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School meeting March 1, 2023

Participants: APD 5, TD 4, IxD 4, BFA 14, AFD 9, Staff 9

Agenda

- Reminders & Updates
- AI policy
- Other items

Reminders & Updates

Demian Horst asked all attendees to help monitor the lights at school when leaving at night, making sure that they are switched off.

Demian also reminded students about the routines for setting up the talent pool ahead of UID23 which has been put in place to make student portfolios available to the attending external collaborators. A reminder was made that all students can participate in the talent pool.

An update was given about the future of the student kitchen. The upcoming changes, including refurbishment, will be headed by central actors at Umeå University. An upcoming session will be planned where students will be able to workshop future changes together with the appointed architect.

Giuliano Garonzi spoke about updates in the photo studio where a reorganization of the space is imminent. Students were asked to contact Giuliano when needing to use the room or require any equipment related to photo or film activities.

Demian Horst reminded students that Fredrik Holmgren is the main contact in the workshop now that David Risberg is on parental leave.

Demian Horst offered a reminder for new students about the basic routines, guidelines, studio culture and communal spirit at UID and the multiple ways of how we can create a supportive and respectful environment.

A final reminder was given that UID is a smoke free environment, and that includes the spaces outside the main entrance.

AI Policy

Oscar Björk talked about the recent developments in AI and the tools that have come along with it. AI services mentioned as examples were chat GPT, midjourney, beatoven.ai, and descript.

Oscar Björk presented the newly formulated UID policy regarding the use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) tools which is based on the principles of experimentation, critical engagement, transparency, and responsibility.

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A discussion followed where students voiced their curiosities and concerns on how the use of AI could influence their studies and how their work may be evaluated. Oscar Björk stressed that there are still a lot of unknowns, but a general rule for students to follow might be that AI could be used as part of the design process rather than offering direct results or solutions.

Other items

Adrian Löwander stressed the importance of attending school meetings, urging participants to remind fellow students to do so going forward. Demian Horst reminded students that the school meetings are a forum where any and all items can be raised, and students are urged to initiate conversations going forward.

Next school meeting

The next school meeting will happen on April 5 (1st Wednesday every month).