Minutes of DION board meeting.

Time: Monday, 27 August 2012, 10:00 – 12:00 hours.

Place: Meeting room 245 Sentralbygg II.

Present: Kirsti Jensen, Julien S. Bourrelle (left during item 19/12), Ragnhild Berge and Magnus Steigedal

Minutes secretary: Inger Selven Watts

Item 18/12 NTNU Board meeting
Magnus made a general introduction and raised some selected items for debate.

S-sak 32/12 Budget assumptions 2013, strategy work and long term budget 2013-2016
Research: There has been an increase in the number of PhD candidates and a decrease in research funding to NTNU. DION is concerned and encourages NTNU to find new ways in which to increase research funding.

S-sak 34/12 Development of new thematic goals
NTNU focus on four thematic goals. Those are:
- Health, welfare and technology
- Marine and maritime technology
- Energy
- Sustain
Dekannmøtet (dean meeting) thinks that thematic goals are an important tool in the effort of making NTNU well known and acclaimed.

S-sak 35/12 Management at faculties and departments
Rector recommends that faculties shall be governed by a faculty board, while departments in the future will be governed by an externally employed head of department. DION believes that an employed rather than elected head of department will be better for temporary employed staff. Even so, DION believes this is not the time for which to come to a finale decision.

S-sak 36/12 Employment of rector at NTNU
DION states that as one of the largest groups of employed staff at NTNU temporary employed staff should be represented on the committee that decides who should be our next principal.

Item 19/12 Planning DION annual meeting and election. We need new representatives, so please encourage people to stand for election
Set date and time for DION annual meeting: Wednesday, 26 September 2012 at 1800 hours.
Place: Samfundet
Food: Pizza
President, Vice President, Web Master and Master of Information for DION will be elected.
Our annual meeting commences one hour before Forsker Grand Prix (Researcher Grand Prix) at Samfundet.
Inger books/hires room, emails all PhD candidates at NTNU and orders pizza.
A coordination meeting will be held on 19 September for the DION board members and secretary.

Item 20/12 Seminar at the Faculty of Natural Sciences and Technology
We need one person to hold a presentation about DION and doctorate’s situation at NTNU.
18 September: Kirsti will be representing DION.
25 September: Ragnhild will be representing DION.

**Item 21/12 A.o.b.**
- Julien will make a Facebook web site for DION.
- Inger will send DION brochures to all faculties at NTNU.

Meeting ended: 1240 hours.

Kirsti Jensen/s/
President DION

Inger Selven Watts/s/
Minutes Secretary