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School meeting December 7, 2022

Agenda

- End-of-year reminders
- Work environment
- Pubs & parties

End-of-year reminders

Head of Institute, Demian Horst mentioned the Lucia fika taking place at UID on December 13, directly following the Lucia performance at the Architecture School. All students and staff are welcome to join both activities.

Students going on internships were reminded to go over the checklists that apply for when leaving UID, as they were directed towards the UID Student Web for further information.

It was announced that the workshops will be closed during the holiday season.

The opportunity to apply for the “Brita-Stina Nordenstedt Scholarship” was presented to students. More information can be found on the UID Student Web.

Demian Horst also reminded students about the space on Teams called “Opportunities for Students” where information is continually shared about internships, scholarships, competitions, etc.

Students were also urged to join the “UID Alumni LinkedIn Page” offering yet another avenue for collaborations going forward. For example, job offers are routinely posted on this space.

Work environment

Student representatives informed about a student-initiated survey on work environment that has been shared since a couple of weeks, urging their fellow students to participate. The survey link will be shared once again via e-mail.

It was mentioned that the vending machine outside the project studio is empty most of the time. Demian Horst promised to look into the matter, and to go over the contract with the responsible providers.

General questions relating to ventilation, lighting and temperature were also briefly discussed.

The regular maintenance of the sauna was also talked about and Demian Horst reminded that the day-to-day cleaning relies on the persons using it for the system to work. It was decided that further routines need to be developed to clarify responsibilities in relation to the use of the UID sauna.

Pubs & parties



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Demian Horst explained that the school is proud to be able to provide a framework for students to create the memorable moments offered by student pubs and parties throughout each semester. It was also mentioned that at the start of each study year students are informed and reminded of the routines and regulations that apply for student organized parties. However, he also felt obliged to convey a strong message to students to be careful in the future when it comes to problematic incidents relating to alcohol that have been occurring during recent parties. Demian Horst also asked students to come and talk to any staff member if they feel they've been the victim or witness of a negative situation, for example any kind of harassment. It's also quite probable that incidents like these could be fuelled by excessive drinking which further suggests that moderate drinking should be the conventional rule during pubs and parties.

Mika Sinclair, head of Ställverket, explained that students trying to sneak in external guests during parties are actively working against future opportunities for students to host parties, also reminding everyone that it's a privilege and not a right for students at UID to be able to host these pubs and parties.

Students reminded each other that the pubs and parties are, by design, always collective efforts. If you join a party, that means that you also have to help out in some meaningful way when it comes to planning, arranging or cleaning.

Next school meeting

The next school meeting will happen on February 1 (1st Wednesday every month).