

## DION board meeting – minutes

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<b>Time</b>	09:00 – 12:15. August 25 <sup>th</sup> 2014.
<b>Place</b>	Sentralbygg 1 room 121, Gløshaugen.
<b>Present</b>	Clara Good, Øyvind Storesund Hetland, Philipp Spenhoff, Morten Stornes, Marthe Emelie Melandsø Buan.
<b>Absent</b>	Fernanda Acre Pacheco.
<b>Observers</b>	Per Christian Tangene, Elise Landsem, Guro Busterud
<b>Secretary</b>	Andreas Noteng

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The board meeting started with a presentation around the table. Everyone agreed that spending some money on breakfast was a good idea.

### 1 NTNU Board cases

The agenda and case documents for the upcoming NTNU Board meeting was not yet ready at the time of the meeting, and the only case discussed was therefore NTNU's action plan for internalization (Handlingsplan for internasjonalisering). The case is only for orientation in the NTNU board and DION has no way of influencing its content at the present time.

A lengthy discussion on the contents of the plan followed. There seemed to be consensus regarding the following points:

- If NTNU want temporary scientific staff to spend more time abroad and for more of the staff to go abroad NTNU must have a better and more uniform way of covering the expenses.
- NTNU should clarify whether "driftsmidler" should be used for traveling and staying abroad. The amount of "driftsmidler" varies a lot from department to department.
- Extending the amount of international collaboration is a good idea, but some of the international temporary staff may already be considered as being abroad. They should get the same opportunities as the native candidates.

Elise informed about the SAKS-project and the Ministry of Education and Research's plans to lower the number of institutions offering higher education in Norway.

NTNU is considering the possible solutions:

- Change nothing

## Doktorgradskandidatenes interesseorganisasjon ved NTNU

- Huge university in the middle of Norway consisting of a merger between NTNU, HiST and possibly other university colleges in the region.
- Broaden the collaboration with the other institutions and concentrate areas of expertise geographically

A discussion on the differences between NTNU and HiST followed.

## 2 Organization of the board work

- Follow-up and clarification from last meeting:

The board decided to share the workload of handling incoming emails. If nobody answers the incoming emails within a reasonable time, the following persons are responsible:

Questions regarding funding: Morten

Questions regarding Conflicts (eg. Supervisor conflicts): Øyvind

Questions regarding Health: Marthe

Questions regarding IPR: Philip

Questions regarding PhD courses: Clara

All e-mails which are not responded to will be distributed between the board members by Clara

- How to use the LOP (List of Open Points) in Dropbox

Clara is reorganizing the LOP

- Compensation for board work

Andreas is looking into who should pay for the one month of compensation. Andreas will suggest a template for applications for compensation.

## 3 PhD Cases

The case with some Iranian PhD candidates who is not granted a residence permit was discussed. DION support the candidates' claims in a statement

## 4 Updates from Clara

- Meeting with NIRS about Collaboration and joint events

Clara met with Kathrine Vangen of NIRS to get to know what NIRS is doing. NIRS welcomes DION to be involved with upcoming events. NIRS also requests DION's participation in planning the introduction day. DION should use this occasion to inform foreign PhD candidates about their rights as employees in Norway.

NIRS asked if DION is interested in co-hosting the Socializing with Norwegians seminar on November 11<sup>th</sup>. This would include covering some of the costs of the event. The board must clarify how much money DION has available for events. NIRS also asked DION to co-host the Christmas party at Sverresborg Folkemuseum 3 December and a concert for NTNU alumni association on 10 December. The objective for co-hosting the concert was not clear to the board, Clara will contact NIRS for further info.

## Doktorgradskandidatenes interesseorganisasjon ved NTNU

- DION's representatives to the PhD handbook revision working group. Morten and Øyvind will take care of this. Clara has requested for DION to have two representatives in the group. If we get this through Fernanda will go as a representative of the international candidates.
- Meeting with Tekna Forskerne about upcoming PhD career event  
Upcoming event: Ph. D. now what? Career day for ph. D. candidates. DION is welcome to come with ideas and join in the planning process. Suggestion that DION will be responsible for the social part. Preliminary date Wednesday November 5<sup>th</sup>.
- Information from Philip that there was talk two years ago that karrieredagen should be open for PhD candidates. DION should follow up on this. Bindeleddet has previously expressed an interest. DION should contact all of the organizations and make sure they include ph. D. candidates.
- Clara was contacted by an md. at bedriftshelsetjenesten. She wants to use PhD candidates as subjects for a study about psychological health. DION is missing statistics about number of PhD candidates and their status and issues. Andreas will try to gather some statistics from the faculties and the arbeidsmiljøundersøkelse. How many candidates? How many drop out? How many finish their phd after their employment period is over?
- Contacted by Knut Figenschou of the Student Parliament  
Discuss a new 5 year research master. Clara and Morten will meet with him th 26<sup>th</sup> of August.

## 5 Events

Summary of the events workshop 20.08.2014

Marthe informs on the results of the workshop. Agreed that they will focus on social events. Events should be either scientific or social.

Suggestions:

Visit to Nidarosdomen

Visit to Studenterhytta

Join tekna on the PhD event (see point above)

Lunch-seminars

Marthe will get in contact with NTNU and clarify how much money DION has for events.

## 6 Information and PR strategy

The case was pushed to the next board meeting.

## 7 A.o.b.

There were no cases under A.o.b. This point was not discussed.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15