

Minutes from the board meeting of the Student Council

Date: 14th of February 2018

Members of the board present:

Johan Hedegaard Jørgensen (FM), Signe Tolstrup Mathiasen (FM), Louise Mattesen Provstgaard (FM), Marcus Turunen (UB), Pia Maagaard Hansen (AR), Micky Winther Ronnenberg (AR), Anne-Sophie Schröder (AR), Amanda Costa Bizarro (AR), Katrine Damberg (AR), Mathilde Elisa Vendelholt, Sofie Holmbjerg, Signe Bøtzau Paulsen, Annika Roe, Yavuz Inekci, Julie Lund Jensen, Rasmus Duus Daugaard, Sisse Marie Sjøgren Nielsen, Peter Dusan Nicic Sørensen, Morten Jensen (alternate), Erik Slot Malmqvist (alternate), Nicolai Otto (alternate), Mennan Şerefoğlu (alternate)

22 people

FM: Formandskab / the Chairmanship

FU: Forretningsudvalg / Executive Committee

AR: Akademisk Råd / Academic Council

UB: Universitetsbestyrelsen / The University Board

Absent with abolition:

Phillip Crilles Bacher (UB), Erik Lørup (AR), Lea Holritzer Pehrson

Absent without abolition:

Observers:

Point 1: Formalities

Election of conductor: Marcus Turunen and Pia Maagaard

Election of minute taker: Signe Tolstrup Mathiasen

Approval of the agenda: Approved with a new point 6 about #MeToo after the point about the EC.

Approval of last BM minutes: Approved with the note, that it need to be corrected who were and were not present, and that we do not write moodrounds in the minutes.

Point 2: Orientations (O)

Brief translation of the EC orientation. The EC have had a matching of expectations, division of working tasks, and planning of the reception. Has also talked about the

missing member of the EC.

New orientation from Marcus. He withdraws from the EC. So now we need two more members.

Johan has been at a meeting with the rectorate and Julie Hoff from Frit Forum about sexual harassment on campus, they discussed “study environment assessments” (studiemiljøvurderinger) and the inclusion of abuse and harassment in the new “study environment assessment” which will be made this spring. The rectorate has also send out a an email to all staff and students about guidelines on bullying and sexual harassment on campus.

Addition/clarification: a lot of the debate in the media about #MeToo at the universities nationwide was started by a letter written by 48 female students from different universities, including RUC, in which they tell about their experiences of sexual harassment, and it’s something DSF is working with.

Point 3: Discussion & Approval of first budget 2018 (DE)

B/ Louise

Louise present the budget.

We get money from RUC after the election according to the poll.

Because we won the election we got 169.000 kr. more this year than last year.

The money is divided into political, operational, education and social subsidies from RUC. We have moved money from education to social, because it is easier to fund money for educational activities than social activities (like parties).

Green is political money, red is operational, orange is social, blue is educational.

We have made some upgrades, because we need to put the extra money from RUC somewhere - which is great. The extra money has been divided almost everywhere. But a large amount, 60.000 kr., has been put for a new website, last year it was only

5.000 kr.

During the year we will adjust the budget.

Comments:

Remember that we can always as a board ask to make a revision of the budget.

Proposal to add more money to STUNE. It's clarified that there has been moved money from STUNE to the social posts, because it's easier to fund for educational activities.

Question about why LPU get's 40.000, that seems like a lot. The answer is, that it's because it covers our membership fee to DSF.

The extra 10.000 for revision is from the "unbound money" (frie midler).

Question: if there is money in the budget to hire someone do to more of the operational work in the organization? (drift)? We will discuss this later, when Louise has had a closer look at the budget.

Question: where can we see, what the money is used for? E.g. What is UNIPOL spending their money on? The answer is that UNIPOL spend their money on food during their meetings. And it is further clarified that all committees make their own budgets for how they will spend their money, and these budgets are also going to be approved by the board.

Last year we didn't spend all of our educational money. They have been used to book some speakers in advance for some events we can host this year. But the money is on last year's budget.

Question: Why have RBC been giving more money, what are they using them for? It's part of a "restart" of RBC.

It is clarified that if we don't use the money we are given by RUC, we have to pay the money back. So all the committees need to be really creative and spend all their money. Otherwise RUC might think that we don't need so much money.

Louise will add the new committees and add money to them. Until then PR can use money from "Kommunikation" and "Hjemmeside".

Proposal to move 3.000 kr. from "lederuddannelse" to STUNE.

Question if we can use some political money on STUNE? Louise will look into this. If this can be done, the proposal too take the money from "lederuddannelse" will be withdrawn and instead two other proposals will be suggested:

- Proposal to move 3.000 from "Kommunikation" to STUNE.
- Proposal to move 5.000 from the "Eventpulje" to STUNE.

Suggestion to make a new post saying "STUNE political" where we can add political money.

Question about what the "Fagrådspulje" is used for. This is money the subject councils can apply to get. Last year the money was mainly used for the subject council's election campaigns.

Louise show the refund formular you have to fill out if you buy things for the Student Council. The form is outside the big office. Remember to add the receipt on the back. Don't lose the receipt, maybe take a picture of it.

Final proposal to move 5.000 from the "Eventpulje" to "STUNE Political"
15 for, 0 against, 1 blank.

Correction at the board meeting, 13th of March: Instead of moving 5000 kr. to a new "STUNE Political" post, 5000 kr. from "Event puljen" will be earmarked for political events in STUNE.

Point 4: Election of Committee Responsibles & Committee work (W)

B/ Signe

We work in the different committees. Each committee should start working on action plans that can be enacted at our board-seminar from the 23th to 25th of February.

UNIPOL does not meet up right now, but will work with the other committees, since they will discuss their action plan at their next meeting, wednesday the 21st of February.

Follow up on workshop.

Committees and members:

LPU: **Mathilde**, Pia, Sofie

RUS-udvalg: **Mennan** Peter, Morten, Erik Slot, Sofie, Amanda, Julie, Nicolai

Short talk about the role of the committee

STUNE: Signe B., Katrine, Rasmus, Anne-Sophie

Sharing of experiences, social network. Physical and virtual environment for sharing UNIPOL updates send out to Study-Boards. Planned meetings as well as events. meets next monday at 13:00

UNIPOL: Pia, Katrine, Marcus, Amanda, Micky, Anne-Sophie, Erik Lørup, Micky, Louise, Johan, Signe T

CIP: Annika, Peter, Amanda

A lot of opportunities for working with the issues of international students. Creating awareness, cooperation with other universities / DSF. Perhaps developing leaflets with a guide to the regulations that

RBC: **Sofie**, Rasmus, Morten Erik Slot, Pia

RBC have a meeting next week. It will work with the status of the committee.

Faglign Event Udvalg (FEU): Julie, Mennan, Mathilde, Yavuz

Talked about specific events they wanted to do, considered making a theme out of the events for the autumn / fall semesters. Focus on making events that are relevant for students academic pursuits e.g. Philosophy of science

PR-Committee: **Sisse**, Rasmus, Sofie, Morten, Johan

Worked with branding, making the Student Council more accessible.

OU: **Marcus**, Signe, Yavuz, Pia, Katrine,

Working towards implementing the five-year plan, starting the processes and working with implementing and discussing bigger organizational issues. Looking to revising the statutes with these changes.

Point 5: Discussion on the Executive Committee (D/DE)

B/ Johan

Marcus is withdrawing from the Executive Committee, therefore we now need to elect two new members.

The EC handles the day-to-day work in the Student Council between board meetings. This means a lot of the “background” work, the daily “running” of the organization. EC members also help the other committees with their work. It’s important to have a full EC, so there is a democratic balance between the chairmanship and the board. The workload is also too much, for less than a full committee. The workload is between 20 hours a week, sometimes more. This is why the EC-members get a honorary for their work. It’s also great fun to be a member of the EC and the EC often facilitate bigger projects in the Student Council.

Candidates for the EC from the board:

Peter, Mathilde and Erik consider it.

Peter has some experience from doing student political work at the high school level.

Mathilde has been considering it before, and is now quitting her job, so she would like to join, however she is planning to go to Greenland to do an internship, but she can do the work until August. Erik finds it interesting, but is concerned about the workload, since he is also a lawyer and writing his bachelor project this semester.

Brief discussion about what to do, if Mathilde moves to Greenland in August.

It's concluded that it's not really a problem, but rather a solution to the immediate problem we have right now with the missing EC-members. We as a board must consider the situation again in August. Until then, if someone from the board is interested they are always welcome to join the meetings, and get more of a sense of the work.

Election of EC-members:

Candidates: Mathilde and Peter

Elected: Mathilde and Peter

Point 6: #MeeToo (D)

B/ Johan

As mentioned earlier in the orientations, Johan has been at a meeting today with the rectorate and Julie Hoff, the chairman of Frit Forum.

Debate our stand on the whole #MeeToo movement and the stories about sexual harassment and discrimination at the universities.

RUC will open up the "study environment assessments" (studiemiljøvurdering) which is made every 3rd year, and will be made this year, to add specific questions about sexual harassment and gender discrimination. It's not clear if RUC will allocate extra economic resources to this work. It is also not clear if there already is a system for where to go, if you experience sexual harassment and gender discrimination. Maybe we, as a student council, should make a kind of campaign in order to make

people aware of this problem. We should also look at ourselves and our own organization, specifically tutoring. Suggestion to make a “hotline”, where people can bring their stories. Signe B. is working at RUC Paper and knows that the editor is looking for stories from RUC, maybe we can make some kind of collaboration between RUC Paper and us about finding and bringing these stories.

There is the formal part, with the rectorate, the information on the RUC website etc. Then there is the “informal”/social part, where we have a role of making the study environment inclusive for everyone. This both concerns tutoring, RUC Bar, but also a lot of other aspects of everyday life at the university.

Johan will send Hanne Leth a follow up mail, and is also going to a follow up meeting in roughly two weeks. We need to discuss what Johan should bring to this meeting. At the meeting today Hanne stressed the difference between sexual abuse and the more “cultural” problems like gendered comments etc. We also need to be aware of this distinction and the negative connotations/critique regarding the #MeeToo movement. For the next meeting with Hanne, Johan should try to bring stories collected from students. And we need to make sure that the rus-chairmanship and lakeys are aware of the issues.

Besides the meeting with Hanne, we have got an email with an invitation to RUC’s “ligestillingsudvalg” (equality committee). We have asked how formal this committee is and how big the workload is, and is awaiting a reply. So far, Louise and Rasmus are interested in joining and they will try to find out if more people can join.

We also need to be aware of the Facebook-group called “Gender Critical Forum”. They have been involved in the thing with the letter from the 48 female students and are also doing some events at RUC. If we decide to make some kind of campaign it would make sense to invite them to join. And in general we should talk to DSF about what they are doing, to see if we can support this work locally at RUC.

We need to be aware of the psychological effects it can have for people to talk about their experiences (triggering). Promote the possibility to talk with the psychologist and/or the university priest. And at the same time be aware that this doesn’t turn into a “witch hunt”.

In the Hum.Bach. Study Board they have been debating the possibility of making written exams anonymous. We should discuss our position on this.

We should pressure RUC to do surveys to estimate the problem, because we don't have the resources to do this, it's not our responsibility, but RUC's responsibility, and we also don't have the competences to carry out this work. It seems like Hanne and the rest of the rectorate actually wants to do something, if only to avoid a shitstorm. It's then our job to make sure that the work is not only "for show", but actually makes a difference. We should pressure RUC into doing most of the work and putting money into it.

Suggestion to set up a meeting between us, the psychologist and the priest to figure out how we can work together to spread the awareness of how they can help. They are very progressive.

Proposal to make a workgroup with the task to assist Johan in preparing for the next meeting with the rectorate and debate the whole issue about sexual harassment and gender discrimination in more detail.

In the letter from the rectorate to all students it says that students can contact us as a student organization if they experience sexual harassment and/or gender discrimination. We need to make a concrete proposal for what to do, if we get contacted by students. This should be debated in the workgroup. The short term procedure, if someone should call us tomorrow, is that we tell them that it is an option to contact the psychologist and the priest, but we still need to figure out what they need from us, and how we can help them, since we are the ones they contacted. We can help them "managing" the administration, e.g. get in contact with their representatives in their Study Boards. It's very important that we keep the board informed about the continuation of this work, the work of the working group and Johan's coming meetings with the rectorate. But keep in mind that we should not talk about the personal issues of the students who might contact us.

Agreement to make a short term working group:

Johan, Annika, Sofie, Sisse

Point 7: Board Seminar at 'Søminen' (D)

B/ Johan

We are going on a board seminar from the 23rd to 25th of February at Søminestationen, near Holbæk. The Student Council covers everything and the EC will give out more information about debaturetimes etc.

Debate about “what is a good weekend seminar?”

Important to have time to do concrete work. Time for a longer political debate.

Presentation about how to do organizational work. Suggestion to have different presentations/workshops to choose between. Have time for a walk in the nice forest.

Include time to read/prepare for the lectures. Have time to do actual work in all the committees you are part of. Board games and “hygge” in the evening, not heavy drinking. Self-evaluation, how do we interact internally in the organization, include new members etc. The social part is very important, get to know each other. Visual presentation about how SR relate to DSF, the different organs at RUC etc. Important with many breaks, especially between “heavy points”. Try to work with the same theme in different committees as a way of combining the social part and the work part. Presentations or workshops about different skills, e.g. how to make campaigns, leading volunteers, coordinating long term events. Suggestion to not drink too many beers Friday evening, but then have more of a party Saturday evening. Make a movie about the weekend, during the weekend, for PR-purposes. If anyone has a special skill they want to show, let someone from the EC know.

Point 8: Calendar game! (DE)

B/ Signe

We set the dates for the rest of the Board meetings from now on until the summer holiday. All the meetings will be held at RUC from 16-20, except the last meeting

before the holiday, which will be from about 12-20 and end with some nice food and drinks (mark the whole day).

The meetings will be held:

Tuesday the 13th of March

Thursday the 5th of April

Wednesday the 25th of April

Saturday the 2nd of June

It's also decided who will be conductors, referee and make food for each meeting.

Signe put a document with this information in the board folder on drive.

Point 9: A.O.B

Mathilde is going to Brussel with DSF to visit our sister organisations in Belgium, and has been asked to do a presentation about how to do campaigns. She would like help with this. Johan will help.

Annika would like it if we could have our next reception in English.

It would be nice with more written orientations.

And it would be nice with more background information for the points on the agenda.

Last year we had a competition regarding Instagram. We take turns to take over the Instagram account and then there is a prize for the ones who get the most likes on their pictures. Pia will tell more about this later on.

Suggestion to have a course for how to plan your time.

Everyone help clean up all the decorations before we have dinner.

Thank you all for showing up to day!