



## Board Meeting 010 /2020 - Minutes

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**Date:** March 26, 10.00 – 13.00 (potentially longer if necessary)

**Place:** Teams

**Invited:** DION board members

**Invited observers:** none

**Meeting chaired by:** Angelina

**Minutes by:** Lisa

### Agenda

**Welcome / Quick check-in/ update from each board member: How do you do? (15 minutes)**

- ➔ This check in is allowed to be longer than the usual 5 minutes, given the exceptional situation we are finding ourselves in regarding the Corona virus and its ripple effects.

### Cases

**10:15– 11:00: Updates & Plans (45 Min)**

The Mental Health Awareness week had to be cancelled, social events cannot take place in person anymore. Let us share ideas of how DION can act in this situation.

- being social using social media, online events (Masab)
  - Happ-e hour (target specifically union of all campuses), Online cooking
  - Open Jitsi channel (drop-in, drop-out) (Lisa)
- spreading information of how to stay sane in times of isolation, happening on website and social media (Elodie)
- idea to organize a focus group/ consultation meeting online (Elodie)
  - E-lunch meeting lead by Elodie on 25.03. 11 participants from a variety of faculties were present. DION collected concerns and questions people had. Wrote a summary to distribute to departments and also go with this to NTNU

board. Follow up might be needed. Summary will also be published anonymized on website.

- let's talk about grants to support good ideas (Angelina)
  - o will do a round of online grants

#### **11:00 – 11:30 AGM, report,etc. (30 Min)**

The AGM, planned to be taking place end of April, will not be held as a physical meeting.

- Will still be held on the 28<sup>th</sup> of April, online
- Recruitment has to be done usually peer-to-peer
- Longer voting period potentially possible (Erland)
- Report: Write your part by dead line 8<sup>th</sup> of April (everyone)
- Live stream set up (Mattia)
- Call for candidates (Lisa, Erland, Elodie), send a video too to avoid communication problems at AGM
- Budget still has to be approved

#### **11:30 – 11:40: Break**

#### **11:40 – 12:00: News from the Research Committee Meeting (20 Min)**

Tor Anders joined the last meeting of the Research Committee

**How much does PhD education costs NTNU?** how much does a CP cost NTNU, trying to bring down the amount of PhD courses. NTNU gets money for every published thesis. But through the mandatory course work, NTNU spends a lot of money.

Every dep. has a closed pot that is only for PhD education that shall be opened up, be more flexible. There are gaps between costing NTNU money and making NTNU money. This gap messes up & also that people can take courses outside their own department. Internal billing too complicated, so costs usually sit on the hosting faculty then. Encouraged to take courses outside because then NTNU does not have to pay for it. DION as observer in conversation, no action needed at this point.

**New central ethical course for all PhDs.** Shall be held online? How will evaluation go.

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**European green Deal:** policy package European commission supposed to make EU fulfill sustainability goals. Can also give research funding.

Research infrastructure physical reallocation.

Corona situation discussions.

#### **12:00 -12: 15: Inquiries (15 Min)**

Discussion about current cases.

#### **12:15- 12:35: Innovation Committee (20 Min)**

On Monday (March 23) we received an email from Ragnhild Nisja about the newly established Innovation Committee at NTNU. DION is asked to appoint one representative in their committee. The first meeting is on April 23. We need to talk about how we want to handle this task this during our board time and in the future.

DION will contact relevant candidates to find until the 15<sup>th</sup> of April to appoint for 1 year. Will follow up with committee if there is a compensation on his position.

#### **Other cases?**

Any topics can be announced before or at the meeting.

- One suggestion is to talk about how DION can and should reach out more about non-Corona related topics (keyword: op.ed. Externally funded PhDs)
- Quick update: There is a NTNU team that sets up a PhD and post.doc. conference in November 2020. Angelina is for now part of the planning team until the new board is elected, Lisa taking over for this.

#### **12:45 – 13:00: Closing**

**Next board meeting April 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:00**

Welcome!

Angelina Penner

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