

Agenda

Start Date: June 6, 2023	Start Time: 16:15
Location: RUC building 13	Room: Conference room
Last Meeting: 17 May, 2023	Next Meeting: TBA

Friday:

#	Agenda Item	Est. Time	Appx	Action
1	Formalities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Appointment of conductor - Appointment of minute taker - Approval of minutes from the last board meeting - Approval of the agenda for this board meeting 	16:15-16:25	A	
2	Orientalities	16:25-16:40		Orientation
3	Annual report	16:40-17:40	B+C	Decision
	Break	17:40-18:00		
4	Election strategy	18:00-18:30	D	Workshop
5	A.O.B.	18:30-18:40		
	Dinner and social activities	18:40-?		

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Appendix A. - DRAFT PENDING APPROVAL

<h1 style="margin: 0;">MINUTES</h1> <h2 style="margin: 0;">OF ORDINARY BOARD MEETING IN THE STUDENT COUNCIL AT RUC</h2>	
Date	17 th of May 2023
Location	Room 6.1-032
Meeting participants	<p><i>List of people present in the meeting and their role in parentheses.</i></p> <p><i>BM - Board member / AR - Academic Council member (no voting rights) / AL - Alternate (voting rights if a BM is missing) / OS - Observer (no voting rights)</i></p> <p>Jannick Persson (FS), Daniel Bjerregård (FS), Mads Bager (BM), Sofie Würtz (BM), Aleksander Fløystrup (BM), Ditte Kroman (UB), Christian Dalum (BM), Viltė Maldžiūtė (BM), Julie Lindmann (UB), Amalie Jensen (BM), Amir Bahloul (BM), Jessi Arita (OS), Magnus Skovgaard (AL), Lucas Olsen (AL)</p>
#1: Formalities	<p><i>It is the proposed that the board appoints a conductor, a minute taker, approves the minutes from last time, approves the agenda for this board meeting.</i></p> <p>Conductor: Daniel Bjerregård</p> <p>Minute taker: Sofie Würtz</p> <p>Minutes from the last meeting: APPROVED</p> <p>Agenda: APPROVED</p>
#2:	<p>Orientations/ 16.25-16.40</p> <p>Dalum</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Some of us have received an email from the head of Radikale Venstre to hear if we are interested in joining their focus group or community concerning topics of the youth, if you want to hear more then reach out to me <p>Mads</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Election working group will have their first meeting on the 26th of May from 10-12 - Meeting with the student ambassador at KU and we have an open spot at the meeting if anyone would like to join (the 23rd of May at 1pm) - DSF have their board meeting at RUC on the 4th of June where you are able to observe or help cook etc. <p>Jannick</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - We have hired to people two coordinate BW 2023 - Two more unions have signed with us for the introperiod

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - We haven't yet approved the annual report of 2022 which means we have to have an extraordinary board meeting with a minimum of one week's notice so be aware of that and check your email - We need you to spread the word about the nominations for The Golden Pots 2023 <p>Bjerregård</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Yesterday we joined the debate with Christina Egelund here at campus which concerned the new master reform - The debate seemed more like a tour of the universities to spread goodwill rather than a debate - We're still very much lacking volunteers for Roskilde Festival since we only have 20 so far so please help spread the word about this volunteer opportunity <p>Ditte</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Julie's and I's meeting with the UB Board should have been in May but will be moved till October due to the layoffs etc. <p>Aleks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The SDU thing have been postponed till September of 2024 <p>Amalie</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - SEC have hosted two successful events - We have more email addresses from students we can contact to get volunteers
#3:	<p>Discussion on RUCs savings plan/ 16.40-17.15</p> <p>Introduction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - RUC has had a deficit for years now which is the motivation behind the savings plan - Some employees will have to be involuntarily dismissed - The institute and administration needs to save a lot <p>Consequences</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There will be changes to the minimum of group members so students are no longer able to only be 2 in a project group - Another radical suggestion; to close some master programmes - May have to be more project free semesters on master programmes <p>Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - It is a worry if they don't announce or inform the students of this change - Some expressed interest and some concern if the cuts would affect the exercises - It is relevant for us to keep a conversation about this as ongoing thing especially start by expressing our own opinions on whether students should be able to be 2 students in the project - This is also about students being able to coordinate throughout the semester with their group and that's harder when the group is bigger

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There are also people who have a hard time working with a lot of people - They would have to state somewhere why they've done this - It is a worry if they also tighten the dispensation criteria since it is the only option for some students to get through - We need to consider how easy it currently is to get dispensation in terms of the project - We really need to make sure that RUC sticks to the fact that this happens due to financial matters and not for the better of students - Some express how this is a small sacrifice compared to the alternatives - We need to be mindful of how we communicate about different roles of students in project groups so we maintain the standpoint of representing all students - RUC should strive to have supervisors work on incentive rather than just get paid for the hours that they are allocated as there is a big difference in effort between the different supervisors
	Break/ 17.15-17.30
#4:	<p>Campaign/Folkemødet/ 17.30-18.10</p> <p>Aleksander presents the workshop format.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - We have ten seats for it - DSF will be at the event as well so we can be there to support them - In theory; no workload, we are there to have a good time - The point of this workshop is to discuss if you have anything you'd like for us to bring or talk about with someone there <p>We go out in groups after having brainstormed by ourselves for a few minutes.</p> <p>Discussion from the groups</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Crash DF and question them in regard to why they want to close RUC - Social media campaign; what do you think when you hear the word RUC? Project work? etc. - Talk to different actors in the business sector and interview them about what they look for in when hiring - Ask regular Danes what they think about the new master reform; to inform them about the negatives and therefore gaining support
	Break/ 18.10-18.20
#5:	<p>Acknowledgement workshop/ 18.20-19.00</p> <p>Sofie presents the workshop.</p> <p>Points from discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Some people prefer not to be "presented in front of everyone" but to get an individual pad on the back when completing a task - We should strive to be more attentive at orientations and nod when someone is presenting a point to show we acknowledge the work and information leading up to the orientations - It's important to create a culture where we always strive to acknowledge someone on one on one basis even if we think they have already been told - We need to make sure that especially newcomers feel acknowledged and told if they do a good job at something they're new at - We need to improve group efforts; ex. after the master debate Bjerregård sent a message in the group chat to show how he was proud of the group effort

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Put little notes or funny gadgets on their desks to show that you're thinking of them - Suggestion; acknowledgement point on the agenda - "Since last time" to update and acknowledge what work people are doing - Maybe there's something wrong with the structure of the board meeting since we always start very formal and then get more informal so maybe we should strive to be less formal in the beginning since that is mostly the time where people can be acknowledged for their work - SR acknowledgement memes - Create a group chat for all Board members so we can contact each other for social stuff during a week to say hi and reduce the time where we don't see each other - Acknowledgement is best when it is personalised so you feel appreciated and noticed as an individual or group - Acknowledgement is more than praise; it is recognising people by the way you treat others - Suggestion; to have the minutes up on the board during the board meeting so that attendees can follow along with what has been suggested or said already and maybe get inspired
#6: A.O.B.	On Sunday there is the major finale of CSGO where you can come join Aleks, Bjerregård and Jannick to watch it in the Student House. You can come help set up by 16.00.
Next meeting	<i>Next meeting will be held in JUNE 6 at 16.15 in the student house</i>

Election strategy

The strength of the Student Council:

The strength of the Student Council lies in the way we structure our organisation. The Student Council is as an organization based on the unity-organizing mindset, making sure that every student at RUC have a possibility and a right to influence the opinions of the Student Council. The Student Council believe that even though individual differences exist, we as students stand stronger by working together and democratically decide which issues we'll pursue and how to achieve those. Even though the exact paroles of the Student Council candidates change every year, they are always grounded in the idea that students stand stronger when we stand together. Therefore, the unity-organizing is a strength in itself that should be utilized actively in campaigning to students. However, due to the current studentpolitical landscape of the university, and the fear of not having a battleelection, we have been forced to take a critical look at the way we ensure representation. To ensure studentpolitical involvement at the university, we will work on getting more people involved in studentpolitics, and running for the different organs at the univeristy, whether it being for the student council, other organisations, or as solo candidates. To accomodate this, we will reach out to the heads of studies on the bachelor programmes and on the subjectmodules, and have them promote running for studyboards, institute councils, academic council and so on, during groupformation. We also plan to have information about the election stRUCture added to the the handbook, and furthermore make a videocampagin with current studentrepresentatives explaining what it is like taking part in these organs. The latter is also thought to be accompanied with a folder containing the same stories in written format.

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The student council's way of organizing has also affected its size and the amount of volunteers for each election. The Student Council's openness has created a bigger organization than any other political organization at RUC, and this gives us a clear advantage. The campaign should play into the strength of the Student Council; therefore, openness should play a major part in the structure of our campaign. The last couple of years have shown us a decrease in the number of volunteers, and we have to accept the fact that the volunteering landscape in Denmark, is now different. Part of this is due to the aftermath of corona, but also seems to be a symptom of younger generations, having an increase in mental health issues. However we will not accept that this can't be changed, so we will work towards regaining a strong volunteer environment at the university. Therefore, this year we must have an even greater focus on general recruitment and information. We need to be aware of the new students during the tutoring period and use the upcoming events that SEC invites to at the beginning of the semester as a recruitment tool. In the beginning of the semester, we also have to be better at communicating events about the election early. These events also should be targeted to more specific groups of students, with themes that motivates involvement from specific students. Furthermore, we'll have an intro seminar about RUC's and SR's structure for candidates and volunteers with a general focus on the Student Council as an organization and specifically focused on students who are new to the organization. In this we will ensure better communicating to candidates the importance of finding good supporte candidates who will help making RUC purple during election.

We will structure our election with regard to the existing principles of the Student Council. Among these are the well-being of students, the inclusion of international students, and the climate friendly agenda. In regard to the latter, it's important to actively consider our use of resources and the impact we have when making a large campaign like the election. We must also focus on the recent years and possibly future reforms of RUC's educations, so that candidates and volunteers can pass on information and motivate about this.

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Campaign goals:

This year we are electing representatives for the Academic Council. The overall goal is as always: Get as many candidates as possible elected to the Academic Council, the Institute Councils and to the study boards through increased awareness, eg. on Social Medias and by having a physical presence on campus. Furthermore, the goal is to ensure influence for all the students at RUC through broad turnout. The last couple of years the Student Council has won 5 of 6 seats in the Academic Council, and 5 or 6 seats would be considered a victory this year as well.

A successful campaign is one where we have a good and stringent process for recruiting and mobilizing new forces for the organisation as a whole. It is paramount that the volunteers feel welcome and want to engage in more of the Student Council's work after the election as well. It is also of great importance that we manage to consult our co-students at the university, hence care should be taken to have our candidates and volunteers speak with as many students as possible and have them voice their opinions and create visibility for the Student Council as an organization. We seek to implement this by interacting with as many students as possible via physical and SoMe presence a few weeks before the election, with the objective being listening to students' opinions and thereby have their voices heard. Part of the physical interaction should involve visiting different areas of campus including the group-rooms to strengthen our availability to students and their affiliation to us.

A criterion for a successful campaign is the spread of information about student politics, and about the importance of student democracy. This is of course connected to qualifying our candidates and our volunteers, so they are ready to talk and explain the nature of the election to the students of RUC. This is also related to our wish of openness in the organisation and in the campaign. The Student Council is an organisation by students for students, so every student should be able to participate equally in the campaign. For the abovementioned reasons, we want to continue to focus on volunteers and candidates and preparing them for the election ahead. This entails well-structured seminars, focus on the well-being of all of those involved, and to involve candidates in decisions leading up to the election to ensure ownership over their campaign. As written earlier, this year we will also have an intro seminar, specifically targeted towards new volunteers.

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Knock Knock Democracy Rounds
A few weeks before the election, we make a physical (and SoMe) appearance to hear input from students to make their voices heard

An important aspect of the campaign is also that our candidates and election coordinators feel well and have a good, positive campaign experience without undue stress and hassle. This also goes for volunteers but is doubly important for candidates and coordinators considering the huge amount of personal investment they spend to partake in the campaign. We should furthermore strive towards composing well thought out teams of coordinators, and we should strive to have them ready in good time, so the preparations for election week can be done effectively. It is especially important that we recruit enough volunteers, but also that we resource them properly, and improve our scheduling of volunteers.

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It's important that we don't forget the hygge, and therefore we want to increase focus on well-being and community in this election. This goes for all volunteers, candidates and coordinators – but especially for the two latter it is important that breaks and relaxation is structured in order to not forget in the midst of a busy election.

Running the Campaign

The Student Council should choose its candidates so they can represent all the students at RUC as best as possible. The Student Council should, when choosing its candidates for the Academic Council, try to represent the students of RUC in having a diverse group of candidates. All the fields of study should be represented by having a candidate from each of the institutes. The last two candidates should represent the international students and a special parole approved by the Student Council board to have special meaning for the current students at RUC.

Our political paroles must be well thought out and thoroughly prepared before the election, and candidates and volunteers must be well prepared to present what SR has achieved in the last year. Hence all our candidates should be aware of and be able to explain all the paroles as the Student Council works to achieve all of them, regardless of whom does or who does not get elected. We should strive to have paroles and political goals that people can relate to and having them focus on local issues that people have.

As always, we should aim towards being out early and generally be structured in our planning. We will strive to plan and structure the election with an eye to the balance between ambition and overambition. The Student Council aims to have a strong presence on social media, especially on Instagram and Facebook. Videos are a very strong tool in gaining visibility, as are sharing and liking posts in various Facebook-groups. We need to capitalize on the support we have on campus, and having posts and memes people can share, cover pictures or customized profile pictures which shows volunteers, support candidates and students who back up the Student Council campaign is a great tool to create presence. To ensure the best possible use of SoMe we want to explicitly prepare our volunteers for how to best do this task.

Social media should also be used as a way of engaging the students of RUC in student council activities. All of our meetings are in principal open, but rarely in practice. Using social media to include students should be a focus both during the election and especially in the months before.

The Student Council wants to work closely with the subject councils by supporting local initiatives and happenings during the election. The best way to do this is to support the good relationship between the subject council and the respective candidates. During the election week, we should host hyggeevent(s) to promote the candidates, and incentivize the participants to vote on site. We can draw inspiration from the beadbracelet workshop, held by The HumCouncil last election to promote Lucas. We could do this in cooperation with the subject councils, and thereby promote them. It is judged to be very important that volunteers and support candidates alike have a good time, hence local or spontaneous initiatives should be supported as long they do not directly go against our paroles.

Relation to other student political organisations

It is very important to clarify the differences between the Student Council and other student-political organisations. Especially in regard to the party-politically affiliated organisations such as Frit Forum. It is deemed to be important to always keep a good tone and be polite, even when political differences arise. However, we should not shy away from pointing out why we believe our way of organising is superior.

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Most students at RUC are not aware of the nuances of the election, so the election is very much about trusting the people who are running. Therefore, winning internet debates or talking shit about other organizations is not a great strategy, and only serves a purpose in itself. The focus should be on how great the Student Council is.

It is vital to us to always be the good example, however the past has proven the importance of being prepared for conflict. We will therefore make sure to have resources prepared in case a conflict should happen.