

## **SLU Landscape Steering Group MINUTES August 19, 2021, 10.00-11.30**

**Date and time:** August 19<sup>th</sup>, 10.00-11.30

**Attending:** Caroline Dahl (chair), Ingrid Sarlöv Herlin (vice chair), Karl Lövrje, Nina Vogel, Caroline Hägerhäll, Bruno Santesson, Maria Wisselgren (invited to agenda point 2), Matilda Alfengård

**Not able to attend:** Lars Johansson

**Place:** Zoom meeting

**Minutes taken by:** Matilda Alfengård

**Objectives:** *Decision on direction regarding CFI. Follow up Strategic action plan. Updates on SLU Lark-programme 50th anniversary. Decision on new planning group for SLU Landscape day.*

### **Welcome/opening**

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

### **REPORTS**

**SLU L/Chair:** SLU Landscape (Chair and vice chair) and SLU Horticulture are invited to the Faculty Board on September 1<sup>st</sup> to present. Prior to that meeting, it is preferred that the questions that were sent out by Thorleif Ljung are reflected upon. CD sends these questions to the SG, who by e-mail submits comments and reflections – which is brought to the meeting. **WG:** Quite a lot of focus on LARK 50th anniversary, since WG is the planning group. It is a generational change within the PhD forum, a form of handover is planned by those who have been involved in starting up the forum (and are driving it) to those that will form the new generation. **The Faculty:** During the autumn, work is being done on the *verksamhetsplan* (the operational document in relation to the strategy – which has already been decided upon) and a draft has been made. The *verksamhetsplan* will apply to the period of 2022-2025. It has been referred to departments, programme committees, research committees, student unions for assessment – but not to SLU Landscape and SLU Horticulture. It is being discussed whether SLU Landscape should be a referral body. The Faculty leadership also discusses clarifying the mission for the collaboration platforms, such as how the relationship should be with the Faculty leadership (is it just about collaboration between the departments and other units?). The distribution of funds will come up in the Faculty Board in September for discussion, with a decision in November. It could be an idea to request more funds (in addition to funds allocated) to SLU Landscape. From the education side: Do the Landscape educations need to be reduced or not? Decisions on the number of places for programmes are made by the Board of Education. KL is considering a dialogue with the UN and to discuss; if the redistribution can be done in another way within our educations (leave independent courses behind and in this way we do not need to reduce the number of places in our education programmes). On a comprehensive level, we need to think long-term about how we work with lobbying. Stress the importance of the landscape education for the decision-makers, and set the societal benefit of landscape architects working with climate adaptation against the societal benefits of veterinarians. SLU Landscape can work with this, but also with getting external parties to highlight this (such as *Boverket*). **Movium:** Initiate the work after the summer. Movium's website has been hacked; customers, students and employees have not been able to contact Movium. Today the database is slowly starting up. **SoL:** Quite a lot of focus on ECLAS and the start of the semester. Employment news: New professor of Landscape Management at the entrance, where Marcus Hedblom (currently employed as a senior lecturer) is proposed. The first time SoL have a professor in each subject area. **IMS:** New employee: Anna Gabriel. Anna Litsmark are on leave to do her PhD in Lund, both Mark Wales and Elizabeth Marcheschi are on parental leave. The OHW programme has an alumni network, where some of the alumni run the podcast Human-Land ([LINK](#)) about environmental psychology. **UF:** Various seminar series are running, such as Climate Conversation and Global South. One of the series is in collaboration with Future Forest about the theme Urban Forests, where the first seminar is on September 29<sup>th</sup> (Cecil Konijnendijk is the speaker). UF is involved in the campus development in various ways.

## CFI

Maria Wisselgren presented a draft on the theme (based on the discussion from the previous steering group meeting) which is as follows; *CFI wants to inspire the participants to increase awareness and formulate aspects of sustainability that they work with during the daily work.*

Comments/thoughts on the theme and the formulation of it;

>> Take the wording of the theme one step further and include; consequence/effect /impact.

>> Clarify what kind of sustainability we are looking for (sustainability linked to landscape architecture).

>> Relevant theme, as it can be difficult to concretise what the sustainability aspects are, and how these are affected (especially in education).

>> 'How to work with sustainability aspects' is defined for the educations that are to be included in the main area of sustainable development and there are *tillämpningsföreskrifter* (what is it that distinguishes the teaching, among other things). The UN has commissioned a group to work out a description for the educations that have a systems perspective and are interdisciplinary in relation to sustainability.

>> Link to SLU's strategy à what is the next step for sustainability? How does it affect our research, teaching and our organizations/ institutions?

>> There could be a large group of employees who may be interested in this specialisation, if we get a lighter description with a little more clarity – then it's easier for applicants to formulate.

Timeline: a teaser in September à announcement on SLU Landscape day à final submission à decisions to be made à an announcement of those who are accepted à start-up meeting à workshops during the SLU Landscape Days à final reporting in September à presentations during the SLU Landscape days.

The SG decided to stick to 200,000 SEK distributed between four projects. The idea around the theme is good, we keep one theme, but will reframe it. KL sends a link to the UN decision, and MA sends a link to the description of the new main subject area, sustainable development. Maria sends out a new description (for the theme) to the SG by email. The SG should be quick to confirm/come up with concrete suggestions for revisions. DECISIONS by email, mid-September at the latest. The date for evaluation of applications is decided by the SG during the next SG meeting. Maria decides the date that is included in the teaser.

## Action reports

The strategic plan is accepted. Responsible for prioritized actions from the SG presents shortly the ongoing process and what has been done to contribute to the action, at every steering group meeting.

### 7.1 Extend LTV Faculty level funding responsible: KL

The funding has been confirmed, the faculty will continue to support SLU Landscape with these funds. KL: Good opportunity to ask for more funds, and to try formulating arguments for these – and then send a short motivation letter to Håkan.

A discussion ensued about arguments for increased funding;

KL: - influence - lobbying - communication.

CD: UF invests funds for coordination, which should exist and be contained within the network itself (or parts of it). From experience, we have seen that coordination is needed for it to function well.

ISH: Key issue to link to SLU's strategy - focus on what creates 'one SLU' such as: our network activities, our meetings between PhDs, teachers, subject representatives who present all activities that contribute to connecting the landscape topics across SLU. It is important to highlight concrete examples.

Action 7.1 hooks into action 7.2 Budget to compensate WG responsible: ISH & LJ. A discussion followed about the general problem regarding the funds that are given to establish different infrastructures, but not to the manpower required to run it. CD: Point out what we mean is necessary for us as organisations to work outside our organisational mission - what additional resources are needed for SLU:L to work? The need for communication and facilitation that takes place between, and not within the organizations, is easier for the faculty to understand (rather than funding those who choose to get involved in SLU Landscape).

NV: As it looks today, coordination is financed by UF, which can be changed. It is important to have a long-term strategy, with a stable funding from the faculty for this. It could also be communicated that coordination is something of value. The SG commissioned the chair (CD) and vice chair (ISH) to write a draft for an increased funding request. Draft to be sent out w.36 for circulation within the SG - to then make a decision regarding it.

During the next SG meeting, the reports from the strategic action plan continue with action 6.2!

### **Lark-programme 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary**

MA gave an update regarding the various jubilee activities. The article (in Arkitekten): Tiina has sent material to *Arkitekten* which has been reworked by a journalist and published in the August issue.

Digital product: The compilation of how the landscape architecture education has developed dynamically is visualised by Hanne. The text to be included is not so extensive. Tiina, Hanne and MA will discuss a draft later today. We collect images from the LARK education over the years. Ask staff to submit pictures to MA. The interview film: 3 out of 6 recordings completed. A delay in the filming schedule. A reference group is formed to discuss the content together with Tiina, LJ and MA. If the SG has suggestions for names to include in the reference group, please contact MA. Round table discussions: Themes for the various round table discussion are decided, names of the series are still being discussed though. The dates for the roundtable discussions are 13<sup>th</sup> October (in connection with SLU Landscape Day), 20<sup>th</sup> October, 10<sup>th</sup> November, and 16<sup>th</sup> November. The invited honorary doctors who responded have been positive to the initiative - provided that the pandemic situation allows. The campus event/The internal celebration: A lot of focus has been placed on the planning of the celebration in Alnarp on the 16<sup>th</sup> November - with a film gala as the theme. In order to offer inspiring days, content for the campus event/s is in addition to the proposed sketch (guided tours, film screenings, presentations, small excursions) linked to what emerges during the roundtable discussions.

A discussion ensued about postponing the celebration as the university management advises against meetings during the autumn.

Response from SG:

>> KL wants to convey the work done to the UN, and wishes to have a summary this autumn of what is planned. The digital product is an important tool in the discussions about reduction within the program. KL will make a presentation for UN. KL also proposed to invite the Rector/UN chair to the event.

>> The final of the round table discussion series is proposed to be held online. Invite the honorary doctors to the Campus event(s) and ask them to write down a reflection à publication (another anniversary product) that could then be presented at the campus event/celebration.

>>A film gala, can be difficult to implement due to the restrictions. Put the work on-hold regarding the internal celebration, and focus instead on getting the other activities fulfilled. If there is no film gala in November, then two campus events are desired. What do we do with the events this spring if there is no film gala?

>> *Save the date* for the anniversary calendar (overview with all the dates).

>> Send the dates to the *Arkitekten's* calendar.

>>...If PG need help/tips with spreading the various activities, contact the SG.

>> Discuss dates for the spring landscape days (dialogue between the SG & the PG)

>> The film premiere, can it be combined/integrated with roundtable discussions?

Decision: Stay low for a week, after the next corona email – The SG will know if we should contact our honorary doctors and state that the round table discussions on 16<sup>th</sup> November will be an online event, but that we want a visit from them in the spring. Decisions are made by email. MA brings forth the question to PG; what do we do about the events in the spring if it is not a film gala?

### **SLU Landscape day autumn 2021**

Decision that the planning group for SLU Landscape Day (afternoon 13<sup>th</sup> October) consists of *Mats Gyllin* (IMS), *Julia Schneider* (LAPF), *Bruno Santesson* (SoL), and *Matilda Alfengård* (LAPF/SLU: L). ISH checks-in with Alva Lindvall. MA contacts the planning group.

### **Round table discussion organised at ECLAS by the SG for SLU: L**

A discussion regarding the round table discussion that was planned to be held by the SG for SLU: L during ECLAS. Decision: The SG apologises and withdraws its proposed roundtable discussion.

### **Memorial for Gunnar Sorte**

A discussion about drawing attention to *Gunnar Sorte's* death in a SLU landscape context (perhaps in connection with ECLAS?). ISH: Does anyone write memoirs for this? A discussion ensued about an appropriate person to ask to write a memoir (Suggested: *Patrik Grahn*, *Tiina Sarap*). It was decided to discuss further proposals for memoirs and possible memorial services on campus - by email. ISH discusses this with Håkan. CD: Gunnar made a text in "*Husgudar och urkunder*" that could be included. BS will check with Sara (ECLAS).

### **Closing business**

Doodle link will be sent out with suggested dates for the autumn SG meetings.

**Caroline thanked everyone for participating! Meeting closed at 12.16!**