

DION Board meeting minutes, 11/11/2023

Participants: Gabriela, Gabriel, Shubham, Davit, Davit, Diana, Anastasia, Fei

Time: 14.00-16.00

Date: 11.11.2023

Place: Teams

Minutes: Anastasia Skarpeti

1. Events happened
 - a. Gjøvik: 1. the **mediation event** had a lot of people, but they left before the end. 2. The **cultural event** was very successful the organizer wants to help us without money. 3. **Visit to the museum** 39 participants a wonderful event funded from 2 departments.
 - b. Ålesund: 1. **Kirya Yoga** for mental health month had 6 participants – not that many compared to last time, it was nice and we served waffle. 2. The **Forsker Forbundet** event had 12 participants lasted 2hs. 3. The **Climbing event** by Trident that we co-organize had 8 participants, but it was our mistake because 17 had registered and we had a queue list, but since some cancelled last minute we couldn't reach the people from the queue.
 - c. Trondheim: 1. **Tekna** - today, 2. **mental health event** – disappointing occupation, 3. very good events, **chocolate factory** visit – people are more interested in fun events, more new people participate.
 - Comments: On the wed side several events are missing – revise the boat event
2. Communication channel for the people: ongoing discussion about solving the issue
3. Upcoming events: Ålesund: bybaden, sauna, Gjøvik: health mental workshop – something small just to get together a more cozy thing/meeting together. Trondheim: ski during January
4. Collaboration: migrants' startup workshops. Future event: RED CROSS collaboration in Ålesund, discuss for collaboration with the PhD forum in Ålesund.
5. The survey: Gabriella contacted the people who wanted to – she talked with 8-12 of them. Many participants said that it's a bit difficult to contact someone who is not in association with the department. Additionally, it seems that there is a specific issue with a specific supervisor but s/he important for the university. We need help. She started writing the report – we'll all contribute – finding it by the end of the year so the new president will be informed in the meeting.
6. Davit: Norwegian language courses: 151 answers, 109 from Trondheim. 17 from Ålesund, 25 Gjøvik – not results yet. Only 8 people have taking level 4. Moreover, 30 replied that they do not have time to attend courses. Complains about level 1 – not qualified you for level 2. We'll start working on the reports from next week. Last reminding to the participants
7. Gabriela: SiN election – the departments are still looking reason for extending - suppose to be physical and changed it last moment for digital, they explained that they want to create dissemination committee for next year, 8 institutions participated, vote on ZOOM with the names without presentation or picture of the people each 2 votes, not that democratic way to act – process, they have data but not working to fix the issues, Norwegian language issues again, do not give time to ask questions , participate in SiN compensation financially , 3 from

Oslo, 1 USN, UIT, not one from NTNU, they were independently elected from the local organizations. Small universities are not equally represented. Not clear the process

8. David: elections – running for president – Gavriela maybe runs again
9. Language requirements for DION president: Gabriel suggested one more member for the board. We are $2+6=8$ now and we need one more to become 9.