UID School Meeting – November 2013

Participants: 10 staff, 12 BFA, 4 APD, 13 IxD, 4 TD, 10 IDI, 0 PhD students, 0 SSC

Ställverket
The library is organizing lectures. This week Maxime Dubreucq held a lecture and in December Kallirori Pouliadou will hold a lecture. Anyone interested in giving lectures next semester? Please contact lenita.brodin.berggren@ub.umu.se. (Note: you get paid!) Remember: Come and use the library!

The Halloween party was very successful. Students will discuss how to use the money earned at the next Ställverket meeting.

Ställverket will organize Swedish fika for practicing Swedish. Jenni Toriseva will email about this. Swedish speakers are especially welcome to contribute to the language training!

The Brita-Stina Nordenstedt donation
Umeå University announces Brita-Stina Nordensteds scholarship for 2013. The purpose of the scholarship is to promote interdisciplinary cooperation between two or three of the following: Department of Food and Nutrition, Umeå Institute of Design and Umeå Institute of Technology in the area of functional living, working environment, meals, design and architecture in private and public settings. The funds can be used for student theses, projects, competitions, travel or attendance at conferences and symposia. See the link for more information and application forms.

Deadline: November 30, 2013 by midnight (please submit digitally if you can!).

http://www.uid.umu.se/en/for-our-students/resources-and-links/

Practicalities

*Holiday planning:* Remember to talk to your programme director/course responsible before booking your holiday trips for the study break over Christmas, so that you don’t miss important parts of your courses.

DRS 2014
June 16-19 our design research conference DRS 2014 with participants from all over the world will take place here in Umeå. It is one of the most important conferences in the field and we hope many of you have the possibility of staying in Umeå for the conference.

Volunteers are needed to help out during the conference. As a volunteer you will help with practicalities and make sure the participants leave Umeå with a smile on their face :-) You will also be able to attend parts of the conference. Please talk to our Communications Officer Petra Käck (petra.kack@umu.se) if you want to know more about volunteering!

Evaluation of our educations- UKÄ (The National Agency for Higher Education)
Educations in art and craft will be evaluated this fall at Swedish universities. UKÄ is looking into the degree projects of each school. The degree reports are randomly selected (12 for the BFA, 14 for the MFAs) The process contains of a self evaluation report: one for the BFA and one for Masters. UID will define how we fulfill the national goals for each degree. UKÄ will
do a site visit during Feb/March to interview students and staff. UID also has a student representative, Linus Persson, in the review committee reviewing other design schools. December 18 is the final deadline for the report.

**Wednesday lectures and school meetings**
Remember to attend all the great Wednesday lectures we have at UID!

On the next school meeting the Student health services care will visit us.

**Order and neatness/”ordning och reda”**

**Reminders:**
We all need to share the responsibility in keeping the school neat. Put everything back after use: from a coffee cup that belongs to Hansson & Hammar to workshop tools, from chairs to bigger furniture.

Please, before you move things do talk to someone in the staff to clear that it’s ok!

**Student kitchen**
We have had mice in the student kitchen. Therefore there is no longer a recycling system – discussions are ongoing in the EHS group on how to organize this in the future. Please give any input to the student EHS representatives!

The EHS group (Environment, Heath and Safety) will print out info about what responsibility we all have in regard to the Student kitchen: Ställverket, Cleaning staff and UID staff.

Ideas: Information about health risks, dishwasher instructions, friendly signage, turn off the light if you are the last person in the kitchen, clearer schedule for cleaning responsibilities each week, (right now there is a list for cleaning on Fridays but perhaps the classes could be responsible for a whole week.) The students will look into the fridges and the division between the different classes.

**Workshop material**
The schedule for getting material form the workshop is Monday to Friday between 08.00-09.00. Please plan your material acquisitions, since the workshop technicians often can’t help you during other hours due to teaching and tutoring! Remember that the class workshop representatives also can help with material check-out. Right now some classes don’t have representatives – please bring this up with Lars Isaksson to plan for when these can be trained/appointed.

**The school spirit is really great!** A reminder about that we actually have a great thing going, thanks to students and staff working together – and also a lot thanks to the Friday pubs that create a nice atmosphere!

**Next School Meeting:** December 4 at 13.00

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/Petra Käck, 2013-11-06