

## DION board meeting – minutes

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<b>Time</b>	09:00 – 12:30. September 30 <sup>th</sup> 2014.
<b>Place</b>	Sentralbygg 1 room 245, Gløshaugen.
<b>Present</b>	Clara Good, Øyvind Storesund Hetland, Fernanda Acre Pacheco, Morten Stornes, Marthe Emelie Melandsø Buan.
<b>Absent</b>	Philipp Spenhoff.
<b>Observers</b>	Per Christian Tangene, Guro Busterud
<b>Secretary</b>	Andreas Noteng

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### 1 NTNU Board cases /Guro

- Presentation and discussion of the cases for NTNU board meeting 01.10.2014. The cases are found here: <http://www.ntnu.no/adm/styret/saker>.
  - o Study programme portfolio
    - The rector wishes to delegate the authority to create or close study programmes.
      - To ensure that smaller, perhaps unprofitable, programs of study are closed without thorough discussion DION thinks that the authority should stay with the board.  
An example is the creation of the new experience-based master in petroleum. This is a decision with possibly huge ethical implications that should be discussed in the board.
  - o Better together, a collaboration between NTNU and Sintef.
    - A new group whose mandate is to look at ways to further develop the collaboration between Sintef and NTNU.
  - o For orientation: SAKS – the Ministry of Education’s plan for fewer institutions in Norway. The board will not be ready to make a decision this semester, but some candidates will be ruled out. Possible candidates for fusions or expanded collaboration:
    - NTNU and Sintef
    - NTNU and HiG (The University College in Gjøvik).  
Other institutions of technical education and research are skeptical to NTNU becoming too dominant in the field.
  - o For orientation: International university rankings. The board does not wish to give the rankings too much attention because they are not regarded as a reliable measure of quality. The board still acknowledges their international importance.
  - o For orientation: NTNU’s publishing policy.

- The knowledge should be publicly available. The use of open access journals is encouraged.
- Career guidance. Employees with few or no documented results (publications) may be given other tasks and possibly even a new organizational location.
- Emphasize the importance of a conscious publication strategy during the course of the PhD studies.
- To help make NTNU more internationally outstanding more money should be used for programs and measures promoting international excellence.

## 2 Letter of intent between DION and Studenttinget/Clara

- DION should send board meeting invitations to The Student Parliament.

## 3 Changes to the University law (Universitets- og høyskoleloven) /Andreas

- Short orientation of the changes in the University law. A summary in English has been send to the board members by email.

## 4 SVT faculty strategy 2015-2020 – request for comments/Clara

- DION is requested to comment on the new strategy for the SVT faculty.
  - o Clara will make a draft reply and send out to the board by email.

## 5 Information and PR strategy (moved from last meeting)/Clara

- Discussion on DION's information strategy (newsletter, webpage, facebook etc.)
- We now have the possibility to create updated lists of all PhD candidates. These lists are to be used for very official matters, once or twice a year.
- Newsletter to be sent approximately once a month to those who signed up for it.
- A very short pamphlet should be created. This should be very minimal and include contact information and a short description of what DION is.
- Invite us to upcoming "new employees days" for PhD candidates at the different faculties.
- Create a new dummy website in Wordpress for testing.

## 6 PhD cases /Clara **NOT PUBLIC**

- Try to push translations of regulations currently available only in Norwegian.

## 7 Events/Marthe Emilie

- Marthe has been in a meeting with NIRS. Too late for collaboration for the autumn semester, but DION is invited to collaborate more closely for the spring semester.  
NIRS is supportive of social events, preferably events where you can bring the entire family.
- DION currently has no funding especially for events. Marthe will start writing an application for some event funding.

## Doktorgradskandidatenes interesseorganisasjon ved NTNU

- Andreas will investigate where the NOK 15000 funding comes from and check out the possibilities for further funding.
- DION will host an open social event at Studenterhytta on Oktober 15<sup>th</sup>.
  - Facebook event
  - Invitations on Innsida and through the newsletter.
- Julien, socializing with Norwegians. 11. November.
- Tekna 15 November

## 8 Forum for faculty representatives/Clara

- Clara will initiate a meeting with all the faculty representatives. Try to have a meeting every other month.
- An open meeting in December could be used for work with the PhD handbook.
- Maybe create a mailing list for all the representatives.

## 9 A.o.b

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

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30

