



SA Minutes

18th of September, 2008

The following is a summary of the key issues that were discussed during the meeting of the Student Association Board that took place on September 18, 2008. The main issues to consider were the financial situation of the SA and creation of the rules that would prevent cheating during the examinations.

Money issues. It was agreed that since now the president and any other person who takes money from the SA's budget, no matter what the purpose is, must inform all the Board in order to avoid misunderstandings, disagreements, and to let all the members track the flow of the money.

Furthermore, it was calculated that approximately 4500 LVL are left in the SA's budget till April 2009. That is not sufficient amount of money, because the sum would only cover the expenses of parties as each of them costs around 1000 LVL. After a discussion it was concluded that the problems of shortage of funds appear not due to insufficient cash inflows, but due to not planned spending.

In order to increase the funds the Business Committee Chairperson Janis Zeps promised to start searching for new sponsors as soon as he finishes the main works related to organizing the Days of Opportunities 2009. The emphasis is put on the event, because the previous years' experience shows that it accumulates the biggest part of the SA's budget.

It was noticed that the main spending of the SA Board are on school's parties. Therefore, several ways how to reduce the costs were suggested:

- ✓ The strict upper limit of the available expenses that cannot be exceeded for each party must be set;
- ✓ There will be no New Year's party this year, because last year's party was not very popular among students and it incurred 2000 LVL loss.
- ✓ It was agreed that less luxurious; thus, less expensive, decorations should be used. A creative solution to decorate the premises should be found.
- ✓ The school's equipment; for instance, the loudspeakers, might be used instead of the rented ones.
- ✓ It was suggested contacting the club Essential in order to get sponsorship. They could offer free entrance to the club after 3 a.m. on the day of the school's party. It would motivate students to come to the parties and stay there longer.

Baptizing party. The idea to make Baptizing party not in the premises of SSE Riga was suggested in order to save costs of cleaning, guards, etc. Moreover, in order to reduce the expenses students will be invited to work as barmen. Therefore, the range of cocktails will not be so wide and more cider and beer will be sold.



It was agreed that the Party Committee Chairperson Aleksandra Jakušenko is responsible for organizing the event. She arranges meeting with Year 2 and Year 3 students who would like to participate and organize the Baptizing. Moreover, on September 23 the meeting of the SA Board will take place in order to discuss all the details of the party and decide upon the expenses.

Rules to prevent cheating. Several rules were discussed to propose during the Advisory Board Meeting on behalf of the Student Association Board:

- ✓ Half an hour from the beginning of the exam and 15 minutes till the end of the exam students cannot go to the toilet. Moreover, the students should be allowed to leave the room only once.
- ✓ There invigilators should be stricter. Currently they are not so strict about the rules (for instance, that students cannot keep their pencil cases on the desk, etc.) and are not attentive enough.
- ✓ Stricter rules concerning bringing pencil cases and mobile phones to the examination should be introduced. Boxes where students could keep their valuable belongings during the exam could be brought to each room.
- ✓ Portable cameras might be installed as well.

SA's webpage. It was agreed to finalize the new SA's webpage as soon as possible. Responsible people must finish uploading information, Harijs Deksnis has to do the necessary improvements, implement the forum and to make it possible to comment the pictures in the gallery. Moreover, the design of the webpage should be improved; thus, a separate meeting of the SA Board is needed.

TV in the lobby. Business Committee Chairperson Janis Zeps pointed out that LG is already complaining that the TV in the lobby is not used for the purpose it was agreed upon: the agreed advertisements are not shown. Thus, the issue should be raised during Advisory Board Meeting.

Leisure room. The new leisure room will have been finished by 29th of September. The total costs are 4200 LVL. They are covered by the main sponsor Procter&Gamble; however, 200 LVL has to be paid by the Student Association. At the end of September or at the beginning of October there will be an opening ceremony of the room with the representatives of Procter&Gamble.

SA's presentation. The presentation of the Student Association Board and its activities for Year 1 students should be made after a week or two. Each committee chairperson will prepare a short speech about his/her duties. Kotryna Drasutytė is responsible for preparing an outline of the presentation and Janis Jatnieks for taking care of the Power Point presentation.

Traditional trip to Stockholm. Public Relations Committee Chairperson Paulius Pikelis is responsible for arranging the traditional meeting with the Student Association Board of the Stockholm School of Economics in Stockholm. It is planned that Swedes



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will visit Riga on November 7-9th during Home Coming event. The SA Board of SSE Riga will visit Stockholm on the 14-17th of November.

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