

Minutes of DION board meeting.

Time: Tuesday, 6 December 2011, 10:00 – 12:00 hours.

Place: Meeting room 245 Sentralbygg II.

Present: Kirsti Jensen, Julien S. Bourrelle, Lise Lyngsnes Randeberg (came during S-sak 61/11, left during S-sak O-sak 9/11), Halvdan Haugsbakken, Åsa Snilstveit Hoem (came during S-sak 63/11) and Sverre Haug Lindseth (came during Item 63/11).

Minutes secretary: Inger Selven Watts

Item 41/11 NTNU Board meeting by Julien

S-sak 61/11 Strategy and allocation of funds 2012 and long time budget 2012-2015

It is important that PhD Candidates are given sufficient working capital. DION reads on pages 13-24 that NTNU despite the fact that the university for the past few years has focused on decreasing its surplus, NTNU is planning to increase its reserves at the central level.

S-sak 63/11 NTNU warrantee for an Afghan exhibition

DION debated if NTNU should sponsor this exhibition or rather focus on countries mentioned in the international strategy plan, and for which we have an expressed goal to increase cooperation and exchange rate.

S-sak 64/11 Admission capacity for academic year 2012/2013

What can be done so more foreign speaking students and staff at NTNU can be admitted into Norwegian language classes.

O-sak 8/11 Subject evaluation

NTNU compares its own with research done internationally. DION urges NTNU to carefully consider what kind of staff policy that are most sufficient. If too large demands are made, only the toughest scientists will remain. DION questions if these employees always will be the best researchers. Presently many researchers are distracted and worn out due to the strain of temporarily employment.

Item 42/11 Report from meeting with representatives 5 December by Kirsti and Julien

Omitted.

Item 43/11 A.o.b.

DION receives many emails from PhD Candidates and postdoctoral fellows with questions about various HR issues, like refunding of travel expences, practices regarding reduced work hours while nursing etc. Kirsti and Halvdan are setting up a meeting with the head of NTNU's human recourses division, Arne Hestenes, to discuss how DION and NTNU can cooperate on handling such questions in the future.

Kirsti Jensen/s/
President DION

Inger Selven Watts/s/
Minutes Secretary