

Minutes from DION board meeting.

Time: Wednesday, 17 March 2010, 10:00 – 12:00 hours.

Place: Meeting room 160, Gamle Fysikk, .

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

Minutes secretary: Inger Selven Watts

Sak 13/10 NTNU Board meeting 23 February, Haaken A. Moe.
Haaken presented the agenda for the meeting and DION stated following remarks:

S-sak 19/10 and 20/10 SINTEF Board – nomination of board and deputy board members for time period 1 January 2010 to 31 December 2013. Nomination of board and deputy board members of NTNU faculties for the time period 1 January 2010 to 31 December 2013.

The DION board meeting stated that DION had not been informed about the nomination process.

S-sak 22/10 Admission to participate concerning Erasmus Mundus applications V-10

DION noted that in order to be admitted to an Erasmus Mundus program Ph.D. Candidates have to be employed at the university they belong to and to the Norwegian university they are hosting.

S-sak 23/10 Alternations of academic regulations for Examen philisophicum (ex.phil.)

DION stresses that also Ph.D. Candidates should be offered an introductory course.

O-sak 7/10 Health, Environment and Security (HES) Report 2009

Lise and Haaken presented report:

DION says that it is complicated and causes much extra work for academic staff to inform NTNU that you are ill. The employer has to fill out several forms and find a substitute lecturer for possible lectures. These complications prevent many to report any leave due to illness to the university.

The HES report was debated at last SESAM meeting, and it appeared that there are some disagreements about whom this report belongs to.

Additionally SESAM discussed that many do not report incidents that occur. DION states that it is very important that foreign Ph.D. Candidates receive sufficient education about HES. Master students depend of on the Ph.D. Candidates has sufficient knowledge about rules and regulations in laboratories.

DION remarks that ventilation and air supply are not mentioned in the HES report.

Just 55 % of NTNU staff has replied to this year's work environment survey. DION thinks it is because many employees are afraid to be recognised if they answer unfavourably. Questions are made in such a way that it may be possible to recognise who answered what in small departments. DION is also unsure if routines to match a person's identity and reply and prevent this information to reach third parties are sufficiently secured.

Sak 14/10 DION's formal status

Yngve presented this issue. DION decides to not change its status.

Sak 15/10 DION folder

Andreas presented a draft that he and Yngvild have made. DION liked this folder. Some few adjustments were suggested. The finishing product will be in Norwegian. A small résumé in English will be included.

This folder will be available for everybody as a pdf document on DION's website.

Andreas makes a new outlay that he will be sending to all board members at DION.

Annual meeting 7 April; final arrangements

Deadline to appoint your candidacy to the NTNU Board is 24 March. Most temporarily employed staff are Ph.D. Candidates, and DION therefore hopes that most election candidates will be found among this group. Still, DION encourages everybody interested to propose their candidacy.

The election meeting will be taking place at 1215 hours, and candidates will be able to debate with contestants, answer questions and present their views. Andreas will lead the debate.

DION discussed possibilities for high lightening a specific theme at the forthcoming annual meeting. Lise is going to check if there are any relevant issues that will be debated at the NTNU Board.

Sverre will be sending a draft of the agenda to all board members of DION.

Monday, 22 March Inger will be sending invitations to all Ph.D. Candidates registered in the NTNU FS computer system. Inger will also be sending invitations to Pro-Rector Kari Melby, senior adviser Ragnhild Lofthus, Human Resources Manager Arne Hestnes, adviser Kristin Wergeland Brekke and all Ph.D. coordinators. Inger will be sending a reminder on Tuesday, 6 April.

DION regrets that only Ph.D. Candidates that are paid by the NTNU can vote.

Inger orders coffee, tea, fruit and waffles for 40 people.

Sak 17/10 Participation of DION at SiN annual meeting and seminar

DION is going to cover travel fares for DION board members to SiN's annual meeting.

Sak 18/10 Board activities since last meeting, updates

See A.o.b.

Sak 19/10 A.o.b.

- Lise informed: Rector presented his view on status for temporarily employees at SESAM meeting. A new committee will look into status for temporarily employed staff at NTNU. Sverre will send an email to Human Resources Manager Arne Hestnes and request that DION can be part of this committee.
- The NTNU Board's working committee will evaluate status for temporarily employees at NTNU. This committee will look into what temporarily employed staff actually does and not just what is publicly known. Many temporarily employees do far more than what is on their task list. This issue will be debated on the NTNU Board before the summer holiday.
- Yngve informed about the DION website. It receives about 140 hits a week; mostly from NTNU, Iran, Sweden and Pakistan.
- Yngve informed: There seem to be some confusion about how many expenses a Ph.D. Candidate has to cover when he or she graduate. Yngve has sent an email to senior adviser Ragnhild Lofthus about this problem.
- IP Policy: There are still some inaccuracies in a new draft about IP Policy. It also refers to a non-existent legal authority. Andreas will on Lise's recommendation contact Magnus Haakvåg and learn more about IP Policy.

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