MINUTES
FODOS board meeting Friday 11th March 2005
Place: U442, Time: 0930 - 1130

Attendants:

Jørn Henrik Sønstebø, JHS
Andriy Kupyna, AK
Jeetendra Aryal, JA
Jon Volden, JV

Apologies from:

Lisbet Bach, LB
Jon Anders Ask, JAS

Agenda:

1. Approval of minute board meeting 1st February
2. Recruitment to the board
3. AGM and social event
4. Prospects of arranging SiN-seminars
5. Social happenings
6. Activity plan 2005
7. Election committee to elect dean and internal members of the UMB board
8. Any other business

Minutes: JV

Board meeting FODOS

Agenda:

1. Approval of the minutes from the board meeting 1st February 2005

The minutes was circulated by email and approved with minor adjustments with the notion that the referent LB (absent) agrees to this.

2. Recruitment to the board

Andriy Kupyna (IKBM) was elected by acclamation as a regular member of the FODOS board from March 2005 to March 2006. A warrant of authority was given by the AGM to the board to fill the vacant positions. Still two regular board members have to be found for the period from August 2005 to August 2006. Andriy also volunteered for the vacant position as responsible for the information committee.

3. AGM and social event

It is the general feeling of the FODOS board that the annual general meeting unrolled according to planed with the skilful help of meeting coordinator Stein Joar Hegland. The

number of attendants was approximately 25 persons. There were relatively few attendants which may be subscribed to the fact that the meeting took place on a Friday afternoon. Some may have misunderstood that the meeting took place at Samfunnet and not at Urbyggningen as last year. The fact that the AGM were followed by a PhD-candidate party later the same evening may also have been a contributing factor to the low attendance. The board will review how the following AGM is to be advertised and unrolled.

4. The prospects of arranging SiN seminars
JHS informed the board that there is an interest in arranging a SiN-seminar on campus together with FODOS. The event may take place in September.

5. Social happenings
As there apparently is a need for regular informal social meetings amongst PhD-candidates the board should try to initiate some activity with regard to this matter.

6. Activity plan 2005
The activity plan approved by the AGM was discussed by the board and the following issues are a prioritised matter for the board, (prioritised order):

1. Ensure a fair system for compensation of time used in FODOS and in UMB bodies.
    - Contact will be made with the central UMB administration to ascertain the status in this matter

2. Secure annual funding of FODOS activities.
    - This issue will be followed up and a dialog with UMB centrally will continue.

3. Inform PhD students about FODOS.
    - Brochure: JV will make a draft for the layout of an information brochure on FODOS and its activities.

4. Develop the sub-committees further.
    - As stated in the annual reports from the FODOS committees.

5. Integrate the contact persons more into FODOS and the PhD-students at UMB.
    - Dep. Contact persons are encouraged to take contact with their respective department leaders in order to make the contact persons themselves and FODOS more visible.

6. Be an integral and obvious part of the UMB system and work to get a PhD-student into the University Board and Department Boards.

7. Follow-up the Start-Mid-End seminar series and its potential for being a cornerstone of the quality control programme of the PhD-study (Academic committee).

7. Election committee to elect dean and internal members of the UMB board
PhD-candidate JHS were chosen as representative for the temporary employees. Due to a very short deadline (30 minutes!) there was no time to contact all PhD-candidates on this issue.

8. Any other business.
None.