
MINUTES OF THE SODOC MEETING (2019/2020 BOARD & 2018/2019 BOARD) HELD ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2020 AT MEIERIBYGNINGEN:M125

Members present

Name

- 1) Grace Alinaitwe
- 2) Anita Okoko
- 3) Emil Jarosz
- 4) Mariya Kelova
- 5) Pablo Duran
- 6) Sergio Roche
- 7) Tora Asledottir
- 8) Vinay Kumar Reddy Nannuru
- 9) Olga Mikhailova
- 10) Julia Naime
- 11) Giorgia Carnovale
- 12) Martina Galler
- 13) Jesper Frausig
- 14) Zoe Frethein Kelly
- 15) Sarah Muhammed

Members absent with apology/cause

Name

- 1) Micah Abigaba

Agenda

1. SoDoc at NMBU
2. Gmail, Facebook and Dropbox accounts
3. Continuation of previous work
4. Compensation of previous members
5. Typical milestones
6. AOB

MINUTE	ACTION BY
MINUTE 1: SoDoc at NMBU	
<p>The former Chairperson (Pablo):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ Congratulated the SoDoc Members. He also urged the old members to help the new members for the smooth running of the organisation. ⇒ Talked about the sponsors of SoDoc ---(Research and Development (He never clarified this though)) and the different SoDoc positions. 	

<p>He said the organisation serves as a link between this university and other universities through SiN, SU has an impact on our studies. NOVA previously had funding challenges and hopes that it will be better this time</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ He emphasised that SoDoc needs more funding and it is our duty to push for this. ⇒ He informed us that the Board decides on the best ways of compensation. ⇒ We were reminded that PhD is key and we should priorities it. 	All to note
MINUTE 2: GMAIL, FACEBOOK AND DROPBOX ACCOUNTS	
<p><u>Sergio:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ Promised to give us the password of the Gmail account ⇒ The new board members are the new administrators of the Facebook account, and the rights will be given. ⇒ We should clean up the account by removing the old members ⇒ We should not add professors. <p><u>Recommend Actions</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ The new board members decide whether to do the above or not ⇒ A member suggested a WhatsApp group for discussions. 	Sarah
MINUTE 3: CONTINUATION OF PREVIOUS WORK	
<p>1) Use of English language in PhD spaces</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ Had a meeting with the pro-rector who has a voice in the board of the university, unfortunately when he communicated with the actual rector, he did not welcome the idea. ⇒ There is a general move to preserve the Norwegian language <u>We advocate for English language because</u> ⇒ The university meetings will be of great interest to PhD students. It was noted that in some faculties the meetings are held in Norwegian language ⇒ Many international students will contribute once the meetings are held in English. ⇒ Lack of English use as a language constrains democracy ⇒ Many PhD students are not fluent in Norwegian, so when decisions are taken in Norwegian, we are excluded <p><u>Immediate Actions</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The committee needs to discuss the issue further 	All to note
MINUTE 4: COMPASATION OF OLD MEMEBERS	
<p><u>Pablo:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ He informed us that the Board decides on the best ways of compensation. However, only those with 2hours of work per week can ask for contract extension if they wish to do so. We need to keep track of the hours worked although we shall only be compensated for the maximum number of hours allocated. 	

<p><u>Recommend Actions</u></p> <p>⇒ The new board members decide on the way they prefer to be compensated.</p>	
<p>MINUTE 5: TYPICAL MILESTONES</p>	
<p>1) Social committee</p> <p>⇒ The committee achieved a lot including, the barbeques and many social gathering events</p> <p>2) Academic committee</p> <p>⇒ They noted that the funding for writing is now stable and consistent</p> <p><u>Recommend Actions to the Academic committee</u></p> <p>⇒ Do not focus on writing since it is already being done by the writing centre</p> <p>⇒ Come up with interesting topics for example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How to manage your supervisor • You are the driver of your PhD <p>⇒ Come up with ways of enticing people to attend academic workshops</p>	<p>Sergio</p>
<p>MINUTE 6: AOB</p>	
<p>⇒ Recognised that the old board was good</p> <p>⇒ Urged us to include more postdoc students in the SoDoc as members</p> <p>⇒ We should also encourage more Norwegians to join the group.</p> <p>There being no further submissions, the meeting was adjourned at this point at 19:17. The next meeting was not scheduled</p>	

Signature

Chairperson:



Secretary:



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