



# UMEÅ INSTITUTE OF DESIGN

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## School meeting September 4, 2024

### Agenda

- Staying in the loop at UID
- Taking care of each other
- Transparency & student influence
- Student Health Services
- Ställverket

### Staying in the loop at UID

Head of Institute Demian Horst gave an account of the various communication channels for student to keep themselves informed and updated.

They are as follows:

- Welcome Screens
- Canvas
- Emails
- Teams (UID Staff and Students)
  - .../General
  - .../Opportunities (for students)
- Monthly School Meeting (also on ZOOM)
- Weekly WOZZOP live (Mondays @ 10.15 in the Atrium + ZOOM)
- Alumni Group on LinkedIn (search for 'Umeå Institute of Design Alumni')

Current updates included:

- Recruitment of teaching assistants (deadline 20/9)
- Michael Treschow Scholarship 2024 (deadline 30/9)
- Health on Campus (18/8) is a selection of activities that all staff and student are able to sign up for
- Entrance, doors & alarms. The normal routine requiring use of Umu-ID card will be in place from week 37.
- Student kitchen, expected to be available on 19/9.

### Taking care of each other

Recommendations were given on the upcoming flu season and certain guidelines were presented on how students and staff can help reduce the risk of infection. The general rule is if you feel symptoms, you are required to stay at home.

Demian Horst also presented some of the policies UID hold on equal opportunities, detailing that at UID "We have zero tolerance for harassment or discrimination".



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It was further underlined that UID is an alcohol-free and drug-free environment.

Instructions were given on where to turn in different instances relating to discrimination, accidents, theft, fire safety, etc. The best place to find out more is via the student web, here:

<https://www.umu.se/en/student/we-can-assist-you/if-something-happens/>

### **Transparency & student influence**

An outline was given over the overall collaborative organisation at UID, underlining the ways that students can help influence the decision-making process. Student representation is covered in the following councils and working groups at UID:

- Programme Council(s)
- Education Council
- Environment, Health & Safety (EHS) Group (via Student Work Environment and Student Equal Opportunities representatives)
- Local Cooperation Group
- Decision Meeting

The student representatives take part in these formal preparatory bodies to help develop the school, and to contribute with the students' perspectives. The student representatives do not only represent themselves or their respective classes, but all students at UID.

Other student initiatives include Ställverket, UID's student organization affiliated to NTK, which is the student union for those who study at the faculty of science and technology at Umeå University and the UID Climate Group. Recruitment for these groups is planned for the first weeks of the term.

### **Student Health Services**

A representative from the Student Health Services at Umeå University introduced the various avenues of assistance that they can offer to students. The Student Health Services' support activities are available to all students, and all services are free of charge. The support includes study guidance, support for students with disabilities and health services. When it comes to study guidance, UmU has study counsellors ready to help students with different procedures relating to applications and eligibility. The support for students with disabilities are available to a host of different groups of people with permanent disabilities. The Student Health Services offer help with relationships, lifestyle issues, stress, sleep, alcohol habits. Help is offered via lectures, counselling, drop-ins.

### **Ställverket**

Students we encouraged to stay in the Project Studio and discuss volunteering to positions and representation in their community.

### **Next school meeting**

The next school meeting will happen on October 2 (1st Wednesday every month).