MINUTES FROM THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE INTEREST ORGANIZATION FOR DOCTORAL CANDIDATES AT NTNU (DION)

Monday, 4 April 2011 at 1415 hours
in
Lecture room H3, Main building, Gløshaugen Campus.

Present: Approximately 22 persons

Chairman: President of DION, Haaken Annfelt Moe

Minutes Secretary: Inger Selven Watts

1. Welcome to our annual meeting DION
   Haaken Annfelt Moe welcomed the audience and informed briefly about which it would be focused on at the meeting

2. A little bit about The Interest Organization for Doctoral Candidates at NTNU
   Haaken Annfelt Moe informed. We can be contacted on post@dion.ntnu.no. More information can be found on www.dion.ntnu.no.

3. Some about duties and rights for PhD Candidates at NTNU
   Haaken Annfelt Moe informed about:
   ➢ Regulations concerning PhD.
   ➢ Contract of employment.
   ➢ Duty work. What kind of duty work is a PhD Candidate supposed to do, and what kind of work counts as duty work. It is important to be aware of that so-called ‘invisible duty work’ takes away time from research.

4. What is going on and what is going to happen on the NTNU Board next year as seen by a temporarily employee? Deputy representative Ragnhild Berge on the NTNU Board 2010-2011 informs.
   Ragnhild Berge informed about her experiences as Deputy Representative on the board. The work load for a representative on the NTNU Board is expected to be 20-30 % of a normal job.
Important issues for the Board are:
- Temporary employment in the university sector.
- NTNU Strategy
- PhD Quality
  1. Turnover
  2. PhD quality control framework

Coffee break with fruit, tea and coffee

5. Election rally. A brief presentation of candidates, discussion and questions.
Eight candidates rallying for the NTNU Board were present. They were: Daniel Haugstvedt, Beathe Sitter, Hans Fredrik Nyvold Kvitvang, Marit Hovdal Moan, Kirsti Jensen, Ragnhild Hutchison, Gediminas Karoblis and Julien Bourelle. Candidates were asked about their opinion on several topics, like:
- NTNU strategy
- Number of temporarily employees and chances for a permanent position.
- Knowledge of the Norwegian language, and should representatives on the NTNU Board have to be able to speak Norwegian?

6. Election of new members for the DION Board.
Haaken Annfelt Moe informed and asked if anyone would like to become a member. Julien Bourelle, Elisabeth Kuhn, Beathe Sitter, Daniel Haugstvedt and Ragnhild Hutchison. Daniel Haugstvedt can not be a member of the DION Board if he wins the election, due to concern that he would like to be an impartial representative on the NTNU Board. Regardless he would like to attend DION Board meetings.

Meeting ended 1605 hours.

Haaken Annfelt Moe  Inger Selven Watts
President  Minutes Secretary