

Summary – Workshop Committee Meeting

Team Heavy – 2019-10-18

Present:

Staff: Ariel Alaniz, P-O Persson, and Silvana Heed

Student representatives: Therese Bülow, Erlend Rødsten and Karl-Eivind Jørgensen

Meeting summary written by Erlend Rødsten and Therese Bülow.

We opened the meeting by concluding that the new machines and tools we decided to buy on the last workshop meeting, have been purchased and installed. Further investments will be discussed later, and by the next meeting the student should discuss new equipment they want.

House issues:

There are reoccurring issues connected to ventilation in the building. These problems are being dealt with.

We are trying to make a system for larger clean-ups in the heavy workshops, which should be done two times per semester – and not once a year. We will try out a system where Ariel is going to send out a notice to all students by email one week ahead of the clean-up, so that all finished works and work-in-progress can be removed. Remaining items occupying space will be thrown away. The workshop committee will gather students to help out with this clean-up, and those participating will be rewarded with a yet unknown gift.

Mould-making workshop:

- The drain in the floor is not dimensioned for cleaning of the workshop's floor. Staff is aware of this problem and is trying to solve it – but this will be a lot of work, as the concrete floor must be partly removed to put in new piping.
- ALL PROCESSING OF PLASTICS SHOULD BE DONE OUTDOORS – NOT IN THE MOULD MAKING WORKSHOP. The dust from cutting and polishing plastic objects is dangerous and hard to clean up, therefore all processing of plastic should be done outdoors.
- We note that the general cleaning of the workshop has improved.
- The chemistry-cabinet is an issue, because students no longer have access to the shop after 16.00PM. The student representatives note that this might result in students storing dangerous and flammable chemicals in their studios. The school will look into the possibility to place the chemistry-cabinet in a place where students have access also after 16.00PM

Wood mounting workshop

- The board with tools in the workshop is working ok! Sometimes a lot of tools are missing, only to soon be back again – remember that tools marked with green tape are not to be removed from the workshop! Each workshop has their tools and it is not allowed to remove them from there.
- Ariel is trying to solve the reoccurring sander issues and is looking into a system that will automatically provide oil to the machine, instead of the one we have now that has to be re-filled with oil from time to time by the ones who use it. An electric sander is placed in the workshop while the air driven sander is being repaired.

Wood workshop

- Both staff and students are happy about the workshop. No complains at all. New rolling tables work well.

Plastic

- Both staff and student are happy about the workshop. Although note that processing of plastic is only allowed outside of the building in fresh air.

Ceramic

- The problem with the heat is still there, but staff and the owners of the building are trying to find a solution.

Metal

- The tool cabinet is empty! Please bring the tools back to their home.
- Ariel will buy new safety equipment (jackets for welding, glasses for grinding, etc.)
- A machine for bending pipes is in the process of being bought, but there have been difficulties finding a supplier.
- Small reminder: to those of you who are working with organic shapes in metal and would like to polish/process them, Ariel has the machines and tools for that.

A discussion about the new restricted opening hours of the heavy workshops was opened.

- The student representatives state that this has caused a lot of frustration among the students.
- We talked about the reason for this restriction, and the inspections by Lund University last spring. The workshops where in a critically bad shape, and far away from maintaining the safety standards demanded.
- The student representatives want to know if it is possible to extend the workshop access again, if we find a way to keep the workshops clean and safe, but this is not certain.
- New systems to keep the workshops clean and safe where discussed, but no quick and easy solution was found.