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School meeting April 5, 2023

Participants: APD 9, TD 6, IxD 4, BFA 10, AFD 0, Staff 14

Agenda

- Reminders & Updates
- Workshop Safety
- Internships
- Other items

Reminders & Updates

Demian Horst talked about the temperature shifts in the building and reassured students that a solution is now imminent. Further information was provided on the sauna and the routines for cleaning the space after use. Ställverket was prompted to take ownership of the issue to make sure that all the appropriate routines are put in place when it comes to cleaning.

Demian Horst also reminded students that when they write on windows, during for example workshops, it is then their responsibility to clean the windows after the session is over. A further reminder was given to students not to consume or move alcohol outside the permitted perimeters during student pubs.

It was reminded that applications are now open (closes May 8) for welcome officer ahead of next semester. The student who gets the job will be reimbursed.

An update was given about the upcoming UID23 | Design Talks & Degree Show. The main graphic theme was revealed to students. Demian Horst also informed that this year company representatives will pay a ticket fee in order for the school to afford the catering during the event. Students were informed that the "talent pool" webpage on the UID23 page will be live in the coming week. Further information on key dates will be given to students in the coming weeks. The UID23 project gallery (with teasers) was also presented for students.

Workshop Safety

A friendly reminder about the workshop rules that apply to everyone was given by Demian Horst, assisted by Lars Byström and Fredrik Holmgren. These rules include:

- Never work alone
- Clean up after use, every day
- Be aware of fire hazards
- Identify your project items and keep them safe
- Talk to a workshop technician if you have any special needs

Each class has a workshop representative. They were all reminded to:

- Watch out for their keys



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- Check that doors are closed
- Constantly remind the rest of the class about the rules

These rules are especially important to adhere to in the coming months, when a lot of people have projects that are crucial to them.

Internships

A brief overview on the internships available to UID students was given by Demian Horst. They traditionally divide into two categories: compulsory (BFA2 or elective 3rd term in IxD and TD) and voluntary (gap year).

Compulsory internships mean that students are enrolled in a course and 'check in' with their programmes remotely along the way. Courses are supported by literature and students are expected to produce some reflective writing during the internship. No confidential information is exchanged with the school.

Voluntary internships require a formal application for interruption of studies, initiated by the student and sent to programme director before the end of the term. UID supports the application by guaranteeing a place back in the programme 1 year later (max).

For non-European students, it is important to note that the Swedish study visa is *revoked* when you apply for an interruption of your studies. That means that you need to re-apply for the visa before you can return to school, something UID will support you with. This process could mean long processing times at the migration office, so it is important to apply for the visa more than 6 months before resuming the studies. The responsibility, lies with the student. During voluntary internships the students are *not enrolled* in a course. Some companies require that a clear link to the school is presented in writing.

Erasmus traineeship program (scholarships that promote professional experience) are available for students doing internships abroad (only Europe). Applications need to be initiated while students are still active and registered in a course, and there are deadlines for how in advance it needs to happen depending on your starting date at the company. These applications are administered by International Office at Umeå University. Information on how to apply can be found here:

<https://www.umu.se/en/student/study-abroad/traineeship-abroad/>.

Other items

Giuliano Garonzi informed students that they all have free access to Umeå FC's football games for the rest of the season.

Next school meeting

The next school meeting will happen on May 3 (1st Wednesday every month).