

UID School Meeting – November 2014

Participants: 12 staff, 15 BFA, 0 APD, 4 IxD, 4 TD, 0 IDI, 4 PhD students, 0 SSC

Recruitments

We have an ongoing process with the recruitment of a new rector. We are right now interviewing applicants for the position as research engineer, which is a replacement for Lars Isaksson during his leave of absence. We are currently announcing a 2-year post-doc stipend, and will also be reopening the teacher position as director of the master programme in interaction design. One or several more teachers will also be recruited. Heather Wiltse will stay with us for four more year as an assistant professor.

Brita-Stina Nordenstedt's donation

Umeå University announces Brita-Stina Nordenstedt's scholarship for 2014 (for disposition 2015). 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 the private and public settings. The funds can be used for student theses, projects, competitions, travel or attendance at conferences and symposia.

Apply before November 30 and read more here:

<http://www.uid.umu.se/en/for-our-students/resources-and-links/brita-stina-nordenstedts-donation/>

Programme reviews

Niklas Andersson, Deputy Head of Department and Chair of Education Council, informs about ongoing work at the Faculty of Science and technology with reviewing all educational programmes, based on national and local goals for the education. He and Per Sihlén are working on the UID programme reviews.

SysAid

Use the SysAid system to report things that needs to be fixed at UID. It can be anything from a broken door to missing letters in the Wozzop sign ... There is a link to SysAid pre-installed on all lab computers. A link is also found on:

<http://www.uid.umu.se/en/for-our-staff/computers-and-printers/>

Student Health Service

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

Student Health Service has a light room called Aurora. It is a room for recovery and relaxation. It is quiet; open all year around 7-17, free of charge and there is no need to book in advance.

To find the Student Health Care on the web go to www.umu.se and click to the bottom left on "Student Health Service".

<http://www.student.umu.se/english/during-your-studies/student-health-service>

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.

Disability Services and Resources

You contact the Disability Services and Resources if you have cognitive disabilities, impaired vision, impaired hearing, physical disabilities or other types of disabilities, dyslexia and neuropsychiatric disabilities. The University can provide help and personal support, for example: coordinators for students with disabilities, contact person at your department, note-taking help, mentor, assistant and sign language interpreter.

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Margareta Hultman from the Student Health Care talked about stress. Here is some of her advice:

What is effective against stress?

1. To change or to take away things that are stressing you.
2. Acceptance, to change your reaction to stress. Accept feelings and thoughts upon which you don't have any influence for the moment
3. Recovery, including sleep
4. Exercise
5. Mindfulness, living in the present

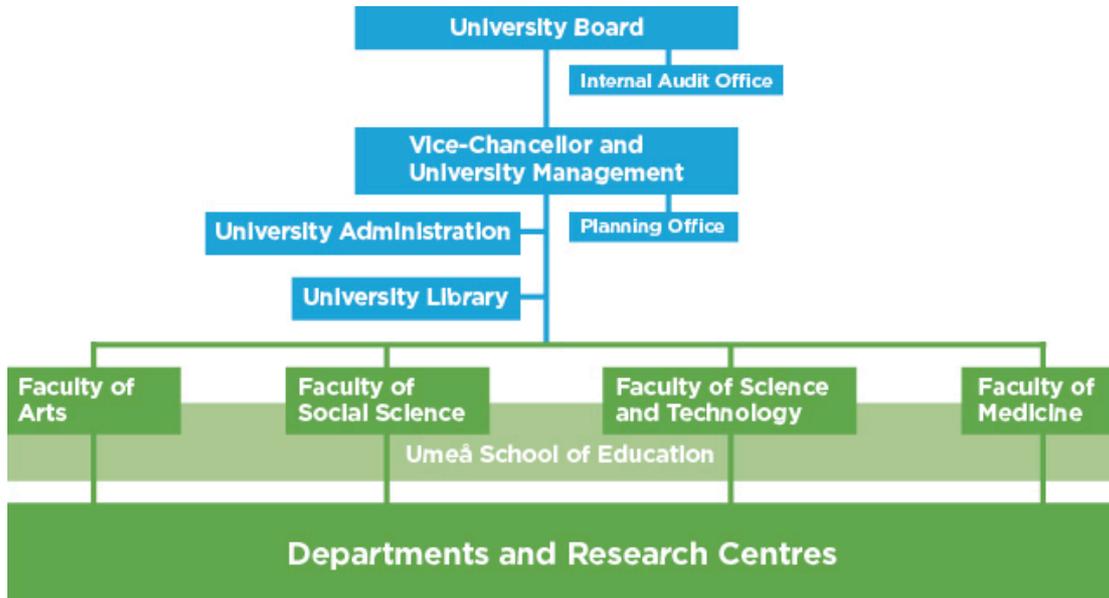
Recovery

- Take care of your basic needs: sleep, food and physical exercise, for example take a walk during lunch.
- Try focus on your body and what you are experiencing with your senses. Take this walk with a friend, without talking about work/studies
- Do you have any free time? If not, make place for that, even if you can't completely relax ...
- Have reasonable demands on yourself ...what is most important in your life??
- Practice mindfulness. There are good apps.

Book recommendation: *ACT helt enkelt / ACT Made Simple* by Russ Harris.
An Easy-to-Read Primer on Acceptance and Commitment Therapy"

UID structure: overview of how the school is run and organized

Maria Göransdotter presents how UID is organized, in relation to the University.



The University is governed by the University Board, where the Vice-Chancellor of the University, who is the leader of the University, is a member. The University has four faculties, each led by a Dean. There is also an Umeå School of Education that stretches over all four faculties.

The institutions at Umeå Arts Campus belong to different faculties. Umeå Academy of Fine Arts, HUMlab and Bildmuseet all belong to the Faculty of the Arts. The Library is centrally placed under the main campus library. Sliperiet is also centrally directly under Deputy Vice-Chancellor for External Relations and Innovation Agneta Marell. Umeå Institute of Design and Umeå School of Architecture both belong to the Faculty of Science and Technology.

UID

Our school is run by a *Strategic Board*. The Strategic Board decides on short term and long time strategies. The board consists of elected staff members, elected student representatives, three external board members, rector and head of department.

The UID Leadership group consists of Rector, Head of Department, Deputy Head of Department, the chairs of the councils Education, Collaboration and Research. This means Maria Göransdotter, Niklas Andersson, Demian Horst and Johan Redström.

The Extended leadership group (aka. Flurkmark group) consists of the leadership group and all of the programme directors and Catharina Henje (IDI) and Monica Lindh Karlsson (UID representative in the Faculty board).

Decision meeting

The decision meetings are led by the leadership functions of the school:

Rector and Head of Department. Students are not part of the decision making but have a student representative in the meetings and in the *Local Cooperation Group* (LCG) where we discuss things that will be brought up on the decision meetings. In the LCG, the University unions, UID work environment representative, UID equal access representative and student representative are included.

UID has three *councils: Education, Collaboration, Research*
EHS group (consists of two sub-groups: Work environment and Equal access)

Ställverket is the students' formal representation body at the school, and elects student representatives for all councils and groups.

The House council has representatives from all institutions at Umeå Arts Campus. They meet on the last Wednesday every month. On the agenda right now is the bicycle parking and fire safety in the common areas.

A glimpse of Umeå Arts Campus – November 13, 16:00-19:00

A glimpse of Umeå Arts Campus is an event taking when we open the doors of Bildmuseet, HUMlab-X, The Library, Sliperiet, Umeå institute of Design, Umeå Academy of Fine Arts and Umeå School of Architecture during an evening.

At UID we prepare for guided tours in the workshop, live sketching and exhibitions. Students will also ask the public for comments / user interviews about Vasaplan, makey-makey, clay workshop etc. Great if you can be here during the evening and let Birgitta Nordholm or Petra Käck know if you have any ideas of what we can do more.

UID 25 Years Anniversary

Demian Horst talked about communication with alumni and how we directly and indirectly we collected feedback during the UID 25 Years Anniversary and Reunion. He explained that we arranged a workshop on Friday October 31 with alumni. The Questions were:

“YOU & UID”

Trigger questions:

- What is/was special or unique about our school?
- How can we stay in touch?

or

“UID’s FUTURE”

Trigger questions:

- Where do you see the design field moving?
- How can the school keep ahead of the development in design practice?

Insights:

Could there be closer collaboration with research and education?

How we can make the school up-to-date? BFA International? Right now we except exchange students that speak English.

Alumni are in different disciplines; can we invite them more often and use them as tutors?

We could use alumni to present how broad the design field is. Some of the alumni felt stagnation and wanted to be inspired by UID. This is a conversation going from both sides.

We could have more interviews with alumni so that students can contact them.

Perhaps a platform to present projects by UID students and see if alumni are interested in collaborating in the projects.

Collecting an expose of alumni examples, what do an interaction designer do?

What master's programme to choose? Read examples of people that succeed.

You can find some alumni portraits on our web:

<http://www.uid.umu.se/en/cooperation/alumni/>

<http://www.uid.umu.se/en/news/uid-interview/>

Audi project

Don't take, publish or share any pictures about the Audi project until end of December. We have committed to keeping these to ourselves until the presentation of the project has been done, in late December.

Next school meeting: December 3, at 13.00 in the Auditorium

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