

DION board meeting – minutes

Time: 08.30-11.30

Place: Hovedbygget rom H038

Present: Torbjørn Pedersen (TB), Evert Bouman (EB), Kristoffer Lund Langlie (KL), Philipp Spenhoff (PS), Magnus Steigedal (MS), Merete Falch (MF), Haakon Utby (HU)

Absent: Ahmet Tezel (AT), Clara Good (CG), Marthe Emelie Buan (MB), Margrethe Nergard (MN)

1 NTNU board cases

MS introduces the board NTNU cases. Discussed are the NTNU strategy and economy for the 2nd quarter of the semester. With respect to education there is an increased amount of people coming to NTNU. DION has been involved in providing input to a start-up of better training of department leaders. A certain amount of overspending is planned and according to schedule. Some projects were stopped, others were moved to the following year, for instance the chemistry building.

MS expresses worries about the new government that might affect the regional funding position of NTNU. In November and December more budgeting questions will be discussed by the NTNU board.

It is the intention of the NTNU board to not expand the study program portfolio. Both student representatives and DION express the opinion that name change and program content should match, and that name changes for the sake of attractiveness are not a good development in the long run.

A new system of quality assurance of education is being implemented by the NTNU board. It is expected that NTNU will perform better in the next quality assurance visit from NOKUT.

The Kunnskapsdepartment asked for an opinion of a long-term plan for NTNU through a questionnaire. MS is of the opinion that the NTNU answers to these questions could have been more visionary.

2 Last Wednesday October and November

The upcoming Last Wednesday are discussed. Themes discussed are innovation and patents, and going abroad. Possible speakers include people from TTO or Innovasjon Norge. EB takes further action on this.

With respect to the last Wednesday in December, the board feels that there should be a purely social event early on, before the PhD students leave for Christmas holidays. As a concept date the 4th of December is proposed.

3 PhD Cases

A PhD case came up regarding extension of contract due while on holiday during partial sick leave. MN has internally answered this question. (This is not possible, only with a 100% sick leave on

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Doktorgradskandidatenes interesseorganisasjon ved NTNU holiday). However, it might still be the case that there is an exception rule regarding PhD positions. TP will look into this and communicate an answer to the involved PhD candidate.

4 Status updates

KL updates about the 'campusutvikling' workshop. CG has circulated a draft document. It is regarded as positive that there was interest from faculty representatives, which appreciated that DION asked for their opinions. KL will look into possibilities for more cooperation between faculty representatives and DION. KL also drafts a 2nd version of the documents CG sent to the board, to finalize the statements of DION regarding the 'campusutvikling'.

TP was at forsker grand prix. It is regarded as a possible topic for future Last Wednesdays.

Due to the absence of MB the SiN status was not discussed.

5 Open actions

After an idea of PS, it is discussed to implement a sheet of open actions/tasks on the Dropbox folder. N.B. As of 03/10 this list is accessible.

In general, board communication can be more comprehensive. It is decided that all communication and follow-ups will be sent either directly or as a carbon copy to the board.

Meeting closed at 11.30.

