

# Stipendiatororganisasjonene i Norge

Board meeting 05.11.2024

**Time:** 17:00-19:00

**Location:** Teams

Present:

## 1. EFTA-complaint (Pierre Lison)

- Pierre Lison has initiated the EFTA-complaint. He will give an update on the work, and ask for our feedback on the content of the complaint.

The requirement of Norwegian language could be illegal according to EU law. The law firm has agreed to do a quality check pro bono, for free. The government has already received notes from UiO on why the requirement may not be legal.

The main argument is that language skills are not necessary to perform the work. The requirement is not going to provide better terminology in the field, because this A2 is a too basic level. It is also not going to help with requirements, people will not change their mind about the language if they have been forced to take a norwegian class. It is not an obligation that is proportional to the objectives, because it is applied indiscriminately to everyone, independently of whether or not they want to stay in Norway.

1st question: You do not need to mandate the courses

2nd question: requirement not proportionate to the objective

## Discrimination

-Risk of departments to cap the number of foreign phd students, because they have to operate with the same budget and do not get extra funding to accommodate for the language classes.

-Dictating what the education should be for some.

In the EU, the court tends to be conservative about regional languages

## 2. Round of updates (everyone)

-Claire: updates about AGM registrations

-Abdou: updates about fee payment from the AGM

-Dimitris: will be attending the UHR in November. Has been contacted by Kristiania and ViD who want to come to the social event and maybe the AGM

-Ali: looked at budget of hotel rooms

-Karl Henrik: In a hectic period of the PhD with data collection and collaboration. Has been attending the UHR meetings. It has been discussed to have a unit meeting again, with a discussion on the language requirement and the concern of the all academic sector regarding nationalization. Karl Henrik has been asked to hold a talk about how the requirement has been perceived. Karl Henrik is asking for feedbacks, possibly using social media. Karl Henrik is also going to confirm room booking

-Ingvild: Attending the research education conference. Ingvild also confirms that HiØ doc is becoming a member. ViD also contacted Ingvild to become a member. We can vote on them becoming a member of the AGM. Ingvild has also written a more personal opinion piece explaining why she left academia. Ingvild is more busy and working full time.

### **3. Registration process to the AGM (Claire)**

- Updates on number of people registered

12 people registered now

- How to increase future interest in the AGM: Shifting the focus on AGM sign rather than election sign up
- Making communication more effective/more clear rules: How to communicate better in the next years, have email templates on what to send, reimbursement of bus tickets

Rules felt a bit strict to apply.

Abdou will send the form for reimbursement and send out an email after the AGM, with application by december 1st.

### **4. Elections update (Election committee)**

*Number of people nominated: 10 in total, some applying to different positions at the same time*

- 1 president
- 2 vice president
- 3 for the treasurers
- 2 head of gov
- 3 head of government relations
- 7 eurodoc

### *Modalities of the election*

Mobiles are going to be used, and two people not running are overseeing the vote, from the voting committee.

### **5. Budget**

- *Number of AGM participants needing accommodation and travel cost refund.*

4 bedrooms in the hotel Gylenløven

- *Information needed to refund invoices.*

Forms will be sent during the AGM by Claire or Abdou

- *Number of AGM participants coming for the social hangout*

So far 5 delegates, 6 board members, maybe 5 observers from HiØ

- *Any updates on Skatteetaten?*

No update on Skatteetaten

- Apply for Tromsø-refund

### **6. Physical setting of the AGM**

- *Distance between hotel and the venue*

20 minutes of t bane or 27 walking.

- *Compatibility with streaming/online meeting*

Karl Henrik in charge of the digital formalities.

### **7. Detailed plan for the AGM**

- *Overview of the program*

People agree with the program

- *Vote of new statutes*

We can't change the statutes before the update from Skatteetaten.

Maybe we can ViD on the agenda, as a voting case to become a member. They need a board to become a member.

- *People responsible for refreshment and lunch*

Ingvild responsible for lunch and for restaurant

### **8. Detailed plan for the social hangout**

- *Icebreakers ideas, Back up if Claire's plane is delayed*

Ingvild can be a back-up. We need pen and paper. We just need one icebreaker

- *People responsible for ordering pizza*

Ingvild

### **9. Request of SiN participation in research project on AI (see separate e-mail)**

### **10. Update on position statement SiN**

### **11. Update on opinion piece**

### **12. New member organization PhD-forum ØUC at Østfold University College and VID**

ØUC accepted, VID has a deadline up to friday to apply to be on the agenda for the AGM.

### **13. Hearings from the government**

Minimize the opportunity to have temporary work. Possibility of temporary positions will be restricted, only when it is special skills. But this could make it more difficult for universities to give positions.

### **14. KiF-jubileumskonferanse: Debate about career & inclusion, diversity and equality**

- What will be central topics in the equality work in the future? What are the challenges that are solved? What changes are needed for the recruitment of a diversity of candidates? How can we make a diverse group stay in academia?

Karl Henrik and Ingvild will talk.

### **15. Coming meeting dates**

- Last board meeting: December 2th
- Social event November 22nd & AGM November 23rd

- Preference for transition seminar date?
  - Interest in meeting if finances allow?

## **16. Other**

- Protest pub: Any thoughts?

No covered