**PhD Council Meeting**

17 August 2021, Zoom/Room 8111

**Present:** Rose Boyle, Emma Brandon, Trygve Losnedahl, Martine Lie

**Agenda**

1. PFF meeting 18. August, Trygve attends.
2. Orientation from last meeting.
3. Upcoming cases:

Any cases to be noted in particular?

evaluation of PhD courses – evaluation form draft

<https://www.uio.no/for-ansatte/enhetssider/jus/ledelses-og-utvalgsmoter/pff/moter/2021/PFF%20180821/sakskart.html>

1. Most important thing about course evaluations is that they are sent out and actually read by PFF – Martine
2. Important to divide up questions in evaluation forms that reference specific aspects of the course by the day of the course – Rose
3. Trygve will attend
4. Trygve will need to get access to B-cases from Hanna
5. Deputies for fall meetings.
6. PFF meeting 24. November. Hanna is teaching and Martine is most likely not able to attend. Second deputy?
   1. Rose can attend
7. Faculty Board Meeting 6. December. Martine will probably be unavailable. Can deputies Rose or Trygve go?
   1. Both Rose and Trygve can do it and Trygve will attend
8. Social event 25. August.
9. Food for event must be ordered by Friday, Monday morning latest
10. Emma will send out a reminder email on Thursday asking everyone to RSVP for the lunch by Friday morning and reminding everyone to fill out the Nettskjema for the lunch
11. Martine will decide on the food but probably all vegetarian wraps/baguettes
12. Emma will make a Facebook event
13. Rose, Emma, and maybe John will be in room 8111 for the panel discussion portion of the event and the audience will ask questions over Zoom
14. Martine will be in charge of organizing the food for the lunch after the panel discussion
15. Trygve will be around to help out with whatever needs to be done
16. Currently 10 acceptances and 2 maybes to the Outlook Calendar event
17. Currently 7 responses to the Nettskjemma about lunch
18. Please fill out the Nettskjemma in the event invite if you will be attending the lunch

4. Annual Meeting – date(s):

a. 13., 14. or 15. October? From 5pm?

1. All dates work for everyone attending except Emma who may be out of the country in October but can Zoom in

2. Friday, October 15 is preferable as it allows for a longer social event afterwards

b. Annual report ready by 24. October (everyone writes a paragraph or two about what’s happened in their committees).

1. Have paragraph about your committee by the next PhD Council meeting (Sep. 20)

2. Emma compiles report

c. Start recruiting new members (preferably from different departments/ centres).

1. Council can function with 4 members but best with 5 or 6

2. Common practice is for members to serve two terms, but this is completely voluntary

d. Invitation to be sent out at least three weeks before the meeting, with the annual report attached (or sent out whenever it’s ready)

e. Have pizza and drinks in person after business part of meeting

1. Survey about the covid-situation.
2. 18 responses so far
3. Send out reminder?
   1. Emma will send reminder early next week with deadline of Sep. 1 for responses
4. Close down by the end of August?
   1. Close down Sep. 1
5. How shall we process and represent the data?
   1. Have a public version of the results that only includes the numbers from the multiple choice questions and a more confidential version for the deans that also includes the free text answers (as long as none of them give people away)
   2. PowerPoint with graphs for presentation to the Deans
6. Present them in meeting with the deanship – ask for a meeting late September/ beginning of October?
   1. Generally agreed
7. Present them to LAMU?
   1. If they’re interested
   2. Martine has emailed them about the survey
8. Everyone should look at the survey results after the survey closes and send their thoughts about them over email
   1. Email Emma if you do not have access to the survey results and tell her what your Feide username is
9. Update from committee on the national seminar?
   1. Trygve reports
   2. Will be a committee meeting at 1 pm today
   3. Currently working on the national seminar program and who to invite to speak
   4. Seminar will focus on judgments
   5. Trgyve’s suggested sub-topics for the seminar
      1. The legitimacy of judges and judgments (incl. what to do with captured courts like the Polish Supreme Court)
      2. Why do different legal systems produce different case results (esp. on climate change issues)?
         1. Invite person at the Norwegian National Human Rights Institution who deals with climate change issues
      3. Understanding the role of the ombudsperson as a quasi-judicial actor
   6. Martine suggests that there be a general introductory session on the legal topics discussed for non-lawyers
   7. Martine suggests a session on the role of courts in changing society
   8. Trygve says there will also be sessions on work/life balance as a PhD and the general PhD process
   9. Seminar will have parallel sessions so that attendees can choose most relevant sessions
   10. As a rule, the seminar will be in English but some sessions may be in Norwegian
10. Updates from other committees?
    1. No other updates
11. Dinner with the former council?
    1. Suggestion to have a dinner with the former council, us, and the new council after the Annual Meeting and the election of the new council
    2. People to invite from former council are Runar Lie, Nicola Strain, Dorina Damsa, and Birgit Hellesnes
12. Next PhD Council Meeting
    1. September 20 at 10:30 am

**Action items**

* Hanna gives Trygve access to B-Cases for PFF meeting
* Emma sends out reminder email for event Thursday
* Martine orders food for event on Friday
* Emma sends Martine list of lunch attendees on Friday morning
* Emma makes Facebook event
* Everyone writes paragraph(s) about their committees by September 20th PhD Council meeting
* Everyone thinks about and begins recruiting members for next Council
* Emma sends reminder about COVID survey
* Everyone looks over COVID survey results after the September 1st deadline and emails thoughts
* Martine (?) schedules meeting with deans to discuss COVID survey results

**Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 11:30 am by Martine Lie.

Minutes submitted by: Emma Brandon