

Minutes of Board meeting No. 53

Date: 24 April, 2009

Time: 13.15-15.40

Place: Oscarsborg, Norway

Present:	Lisa Sennerby Forsse	SLU, chair (connected via telephone)
	Antti Sukura	HU-V
	Knut Hove	UMB
	Lars Moe	NVH
	Lena Andersson-Eklund	SLU, chair NOVA-KUF
	Björn Þorsteinsson	LBHI
	Marketta Sipi	HU-AF
	Elise Norberg	AU-DJF
	Anja Pedersen	NSB (SLU)
	Christian Mørk-Hansen	NSB (LIFE)
	Ulf Jonsell	NOVA coordinator, Secretary

Absent regular members:

Jukka Kola	HU-AF
Just Jensen	AU-DJF
Àgúst Sigurðsson	LBHI
Per Holten-Andersen	LIFE
Seppo Kellomäki	JU-F

53.1 Opening of meeting and approval of agenda

Lisa Sennerby Forsse opened the meeting and, because of being connected via telephone, handed over to Lena Andersson-Eklund to be the acting chair of the meeting.

The agenda was approved with the change that the decision on chair (53.7) will be the first item.

53.2 Presentation of new member Aarhus

Elise Norberg presented the research, research facilities and the education on the new NOVA member.

The NOVA board expresses enthusiasm for the report and looks forward to the participation of AU-DJF in the NOVA network.

53.3 Reflections on seminar and plans for seminar 2010

The just finalized seminar 2009 was discussed and in general regarded as successful. Knut Hove suggested that the student survey shall be repeated in 2011.

Topics for the seminar 2010 were discussed. The following topics were suggested:

- The effects of internationalisation on the universities and their activities.
- Strategic NOVA issues: New strategy from 2011; how to reach the strategic goals; a reach out strategy for NOVA.
- The financial crisis and the NOVA universities.
- PhD education within NOVA; new incentives.

Decision

That topic and host of seminar 2010 shall be further discussed in KUF.

53.4 Follow up on board meeting 52

Board meeting minutes were acknowledged.

53.5 Information from KUF meeting 30

KUF meeting minutes were acknowledged.

53.6 Annual Report 2008

Decisions

- That the annual report was accepted
- That the appendix to the annual report shall be checked by the administrations at the member institutions and suggested changes shall be reported to the secretariat within two weeks time. Thereafter the appendix will be published on the NOVA web page.

53.7 Decision on chair 2010-2011

Lisa Sennerby Forsse presented the background to the suggested decision on NOVA chair 2010-2011. All members were positive with LBHI as new chair.

Antti Sukura commented that two years chairmanship period is a short time and that the board should consider to prolong the period.

Lars Moe emphasised the importance of the strategic plan when having a system with rotating chair; the strategic plan will provide the guidelines and secure continuity for the NOVA activities.

Decisions

- Iceland was elected chair of NOVA 2010-2011.
- The length of the chairmanship period shall be discussed on next board meeting.

53.8 NOVA political forums

A short discussion on the meaning and the content of the political forums was held and the need for further clarification was expressed.

Decision

- That the suggested text regarding the position of NOVA's political forums shall be revised until next board meeting.

53.9 Next meeting

The forms for the next meeting were discussed.

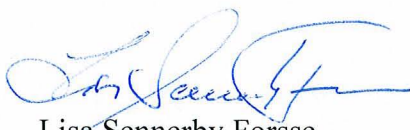
The topics for a suggested board seminar were discussed and resulted in two major suggestions: 1) The effect of internationalization for the NOVA universities and 2) the effect of the financial crisis for the NOVA universities.

Decisions


- that the next board meeting will be held in Joensuu 19-20 October, with arrival in the evening 19 October and departure from Joensuu in the afternoon 20 October.
- that the meeting also shall include a presentation of JU-F and a board seminar.
- that both the above suggested topics for the board seminar shall be prepared by the secretariat in cooperation with the board.

53.10 End of meeting

The meeting was ended at 15.40.



Lisa Sennerby Forsse
Chair



Lena Andersson-Eklund
Acting chair



Ulf Jonsell
Secretary