

Stipendiatororganisasjonene i Norge

Board meeting 07.10.2024

Time: 17:00-19:00

Location: Teams

1. Round of updates (everyone)

2. Kif-update (Nicholas)

- Different themes each year (sami, intersectionality etc.). Subjects such as travel restrictions for Chinese and Iranian citizens were also brought, the workload of women being the only ones able to represent women in different committees.

-Small committee

-The remaining Kif period is until 2025.

-Workload is a combination of meetings and visits to institutions. There are also conferences.

3. Elections update

4. Financial matters

Skatteetaten has required us to pay arbeidsgiveravgift for 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023 and 20% additional taxes (132 000 nok). SiN did not pay all of the taxes required, probably only paid income tax.

SiN made a complaint arguing that they are not supposed to pay this tax, because of being a non profit organization. However, it is likely this tax has to be paid every year, unless SiN is made to a non profit organization according to the law. A volunteer organization is supposed to serve an unlimited group. Because SiN is restricted by job title, SiN is more a trade union than a volunteer organization.

5. Update on EFTA-complaint

It will be difficult for SiN to continue supporting financially the complaint.

6. Research project on change of supervisors at University of Agder

Call to gather information of people who have changed supervisors.

7. Statsbudsjettet

400 000kr is the budget for SiN.

8. Invitation for cooperation with Protest Pub in Trondheim

12th of November this year. People protest against academia and look at different ways to organize academia. They are asking if SiN can contribute to the meeting.

9. Agenda Tromsø

Friday: Dinner at Ethiopian at 20:00

Saturday: 10:00-12:30: AGM programme (Claire and Ingvild)

12:30-13:30: Lunch

13:30-16:00: A common last opinion piece together? (Karl Henrik)

16:00-19:00: Free time (Tourism suggestions: Museums are unfortunately mostly closed. Tromsøbadet is cozy with a nice view (swimming pool), Telegrafbukta (the beach), Fjellheisen/cable car (expensive!)).

19:00: Dinner at Claire's place with TODOS

Sunday: 09:00-12:00: General report 2024, news letter, other issues and individual work.

12:00-13:00: Lunch and good bye for now

10. Other

- UHR-konferansen (Karl Henrik)
- Position statement on the movement for free academia
- Recruitment

There does not seem to be a local PhD organizations at Nord University. However, other universities were not contacted.

- Military research

PhD candidates from “red countries” are meeting challenges. There is in general more discussion around security in research due to military insecurities.