

DION board meeting summons

Time: 25 February 2014, 08:30 – 11:00

Place: Studentdemokratiet, Stripa, Sentralbygget, Room 121

Present: Torbjørn Pedersen (TP), Kristoffer Lund Langlie (KL), Marthe Emelie Buan (MB), Evert Bouman (EB), Magnus Steigedal (MS), Merete Falch (MF), Haakon Utby (HU)

Absent: Phillip Spenhoff, Margrethe Nergaard, Ahmet Tezel, Clara Good,

1 NTNU board cases

MS present the NTNU board cases that will be discussed at Dragvoll the following day. The main item for the NTNU board is the year account (regnskap) of 2013. During 2013 the NTNU spending was reduced compared to planned overspending, resulting in a minor overspending of the university income. On the long term, the university budgeting has to be balanced. There remain 2 faculties with economic challenges: NT and HF.

For 2014 a small surplus of 1.5 Million NOK is budgeted NTNU-wide.

With respect to the long term budgeting needs, two items can be distinguished: i) level of funds available for NTNU via government, forskningsrådet, EU and ii) a big lag in renovation needs.

The participation of NTNU in companies will be discussed in the NTNU board meeting. More specifically NTNU is an investor in HUNT biosciences, which has asked for an additional investment to its owners (besides NTNU, Helse Midt Norge and Nord-Trøndelag fylkeskommune). In the long-term the board has to decide to what extent NTNU will invest in companies that are not expected to be profitable on short term, taking into account the immaterial benefits of investments (exposure, goodwill, etc.).

The Helse, Miljø, og Sikkerhet (HMS) yearly report is discussed. Though a new questionnaire is in the making, the last survey was not properly fed back to respondents, which leads to the question to what extent these surveys are followed up.

Evaluation of research at NTNU:

Evaluation of research at NTNU has two clear advantages:

- Feedback at science at NTNU
- Abroad experts getting to know the university which might influence the international academic rankings positively.

Possible downsides are that it can be difficult to get people to join the evaluation, since the time involvement required of individual professors might induce a negative response.

Campus development

With respect to the campus development, there will not be a made a decision before the fall. The NTNU board is preparing its stance. This is also connected to the virksomhetsmål and vision 2060 for NTNU.

2 Status

- Meeting with NTNU board election committee (Torbjørn)

TP is in the NTNU board election committee. DION will provide support in marketing the election of approximately 125 temporary employees to the different departments, faculty and NTNU board positions. DION will not organize a debate this year for the NTNU board candidates. Board elections will be held 7-9 April, just before the Easter holiday. Nomination is due 19 March.

- Meeting with NTNU international researcher support (Torbjørn)

TP had a meeting with international researcher support. There is a proposal to combine the DION summer BBQ with the IRS summer event and to combine maybe a September event.

3 STOPP February

- STOPP is organized February 27. Approximately 60 people attended. The theme is Present Yourself. Also, this year a quiz will be organized after the presentations. We can also use the STOPP events to market NTNU elections.
- Next event will be scheduled end of March.

4 NTNU elections

See above

5 SiN AGM

- Discussion of if DION can host the SiN AGM this spring.

It is decided that DION can host the SiN AGM meeting, probably in combination with a STOPP event. What is important is that DION is not responsible for the travel costs of SiN members.

- What can we provide of support to SiN.

DION can provide location, lunch and organization of the event. EB will contact MB regarding specifics.

6 PhD cases

- Change in faculty regulations for SVT PhDs.

There have been reported some changes to the faculty regulations of SVT regarding the completion requirements of a PhD. It is unclear to what extent these regulations are in force retroactively, possibly leading to higher demands on current PhD candidates to obtain their degree.