Minutes. FODOS lunch meeting 18 January 2006.

Attendands:

Stein Joar Hegland (Academic committee, INA)
Jon Volden (Previous FODOS leader, IKBM)
Lisbeth Bach (International committee, INA)
Andriy Kupyna (FODOS leader, IKBM)
Tina Bringslimark (Research board (FON) member, IPM)
Ronnie Babigumira (NOVA member, IØR)
Jørn Henrik Sønstebo (SiN board member, INA)
Aryal Jeetendra (FODOS board member, IØR)

Minutes: Andriy Kupyna

Agenda:

- Delegates to the SiN annual meeting.
- Cases to discuss at the SiN meeting
- Candidates for the SiN board 2006
- FODOS board for 2006
- Evt.

1. SiN annual general meeting and seminar.

Will be held in Oslo, Handelshøyskole BI, 10-12 February 2006. Topic of the seminar is "Different management models for the higher education with the focus on PhD candidates' role". Guest lecturers are from UFD and BI (the dean). Different financing models (universitetsmodeller) will be discussed. The seminar will be held in Norwegian.
Annual meeting will follow the seminar the day after.

Possible cases to discuss and work for SiN in 2006:

- Keep up the doctoral organizations at Oslo, Tromsø and Bergen.

Representatives from FODOS at the annual meeting:

- Aryal Jeetendra
- Mari Sundli Tveit (to be confirmed)

Possibly some new FODOS-board members would be interested to participate.

2. FODOS board for the next year

Currently the board consists of 2 regular members and 2 deputies. The new board has to be elected soon. It seems that there is no interest for the working in FODOS among doctoral students. The contact persons could talk to fellow students and try to get them involved into new FODOS board. Possibly a new election committee has to be established. There are only board members to be elected. FODOS is already represented at the all UMBs committees.

3. Funding for the international doctoral students and their status at the UMB system.

International PhD students are financed by Lånekassen. The financing model is the same for master and PhD students. It makes problems with financing of PhD when it's a continuation of master degree financed of Lånekassen.
Most of the international PhD candidates have the status of student at UMB while norwegian PhD candidates are employees (stipendiater). At the same time the international PhD are often involved at the faculty life as they would be employees. It could be a possible case for the UMB board.

4. Research Schools (Tina Bringslimark).

FON is going to initiate the establishment of the research schools at UMB. Research schools already exist at universities in Oslo, Bergen and Tromsø. There are 2 models for the research schools: Flagship model (usually used at the centers of excellence) and Network model. The research schools create networks, it generates money, it is one way to organise research and research education. The criteria for the research school establishment will be discussed at FON later.