

MINUTES FROM THE COUNCIL-MEETING AT BAS 16.03.2018 KL 12.00-13.00

Place: The large auditorium, BAS

Present: Marina Bauer (council-leader), Cecilie Andersson (rector), Bjart Nygaard (external member and chair of the board),

Students: > 20 Teachers : 0 Staff: 4

1 OPENING – APPROVAL OF NOTICE AND AGENDA

The meeting was opened by rector, introducing Marina Bauer, who was elected council-leader at the December-meeting 2017.

The Council-leader gave a brief introduction to the BAS-organisation by presenting the organisation-chart and explaining the roles of the various committees. The students are represented in almost all of the committees, and that gives them power and great opportunities to influence the school's activity.

2 ELECTION OF SECRETARY AND TWO PARTICIPANTS TO SIGN THE PROTOCOL

David Valen Aadland and Petrikka Høvik Indrearne were elected to sign the protocol. Ingunn Tepstad approved as secretary.

3 MINUTES FROM THE COUNCIL –MEETING 15.12.2017

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

4 FINANCIAL RESULT BAS 2017

BAS got a positive financial result of NOK 882' in 2017. The accounts, the annual report (*Årsberetningen*) and the Board's report, all published before the council-meeting, give further details on costs and income. The annual report of 2016 has been signed by the Board and the audit-report is clean.

5-6 THE BOARD'S REPORT OF THE ACTIVITY IN 2017 AND PLANS FOR 2018

Bjart Nygaard, chair of the board, gave a brief orientation of the main activities in 2017 and the plans for 2018.

The board's main priorities for 2017 was to follow the process of employing the new teachers in fixed positions and to ensure the installment of the new elevator.

The employment of the new teachers; four professors and three new assistant professors working to qualify as associate professors, is an important step in qualifying for, and applying for an institutional accreditation. Our goal is to apply for accreditation during 2019. BAS already has an accredited study.

To install an elevator that contributes to fulfill the universal accessibility throughout the building has for long been a wish and is also answering the requests of the accreditation requirements. It has been a substantial economic cost, handled by BAS EIENDOM AS and funded partly by BASE's equity and partly by a loan from BAS.

Concerning the employment process and the solution chosen to ensure the requirements of academic competence, fields of interest and approach towards gender balance, the board finds it sufficient.

The board is satisfied that BAS manages to conduct research and explorations linked to the interest fields of the school and manages to find external funding for its educational explorations both nationally and internationally.

- For 2017; the ERASMUS + project *Societies in Motion* with Liechtenstein and Die Angewante in Vienna, that held a shared workshop in Bergen last summer on skilled labor migration and is inviting BAS students to join a summer workshop this coming summer in Vienna on the topic of forced migration. The call will be launched next week.
- The book proceeding the master course on security aspects related to safety 'The City Between Security and Freedom' was launched last year, and was well received internationally.
- In 2017 the teachers started a research and artistic exploration focus group. The coming meeting will include invited external speakers and will be held in May and be open to interested students.

Regarding the budget, priority was given to strengthen the teaching capacity and upgrading of the building. A new and better solution was chosen and installed to improve the students' internet-access, cleaning routines have been improved and physical accessibility has been improved.

We have 7,6 applicants per study seat, which is high. Few students resign.

The survey (studiebarometeret) show that our students score high on general satisfaction, while the physical facilities are the strongest drawback. As mentioned, this had our attention in 2017 and we will continue to follow up on improving the physical teaching environment. In 2018 we will prioritize improving the solution for the lecture hall, work on the universal design on the mezzanine, finalize the laser cutter and upgrade the workshops with new machines.

The school has an increasing number of requests by parties interested in collaborations. In 2017 this was made up by, but not limited to several bodies within governance like the municipality and the county, but also schools and higher education institutions in the country and abroad, art initiatives, organizations and private persons.

The board's plans for 2018

Priorities for 2018

The preparations for institution accreditation with the adjoining focus on raising the academic competence for parts of the teaching staff will be prioritized. We will also work towards initiating a pedagogic development scheme for our teachers this year. The board requests the school to continue to work actively to assure a better gender balance in the teacher staff.

To improve the physical teaching environment, the elevator was a trigger. It allows for new ways to use the building and while the board has put aside money to install a new lecture hall, the Insitu group has not yet concluded what floor would work best. The elevator is also a means to improve the cleanliness. The heavy washing trolley get into all the studios now and can clean more thoroughly

and it becomes easier to get rid of the garbage. We will also supplement technical equipment, and inquire into possibilities with Uninet.

We will proceed to collaborate with the municipality, county, the building industry and actors within for instance the wooden clusters of the region.

This year the wood initiative between Ryerson in Toronto, Canada and BAS will start up, inviting 5 students from BAS to join a wooden seminar in Toronto in September as a preparation to a joint diploma program for the spring 2019.

This year we have handed in our first Horizon 2020 application, proposing a project to look at wood and sustainability, being a Norwegian partner together with Norsk Treteknisk Institutt, in a joint initiative together with research institutions and manufacturers in Sweden, Slovakia and Norway.

The collaboration with the University college, Høgskolen på Vestlandet and the housing bank is proceeding with various initiatives, amongst them related to universal design.

During the first months of 2018 the school has put attention on procedures to avoid harassment, but also to formalize the handling of harassment cases if they appear. Both students and teachers have been informed about the school's procedures in these matters.

The board appreciates BAS's engagement in the Beredskapsforum Bergen together with the other higher education institutions.

7 ELECTION OF EXTERNAL BOARD-MEMEBERS

The election-committee had delivered their recommendation for the election of external board-members. The committee's recommendation was for the three members, Bjart Nygaard, Henning Warloe and Gudrun Molden to be re-elected for a period of two years.

The Council gave their support to the election-committee's proposal. The three external board-members was re-elected by acclamation.

8 ELECTION OF EXTERNAL MEMBER OF THE ELECTION-COMMITTEE

The board had proposed Gunn-Vivian Eide being re-elected as external member in the election-committee for one more year.

Gunn-Vivian Eide was re-elected for one more year by acclamation.

9 PROPOSAL: CHANGED FEE FOR THE EXTERNAL BOARD-MEMBER

The administration proposed an adjustment in the (third) external board-member's fee. Based on the changes made in 2013 in the statutes of the school, where the number of external board-members was increased from two to three. The fees were not revised at that time, so while the chair and deputy's fee consist of a fixed amount per year (p.t. NOK 58.744 and 49.984) the third external board-member's fee is equal to the internal board-members (p.t. NOK 2.296 per meeting).

It might be reasonable to assume that it is more (time)demanding to be an external board-member than an internal. The BAS-administration therefore proposed that the fee for the third external board-member should be set to a fixed annual amount of NOK 30.000.

Some of the council-members opposed to the proposal, arguing that the gap between the fee of the internal and external board-members would become to large. The difference in the fees for the

internal and external board-members (the chair and deputy kept out) should not be more than 50%. The council refused to vote for the proposal presented at this meeting, requesting the administration to process the meetings input and put a revised proposal forward on the next meeting in the autumn.

The BAS-administration will put forward a revised proposal for changes in the board-member's fees at the next council-meeting in the autumn 2018.

No other matters.

Bergen, April 2018



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