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School meeting March 6, 2024

Participants in the Project Studio: APD 9, TD 8, lxD 8, BFA 6, AFD 2, Staff 13

Agenda

- Updates
- UID24 | Design Talks & Degree Show
- Taking care of each other
- Work Environment
- Ställverket
- Other items

Updates

Head of Institute, Demian Horst offered an update on the renovation of the student kitchen. The new kitchen will provide a central kitchen island, a social area, improved lighting, industrial grade equipment and a generally updated infrastructure. The construction will commence during the first week of June and shall extend until early September.

UID24 | Design Talks & Degree Show

Demian Horst notified students on the launch of the website for UID24 | Design Talks & Degree Show, taking place on May 28-29, 2024. The new theme, synergy, was revealed along with the graphics developed by Giuliano Garonzi. Demian Horst gave a tour of the UID24 website, including the landing page, the project gallery, sign up, live stream and public exhibition. This week (on March 5th), the first invites were sent out and students were also encouraged to reach out with invitations to their respective strategic partners. It was informed that company presentations are back this year and that companies will also be able to schedule portfolio interviews with all programme students at UID shortly. Demian confirmed that alumnus Martin Willers (Transparent) and Yoko Sen (Sen Sounds) will be the guest speakers for UID24. A quick run-through of the programme leading up to the event was given, including details about the setting up of the graduation dinner and party, which is organised by students.

Zeo Löwenhielm, representative from the UID Climate Group, talked about this year's Golden Seed Award which once again is planned to be presented during the event. He asked fellow students to step in and take ownership of the process of arranging the Golden Seed Award, including contacting experts and sponsors.

Key dates & times

- Design Talks & Degree Show: May 28-29
- Graduation Ceremony: May 30
- Graduation Dinner & Party: May 30
 - 18.00 – Degree Dinner (BFA1)
 - 20.00 – Degree Party (MFA1)
- Public Exhibition: June 1

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UID24 Programme

Day 1:

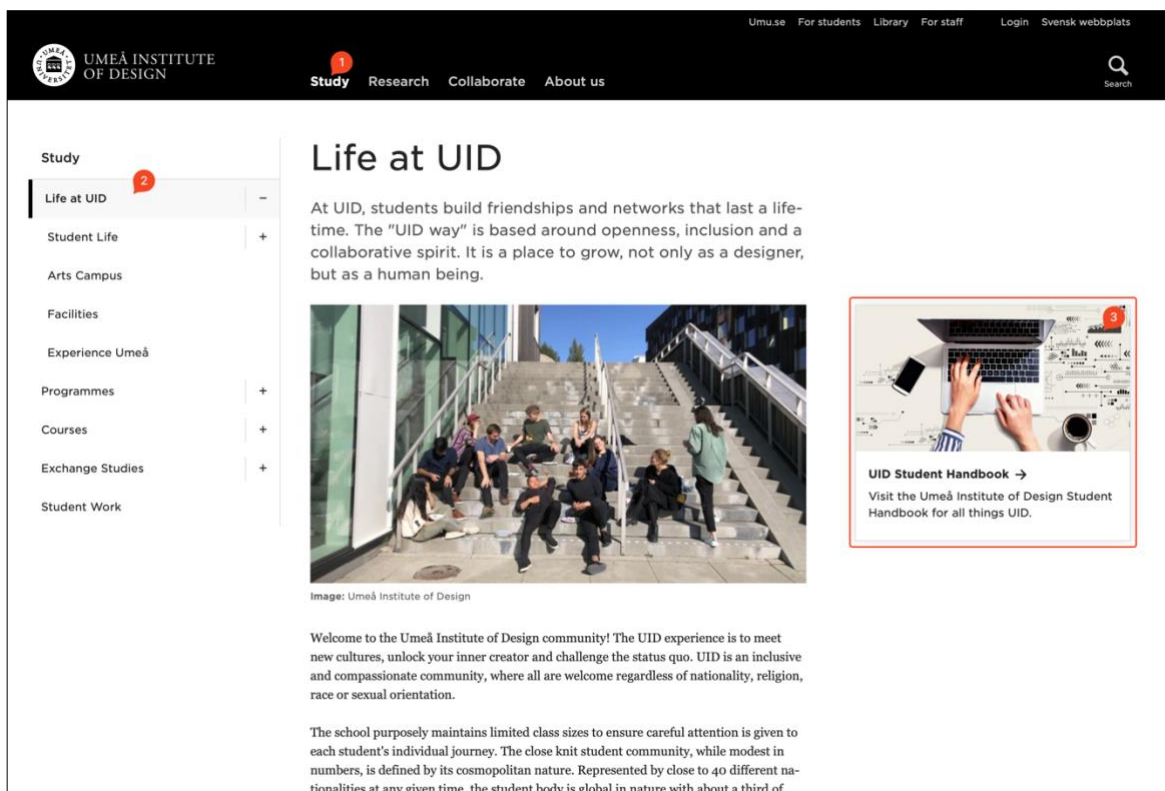
- Portfolio Interviews (morning)
- Degree Pitches (afternoon)
- Exhibition Opening (evening)

Day 2:

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

Taking care of each other

Demian Horst updated students on where to find the UID Student Handbook on the UID website and asked them to continually offer feedback on the content. A brief overview of the basic structure of the information compiled in the UID Student Handbook was provided.



The screenshot shows the UID website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for 'Umu.se', 'For students', 'Library', 'For staff', 'Login', and 'Svensk webbplats'. Below this is a secondary navigation bar with 'Study', 'Research', 'Collaborate', and 'About us'. The main content area is titled 'Life at UID' and includes a paragraph: 'At UID, students build friendships and networks that last a lifetime. The "UID way" is based around openness, inclusion and a collaborative spirit. It is a place to grow, not only as a designer, but as a human being.' Below the text is a photo of students sitting on a set of stairs. To the right of the photo is a call to action: 'UID Student Handbook → Visit the Umeå Institute of Design Student Handbook for all things UID.' The left sidebar contains a menu with items like 'Life at UID', 'Student Life', 'Arts Campus', 'Facilities', 'Experience Umeå', 'Programmes', 'Courses', 'Exchange Studies', and 'Student Work'.

Oscar Björk talked about the general rules and recommendations for using the sauna. Of late, there has been a lack in maintaining basic levels of hygiene and cleaning. As of now, the cleaning staff will no longer clean the space and the responsibility will now fall entirely on students.



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Demian Horst urged students to reflect on how we take care of the 4D Labs (maker spaces). Lars Byström asked students to mark their work if they leave it to go elsewhere and that working projects should only be left in the joint workshop areas for a maximum of a couple of days. Demian reminded students that this is a matter of respect for each other and the shared spaces that we all need to perform our studies and tasks. This becomes especially important in combination to the graduation projects in the Spring.

Work Environment

Demian Horst asked students about the student-initiated survey that was recently conducted and urged students to share the content as feedback for staff on areas that may be improved within the school.

The petition to bring Student Health Services closer to the Arts Campus was discussed. Students informed that there will be a formal communication with Student Health Services now that the petition is finalised.

Ställverket

Head of Ställverket, Iver Alexey Zaitzow Mikaelsen, talked about the cleaning of shared spaces throughout the school and that we are all responsible for keeping track of cleaning equipment. He also asked students to reach out if they are interested in arranging the grad party. He further advised fellow students to register interest in joining Ställverket for the next study year.

The issue of stress amongst students was raised and they were all encouraged to help each other decompress and take a break and to keep an eye out for fellow classmates who might be carrying an unsustainable workload.

Other

The Wozzop Magazine team talked about how other students can take up the baton for producing the magazine now and in the future.

It was also announced that a student pub will be arranged by BFA on March 8.

Next school meeting

The next school meeting on April 3 (1st Wednesday every month).