

FODOS Board meeting 8. feb 2005

Attendants:

Lisbeth Bach, LB
Jon Anders Stavang, JAS
Heidi Vebø, HV
Jon Volden, JV
Jørn Henrik Sønstebø, JHS

Agenda:

1. Approval of minutes: board-meeting 7. January 2005.
2. Committee updates
3. Economic status
4. JV informs on the meeting with dean and meeting with "rektors ledergruppe".
5. AGM and social event.
6. Other issues.
7. Next meeting.

Minutes: JHS

Agenda:

1. Minute from last meeting, Friday 7. January, were approved.

2. Committee update:

International committee: LB informed that the international PhD students are interested in more social events than just two parties each year. One suggestion was to arrange a weekend trip like the international master students have when they come to UMB. The board suggests that FODOS should try to have more social events e.g. monthly gatherings at "samfunnet" open to all PhD-students.

Economy:

LB reported on the economic status. FODOS got 50 000 NOK from UMB. A budget will be made to be sent to UMB. This year these money came automatically, whether this will be a contribution each year is not clear for the moment. Follow-up on the application issue is required to ensure future funding.

From last year we have approx. 20 000 NOK left.

AGM together with the social event will cost around 10 000 NOK. A social gathering should also be arranged in the fall with estimated similar financial burden. Social events are a priority.

The board discussed to give a modest compensation to ensure proper updates and maintenance of the web-pages. This should be in the range of 5000 – 10000 NOK.

SiN (Stipendiatororganisasjonene i Norge) have requested a contribution from the local organisations (app. 2000 NOK). The board agrees to support SiN.

The possibilities of arranging a seminar together with SiN were discussed. A possible theme for the seminar could be the conditions for international PhD students in Norway.

The issue of distributing funding to the various committees were also discussed and it was agreed upon to include this in the 2005 budget.

FODOS in cooperation with SiN have earlier discussed the possibilities to make an information booklet (“Oppstart perm”) for new PhD students at UMB containing relevant information. This will probably be discussed in the upcoming SiN seminar in Trondheim. The booklet will have a local part, provided by FODOS, and a national part, provided by SiN.

JV will make a budget for the pending AGM.

4. JV informs on meeting with dean and meeting with rektors ledergruppe.

In order to insure good contact between the dean and the PhD students at UMB, meetings between FODOS and the dean should be held twice each year. The central administration is currently working on the issue of compensating time used by PhD students on organization work. The dean encourage all contact persons at the institutes to establish contact with their institute leader.

The question regarding a 3-year or a 4-year PhD period was discussed on the meeting with “rektors ledergruppe”. Highly variations were found in views between the different institutes on this issue. Some institutes have only 3-year PhD period, partly due to economic reasons and partly due to lack of potential work for the PhD students. However, the general view seems to be that most institutes are positive to 4-year PhD students.

5. AGM and social event:

OGS have arranged with rooms, and he should check that all PhD students have been informed about the meeting. It should also be announced on the Web pages.

The annual report should also be available on the web pages, but should also be sent to all PhD students by e-mail.

JV have contact with the election committee. Representatives for FODOS board, SN, FON, NOVA and Etikuttvalget will be elected at AGM.

Information about Guidance group and coaching and Social counselling for students will be given at AGM.

6. Other issues:

JS will look into the possibility to have joint email addresses for contact persons and board.

The meeting will in the future start at 9.30.

7. Next meeting: tuesday 1.mars 9.30

Post-Meeting with Peter Greve (PG), leader of the students union at UMB.

JV informs about FODOS.

PG informs about the work done by NSU and the possibility for cooperation with FODOS.
NSU are member of all committees at UMB and the institutes. An informal cooperation could therefore be valuable for FODOS.