

DION board meeting summons

Time	Monday March 9, 09:00 – 12:00
Place	Studenttinget meeting room, Stripa, Gløshaugen
Present	Clara Good (notes), Fernanda Acre Pacheco, Morten Stornes, Marthe Emelie Melandsø Buan, Per Christian Tangene, Elise Landsem
Absent	Øyvind Storesund Hetland, Philipp Spenhoff, Andreas Noteng, Guro Busterud, Jone Trovåg

Agenda

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>.

Most of the cases to the board meeting are reports to be approved (accounting, annual report and HMS report (health, environment and safety). These were not discussed.

Gender points

The point that was mostly discussed was gender points (jentepoeng).

- Gender points were introduced at NTH to increase the number of women in the engineering programs and has been kept since.
- The student democracy has long wanted to remove the gender points, and has finally gotten the question up in the NTNU board.
- The Rector's recommendation is to
 - Remove gender points at 4 study programs (teknisk geofag, petroleum technology, industrial economy and nanotechnology). The reason is that many women work in these industries.
 - After each intake of new students, the rector will consider if there are any study programs where the gender points need to be removed. This is based on the percentage of women in the work force and that apply to NTNU. The limit will be 35% in the work force, and less than 50% in applications to the study program for more than 3 years.
- A problem that was mentioned is that it is difficult to measure how many people work in a specific sector. For example, some may work in petroleum *and* economy. NTNU board uses Tekna statistics to a great extent.
- Reports show that there is an increase in the number of women at NTNU based on gender points, but it is not possible to show that more people apply, only that more people get in. It is important to get more women to *apply*, because the goal is to eventually remove the points.

- The gender points are not popular among students. There are stories of people apply to other programs not to be taken in because of them, and of people are being bullied. Girls are doing better than boys in high school, which may be a reason to remove them. Some men feel excluded because there are a lot of measures to keep the women in the program, but not so much focus on the men.
- Gender points appear unequal. There are no gender points for men in e.g. medicine event though around a majority of the students are women.
- There may also be other inequalities where extra points could also be needed. Based on e.g. level of education of parents or economic background.
- The board representatives are still uncertain of what they think. Gender points together with recruiting. More focus on recruitment. The rectors recommendations says to phase it out. If they are removed suddenly it might drop suddenly. Although the student parliament is against the points altogether, the fact that there will at least a plan on when and how to have gender point is seen as a step in the right direction.

The NTNU merger

- The work with the merger will be organized as a project with different working groups.
- A new board for “big NTNU” will be elected from the start of 2016. The current board will prolong their board until the end of the year.

NTNU campus development

The quality assessment of the campus plan reported that there was not enough information to make a decision. The working groups have started to gather more information. Mostly the missing information was about the other things than the physical plans. The ball is now with KD.

2 Current issues in SiN /Morten

Update and discussion on current activities the Association of Doctoral Organisations in Norway/Stipendiatene i Norge (SiN)

Marthe and Morten went been to a SiN board meeting 26 February. The task at the meeting was to make the responsibilities of the board positions more clear. This was found to be very useful and also probably also good in order to for getting people into the board. The meeting was together with UiOdoc.

A former board member in SiN is a representative in the Research Committee of the Norwegian Association for Higher Education Institutions (Universitets- og Høgskolerrådets forskningsutvalg). They are now working on a report on attractive work paths and mobility in academia. There may be a hearing round on the document, but in that case it will be very short.

SiN is currently working on its funding application to be sent to the Ministry of Education (KD).

Meetings:

- SiN’s Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be in Trondheim in the end of May. A speaker/event should be organized in connection to the AGM. SiN has 50 000 NOK budget. This could be a good chance for DION to be part of a big event.

- Eurodoc AGM will be in Romania in the end of April

3 DION internal projects - status

Status report and planned activities in DION's internal projects.

- PhD candidates and Bindeleddet: Nothing new to report
- Duty work regulations: Nothing new to report
- Working capital: Nothing new to report

4 Updates from meetings and activities

Status report from the work group on PhD handbook revision/Fernanda & Morten

The next coordination in the project group will be 24 May. The current information project management is that the handbook is scheduled to be printed in May. Fernanda will clarify this with Ragnhild Lofthus, as well as when a draft will be available.

It was discussed whether DION should organize a workshop for the faculty board representatives before May. It was concluded that this was a good idea in order to get the input of a wider audience. The workshop was preliminary scheduled for 8 April. Clara will invite to the workshop.

5 PhD cases /Clara **NOT PUBLIC**

Updates on ongoing PhD cases.

6 Events/Marthe Emelie

Status and plans for DION events

DION AGM is scheduled for April 22. We should have a short talk in connection with the AGM to encourage people to come. It should be a fun and/or informative presentation. Some suggestions for topics were:

- How to write a CV and applying for a job
 - Rhetoric or presentation techniques
 - "Experiences from a PhD project"
- Get someone from SiT to hold a short version of one of their courses

Clara will send out an e-mail to the board asking for ideas.

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Open point. Any topics can be announced before or at the meeting.

- E-mail lists – who should be on them: Postponed until Andreas is present
- Procedure related to summons and minutes: Postponed until Andreas is present

Clara suggested that DION should have an election committee, in order to make sure that there are enough candidates for the DION board and that NTNU as a whole is represented. However, it might be difficult to get candidates for the election committee. The board agreed that Clara (with help from Andreas) would make a suggestion for an addition to the statutes.

The addition should mention that an election committee can be elected at the AGM, or, if it is not possible, appointed by the board later.

The meeting was adjourned at 11.42

