

Minutes of Board meeting No. 59

Date: 5 May 2011,

Time: 16:00 – 17:30 (Danish, Norwegian and Swedish time, GMT +1)

Location: Research Centre Foulum

Present:	Ágúst Sigurðsson	LBHI, chair
	Jørgen B Jespersen	AU-DJF
	Antti Sukura	HU-V
	Marketta Sipi	HU-AF
	Per Holten-Andersen	LIFE
	Lena Anderson Eklund for Lisa Sennerby-Forsse	SLU
	Seppo Kellomäki	UEF-F
	Halvor Hektoen for Yngvild Wasteson	NVH
	Anna Berg Samúelsdóttir	NSB
	Pórunn Reykdal	NOVA coordinator, secretary

Absent regular members:

Hans Fredrik Hoen	UMB
Lisa Sennerby-Forsse	SLU
Yngvild Wasteson	NVH

59.1 Opening of meeting and approval of agenda

Ágúst Sigurðsson opened the meeting and the agenda was approved. Due to organizational changes at AU-DJF Just Jensen left the NOVA Board and Jørgen B Jespersen taken his place and was welcomed as such.

59.2 Follow up on Board meeting 58

Pórunn Reykdal presented meeting minutes from Board meeting 58, the minutes were approved.

59.3 Information from KUF meeting 38

Pórunn Reykdal reported on KUF meeting 38, the minutes were acknowledged.

59.4 Budget 2011

Pórunn Reykdal presented corrected Budget 2011.

Decision: The Board approved the budget 2011.

59.5 NOVA Annual Report 2011

Pórunn Reykdal presented Annual Report 2011 and its appendix, explained main activities and major changes from 2009-2010.

Decision: The NOVA Annual Report 2011 was acknowledged by the Board.

59.6 Discussion on member fee calculation

Ágúst Sigurðsson reported on follow-up on discussions from Board meeting 58 and presented member fee calculation based on different weight of PhD students in the calculations.

Decision: Model based on the weight of 20% MSc students and 80% PhD students in the calculations will be presented in the fall.

59.7 Annual seminar 2012

At the NOVA Annual Seminar in May 2010 Mait Klaassen BOVA rector offered that NOVA annual seminar could be held in the Baltic's. In April 2011 the chair of NOVA Board received a proposal (Enclosure 59.7) on a joint NOVA/BOVA Seminar in 2012 in Tartu, at the Estonian University of Life Sciences (EMU), 3-5 May 2012.

Decision: The offer from BOVA on hosting a joint NOVA/BOVA annual seminar 2012, date and venue was unanimously accepted.

59.8 NOVA/BOVA cooperation agreement

A cooperation agreement on joint activities between the NOVA and BOVA networks was signed in Jelgava on 21st of October 2008 and is valid through the year 2011. According to the agreement it should be renewed and revised at a joint NOVA/BOVA rector's Board in 2011. The BOVA rector suggests that the agreement should be prolonged and in force until next joint meeting of NOVA and BOVA rectors.

Decision: The NOVA Board agrees that the current agreement between NOVA and BOVA on joint activities should be prolonged in the same manner until the spring of 2012 when a joint NOVA/BOVA seminar will be held in the Baltic's.

59.9 Chair of NOVA 2012-2013 and rotating NOVA secretariat

At Board meeting 58 discussion was opened on which institute would be the successor of LBHI from January 1st 2012 on hosting the NOVA secretariat. University of Helsinki, Faculty of Veterinary Sciences was suggested and Antti Sukura preliminary accepted the chair and the secretariat on behalf of HU-V. Overlapping period of the secretariat was discussed and Þórunn suggested, based on her own experience that the former secretary should have an overlapping period of two weeks at the beginning of the year.

59.10 End of meeting

Short presentations from the member universities did not take place due to departure of bus from Foulum, no other issues were brought up and the chair closed the meeting at 17:30.



Ágúst Sigurðsson
Chair, NOVA Board



Þórunn Reykdal
Secretary