

DION Board meeting minutes

Date: 03.02.2023

Time: 16:00-18:00

Place: Waterpower Laboratory, Meeting room (41) & Microsoft Teams

Attendees: Regina, Alicia, Raed, Ludwig, Fereshteh, Anum

Meeting chair: Regina

Minutes by: Ludwig

Start 16:10

Recent events

Seminar with Brooke Wolford: About 10 people, nice event for those attending

Similar application already in for the current grants (deadline 10.02.), Regina sends out a reminder on Innsida. No real interest in Gjøvik. Question on how to increase the interest there.

Alicia: Would be nice to have a Teams with all the representatives for temporary employees. We'll ask them for actively opting out of joining the Team. Ludwig writes the mail.

Ski course: 2 groups, 30 people in the morning and 30 people in the afternoon. Waffles and coffee lead to people socializing. Positive feedback. One of us should always be present at the events, so that people have someone to talk to and ask questions.

Meetings

Panel discussion (Anum): They already have a link. Very informative and good meeting. Not just Anums department struggling with little funding and overtime work. Discussion on how it's perceived on faculty level, also differences between US and Norway, but not really solution oriented. No interest organizations available, so little influence on decisions.

University Research Council (Ludwig): SiN study on PhDs and Covid is showing what NTNU already discovered themselves. Report on innovation and start-ups for PhDs: 4 main points (places for education, cooperation and growths; voluntariness for own and shared education; cooperation with industry and work-life; development from and for research). Ludwig sends report to Regina.

Innovation Council (Alicia): Innovation: Lots of initiatives in the medicine faculty, how can this be implemented in other faculties? Innovation in education: Report on how this is covered by the different study programs and PhD study programs. Conference in March, breaching the gap, on innovation. Visit NTNU brief, a student organization focused on innovation. They may get in touch with us regarding inclusion of PhDs.

Start-up migrants (Raed): Start-up preschool wants to make something larger than what we have planned, including international students. Funding for the event may be a struggle. Course in March is planned (same as in Trondheim) and in September. Both cost 200 000 kr. Innovation board in Gjøvik was contacted, they may take over most of the costs. Might be a problem if Innovation Council wonders about double application for money, since DION already got 200 000 kr for the same thing.

TTO (Regina): Positive that we're doing the event, and they are happy to contribute. Should they go towards going from academia to forming a company or is it more transferrable skills? They will prepare a packet and we can choose what we want.

Events

Yoga & Meditation: Booked out + waiting list, huge response.

Alicia wants to do foraging with Patrik before Easter, for about 15 people. Two groups would be fine. We have a look at the event and if there's a long waiting list we'll make another one. Topic is seafood.

We can qualify as non-profit organization, so this could be another pot of money (Teams message).

Ludwig was in touch with Forskerforbundet. There will be events similar to the Tekna events last year on March 08th and 09th, 15-17. First day in Dragvoll, second day in Øya. Ludwig will distribute the news as soon as the sign-up form is ready.

Catch IDI in Gjøvik, lots of presentations from people working there. Raed organized a presentation in that connection, which Fereshteh will hold.

Possible ice-skating or skiing course in Gjøvik, but they would need transportation from the department. It would be too much for DION to take over. May be an idea to organize it and have everyone pay his/her share.

Happy Hour at Work Work is always a possibility. Alicia will organize it in the end of February.

Start-up pre-school is happening the first weekend of March. We need someone to present. Regina get's the information next week.

Transferrable skills day: Up to now there is a date: March 17th. Initial idea was having an entire day, but now it looks as if there will be an expansion since lots of people are interested in joining. It may be an idea to spread it out a bit with single events in the afternoon. Leaning towards spreading it out. Start-up migrants are in. Improvisation (Gibberish) may have a workshop (4h). TTO will be in. Presentation workshop by Tekna could be redone in that setting, but it is very expensive, even though 60 people could attend. The prorektor for research has no money, but the prorektor for innovation was positive. Regina will apply officially. Tekna could organize something similar for us as well. Anum contacted a NTNU-spinoff, they are still considering their participation (it's the one making the Covid-test). Ideally, this would also go to Gjøvik, but Regina cannot make it herself. It may be possible for Nicolai to do the same workshop in Gjøvik, maybe there's also streaming possibilities for Ålesund and Gjøvik. Raed gets in touch with someone from a group which may have an interesting presentation on transferrable skills in Gjøvik. Responsibilities for room booking (Alicia), poster (Anum) and sign-up will be distributed later.

Anum will have a meeting with Katrine from NIRS about possible cooperation.

AGM

Discussions towards the change of statutes. See separate document. The AGM will take place on April 19th. The shift of the board period is fine, the shorter period will result in three weeks of extension for the next board.

Other

Case from [REDACTED]: Ludwig was in touch with Line, there will hopefully be a case in the University Research Council. He will gather more data. Anum has heard of changes going on at different departments where cuts are implemented for the PhDs. Similar things are experienced by Raed/Fereshteh, their "anum" (based on publication) is cut down. Applies for all temporary staff.

Link to Covid survey should be posted to on website (Fereshteh).

MHM 22 survey: answered by 32 people, most from NV, IV, MH and IE, and most from Trondheim (3 from Gjøvik and 3 from Ålesund). Most of the events were covered. A large majority of people was very satisfied. Huge success. Comments should be given to upcoming board.

End: 18:01