

UID School Meeting – December 2013

Participants: 7 staff, 21 BFA, 2 APD, 11 IxD, 2 TD, 1 IDI, 0 PhD students, 0 SSC

New rector

We congratulated Anna Valtonen to her new job as Dean of Aalto University's School of Arts, Design and Architecture in Helsinki, Finland. She begins her new assignment on March 1, 2014.

We are starting the recruitment process for a new rector. It will be a formal recruitment process led by the University's Pro-Vice-Chancellor Anders Fällström. The final decision will be made by the University Vice Chancellor Lena Gustafsson after suggestion given by the recruitment group. Informally, you can suggest names of candidates to Maria and Anna.

More positions available

UID will also announce a professorship in industrial design, a lecturer in interaction design, an assistant professor (research position) and a post-doc stipend (also research).

Happening soon .../For your information

Workshops at Sliperiet: Sliperiet arranges entry-level workshops about laser-cutting. December 7 and December 14.

Sign up by email to guido.hermans@dh.umu.se

Visit from the Vice-Chancellor's offices in Umeå and Linköping:

UID visit on late afternoon December 18. Dialogue about cooperation.

UKÄ: As our (and other design and art educations) BFA and MFA educations are being evaluated, we need to hand in the self-evaluation to UKÄ, the Swedish Higher Education Authority on December 18. Niklas Andersson, Birgitta Nordholm and Monica Lindh are the key persons in this. Linus Persson in IxD2 is the student representative in the national evaluation group and shared some of his impressions of the work so far.

Events during the spring 2014

Week 4: We will arrange activities to celebrate the winter with a nice party at the end of the week. Targeted information will be available in the middle of January.

Swedbank will have their "Economic growth days" conference at Umeå Arts Campus, in Sliperiet, May 21-23.

UID'14 will be arranged June 4 and 5 with the degree ceremony and dinner + party June 6. We will now start to plan for the degree show and the degree exhibition.

The exhibition will be open longer than usual for the public and for the DRS 2014 (closing June 19) participants; to give them a richer experience and learn about UID.

DRS 2014 is one of the world's most important design research conferences and is hosted by UID. It will take place at Umeå Arts Campus June 15-19. App. 300 people are expected. It is a great opportunity for Ställverket to earn money by hosting evening pubs, and meet professionals in the design field. Volunteers will be needed during the conference both for tech support and social events.

Students who would like to volunteer can contact Petra Käck, Communications Officer (petra.kack@umu.se).

Semcon

We will send models to Semcom's exhibition in Gothenburg this year also. Perhaps we can keep the models until the late fall to exhibit during our planned alumni event.

Events during the fall 2014

UID'25: Next year we will prioritize alumni relations. We aim to create an event that is attractive to alumni, most probably in November. We would like to link it to Umeå2014 and connect it to a weekend. We are also looking into the possibility of launching a book with 25 different alumni stories during the event. How everything came to be, a new book about being here.

Order and neatness

Instead of leaving notes on equipment that doesn't work please come and talk to us if there are things we need to fix!

Ställverket ...

are planning for a Christmas dinner Friday December 13. Talk to Jenni Torseva if you can help to cook. The Christmas dinner will be free of charge. Make your own Christmas decorations and we will decorate a Christmas tree together!

Library news

Tell the KC Library that you would like to present on a topic in a open lecture during the spring. Contact lenita.brodin.berggren@ub.umu.se

Thumb up!

The cleaning staff says: *Great development in the student kitchen!*

Student Health Care

The Student Health Service works with health promotion and prevention for students. They have drop in- times for counseling and nurses and are of course available on the phone. You can talk to the Student Health Service about life style issues, sleeping habits, relationships, stress, alcohol and speaking anxiety.

If you get injured it is your local health center that will help you but the Student Health Service can guide you. Remember that if you are European you should bring your European Health Service Card with you.

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Next school meeting: January 8, at 13.00 in the Auditorium

This was the last school meeting of this term. Have a great holiday!

/Petra Käck, 2013-12-04