



Stockholm School of Economics in Riga
Student Association

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January 1st – February 28th

Although the official Student Association responsibilities begin on the 1st of March, the newly elected SA Board 2009-2010 had started working already from the beginning of the year to re-build and structure the organization.

Five meetings of the new Student Association were held to discuss working principles and possible improvements in organizing work, documentation, student benefits etc. New SA Board took time to learn about their duties, consulted and discussed a lot with the old SA members.

New Student Association positions are to be introduced, as to extend the perspectives of work. New position holders are not a part of SA Board, however they are important associates and are informed and consulted by the SA Board on a regular basis.

A brief insight in the work of SA Board is presented below.

President and Vice-President

- Selections for the new positions were organized in a three step procedure, Ilgvars Krauja was selected as Main Accountant, Baiba Karakone as Event Coordinator, and Auseklis Paegle as Art Director.
- The financial situation of SA was reviewed and goals for budgeting were set.
- Two official meetings between Boards of three years and LSA President regarding budgeting procedures were held.
- A legal consultant regarding Latvian Republic laws and legislations was met.
- New corporate culture was introduced in the work of SA Board.
- Structured cooperation and efficient task division were introduced.
- The SA archive was consolidated and arranged in chronological order.
- SA Office was cleaned and rearranged to create a proper working place.
- Online Google Docs document sharing system was introduced for more efficient work of SA Board.
- It was decided to conduct online surveys constantly to get opinions of SSE Riga students.
- SA News monthly section was introduced in The Insider.
- Meeting with Diana Pauna was held and further cooperation was discussed, plans approved and highly supportive attitude expressed.

- Cooperation with Latvian University Student Association was established and personal meeting with the President was held. Syndicated Partnership Proposal is in preparation.
- Cooperation with SSE Riga Alumni Association was established; personal meeting with the President was held.
- Participation in Junior Achievement Latvia Shadow Day project 2009: over forty applicants; highly positive feedback was received from six shadows hosted by President and Vice-President.
- Discussions about possible cooperation with the representatives of FFF Artist Organization started, three unofficial meetings were held.

Business Committee

- Official partners and sponsors of SA were contacted.
- The workshop “Advertising that works” was organized.
- Agreement with “Pussy” energy drinks provider was made.
- Drinks from Coca-Cola Hellenic were fundraised
- Current task: to develop new proposals for possible sponsors.

Education Committee

- 5 feedback surveys were conducted and 4 feedback sessions were organized successfully.
- 3 overnights were organized for Y2 and Y3 students.
- Advisory Board meeting was attended and AB minutes were prepared.
- Current task: to arrange guest lectures with Alumni.

Event Committee

- Hot as Hell party proved as unexpectedly popular as it attracted more than 400 visitors, resulting in break-even in financial terms for the SA. Representatives from non-governmental organizations were invited to extend communication with potential partners, professional JBL sound equipment used;
- Current task: to plan the next party on the 3rd of April and to consider possible improvements in work organization during party and music.

Information Committee

- Online document files for SA were prepared.
- Information for the Insider was gathered and published successfully.
- Birthday lists were prepared and published monthly.
- Current task: to plan the Guide for Newcomers, to work on SSE Riga Student Database; to update SA column on the e-learning platform.

IT Committee

- Necessary access to SSE Riga e-learning platform and web pages was gained.
- Online surveys were launched successfully.
- Internet connection in SSE Riga was improved, downloading over torrents prohibited.
- Lobby TV updated with sponsor logos and a new script showing Latvian symbols in the schedule.
- Current task: to continue working on creating official SA webpage and develop the concept of SSE Riga Students Database.

Public Relations Committee

- Participation in SWH radio show Meteors was arranged.

- ISIC cards for students were made or renewed.
- Representatives of SSE Riga Alumni, Latvia University and Latvia Student Association were contacted.
- Student Association of Stockholm School of Economics was contacted, the trip to Stockholm was started to arrange.
- European Hit Radio and studentnet.lv were contacted to discuss possibilities of collaboration; news publishing in EHR homepage was achieved.
- Current task: to develop the concept of SA's image and values.

Sports Committee

- Agreement with sports club "Reaktors" was reached and 2Ls discount for SSE Students was achieved.
- Winter Symposium was organized. 329 Ls were donated from SA budget to support the event.
- It was decided to support SSE Frisbee teams and pay 120Ls entrance fee to let them participate in Latvian Student Frisbee Championship.
- Current task: to organize SELL games as well as other sports tournaments and to work on higher discounts for students in sports club.

SA 2009/2010 objectives

- To develop the image of SA as a credible and reputable organization
- To improve financial situation, plan the budget and follow it thoroughly
- To assure efficient communication and coordination of actions among all SA board members
- To be open and transparent organization
- To put all effort to best represent SSE Riga students and fulfil their needs.

On behalf of Information Committee
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