to master students. They do not have a buddy week, but this is also useful information for them.
- Brochures can also be made and distributed digitally, for example in case the buddy week does not become physical because of Covid.
- Bring this to the buddy board. Get the buddies when in the auditorium to give all the new students 5min to like all important information pages on SoMe.

4 Any other matters

4.1 The case about grading at SV

Grading is done by one person. SVSU's working group for this case received document from faculty with info about grading. SAI and all the institutes are following the faculty guidelines, which say that the only time two have to grade is when a class has 20 students or less.

The government has now proposed a law that universities must have 2 sensors that grade.

The working group is working on a draft for the case for the SVSU leaders to take to faculty board. Will most likely be voted through. Maybe gather support from the institutes. Will meet resistance but hoping for change. The whole system must be reformed. Student pressure is important, also for support for the governments law proposal.

4.2 SVSU

SVSU representative Paula will have trouble with being able to participate in the SVSU meeting from now on because of an internship. Therefore, there is a need for some people who can step in. Loraine and Magnus volunteer, and other people seem open for stepping in as well.

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VP and secretary SAPU

Manon de Vries