

NOVA KUF möte Nr 17

Den 15 november 2005, kl 10-16, på NVH i Oslo.

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Present: Flemming Frandsen, KVL, ordf
Reeta Pösö, HU-V
Björn Thorsteinsson, LBHI
Marketta Sipi, HU-AF
Trine Hvoslef-Eide, UMB
Kristina Glimelius, SLU
Yngvild Wastesson, NVH
Evert Jor, student repr., NVH
Ronnie Babigumira, student repr, UMB
Paul Jensén, NOVA
Knut Wålstedt, NOVA

Coordinators, others: Lone Urbak , KVL
Sari Mikkola, HU-AF
Riitta Kaitajärvi, HU-V
Haavard Reksten, UMB
Melanie Etchell, NVH
Claes Lundin, SLU

Yngvild Bjønnes , student repr., NVH

1. Opening of meeting

Short presentation around the table. Welcome to Trine Hvoslef-Eide as new KUF member from UMB. Welcome also to new student representatives.

2. Agreement about the agenda.

<u>Decision:</u> to agree on the suggested agenda.
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3. Minutes from last meeting.

Matter: Agreement and follow up of minutes from last meeting.

Material: Minutes from last meeting.

Short follow up of minutes from last meeting. Agreed that minutes from now on shall be written in English.

Decision: that KUF takes the follow up as on orientation, and that protocol and minutes shall be in English.

4. Activity plan and Budget 2006

Matter: Discussion on the Activity plan and Budget for 2006

Material: Document from the secretariat
Activity plan 2006
Funding and activities/expenses

Presentation of and discussion about Activity Plan and Budget 2006, especially comments from the NOVA Board.

Decision:

To: make adjustments according to Board and KUF suggestions, and hand over the revised Activity Plan for 2006 to the Board for final decision

To: hand over, without changes, the suggested Budget 2006 to the Board for final decision.

5. Applications

Matter: Decision on Applications for funding

Material: Document from the secretariat
Applications

Decision:

To: approve the applications according to the proposal from NOVA rector, with the following result:

Area	Approved, €
VIELO – Virtual anatomy and e-learning in vet ed	15 500
NOVA vet 2006	25 000
Agroekologi 2006	25 000
NOVA Apikultur	16 000
Pedictnet	0
Workshop in information literacy	6 900
Beviljas ut 2006 års ram	88 400
Analysis Methods....course	postponed

6. Analysis of NOVAs PhD courses

Matter: Analyzing NOVA PhD courses, problems and suggested actions.

Material: Document from the secretariat
Analys av NOVAs PhD kurser, problem och förslag till åtgärder

Discussion about the problems and suggested activities.

Decision:

To: agree that NOVA rector continues with the suggested activities.

To: continue the analysis at the next KUF meeting.

7. NOVA funding of Intensive (short) MSc Courses

Matter: Establishing and funding of short MSc courses

Material: Document from the secretariat
NOVAs finansiering av...
Two cases

Discussion on the basis of the enclosed material.

Decision:

That: NOVA rector announces a possibility to apply for funding of three short MSc courses during 2006, application deadline January 15.

That: KUF accepts the suggested amount of funding, that is 300€ for the first week and 100€ for the second week (maximum two weeks) as a student grant, and 4 000 € in total for funding extra expenses.

That: the NOVA secretariat is responsible for administrating the funding.

8. Follow up of "mutual course recognition".

Matter: Follow up of the "mutual course recognition" process.

Material: Document from the secretariat
Reykjavik-erklæringen

Presentation of the Board's argumentation. Discussion.

Decision:

That: we continue with Aquaculture and NORBE as already decided

That: decision about course overlaps shall be taken by each national study committee

That: status report at the next KUF meeting

That: chairman and NOVA rector get the responsibility to formulate a revised strategic goal for Mutual Course Recognition in the Activity plan 2006.

9. Mobility in Erasmus and NOVA

Matter: Analysis of mobility in Erasmus and NOVA

Material: Document from the secretariat
Mobilitet i Erasmus och NOVA

Discussion on the matter.

Decision:

That: bilateral agreements are signed between the member universities, old agreements can be used for adding new areas.

That: agreements with new European partners are signed bilaterally, on initiatives from individual partners in the networks, but administrated at the central level.

10. Meetings 2006

Matter: Dates and places for meetings 2006.

Material: Document from the secretariat.

Decision:

- March 28, UMB. (10.00 – ca 17.00 Scand time)
- June 13, SLU/Ultuna (10.00 – ca 17.00 Scand time)
- September 14, video link, (9.00 – ca 12.00 Scand time)
- November 21, HU, (11.00 – ca 17.00 Finnish time)

11. Information

- a) Some data from NOVA rector about students mobility.

4-5% of the NOVA MSc students get Nordplus grants each year.

Around 10% of the NOVA PhD students take NOVA courses each year.

- b) Some information from NOVA rector about the jubilee publication.

- c) Responsibility for national student information about admission procedures, deadlines etc.

Discussion leading to the conclusion that we use direct links to national web pages for student information.

- d) Short information from Kristina Glimelius about ELLS meeting at SLU in October.

12. Other matters

No other matters.

13. Ending of the meeting

Oslo, November 15, 2005

Flemming Frandsen
KVL, chairman

Paul Jensén
NOVA rektor

Knut Wålstedt
Central NOVA
coordinator

Minutes

P. 4 Activity plan and budget

Short presentation of Activity plan and Budget.

The Boards' comments under point A were presented and accepted.

Short comments on the suggestion from NSF to run more courses with lesser budgets. Shall be considered for next period.

Information about the support from SNS in the forest area, 30 000 NOK per course in the area, during 3 years.

So far one application deadline (April 15, 2006). Should we have two deadlines, the second on Oct 15? October may be a better time, not so many other application deadlines.

Information about the next NOVA application for Marie Curie (EU) funding, deadline May 2006.

Comments that questions the idea to have two deadlines, better to keep one time. Must make plans quite long time ahead. More work for KUF. More difficult to compare quality.

What do we do with the rejected applications.

Deadline even before April 15? Decision in the April meeting?

No further comments.

Decision: we keep to the same deadline, one time a year.

No comments on point C.

Some short comments under point D.

The same administrative problems turn up within NOVA and ELLS.

NOVA should also compare administrative rules for MSc level education. See ELLS form.

Decision: keep in mind the discussion on administrative matters. Compare rules for MSc according to the ELLS form.

Short information about the discussion in the Board about NOVA-BOVA cooperation and about the evaluation of NOVA.

NOVA seminar, 18-19 of May, preliminary on the Färö islands.

No comments from KUF on point E.

No comments on the budget suggestion.

Correct NLH and LBH.

Point 5. Applications.

VIELO

Short presentation.

Project in the pilot phase, when problems are solved then a full network will be contacted. Perhaps organize a distance learning course.

Decision: to accept NOVA rector suggestion, incl comments about the NOVA team (15.500 €).

NOVA vet 2006

Short presentation. Possibility to define a NOVA window, in August and January. Two MSc course run during the fall 2005, one in June 2006 and three have planning grants.

G Dalin has written a report on comparing European curricula.

Decision: to accept NOVA rector suggestion (25.000 €).

Agroecology

Responsibility from UMB to SLU (Lennart Salomonsson). Agreement from SLU faculty to give this area a high priority.

We have reasons to believe that the area takes the Nordic cooperation seriously.

Do we have problems with different legislations about the possibility to put up joint degrees? We come back to this discussion.

Decision: to accept NOVA rector suggestion, incl a maximum limit of two years. (25.000 €).

Apiculture

Small/narrow area, good for Nordic cooperation.

Short explanation from UMB about the small environment.

Decision: to accept NOVA rector suggestion. (16.000 €).

NOVA Pedictnet

Good activities shown.

OK for a competition.

Decision: to accept NOVA rector suggestion (use available funds).

Library network

Good interaction between Library and Pedictnet, and several other networks.

Decision: to accept NOVA rector suggestion (6.900 €).

Plant fibre (PhD course)

Old application (from June). Still a weak network.

Due to new information about rejected NordForsk funding of an IT course, NOVA rector suggest that we still wait for the amount of regained before we accept funding for this course. Meantime we ask for a stronger network.

Decision: to accept the new suggestion, to postpone the decision and wait for eventual regained funding.

Point 6. NOVA PhD courses

Short presentation from NOVA rector.

Less good jobs in the networks when it comes to marketing of the courses.

Suggestions from NSF correlates good with NOVA rector suggestions.

Presentation of the idea to use the NOVA PhD database to get in closer contacts with potential PhD students.

Number of PhD students decrease at KVL and SLU. Good support for research schools at both SLU and KVL.

Combine NOVA courses with courses in research schools.

Contact between head of research schools and NOVA.

Can NOVA give co-funding to national research school funded courses?

We must find ways to see where the demand for courses is? Use the network database more active.

The short intensive form is very much appreciated.

The networks must be made visible.

Comments that the rotating principle is very good for taking responsibility for courses.

In very small areas we may look for students even outside NOVA.

Show the number of students from various countries.

NOVA supports students from non NOVA courses. Should they have to pay a fee?
Quite many students come from the Baltic countries.

We should come back to the matter of fee for external students at the next KUF meeting.

National differences in the rules of funding PhD courses/students.

Decision: agree that NOVA rector continues with suggested activities. Come back to the matter at the next KUF meeting.

Point 7. Funding of Intensive MSc Courses

Short introduction.

More general discussion about the question on if we really want to start this procedure. This is a new initiative, do we want to start before the evaluation?

Unsynchronized semester periods!!

Summer schools.
NOVA windows within the Vet area.

Students have been very positive to the concept of NOVA windows. Probably best suited for the Vet area.

Landscape architects already use this concept.

Some topics with international interest are suitable for summer time concept.

NOVA Vet still holds on to the idea of Windows in Aug and January.

Students still wish to support the idea of NOVA Windows.

HU-V have had elective courses in Jan for many years. Also UMB.

Applications for evaluation. Deadline for application by Jan 15. Coord with application to Nordplus.

Open announcement for any area, not more than 2 pages.

We should avoid cash handling.

Decision: to announce for three pilot projects during 2006, deadline for application Jan 15, 2006.

Point 8. Mutual course recognition

Short introduction, summary of the discussion in NOVA Board.

Discussion from different angles on the MCR problem.

Decision:

- Agree to continue with the process in Aquaculture and NORBE, small report to KUF next meeting. Agreement in the scientific network is finally decided in national study committees.
- Permission for chair and rector to formulate the new strategic goal.

What is a joint degree? Can we use the same definition in the Lisbon agreement?

We need to find out the positions in each member country. Facts to the next KUF meeting.

See definition from ELLS.

Concentrate on cooperation on course level, giving a degree is not a problem.

Point 9. Mobility in Erasmus and NOVA

Short presentation.

Not a good idea to have mutual agreements, we should make bilateral agreements between individual universities.

We can just add new areas in old agreements. Both systems, central or on department level exists.

Scientific environment come up with the idea of signing agreements, but the formal agreement should be signed by the central administration.

Information to the networks about formalities.

Is it possible to see from which areas the students come?

Decision:

- Bilateral agreements between NOVA members
- We can add new areas in old agreements
- Initiative from networks, administrated on central level.

Point 10. Meeting dates

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- June 13, SLU/Ultuna
- September 14, video link, 9-(12)
- November 21, HU, 10(Fi)-

10. Information

Some data about students mobility.

4-5% of MSc students get Nordplus grants.

>10% of PhD students take NOVA courses each year.

Some information about the jubilee publication.

Use direct links to national web pages for student information.

Short information about ELLS meeting at SLU.

11. No other questions.

12. Ending of meeting.