Minutes from DION board meeting.

Time: Monday 22 January, 12:00 – 14:00 hours.

Place: Meeting room 160, Gamle Fysikk.

Present: Sverre Lundemo, Andreas Asheim, Yngve Sommervoll, Yngvild Vindenes, Sergei Gladysh, Lise Lyngsnes Randeberg and Haaken A. Moe.

Minutes secretary: Inger Selven Watts

Sak 06/10 NTNU Board meeting 23 February, Haaken A. Moe.
Haaken presented the agenda for the meeting and emphasized the following:

S-sak 13/10 Strategy process
DION remarked that it is going to be quite a challenge to improve and make a priority to a total of six different issues; research, education, dissemination, creativity, organization and resources. DION states that researchers must have a reasonable amount of freedom in their work as long as what they do is work related.

S-sak 14/10 Annual accounts 2009
DION had no specific comments to this issue.

S-sak 15/10 Reports and plans
DION had no specific comments to this issue.

S-sak 16/10 NTNU’s Action Plan for Implementation
DION concluded that not all PhD Candidates are included in this document. That refers to PhD Candidates who are assigned and paid by employers in many foreign countries. DION stressed that NTNU is one of few universities in Norway that do not offer a special course in scientific theory and ethics for PhD Candidates. DION believes that such a course would be very beneficial for our PhD Candidates and for NTNU.
DION wants clear guide lines for whom PhD Candidates should engage in performance appraisal review. This topic is of special interest since it is suggested that this conversation should be used as a part of career building, while at the same time many departments do not find time to performance appraisal review with its PhD Candidates.

Sak 07/10 Reports from meetings in NTNU’s research committee (Forskningsutvalget) and NTNU’s IP committee
DION notices that many of the controversial suggestions that were included last time this document was going to be proposed to the Board are still included. This goes for very strict rules for ownership of research material and that NTNU is going to be able to decide what researchers produces in their own spare time.
DION says that it is very important that researchers are not prevented in informing others about their work.
DION points that this document only should be used as a guide line and not as law. Board members are encouraged to send additional comments to Andreas. Lise is going to bring this document to a consultant for comments.
Sak 08/10  DION formal status
This case will be postponed until next meeting. Yngve will write a résumé.

Sak 09/10  Meeting with VICE-RECTOR 22 February
Sverre and Yngvild will be having a meeting with Vice-Rector Kari Melby today.

Sak 10/10  Annual meeting 24 March; status
This meeting is being planned. Sverre is going to send a proposed schedule to the other board members.

Sak 11/10  Board activities since last meeting; updates.

Sak 12/10  A.o.b.
DION encourages members of the board to attend SIN’s annual meeting in Oslo on 28 May.

Sverre Lundemo/s/
President DION

Inger Selven Watts/s/
Minutes Secretary