

MINUTES FROM THE COUNCIL-MEETING AT BAS 30.11.206 KL 12.00-13.00

Place: The lecture hall, BAS

Present: Marina Bauer (council-leader), Cecilie Andersson (rector), Henning Warloe (external member board), Siv Gjerde Aardal and Ingunn Tepstad (staff)

Students: ca 30 Teachers : Mona Steinsland

1 OPENING – APPROVAL OF NOTICE AND AGENDA

The meeting was opened by rector, introducing Marina Bauer, who stepped in on very short notice when Jacob Schroll had to report absence due to illness. She presented the organisational chart and gave a brief orientation about the school's organisation.

2 ELECTION OF SECRETARY AND TWO PARTICIPANTS TO SIGN THE PROTOCOL

Tina Athari and David Valen Aadland were chosen to sign the protocol. Ingunn Tepstad chosen as secretary.

3 ELECTION OF COUNCIL-LEADER

Marina Bauer was approved as council-leader.

4 MINUTES FROM THE COUNCIL –MEETING 07.12.2015

The minutes from the last council-meeting was signed and published a year ago. No further comments on this.

5 FINANCIAL RESULT BAS 2015

Ingunn Tepstad commented on the annual result. BAS got a positive financial result of NOK 7.309.984 in 2015. This is due to (a requested) change in the organising of exams at BAS. The increase of exams (after 2. year and all master-courses) gave a leap in credits in 2013, resulting in a leap in the governmental financing for 2015. From 2016 the governmental finance is back to normal level. The Board requested that the school should secure that the surplus should be distributed in the years to come and be spent, as always, on measures for the students' best. The annual report (*Årsberetningen*) and the Board's report, both enclosed with the documents published before the council-meeting, give further details on costs and income. The annual report of 2015 has been signed by the Board and the audit-report is clean.

6 -7 RECTORS REPORT OF THE ACTIVITY IN 2016 AND PLANS FOR 2017

Rector gave a thorough report on the activity I 2016 and plans for the next year. Amongst other the following:

The board is constituted by:

Student representatives: Stine Elise Kristoffersen, Siri Nordeide (David Aadland, Mads Senneseth)

Administrative representatives: Siv Reidun Gjerde Aardal (Anne Merethe Egseth Hansen)

Teacher representatives: Espen Folgerø, Thomas Wiesner (Arild Wåge, Mona Steinsland)

External representatives: Henning Warloe, Gudrun Molden, architect and founder of HLM, Bjart Nygaard, leader of the board.

Rector Cecilie Andersson and secretary Ingunn Tepstad attend the meetings.

This has been another interesting year for the school;

Our economic situation is predictable and unproblematic, the interest in the school measured in applicants is increasing, the level of our examined diplomas are good and most of our candidates have found jobs within a year. This shows that the situation for architects is still good in Norway. Compared to many other countries where the profession and education find themselves in modes of crisis we operate within comfortable normality, but we have some challenges, and we need to continue to challenge ourselves to stay interesting and relevant and to approach the challenges of today.

Our activity proves to be relevant and find interest among the public and various groups of interested parties beyond our school:

This week students from 3rd year **exhibited** their considerations for future prospects of Bergen, urban development in a conference.

Two weeks ago BAS **co-hosted** an international conference in Istanbul called **Architecture in Emergency. Re-thinking the refugee crisis**. Rector Cecilie Andersson, teacher Vibeke Jensen and Auste Cijunelyte, student from the border crossing master course took part. We put up an exhibition of student work from all the three architecture schools in Norway, from this and last semester.

BAS-students are building a **gate** to be used to inquire public space in relation with the 500 years anniversary of Luther's thesis.

We have **opened the Bratislava bird watching point** carried out by a group of students from last years' second class.

Anna Elisa Tryti, the city councilor for urban planning in Bergen Municipality, made a film on aims and achievements in regard to sustainability and Tubakuba, one of our design and build projects from 2. grade is shown both at the start and end of the film.

All these events build on regular teaching and manage to find external resources and external interest to build relevance for what we do beyond our school.

We have taken part in several meetings and discussions aiming to strengthen the collaborations between the various teaching institutions in the region both in relation to planning (together with geography, law, economy, HIB, sustainability environments in Sogndal) and on wood relating to the art school, the engineers, the municipality, county and the "wood-pusher" (Tredriveren). Together we will co-host a conference on wood in the spring.

We keep seeing **interest from schools abroad visiting** and wanting to engage in various **collaborations**. The last initiative we have seen is from Mc. Gill in Montreal in Canada where we aim to make a joint workshop for next years' second graders to work with wood. They need courses with hands-on experiences and in return we get the opportunity to take part in workshops in their school working with advanced robot technologies. Together with regular exchange activities this constitutes a good network of possibilities to expand teaching experiences beyond Norway.

Teaching:

In November 2015 we had a **visit from NOKUT**, the study quality assurance body of Norway to assess the school's study-quality system. The committee talked with students, teachers, administration and external board members. Our study-quality system was approved and formally confirmed in spring 2016. The committee expressed being impressed about the students and their approach towards explorative learning. BAS-students were praised for being well informed, responsible and mature – many other schools envy us our students!

NOKUT pointed at certain challenges, one of them being our **teaching environment**: Later this week we will have a **LMU meeting** (læringsmiljø-utvalg /focusing on the teaching environment). The student representatives in LMU are: Annika in 1st class and Luise in 5th class. You can contact them or the administration for any complaints, worries or suggestions to improve the teaching environment. We will also send out a small questionnaire focusing on the teaching environment, both physical and psycho-social teaching environment, early December. Many of the challenges we know about and try to improve one at the time.

We work to improve the internet connections for the wireless system of the school.

We hope to install new copy machines early next year.

The hiring process.

This spring we constituted a group of teachers and students to **formulate the calls** for four new 50% teacher positions that we expect to engage from next year onwards for a four year fixed term. The new teachers will partly replace former teachers, but the interest areas we have specified are more or less new. The call is still posted on our web page for those interested.

The call group was constituted by: Cecilie Andersson, Sixten Rahlff, Espen Folgerø, Thomas Wiesner, Andrea Spreafico, **Ida H Skogstad, Stine Elise Kristoffersen**

We received 58 applicants for the four positions.

An internal committee was established to read all the applications and select 3-5 candidates for each position. These will be evaluated by an external committee. The internal committee emphasized on finding candidates that could contribute both with interesting own work, teaching experience and academic production.

The internal committee was: Cecilie Andersson, Anna Aniksdal, Kalle Grude, Arild Wåge, Trudi Jaeger, **Luise Storck, Stine Elise Kristoffersen.**

One external committee is responsible for assessing the candidates according to their formal (academic) competencies and will decide who are qualified as associate professors (1. Amanuensis) and professors. The external committee consists of: Karl Otto Ellefsen, Veronika Valk, Rose Marie Steinsvik, Hilmar Fredriksen. After their decision 18th January we will proceed with an internal committee inviting some of the candidates for interviews, trial lectures, and workshops to include the students in the final decision, and we expect the new teachers to arrive and start teaching in the autumn semester 2017.

Building:

It is of high priority to install a sufficient elevator in a new shaft.

We have **engaged Henrik** Westgaard to initiate various small tasks. Among others he is responsible for the workshops and for welding courses. He has completed the **saw house** on the quay and has installed **stairs, rails and gates** to improve the security and escape routes. He is now **about to complete acoustic improvements in the cantina/lecture hall**, after a visit from two acoustic specialists. The first part of the upper walls, 'the skirts', are completed and we are about to order two sets of heavy reflective industrial PVC curtains to go along with the elephant skin we have today to avoid sound transmittance between the kitchen and lecture hall.

We have also ordered **new doors** and **card systems** for the doors giving access to the tower, to improve the security and plan against theft.

SOBAS and the respective student groups are still working to **finalize the laser cutter and dark room.**

Before Christmas we will see the exhibitions of first grade emerging around the building and we aim for all the courses of the school to present themselves and their work for the Christmas party 20th of December.

8 ELECTION OF EXTERNAL MEMBER OF THE ELECTION COMMITTEE

Long-time member Anna Elisa Tryti had informed BAS that she had to resign as external member of the election committee. The Board handled the case in their meeting and decided to propose Gunn-Vivian Eide for the position, based on her network and knowledge of the cultural and political activities in Bergen.

Conclusion: Gunn-Vivian Eide was elected external member of the election-committee by acclamation.

9 OTHER MATTERS:

The students asked for a sign, showing the name of the school. Rector informed that former signs had been removed by the students, but we will in some way make the name of the school visible for the public again.

No other matters.

Bergen, December 2016

Tina Athari



David Valen Aadland

