

TODOS Board Meeting Minutes

Date: 2012-08-14, 15:00

Place: Department of Dentistry

Referent: Annfrid Sivertsen

Present: Melania Borit, Ranjan Parajuli, Konstantinos Antypas, Lina Stangvaltaite, Annfrid Sivertsen

Agenda:

1. Reading of the last meeting minutes:

Ok, accepted at mail.

2. Arbeidslivsdagen:

TODOS hosts a breakfast seminar "Skills for the commercial world: Would Einstein be hired today?" with 3 invited speakers in cooperation with AFU and UiT Karrieresenteret. AFU and Karrieresenteret pays for the food, the rest is covered by TODOS. Melania has booked an auditorium that rooms ca 100 persons, booked hotel for the invited speakers, announcement at our web site, our FB page with an event, announcement at Tavla and in the Newsletter.

To do:

- a. Make poster for info screen, Ranjan.
- b. Info screen poster also put up at campus, everybody.
- c. FB commercial to promote the event, budgeted 500 NOK, Kostas, (Annfrid).
- d. Everybody in the board should promote the event, invite friends to the FB event etc.
- e. Pick up invited speakers at airport September 12, Dominic and Diane. Annfrid
- f. Dinner with invited speakers in town September 12, Lina/Kostas check prices.
- g. Invited speakers are given a guided city tour by Cornel and board members join if possible.
- h. Lunch September 13 for invited speakers and board members that want to participate.
- i. Ranjan and Melania buys gift for the invited speakers, northern lights book.

3. Logo status:

Discussion of the graphic designers proposed sketches of the TODOS logo, at voting 3

board members choose suggestion Nr1 and 2 board members for suggestion Nr4 but without lines. Melania contacts the graphic designer and ask for two versions of each suggestion, one black and white, and the other one in colors. New voting with all board members at mail when this is done for the final logo.

4. Budget:

The budget and overview of how we are doing with the balance was presented by Ranjan and Melania. The board does not have any comments.

5. Updates, over summer activities:

- a. Melania replies to Health Sciences Faculty about TSC courses
- b. The new PhD brochure has to be made, Melania, Lina and Ranjan modify the 2011 version. Wait until logo is decided to print.
- c. PhD e-mail list at UiT, Melania write a reminder mail.
- d. Melania writes a letter suggesting a new compensation for TODOS board members to the UiT administration.
- e. Career development meeting, new meeting in September. Suggestion for a series of seminars of the topic "PhD career development"

6. Set a date for the next TODOS AGM:

First week in December in connection with the TODOS Christmas dinner.

7. Election of the temporary employees representative in the UiT Board:

We invite the candidates to present themselves and have an interactive debate if multiple candidates. If a single candidate, we still invite him/her to give a presentation of motivation etc.

8. TER and FU representatives meeting:

Board members should try to find out who the TER and FU members that represent PhD students are at the faculties and up-date the dropbox file. Invitation to a common meeting later in the autumn.

9. HSL collaboration follow-up

Konstantin and Melania will follow up in September/October.

10. Internationalization UiT group

TODOS is invited to participate in the UiT Internationalization group. Kostas volunteered and informs the rest of the board what this groups agenda and of the info from the university. The board discusses what is relevant for PhD students and points out that the issue is split in two.

- a. PhD students and other students/lecturers coming to UiT
- b. UiT PhD students going for research stays abroad

The board would like to point out that it should be easier to go abroad, also for shorter periods as 1-3 months. Easier in terms of better information about alternatives and possibilities, applying for funding through various channels including UiT, and help in locating an institution to have a stay at. Also we would like to encourage UiT to budget for increasing this budget post at the various faculties. More PhD courses should be given in English at UiT, also in the course description. The PhD students at UiT are a very international group, and the courses should not be discriminating towards English speaking students. Although we know that there exists special subjects within the course portfolio that should be kept in Norwegian, etc Norwegian literature etc.

11. Others:

- a. Kostas presents shortly the NIFU report on PhD education in Norway, this document is getting saved in our dropbox folder.
- b. There will be held a meeting with the Business School about a new course in entrepreneurship. Melania + other board members that want to go to this meeting.
- c. The Fall semester party/info meeting for new PhD students. Suggestion about September/October. Lina contacts Sølvi.
- d. The next board meeting will be held in week 35.