

Awareness Group meeting on 20 Jan. 2022

Participants: Ella Zwatz, Niña Lerch, Ida Zahradnik, Pauline Hosse-Hartmann, Maria Stepanek, Johanna Tinzl, Camille Borchert, Artur Schernthaner, Paul Petritsch, Andreas Budak

Moderation: Johanna Tinzl

Minutes: Andreas Budak

We went through the minutes of the last meeting on 19 May 2021, at which the following topics were discussed:

- “Studienhilfe”: We briefly discussed the possibilities of consulting psychological help for students at the university through the “Studienhilfe Abteilung”. Andreas also mentioned the hotline in Vienna for psychiatric emergencies: 01/ 31330. This service is available 24/7, every day of the year.

- Class schedule and student fees are processed at the “Studienabteilung” studien@uni-ak.ac.at +43-1-71133-2060

- Camille mentioned that the introduction of the students at the beginning of the semester was too short. After a short discussion we decided that it would be good if everyone in the class brought a photo for the archive and talked about it for a minute OR each student could make a statement or two about his or her personal interests OR talk about a topic of his or her artistic working process. One minute per person.
- We discussed the budget for our restroom personal hygiene products again. These articles should not be taken out of the Awareness Group budget, Paul said. We should come up with a solution by our next meeting.

- Communication with the class: We all, agreed that we should present the Awareness Group and its topics at the “Semester Kickoff” in March and that we should make public who is actually in this group.

- We agreed that the class speakers of the last semester should speak at the University introduction and also at the introduction taking place at our building at the beginning of the semester. This year this event will take place on March 1, 2022 at 10 a.m. at Paulusplatz with Paul and the Team. Andreas will write down some important issues for that and will send it to Maria, also the Erasmus Programme Guide.
- Ida will go through the offers of courses for 19 May 2022. We all agreed that the course of Simone Adams about Privilege Awareness* (Privilegien erkennen und verstehen) would be the best one, also for introducing the Awareness Group to the class. Ida said she will look for further possibilities because Simone Adams’ course will just be conducted online via Zoom. Pauline mentioned that it would also be important for the presenter to represent diversity. Everyone agrees. This course/presentation should be voluntary rather than compulsory, so that the students can visit it or not. We will talk about it at the Kickoff on 3 March 2022. Ida will conduct the communication presentation to the course providers.

– Reading Groups: Everyone agrees that this would be of interest to us. We are also allowed to buy books about our topics for the class bookshelf. It will be paid for from the class budget.

- – Our next Awareness Group meeting will be on 31 March 2022 from 9–10:30 a.m.
- – We decided that the next moderator of the meeting will be Camille and the minutes will be taken by Niña Lerch.