



Nordiskt Sommaruniversitet Nordic Summer University

Summoning of the General Assembly 2019 of the Nordic Summer University
Tuesday 30 July 2019 from 17:00-19:00 & Friday 2 August 2019 from 17:00-19:00

THOSE PRESENT:

(Regional Delegates):

Denmark:	Camilla Graff Junior; Jeppe Laessoe
Norway:	Hild Borchgrevink; Alma Braun
Sweden:	Kerstin von Brömssen; Rebecka Fingalsson
Finland:	Laura Hellsten; Jussi Kanttunen
West-Nordic:	Kristian Guttesen; Olivia-Edwige Bockob
Baltics:	Linda Lapina; Merlin Kirikal
International:	Debaditya Bhattacharya; Myna Trustram

(Study Circles Delegates):

1	Lara Wilhelmine Hoffman; Irma Budginaitė-Mačkinė; Ana Svetel
2	Talya Ucaryilmaz; Katharina Goldberg; Gustav Eek
3	Camilla Safrankova; Johanna Sjöstedt; Petra Lundgren Bouquelon
4	Siobhan Kattago; Helena Duffy; Rebecca Rosenberg
5	Margarita Zenina; Bogumila Myers; Anastasia Andreyeva
6	Laura Brännkärr-Väänänen; Johan Lindgren; Victor Pressfeldt
7	Kathi Seebeck; Stephanie Hanna; Ami Skånberg Dahlstedt
8	Bill Thompson; Oddbjörn Jensen; Jesper Garsdal.
9	Sofia Perhomaa; Laura Antola; Anna Vuorinne

(Board):

Chair:	Disa Kamula
Board member Baltic States:	Eret Talviste
Board member Sweden:	Erik Poulsen
Board member International:	Nicole des Bouvrie
Board member:	Annikki Wahlöö
Secretary:	Kai Roland Green

AGENDA

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

1. Opening the meeting.

Appointment for the Chair of the General Assembly.
Appointment for the Secretary of the General Assembly.

Tuesday 30th July: 40 delegates present; 1 delegate initially absent (Kristian Guttesen)
Friday 2nd August: 41 delegates present

Appointed: Hild Borchgrevink (Chair); Kai Roland Green (Secretary, non-delegate)

2. Approval of the summoning and the quorum of the meeting.

30th July Meeting: Approved.
2nd August Meeting: Approved

3. Appointment of two minutes-checkers who also serve as tellers.

(Tuesday 30th July)

Those Appointed: Laura Antola; Irma Budginaitė-Mačkinė

4. Approval of the Agenda of the meeting.

(Tuesday 30th July)

Agenda Approved

5. Minutes from the General Assembly 2018. - [Attachment](#) (decision needed)

(Tuesday 30th July)

Minutes from the General Assembly 2018 was approved.

6. Approval of annual report for 2018. - [Attachment](#) (decision needed)

(Tuesday 30th July)

Annual report for 2018 was presented by the board.

Annual Report report for 2018 was approved

7. Approval of financial report: accounting & auditing for 2018. - [Attachment](#) (decision needed)

(Tuesday 30th July)

Financial report for 2018 was presented by the Board.

Financial Report for 2018 was approved.

8. Proposal for changes of statutes regarding Board constitution from Nominating Committee 2019. - [Attachment](#) (decision needed)

(Tuesday 30th July)

Nomination Committee member Synne Myreböe (non-delegate) presented a proposal to change §7.6 in NSU's statutes to make the nomination process more flexible, still ensuring the geographical representation and diversity that the statutes require.

The Nomination Committee presented a preliminary proposal for a new §7.6 and asked the General Assembly for permission to continue nominations according to the preliminary change.

The General Assembly decided to finalize the proposal during the Agenda point 8 as below, and subsequently vote on it.

§7.6 before General Assembly 2019

English

§7.6 The Board is elected for the upcoming calendar year and consists of five members. At least four Nordic-Baltic regions must be represented in the Board. At least two genders should be represented among the board members. The Board members may serve no more than three consecutive years. The Chair may sit for four consecutive years; this also includes time in the Board as a regular member.

Swedish

§7.6 Styrelsen väljs för nästkommande kalenderår och består av fem medlemmar. Minst fyra nordisk-baltiska regioner ska vara representerade i styrelsen. Minst två könstillhörigheter ska

vara representerade bland styrelseledamöterna. Styrelseledamöterna kan sitta högst tre år i följd. Ordförande kan sitta i fyra år i rad; detta omfattar även tid i styrelsen som ordinarie ledamot.

§7.6 Proposed new text

English

§7.6 The Board is elected for the upcoming calendar year and consists of five members. At least three different Nordic-Baltic regions must be represented. A maximum of two members may come from any single Nordic-Baltic region (see §5.1), and a maximum of one member may come from outside the Nordic-Baltic regions. At least two genders should be represented among the board members. The Board members may serve no more than three consecutive years. The Chair may sit for four consecutive years; this also includes time in the Board as a regular member.

Swedish

§7.6 Styrelsen väljs för nästkommande kalenderår och består av fem medlemmar. Minst tre olika nordisk-baltiska regioner ska vara representerade. Högst två styrelsemedlemmar kan komma från samma nordisk-baltiska region (se §5.1), och högst en medlem kan komma från en region utanför de nordisk-baltiska regionerna. Minst två könstillhörigheter ska vara representerade bland styrelseledamöterna. Styrelseledamöterna kan sitta högst tre år i följd. Ordförande kan sitta i fyra år i rad; detta omfattar även tid i styrelsen som ordinarie ledamot.

A five out of six majority is required to change NSU's statutes, cf. §11.2

The proposal for a new §7.6 was approved.

VOTE: (held July 30th)
39 (Approving)
0 (Not approving)
2 (Abstaining)

9. Grant exemption of liability for the previous and resigning Boards.

a. The exemption of liability for the 2017 Board (**decision needed**)

[Attachment](#): The response to the 2018 GA (tba)

(Tuesday 30th July)

NSU's General Assembly 2018 decided to postpone the liability exemption for NSU's Board of 2017 to the General Assembly 2019, cf. Minutes from the General Assembly 2018 §8. The Board was asked to seek legal advice and give a report with full transparency to the General Assembly 2018 and 2019 about the steps taken and the results.

The Board presented their report (made available to the General Assembly in writing Monday 29th July) and answered delegate questions.

The liability exemption for NSU's Board of 2017 was approved.

VOTE: (held July 30th)
41 (Approving)
0 (Not approving)
0 (Abstaining)

b. The exemption of liability for the 2018 Board (**decision needed**)

The liability exemption for NSU's Board of 2018 was approved.

VOTE: (held July 30th)
41 (Approving)
0 (Not approving)
0 (Abstaining)

The General Assembly decided to process Agenda point 16. before point 10.

10. Status and goals for the Board this year (2019). - Attachments: [Update on the status & new budget 2019](#) & [response by the Board to the recommendations to the 2018 Nominating Committee](#)

(Friday 2nd August)

The Board presented their status and goals for 2019.

Nicole des Bouvrie explained the new setup of the budget for 2019. There is a 30% cut in funding from the Nordic Council of Ministers (NCM) for 2019, compared to 2018.

The 2018 Board has established a Working Group to develop strategies of funding (Bogumila Myers; Nicole des Bouvrie; Hild Borchgrevink). The General Assembly expressed worry about the cut in funding from the NCM and discussed strategies for underlining the impact of funding cuts upon NSU's future work.

Disa Kamula explained that all recommendations to the Board from the Nomination Committee 2018 are implemented, except the creation of a Working Group from ex-NSU Chairmen/women.

11. Activity Plan 2019 and the project contract with Nordic Council of Ministers for year 2019
Attachments: [Activity Plan](#) & Contract 2019

(Friday 2nd August)

The Board presented the Activity Plan for 2019.

The General Assembly discussed strategies for enhancing referrals to and visibility of NSU wherever research originating in NSU's activities is published.

12. Supplementary appointments to the Nomination Committee for 2019.

(Friday 2nd August)

Appointed: Inta Balode; Rebecca Rosenberg; Mogens Jacobson

13. Appointment of auditor for this year's accounting. (**decision needed**)

(Friday 2nd August)

Proposal to appoint Grant Thornton (Company).

Proposal for Auditor Approved

VOTE: (held August 2nd)

41 (Approving)

0 (Not approving)

0 (Abstaining)

14. Other received proposals.

No other proposals received.

15. New strategy plan for 2020-2023 - [Attachment](#)

(Friday 2nd August)

The Board (Disa Kamula and Nicole des Bouvrie) presented the Strategy Plan for 2020-2023. Delegate questions answered. Delegates who had been involved in writing a draft for the plan commented that the Strategy Plan presented should be developed further by incoming Board.

16. The Study program for 2020 (**decision needed**)
(Presentations Tuesday 30th July, Decision Friday 2nd August)

3 study circles terminate in 2019. The Board's proposal for new study program contains 3 new circles. No further proposals for new circles was made to the General Assembly.

a. Received proposals

- A [Hospitality and Solidarity: Feminist Philosophy in Thought, History and Action](#)
- B [Narrative and Violence](#)
- C [Urban Studies: Between Creativity and Power](#)

Presentation by Proposal A Representatives: Nicole des Bouvrie, Johanna Sjostedt and Laura Hellsten). Delegate questions.

Presentation by Proposal B Representatives: Marta Laura Cenedese (non-delegate) and Helena Duffy.

Presentation by Proposal C Representatives: Laine Kristberga (non-delegate) and Anete Vanaga (non-delegate).

b. The Board's proposal for Study program. - [Attachment](#)

Board member Erik Poulson presented the Boards's proposal for study program.

Poulson informed that Board member Nicole des Bouvrie has not been involved in preparing the board's proposal for study program.

Delegates asked whether the Board had considered to reduce the number of new study circles given the cut in the funding. A delegate commented that the Board's written proposal did not include the Board's evaluation of each proposal, as has been practiced in earlier years. Disa Kamula answered on behalf of the Board that all new study circles did pass the independent external academic evaluation, and that the board's discussions of each proposal could be accessed online in the minutes from the board meetings.

The Board's proposal for Study program was approved

VOTE: (held August 2nd)
41 (Approving)
0 (Not Approving)
0 (Abstaining)

The General Assembly decided to process point 18, Budget for 2020, before point 17, Election

17. Election of Chair and Board and Deputies for 2020 (**decision needed**)

Nomination committee will present their proposals.

The Nomination Committee (Synne Myrebøe (non-delegate) and Rebecca Rosenberg) presented their proposal.

Proposed Board:

Inta Balode (Chair) (Baltic)

Gustav Eek (Sweden)

Nicole des Bouvrie (Int)

Erik Poulsen (Sweden)

Laura Hellsten (Finland)

Proposed Deputies:

Ragnhild Freng Dale (deputy to the Chair) (Norway)

Eret Talviste (Baltic)

Eric Deibel (International)

Talya Ucaryilmaz (International)

Annikki Wahlöö (Sweden)

Jutta Vikman (Denmark)

Lara Hoffman (Iceland)

A delegate asked whether the proposal of the 2018 Nomination committee of a split-Chair position had been considered. Committee answered that a more active Deputy is proposed instead. A delegate asked whether the Statutes allow the proposed number of Deputies. Statutes do not specify number of deputies.

The proposals for Chair and Board and Deputies for 2020 were approved.

VOTE: (held August 2nd)

40 (Approving)

0 (Not approving)

0 (Abstaining)

(40 delegates; 1 absent)

18. Budget for 2020 - [Attachment Budget A](#) (**decision needed**)

The Board presented the proposed Budget for 2020.

Treasurer Nicole des Bouvrie explained the need for transparency in the Budget. The Budget should show which NSU activities that are supported by which funding. The new budget setup developed in collaboration with the accountant gives such transparency and for 2020 includes funding from NCM, participant fees and in kind work hours quantified.

Nicole des Bouvrie presented 4 alternative budget proposals, Budget A, B, C and D. Proposal D was added to the agenda after the budget workshop on August 2.

The Board's recommendation was Budget D, which included a proposal for remuneration for the 2019 Board members due to heavy workload in 2018 (documented through the quantification of in kind work hours), and an economic frame for potential judicial and financial assistance (to be spent if needed only). Budget D will reduce NSU's savings, however responding to expectations from NSU's main funder.

The General Assembly discussed the Budget and the proposal for a remuneration of Board members. The remuneration proposal did not contain principles for distribution of the remuneration and the sum was spread on more than one post in the budget.

The General Assembly decided to vote on the Board's recommended budget D, provided that the incoming board develops principles for distribution of the remuneration and present these together with a report on the actual distribution in 2019-2020, to the General Assembly 2020.

The Board's Budget proposal D was approved.

VOTE: (held August 2nd)
38 (Approving)
0 (Not approving)
2 (Abstaining)

(40 delegates; 1 absent)

19. Appointment of Nominating Committee until next Summer Session 2020

Nomination Committee 2020	Valgerður Pálmadóttir (Iceland)
Nomination Committee 2020	Stephanie Hanna (International)
Nomination Committee 2020	Utkar Aghayeva (Finland)
Nomination Committee 2020	Jesper Garsdal (Denmark)
Nomination Committee 2020	Irma Budginaitė-Mačkinė (Baltic)
Nomination Committee 2020	Ami Skånberg Dahlstedt (Sweden)

20. Summer Session 2020

Norway confirmed as location.

21. Other issues

Appointment of Arrangement Committee 2020. Those appointed: Kai Roland Green; Hild Borchgrevink; Anne Haglind; Oddbjörn Jensen.

22. The meeting ends

The chair closes the meeting.

Secretary (Date: 11th October 2019)



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Kai Roland Green

Chair (Date: 14th October 2019)



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Hild Borchgrevink

Vote Teller 1 (Date: 14th October 2019)



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Laura Antola

Vote Teller 2 (Date: 14th October 2019)



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Irma Budginaitė-Mačkinė.