

## MINUTES FROM THE BAS COUNCIL-MEETING 13.05.2020, 12.00-13.00

Place: Digital event at ZOOM

Present: Marina Bauer (council-leader), Cecilie Andersson (rector), Bjart Nygaard (external member and chair of the board), Anne M. E. Hansen and Ingunn Tepstad (adm), Anna Aniksdal (teacher-representative in the election-committee), Margit Opheim (proposed board-member)

Students: > 5 Teachers and staff: > 5 (total attendance at Zoom: > 11)

### 1 OPENING – APPROVAL OF NOTICE AND AGENDA

The meeting was opened by Marina Bauer, elected council-leader from the council-meeting 2019. The Council-leader gave a brief introduction to the BAS-organisation by presenting the organisation-chart. The students are represented in almost all of the committees, and that gives them power and great opportunities to influence the school's activity.

*The notice and agenda was approved.*

### 2 ELECTION OF SECRETARY AND TWO PARTICIPANTS TO SIGN THE PROTOCOL

Thorstein Fossan and Elisabeth Brandtzæg were elected to sign the protocol. Ingunn Tepstad approved as secretary.

### 3 ELECTION OF COUNCIL-LEADER

Marina Bauer was elected as council-leader by acclamation.

### 4 MINUTES FROM THE COUNCIL –MEETING 30.01.2019

The minutes from the last council-meeting has been signed and published. No further comments.

### 5 PRELIMINARY INFORMATION OF THE ACTIVITY 2019 AND PLANS FOR 2020

Rector Cecilie Andersson gave a brief orientation of the main activities in 2019 and the plans for 2020, together with an update regarding the corona-situation.

#### The Covid 19 measures

With the announcement from the government last week a few more of our students are now allowed back to school, but still there are strong restrictions that prevents most of you from staying at school and we have to cope with most of our education being in a digital mode for the rest of this spring. Our exams will all be held on digital platforms, even our diploma exhibition will be digital. For the autumn we plan to have all of you back in some way or another, but we also plan to cope if the education has to continue in a digital mode, both for students abroad and to facilitate for our foreign teachers. We have all done a great job to accommodate to this new situation and we know it has costed a lot of extra energy and distress, both for the students, teachers and staff, but luckily we have all learnt a lot that we can benefit from also in the future.

We have had expenses that was of course not expected, but our economic situation is still under control. We had a buffer from previous years, from a change in reporting system of study production that we have now used from, so these extra expenses will not affect the activity of the autumn.

We can and will, if necessary continue to use more resources on teaching like we have done this semester and we can continue to use more resources on digital upgrading.

Digital;

We have bought and introduced various platforms like teams, zoom, miro

The coming week we are installing a video-conference room at school.

#### The school

This week we are in the middle of the process to select the new students that will start next year. Although a strange spring, we have never had as many applicants as this year- 10 applicants to every seat. Also you can look forward to meet new exchange students and regular master students from

abroad in the autumn. We have decided to keep the school open for internationalization and not to restrict exchange from our side.

#### **Neighbourhod**

We are awaiting a new municipal hearing for Kristiansholm. And should keep following the process and keep our pressure through student engagement like the one we have had in with our third year students this year.

#### **The school building**

As we speak we are finally upgrading the big lecture hall with the foldable acoustic wall elements parting the lecture hall and the cantina.

We have engaged a team of experts to look at and propose improvements on our ventilation system and air improvement measures.

#### **The future of BAS**

- The coming board meeting 19th of May will be a special edition- a half day seminar where we will discuss the future of BAS and the longer lines, concerning what focuses to have, what role sustainability, digitalization and other focuses should have in our education, what a new Rector, new board members and other changes can contribute to in our school.
- You are all welcome to contribute into this discussion through your representatives in the board, where both students, teachers and administrative staff is represented.

#### **Financial result 2019**

Ingunn Tepstad commented on the financial result 2019:

The financial statements for 2019 ended with a positive result (surplus) of NOK 251.752, approximately as budgeted. Income increased due to increased governmental funding and more students. A consequence of more students, is increased costs for teaching (salaries). The increase in other costs were mainly due to improvements of the students' learning-environment, like rebuilding the mezzanine, improving the IKT-facilities and better cleaning.

#### **6 FROM LMU: QUESTION ABOUT PSYCHOLOGIST/COUNSELOR**

*LMU chose to withdraw the case from the meeting. The question will be handled by LMU, who will carry out a questionnaire among the students.*

#### **7 ELECTION OF EXTERNAL BOARD-MEMBERS**

Anna Aniksdal presented the election-committee's proposal, that had been published together with the documents for the council-meeting a week ago. The election, was carried out on QuestBack, and had been sent all students and teachers, with voting rights, before the meeting.

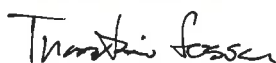
When the voting ended (12.30 on the meeting-day), 42 persons had voted, and 41 votes were in support of the election-committee's proposal. One vote was in disfavour of the proposal.

*The Council gave their support to the election-committee's proposal: Bjart Nygaard was re-elected as chair of the board for 2 more years. Thale Bjørnerheim was elected as deputy chair of the board. Margit Opheim was elected as external board-member. The ordinary election-period is 2 years.*

No other matters.

Bergen,

Thorstein Fossan



Elisabeth Brandtzæg

