

UID School Meeting – March 2014

Participants: 5 BFA, 6 APD, 5 IxD, 1 TD, 0 IDI, 0 PhD students, 0 SSC, 10 staff

New staff

Accountant - Chatarina Carlén has started to work 50 % at the Geriatrics department. Ingela Westerlund is working 50 % at UID. Ingela is also working 50 % at the Department of Computing Science. She has the position at UID from March 1.

Workshop/lab support- Lasse Byström has started to work mornings (8.00-12.00) in the workshop as a Technician. He is employed 50% for six months with the possibility of extension.

Stoffel Kuenen. PhD student - is back from his parental leave this week (w.10).

Recruitment processes

Assistant Professor in Industrial Design - Last day to apply for the position as an Assistant Professor in Industrial Design is March 31.

Rector position - Last day to apply is April 7, please help to spread the ad! After April 7 the recruitment group will meet and go through the applications before they are sent to the external reviewers.

Deputy Head of Department- Niklas Andersson has started as a deputy Head of Department March 1. Therefore we are recruiting a:

Lecturer in interaction design with the role as programme director – Last day to apply is April 15

Post Doc Fellow- When Heather Wiltse started as a Post Doc we also offered another Post Doc position which later was declined by the candidate. The plan is to start a recruiting process with a deadline after the DRS conference, and recruit another candidate.

UKÄ/ National Agency for Higher Education evaluation

In December, UID submitted a self-evaluation regarding the bachelor programme and the master programmes to UKÄ. The next step in the evaluation is taking place today: student interviews and staff interviews. It's the degree itself that is being evaluated. By next term we will get the results from UKÄ.

Student questions

The UID Education Council has answered the questions of a student letter from the spring semester 2013 regarding the educations at UID. We need to improve the process of student feedback and how we implement them in our educations.

During the Strategic Board Meeting in the autumn 2014 IxD student Doris Feurstein presented the "Student voice" and brought up matters such as:

"Part of decision making", "We have so much staff, but where are the teachers?", "Skill building – profession relevant tools, professional support, learning hard skills elective courses?", "Balance expectations and support", "Business thinking"

UID is working on these matters and will get back to Ställverket to continue the work.

Parties and pubs

Students have been asking: “Why is it difficult to have spontaneous pubs and parties?” First of all UID encourages social activities. We are part of a larger system at the University, with a clear policy on alcohol and events on University premises, which needs planning ahead. The answer is “Yes, you always have to sign up and contact Maria Göransdotter, Head of Department, so that she can contact security etc. when a pub or party is being arranged”. We are trying to work as smoothly as possible with this, as we feel that social activities are very important to the UID spirit. The Ställverket Party Group reminded that there are several openings for arranging pubs during the spring. Contact them, or sign up on the list on the black board.

Security issues and how to handle UID property

We are replacing the equipment that was stolen during the burglary in February. We need to think about: “How do we handle open and closed doors? Leaving stuff on our tables?”

Your own property is on your own property, and is covered by your own insurance. It's very important that you place your computers and other valuable things in your cabinet so it's not so visible plus that you have a good insurance.

The police investigation about the recent burglary is ongoing. UID has covered the cost you normally would cover yourself (självrisk) for the four students who lost personal property, since the alarm did not go off when the window in the BFA studio was broken into. However, if unlocked studio doors would have been the point of entry, this coverage by UID would not have been effected.

For your information: The windows with handles fixed to them have magnetic locks connected to the alarm system. Opening one of these after office hours will set off the alarm.

Ställverket will compile a list of things that needs to be fixed in the school. (stove, IT equipment that can be given away, broken things in the BFA studio ...)

When something is broken or does not work – contact someone in the staff to inform about it! If you have any problems with doors or anything else during the evening please inform us so that we can fix things! During the spring we will have a system to report items that needs to be fixed/things that need to be done. More information to come.

And any other issues

Last words from rector Anna Valtonen:

Thank you! It has been a pleasure, come and visit in Finland!

Anna will be back for UID'14 and DRS 2014.

Jenni Torseva, Head of Ställverket, thanked Anna on behalf of the students by giving a piece of jewelry - "tomten" - which was very appreciated.

Good luck to Anna and see you all at the next school meeting April 2!