

TODOS Board Meeting – 17.08.2016

Time: 15:00-16:00

Place: NFH cantina

Attendees: Charlotte Weber, Theodora Sam, Runa Borgund Barnung, Jonathan Hira, Javier Sánchez Romano, Anna Wirsing

Absent: Bilal Babar

Protocol: Anna Wirsing

Agenda:

1. PhD breakfast seminar about balancing family life and academic career - update

- So far we have Michaela Aschan (BFE) confirmed who will talk about how to plan and make an academic career while having kids
- The UiT administration withdrew from the seminar due to absent leave
- Kvinnforsk is still helping to find a possible speaker for the seminar
- PhD students with families who will talk about their experiences: Runa's and Bilal's friends are yet to be contacted; Charlie will also ask a person to talk at the seminar
- Jonathan will contact Forskerforbundet to ask if they can contribute
- Anna will contact NAV to ask if they can talk about practical issues concerning parental leave
- Anna is also in contact with Kvinnforsk to find a possible speaker
- Javi will find a suitable room for the seminar
- Theo, Runa, Anna, Javi, and Jonathan will be present at the seminar

2. PhD booklet distribution

- Most of the faculties have been contacted already, and the rest will be contacted until the end of September.
- Each board member is responsible to contact the respective faculty and send the new online version of the PhD booklet to the responsible persons.
- Runa suggested to put printed versions in the main areas of the different faculties.

3. Collaboration with library and Lars Figenschou

- Charlie has been in contact with the library and Lars Figenschou, who are organizing relevant courses for PhD students
- TODOS will promote these courses on the TODOS homepage and in the newsletter

4. Get other campuses involved

- Charlie had a meeting with Pål and Sølvi, who are eager to get the other campuses more involved, and to find PhD representatives there. Travelling to the different campuses and promoting TODOS there might be a good first step towards this.
- The TODOS Board suggested to contact the PhD students at the externally located campuses by email first. Jonathan will find out about the emailaddresses.

5. Academic events

PhD mobility:

- Charlie and Javi will set up a seminar about PhD mobility, and might arrange this in combination with “Arbeidslivdagen” at 8 September 2016.
- There have been suggested several possible speakers, who are yet to be contacted.

Finish your thesis:

- There has been a request from a former TODOS Board member to organize a seminar about “Finishing your thesis”.
- The seminar is scheduled for December 2016.
- Details and an organizing committee will be discussed at the next Board meeting.

6. Social event

- The BBQ event that was planned for the end of June had to be cancelled due to bad weather.
- TODOS is going to set up another BBQ event in August/September. SiN (Stipendiater i Norge) is probably going to have its next Board meeting in Tromsø, and this might be combined with a BBQ event organized by TODOS.

7. Budget

- Complaints have been raised by Pål and Sølvi that TODOS is spending too much money on Board compensation
- PhD Board compensation varies between universities, and TODOS lies in the middle what concerns compensation for interest organizations. The Board also argues that more activities

have been organized compared to the last years. Moreover, the amount of compensation has only increased very little, and there are more Board members compared to last year.

- Anna suggested to keep track of the amount of workload for each Board member, and compensate them according to the amount of work they have done. The Board dismissed this idea due to bureaucratic workload.
- TODOS will suggest to the next Board to rethink the amount of compensation.