

Minutes of SAPU meeting – 09.09.2021

Meeting time (CET): 17:30

Place: Zoom and Library Room 2F

Present: Stine Myrah, Malene Melbye, Elias Strand, Freyja Holm Torjusen, Jake Ference, Magnus Olav Nyaas Ravnå, Kristoffer Holgersen, Anna Pauline Forsmark, Manon de Vries, Lorraine Vlasblom, Olivia Aadland, Regine Svenning Løche

Agenda

1. Approval of notice and minute of meetings

Approved with no objections

2. Report from all positions

2.1 Financial responsible

Olivia needs access to accounts, but this will be sorted.

2.2 Communication responsible

Will focus on creating a safe space for all students, and take concerns seriously.

MA: working on getting the hybrid solution better, getting microphones sorted

2.3 Communication Responsible for International Students

Same as masters - working on recording - will be talked about later in meeting

Question asked about what one could do when breakout sessions happen and people are in the same room. This will be taken further.

2.4 Program Council representatives

Nothing to report - there is to be a meeting 11th of October

2.5 Department Board representatives

Had first meeting of the semester, where there was talk about the hiring for Centre For Excellence. Nothing much of consequence for us. There was talk about sorting out a representative from the centre to sit on the board, but there was negative feedback for this. SAPU not for expanding the board, would give us less influence.

Vote surrounding centre voting rights: Voted against voting rights.

2.6 SVSU representative

Position still needs to be filled.

Jake and Stine went to the meeting as we don't have a representative yet. Was a general information meeting. There was talk about the main things people want to work on. The Peace Studies do not have study spaces, but this has nothing to do with us. Jake brought up the recording of Zoom lectures, which would make things more accessible for international students and students in general as we are in the midst of a pandemic and the main part of our lectures are online.

2.7 Study activity responsible

Jake discussed several ideas for the semester to come: holding workshops (helping MA and BA students - turning research interest into research questions). These events will not cost much, and could be used to help people with starting research, finding joy in reading etc. We could also use the event to get more money - Olivia S would like to help with this.

Other ideas that were discussed:

- Study nights: these will help create a community feeling. We could invite a professor or PHD student to discuss their work or interest. Several people miss it. Easy to do - matter of what one wants to focus on. Make it low key so that everyone can join.
- Writing nights for both BA and MAs, but maybe next semester? Look into it for this semester as well. Not just about the writing, but being able to work together.
- Use the potatoes (functionary) to create events so that we maintain our presence now that lockdown is slowly lifting.

2.8 SoMe

Elias and Freyja will update instagram, figuring out who has taken over from SAF and Anthropress. If we think there is anything we should put on the website, send it to Elias. We need to keep the feed alive, but the website is our main platform . Instagram is OK and Facebook as well, but keep the website running smoothly. Stine suggests us as students

talking about SAPU instagram, website and facebook in classes. Website is more official so we should get people to subscribe there as well as follow on social media.

There has been much confusion about SAF, SAPU and Anthropress. We will try to get the instagram sorted - changing the name so that it is only us, but this could lead to problems if SAF and Anthropress are still running. Stine will contact the leader of SAF and Anthropress.

2.9 SAF

Does not exist at this point, only us still active - we have therefore motioned to contact them. Discussion about what to do about them not being active. Idea to absorb SAF was discussed. Make a new role here in SAPU? Olivia A might have someone interested?

3. *Setting agenda for the semester*

- Work on getting known by the students, how they can use us to their advantage. A presentation will be made.
- Reading days, writing days (Jake and BA representatives, MA representative)
- Social stuff both for students and SAPU ourselves (later in semester)
- Absorbing SAF, creating own position for social stuff (julebord, studentpils) (Stine ask to merge)
- Focus on student community - creating connections for those affected by lockdown and the pandemic (next time)
- Improve digital learning (Jake)
- Connection between BA and MA
- Focusing on connection between students and professors (Anthro Breakfast, with coffee and with professor - Jake)
- SAI seminars on Wednesdays

4. *Case for SVSU - recording of Zoom meetings*

Jake discussed working on bettering hybrid courses. He is working on getting professors to record, but this is difficult. He is bringing it to the department board. There are no regulations against it, which is an important argument. Working professor on professor basis. Jake and Olivia S emailing tonight.

On accommodating foreign students in SVSU - difficult. Will be discussed next week

5. *ASA - Antropologisk studentsamarbeid*

Will be discussed next week

6. *Finding representative for SVSU*

Bring the word out - maybe when we talk to the students? Will be discussed next week.

7. Any other matters

Thursday nights 17:30 as normal meeting time.

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VC and Secretary

Malene Melbye