Danish Development Research Network

DDRN 10th General Assembly 28th January 2015
January 28, 2015 – 16:30-17:30 – Copenhagen Business School

Participants: Arne Wangel (AW), Hans Christian Johansen (HJ), Lucy Gregersen (LG), Matthew Cashmore (MC), Michael Poulsen (MP), Moses Mengu (MM), Ahmad Hassan (AH), Neil Webster (NW), Nick Quist (NQ), Ransom Legunze (RL), Simon Ravn (SR), Sofie Hvid Rasmussen (SH), Søren Jeppesen (SJ), Wilhelm May (WM).

14 participants in total.

Chairperson: Lucy Gregersen
Rapporteur: Sofie Hvid Rasmussen

Agenda:
1. Election of chairperson and secretary
2. Approval of the agenda
3. Report by the board
4. Presentation of accounts
5. Presentation of working agenda for the forthcoming year
6. Presentation of budget proposal for the forthcoming year
7. Proposals received to be discussed and/or be presented
8. Election of board members, substitutes, treasurers and auditors
9. Any other business

Ad. 1 Election of chairperson and secretary
Lucy Gregersen (LG) and Sofie Hvid Rasmussen (SH) were proposed as chairperson and secretary and they were approved by all.

Ad. 2 Approval of the agenda
The agenda was approved by all participants.

Ad. 3 Report by the board
Firstly, Arne Wangel (AW) thanked Fred Chalula (FC) for his contribution as board member and Lucy Gregersen (LG) for her work as DDRN's student assistant as they are both ending their work in DDRN however continuing as active members. Secondly, AW welcomed Sofie Hvid Rasmussen (SH) as the new student assistant of DDRN at the same time thanking UNEP DTU Partnership for continuing the sponsorship of a part-time student assistant.

Thirdly, AW presented on the report by the board and DDRN's activities the past year.

Ad. 4 Presentation of accounts
AW presented DDRN's accounts since the last GA.

Ad. 5 Presentation of working agenda for the forthcoming year
AW presented the working agenda for 2015:
- Continuation of the south professional network.
- Continuation of LinkedIn blogging: On January 16, 2015 AW started a discussion which was responded the following day by Anja Hansen, Academic Officer at SCIENCE, Copenhagen University. Furthermore, AW encourages all members to join the discussion or start their own.
- Programming the spring seminar series: AW urges all members to suggest other seminar topics. More ideas are welcome. AW will like to present the Outreach project.
- Upgrading the website: DDRN's contract with FrameMakers is expiring at the end of 2015 and DDRN is not happy with their service. AW presented different opportunities but we have to look into the financial aspect.
- Fundraising and continued membership: DDRN have tried to get membership fees but it has not been successful.
- Ongoing discussion with FAU about future cooperation regarding joint seminars. SJ commented on the Nordic part.

Simon Ravn (SR) asked whether or not AW or others have a list of interested that can join the discussion on LinkedIn. AW answered that everybody can join the discussion and/or start one as well. Moses Mengu (MM) said he could not find the discussion why SH will send a newsletter to all DDRN members with a link to the discussion.

Nick Quist (NQ) commented that open discussion groups unfortunately often have a tendency of being a forum for advertising posts. AW says that is unfortunate but wants to continue with the group being open.

MM suggested that the discussions regarding the merger between DDRN and FAU should have a time frame to achieve something concrete. SJ agreed and said that the FAU Board will soon come out with its position on the matter.

SR advices DDRN and AW that when blogging one should keep the ball rolling or else it will be forgotten. AW is aware of this and will keep it in mind.

**Ad. 6 Presentation of budget proposal for the forthcoming year**

Neil Webster (NW) asked how DDRN are going to fund a new webpage. AW commented that DDRN needs a project and that the webpage could be part of that project. AW proposed to apply for the DANIDA information grant. One way of doing this is to tell the stories of the South students who have been in Denmark with specific cases as documentation.

AW also commented that there are other more low-cost solutions and AW is going to attend a seminar of this kind which will only cost a few hundred kroners a year.

**Ad. 7 Proposals received to be discussed and/or presented**

No proposals were received to be discussed or presented.

**Ad. 8 Election of board members, substitutes, treasurers and auditors**

Arne Wangel (AW), Moses Mengu (MM), Søren Jeppesen (SJ), Thomas Nielsen (TN) are elected for one more year as board members.

Ransom Legunze and Matthew Cashmore wished to stand for re-election. Ahmad Hassan wished to stand for election. All three were unanimously accepted as board members.

Finally, Hans Christian Johansen was proposed as substitute and was accepted by all. The secretary will very soon call for a board meeting.
Ad. 9 Any other business

There were no AOB.