

# **SiN Board meeting minutes**

Date: 14.09.2012, 14:00 – 15:45

Place: Skype

Participants: Melania Borit, Julien S Bourelle, John W Vinje, Håkon Stene, Heidi Nygård, Konstantinos Antypas (ref.)

Notice of absence: Ricardo Rosado

## Agenda:

### **1. Reading of the last meeting minutes**

Approved

### **2. Budget: what do we have now and what else could we get? How the money can be used, and how it is allocated? (Ricardo and Julien)**

NTNU is going to give SiN 10000 NOK. Going to be transferred soon to the SiN's account.

Allow some budget for coverage of meeting expenses when members of the board are in Oslo. Ricardo will be asked to inform the Board about the Budget situation.

### **3. Proposal for a document better defining the roles of SiN leadership and relationship between its members. (Julien)**

Better definition of the roles: Julien to prepare a draft document in Dropbox. All Board members have to contribute to the draft afterwards. Draft ready by first week of November .The draft will be discussed in the November Board meeting.

In connection with what SiN is, what is its role and what are its objectives: John to contribute with some text. All Board members have to contribute to the draft afterwards

It was discussed that SiN statutes are not very clear. Use of document John wrote (SiN->Information folder), and the presentation by Ricardo. Draft ready by first week of November. Important to not cross the statutes. Material to be used in future leaflets, too.

#### **4. Eurodoc:**

##### **a. Statement (document in Dropbox, the 09.2012 folder)**

The document sent by Sverre was approved in unanimity. The document will be sent to Eurodoc by Melania.

##### **b. Observers: for the moment, Melania and Julien; others?**

Kostas to be included in the observers.

#### **5. New webpage / Facebook / Twitter / GooglePlus**

Facebook: Julien and Kostas to update. More organized efforts to increase the popularity.

New webpage: Melania to be updated from Ricardo.

John to create a closed Facebook group for the board.

#### **6. Overview FU UHR meeting (Julien)**

Next Wednesday (19.09).

##### Topics:

- Evaluation of the RCN, UHR has the chance to comment on it.
- Planning a conference for mobility and researchers career development in international perspective, for late 2013, discussions for what is going to be included.
- Common PhD, finishing the process.
- Evaluation of the PhD education in Norway - the NIFU report. Melania will start a common comments document in Dropbox. All Board members are requested to read the report and write their comments in the document.
- Policy note on innovation in higher education, open for comments.

#### **7. Board meetings (monthly) plan 2012:**

**a. Fixed meetings plan or flexible?**

It was decided with majority to have a semi-flexible meetings plan: weeks approved during this Board meeting and dates/time settled through Doodle.

Julien suggested having the Board meetings right before the UHR FU meetings.

Meetings for the next three months were decided as follows: October - week 41 (before the RCN conference on 11.10) - Skype; November - week 46 (the UHR FU meeting is on 23.11) - Skype; December - week 49 - in person.

**b. One meeting in person: when and where?**

Meeting in Oslo. Organized by Håkon.  
5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> of December.

**8. ICORSA (<http://icorsa.org/>) - what is our position towards them?**

We don't want to be directly members of Icorsa since this should be come through our umbrella organization. Become a member through Eurodoc if Eurodoc decides to be an Icorsa member..

**9. Letters to trade unions - draft: from Ricardo**

Draft not ready. Nevertheless, this point is related to point 3, therefore we should proceed once we have in place the documents from point 3. Start unofficial discussions about the role of SiN. Official letters, a draft should be discussed in the December Board meeting.

**10. Letters to universities' boards (after getting these letter signed by universities, we planned to make a letter to KD (ministry of Education), explaining who and how many people we represent and asking for financial support) - draft: Ricardo**

The same as point 9.

**11. Review of local compensation for participation in doctoral organization (Julien)**

John: compensation for travel expenses. No extension of PhD period.

Heidi: extension of research time.

Håkon: Small budget might exist, but not much knowledge.

Melania: Budget for events and compensation. 150000 for compensation around three weeks of compensation for each Board member. A request for a different calculation of compensation is under preparation.

**12. RCN Conference "Mangfold og kvalitet i doktorgradsutdanningen" 11.10**

(<http://www.forskningsradet.no/no/Arrangement/>

[Mangfold og kvalitet konferanse om phdutdanningen i Norge/](http://www.forskningsradet.no/no/Arrangement/Mangfold_og_kvalitet_konferanse_om_phdutdanningen_i_Norge/1253978664277)

[1253978664277](http://www.forskningsradet.no/no/Arrangement/Mangfold_og_kvalitet_konferanse_om_phdutdanningen_i_Norge/1253978664277)) - too late to join as speakers, but who wants to join as participant?

Julien is joining. Ricardo, Melania or Kostas could also join.

**13. Forskerforbundets stipendiatseminar representation (22-23.10)**

Melania is going to the seminar, representing SiN. Any other SiN Board member is welcome to join.

**14. Elin - Forskningsrådet - Charter and Code**

Draft document by Melania on how we can help implementation and dissemination. All Board members are asked to contribute with ideas.

**15. MAUNIMO Conference, Oslo, week 36 - updates from Sverre**

Short presentation from Julien. Not any important take-home message.

**16. Advertisement possibilities**

Point postponed to the next meeting.

**17. Collaboration SiN and NSO**

The same as point 9.

**18. What is to be done:**

- a. **Contact the contact people in Stavanger, Bergen and Oslo**  
Melania to do the contact.
- b. **Contact people at other institutions?**  
Wait for the point 3.

**19. Others**

- a. **From the e-mail from DION's president: " Stipendiatorganisasjonen i Norge fungerer som *en slags* paraplyorganisasjon for de lokale initiativene"**  
Make more clear our role, related to point 3.
- b. **Should SiN discuss and maybe comment on NIFU's report on PhD Education?**  
We add this point to the agenda for the next meeting.
- c. Heidi: Increase the visibility in local organizations. Maybe to print leaflets, useful to have it for the new PhD's meeting in Ås.  
Håkon: Include representatives from SiN to speak about SiN during the KSF meeting in week 43, 22<sup>nd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> of October, in Bergen.