DION BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Date 24 October 2016, 12:30-15:30
Place Old Physics building, big meeting room (2nd floor) Gløshaugen campus
Present Lina H. Ingeborgrud, Kam Sripada, Mathias Arbo,
       Sam A. Kasimba, Tu Ying, Alexander Busch, Hammad Majeed
Absent Enrico Riccardi
Secretary Kine Sørli

Welcome /Lina
Lina welcomed to the meeting and oriented on what has been going on since last board meeting. The welcome event was a success. Around 75 people showed up, over 130 people had registered.

Discussions related to the Board of NTNU/ Guro Busterud
Guro didn’t have the time to participate on the DION board meeting. Lina oriented about the cases that the NTNU board will process on the board meeting on October 25 and 26.

Current issues in SiN/ Vegard Hagen
Nobody from SiN participated on the meeting.

Presentation from Dimitra Anastasopoulou
Postponed due to the train strike. Dimitra will be invited to the next board meeting.

DION Birthday Party
Sam oriented. The birthday committee hasn’t been planning so much. It was suggested to move the birthday party to December 8 and have it combined with a Happy Hour. Places like Digs, Stammen and WorkWork is suggested as suitable places.

Lina will contact Stammen and hear if they can be able to host the event. Kam will hear with some Tango dancers if they can entertain at the event.

Lina will hear if the researchers from Forsker Grand Prix can talk about research dissemination and their experiences through this competition.
It is suggested to invite special guests that has been working with DION. Kam will make a list over invited people.

Sam and Hammad will be responsible for cake, balloons and welcome drink at the event.

‘PhD with kids’/Alex, Sam - 10 min
Alex oriented about the process so far. The survey is soon ready to be sent out.

There has been a similar survey about students with kids, but is not quite similar due that the survey was mostly on the financial situation among the students.

It is wished that also people without kids will answer, so it is might need to change the name of the survey. The main reason for this is to have a reference group for comparison. It suggested to name it like “Work-life balance”.

It will also be a lottery for participating in the survey. The winner will be announced at the DION birthday party.

Happy Hour at DIGS with ProtestPub
Mathias oriented about the organization of the Protest Pub. The event will be combined with DION’s happy hour on November 9.

Enrico is the key contact for the event.

DION grants: evaluation of applications

Dimitra from Gjøvik applied for two grants. The board agrees to give her one grants and also encourage the vice rector at Gjøvik to support the sub group of DION.

Kam will orient the applicants about the outcome of. Among the 10 applications there were 5 applications that got approved.

Active DION projects/investigations/cases

- Introduction seminar at all faculties/ Lina
  - IVT, NT and DMF are covered. We have invitations from HF (9 November, Lina) and SVT (28 November, Sam). IME and AB hasn’t replied on our inquiry.
- Outreach to HiST, Ålesund and Gjøvik /Kam
  - Kam has been in contact with Dimitra at Gjøvik, and is still in contact with Ålesund (they will get a PhD Candidate in January)
- Updates from The University Research Committee (FU) / Kam
  - The FU has discussed the new archieve system to publish articles(Open Access), Onsager fellowship, Starmus festival
The next FU meeting will discuss the “Postdoctoral lift” and the downscaling of the amount of PhD programs at NTNU. There should be at least 2 people from DION there.

- Career day for PhDs and Postdocs/ Lina, Kam, Tu Ying
  - Planning to hold it spring 2017 and NTNU Alumni will collaborate with us. Kam has made a list of possible speakers. There hasn’t been set a date for the event yet. There will be a meeting with NTNU Alumni to set a date for the career day.

- DION Promotion material/new Pull-up/
  - Kam has been in contact with Sheila regarding promotion material and she hasn’t replied on the inquiry

- "Digital archive/collaboration system"
  - Alex, Mathias and Kine has had a meeting to organize the structure for the new archive system. The main frame is ready, but we need some more time to organize the structure further. Hopefully it will be ready for more discussions on the next board meeting.

- The DION home page
  - It is down for the moment for a suspicious link. Mathias is working to solve the problem with Orakel.

- Housing for temporarily researchers/
  - Tu Ying oriented about the situation for temporarily researchers. There are several options for housing temporarily researchers. There is an ongoing discussion whether NTNU should keep the responsibility for housing temporarily researchers. There will be a “Mobility Office” to take care of these questions, but they will focus on professors first.

**PhD cases/ Tu Ying 15 min**
Tu oriented on the process with the incoming cases. There has been a couple of cases about housing, HFEL-course and one case about payment between positions.

Sam oriented about a case of a scholar who will be working here for 3 months and the department will not pay her before she registers at the tax office. The tax office says she don’t have to register since she is only going to be here for 3 months. The board suggest that she contact the HR department at the university level.

**Routines for replying**
Tu Ying has the responsibility to answer the person who take the contact. The board should "reply all" to give Tu comments and feedback for discussions.

**A.o.b**

- Suggestion for next DION board meeting: 5 December from 12.00-15.00 pm.
- There is a doctoral promotion coming up November 18. Mathias and Lina will join.
- Lina reminds the board to write the applications for compensation for the board period. Deadline for applications is in February.