# MINUTES FROM THE BAS COUNCIL-MEETING 20.02.2023, 10.00-12.00

Place: BAS, large auditorium

Present: Marina Bauer (council-leader), Emma Nilsson (rector), Cecilie Andersson (prorector)

Students: > 50

Teachers and staff: 10

#### 1 OPENING - APPROVAL OF NOTICE AND AGENDA

The meeting was formally opened by Marina Bauer.

The notice and agenda was approved.

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

Elias Inderhaug and Petter Finsæther Bolstad were elected to sign the protocol. Ingunn Tepstad approved as secretary.

#### **3 COUNCIL-LEADER**

Marina Bauer was elected council-leader in the November-meeting 2022.

#### 4 MINUTES FROM THE COUNCIL –MEETING 01.11.2022

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

#### **5 THE FINANCIAL RESULTS 2022**

The financial result for BAS 2022 ended with a negative result of -2,1 mill. NOK. The result was mainly due to three reasons. A higher increase in travel-costs than expected. Travel-costs are back on the same level as before the pandemic. An unforeseen high rise of the electricity-costs and higher maintenance-costs than planned. The school still has a healthy economy due to (some) earlier years surplus.

## **6 PRELIMINARY INFORMATION ABOUT THE SCHOOL'S OPERATION 2022 AND PLANS 2023**

Rector Emma Nilsson informed about news and plans for 2023.

The Norwegian government has decided that students from outside EU/EEA/EFTA have to pay full costs for studying at a Norwegian institution. For applicants from countries outside the EU/EEA/EFTA, applying for a degree at BAS starting August 2023, the tuition fee will be a total of **NOK 293.257**,- for one full academic year. BAS, together with other Norwegian higher education institutions has protested to this, but for the time being we are not allowed to spend any part of the governmental funding on these students.

Earlier this month a plate fell off the south wall. The company that mounted the wall, was called to inspect the damage and secure the area below. Emma and Cecilie will meet with the responsible manager and also confer with Multiconsult and other expertise to clarify responsibility and decide on a solution for the wall.

The master-course Building Interfaces has been working in the hall. The old barracks has been removed and a new façade is being built. The spring-course will consider an expansion of the mesanine, and are looking at the need for meeting-rooms, silent-room, workshops and a SOBAS-room. Nothing decided yet.

The Big Wonderful Experiment (BWE) will have a common event again 30.-31.March. BAS wish to establish an editorial board and invites students interested in contributing to volunteer.

### **7 CURRENT AFFAIRS/ISSUES FOR DISCUSSION**

SOBAS (the Students Organisation at BAS) by leader Eira, informed about its (possible) role at BAS. Among others;

- A connection between the administration and the students
- Keeps a materials storage

- Know "how to get money" / how to apply for funding
- Keep in contact with students from other higher educations > valuable diversity
- Goal: to be more visible and available
- Want to learn what the students expect from SOBAS
- Needs contributions from all students at BAS
- Will publish a list of who has the various positions in SOBAS

Emma encouraged SOBAS to find a way to organise so the cantina can be kept tidy without Georgi having to do all the dish-washing. He needs to prioritise the cleaning the floors of the studios and other common spaces.

Some of the classes had pre-discussions before the council-meeting and raised some questions and issues:

- 1. Information about what will happen to the hall, the building and outdoor area. This was mainly answered by Emma's information under point 6.
- 2. Most of the remaining issues/questions (costs of study-trips, heating, workshops, tools, the study program) will be put forward to LMU or/and SKU for further handling. Information (preliminary) given in the meeting:
  - Heating of the wood-workshop have some technical challenges related to dust and ventilation.
  - More advanced tools also generates need for more follow-up and maintenance (costs)
  - David Rios (teacher) has been elected "verneombud". Verneombud and rector carries out "vernerunde" (walking through the building, checking) every 14.days. Want to be notified about problems.
- 3. Academic boycott. Marina underlined in the beginning of the meeting that the council-meeting should not vote or make any decisions about this.

Emma gave an introduction to what academic boycott means, related to the specific BDS-movement (boycott, divestment, sanctions) aimed at Israel and stressed that this should not be about individuals. BAS should reflect upon two main-questions:

- Who do BAS collaborate with?
- What does it mean to be political?

BAS has always been political! The school was established for political reasons.

Student-representative, Petter Bolstad referred to some of the questions raised during the discussions in SKU:

- How effective is a boycott?
- Volume of collaborating?
- Should the default be "not exchange"?

Student Leonie Overmeire reminded about the Morning Matters-meetings. This could be a forum to discuss some of these questions in a smaller group.

No clear conclusion or consensus had been revealed by the end of the council-meeting.

Bergen,

Elias Inderhaug (Mar 3, 2023 09:23 GMT+1)

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Petter Finsæther Bolstad

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Attachment to minutes from the council-meeting: Notes made during the meeting by Eira.



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