

DION board meeting summons

Time	Monday June 08 2015
Place	Kvinne-barn-senteret, KBS11, St.Olav. Campus NTNU
Present	Øyvind Storesund Hetland, Elli Verhulst, Kam Sripada, Vegard Hagen, Alexander Busch, Shareq Mohd Nazir
Absent	Mohammad Saud Afzal, Hammad Majeed, Guro Busterud
Observers	Per Christian Tangene (until 15:00), Elise Landsem (until 15:00)
Secretary	Andreas Noteng

Agenda:

1 Welcome /Øyvind

What's happened since last time? Quick summary of DION if there are new observers at the meeting.

Since last time we have answered a few emails. Øyvind looked into Postdoc pay levels and the proper procedures for changing supervisors.

2 Discussions related to the Board of NTNU

The Board is the highest governing body at NTNU and makes decisions on issues of principal importance. Guro (rep. for temp. employees at NTNU) is absent due to maternity leave. Per Christian (Student rep.) will present a selection of relevant topics.

The cases for the next board meeting was not ready at the time of the meeting, but based on the last Deans meeting the following will most likely be the most important cases.

Overall budget and strategy, partial report. NTNU is not doing very well so far in the Horizon 2020 project. NTNU will open an EU-office in Brussels in collaboration with Sintef and UiB.

Merger risk factors. The board and the merger project group is analyzing and trying to reduce risk factors with the upcoming merger. No one risk factor so far is that the key persons in the merger may be overworked. The report claims that the risk level has been reduced from high to medium, but it is not very concrete on which measures are taken.

Study program portfolio: NTNU is shutting down bachelor in dansevitenskap (dance science?), and a few one year studies. Nothing controversial. Two new master programs at AB (faculty of Architecture and Fine Arts).

The partial report states that NTNU is having problems recruiting enough scientific staff.

There will be an election for the new board this autumn. DION should start looking for new candidates who can represent the temporary scientific staff.

3 Election/Presentation of DION Vice President

As Norwegian skills are necessary to fulfil the duties of the Vice President, only Vegard, Kam and Elli was eligible. Kam Sripada was elected vice president of DION for the 2015-2016 board term by acclamation.

4 Presentation of suggested DION workflow /Øyvind

Presentation of suggested structure and workflow for DION. Presentation of Asana collaboration tool online. We will discuss and agree on a chosen structure/workflow.

Andreas now covers a lot of the work that previously has been done by the board members (accounting, web site etc.). Øyvind suggest that instead of appointing positions, DION will try to work more project based. One person could be the main person responsible for a project, while others help.

Øyvind suggests that DION try using ASANA for some time, and then decide whether we stick with it or not. The board agreed with Øyvinds suggestion.

The DION board agreed that ASANA is not a place for storing documents. We should tidy up the network drive and perhaps find an alternate way of storing documents in a searchable way. Andreas will look for a document storage system that can search within the contents of each document.

5 Presentation of Duty Work & PhD Budget projects /Alex

Alex presented the Duty work and PhD budget projects and suggested a start up right away. Alex will lead these projects and report back to the board once he has more information on the current status around NTNU.

6 Creation and Delegation of active DION projects /Øyvind

The following projects was agreed upon:

- Temp. empl. with children (Kindergarden and similar)
 - Project leader and helpers will be decided at a later meeting.
- Duty work and PhD budgets
 - Alex is in charge of this project. The project may be split into two separate projects after the information gathering phase.
 - Shareq and Andreas will contribute to this project.
- Postdoc budget
 - Elli is in charge of this project
- Salary / negotiations
 - Øyvind will add the information he already gathered, a permanent project leader will be appointed at a later meeting
- Outreach to business (Bindeleddet/Teknologiporten, similar)
 - This project was not discussed
- Change of supervisor
 - Øyvind will add the information he already gathered, a permanent project leader will be appointed at a later meeting
- NTNU Merger

- DION has received a hearing about the merger platform document. The board agreed not to reply to this hearing.
- Joint degrees
 - Shareq will explore this project before the next board meeting
 - Elli will help
- August event
 - Vegard is temporarily in charge of the autumn event

7 Current issues in SiN /Vegard

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

Vegard was elected SiN President at the SiN AGM. The SiN board has not yet had a board meeting, so there was not much to tell at the time of the meeting.

8 Events

Status and plans for DION events

9 A.o.b

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

- Compensation for DION board work – status of the applications
All of the applications from the previous DION board was approved.
- Participation at “Rector meets the heads of department” (16th of June)
- Speaker at presentation of DION for new PhDs (12th of June)
Alex and Andreas will hold this presentation at the IME faculty
- How to brand/market the DION board meetings
- Next DION meeting: Where and when?
Øyvind will create a doodle for a meeting in late July.

The meeting was adjourned at 16:45.