

Minutes of SAPU meeting – May 12th, 2021

Meeting time (CET): 06.00pm

Place: Zoom

Present: Elias Strand, Manon de Vries, Loraine Vlasblom, Jake Hunter Ference, Margarita Lavrentjeva, Emma Lyshaug, Dialyn Thelen, Magnus Olav Nyaas Ravnå, Regine Løche, Vegard Ramstad Johannessen, Caroline Ruyter

Agenda

1. Approval of notice and minute of meetings

Approved

2. Report from all positions

2.1 Financial responsible

Nothing new to report since the last meeting. Will look into applying for more money from the institute or SVSU for money for the pamphlets, among other things.

2.2 Communication responsible

Nothing to report from any of the communication responsible from the BA.

Communication responsible from the MA reports of there still being a lack of information about the printing of the thesis etc. There is also still confusion about when they must defend the thesis etc.

2.3 Communication Responsible for International Students

Have been answering questions that have come from newly accepted international students. Nothing more to report. Comment that when answering questions it would be nice to include the SAPU name.

2.4 Program Council representatives

MA will take up the case from the last meeting at the next Program Council meeting, but that meetings isn't until 17th of August, so the case isn't written fully out yet.

2.5 Department Board representatives

MA – not a lot happened in the last Department Board meeting. They discussed a lot of PhD related stuff. Not much worth mentioning in SAPU.

2.6 SVSU representative

Not present. Magnus was at the meeting and can report:

- SVSU discussed the booking policy of their own office.
- SVSU still have money that PU (programutvalg (student councils)) can apply for.

Comment from Elias: If someone has any projects they want to arrange – any ideas etc – they can tell us (president/VP/financial responsible) and we can apply for money.

2.7 Study activity responsible

The '40 group' seminar was a success. Received good feedback from first year students. 'How to write bachelor essay' seminar will be May 31st at 1 o'clock.

2.8 SoMe

Several people from SAF and SAPU have done successful takeovers on Instastory. Master students that are in their fieldwork have been asked if they can do a takeover. Would be interesting.

Promoting SoMe – SAF are thinking about setting off money for promoting the SoMe accounts next semester. Idea about promoting events instead of the SoMe pages.

2.9 SAF

Exam lunches that have gone well. SAF are making a handbook as well. They need a new leader for next semester and will maybe already post information about this before next semester. Comment from Elias – SAF should already start head hunting for a new leader and go to them (new potential leaders) instead of waiting for them to come to SAF.

3. SAPU handbook and information pamphlet

A Google Docs will be created where the descriptions for the SAPU handbook can be written. Link to this Google Docs will be posted in the FB chat and group. The descriptions can be in either Norwegian or English – for the handbook will be made in both languages.

The descriptions will also most likely be edited, so your final 'product' can differ from what will be put in the handbook.

Specification for the Com. Resp. texts: Communication responsible for BA and MA can work together on one description. Communication responsible for international students can work together on one description.

4. Discussion cases from Kenneth Bo Nielsen and Sarah Frost Logan (Information about these cases are posted in the SAPU FB group (in Norwegian))

Canvas discussion – not actively used by students on master. Seldomly used as communication platform – only used if put in a group on canvas and one of them doesn't have Facebook so they don't move there. Chat with professors is sometimes used, but not with other students. Canvas is quite formal, so students don't use it other than for information etc. It's seen as a platform for communication from professor to student and not among students.

5. Make a case out of removing the possibility of exam deadline 18th of May (because of 17th of May)

Positive response to making a case out of this and take it further.

Comment that maybe other red days could be included as well.

Department Board and program Council could take it up. There will be sent a mail to Kenneth for information about where to take it up. This case will therefore be taken up again later.

6. Any other matters

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VP and secretary SAPU

Manon de Vries