

SiN Board meeting October 2013

Date: Friday 18th October 2013 @ 10am

Place: Skype

Participants: Marthe Emelie M. Buan (NTNU), Hege Rudi Standal (UiO), Erlend Dancke Sandorf (UiT), Pål Preede Revheim (UiA), Oscar Iheshiulor (UMB)
Marte C. W. Solheim (UiS) got sick and forgot

Notice of absence: Melania Borit (TODOS/UiT)

Agenda:

1. Update from UHR FU - Hege

3 working groups that SiN should be represented in:

- 1) Arbeidsgruppe om karriere og mobilitet: we **need a representative in this group. Anyone interested?**
- 2) Arbeidsgruppe for å følge opp rapporten Utdanning+FoU=sant: Melania has been proposed as SiN-representative
- 3) Arbeidsgruppe om Langtidsplanen: Hege is SiN-representative

Problem: We do not get funding for travelling to the meetings in the working-groups.

SiN in the UHR Board:

- Need to **write an official request: anyone wants to work on this?**
- Main argument: Since NSO is represented, SiN should also be represented. Now there is no representative for PhD-candidates/PostDocs in the UHR Board
- Before sending the request we should know we have an available candidate for this position.
- Travelling for these meetings will probably be paid by UHR.

2. Hearing regarding innstegsstillinger

- The deadline for the replying to the hearing on the changes in the UH-law is 1.November.
- UiODoc is working on a reply that SiN can be a part of, and it can be sent as an official SiN-letter.
- Hege will upload the reply to Dropbox so that **everybody can read through it before it is sent.**

Discussion regarding Innstegsstillinger:

- The Board agrees that option 1 is the best; persons having a Innstegsstilling should be offered permanent employment after the period finishes if all requirements are fulfilled.
- There is no funding coming with the Innstegsstilling. It was agreed that this will be a challenge for the universities since they have to set aside funding many years in advance.
- Arguments about the duration of the position. 7 years is too long to me temporary employed.
- It should be an option for being evaluated for permanent employment before the contract ends if all the requirements are fulfilled.
- It was agreed that SiN should try to be represented in all parts of the decision-making regarding the Innstegsstilling.

3. Political agenda for SiN and collaboration with NSO

- Pål has arranged a meeting with NSO **18th November 2013** in Oslo.
- At least 3 people from the SiN board should be present. Hege and Pål already volunteered.
- Pål will send out information in due time. Meanwhile everybody should send him cases they want on the meeting-agenda.
- NSO can mainly help us with: contacts, structure and experience, funding, get noticed
- What can SiN help NSO with?

- Hege suggested SiN to be a sub-group of NSO. This was discussed and not agreed upon. Probably it will be too expensive for SiN to be a member, we will not be heard in NSO and there will be too many formalities that have to be changed. However, it would have been good for SiN to get more continuity and competences in the organization. Topic to be discussed again after the meeting with NSO in November.

4. iCoRSA membership - *Melania*

Based on the e-mails Melania has sent to the board it was decided that SiN should not participate in ICoRSA as they do not represent PhD- candidates. Melania should send an e-mail to Gordon explaining the situation and close the case.

5. Coming seminars and events

Forskerforbundets stipendiatseminar 31.okt-1.nov

- Marthe Emelie is going there to represent SiN.

Forskningpolitisk seminar: Langtidsplan for forskning, 5.nov i Oslo

- Similar events also in Kristiansand and Bergen
- Since the event is free it would be nice if **someone from the Oslo-area could go and represent SiN at this event**. A link to information and registration is in [Dropbox/2013-2014/Events/Seminars2013-2014](#)

6. Budget and plan for December-meeting

- Everybody agrees we should have a meeting in person if possible
- Currently we have 23.000 NOK in the account
- Hege has sent a request to UiODoc for 10.000NOK which again has been sent to the rector at UiO. Waiting for a reply.
- Marthe Emelie will send a doodle with possible dates to see if people have time. Then we decide if we have enough funding for arranging a meeting.

7. Others

19.Nov in Oslo: Meeting between KD and the UH-sector. SiN has not been invited, but should be represented. Pål is going on behalf of UiA. He will send the invitation to Marthe Emelie, and she will request SiN to be invited.

Pål informed the board that he is now member in a working group on how to include informal competences in the qualification framework. He is only representing himself in this group, but it's a good way for SiN to get some insight in these topics.

Pål also shortly informed the board about the new Kunnskapsminister, Torbjørn Røe Isaksen. He doesn't have a lot of experience in research from before. The statssekretær on the other hand, Bjørn Haugstad, is a former Forskningsdirektør at UiO. He likes excellence. The political advisor, Magnus Thue, has previously been involved in health and social issues.

It is good for SiN to know who we are in contact with when we send requests to KD.