

DION Board Meeting Minutes

Time: Monday 25th February 2013 from 13:30 to 17:30

Place: SB1 866

Present: Julien S. Bourrelle, Magnus Steigedal, Philipp Spenhoff, Ahmet O. Tezel, Torbjørn Pedersen, Kirsti Jensen, Lise Randeberg (from 15h).

1 Review Minutes December Meeting

2 NTNU board meeting

S-sak 6/13 Årsregnskap 2012

Every year NTNU reports budget discrepancy due to the financing of the first year of PhD studies. This first year is fully financed from the publishing of the positions, despite the fact that it usually takes about 6 months to fill in these positions. Thus, only half the money is spent during the first years, leading to budget unbalance. Magnus is to comment on this at NTNU Board.

S-sak 7/13 Income distribution model (NTNUs inntektsfordelingsmodell)

- As a consequence of the new model, IME will have less money. However, NTNU has a stated focus on engineering and applied science which would pressure to provide more to IME, not less.
- Husleie is included in the new income distribution model.
- HF gets 4 million to cover music, special needs. Science Museum gets extra money because of publication point issues; they get the same growth as the net growth of NTNU budget. AB gets 0.9 extra for increase contact time for student,

S-sak 8/13 Revidering av opptaksavtale – ph.d

No comment

S-sak 9/13 Prosedyrer og betingelser for tilsetting av instituttledere ved fakulteter og seksjonsledere ved Vitenskapsmuseet

- Department leaders are to be hired through a committee formed by the coming dean, two representatives appointed by faculty board (one of those two should be a permanent scientific employee), two representatives from the unions, one student representative.

The department leaders can either be appointed by the dean through the hiring committee or appointed by the faculty board. Appointment by the faculty board is good because there are external representatives sitting on the board.

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- *Text for the department head position announcement.* Currently you are required to have experience as leader at HEIs. Magnus will propose to change the wording to “it would be an advantage”. The background for that is that department leader is the lower leadership position at the university and as such is an entry point to leadership position at HEI, it should not require previous experience in HEI leadership.
- *Defining the meaning of leader experience:* “ you should have academic competency at the level of associate professor.” It was pointed out that a manager might be a better leader than a researcher. However, it is argued that for department leaders which interacted directly with academics, it is important for the credibility of the leader that he/she has a phd or equivalent.
- *Note on representation of phd and temporary employees:* union representatives represent everyone, they do not specifically represent temporary academic staff.

S-sak 10/13 HMS Årsrapport 2012

- Drill for terrorist attack was made at NTNU. No report of how it went, Magnus will ask.
- *Chemical compounds.* NTNU is using a lot of money to register chemicals. It is very time consuming to do so. Magnus will ask if it be possible to push some of the reporting responsibility to the leverandør.
- English name for “avvik”: Incident report

3 Overview Leader Seminar 21st-22nd January

- Julien provide a short overview of the theme “Leadership: How to foster a culture for quality?” The presentations from the seminar are uploaded on the Dropbox.

4 Central Research Committee

No updates. SFU meets next on March 6th. DION’s representative for SFU will notify about the case when they are received.

5 SiN Board Meeting and UHR Research Committee

- Briefing and updates from Julien and Tezel: SiN is aiming to get support from KD. Discussion about hosting Eurodoc AGM.

6 Discussion of Cases

Letter on Norwegian language learning (Julien)

The final draft is in the available. Please comments.

Medvirkningsnotat (FINAL DRAFT) (Kirsti)

Final draft in the dropbox. See email from Kirsti.



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NOKUT report (Julien)

NOKUT criticised NTNU's quality assurance in bachelor and master education. This may have repercussions for quality assurance in PhD education.

Last Wednesday (Torbjørn)

First edition will take place on Wednesday. Not all phd could be reached with email/innsida, this will be improved for next edition.

PhD Comics (Philipp)

Jorge Cham is coming to NTNU on March 13th. Philipp booked a room. Julien is taking care of the logistic.

SiN

In the past, SiN had money to fund itself and also to fund an extension of the phd contract for the president. SiN has board meetings every month. DION is currently represented by Julien, new representatives should be nominated for the AGM.

Travel to SiN Board Meeting January

Tezel was invited as an observer to SiN Board meeting in Oslo in January. SiN offered to pay 50% of his travel cost. Tezel decided not to ask DION to cover the rest of his travel cost.

Upcoming events

- 5th march: Tekna new in Norway (registration deadline 28th)
- 13th march : PhD Comics 2h30pm-4pm R1
- 14th March: Board meeting DION
- 20th March: Last Wednesday
- AGM – Candidate (April 9th ? - week 15th)/ NTNU styret (12th march – nomination / 16th-17th april election)

7 DION Organizational Discussions

General Discussion about DION

We need a framework to guide the organization, stating more clearly what we strive to achieve and how we will achieve it.

DION has been a resource for phd candidates that do not know where to ask. DION roles can be divided in three:

- (1) We are an easy access & low-threshold contact point for phd candidates. We do not solve most cases we receive ourselves, but we redirect to the right resource (NTNU administration, Union, website, regulation, handbook, etc.) DION is an intermediary between phd candidate and NTNU administration.
- (2) DION is the political representation of PhD candidates at NTNU. It lobbies for the candidates' interests
- (3) DION organises/host events that aim at communicating important information to candidate and foster a platform for socialisation and network building.



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Compensations for DION's president should be 3 months and one month for board members.

DION "vedtak" needs to be changed on the website before the AGM (Lise can send them). Guidelines for DION (Organization, how you do things) should be made.

General guideline for travel grants for DION members (Julien)

All amount for travel needs to be pre-approved by the board. If the travel costs exceed the approved amount, the board need to be informed by mail post@dion.ntnu.no

Email communication and DION Representation (Julien)

Official communication (opinions, letter to administration, summons, minutes, etc.) should be sent out by DION's president. The president is the official external contact point.

Website Update (Torbjørn)

Torbjørn create an update of FAQs. The board was asked to provide suggestions on FAQ.

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Psychological Support for PhD Candidates

Julien oriented the board on a process he started together with NTNU's gender equality adviser, the leader of Student Service and the leader of SiT Råd.

HMS annual reports usually focuses on the physical environment with little focus on psychological issues. However, HMS reports 2007-2011 (<http://www.ntnu.no/hms/AMU/2013/0413.pdf>) shows that psychological issue amounts to around 20% of all leaves of absence at NTNU .

Meeting with Vice Rector for Research

Julien is meeting Kari Melby and Ragnhild Lofthus on 27th February to discuss PhD education and the future of DION as an organization. Julien will lobby for increase financial support and better visibility.

Julien S. Bourrelle
President, DION