**PhD Council Meeting**

30 May 2023, Zoom

**Present:** Tomas Tobiassen, , Trygve Losnedahl, Maja Vestad, Daksha Sriragulan, Pernille Sandberg Drtina. Absent: Sandra Pedersen. Also new members: Ole Boye, Marina Hiller Foshaugen.

1. A round of presentation. Ole and Marina are new members, subbing for Daksha and Naureen who will be on leave from summer.
2. Agenda and minutes approved.
3. Orientation from PFF (Maja) and discussion on new guidelines to mid-term assessments.
   1. The signals Maja have received til now are good. Some push-back on our suggestion to increase the number of evaluators from one to two. To make it more attractive to be evaluator, we suggest that the remuneration for evaluators is raised.
   2. If there is an evaluation of external dandidates on the PhD-programme, we should be included in that evaluation.
4. Meeting with the Dean Wednesday May 31 (Tomas)
   1. Follow up from last year’s meeting: On-boarding, teaching, driftsmidler,
   2. Also:
      1. Check whether Oda has welcome meetings with new PhDs?
      2. Clarify mentorship programme.
      3. Ask for a bit more money.
      4. Ask the Faculty to gather/structure data on who finishes their phd, on time, and why.
      5. Inform about the coming supportive letter, see next agenda item.
5. Calculation of PhD Contracts and sick leave (Trygve)
   1. Status is that the to push things forward a candidate has sent a new letter, written by her union, claiming that the current practice of the rules on extensions runs contrary to the anti-discrimination act (discrimination based on care duties/parental duties). The faculty has not responded yet, and appears to be still wating for the the UiO Central level and/or the ministry of education.
   2. Trygve to prepare a supportive letter on behalf of the PhD-council to send to the faculty.
   3. Decided to also involve UiO-doc after the supportive letter is prepared and sent, to check whether they can help on the central level.
6. Summer Party 22 June (at DJ8113).
   1. Naureen and Pernille to lead organization. DJ 8113 booked from 1600, but unavailable between 13 and 16 (Eirik Haakstad has booked it).
7. Other social and academic activites
   1. Ole on 16th of June.
   2. Naureen to arrange SUAW in July.
   3. Discussion on other events. Because there are many “private” initiatives (forskertimen, sauna), the need for phd-council to organise is less important. But agreed ti invite to the private social initiatives to lower the threshold for attending.
   4. Agreed to arrange an AI-meeting. Maybe a round table with tips on how different people use AI, and on ethics and the use of AI.
8. Misc
   1. We should send out more newsletters.
   2. Decided that Marina will sub for Daksha in LiMU and Valgstyret.
   3. Ole to be social responsible from August to November, Naureen until August.

Minutes submitted by: Trygve Losnedahl