

## **DION Board Meeting Minutes (30.11.23)**

**Attendees:** Gabriela Kazimiera Warden (President), Diana Giovanni Magnano (vice president), Davit Gigilashvili, Mobina Mobini, Gabriel Andy Szalkowski, Fei Song, Shubham Jain, and Anastasia Skarpeti

**Time:** 14:00-16:00

**Date:** 30.11.23

**Place:** Teams

**Minutes:** Diana Giovanni Magnano

- DION board members discussed regarding the language requirement for the upcoming Board in 2024. The board members agreed to change the existing requirement to a recommendation regarding Norwegian proficiency in our statutes. The proposed change aims to ensure that more individuals can participate in the board, regardless of their language skills. The discussion resulted in an agreement to further review and finalize the proposed change before the next board in 2024.
- DION members have agreed to add a new statute to their policies. The new statute states that DION will appoint or nominate temporary scientific employees to represent their interests in the different NTNU councils and committees. This initiative was taken as representation in different councils is a time-consuming process that involves a lot of effort. Under the new policy, the designated representatives will be given an extension similar to the board members. They will be responsible for reporting back on the discussions that take place in the councils. This information will be helpful to DION in staying updated and making informed decisions.
- During our meeting, we noted that the compensation received by the DION board members is less than the number of hours they spend on DION-related activities. As a result, we have agreed on the possibility of extending the board members' terms and adding new members. To support this decision, all DION members are requested to summarize the approximate number of hours they spend on DION-related activities each month, along with how they spend them, in an Excel sheet. This record should cover the period from the beginning of our board tenure till the end. Send this record to Gabriela Kazimiera by 30.11. 2023 to help her make a solid case for longer extensions.

- All members are to contribute to the annual DION report before the deadline of 06.12.2023.
- Board members are to incorporate the expenses incurred on events for Mental Health Month (November) in the budget Excel sheet.
- The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of all campuses (Trondheim, Gjøvik, and Ålesund) will be held in a hybrid format on December 7, 2023, from 5 pm to 8 pm. The voting for the DION president and board members for 2024 will commence on December 7, 2023, at 6:30 pm and will continue until noon on December 8, 2023.
- Anastasia and Davit have been assigned to analyze and write a report based on the results of the language survey.