

MINUTES FROM THE ANNUAL MEETING OF DION

Wednesday, 7 April 2010 at 1315 hours
in
Totalrommet (the Total Room), Main building, Gløshaugen Campus.

Present: Approximately 22 persons

Chair: President of DION, Sverre Lundemo

Minutes Secretary: Kari Fürst. **Translator:** Inger Selven Watts

1. Welcome to our annual meeting DION

Sverre Lundemo welcomed the audience and orientated briefly about which cases that would be focused at the meeting

2. Duties and benefits as a PhD Candidate

Yngvil informed briefly about DION and which cases this organisation deals with.

Topics:

- What is a 'stipendiat'
- Briefly about various PhD regulations
- PhD contracts
- Division between research and required duties
- New regulations of 2009 for required duties
- Absence regulations and practice
- Working capital and the use of this funding

She ended by discussing some problems that PhD Candidates can meet, and who you may contact if difficulties should occur. She also encouraged everybody to join trade union. You can find more about this presentation on www.dion.ntnu.no

3. What is happening at NTNU concerning doctoral education?

Haaken focused on some areas concerning research. He stressed cases in which he thinks NTNU should be giving more attention regarding temporary employees:

- Use of temporary employees
- Quality and skills considering the PhD degree
- Problems concerning counselling

- Revision of the PhD regulations
- Communication and participation at the NTNU
- Performance appraisal

What should be done?

- Increase the visibility of staff in temporary positions.
- External and internal career plans
- Improved coordination of required duties

He also mentioned use and abuse of temporarily employed staff when it came to being required to do regular work duties at NTNU.

Coffee break with fruit, tea and coffee

4. Summary of DION's activities during 2009/2010

Sverre informed briefly about the agenda for the forthcoming election to the DION Board, before he informed about DION activities during 2009/2010:

- DION has had approximately 10 meetings during the past year.
- Has answered emails from PhD Candidates.
- A new web site on http://www.dion.ntnu.no/en_US/home/
- Various representation assignments.
- New leaflet about DION is in progress.
- DION has had a member (Deputy President) on the SiN Board during 2009/2010.
- Regular meetings with the administration and leadership of NTNU.
- Has recruited representatives to various boards and committees

Sverre urged all in attendance to run for the DION Board election

5. Election of DION's new board

Andreas Asheim led the election. Three former board members were re-elected:

Yngve Sommervoll
Haaken A. Moe
Andreas Asheim

New members that were elected were:

Lars Bungum
Marion Fourmeau

All five board members were elected by acclamation.

Sverre Lundemo
President

Kari Fürst
Minutes Secretary

Inger Selven Watts
Translator