

DION board meeting – minutes

Time	13:00 – 16:13. January 23 rd 2015.
Place	Sentralbygg 2 room 245, Gløshaugen.
Present	Øyvind Storesund Hetland, Fernanda Acre Pacheco, Morten Stornes, Marthe Emelie Melandsø Buan, Clara Good, Philipp Spenhoff.
Absent	
Observers	Per Christian Tangene, Elise Landsem, Guro Busterud, Marianne Knappskog, Ingvild Ulsaker Kluge, Geir Ove Strand, Torstein Nesse
Secretary	Andreas Noteng

1 NTNU Board cases /Guro

Presentation and discussion of the cases for NTNU board meeting 02-03.12.2014. The cases are found here: <http://www.ntnu.no/adm/styret/saker>.

- The main board case this week is the SAKS process.
 - Three alternatives
 - NTNU alone
 - NTNU + HiST
 - NTNU + HiST + HiÅ, HiN, HiG
 - Rector's recommendation will come Tuesday.
 - There has been a shift in opinions among deans and heads of departments from staying alone towards the big fusion.
 - Important not to consider the current situation but the future situation after other institutions has merged. The other institutions may be harder to cooperate with if they merge with someone else.
 - NTNU is big enough today, but might have to become bigger to keep the national mandate.
 - After SAKS you will have mostly big institutions that qualify to be a university. The different roles of universities and university colleges will merge.
 - The university colleges are all positive towards a merger with NTNU.
- Research evaluation, quality assurance systems
- Financial arrangements for the sector of Higher education. Hearing conference feb 2nd
 - Credit points will be weighted less
 - Degrees will be weighed more
 - NTNU is positive to this new model
- Future localization of campus. Additional reports. Some speculate that the delay is because of SAKS

- Allocation letter for 2015.
 - New objectives
 - Sector goal 1: Quality in education and research
 - Sector goal 2: Research and education for welfare, economic growth and adaptation
 - Sector goal 3: Good access to education
 - Sector goal 4: Efficient, diverse and well founded sector of higher education and research

2 The work environment survey – results/Clara

Presentation of the report with results for the PhD candidates.

63,18% of the PhD candidates replied to the study

No big surprises in the report, but the data is unclear and would probably be of more use locally. Most PhD candidates experience time pressure at a certain level, but not more than what is expected. The Nobel Prize may have positively affected the high scores on how proud participants were of their place of work. Higher level of work-home conflicts with PhDs than that of other NTNU employees. PhDs have more support from their leaders than other employees. PhDs work a lot more than those in the other categories do. Fewer PhD candidates have had appraisal interviews than others, but those who had one found it more valuable than average.

The survey could be used for pushing better follow up of appraisal interviews.

DION should make an effort to make sure that all PhD candidates get an interview with someone that is not their supervisor.

3 Cooperation between DION and the faculty board representatives

DION has invited the faculty board representatives for temporary employed scientific staff to discuss if there is interest in a closer cooperation.

- Discussion about possibilities for cooperation – is there mutual interest?
 - Everybody agrees that some form of collaboration is valuable and useful
- How can the cooperation be organized?
 - Suggestions that this is done on a per case basis in workshops.
 - Add the representatives to the distribution list of summons and minutes.
 - Find a way to keep in contact with the representatives and keep the list of representatives up to date.
 - Look into a letter of intent like with the student parliament. The purpose of this letter would be to make sure new representatives are informed with the possibility of cooperating with DION.

Doktorgradskandidatenes interesseorganisasjon ved NTNU

4 Current issues in SiN /Morten

No cases at the moment.

Martes hearing reply proposal was approved by SiN.

Set a date for the SiN AGM.

Workshop on SiN organization in February.

5 PhD cases /Clara **NOT PUBLIC**

Updates on ongoing PhD cases.

6 Updates on current activities/Clara

Update on current activities DION are involved in

- Response to SAKS hearing
- Status report from the work group on PhD handbook revision.

7 Events/Marthe Emilie

Discussion whether DION should apply for more money or not. The problem seems to be that DION does not use all of its money every year, but DION has too little money to be able to spend money on events and other

We should have a workshop about events soon, and also arrange a pub night some time in February.

8 Webpage and information material

Postponed to the next meeting.

9 A.o.b

Phd budget

Huge differences on what is deducted from the budget and not. DION should seek clarification and make sure the rules are followed.

Phd duty work regulations

Should make an interpretation of the regulations and make the administration comment on our interpretation.

The board will look into this.

The meeting was adjourned at 16:13