

## **SLU Landscape Steering Group MINUTES October 13, 2021, 10.00-12.00**

**Date and time: October 13<sup>th</sup>, 10.00-12.00**

**Attending:** *Caroline Dahl (chair), Ingrid Sarlöv Herlin (vice chair), Lars Johansson, Caroline Hägerhäll, Bruno Santesson, & Matilda Alfengård.*

**Not able to attend:** *Nina Vogel*

**Place:** Zoom meeting

**Minutes taken by:** *Matilda Alfengård*

**Objectives:** *Updates on SLU Landscape day and SLU Lark-programme 50th anniversary. Follow up on Strategic action plan, meeting with Boverket. Information about O-ringen!*

### **Welcome/opening**

Caroline Dahl welcomed everyone to the meeting and went through the agenda and objectives for the meeting.

### **REPORTS**

#### **SLU L/Chair:**

>> CD presented at the faculty board (the report from the meeting has been communicated to SG via email), there is support from the board for our work.

>> Two candidates nominated for the *Swedish Research Council's committee for artistic research* (*Carola Wingren* and *Lisa Diedrich*).

>> CD will contact *Agneta Persson* (City of Malmö) regarding the ICLEI conference that will take place in Malmö this spring.

>> We have launched CFI → remind our colleagues of this. We must decide on a 'decision meeting' before December 13<sup>th</sup> (On December 13<sup>th</sup> it will be announced who has received funding). We must also agree on the Strategic meeting where the faculty also participates in November.

>> ISH: Other questions; How we work with CFI funds.

#### **Working group:**

>> *Azadeh Sharad* replaces *Johan Wirdelöv* in WG.

>> The PhD forum is now updating its organisation. *Johan Wirdelöv, Mia Ågren* and *Daniel Valentini* leave their roles of responsibility. The new team consists of *Azadeh Shahrads* (LAPF) as facilitator, *Sued Ferreira da Silva* as communicator (SOL), and *Frederik Aagaard Haagemann* (LAPF) as deputy. The PhD forum has been on a study trip in Linköping and organised the standing doctoral student colloquium during the ECLAS conference.

>> CFI: Project groups from 2020 and 2021 will present their reports on the LA Day on October 13<sup>th</sup>, and *Maria Wisselgren* announces new application funds for CFI 2022.

>> SLU Landscape Days: Scheduled for 13<sup>th</sup> October and shortened to one afternoon due to previous ECLAS conference and upcoming anniversary.

>> WG has had difficulty getting routines for the past year for the work (not all participants at meetings since March, many new members in WG). The WG discussed roles and distribution of work between the WG and the SG. The WG does not think it has worked well in the past year. The WG is experiencing a shift in tasks. A large part of the WG was part of the planning group for the spring LA day 14-15 April, the autumn LA day 13<sup>th</sup> October, and the celebration of LA 50, which takes focus from the work in the WG. This has resulted with the WG working operationally with control from the SG. The WG proposes a joint meeting with the SG.

#### **Movium:**

>> Intensive work is underway to digitise several products (journals, factsheets, news page etc.). 'Hope' to become more accessible and modernised.

>> Works to report Movium's activities to the government. Has its mission through the regulation letter, has previously not reported, but last year the government asked for it, so a report will be submitted at the end of the year. This is a good opportunity to point out in general the landscape architecture's contribution to societal/social change - hope it can raise all of our common issues at

government level. There, e.g. the importance of having enough educated people in this can be mentioned.

>> Looking over its advisory team, has a number of advisors hired who are on the institutions. Some retirements and generational shifts → must therefore be updated, work on this will begin shortly. To get to know the department's employees, CD proposes that Movium should be invited to subject group meetings. The aim would be to meet all subject groups at some point during the autumn and spring. CD wonders if it is ok to contact subject group leaders to visit on occasion (preferably one hour), where Movium can inform about Movium and the subject group can talk about their subject area. Positive reactions from the SG. CD will return about this via email, and there decide on different opportunities to meet Movium (such as a joint-meeting with multiple subject groups present).

**SOL:**

>> Professor of landscape management installed: *Marcus Hedblom* started his job on the 1<sup>st</sup> of October. At the same time a senior lecturer in urban planning was installed: *Helena Nord* (previously worked as a researcher at the department). All four subject professors present: *Thomas Oles* have been on leave for a longer period but will return to the department in mid-November.

>> Many employees who look forward to physically returning to the office.

>> BS will be on parental leave this spring, *Maria Wisselgren* will be acting department head for BS two subject areas - together with *Åsa Ahrland*.

>> ECLAS - a success!

**LAPF:**

>> Return to campus in focus. It is important to highlight ways of thinking about tasks such as future campus environment issues. How do we create creative environments while enabling, for example, employees to work from home on days that consisting of digital meetings? Many questions to take in.

>> Other issues we want to frame and pursue: Operational and strategy plan - commissioned by the faculty to produce an operational plan by the turn of the year. Really use it in a good way to launch the active strategic thinking. New start with getting in very good energy and using, for example, the round table discussions as fuel for the strategy.

>> Senior lecturer positions in progress: Collaborative senior lecturer - two will be brought in for further interview. Lecturer in planning: not really clear about this, but two called for an interview next week.

>> 7 programs - a lot of teaching and new types of students and staff!

**IMS:**

>> IMS prefect proposed as Dean.

>> Guest professor *Håkan Jönsson*, ethnologist from Lund - will work with food studies.

>> The master's programme has many students nowadays.

**UF:**

>> The collaboration between UF & MOVIUM: has a declaration of intent about collaboration, where one point is about - urban powerhouse - where we want to find ways to work between the future platforms and the collaboration platform in a solid way. A position was advertised during the summer (as co-ordinator for that particular assignment) - did not land the recruitment. Employed a senior advisor for 6 months, to help clarify and develop the thinking for what this should be and how it should operate. That person is *Henrietta Palmer* (art professor and one of the driving forces at Mistra Urban Futures in Gothenburg). Extensive experience in transdisciplinary research contexts. Feel free to think about how she could be included in different contexts.

>> SLU UF's financing of the coordination work for SLU Landscape, currently done by Matilda, will be 20% in 2022. However, a discussion for how this will be organized and shared in the future should be

put on the agenda

### **Arkitekturakademin:**

>> The Academy of Architecture has consisted of the prefects from the four schools of architecture (Lund, Umeå, Gothenburg, and Stockholm) and has been a collaboration for 10 years. *Helena Bjarnegård* invited SLU 2019, where LJ sits in a working group as a representative of SLU:L. The working group works under the heads of department, and has, among other things, conducted a seminar in Malmö 2019 and the seminar on '*Gestaltad livsmiljö som möjliggörare*' together with ArcDes and Movium. The working group has continued to meet and discuss how this is followed up, the working group is about "*Gestaltad livsmiljö*", in different ways, and how we get these issues into the public debate, research contexts and teaching. Together with Sveriges arkitekter, the working group will meet with Formas to talk about how to change Formas - it is possible to find ways to bring architectural expertise into Formas? There are plans to ask for money from each school to expand this to become a part-time employee who runs this and brings together the architectural educations and SLU landscape.

### **SLU Landscape Days**

Reconciliation before today's SLU Landscape Day, where the steering group among other things is present and presents. Decision on SLU Landscape days 2022: April 27-28<sup>th</sup> in Ultuna. October 12-13<sup>th</sup> in Alnarp.

### **LARK 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

MA gave an update regarding the various anniversary activities.

Round table discussion(RTD): The first round table discussion will take place on 13<sup>th</sup> October, and ISH will introduce the discussion series and talk about the various activities. *Maria Wisselgren* and *Jitka Svensson* to moderate the RTD on the 20<sup>th</sup> October, where the invited speakers are students. *Thomas Randrup* moderates the RTD on November 10<sup>th</sup>, ISH can represent Sweden during the conversation. ISH has not received any replies from *Anne Whiston Spirn* and *Catharine Ward Thompsson* for the RTD on 16<sup>th</sup> November. ISH contacts them again, as well as *Helena Bjarnegård*. Compile main takeaways from the RTD and archive the RTD.

Dynamic expansion: The visualisation is complete, but the concise text is not. MA sends drafts and lets SG respond on email. The film: A new working name for the film is 'The core of the Landscape Architect programme', as the starting point (about the content) has changed after reviewing the recorded material. We have deleted everything about buildings/locations and conflicts between Ultuna and Alnarp. *Anders Rasmusson* has cut together a 12-minute rough-cut film that feels surprisingly good. Soon time for the next working meeting before we engage the Reference group: *Catherine Kihlström* (communication perspective), *Gunilla Lindholm*, and a student from Alnarp. Internal celebration November 16: Use the opportunity to include the university management. Invite *Håkan Schroeder* and those we interviewed for the film. Support from the steering group to move on (last day for registration, number of spots, and dress code). Campus event: PG questions whether it should be a weekend activity and has rough suggestions for content with a future focus. Suggests a special meeting with PG and SG - joint exchange - it is enough that we do it in the SG meeting in November.

>> European overview: well-processed data presented during ECLAS. Could get in somewhere in 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. ISH: contacts them.

>> CD, ISH and MA will have a planning meeting.

### **Report meeting with Boverket**

>> SG was tasked with appointing a couple of people who can carry out the work of reviewing this

agreement. Return to the *Boverket* with a couple of names who together with them review the agreement. Then plan for a high level meeting. Discussion followed on what this process could look like.

CD suggested:

1) ISH and LJ are contact persons for updating the agreement, in dialogue with those concerned and in dialogue with the SG.

2) Ensures that we have a report meeting with *Boverket* once a year. Where SLU:L SG is the party that *Boverket* meets.

3) Proposes WS for the spring SLU Landscape Days - where we present the agreement to our colleagues and where we discuss what kind of activities could be done within the framework of it, and then we build and collect from below - with that as a basis → produce an action plan and / or an activity plan.

4) Continued dialogue with Håkan (dean) about a high-level meeting - but we can carry it out by email.

CH: Sounds really good! ISH: Invite *Boverket* to a WS during SLU Landscape days! BS: Sounds good.

LJ: Good with WS.

>>MA reminds the SG about the WS-idea to springs SLU Landscape Day.

### **O-ringen**

CD was at an information meeting about the O-ringen (the big orienteering competition). 2022 next summer (w.30) – O-ringen will be arranged in Ultuna (Ultuna Campus). The question is whether we at SLU Landscape want an activity or to do something during this event? Proposals must be submitted before the beginning of December. CD sends out background material and then we think about whether we should get involved and pick up the string in an email conversation. We return to this after we have discussed with colleagues.

### **CFI**

ISH: SLU Landscape's money is in LAPF's account. *Kristin Nilsson* asks if it is possible to do it in another way. *Kristin* prefers that when you get money - that they end up in the institution that the person who leads the proposal/is responsible works. CD: Then there will be redistribution on two occasions. Better to find a system so that the reporting really comes in and is completed. Discuss with *Kristin* on how this should be done to facilitate her work. ISH: Clear rules for follow-ups and reporting in instructions. CD: Include in the instruction and have *Kristin* as CC.

### **IFLA**

Sveriges arkitekter who are driving for an IFLA conference, and has engaged employees at SLU (both from LAPF and SOL) including *Maria Kylin*. *Maria Kylin* has discussed this with ISH with questions about how *Maria* should approach the departments, how we should think and *Maria* wonder about turning to the faculty (apply for money for employees - as it is a lot of time that will be spent). The conference is planned for 2023 together with Kenya.

>> Scientific committee where several employees from SLU will invest time and work resources for planning and implementation of the conference - try to get more support for this, due to more working hours are needed.

>> ISH has been in contact with *Håkan*, *Håkan* recommended writing a letter. *Maria* and *Emily Wade* wrote a letter to the Faculty about what the conference will be.

>> Ask the question to SLU Landscape, what is SLU Landscape's role in this? ISH: SLU Landscape is affected by this. How can we support?

>> Invite *Maria K* and *Emily W* to the SG meeting on November 17<sup>th</sup>, and we will have a direct dialogue with them about what SLU Landscape's role can be.

### **Closing business**

>>SG strategy meeting: Wednesday, November 17<sup>th</sup> (14.00-17.00) – digital meeting. Agenda: Make room for the dialogue with the Working group, look at the strategic action plan (and link it to the operational plans that the institutions make.)

>> Decision date for CFI: Wednesday afternoon, 8<sup>th</sup> December 15.30-16.30 - make assessments before the meeting - focus: discuss assessments we disagree on.

**Caroline thanked everyone for participating! Meeting closed at 12.03!**