

## FODOS board meeting

30.04.2014, yellow room, economy canteen, Ås campus

### Attendees:

Ellen Stenslie  
Magdalena Bruch  
Ulrika Ridbäck  
Kyle Elkin  
Natalie Yee Kim ???  
Pawel Lycus  
Marian Schubert

### 1. News from NOVA (research school of nordic universities)

Luz could not attend the meeting, but Marian gave a short summary. Luz is the FODOS representative in NOVA and in the academic year 2014/2015 NOVA is localized in Norway. During this period Luz will be the executive committee representative, which e.g. means that she is involved in decision about budget.

### 2. News from the FU (research committee)

Ellen summarized the FUs FORHANDLINGER about the new (merged) PhD guidelines for NMBU in as long and tough. The main reason for this are probably the different cultures in administrating the PhD programs. At NVH the faculties were responsible. At UMB each department was responsible. The outcome is a relative general PhD guideline that is strongly oriented on the national PhD guidelines.

### 3. Meeting with ISU and SiÅs

ISU organized a meeting with SiÅs to talk about the communication between international students and SiÅs. (International students experience the communication with SiÅs as difficult.) Marian and Natalie participated in this meeting to discuss living situations of PhD candidates in SiÅs housing. The full minutes of this meeting are available online (on FODOS website). Most important take home messages from the meeting:

- most of the rumors about bad PhD housing situation and behaviour of SiÅs are just rumors
- if PhD candidates are in FS (felles database) and do not have an income (e.g. QUOTA) they are treated as students by SiÅs (this also means that the normal application deadlines apply to them)
- PhD with income may live in SiÅs housing, if they have room. They will have to pay 10-20% more rent

The only problem we could see are guest PhD candidates with no income. SiÅs will only treat PhD candidates as students if they are in the FS (where SiÅs also can see if they have an income or not). However, most of the guest PhDs are not in the FS or it takes too long so they are not eligible to stay in SiÅs housing as students. On the other hand the normal application deadlines apply to them. So if they arrive in August, they would need to apply in March already.

### 4. International officer for employees

The administration's employee that is responsible for standing by international employees sits in the

Circus building and Natalie will find out who he is.

## 5. Events

It was agreed on that because of FODOS low budget, we should focus more on collaborative events in future, e.g with ISU, the study department, Vitenparken.

planned events from AC:

- a) Collaborative (with study department) information and welcome event for 15 QUOTA PhDs in the week before the August block. There will be a 3 hour seminar about intercultural communication and a BBQ. We just have to pay for the BBQ. In addition we need to organize some specific presentation for the PhDs where Mona Bye and/or the administrations international officer will give a talk. We should also introduce FODOS there. This introduction event should in future take place regularly twice a year. To organize this event a committee was formed including Nat, Pawel and Marian.
- b) There will be e PhD Pecha Kucha night in collaboration with Vitenparken in the middle of June.
- c) We should hopp on SiTs Oslo tour that is organised in August.

Planned events from SC:

- a) BBQ in middle of may, either in the center of Ås or somewhere on the campus. We will try to get Noragrics grill and Hans Adam will help us with this. Participants should register via e-mail and we make a participant list. Based on this list each participant gets voucher for one beer and one sausage. With this strategy we can give PhDs free stuff without other students sneaking in.
- b) Either in Autiumn or in March (3 weeks after the ski trip) we will organize a trip to the observatory at Harestua. We should get in contact with Lars Kåre, who has organized these trips before. Maybe we can use a shuttle bus and get extra support form NMBU.

Diverse:

- FODOS email distribution works in IMT, IKBM, IMV, ILP and Bioforsk
- we should apply for a raised budget of 80.000 NOK for 2015