

Minutes of SAPU meeting – 21.10.2021

Meeting time (CET): 17:30

Place: Zoom

Attending: Malene Melbye, Stine Myrah, Loraine Vlasblom, Jake Ference, Magnus Olav Nyaas Ravnå, Anna Pauline Forsmark, Kristoffer Holgersen, Regine Løche, Tatjana Lavoutas, Elias Strand, Olivia Aadland

Agenda

1. Approval of notice and minute of meetings

Approved

2. Report from all positions

2.1 Financial responsible

Olivia A is leaving Norway next semester - we need to find someone else for that, as soon as possible so we can make it a smooth transfer. Elias will make a post.

2.2 Communication responsible

BA: talking about the 18th of May exam dates - not to do with the institute. It's the university itself that holds that responsibility. We can take it up further, but it will be difficult. No big assignments will be put on those dates from the institute itself though.

MA: Has nothing in particular to report - will be covered in later points

2.3 Communication Responsible for International Students

Same as the other - nothing to report

2.4 Program Council representatives

Had meeting, but nothing that needs to be brought up at this time.

2.5 Department Board representatives

Had a recent meeting with the board. The application has gone out for the SFF. There has been discussions surrounding language, especially with a focus on the Norwegian language on the bachelor level. Discussions surrounding keeping Norwegian as the main language in BA, but using English to prepare for MA. We have English-speaking professors, so English will always be a language we are going to use at SAI. Are we going to keep more Norwegian courses or English ones?

Marianne asking about the MA reading rooms after the rehabilitation - we can take this further if we want. Eilert Sunds hus after rehabilitation - overall agreement that we still want reading rooms at the same levels as professors.

2.6 SVSU representative

Debating the MA reading places - Marianne Lien will support us on getting this done. We will have to push to be heard surrounding this case.

Bringing this to SVSU. Vote approved on this.

Digital teaching being discussed later in meeting.

2.7 Study activity responsible

Going well. One issue - couldn't find 4 people to do the Anthrobreakfast, so it has been made into 3. Jake has not been to an AB before, so he needs help with this. Food, costs, etc. Activities are going well. MA presentations going to happen but are delayed due to several reasons.

2.8 Social Media Coordinator

Relevant posts are being made. Helped with survey. Need people to help with Instagram posts - could we get a functioning to do this? T-shirt competition happening - going well, but still needs more designs.

Finding out what people like/not like about our work. Suggestions to create a folder for all the minutes of meetings on the SAPU website, but one can already search for minutes, so this is not on the "to-do" list for now.

2.9 SAF

New leader in SAF, Alexandra. First meeting tomorrow. A bit of life in the chat, but we will see what happens.

2.10 ASA

Student collaboration between all the Anthropological program council in

Norway. Meeting them in Bergen during the conference 25-26th November. Tromsø/Molde - does not have a program council.

3. Update on regular meetings between SAPU and the SAI

3.1. On digital teaching, Canvas etc.

Jake, Malene and Stine met with Kenneth on Wednesday the 20th.

Discussed the MA issues. Kenneth is having a meeting with the professors in

4020 and 4030. We as students also need to do our part on rebuilding the

relationship.

Making a does and don'ts list for the professors to think about when it comes

to canvas.. SVSU is working on this. The list would not be a template, but just

a suggestion. Putting the list on SVSU could make it easier on the Institue.

Vote showed we prefer SVSU to do it. Stine will email Kenneth and ask about

this.

Concerns brought up in class should be brought up with supervisors a lot of

times. Stine is working on a list that the supervisors can use to go through the

many questions and logistics a student will need to know. This will be a general list - with the most asked questions.

4. What do students think about hybrid learning? Elias and Tatjana

Surrounding In person classes next year - the email that was sent out was very short and non-detailed. A lot of people are worried and confused as they have no options - it is strange that we are going straight to physical meetings when everything has been hybrid. Debate surrounding hybrid teaching and physical. MA has been hybrid longer than it has been physical, we need to think about accessibility. Zoom can be a mixed bag - both positive and negative feedback to think about here. The massive focus is on the spring semester - long term solutions need to be discussed.

What did people think about the digital?

- A mixed response. People liked to be able to join on Zoom. Divided is the main point here. Important to remember this - not everything that works for the MA works for the BA. MA likes Karins hybrid solution, and this is important to note, although the BA might have different preferences to think about. This in general is a subject we will discuss further in other meetings.

5. Name suggestions for SAPU/SAF/Anthropress

UIO students of Social Anthropology vs UIO Social Anthropology students.

Vote for UIO students of Social Anthropology - Stine to bring this to SAF and Anthropress.

6. Bergen trip - tickets etc.

Moved to after meeting as it is not relevant for everyone.

7. Olivia leaving - new financial responsible needed (potatoes?)

Point already discussed.

8. Any other matters

Being on time is important - please let us know if you cannot come.

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Secretary/Deputy Chair

Malene Melbye