

DION BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Date	12.september 2016, 13:00-16:00
Place	Old Physics building, room 207 (STi meeting room) Gløshaugen campus
Present	Lina H. Ingeborgrud, Kam Sripada, Mathias Arbo, Enrico Ricco Sam A. Kasimba, Tu Ying, Alexander Busch
Absent	Hammad Majeed
Observerers	Kim Allgot, Dennis Bogen, Ingvild M. Sørli
Secretary	Kine Sørli

25 Welcome /Lina

Lina welcomed to the meeting.

NIRS summer party was a success.

The meeting with the faculty representatives was very good. It is a wish to get these meetings more common. There will be a meeting this semester and hopefully two meetings next semester.

26 Discussions related to the Board of NTNU/ Kim, Dennis, Ingvild

The board is going to hire a new vice rector in Ålesund at the next board meeting. During the next year the board will hire a new rector in December/January and new Deans.

The board are going to decide a new budget model for NTNU. There are four institutions' budget that are going to merge together into one.

27 Current issues in SiN /Vegard

Lina oriented on behalf of Vegard.

SiN is working with funding for their Eurodoc conference.

They got a new webpage up and running

8 Digital archive/collaboration system/Alex, Mathias, Kine

Mathias and Alex oriented.

Alex has been checking it out and have tried to made some test documents. It has a lot of functions other than storage of documents.

It was suggested to use the collaboration system mainly to store documents and projects. The calender will also be a nice tool for the board.

The merging of documents/files/folders needs to be done properly and needs a review. Alex and Kine will check out a new folder system. Mathias will check out if it is possible to connect the Sharepoint system and the homepage.

28 Welcome event for new PhD Candidates and postdocs/ Hammad, Sam

Sam oriented. They haven't had time to plan the event yet, but they will start very soon.

6 'PhD with kids'/Alex, Sam

Alex oriented about the process. Hopefully the draft for the survey/project will be ready for the next board meeting. Sam and Alex will work with the draft and send it out to the rest of the board.

29 Updates from The University Research Committee (FU)/Lina

Lina participated at a meeting with the University Research Committee (Forskningsutvalget, FU) last week. They held these meetings every month approximately.

One of the cases they discussed was the 'Postdoctoral lift' ('Postdoktorløftet'). DION will continue to collaborate with the committee.

NTNU is preparing a downscaling of the number of PhD programs at several Faculties. The Vice Deans explained that this process is already ongoing and has already occurred at DMF, based in part on recommendations from NOKUT including that each PhD program have more than 15 PhD students. The case will be taken up in FU again November 1st.

How will this affect the PhD Candidates if the name of the programs gets so generalized? Will it affect NTNU to get candidates if the titles of the programs get too standardized? DION will involve the faculty representatives in both these cases.

30 Active DION projects/investigations/cases

- Introduction seminar at all faculties/ Lina
 - IVT, NT and DMF are covered so far. The others have given positive response, so DION is waiting for an invitation. All board members should have a presentation at their respective faculties
- Outreach to HiST, Ålesund and Gjøvik /Kam
 - Kam has been in contact with Dimitra at Gjøvik. She is planning to have some PhD events soon. Kam is still in contact with Ålesund.
- DION subchapters/ Kam
 - Kam has been working with the grants organization. Hopefully DION can publish the grants as soon as possible. The deadline will be around October 20.
- DION Birthday Party/ Sam
 - Dokkhuset is booked for the whole autumn, is there any other options? Skiboli, Suhm-huset is suggested as places to have it.
- Career day for PhDs and Postdocs/
 - Planning to hold it spring 2017. Lina and Kam will contact NTNU Alumni and NIRS in order to collaborate with the event.
- Collaboration with IEEE/ Mathias
 - IEEE wants to formalize the collaboration with DION. But it is not necessarily relevant for DION, if we compare us the other organizations they collaborate with. IEEE is mainly for engineers, so it's not that relevant for DION. DION can support their activities, with will not follow up directly now
- DION Promotion material/new Pull-up/Kam/
 - Kam is going to meet Sheila, who is going to design the new promotion material. It's desirable to get a new pull-up, more visual templates.
- Potential collaboration with NTNU Sustainability that is starting 'Forum of Young Scholars in Sustainability (FYSS) / Sam
 - Haven't heard anything from they yet.
- Enrico has been in contact with the "Protest Pub" that wants to collaborate with DION. Maybe it can be combined with the DION Happy Hour?

31 PhD cases/ Tu Ying 10 min

Tu would like to be responsible for the PhD cases. When DION receive an inquiry, board members should contact Tu Ying with suggestions. Tu Ying will then write an email based on these solutions, send it to the board for approval, and finally to the candidate. Our policy is to answer within two days (as far as it's possible)

Brief summary of the incoming cases is attached, *notice that it is not public.*

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Enrico want to take a deeper look at housing for temporarily researchers. How can NTNU facilitate for that? DION will contact NIRS to collaborate with them.

Next DION meeting: 24 October, 12:30-15:30 (gamle fysikk, lille møterom)

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