

Minutes from the board meeting of the Student Council the 12th of August 2019

Members of the board present:

Mathilde Elisa Vendelholt (CH),
Lea Holritzer Pehrson (CH),
Michael Marigliano (EC, AR),
Maria K pke Kjeldsen (EC),
Calvin Carlson (EC),
Signe B tzau Paulsen (UNIPOL),
Marc Backhausen Erichsen,
Rasmus Tronier Hansen,
Sif Stockholm,
Cecillie Haumann M ller,
Micky Winther Ronnenberg (UB),
Erik L rup (UB),

Absent board members:

Observers: Jacob Tofte (AR), Freja H y Hansen (AR), Nicoline Samantha Schmidt (AR).

Visitors:

CH: Chairpersonship
EC: Member of the Executive Committee
UNIPOL: Coordinator of UNIPOL
UB: Member of the University Board
AR: Member of the Academic Council

Formalities

Election of conductor: Marc og Erik

Election of minute taker: Mathilde

Approval of the agenda: Check – election point is closed

Approval of last BM minutes: Check

2: Orientations

The situation at the Student House

First off, we are sorry how late this orientation reaches you. It has been a hectic couple of weeks.

As many of you probably know by now, we have gotten a new office – the one formely known as the Subject Council Office. Here Lea, Katrine and our two employees will reside from now on.

This is rather problematic, for multiple reasons. First and foremost, because we have a hard time living up to the demands we face as employers for Jonas and Heidi with these new offices. Furthermore, the whole process of the move, when we were told and the deadlines we

were faced with has made for a very stressed July. The Student House hasn't been willing to negotiate with us and we have heard different things from different board member throughout the process. So all in all, we've been rather frustrated.

We ended up calling for a Grand Meeting with all organizations in the house, asking for help and understanding in this situation. The meeting got a bit heated, more than we meant it to as well and it ended with us having to move out of our old office. It is my believe that most organizations sympathize with our situation, but they aren't willing to switch offices (they are of course looking our for their own) or start a conflict with the Student House board. So we are rather alone in this. I have talked to most of the other organizations by now, and there aren't any bad feelings, but some places a general frustration with the whole situation.

Tutoring and study start

Tutoring is going well. It's taking up a lot of time for a lot of people, but it's going well and people seem happy. So far we haven't faced a problem we couldn't solve, so yay for that!

The Student Handbook is being printed today, so it will be there in time. There were some issues but thank the heavens for Heidi who fixed it all in time. We're looking forward to seeing the finished product.

We need help with the SR-presentations next week. So please try and see if you can find half an hour here and there to come talk about our baby – the best student organization @RUC. I know many of you are tutors, but let's help each other out here!

Roskilde Festival

The festival went great! We had issues with finding enough volunteers and many of the volunteers we got from the festival never showed up. But the volunteers we did have was amazing and they made up for it a thousand times over.

There was nothing but roses and compliments from the managements of the festival – they said Caravan had never been better organized and we were one of the most professional organizations they worked with. So thank you to everyone who volunteered!

Meetings with the administration at RUC

We have had many meetings with Stig Plougmand – the Deputy Director of Economy and Campus Service about rules and structure of tutoring. He is very pleased with our tutors this year, and therefore the rules have been loosened a little. That means that kitchens are now open for small cooking projects and coffee brewing – quite the success!

We also had a meeting with the rectorate where we discussed volunteer structure at RUC – regarding both the Student House, Tutoring and in general. They agreed to continue the discussion of how we treat volunteers at our university in the coming year – both in relation to tutoring and the general wellbeing of volunteers on campus.

Mathilde, Calvin and Maria are running for next years chairpersonship.

UNIPOL has started for the season

3: Revision of 2019 Budget

B/ Lea

Due to the new union contracts and new contract with the accountant we have more money to spend, so it's not in minus any longer.

Not a lot has been changed since the last time the board looked at it. Since more money has been added it added up with what had already been changed.

Most committees look about right, some committees need to spend more money (STUNE and RBC).

We have some money for “boardhygge”, so we should go do something together.

“Transportation” adjusted to 7.000, since we’ve only spent 5.000 so far and the heavy transportation expenses has already been spent.

Reviewed budget of 2019 is approved.

4: Honorarium and employees – part 1

B/ Micky

We’re talking about two different things: salaries for employees and honorariums for the executive committee and UB’s.

As it stands now we have two employees (55.000 a year each). This comes from our operation grant from RUC.

The 2 vice chairs and half the chair are also from the operation grant.

The other half of the chair and the two UB’s are from the political grant from RUC.

The four remaining EC members are from our free grants.

This is a principled discussion about next year, so it won’t affect the salaries and honorariums of 2019.

First discussion: Why are we spending money on honorariums? What are we paying people for?

- Paying mostly for the responsibility
- In theory they are responsible for potential consequences
- Is it a problem that we are paying FU but not the very active board members who spend the same amount of time?
- If we call it a “frikøb” we will have to give them the same amount of money as a SU-lån
- It’s just as much a discussion on what to spend the money on instead
- The difference between paying FU members and very active board members is the responsibility in the FU post
- If we put an hour limit on it according to what amount of time people spend now the hourly wage is way below minimum wage – therefore it should be more about the responsibility than about time
- Responsibility isn’t only in regard to tasks that needs to be done, but also for availability and presence for other volunteers
- Making sure other volunteers are capable of and willing to take on tasks
- As long as SR is a top priority, it isn’t necessarily important what volunteers do

outside of SR

- Responsibility more than time
- Everyone that gets paid gets paid the same – there might be a difference in how much people are expected to work, that doesn't go for most other workplaces
- You're not supposed to take this "job" because of wages
- The UB guys are elected for two years – they should be paid the amount they signed up for when they were elected
- Even though board members do stuff related to a task, it falls back on EC members to follow through
- There needs to be someone to keep the organization running even if there is no volunteers – someone to pick up pieces and do shitty daily tasks.
- Should more responsibility mean more money?

Second discussion: Which tasks and responsibilities do we have in the organization that is worth making sure is being done?

- The responsibility is what we pay for – that there is someone to get things done and follow through
- Physical custodial tasks, economical, organizational, political and committee related custodial tasks – the responsibility for all of this is worth paying for
- Someone has to handle the economics, the working groups, the committees
- We need to make sure that all of our cooperators have a go-to person with anything
- A stable chairpersonship
- Social events like what RBC is doing
- We have to have someone who is updated on what is happening at RUC, both politically and socially
- Nationally through DSF
- Everyday custodial tasks
- Everything that gives us money – like RF
- Many of these tasks could be done by volunteers, but most of them has to be done all the time, which is why they're worth paying for
- Enabling volunteers and making it nice for volunteers is important and is how we get anything done that isn't custodial tasks
- Employees – employing them for competences that we don't expect normal students to have (graphic design and stuff)
- Important not to employ people to do political stuff
- Tried to divide it into roles
- The university board is kind of an odd one – they only do political work, no social or academic responsibilities. It's important that this isn't a retirement plan.
- Everything that we get resources from is worth spending money on having done properly – contact with administration, festival, election, tutoring, unions and so on
- Employees should be paid to do tasks that volunteers don't want to do

Third discussion: Is it okay to differentiate and what else could we spend the money on?

- It's a difficult discussion
- There's no EC without chairpersonship and no chairpersonship without EC, so it's

difficult to differentiate.

- In principle the frikøb should be something you could live on (+ SU).
- The responsibility for the UB'ers is different in nature than for the rest of the frikøbspeople, which might be a reason to differentiate
- Talk about differentiating between different work tasks and what part you take
- Talk about the elected into the Academic Council also – they have a lot of responsibility as well, sorts of responsibility that we pay for other places in our organization
- Briefly discussed the subject of changing structure – but if it ain't broke don't fix it
- When UB's stopped taking a seat in EC an extra honorarium was added – this was discussed when the structure was decided on back in who-knows-when.

This will be used for the next part of this discussion.

This will be done by a work group who will find something to present for the board.

Work group: Calvin, Micky, Erik, Lea, Mathilde, Cecilie

5: Election – closed point

B/ Erik

6: Calendar game

B/ Mathilde

- September 11th @16.30
- October 4th.-6th. (board seminar)
- November 11th
- December 4th
- January 14th

A.O.B

B/ Conductor

Remember to sign up for presentations for the Student Council for the different houses. Remember to recruit ruslings and talk about the Student Council with everyone you meet. We also need to present the unions presentations.

Micky is doing an introduction event for new students – sort of a grill and greet. If anyone wants to be a part of the actual day, please come talk to Micky. He probably won't be able to attend the event but will do all necessary planning. Talk to Micky so the date can be chosen accordingly.

A lot of the other Student Councils within DSF have been talking about making the Student Handbook into a digital app. This would work in favor of our green strategy and save us a

rather big amount of money usually spent on printing. Marc knows a fellow who might want to do it as his master thesis or for a fairly low grant. Marc will move along on the digital party train and it will be on the agenda for next board meeting.

Marc has been involved in a Study Start campaign revolving consent. We might get posters, stickers and other material. If it comes Marc needs help putting it up and sharing it around. A suggestion for all rus-houses to remember to talk with their ruslings about consent as well. Cecillie and Sif will help. If they need help on the poster storm they'll put it on our facebook group. Dates will arrive as soon as Marc knows anything at all.

Omprioriteringsbidraget is hopefully being withdrawn. DSF has tried to give a citizen suggestion to also get the resources back. Marc is trying to make a digital campaign where we as students try and call our family members and get them to sign the suggestion. He needs volunteers for the movie. He suggests we do this after this meeting.

Mathilde is withdrawing from the national board of DSF. If anyone feels like being part of that board together with Marc, let us know. We'll elect a potential representative at the next board meeting.