

Recap of FODOS board meeting 18th September 2014

Present at the meeting:

FODOS president Marian Schubert
FODOS treasurer Magdalena Bruch
Communication coordinator Ellen Rinell
Social Committee leader Pawel Lycus
Academic Committee leader Natalie Lim
Academic Committee member Perrine Fernandez

Agenda:

1. Summary of the meeting with the Rector
2. Election of a depute
3. Budget
4. Social Committee events
5. Academic Committee events
6. Communication issues
7. Miscellaneous

1. Summary of the meeting with the Rector

Marian summarize the recap of the annual meeting with the Rector. It will become a biannual meeting; the next encounter will be in January 2014.

2. Election of a new deputy

Because our 2nd deputy is finishing his thesis (congratulations to Kyle), FODOS needs to find a replacement. Marian proposed the application of Ulrika Ridbäck. Ulrika Ridbäck is elected at unanimity.

3. Budget

Both PhD candidates associations of NMBU, FODOS in Ås and DIOV in Oslo, have applied for a new and higher budget to compensate the distance between the two campuses of NMBU. In addition, it would be possible two apply for extra money for important events. Finally, the months of compensation for the PhD candidates thoroughly involved in the associations will pass from 2.5 months to 3.5 months for FODOS members and from 0 month to 2 months for DIOV members.

4. *Social Committee (SC) events*

A visit to the Observatory is planned for 17 October, Friday. It will be a 3h drive from Ås in the afternoon, to arrive at nightfall at the observatory. A bonfire should be provided, but the students need to bring their own food, and eventually their own alcohol. There is a possibility to have a lecture. FODOS will pay for transport, and partially or entirely for the Quota PhD candidates. The other PhD candidates will pay 250kr/person.

Fall BBQ will be held 3 October, Friday. Ellen suggests a place with a fireplace and available sitting places. Natalie and Magdalena will help Pawel for the organization. Natalie is in charge of the ad poster and Magdalena is in charge of the car.

A waffle gathering will be held in November. We discuss possibilities of booking the upper room in the Tower building or the Økonomikantina. There will not be a pizza night this autumn.

The annual Ski trip will be organized end of January or beginning of February. The advertisement for the event will start early January.

Finally, Ellen propose to be in charge of a regular Pay Day Beer at Ås train station Café, the first Friday after the Pay Day. It should be advertise on Facebook and required a minimal organization.

5. *Academic Committee (AC) events*

Two events are in progress for the autumn semester 2014. The AC wants to organize a Norwegian course for FODOS members. Format and budget needs to be decided. Then, the AC wants to offer a seminar on talks, posters and/or scientific writing. Format and budget needs to be decided.

6. *Communication issues*

The first priority is to make an updated e-mail distribution list for FODOS. Then the department representatives will be in charge of later updates with the newcomers and the departures.

The second priority is to re-do FODOS webpage with the new architecture. Natalie remarks that all the links on the NMBU website should lead to this new webpage. It appears that the link in the Student section brings the user to an old page.

Finally, FODOS Facebook Page will be deleted and FODOS Facebook Group, which counts more, and more recent users, will become FODOS' only facade on Facebook.

7. *Miscellaneous*

A second exemplary of the key of FODOS' storage room will be made.