FODOS
Forum for Doctoral Students at UMB

MINUTES
FODOS board meeting Tuesday 30th August 2005
Place: U442, Time: 0930 - 1130

Attendants:
Andriy Kupyna, AK
Lisbeth Bach, LB
Jeetendra Aryal, JA
Jon Volden, JV

Apologies: Heather Danforth, HD
Jørn Henrik Sønstebø, JHS

Agenda:
1. Approval of minute board meeting 13th June 2005
2. Updates from the committees
3. SiN-seminar
4. Coordination of information flow between PhD-representatives in all UMB organs (University board, institute boards, AC, FoN, SN and others)
5. Information folder
6. The meeting in the academic committee on September 6th
7. The new FODOS board and election of new FODOS board leader
8. Other issues
9. Next meeting

Minutes: JV

Agenda:
1. Approval of minute board meeting 13th June 2005
The minutes were approved.

2. Updates from the committees
Due to low activity during the summer not much were reported. LB, leader of the international committee (IC) has on several occasions been contacted by foreign students regarding information on how to apply for a PhD-position at UMB. The board does not see this as its primary responsibility but relevant information and links to the proper instances will be advertised on the FODOS webpage. The present leaders of the committees are: the academic com. (AC, Stein Joar Hegland), the international com. (IC, Lisbeth Bach), the social com. (SC, Heather Danforth) and the information com. (InfC, Andriy Kupyna).

3. SiN seminar

The planned SiN seminar was briefly discussed and it was decided to return to this matter on the following FODOS board meeting as JHS (substitute FODOS board member and member of the SiN board) was absent.

4. Coordination of information flow between PhD-representatives in all UMB organs (University board, institute boards, AC, FoN, SN and others)

The leaving board members, LB and JV, informed the board that it is vital to ensure good communication between the various PhD-representatives in key-positions at UMB. Meetings with the dean and the FODOS board leader, PhD-representative in (Forskningsnemnda) FoN and SN (studienemnda) are to be held at least once per semester. Meetings between the FODOS board and the PhD-institute contactpersons are also to be held at least once per semester.

5. Information folder

AK as done a great job on the information folder regarding FODOS and its activities and is to be distributed to all PhD-students at UMB. As there have been some changes regarding the members of the board it was decided to await distribution until the final board configuration is resolved.

6. The meeting in the academic committee on September 6th

The agenda for the meeting were discussed and all board members and all PhD-candidates are strongly encouraged to participate as important issues regarding AC will be raised at the meeting.

7. The new FODOS board and election of the new FODOS board leader

As LB and JV are leaving the FODOS board the new board will be one regular boardmember short and it is the responsibility of the board, by authority given by the annual general meeting in March, to find a suitable person to fill this position. As HD was absent the issue of the prospective FODOS board leader remains unresolved. AK agreed to act as a preliminary board leader until next boardmeeting.

8. Other issues

None.

9. Next meeting

The next boardmeeting will be held on September 13th at 0930 to 1130 (latest) presumably at U442.