

Minutes of DION board meeting.

Time: Thursday, 19 January 2012, 10:00 – 12:00 hours.

Place: Meeting room 245 Sentralbygg II.

Present: Kirsti Jensen, Julien S. Bourrelle, Haaken Annfelt Moe and Åsa Snilstveit Hoem.

Minutes secretary: Inger Selven Watts

Item 1/12 NTNU Board meeting (and strategy seminar) at Oppdal

S-sak 4/12 Revision of regulations for PhD degree at NTNU

DION discussed revisions and noted in particular:

- Residence qualifications: Which rules qualify for average PhD Candidate? This is not mentioned in the documents.
- Who pays for mothers who are entitled to have time off work to nurse their young child? This is not properly described in the new PhD regulations.
- Forced leave: A PhD contract can be terminated on special grounds. DION is concerned that these so-called ‘special grounds’ and the procedures prior to decision making are not sufficiently clarified and therefore give room for confusion.
- § 11 concerns notification requirements and work results for trade and industry. Rules should be better clarified.

Item 2/12 Housing for PhD Candidates with external (foreign) funding

It is not uncommon that PhD Candidates with foreign grants are not sufficiently funded. Norwegian Directorate of Immigration (UDI) demands that a PhD Candidate should be able to support oneself while in Norway. DION believes that NTNU should offer housing to PhD Candidates on shorter stays (e.g. 3-6 months), while others who plan to remain for a longer period, should be responsible for finding a place to live on their own.

A notification which carries information of Norwegian living costs should be sent to all international students prior to their stay.

Item 3/12 HSE information in English

Many PhD Candidates do not speak Norwegian. HSE information in English is therefore required.

Item 4/12 A.o.b.

Meeting ended: 1140 hours.

Kirsti Jensen/s/
President DION

Inger Selven Watts/s/
Minutes Secretary