

TODOS Board Meeting – 28.02.2014

Time: 12:15

Place: NFH A 476

Present: Erlend Dancke Sandorf (referent), Thibaud Freyd, Sandra Ronai, Rajesh Shigdel, Ekaterina Korshunova, Lindis Merete Bjoland

Agenda:

1. Bowling Night Report

The Board was pleased with how the event turned out. The event was considered a success because we had more people coming this year.

2. Activity updates

a. TODOS & Naturviterne

General update on how the planning of the event is going. A few minor things still need to be decided before we can start advertising and make the event public.

b. Academic Writing Seminar (Sandra)

The Board decided to send out one more reminder to the general list, as well a reminder to the people that registered for the event, two days before hand. TODOS will provide wraps, fruit, tea, coffee and a small gift for the speaker. At the time of the Board meeting, 23 people had registered for the event.

c. Board Game Night

The venue is confirmed and the board game night will be held in Bazinga the 27th of March from 18:00-21:00. The deadline for registration is set to the 18th of March. TODOS will provide “finger food” and people will buy their own drinks.

d. Website (Sandra)

TODOS is working to move the website to the university servers and create a new website because the majority of the Board members are not happy with

the current one.

3. Career paths, mobility in research, recruitment, temporary positions (UHR Working Group + FSU)

These topics were discussed at the Board meeting and Erlend will write a letter to the representative in the UHR working group and take the comments with him to the next research strategy committee meeting.

4. Welcoming new PhD candidates: suggestions by Rajesh and Lindis. How can we implement them?

The Board will follow up on the letter sent to AFU regarding how new PhD candidates, both foreign and Norwegian, are met and the information that they receive when they come to Tromsø. The Board has decided to print the PhD candidate guides and leave them at the different institutes so that when a new PhD candidate arrives, he or she will receive it the first day they are here. The Board has decided to look into the management of the e-mail lists to see if we can get new PhD candidates on the list faster, and who and how people are invited to the new PhD candidates meetings.

5. Department meetings – start with the law faculty (when?)

The Board has been approached by some PhD candidates at the Law Faculty, and will have one of the first meetings there. Thibaud is in charge of the department meetings.

6. PhD Conference

It was discussed if TODOS should work to create a conference by and for PhD candidates, where PhD candidates can present their work in front of a panel of their peers and other interested PhD Candidates. The Board will see if other entities at the University would be willing to collaborate on this.

7. Other

a. Giveaways

The Board decided to buy sweaters to the new board members and Ekaterina said she could be in charge of finding the new giveaways that we are buying as well as a “roll-up”-banner.

b. Meeting with APECS, HNA, ARCTOS, Emerging Leaders, Young Scientist Forum and others.

The Board was informed about this meeting where future collaboration was discussed.