DION BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Date: March 15 2017, 12:30-15:30
Place: Old Physics building, Room 207, Gløshaugen campus
Present: Lina H. Ingeborgrud, Mathias Arbo, Alexander Busch, Sam Kasimba, Hammad Majeed
Absent: Kam Sripada, Enrico Riccardi, Tu Ying
Observers: Guro Busterud, Ida Marie Henriksen
Secretary: Kine Sørli

Welcome
Lina welcomed to the meeting and presented the agenda. Since last meeting Lina and Guro (board of NTNU) was interviewed by Universitetsavisa. Lina has been in two meetings with the election committee for the new NTNU board. We’ve had two DION presentations for new phd candidates. Last DION happy hour at Work Work was a success, about 20 people showed up. Alex and Lina had a breakfast meeting with the temporarily faculty representatives at 28 February.

Discussions related to the Board of NTNU
Guro oriented about the cases that the Board of NTNU will process at the next board meeting 16 March. The board has one case about temporarily employees/employment and HMS-report. The report is mainly statistics and don’t measure the initiatives for temporarily employment. The report compares NTNU with other universities and NTNU is satisfied as long they have better numbers than others. Guro wishes the report would dig deeper into the material and focus more on internal relations.

The NTNU board will discuss the yearly report for NTNU, to be delivered to Kunnskapsdepartementet. The yearly report states that the average completion time is lower than the national average for PhD candidates. There is also a lower rate of women among PhD candidates at NTNU than the national average (34% in 2016).

“Kvalitetsmeldingen for NTNU” will also be discussed at the meeting. It mainly discusses learning areas (digital and physically). The NTNU board will be oriented about the ongoing campus project. The board will hire two new prorectors and six new deans.

Survey PhD with kids
Alex, Mathias and Sam oriented about the process so far. The draft of the report is not ready yet.
Preliminary findings

- PhD candidates with kids are not as positive towards taking a research stay abroad as PhD candidates without kids.
- Working conditions at NTNU was rated at an average level around 4/5. There was no particular difference between PhD candidates with or without kids here.
- Some mentioned challenges of getting a kindergarten nearby the university. Should NTNU have kindergards for NTNU employees?

The group will continue the process and finish the report before the AGM 10 May.

**Hearing: re-organisation of PhD programs at the SU Faculty**

The SU faculty is reorganizing their PhD programs and education. DION was invited to send a hearing response to the proposed changes. The board had a discussion, among other questions such as: what may be the effects of having only one PhD program at SU? What are the possible risks of this? Ida Marie Henriksen (Faculty representative for temporary employees at SU) gave input to the discussion. Lina sent the hearing response on behalf of DION to the SU Faculty 21 March.

**Digital archive/collaboration system**

Mathias, Alex and Kine oriented. The board decided to keep Sharepoint, and Kine will continue to update the archive.

**DION website**

Mathias oriented. Tore Hugubakken from the IT department has contacted DION and offered to help getting the website up again. Mathias will contact Tore for an offer.

**Update from the meeting with the Faculty representatives 28 February**

Lina oriented from the breakfast meeting with the Faculty representatives. Not so many showed up, so it was difficult to share experiences between faculties. The minutes from the meeting is on Sharepoint.

The board had a discussion on how to organize these meetings in the future. Despite the low attendance, the board agreed that these meeting places are important for the faculty representatives and DION. The attendance may also increase if the faculties decide to compensate their representatives with one month extension of contract (similar to the network at HF).

**Annual General Meeting (AGM) 2017**

Hammad oriented. Klubben at Samfundet is now booked from 4.30 to 8.30 at 10 May.

The program will be as follows:

Welcome
Annual report and budget
Candidate presentations (1 minute each)
Food
Election
Presentation of new board

The AGM will be marketed on posters, facebook, innsida, e-mail, screens at Gløshaugen and Dragvoll, and (hopefully) our website. Kam has sent a text for marketing the AGM to the board. Hammad will fix ppt slide for the screens, and will order food from a local catering.

Active DION projects/investigations/cases

- **Happy hours spring 2017**
  - Lina encourage the board members to join the event. There will not be Happy hour in April due to Easter holiday.

- **Outreach to HiST, Ålesund and Gjøvik**
  - DION got a new contact person in Gjøvik, Ivanna Baturynska

- **PhD Conference with NTNU Alumni 30 March**
  - The conference is fully booked with 300 participants. DION board members will assist during the whole conference day. Registration starts at 08:00. We will also promote DION at a DION stand from 15:30-16:30.

- **Recruitment of board members – plan of action**
  - Lina reminded everyone to find candidates for the next board. All board members should send at least 5 emails to relevant candidates before our next meeting. The PhD conference will be a good arena to recruit new board members. The current board members should also consider if they want to continue in the board.

- **DION Promotion material/new Pull-up**
  - Kam made 3 design options for pull-up, and the board made a decision.

**PhD cases/**
Lina oriented about the incoming inquiries since last board meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 15.30.

Lina H. Ingeborgrud  
President DION

Kine Sørli  
Secretary