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School meeting May 5, 2021

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2. New Programme Director for the Transportation Design Programme
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5. Decisions & Recommendations for Autumn Semester
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New Head of Department

Demian Horst was announced as new Head of Department (starting July 1st), while Linda Bresäter and Oscar Björk were both announced as Deputy Heads of Department.

New Programme Director for Transportation Design Programme

Jonas Sandström was announced as new Programme Director for the Transportation Design Programme (starting July 1st).

UID Closed during Summer

UID will be closed from 20/6 to 26/8.

A note to students before leaving UID for the summer:

There will be a container outside of the workshop where you can throw away anything but metal, glass and liquids. The time for this will be the two following weeks after the UID21 event. Make sure to empty your workspace areas and your lockers during this time. If you have workshop keys, make sure to do return these to David Risberg or Anders Hellström.

Update on UID21

The theme for UID21, "Shapers", was revealed. The graphics are designed by student Prithvi Ranjan. Two of the three special guests for UID21 were also disclosed. They are Imogen Pearce (Head of City Engagement & Integration at ARRIVAL) and Martina Starke (Studio Director at BMW Designworks). The planning committee are also hoping to reveal a third special guest (a UID alumni) in the coming week). The host for the event was announced. The role will be filled by Andrew Dubber, Director of MTF Labs and author of books about technology, culture, music and radio in the digital age.

Demian Horst went on to encourage UID staff and student to formulate questions for the UID21 special guests. He also disclosed that 33 companies have thus far signed up to the UID21 Talent Pool.

The rough draft of the UID21 programme was presented. It sees the event divided up into three main parts (Intro & Student Pitches, Interactive Session with Grad Students, Talk Show Segment). The digital platform hosting the event will be provided by the Umeå based company COEO.



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Decisions & Recommendations for Autumn Semester

The Vice Chancellor of Umeå University have recently disclosed a gradual return to campus during the autumn semester.

- Between 30 August and 29 September, the semester starts with on-campus education for a limited number of students focusing on beginner students on study programmes.
- Examinations are still adapted to alternative formats to the extent possible.
- The plan is to gradually return to campus this autumn.
- This will take place with the health and safety of our students and staff in mind.

Recommendations for all students at the beginning of the autumn semester:

- Avoid visiting campus to reduce the risk of crowding.
- When you need to visit campus, pick times with few visitors.
- The University Library, including its study spaces and group rooms, will be open.
- Still, study from home.
- Do your group assignments online.
- Minimise the number of people you meet.
- Do not carry out any events in university premises.

General responsibility measures include:

- Stay at home if you have symptoms of disease.
- Get tested if you have symptoms.
- Maintain sufficient distance to others.
- Wear a face mask in situations where you cannot avoid close contact.

UID specific instructions for 30 August to 29 September:

- Course responsible will book rooms and equipment at UID when needed.
- Buddy groups will be used when booked for activities at school.
- Home studio will still be your main workplace.
- Group work will still be done from home through digital platforms.
- Keep distance when in school and wear a face mask in situations where you cannot avoid close contact.

Moving to the study destination:

- The university recommends that, if you are taking an on-campus education, you should plan to live at your study destination this autumn.
- Certain compulsory course component may take place on campus and you are expected to participate in these.
- If you miss a compulsory course component, it can affect your students finance or scholarship, or your ability to meet the entry requirements to following courses.
- If the pandemic eases, you may also start getting more activities on campus.

Support for you:



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- [The Student Health Service](#) provides counselling and offers help with stress management.
- [The Academic Resource Centre](#) can help you improve your study skills.

Stay updated:

Read a [summary](#) of what applies to the period of 30 August until 29 September.

<https://www.umu.se/en/covid-19/summary-of-autumn-semester-measures-due-to-covid-19/>

Also, follow the updates on [umu.se/en/covid-19](https://www.umu.se/en/covid-19/).

Contact us:

- If you have questions about your studies, please contact your program director or Linda Bresäter, Head of department
- If you have questions about the university's information or handling of COVID-19, please contact the Crisis Management Team on corona@umu.se.

Stay safe and avoid spreading Covid-19:

Last week 18 students and staff at UMU reported a positive result for Covid –19. This is the highest number this year and it is an increase from the week before.

Please stay safe and avoid spreading Covid-19, following all precautions from [the Public Health Agency in Sweden](#)

Next school meeting

The next school meeting will happen during the autumn semester (1st Wednesday every month)