

MINUTES FROM THE COUNCIL-MEETING AT BAS 06.11.2012 KL 12-13

Place: Large auditorium, BAS

Present: Jacob Schroll (council-leader), Bjart Nygaard (chair of the Board), Sixten Rahlff (rector), Cecilie Andersson (vice-rector), Kjeld-Vidar Samdal, Anne Merethe Hansen, Ingunn Tepstad (staff), Line Frøyland (library).

Students: 60 Teachers: 6

1 OPENING – APPROVAL OF NOTICE AND AGENDA

The council-leader opened the meeting and proposed a change of order of item 8 and 9 on the agenda. The Council approved of the notice and the agenda with the proposed change.

2 ELECTION OF SECRETARY AND TWO PARTICIPANTS TO SIGN THE PROTOCOL

Tove Posselt and Marianne Grytten chosen to sign the protocol. Ingunn Tepstad chosen as secretary.

3 ELECTION OF COUNCIL-LEADER

Jacob Schroll was re-elected council-leader for one more year.

4 MINUTES FROM THE COUNCIL –MEETING 21.11.2011

The Council-leader went through the signed minutes from the last meeting.

5 FINANCIAL RESULT BAS 2011

Ingunn commented on the annual result from 2011. BAS got a negative financial result in 2011. The board approved a budget for 2011 with a deficit of NOK 176.000 and the financial deficit ended on an amount of NOK 244.246. The main reason for this was expenditures related to the BAS-jubilee (25 year). The Board has signed the annual report of 2011 and the audit-report is clean.

6 THE BOARDS REPORT ABOUT THE ACTIVITY IN 2011/2012 AND PLANS FOR 2013

Bjart Nygaard recapitulated the structure of BAS. BAS is established as a foundation and thus subject to the Foundation Act. As a school, BAS is also subject to the Higher Education Act. Both state that the Board is the overall responsible body of the organisation.

Bjart informed the council about the following cases:

- The latest search for a new BAS- rector and the ongoing process. The Board has appointed a committee to sort out candidates for the position. All students and teachers are invited to propose candidates. It is the Board itself that makes the appointment.

- The requirements of NOKUT regarding employment and qualifications. This is the requirement that BAS still struggles to fulfil due to limited finances.
- The effort of strengthening the school's finances in various ways.
- The presentation and exposure of the school by the activities of the students and teachers, the new website etc.
- The upgrading of the building with priority to security and protection against water leak.

Sixten filled in on some of the sections:

- The building has a potential. One of the mastercourses this autumn is building a new library. Sixten confers Harald Røstvik about using Sweco as consultants. BAS should try to establish a cooperation with the energy-students at Bergen University College (HIB). Studies are made on the south-wall and the room in 6,5.
- BAS is restructuring the Diploma-process with effect for the whole semester-structure for all years. Henceforth the next school-year will start 17th of August with the diploma-party in the evening. Spring-term will last from January to June. From next year (2013) both 2nd and 3rd year will have final exams in June. The initiative came from the student's as this has financially consequences for them.
- All information about BAS-events is published on the BAS-homepage. Both students and teachers are encouraged to check the page for updates regularly.

9 AMENDMENTS OF THE BAS-STATUTES

As mentioned by Bjart, BAS is subject to the Foundation Act claiming that the board is the upper body of the foundation. BAS therefore has to change the statutes according to the law. The BAS-board adopted the changed statutes in their meeting 25.06.2012.

Decision: The council joined the board and agreed that the new statutes (enclosed in Norwegian) shall be sent to Lotteri- og stiftelsestilsynet for application of approval.

8 INCREASE OF THE SCHOOL-FEE

The Board at their meeting 12.03.2012 made the decision to raise the school-fee to NOK 15.000 per semester in order to improve the facilities of the school.

The Council accepted the Boards decision.

10 ELECTION OF EXTERNAL BOARD-MEMBERS

The Council at the spring-meeting in 2010, adopted an amendment in the statutes to increase the number of external board-members from 2 to 3. The change was justified by the schools need to strengthen the competence in the board with a member from the university/public area with knowledge and contacts towards the Government and the Ministry. The implementation of the decision has been delayed for various reasons.

The nomination-committee proposed that both external board-members, Bjart Nygaard and Solveig Øvstebø should be re-elected for one more year. The committee emphasised the importance of continuity for the time being. Both board –members possesses competences and experiences highly relevant to BAS and they have performed their tasks very well.

The committee also proposed a new candidate for the third board-member to be elected for 2 years; Siri Skjold Lexau, assistant professor, dr.art UIB.

The Council criticised that only one nominée was put forward, and questioned how democratic that was. The Council requested that for the next election, the nomination-committee should put forward at an earlier stage, the nominated candidates. According to the procedures, the nomination-committee's list for candidates with the committee's recommendation, should be presented at latest a week before the council-meeting. All council-members have the opportunity to submit suggestions for candidates to the committee as announced on bas.org in advance of a council-meeting.

Decision: Bjart Nygaard and Solveig Øvstebø was re-elected for one more year by acclamation. Siri Skjold Lexau was elected for two years by acclamation.

11 OTHER MATTERS

Some students proposed that BAS should increase the school-fee more to let it include more of the student's expenses, like materials for the courses, costs for study-trips etc. The matter has been discussed among SOBAS and the administration earlier. The student's Common-meeting (Allmøtet) should discuss it a bit further before a proposal is presented to the administration again. The study-administration will prepare a list of some of the regular expenditures for each year/course.

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Tove Posselt

12.12.12



Marianne Grytten

14.12.12