

**UNIS**

# MINUTES

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| <b>MEETING:</b> PhD forum  |                        | <b>No / Year:</b> 3/2015  |
| <b>Weekday:</b> Friday   | <b>Date:</b> 18.09.15. | <b>Participants:</b> : Eli Anne Ersdal, Mark Mulrooney, Xiangcai Chen, Oscar Fransner, Ylva Ericson, Hanna Rosá Hjalmarsdottir, Miriam Marquardt, Maja Hatlebakk, Idun Brekke, Ane Bjørsvik, Anne Bjørndal. |
| <b>Start:</b> 13:00  | <b>End:</b> 15:30      |   |
| <b>Place:</b> Templet  |                        |   |
| <b>Leader:</b> Anne Bjørndal   |                        |   |
| <b>Minutes:</b> Anne Bjørndal  |                        | <b>Copy for information:</b> Elise Strømseng, Ruben Eidesen, Lise Gjellestad, Ole Arve Misund, head of departments  |
| <b>Reference:</b> <a href="#">V:\Admin\STUDADM\PhD administrasjon\PhD administrasjon\PhD forum</a> |                        |   |

## Minutes from meeting 07.05.15.

The minutes from the PhD forum on 07.05.15. was presented and approved.

## News from the study administration:

Three new PhD candidates are welcomed at UNIS since last meeting:

- Ane Cecilie Kvernvik (AB-dept)
- Malte Jochmann (AG-dept)
- Hanna Rósa Hjálmarsdottir

Welcome!

One PhD defence since last meeting:

- Teena Chauhan (AG-dept)

Three candidates have submitted their theses, and plan their defences this year

- Heidi Sevestre
- Srikumar Roy
- Sunil Mundra

New special agreement (særavtale) in force, by negotiations between the unions and UNIS. Valid until 31.12.16. in the first place. The new agreement gives holiday compensation of NKR 5500 to all staff with employment contract > 2 years. Does also apply to partners and children, with some restrictions. HR can give more information about this.

Course in basic skills in pedagogics will be arranged in autumn 2015 and spring 2016. One week gathering each semester. Will be offered every second year.

Mandatory PhD-course in science theory and ethics to be arranged at UNIS? Request was sent out to the universities regarding if they will approve such a course being held at UNIS, and if they could offer a course here. The comments will be presented for the Leader group shortly.

UiO want all PhD defences to take place in Oslo. Application for exemption for UNIS was declined by the UiO headmastership in August. They will revise their PhD regulations in

December. This would maybe make it possible to arrange UiO defences at UNIS. In the meantime, they have given an exemption from the regulations for Heidi Sevestre's public defence in October.

### **News from the mainland universities**

#### **UiB**

- Remember semester registration every semester. Deadline 1 September postponed until 25 September
- Remember to check your UiB e-mail account
- Annual progress report deadline: **1 November**

#### **UiT; NT-faculty**

- Formalized a study plan for the PhD study; [V:\Admin\STUDADM\PhD\\_administrasjon\UiT\NT-fak](V:\Admin\STUDADM\PhD_administrasjon\UiT\NT-fak)

#### **NMBU**

- Updated web pages
  - Regulations / forms: <http://www.nmbu.no/en/research/phd>
  - Contact persons / administrative routines: <http://www.nmbu.no/en/research/phd/whodoeswhat>

### **Anna Eckhardt: Stress management**

Psychologist Anna Eckhardt held a lecture about stress management; including what stress is, how it affects you, and how to handle stress.

The lecture will be followed up by two more in-depth workshops on stress management later this autumn. Date will be announced.

### **Next meeting**

Next PhD forum is planned in November / December 2015.