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School meeting February 7, 2024

Participants in the Project Studio: APD 8, TD 8, lxD 11, BFA 16, AFD 1, Staff 12

Agenda

- UID24 | Design Talks & Degree Show
- Taking care of each other
- Work Environment
- Student Health Services
- Other items

UID24 | Design Talks & Degree Show

Head of Institute, Demian Horst, talked about initial preparations for UID24 | Design Talks & Degree Show, taking place on May 28-29, 2024. A process is underway for the development of the theme and the event graphics. For UID24, companies will once again be expected to contribute in a more active way during the company pitches on day two. A quick run-through of the tentative programme was given, including details about the setting up of the graduation dinner which is organised by students.

Key dates & times

- Design Talks & Degree Show: May 28-29
- Graduation Ceremony: May 30
- Graduation Dinner & Party: May 30
- Public Exhibition: June 1

UID24 Programme

Day 1:

- Portfolio Interviews (morning)
- Degree Pitches (afternoon)
- Exhibition Opening (evening)

Day 2:

- Keynotes & Panel Discussion (morning)
- Company Pitches & Portfolio Interviews (afternoon)

Confirmed keynote speaker thus far is UID alumnus Martin Willers, Co-founder and CEO at Transparent. A further one or two keynote speakers will be announced in the coming weeks and months. Students and staff were encouraged to suggest names.

Next steps include a first meeting with graduating students (week 8), the setup of the 'UID24 Talent Pool', and the sending out of invitations, as well as website updates (end of February).



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Taking care of each other

Pertaining to a recent incident, Demian Horst urged students to be extra watchful and keep an eye on the outside doors as they close. Students were encouraged, when letting a “stranger” in, to say hi to the person and ask if they need any help, and in case they see someone looking lost inside the building, to ask if they need help finding their way. When necessary, students should call Umeå University security ([090-786 76 00](tel:090-7867600)) anytime they suspect the school is (or has been) at risk. This number can also be found on stickers all around the building.

It was stressed that we, staff and students, are not taking care of each other when we leave dirty dishes around the school, leave behind materials in our shared spaces, or when we leave unidentified material in the assembly rooms at the workshop. Help is needed. From everyone to create a respectful school environment.

Demian Horst reminded students of the “code of conduct” for the notice boards at UID that was presented during last semester. The “code of conduct” for UID notice boards emphasizes respect, relevance, and shared responsibility. It mandates that all content should be respectful and relevant to our community.

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. Thesis and portfolio work was named as the things that preoccupied most students.

Work Environment

Representatives from the Student Health Services at Umeå University introduced the various avenues of assistance that they can offer to students. The Student Health Services’ support activities are available to all students, and all services are free of charge. The support includes study guidance, support for students with disabilities and health services. When it comes to study guidance, UmU has study counsellors ready to help students with different procedures relating to applications and eligibility. The support for students with disabilities are available to a host of different groups of people with permanent disabilities. The Student Health Services offer help with relationships, lifestyle issues, stress, sleep, alcohol habits. Help is offered via lectures, counselling, drop-ins.

A representative from the UmU campus chaplaincy spoke about the services that they offer. Their aim is to give support, balance and inspiration. All talks with chaplaincy representatives are confidential. Appointments can be booked via the chaplaincy website. Every semester, silent retreats are organised by the chaplaincy. They are open to everyone and can be booked via the website. The chaplaincy also has a choir where anyone can join. Their offices are in the Natural Sciences Building.

Ställverket

Head of Ställverket, Iver Alexey Zaitzow Mikaelson, talked about the process of preparation needed before pubs and announced the student pub taking place on February 10.



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Next school meeting

The next school meeting on March 6 (1st Wednesday every month).