

## TODOS Board Meeting – 19.06.2013

**Time:** 09:00-12:00

**Place:** Tann-bygget møterom 4.148

**Attending:** Melania Borit, Thibaud Freyd, Erlend Dancke Sandorf, Ranjan Parajuli, Lina Stangvaltaite, Lene Østvand (referent).

**Notice of absence:** Konstantinos Antypas, Sandra Ronai

### **Agenda:**

#### **1. Reports from activities carried on in the last period**

##### i. Academic:

- a) AFU & TODOS meeting with the new PhDs 18.04. Erlend informed that the attendance was quite good, and a few people signed up for the TODOS e-mail list.
- b) Biostruct meeting 08.05. Erlend and Thibaud informed that the attendance was quite good. No volunteers signed up.
- c) UiT meeting to change routines for receiving/sending researchers 14, 15, 21, 22.05. Melania informed about the meeting. During this meeting problems were mapped, but no summarizing document about this or possible solutions were made. Melania will communicate with the initiative takers to follow up on this.
- d) SiN AGM 23.05. Melania informed that the attendance and interest in discussions at this meeting were better than at previous SiN AGM's. Elections for the positions were done. TODOS has two members in SiN's board: the vice-president (Melania) and a regular member (Erlend).
- e) UiODoc & SiN panel debate 23.05. The debate was good and fruitful. There was a general agreement that PhD candidates should get more education in general/transferable skills.
- f) Statutes meeting 03.06. Lene informed as group leader about the meeting with Melania and Erlend. There was agreement that most of the contents in the statutes should stay the same, but they should be restructured. Erlend volunteered to make a draft. During the board meeting, the draft was read and agreed upon with a few suggested changes. Erlend will rewrite according to these.

- g) The final report of the internationalization group led by AFU did not include most of the suggestions made by TODOS. Melania will contact Håkon Fottland about this.
- ii. Social:
  - a) BFE, HHT, TUBS BBQ 30.05. The event was a success.
  - b) Summer TODOS BBQ 07.06. The event was successful, with about 25 people showing up.
- 2. **Autumn activities – possibilities:**
  - i. Academic.
    - a) is postponed until the details about Arbeidslivsdagen is set (3i).
    - a) PhD candidates' introductory program. Thibaud informed that even with all the resources from the international office and the different actors during the introductory program for the new international students, they still need volunteers (around 45 for next august) to help. There are only 8 members in the TODOS board, so not the resources needed to arrange a full introductory program for international PhD candidates. It was suggested that the university administration could be lobbied to expand the duties of the international office to include international researchers. Another possibility is that TODOS arranges a short event before the AFU introductory event, where PhD related work issues is explained. It was agreed that Melania will write a letter to UiT regarding the expansion of the duties of the international office and that TODOS will have a longer session about practical issues in connection with the meeting with new PhDs organized in collaboration with AFU each semester.
    - b) Work with the "PhD candidate guide". The guide must be reevaluated and worked on before the AFU introductory event in october/november. Sandra has previously volunteered to lead this work. The issue is postponed until August.
    - c) Initiate discussion with the UiT Elections Committee for an awareness campaign. TODOS will address the new rector team about this issue.
    - d) 1 or 2 day course for representatives in different committees. Sommarøy is suggested as location for an event for teambuilding and learning about co-operation the first week of December. The meeting could include a session with the old and new board discussing previous work. The temporary employee representatives in the faculty boards and the PhD candidates representatives in various research committees could be included for teambuilding.
    - e) New representatives will be elected in August, and the search for names will be continued then. A meeting could take place during the teambuilding event (2ii.).

- ii. Social:
  - a) Hiking (August/September) and bowling (November) is suggested.
  - b) TODOS' birthday concert is postponed until March 2014.
  - c) A Christmas party is suggested for December (week 49).
  - d) The meetings with each faculty continue in autumn. The NT faculty is suggested as the next to be visited. Lene, Erlend and Thibaud will meet to plan this event in August.

### **3. Summer activities:**

- i. Planning of Arbeidslivsdagen. Melania will make a poll to decide on topic. Suggestions should be uploaded to Dropbox by end of week 25 and the poll should be filled out as soon as Melania has it ready.
- ii.

### **4. UHR conference**

Erlend will go if he has time.

### **5. APECS collaboration**

We will try to connect APECS to planned TODOS events.

### **6. Shall TODOS have officers in charge with different themes/matters?**

It is agreed that TODOS does not need officers, but that a list of tasks should be created and distributed between the board members. Everyone is to fill a list with what they think that they have main responsibility for and what they contribute with.

### **7. Where are we regarding what we proposed ourselves to do?**

- i. Get the TODOS newsletter on the RSS feed webpage of UiT. This was done. However, there are problems with the disclaimer. Melania is on the case.
- ii. Letter: Use of the concept "PhD student" in English language. This was not done.
- iii. Letter: PhDs' housing rights. A letter was sent, and SiTØ replied that they want a list of names of the PhDs on scholarships. Melania can get a list at BFE, and Lene has asked for a list from NT. Melania will ask AFU if they can contribute with such a list, and ask SiTØ to message their habitants about the exemption from the rule that PhDs have no right to SiTØ housing.
- iv. Letter: PhD candidates in Miljøutvalget and Klagenemnda. This was not done. Ranjan will find information about Miljøutvalget to see if it is necessary to send a letter. Lene will work on the letter to Klagenemnda.
- v. Reply voting rights letter. This was not done. Instead this issue will be addressed to the new rector team.
- vi. Follow up on HSL meetings. This was not done.

- vii. Advertisement give-aways and banner. Erlend informed about the possibilities.

**8. Others**

- i. TODOS was mentioned positively in the University utdanningsmelding.
- ii. The compensation for TODOS' board members will be further discussed when everyone is present in August.