

Minutes of meeting, Stipendiatrådet / Council of Research Fellows

2 April 2014

Present: Sofie Høgestøl, Stian Øby Johansen, Marte Rua, Caroline Bang Stordrange, Carola Lingaas

1) Information from different meetings:

a) PFF

The PFF has discussed the suggestion sent in by the Stipendiatrådet to give feedback sooner on participation at seminars (part B and E of the mandatory PhD program plan). The administration is overloaded and cannot prioritize to reply within four weeks to each individual request for acceptance. Suggestion: the supervisor formally approves the participation, which is thereafter registered in StudWeb by Gørill.

b) Board of Faculty

Marte has commented on the disorderly way the new posting of 5,6 mill. NOK at the Faculty was decided at the last meeting in the Faculty Board. When it comes to the coming meeting the 8th of April, there doesn't seem to be cases particularly relevant for the PhD-students.

c) Likestillings- og mangfoldsutvalg

Constituent meeting with new members, discussing the new mandate coming, how to cooperate with other committees at the Faculty and coordinate relevant activities (for instance measures directed towards female PhD fellows).

Information on the PFFs decision regarding the acceptance of participation at seminars/courses (formally by the supervisor), the change in the procedures of the midway-evaluation (as of 1 January 2015) as well as on the possibility of teaching for foreign PhD fellows will be sent to the PhD fellows as soon as the minutes of meeting are available – and therewith official – on PFF's webpage.

2) List over possible funding sources/ scholarships

The consultants in the different institutes ("forskningskonsulenter") have insight into the available funding sources at their respective institute. Stian will send a mail to each of these consultants to request a list that we can post on our webpage.

3) Social event, 14. May 2014

- a) **Location:** Sofie sent a request to book the "Professorbolig". Not certain that it is completed (renovations) by mid-May. The decision is expected by next week.
- b) Discussion on **possible speakers**. List of priority:
 1. Anine Kierulf: on dissemination/communication; practical tips on "how to survive the time as a PhD fellow". What are her learnings from being a PhD fellow?
 2. Henrik Syse (PRIO, philosopher)
 3. Benedikte M. Høgberg: on human rights & constitutional rights
- c) **Funding:** Caroline will check if the granted funds have been transferred.
- d) **Catering:** send suggestions to Caroline.
Possibilities: Elvebredden Catering, Månefisken, Kajsa & Lars Catering, etc.
Caroline will send a mail to 2-3 different providers and check out prices for tapas.

4) Next meeting: 12. May 2014, 12.00, "Barratt"