

## Minutes of DION board meeting.

**Time:** Tuesday, 19 August 2010, 13:00 – 15:00 hours.

**Place:** Meeting room 160, Gamle Fysikk, .

**Present:** Haaken Annfelt Moe, Sverre Lundemo, Andreas Asheim, Alexander Olsen, Yngve Sommervoll, Lise Lyngsnes Randeberg (came during item 29/10), Marion Fourmeau, Pia Otte and Paul Anton Letnes (left during item 31/10).

**Minutes secretary:** Inger Selven Watts

Items were discussed in following order: Item 29/10, Item 31/10 (bullet mark 1), Item 28/10, Item 30/10, Item 31/10 (bullet mark 2 and 3).

### Item 28/10 NTNU Board Meeting by Alexander

Alexander Olsen is the new representative for temporarily employed staff on the NTNU Board. He asked for good advice from previous representative (Haaken Annfelt Moe) and other people at the DION Board meeting. Everybody present informed who they were and what kind of work in which they were engaged. Alexander thanked for the many advice he received.

*S-sak 45/10 Conditions for budget 2011 – strategy process and long time budget*

DION urges that it is very important that PhD Candidates are sufficiently funded. Many PhDs are caught in a situation where too little funding means that much valuable time has to be spent on collecting money. DION is concerned that this fact causes delays in PhD Candidates research. In a process where the NTNU Board is concerned of too few PhD Candidates graduating, this situation reveals one serious obstacle for obtaining a larger number of graduates.

### Item 29/10 DION Budget 2010

DION discussed this issue. Case will be readdressed in next meeting.

### Item 30/10 DION's Secretary

DION has had a trial period for the past year. DION hopes that trial arrangements will turn into permanent secretary employment. Haaken will write letter to leader Anne Sølberg Ellingsen of Student Service and apply for permanent arrangements.

### Item 31/10 A.o.b.

- PhD Candidates and grading: Issue was presented by Paul Anton Letnes. A PhD Candidate must obtain grade A or B in order to be able to continue his or her studies. If a PhD Candidate obtains grades C, D or E, he or she can only try to improve the results once. PhD Candidates can only do so more than once if they fail and obtain grade F.

This question has been discussed by the Research Committee (Forskningsutvalget), and the committee believes that differences in rules are unreasonable and unjust.

DION will look into this issue and send letter to Pro Rector Berit Kjellstad.

- Yngve informed about the revision of the PhD regulations. A document is being made and a hearing is planned.
- Yngve orientated: The Information Department would like a DION representative to attend 'Forsker Grand Prix' (Researcher Grand Prix) on 10 November 2010. Anyone who would like to attend may contact Yngve, and he will be contacting the Information Department.

Meeting finished at 1505 hours.

Haaken Annfelt Moe/s/  
President DION

Inger Selven Watts/s/  
Minutes Secretary