**PhD Council Meeting**

13 February 2023, Eckhoffs hjørne

**Present:** Tomas Tobiassen, Sandra Pedersen, Trygve Losnedahl, Maja Vestad, Naureen Rahim, Daksha Sriragulan, Pernille Sandberg Drtina.

1. No comments to agenda or minutes from last meeting.
2. Orientation: Any hickups in starting up our respective positions?
   * We did a round-table on current work in different committees etc.
   * Only one short PFF-meeting held until now.
   * Sandra organized a sucessfull SUAW event in January.
   * Sandra has received the money from last year’s PhD-council. There are roughly 19 000 available now after the SUAW.
   * Naureen will be away for field work from early March to early May. Naureen meeting Dinie this week.
3. Update and PFF v/Maja, update from last meeting and discussion points for the next meeting
   * JUR9010 will now only be in English (theory of sciences etc). The ethics subject will also in the future also only be in English. Main reasons for this is to facilitate for English speaking PhDs.
   * There is consensus in PFF that PhDs must be prioritized over external teaching resources.
   * PhD scholars with teaching obligations do actually deliver their hours, also English speaking PhDs with teaching obligations.
   * Council had a discussion on pairing of phds and teaching. We do not have strong preferences on how to improve it, but are open to suggestions. A suggestion is a Nettskjema to be filled out by new phds with teaching obligations before they assume their position at UiO.
4. Meeting with the deans v/Trygve (see summary attached A6)
   * The driftsmidler have been increased at SMR from 20 to 30 000. At NIFS from 15 to 20000.
   * No changes have been made to the criteria for driftsmidler. Should follow up with Oddrun about this, or maybe Oda.
   * Suggested and agreed that we should ask for a meeting with Oda (new PhD-coordinator) where one item of the agenda should be on-boarding.

5. Activities for the Spring, 2023

* Suggested SUAW every month (roughly 1 500NOK per event is economically viable).
  + Decided to start to arrange SUAW every month with lunch. Naureen will arrange the next one. Sandra also wes positive to arrange coming SUAWs. We will try to place SUAW on Fridays, especially the days when there is Forskertime to pair SUAW and Forskertime. When there is no Forskertime, we will also invite for after work beers after SUAW.
* Should PhD-council arrange fredagspils?
  + When there is no Forskertime we will invite for after work beer after SUAW sessions.
* Some interest for PhD-lunches, but not Fridays.
  + Decided to have biweekly lunches, on different days of the week (Monday and Friday). Naureen/Tomas to set up a calendar suggestion for spring.
* Should we have more academic events?
  + Tomas is happy to arrange an event on research stays.
* Another Voksenåsen SUAW event?
  + Decided that we apply money for that event. Tomas to take responsibility.
* Should we have a writing event? Maybe ask the academic writing centre at UiO?
  + Nothing decided. Could check with UiO-Doc maybe, or inform in the PhD-teams group about the academic writing centre. Discussed to include Linn Nygaard in some way.
* Summer party combined with bring your own food for an international, multi cultural buffet.
  + Decided to do so, and Naureen to take charge of the event.
* 17th of May.
  + Decided to encourage PhDs to join the UiO event in the garden on the 17th of May.

6. “Political” initiatives etc.

1. What should we prioritize the upcoming year?
   * Decided on inviting Oda to meeting, about onboarding, international seminars amongst others
   * Decided on following up “locally” at institutes on implementation on buddies for new PhDs.

Remuneration

* + Tomas to follow up in the faculty board on the under-performance on phd goals.
  + Suggested an “open hour” with the PhDs for input? Maybe include such a feed back process in the SUAW, summer party, General meeting? Another time?
  + Trygve to check why his salary went up after changing union from Forskerfobundet til NTL, and to see if that can be relevant for other PhDs as well?

1. Decided that Trygve will change the gloomy banner on the PhD website

7. Dinner with outgoing PhD Council

* 1. Decided that Tomas to suggest a date and set up. Maybe at his place.

8. Misc

* 1. We should have PFF review the guidelines for “International seminars”. Suggested to include examples of approvals.
  2. Next meeting 27th of March (Naureen cannot attend because of field work and ramadan).

Minutes submitted by: Trygve Losnedahl