

## **Minutes of the Executive Board Meeting held on 16 September 2019**

**Location:** Petersgraben 45, basement meeting room

**Time:** 12:15 pm – 1:40 pm

**Present:** Nesina Grütter, Philippe Hofstetter, Christopher Klenk, Patricia Hertel, Butrint Aliu, Ulrike Unterhofer, Eva Schnider

**Absent:** Tizian Troxler, Nathalie Schicktzanz

**Minutes:** Patricia Eiche

### **Agenda:**

- 1. Approval of the minutes of the executive board meeting held on 27 March 2019**
- 2. Academic editing**
- 3. skuba clinic – free legal advice**
- 4. avuba Happy Hours at Verso**
- 5. avuba film evening 2019**
- 6. Lunchtime meeting with politicians**
- 7. Next avuba executive board meeting**

### **Item 1: Approval of the minutes of the executive board meeting held on 27 March 2019**

The minutes of the executive board meeting held on 27 March 2019 are approved and thanks are expressed.

### **Item 2: Academic editing**

The avuba PhD & Postdoc Survey 2018 found that around 45% of assistants require help when proofreading high-impact publications/presentations in English. As part of a two-year pilot project, the University of Basel will therefore support the editing of English-language texts, provided they are assistants' own, publication-relevant research output. Doctoral students enrolled at the University of Basel can retrospectively apply for a one-off contribution of up to CHF 500 for the editing of academic publications. Applications must be submitted within 6 months of using an editing service, which can be chosen freely. More information is provided [here](#).

### **Item 3: skuba clinic – free legal advice**

The avuba executive board decides to extend its collaboration with the skuba legal advice clinic in the Faculty of Law for another year until September 2020. This will cost CHF 1,000 per semester. avuba members will be entitled to use the free legal service during this time. avuba can extend its involvement in the skuba clinic again from fall semester 2020 by mutual agreement.

**Item 4: avuba Happy Hours at Verso**

As of fall 2019, avuba will reduce half-yearly funding for academic and non-academic projects from CHF 5,000 to CHF 3,000 for another year so that it can continue to provide CHF 4,000 of funding for avuba Happy Hours. Currently, 8 Happy Hours are planned at Verso.

**Item 5: avuba film evening 2019**

The avuba film evening will take place in November or December 2019 – probably at the Pathé Kino Basel. Invitations will be sent out in due course.

**Item 6: Lunchtime meeting with politicians**

avuba planned to hold an event in 2018 with some of the people involved in current developments within university financial policy to inform attendees of medium-term financial and political developments at the University of Basel. The avuba PhD and Postdoc Survey used up all available resources until the end of 2018, and so the event was postponed until 2019. The “Uni Basel – Fit for the Future” Chamber of Commerce event takes place on 24 September 2019, and President Andrea Schenker-Wicki will be joined on stage by figures from politics and business. Philippe Hofstetter, avuba co-president 2019, will also attend as a guest. The avuba executive board therefore agrees that the planned lunchtime meeting with politicians has become irrelevant and will not take place.

**Item 7: Next avuba executive board meeting**

The next meeting is expected to take place in January 2020.

Basel, 17 September 2019



Christopher Klenk



Philippe Hofstetter