

UID School Meeting – March 2016

Participants: 3 BFA, 15 APD, 5 IxD, 0 TD, 10 IDI, 0 SSC, 2 PhD students, 18 staff

Degree project information

Final submission date for thesis report for all MFA programs at UID is the last day of the thesis course, week 22, Friday 3rd of June. Paper copy or PDF is up to each program responsible and stated in the course plan. The examiner will not be able to assess students who haven't handed in their report, which will result in a "fail" grade. If fail, the student will have the chance to complete the thesis, but this will result in delays for the student which might affect employment situation (since you need all courses passed to apply for your degree), and in some cases also visa procedures.

Sponsorship from UID will be discussed today at Education council. Students who have not been able to get any other sponsor, can apply for a small contribution to cover for costs related to required deliverables in the degree project course: poster, ev. printed thesis copy, etc. Application form will be published on UID:s webpage. Also notice more details on the deadline, in April, for application that will be posted online.

International exchange & internship information

If you wish to go for *exchange studies* to another university, the first step is to be nominated by UID for studies at that university, after that you can apply. The exchange school needs to have an agreement with UID or Umeå University. A list of our local is found on the UID web, and central agreements (f.ex. with Humber, Canada) is found on the central UmU web. Schools who are part of Erasmus program don't charge a tuition fee for exchange students. Last day to apply is generally during April, with different dates for different schools so you need to check each school's deadlines.

Find more information on UID:s webpage:

<http://uid.umu.se/en/education/exchange-studies>

Places for *incoming* exchange students 2016:

BFA 2

IDI 2

TD 2

IxD 0

APD 0

Questions can be sent to:

Uid.exchange@umu.se

For students planning to go on *internship* next study year: remember to apply

for leave from studies, latest by 15th of April for fall semester (October 15 for spring semester). There are forms for applying on the UID webpage. The decision of a guaranteed spot for returning to studies after leave will be more restricted, due to the number of students in the master programs. Find more information on this on the UID web: <http://uid.umu.se/en/for-our-students/student-handbook/>

Fire drill feedback

UID had the yearly fire drill a couple of weeks ago. The fire department is very satisfied with the result: Under four minutes to evacuate the whole building. Remember to always use the nearest exit – and use the green emergency handles! – even during a fire drill. If a fire extinguisher is used please tell Patrik – since we need to know if there has been a fire in the premises.

Work environment and security

Last school meeting the question with an unfriendly *guards* was raised. Head of security at Umeå University was informed. This guard is not working at UID anymore. Head of security is going to explain for the new security company about the working situation (and times) at UID. It is fine for students to be in the building at any time (even after a pub). But after the pub the pub area needs to be empty. People who aren't students at UID (for example shorter visits) can be in the building after office time but always needs to be with a current UID student. If UID has a visitor for a longer time, talk to Maria.

There are now *paper recycling bins* in the studios, please use them. Garbage will be too heavy for cleaning staff if you throw paper and bottles in ordinary bins.

Sysaid is now up and running in the labs. Icon on the desktop will take you to the webpage (automatically logged in via Cas-id). Please report anything not working or in need of fixing in Sysaid!

Feel free to arrange furniture etc. in the school but remember to *put it back as it was*. If you disconnect cables to the computers, please put them back. Do not store files on the lab computers, they might be deleted when upgrading the computer. Remember to use back-up.

Work environment round is coming up. Psychosocial work environment is focus this time: There will be forms to fill in for both staff and students.

A *Program council* will be installed during the spring, which is mandatory for all educations at UmU. This means that Education council will be discontinued, as much of these issues will be handled by the program council. This is also part of

a process of mapping and clarifying decision processes at UID. It should be very transparent where we discuss, prepare, propose and decide on important issues, since UID is a participatory democracy. When the decision processes are mapped and revised, work will start with establishing more transparent and clear formats for where development issues and visions will be discussed and handled.

Upcoming dissertation defenses

Two PhD-defenses coming up; Tara Mullaney March 15th and Lorenzo Davoli April 7th. In the morning of those days, there will be talks and symposia with the invited opponents and committees, so do make place in your calendar/schedules for this!

UID'16 information

All graduating students will soon be called to a meeting about the event. Keynote speakers have not yet been decided. Suggestions can be sent to Demian. UID'16 webpage is under construction. The event will take place June 2nd and 3rd. Invites will be sent as soon as graphic program is set.

Other issues

Discussion about the ventilation in the master studio. Ventilation for the whole building is constantly being discussed with the landlord and they are investigating it. Please keep reporting which kind of problems occur, during what times, and this will be forwarded to the landlord.

There has been some incidents with Hansson & Hammar about having lunch in take away boxes in their restaurant. Some students feels harassed. If you feel harassed this should be reported to the equal access group. Students will organize a meeting with Hansson & Hammar to discuss the situation.

Forks and plates are missing in the student kitchen. Suggestions for how to procure more forks, including a fork funding pub? Also: Feel free to take cups from the boxes outside the staff kitchen.

Next School Meeting: April 6 at 13.00 in the Auditorium.

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