

Minutes of meeting, Stipendiatrådet / Council of Research Fellows

2 February 2015

Present: Daniel Arnesson, Johann Ruben Leiss, Anders Narvestad, Olaf Halvorsen Rønning

1. Constitutive meeting for this year's new council, distribution of positions and tasks

Daniel Arnesson: Leader of the Council, member of the Faculty Board (deputy: elected)

Olaf Halvorsen Rønning: Member of the PFF (Programråd for forskerutdanning) – Council for Research Education, secretary (deputy: Johann Ruben Leiss)

Anders Narvestad: Member of LiMU (Likestillings- og mangfoldsutvalget) – Equality and Diversity Committee, Member of IVA (Innstillingsrådet for vitenskapelig tilsatte) – Employment Council for Academic Positions, (administrator of webpage and mailing list) (deputy: Johann Ruben Leiss)

Johann Ruben Leiss: Social Arrangements, (finances)

Sofie: Member of the University Board (deputy: elected)

2. Information from different boards:

Faculty Board

- First meeting of the year will be held on 23 February.

PFF

- Decided that feedback on essays is required to be given within 3 weeks from submission.
- Talks of initiating a voluntary seminar with focus on enhancing supervisors' competence, particularly in the beginning and finishing stages of the PhD writing.
- Recruitment requirements for PhD fellows have been modified to better reflect reality. See minutes from the previous PhD Council meeting.

LiMU

- Discussions over standard recruitment text concerning diversity. Latest suggestion up for discussion (as it concerns the faculty, not the administrative staff): "Den statlige arbeidsstyrken skal i størst mulig grad gjenspeile mangfoldet i befolkningen. I tråd med Universitetet i Oslos likestillingspolitikk oppfordrer vi alle interesserte til å søke, uavhengig av kjønn."
- Discussions also over the work on future minority survey at the Faculty.

3. Planning of this semester's social arrangement:

Explore possibilities to apply for social event, possibly (and for some funding a requirement) combined with professional input, to be held sometime in May. Possible sources: 'lovsamlingsfondet' and the Faculty.

Deadline for ideas is the next PhD meeting which is scheduled to the 5th March 2015.

4. Things to follow up on:

- Making the Faculty's facilities and services more accessible and user-friendly to the PhD students, by exploring possibilities to:
 - mitigate the administrative burden of PhD fellows by hiring more staff.
 - provide a check-list of things to do before and in the start-up of your PhD at the Faculty.
 - increase authority of employee card to include all the Faculty's buildings, and
 - improve timetabling, announcement and, for foreign PhD candidates, provide English versions of the mandatory units.