Notes Education Board meeting, 2 November, 2020

Participants
Staff members:
Annika Eriksson
Katrin Holmqvist-Sten (chairman)
Tryggve Lundberg
Jeanette Nilsson (secretary)
Per Nilsson

Student representatives:
BFA1 – Hannes Iversen, Cecilia Renlund
BFA2 – Dani Liljedahl
BFA3 – Guro Aae
MFA1 –
MFA2 – Yuri Lazaridis

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1. Welcome

We have no student representative(s) from the MFA1 class at this meeting and so Annika will remind the class to elect one for the next meeting on the 7th of December.

The plan to re-structure the school’s gallery that Karin presented at the last meeting has now been actualized, however at the moment with the heavy rain there are problems with water leaking in. Robert and Gunno have been working on it and so has the Baltic group. In the days to come we’ll find out how bad the situation is.

2. COVID-19 situation
The numbers of people being infected are increasing both abroad and in Sweden. Annika explains the situation in Germany with places being closed/locked down and people wearing masks when outside. Pelle explains that when taking a test you’ll find out within 48 hours if you have the virus or not, and until you get the result you should stay at home.

We all need to take personal responsibility and remind each other to keep distance and to take other precautions such as staying at home whenever feeling slightly ill and to wash our hands often. A discussion arises what we can do more and Annika says that we shouldn’t be afraid in for example using masks if necessary. The teachers are the ones who set the standards and need to communicate any rules of conduct to the students.

Guro asks what we can do to inform everyone the importance of this so to avoid closing down the school at all costs. Even though we are reminded about this in the weekly newsletter it may be an idea to send out a reminder email. Closest at hand are the scheduled crits which we hope can take place as planned at the school however some events may have to be re-scheduled to Zoom if we have no other option.

3. **Humlab X**

Humlab X is a former unit at the Arts Campus which was closed down about a year ago. They were located between the Institute of Design, the School of Architecture, Bildmuseet and us. This space in the basement is now empty and there’s a discussion how it can best be used. The library is one actor keen on moving in there as they today have limited space. There is a working group formed for this purpose scheduled to meet every third week on the initiative of Lokalförsörjningsenheten (Building Office) at the university, however no news have yet been presented. Robert Djärv and Desirée Schyman (MFA1) are our representatives in this group. If students are having questions they may contact Desirée.

4. **Open House 2021**

Open house in 2021 is scheduled 5 February. Normally this is a physical event with open studios, lectures, guided tours, exhibitions and also an opportunity for prospective students to get feedback on their artistic portfolios. This time we have to plan for a digital event and re-think how it can be organized. A working group needs to be formed. Katrin asks if the school should send out a general request or if the Education board representatives could be in charge of the planning. Hannes and Guro are interested in taking part but in addition an email should be sent out!

5. **Safety inspection**

Next week on Wednesday (11 November) a skyddsrsnd (safety inspection) is scheduled to take place. Tryggve and Robert will take care of this going through all the studios and other spaces. Robert will soon send out an email with the time for it. Tryggve says that this is done in order to find out if something’s wrong from a fire safety point of view or from a work environment perspective.
6. Recruitment of second professor

The work in recruiting a second professor is progressing. It is too early for reveling any names but the dates for the lectures are decided. There will be four lectures in total and they will take place during the 2nd week of December:

- 7 December (before lunch x 1)
- 8 December (after lunch x 2)
- 11 December (before lunch x 1)

7. Spring 2021 – planning

Next education board meeting will be devoted to planning for the spring and therefore we need to find out if there are any specific wishes among the students, anything from machines/technical equipment for Lost & Found to workshop themes. Before Monday next week the class representatives should find out from their classes if there are any particular wishes and if so what, then email those to Katrin.

8. Late arrival etc

It’s disturbing and takes unnecessary energy away from a class/lecture when students, as well as teachers, arrive late for a class/lecture. It can be time-consuming if the teacher constantly has to repeat what is initially being said. It’s disrespectful to the teacher and to the fellow students who may find it difficult to concentrate. Therefore both teachers and students need to remind each other the importance of being on time.

9. Report from

a. BFA1

The microwave ovens are broken/don’t work as they should and there’s a wish they could be replaced with new ones. Another idea is to have a microwave oven on each floor to avoid queuing. Katrin will bring it up with Robert. Is equipment in one’s studio insured? No, only students themselves are. A problem is there are very few keys available but even so the school need be able to access all rooms and therefore students should not find ways to lock their studios. If there are questions about this talk to Robert.

b. BFA2

Is it possible to upgrade the sound studio by for example building more sound absorbant walls? Improving the use of the studio is something that don’t need to cost so much and there are students willing to help with the work. Could the double studios be used for working space if the students now having them move to single studios? The answer to this is no due to the COVID-19 situation. Do we have the project room on the 5th floor for working? No this is no longer available for booking.
c. BFA3
The school's sewing machines are broken/don't work properly. The reason to this is that the company in charge of the support is closed at the moment. A wish is to buy a new one. Katrin will take it to the budget after talking to Robert about it.

d. MFA1

e. MFA2
About the tutoring and the essays. Many of us are interested in having Imri Sandström as a tutor – is this possible? No it's not. Imri was a teacher for the critical writing course, it was never planned to have her as a tutor. What limitation and restrictions are there with the text, such as number of pages? According to Annika and Pelle it's a discussion that you should have with your text tutor. Therefore it's better to consider the document as guidelines rather than something you must strictly follow.

Will it be allowed to bring external guests to the fall exhibitions? The answer is no it's not allowed and they will not be opened to the public. These are the rules that have applied for the whole semester and are continuously the case.

10. Other issues
Is it possible to have project room space in the Humlab X facilities? This depends on what functions will be decided to be brought into this space which remains to be seen.

Will there be anything in the schedule for painters? The school has invited a group of female painters in the end of November and beginning of December who will have lectures and tutoring over Zoom. Also Gerd Tinglum who is scheduled to have a lecture later in November is a painter.

Next planned education board meeting:
7th of December at 3 pm