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## School meeting October 4, 2023

*Participants in the Project Studio: APD 7, TD 11, IxD 6, BFA 28, AFD 0, Staff 8*

### Agenda

- General updates
- Taking care of each other
- Fire Safety
- Student representation
- Ställverket
- Other questions

### General updates

Demian Horst gave an update on the recent visit to UID by Anna Ekström, former minister of education and chair of the Umeå University Board who talked to students and researchers about the school's success factor and where responsible design is headed.

Demian also informed about the new system for printing that was introduced for this semester. The printing system is under continued development in order to make it as smooth and cheap as possible for students.

Students were reminded about the call for workshop teaching assistants 10% (the goal is to appoint five students, one per programme). The paid position accounts for about 4h of work per week, and assistants help with the regular running and maintenance of the workshops, not teaching courses. All students recruited for these positions will receive special training from the workshop technicians at the start of the employment. The deadline for applications is October 10.

Demian gave an update on the workshop that's been held among students on how to develop and improve the new student kitchen. There will be a new meeting held on October 17 (13.00).

It was announced that there will be a webinar on November 8 targeting prospective students for the three master's programmes at UID. Students at the school meeting were encouraged to spread the word to previous student colleagues as well as their previous schools.

Demian informed about the possibility to apply for a scholarship from the Brita-Stina Nordenstedt's foundation. The deadline for applications is November 30. More information can be found here: [Brita-Stina Nordenstedt's scholarship website](#).

### Taking care of each other

A quick anonymous survey was held on the current stress levels among students and what we can do to help each other. A majority of students felt a moderate level of stress during the past month. Students also gave an update on what is keeping them busy at the moment.

### Fire safety



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The students were provided information on the rules and guidelines for fire safety at Umeå University. In the absence of fire safety officer Lars Byström, Demian Horst showed a film giving detailed instructions on how to handle a number of different scenarios relating to fire safety. Demian also showed the evacuation plans that can be found around the school and recommended students to study them in case of emergency. One key detail that was particularly stressed was the assembly area in case of emergency, which is by Östra Strandgatan in front of Curiosum.

For more information, visit the [Umeå University website on fire safety](#).

### **Student representation at UID**

A detailed overview was given on the different levels of student representations in the decision-making bodies at UID.

Each programme has a Programme Council (BFA, APD, IXD, TD). There should be two students representing each class, one member and one substitute. Five meetings are held every study year. All programmes seem to have the necessary student representation for the study year 2023/2024.

The Education Council prepares and coordinates on matters of importance to our educational activities. The council has only three meetings per year and the school is currently looking for two students who can be represented here. IXD1 student Anjuli Acharya volunteered to take that role during this study year.

The Environment, Health and Safety Group (EHS) is a preparatory and advisory body that handles matters regarding physical and psycho-social work environment, equality and equal treatment, health and safety, and sustainability at UID. The group is looking for student representation to offer student perspectives on student work environment as well as on equal opportunities. BFA2 students Clara Häggström Germann and William Roskær volunteered to the role of student work environment representatives during this study year. Cosima Pauli (APD1) and Magdalena Rosander (BFA1) volunteered to the role of student equal opportunities representatives during this study year.

The Local Cooperation Group (LCG) processes items that need attention from key perspectives ahead of formal decisions. Here, there are also open positions for student representation. IXD1 student Anjuli Acharya volunteered to take on that role upon need during this study year.

The Decision Meeting is where all major decisions regarding the school's activities are taken. There are currently two students positions open for observer roles during the monthly decision meetings. IXD1 student Anjuli Acharya volunteered to take on that role during this study year.

### **Ställverket**

Head of Ställverket, Iver Alexey Zaitzow Mikaelson, talked about the process of preparation needed before pubs can resume at UID. Nearly all kitchen forks are missing again. He kindly asked they are returned. Students were also asked to take the assignment of kitchen cleaning more seriously.

### **Next school meeting**

The next school meeting on November 1 (1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday every month).