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School meeting August 30, 2023

Participants in the Project Studio: APD 19, TD 15, IxD 22, BFA 36, AFD 8, Staff 6

Agenda

- Staying in the loop at UID
- Taking care of each other
- Transparency & student influence
- Student Health Services

Staying in the loop at UID

Head of Institute Demian Horst gave an account of the various communication channels for student to keep themselves informed and updated.

They are as follows:

- Welcome Screens
- Canvas
- Emails
- Teams (UID Staff and Students)
 - .../General
 - .../Opportunities (for students)
- Monthly School Meeting (also on ZOOM)
- Weekly WOZZOP live (Mondays @ 10.15 in the Atrium + ZOOM)
- Alumni Group on LinkedIn (search for 'Umeå Institute of Design Alumni')

Taking care of each other

An update was given on the situation regarding Covid-19 and flu season and certain recommendations were presented on how students and staff can help reduce the risk of infection. The general rule is if you feel symptoms, you are required to stay at home.

Demian Horst also presented some of the policies UID hold on equal opportunities, detailing that at UID "We have zero tolerance for harassment or discrimination".

It was further underlined that UID is an alcohol-free and drug-free environment.

Transparency & student influence

An outline was given over the overall collaborative organisation at UID, underlining the ways that students can help influence the decision-making process. Student representation is covered in the following councils and working groups at UID:

- Programme Council(s)
- Education Council



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- Environment, Health & Safety (EHS) Group (via Student Work Environment and Student Equal Opportunities representatives)
- Local Cooperation Group
- Decision Meeting

The student representatives take part in these formal preparatory bodies to help develop the school, and to contribute with the students' perspectives. The student representatives do not only represent themselves or their respective classes, but all students at UID.

Other student initiatives include:

Ställverket, UID's student organization affiliated to NTK, which is the student union for those who study at the faculty of science and technology at Umeå University. With the support from Ställverket, student representatives are elected for the different councils and working groups at UID. Ställverket is religiously neutral and politically free. Mika Sinclair, representative from Ställverket, talked about the organisation of the student kitchen, including the programme-specific new kettles.

The UID Climate Group introduced themselves via representative Zeo Löwenhielm. The Climate Group is a student-founded and student-driven initiative creating and sharing resources such as hosting guest lectures, workshops, as well as proposing changes to the school's educational plan to help inspire students and staff to think and create sustainable design. UID Climate Group is also behind the Golden Seed Award, which moderates and together with sponsors distributes an award for degree projects with a high level of implemented sustainability thinking.

Niklas Andersson informed about this semester's edition of 'Health on Campus' (September 13), including a selection of activities that all staff and student are able to sign up for.

Student Health Services

A representative 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.

Next school meeting

The next school meeting will happen on October 4 (1st Wednesday every month).