



MÄLARDALENS
— **STUDENTKÅR** —

Protocol of Council Spring meeting

2023-05-25

Spring Meeting 2022/2023

Date: 2023-05-25

Time: 16:15

Location: Union House G6, Västerås

Attending

Abay Kubilay	Linnea Boman	Jiranan Khamphai +8
Sebastian Thorildsson	Jasmine Pedersen	Lova Libert
Jonas Sjöström +1	Shervin Pirani	Enkhlun Enkhmandakh
Rebecca Pada + 3	Malin Ahlqvist	Ahmad Alsaideen +2
Malin Sundmark	Hanna Nicander	Khaled Obeidal
Adam Nyberg	Hanna Prokopova	Josefin Bengtsson +9
Adrian Swande	Andrea Haglund	Gladwin Samuel +1
Isac Eriksson	Mohammed Ali +2	Fredrik Nygårds +2
Sebastian Frank	Amro Alkalib +3	
Sofia Rosengren Borg +2	Ida Hultman	Ebba Norlin
Sebastian Grundell	Laila Alias	Majid Azizi
William Borglund	Nurfer Aslan	


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Power of attorney (fullmakter)

Power of attorney given to (fullmaktstagare):	Power of attorney given by (fullmaktsggivare):
Jonas Sjöström	Johan Sandred
Rebecca Pada	Jesper Seiler, Kim Hultgren, Nathalie Nyström Sandin
Sofia Rosengren Borg	Ebba Persson, Clara Frank
Mohammed Ali	Hasan Kafa, Hadi Alsehnawi
Amro Altalib	Rebecka Palfelt, Kreshnik Margariury, Vishanthri Lakmani, Keshani Nawarathq,
Jiranan Khamphai	Svante Eklöf, Emilia Azima Norberg, Miranda Kleringer, Tommie Hultgren, Elias Nyckel Sjögren, Jennifer Visaj, Matilda Nilsson, Guuryeon Yeon
Ahmad Al-saideen	Nadine Hennawi, Omar Abu essa
Josefin Bengtsson	Primus Lundin, Cornelia Grudd, Emelie Litzén, Lisa Haneskog, Marcus Rytting Kaneryd, Erika Johansson, Isac Eriksson, Casper Schöllin, Valentina Vargar,
Gladwin Samuel	
Fredrik Nygårds	Gustav Kånåhols



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1 Formalities

1.1 The opening of the meeting

Meeting opened at: 16:31.

1.2 Determination of the vote list

Because of differing opinions on how a proxy should be given/received all present needed to vote for if all proxies at the meeting should be allowed. Pictures of proxies are to be emailed to Ebba Norlin's email and all other proxies is to be handed in to the counters.

Everyone in the room agreed that is how all proxies should work and all given proxies for the meeting are valid. If the given proxy is a photo with signature, full name, and purpose of the signature it will be accepted.

After the voting of how the proxies is handled, Cecilia the inspector told everyone how the voting will work. Everyone will get a post-it-note to write the name of the person they vote for and then given to the counters. For everyone with proxies another post-it for each valid proxy will be given.

Post-it notes are used for closed votes. Votes for election of a post and regarding a person are closed and votes for smaller matters are open.

Number of valid votes with proxies: 62.

Invigilators have no right to vote and Ebba Norlin and Majid Azizi from KFUM abstain from voting in all matters.

1.3 Election of meeting presidency

Majid Azizi was elected.

1.4 Election of secretary of the meeting

Ebba Norlin was elected.

1.5 Election of adjusters and tellers of the meeting

Tellers: Malin Ahlqvist and Nurfer Aslan.

Adjusters: Malin Ahlqvist and Nurfer Aslan.

1.6 Adjunction

The attendees agreed to let Amanda Flores attend the meeting. Amanda Flores has no voting rights, but the right to voice opinions since she was allowed to attend the meeting.

Amanda talks about how a student union works and the purpose of a student union. A summary of the information she told at the meeting:

A student union is regulated by Swedish law. Any student group can apply to become a student union, and they get their student union status through approval of their application sent to the university. There are criteria for the status, for example the union needs to represent all students at the university no

matter if they are a member or not, the union can be in a certain area - so for Mälardalen's student Union it is Eskilstuna and Västerås. Högskolelagen states that the union is supposed to work for students' influence, like a workers' union (*fackförbund*). The main purpose is to make sure the university has a high quality of education and other matters like equality and fair treatment for every student. The status is given for 3 years and then needs to be applied for again when the three years are up. The University or the state can take the status away at any time if the union doesn't work for students like it should. The annual rapport about the work the union does needs to be reviewed and considered valid for the union to be able to receive financial aid from the university and government. Most of the time a student union does not lose its student union status, but at Mälardalen University it was about to become a reality. Mälardalen's Student Union was close to losing their status after the pandemic; however, this year's board has done a great job to keep it. Amanda is happy about this because she sees the work put into the union by this year's board members.

Question from attendee: Can there be an unofficial union?

Answer from Amanda: No. You need the status from the university, regulated by law. You could become a student group or association but not a student union without the status.

Everyone agrees that the information was clear and good for everyone to hear. Amanda leaves the meeting since she has no reason to stay.

1.7 Matter of the statutory announcement of the meeting

It was agreed that the meeting has been announced correctly. Majid Azizi (president of the Council) announced and apologized for the confusion and wrongful information about the meeting. A question during the meeting was if people not signed up for the meeting could attend without signing up. Unfortunately, the information was given that everyone could join the meeting without signing up beforehand but could not expect that fika could be provided. However, in the by-law it is stated that those who wish to attend a council meeting need to be signed up 10 days before the meeting. Therefore, the situation needs to be voted about.

1.7.1 Suggestion to vote for

Question that needs a vote: Is everyone allowed to attend, not just the people signing up 10 days before the meeting?

Decision: Everyone agrees that it was an honest mistake, and everyone attending the meeting is allowed to vote.

Second question for voting: The information about applicants for vice chairman and chairman of the board was announced too late but everyone at the meeting had been able to read them through if they watched the website.

1.7.2 Vote

Decision: All applications are valid, and everyone will be able to get the information they need to vote.


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1.8 Declaration of other matters

No other matters were declared.

1.9 Approval of the agenda

The agenda was approved.

1.10 Previous meeting protocol

The previous meeting protocol had not been published yet, so this point was tabled.

1.11 Amendment to the Bylaws from the previous meeting

The previous council meeting made many amendments to the by-law, and the major changes were presented and approved by this meeting.

2 Errands

2.1 Election of the Mälardalens student union Board's presidency 2023/2024

Candidates have one minute to present their case, and answer questions after that one minute.

2.1.1 Presentation of chairman candidate Lova Libert

Lova Libert starts: Have worked as student influence manager at the Union for the last year. She has been working on improving documentation and the structure of her position. Lova has, with Ida Hultgren, created SIEC, which is a group with all student representatives to have a workgroup to improve the student influence at MDU. SIEC is arranged once a month, she will help to develop SIEC for next year. At the union it's a big word of bureaucracy, a lot of rules and lost documentation has made the work difficult. Lova wants to stay and keep the project going as well as implement a structure in the Union.

Question 1: what type of previous experience do you have?

Answer: Experience as a teacher and worked with both adults and kids. She has also worked with foster homes and social services. She has also done a lot of official speaking and knowledge of the work that needs to be put into the union.

Question 2: How do you want to implement the student influence?

Answer: Have a contact document with student information. Use the student input via example. google form. The plan is to reach out to all students at MDU so every opinion matters. She will work on getting valid and quantitative input in all issues.

Question 3: Aside from student influence, what more areas do you want to influence?

Answer: start collaborations with the associations, companies of Västerås and with the university. Also choose what to do, find the critical points and work from there. Also work on clarifying the documentation and work of the union. The past year the structure in the union for the board as well as area-managers have had issues with documents and deals disappearing from lost knowledge and documentations. Since she has worked as a teacher, she sees that she will be able to help with ideas and implement fair treatment in the workgroup.

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2.1.2 Presentation of chairman candidate Laila Alias

Laila Alias starts: Applies to be chairman, she feels like she has been painted wrong. MDSU's work is not functioning, chairman and vice chairman have not been working, she wants to work to improve the work environment, so everyone wants to come to work. She feels there has been discrimination and unfair treatment in the group at the union.

Question 1: What else will you do for the student influence?

Answer: Work with the students. Listen to them.

Question 2: Student influence is important. Do you have any concrete suggestions with what to work with during the year?

Answer: It's what the word influence means, you need to work with everything, approve communication and the working environment is bad.

Question 3: Will your focus be working environment?

Answer: No, to work better with student influence it needs to change in the workgroup. Have a working group to make sure everyone is alright. To care for all employees.

She wants to improve the climate at the office to be able to have a better working group to work better with other areas. Team Building and so on.

Other applicants for the chairman position were not present, it was possible to read their applications via the link in the invitation. No one present at the meeting knew them and therefore those applicants could not be presented.

Voting for chairman held with a closed vote.

2.1.3 Suggestion for vote

Voting between Lova Libert and Laila Alias

2.1.4 Voting outcome

Voting: the voting decided to elect Lova Libert as the new chairman of the board.

Election of vice chairman

Vice Chairman: suggestion from election committee for vice chairman is Andrea Haglund.

2.1.5 Presentation of vice chairman candidate Andrea Haglund

Andrea Haglund presenting herself: Has worked as acting vice chairman 50% since the start of April. Working a lot with the structure. She wants the work at the union to go more smoothly and has been working with digital calendars and drives to save important documents as well as get better structure. If she gets elected, she wants 50% of the time since she studies full time and doesn't know how much she will have time for. She guarantees she will work 50% but will try to do it the whole 100% but can't ensure her accessibility. She wants to improve her work at the union. Make everyone work together, to

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communicate, channels for communication to work easily and properly. The cities want students and make them stay in the city; therefore, the union gets the student influence to like their own education to make them stay longer. A lot of people go from high school to university. They are used to getting help, university is more individual work, but you have more power to influence how you want your education to be.

Question 1: what has she done for the Union?

Answer: She has been acting vice chairman for two months, but she has been active and doing a lot of charity work for the union for a long time. She has done a lot more than what has been asked of her. She has done a lot of work with documents, the by-law, and structure.

2.1.6 Presentation of vice chairman candidate Shervin Pirani

On the spot application. Shervin Pirani asks if it is possible to apply to the vice chairman position on the spot. He presents himself: Active in the Mälekon association, been active vice chairman and therefore is aware of the issues within the union. He wants to help the union get better and achieve better contacts with students as well as local companies in Västerås and Eskilstuna. Previous experience: He has been a board member at 'lokala hjälpen', to get the committee approved in Västerås. Also established contact and cooperation between 'lokala hjälpen' and MDU.

He wants to make forums, listen to all students, like a big table with all opinions and good conversations. He wants to maintain good communication with the university and make sure more companies want to work with the student union.

Question 1: How do you want student influence to work?

Answer: I think the important need is for students connected with companies, to get students to feel the education is leading to a company in Västerås, to make them stay in the city. Then they want to make sure the education is perfect. Students need the university to be more interested in their education and their opinions, and work with the connection with the university. More collaboration, fulfil needs with local companies. Making Västerås better for students. For student life, better happier more events, not just pub nights, gathering more.

Question 2: What about Eskilstuna?

Answer: He has not seen the union house but wants to have the same goals as for Västerås.

Student influence towards the university, get more students involved together in activities, brainstorming events, student collaborating, improve and ensure communication working, besides form events.

Question 3: How will you handle conflicts?

Answer: Approach the conflict being Switzerland, neutral. Start with listening to both sides, see both problems. Listening and finally coming to a point where everyone is happy.

There were no more on-the-spot applications.

2.1.7 Suggestion for vote

After Shervin Pirani has made his presentation Andrea Haglund revokes her application with the quote "You're awesome dude".

Andrea still wants to be active in the union but does not need the vice chairman position to do so.

2.1.8 Voting outcome

Voting: No need for closed voting. A unanimous vote for Shervin Pirani to be elected vice chairman.

Break

Break for 10 minutes. Votes will be safe with Cecilia until the vote ballots are not needed.

During the break, people left the meeting who lived in Eskilstuna needed to leave for the last bus.

Attendees who left during break:

Ahmad Al-saideen
Khaled Obeidal
Josefin Bengtsson
Gladwin Samuel
Hanna Prokopova
William Borglund
Laila Alias
Amro Altalib
Mohammed Ali

The meeting started back up at 18:15 with the voting list updated to 38 votes in total.

2.2 Election of the Council's presidency 2023/2024

Council in Swedish here is Kårfullmäktige.

Andrea Haglund, Rebecca Pada and Malin Sundmark apply on the spot.

All 38 votes for them to be elected.

2.3 Election of Mälardalen's student union board members 2023/2024

Five members need to be elected. Andrea Haglund talks about the role of sitting on the board. Meetings are held twice a month, about 2 hours each. Chairman and vice chairman do basically all the work. The meeting is very simple. Good to have a diverse amount of people with different opinions.

Fredrik Nygårds, Majid Azizi, Jonas Sjöström, Sebastian Grundell and Adrian Swande all apply on the spot.

Open voting, all candidates were voted in for the new board.



2.4 Election of Inspector for 2023-2026

Cecilia Lindh is suggested. Been an inspector for a long time and does a good job.

Everyone votes in agreement to elect Cecilia Lindh as inspector.

2.5 Election of auditor for 2023/2024

Daniel Schön has been MDSU's auditor for a couple of years, suggesting keeping him for another year.

Everyone votes in agreement to elect Daniel Schön as auditor.

2.6 Members fee

Regarding, no suggestion on changing it, keep the fee. No votes against the decision.

2.7 The Board reports

When Enkhluun Enkhmandakh joined MDSU, she started immediately working towards student union status for MDSU. Acting vice chairman, and then vice chairman. If MDU fails, the student influence criteria students won't be able to graduate. Therefore, student influence is so important. Everyone can be more involved and especially as a student representative.

Half of the student representative spots are filled. Better than previous years but still need to get all the other spots filled.

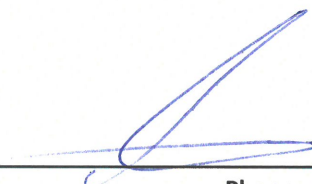
In the future to improve the work at the union it needs to have documentation and good communication between MDU and the union. For example, how many student representatives MDU needs. MDU and MDSU are trying their best now, but it is a long way to go. During the upcoming year the union will try to increase sold memberships. The goal is nearly 50% of all students at MDU, compared to the largest student union in Sweden which has 20% of students. At the moment MDU has 15% of all students at MDU.

Study environment has done surveys on the student apartments, campus environment and so far, it has been successful.

MDU has Martin Hersén who is coordinator for student environment.

The focus this year is the student environment. Improving communication between students and information between the university, MDSU as well as students.

SFS (*Swedish National Union of Students (Sveriges Förenade Studentkårer)*) yearly council meeting was hosted at Eskilstuna campus, worked really well, biggest achievement of the year.



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2.8 Operational Plan – verksamhetsplan

Nurfer Aslan needed to leave during this part.

This year's focus will be on making students understand the power they have over their study environment. Therefore, making more students want to be active. Right now, that plan needs to be better planned and visualized.

The purpose of this year is to get student influence to be better. In the faculty area - better work environment and make goals for all board members and workers.

Need to work on the structure inside the union and try to get a lot of new members, members are the power. Work together with the council presidium, the election committee, the doctoral council as well as internally with the area managers, SIEC representatives and LF. Better collaboration all around.

The vision for this year is to collaborate with the student associations as well as the line associations. Work together as a whole instead of against each other.

Internal goals of the year are that the union needs clear guides, so all information is saved. Everyone needs a clear vision of the work and handover of the job. Having clear strategies for employees' health, mental and physical. Have a work plan to relieve stress and solve conflicts. Stress overload and better work hours. Making sure not everyone is working on everything at the same time.

Team building - lacking after covid and needs to get back into focus. Having once a month activity, dinners, lunch, a walk, etc. For example, have weekly meetings every Friday and then have lunch after.

Because the meeting took a lot of time, the decision for approval of the operational plan is to be postponed to an extra meeting to be held before the summer starts.

2.9 Financial Plan

Just a short summary that the financial plan is not quite ready and was just mentioned at the meeting. The suggestion on how G6 and J3 are going to be run and the agreements for the pubs are not done. So, the financial plan needs to wait until the next meeting. But right now, there is around 4 million in contributions from the government. The rest of the income comes from membership sales, Högvarv and tickets to events. Still no profit but better than the previous years. Leaving room for some improvements.

The rents are not done, more an approximation for J3. In G6 the union will share internet with MDF through an IT agreement.

All other information will be given at the next meeting.

3 Interpellations

No interpellations.

4 Motions

No motions.

5 Propositions

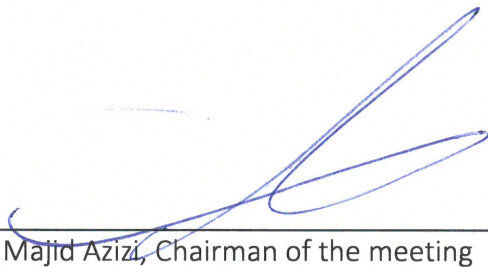
No propositions.

6 Other matters

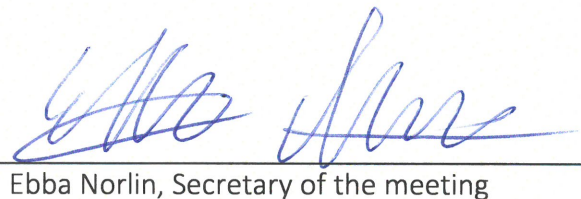
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7 Closing of the meeting

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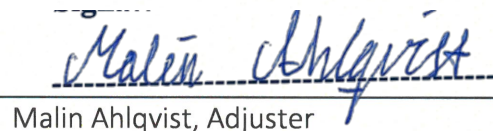


Majid Azizi, Chairman of the meeting



Ebba Norlin, Secretary of the meeting

Nurfer Aslan, Adjuster



Malin Ahlqvist, Adjuster