

UID School Meeting – April 2014

Participants: 2 BFA, 1 APD, 0 IxD, 7 TD, 0 IDI, 3 PhD students, 0 SSC, 15 staff

Information about Sliperiet (by Tapio Alakörkkö)

Sliperiet is located next to Umeå Institute of Design. The new building opened April 1. The official inauguration will take place the second week of September 2014. Sliperiet is a resource for the whole university and doesn't belong to any faculty.

A few bullet points about Sliperiet:

- 'Maker space' and 'FabLab' with new technology related to design, architecture, media, games, film, prototyping, art and fashion
- An incubator and work space for the creative industries.
- A resource for researchers, students, businesses and public stakeholders
- A flexible and open meeting space for thinkers and makers
- Event space hosting up to 340 people on the ground floor
- A restaurant/café seating 110 guests

Sliperiet will support prototyping, visualisation, sharing and commercialisation of ideas. At the heart of the enterprise lies an aspiration to become a unique, truly transdisciplinary, institution of creativity. Read more: www.sliperiet.umu.se

Upcoming events: Swedbank Growth Days (May 21-23), Venture Cup (June 12), DRS 2014 (June 16-19), The Impact of Culture organized by Swedish Agency for Economic and Regional Growth (September 23-24)

The café will open Monday April 7 where Hansson & Hammar will serve lighter lunches as well. During the middle of April UID students will be invited to see Sliperiet.

What does the EHS group do? (Lars Isaksson & the EHS group)

The EHS group is a preparatory and advisory body that handles matters regarding physical and psycho-social work environment, equality and equal treatment, health and safety, and sustainability at Umeå Institute of Design. For each of these areas, there are sub-groups handling the specific areas of Sustainability, Equal access and Work environment and that meet and carry out operative work on a regular basis.

Subgroups:

Sustainability group (Gunnar Anderung, Marije de Haas and Hannes Lidfeldt, BFA I,)

Equal access group (Fanny Eklund, BFA I, Sara Eriksson, Peter Lundholm, Agnes Rosengren, BFA I and Idil Tunga, IxD I)

Work environment (Martina Eriksson, BA I, Catharina Henje and Lars Isaksson)

Please contact any of the member of the EHS group for questions regarding anything from ventilation system to equality matters. Minutes from the meetings are

found on the UID web: <http://uid.umu.se/en/for-our-staff/groups-and-minutes/ehs-group/>

Information about the UID Equal access group & Equal access policy (Sara Eriksson/Peter Lundholm & the equal access group)

What do you do if you feel harassed or not treated equal? UID has been working with a new Equal access policy. It was sent out April 1 to all students and staff. A workshop is planned about the way we think and norms in our society. It will probably be held as a Wednesday Lecture in late September.

The Equal access group will for example look into statistics on how we choose external teachers.

Going on: HUM lab-X screening, Feminist frequency, Monday April 7. Don't miss!

The UID equal access plan is found here: <http://uid.umu.se/en/for-our-staff/documents-and-policies/>

Ongoing recruitment processes & staff issues

Assistant Professor in Industrial Design - Last day to apply for the position as an Assistant Professor in Industrial Design was March 31. It's a 4 year position. The recruitment process will be handled by the faculty.

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

Chatarina Carlén, accountant, will be leaving UID to work full time at the Department of Community Medicine and Rehabilitation from Easter (April 17). Ingela will gradually be moving over to UID, and from the autumn be here full time.

UID facilities:

Since we are approaching the second part of the spring term, we will be starting the work on looking into the distribution and use of UID facilities for next year. Since there are no "given" studios or spaces, we need to each year review and see which use of our UID spaces is the most relevant for the coming study year. As last year, we will workshop around specific needs or rooms/facilities together with students and staff to gather ideas and input in the process. As a part of this, we are currently evaluating the effects of moving studios and turning teaching facilities into a studio. We are now looking into the upsides and downsides of this. Catharina Henje will talk to student and staff to evaluate. Lars Isaksson is compiling the vast collection of partial UID plan drawings, together with our landlord Baltic, in order to have a good foundation for discussing and developing the use of UID facilities.

UID photo studio (Peter Lundholm)

We are remaking and reshaping the photo studio. There will be a space for backdrops, an area where you can put flashes and there will be a no shoe policy in the room. Peter and Aditya are making a to-do-list. They will also make a request about student help. Talk to Peder if you have suggestions of what the school should buy: cameras, lenses etc.

Interaction lab

We are looking at possibilities for moving the interaction lab to the area where Sliperiet are sitting right now, and turn the current IxD lab into a computer lab. In this process, we first of all need to investigate the infrastructure (ventilation, light etc) and other practicalities.

Information about studios

Maria Göransdotter and Anders Hellström will work with updating the information signs in each room. The signs tell what equipment we have and how the room is set-up. They are also looking into the possibility of using QR-code to each room for an overview of the room booking. Any input or ideas around this? Please talk to Anders or Maria.

SysAid support system

Peder informed about the new system for handling support requests and reporting things that need fixing (things broken, room setup/furniture, IT questions etc). This is a way to collect and simplify the handling of support requests and to-do-lists for mainly Anders, Peder and Rickard. Please help out and make their planning easier by using the system!

All Lab computers have SysAid installed, so all students can report/ask for support through them. Staff will have SysAid installed on their computers. The link is here: <http://130.239.61.196:8080/Login.jsp> (login through your CAS account).

Order and neatness & the UID spirit

A reminder of the fact that both large and small things are what keeps and builds the UID spirit. The UID way is to help each other out and support each other, so we need to perhaps remind ourselves about that in times of stress (such as the degree season we're currently entering...). Please help each other out to keep our unique open, familiar and accessible environment: wash your dishes, put rooms back in order after use, book a room in the calendar system if you need it, report things that are broken etc. Also, a reminder that posters placed on doors that are transparent will be taken down. You have to be able to see through the doors due to fire safety reasons. It is fine to place posters on the transparent glass on the sides of the doors, though.

Thanks for today! See you all at the next school meeting May 7.