

Minutes of the Executive Board meeting held on August 23, 2017

Location: Petersgraben 45, basement meeting room

Time: 12.00 pm – 1.00 pm

Present: Philippe Hofstetter, Christopher Klenk, Andreas Baumgartner, Sandro Sieber, Anja Roth, Annette Milnik, Lukas Hohl, Aidas Sanogo

Absent: David Atwood, Klaus Birnstiel

Minutes: Patricia Eiche

Agenda:

1. Approval of the minutes of the executive board meeting held on April 4, 2017
2. Lunchtime meeting with Professor Schenker-Wicki on September 26, 2017
3. University cost-saving measures
4. Regular “Tips and Tricks for Doctoral Students” event from 2018
5. Happy Hours in the skuBAR from October 2017
6. avuba film evening 2017
7. Participation of avuba in the skuba clinic for another year
8. Miscellaneous
9. Next avuba executive board meeting

Item 1: Approval of the minutes of the executive board meeting held on April 4, 2017

The minutes of the executive board meeting held on April 4, 2017, are approved and thanks are expressed.

Item 2: Lunchtime meeting with Professor Schenker-Wicki on September 26, 2017

On May 8, 2017, an avuba delegation met with the President’s Office with the [avuba summary of areas with potential](#) paper developed over the winter months.

The President responded positively to the idea of holding an avuba lunchtime meeting to answer assistants’ questions. This will take place on September 26, 2017, at 12.30 pm in lecture hall 118. Invitations will be sent out soon.

Item 3: University cost-saving measures

According to the Vice President’s Office for Teaching and Development, Thomas Grob, the faculties will compile suggestions for cost-saving measures over the coming months. This work will be decentrally done in the Faculties. Group III can exert some influence through its representatives on the faculty’s committees and commissions.

In the coming weeks, the Group III Senate representatives will contact the general managers of the relevant faculties and/or the Group III members who sit on the faculty's committees and commissions to address this matter. The objective is to make sure that assistants have a voice in every faculty, that this voice is heard, and that general information flows back to avuba so that it can be shared with the other faculties. Patricia Eiche will be gathering and passing on information via avuba@unibas.ch.

As soon as details are known, avuba will put together and publish a statement with the working title "avuba position on university cost-saving measures".

avuba will also develop and publish an "avuba guide to addressing media inquiries" by the end of October.

Item 4: Regular "Tips and Tricks for Doctoral Students" event from 2018

The avuba executive board approves the idea to hold an avuba lunchtime meeting with the working title "Tips & Tricks for a Successful Doctorate" twice a year at the start of the semester from 2018. In addition to assistants, speakers at this one-hour event are to include staff members from the Office of Early Career Researchers' Development and Human Resources. Patricia Eiche is tasked with creating the presentation slides and organizing the lunchtime meetings.

Item 5: Happy Hours in the skuBAR from October 2017

The avuba executive board approves financial support for the next eight Happy Hours, which will again take place monthly from October in the refurbished skuBAR. CHF 4,000 has been set aside for this. In return, the half-yearly amounts to support academic and non-academic projects will be reduced from CHF 5,000 to CHF 3,000 from January 1, 2018.

To thank the organizational team for their commitment in organizing the previous 2017 Happy Hours, the avuba executive board approves a one-off symbolic remuneration of CHF 400 in Pro Innerstadt vouchers.

Item 6: avuba film evening 2017

This year's avuba film evening will take place in November or December. Invitations will be sent by email at least two weeks before.

Item 7: Participation of avuba in the skuba clinic for another year

The avuba executive board decides to extend the collaboration with the skuba clinic legal advice service in the Faculty of Law by one year, i.e. until September 2018. The cost is CHF 1,000 per semester. During this period, avuba members are entitled to use this [free legal advice service](#). avuba's participation in the skuba clinic can be extended from fall semester 2018 by mutual agreement.


Item 8: Miscellaneous

The avuba General Meeting 2017 takes place on Monday, December 4, 2017, from 6 pm in the faculty room in the Kollegienhaus (main building).


Item 5: Next avuba executive board meeting

The next meeting is expected to take place in January 2018.

Basel, August 31, 2017

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Lukas Hohl

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