

## MØTEPROTOKOLL

### Internasjonalt Utvalg 2023

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Forfall: Elisa Mercuri

Andre: Tove Holm

Protokollfører: Ida Charlotte Jakobsen, Mari Anna Brønseth Friedrich

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Sted, 20.03.2023

Levi Gårseth-Nesbakk  
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### **3/23 Approval notice of meeting and agenda, meeting 2/23**

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#### **Forslag til vedtak:**

The International Committee approves the meeting and agenda

#### **Møtebehandling**

There was made a short comment from the head of the committee Prorektor Levi Gårseth-Nesbakk that some cases are more than orientation and that the secretaries need to look at what the different cases should be listed as to create more engagement in the committee.

#### **Vedtak**

The International Committee approves the meeting and agenda

#### **4/23 Approval of protocol from meeting 1/23**

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#### **Forslag til vedtak:**

The International Committee approves the protocol from meeting 5/23

#### **Vedtak**

The International Committee approves the protocol from meeting 5/23

## **5/23 Erasmus+ staff mobility grants: Call for applications May 2023**

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### **Forslag til vedtak:**

The International Committee approves the coming call for applications for Erasmus+ staff mobility grants.

### **Møtebehandling**

Advisor at the International Office Ida Charlotte Jakobsen gave a short introduction to the case.

The priority for this call is changed from the SEA-EU to all mobility because SEA-EU will have their own allocation from now on.

There was made some comments and asked some questions in the meeting.

1. The Business school asked if there was to be an information meeting before the next call.  
- Ida Charlotte Jakobsen: Yes, an invitation will be published before easter
2. The question on how the different faculties prioritize their mobilities was raised:  
- FBA: Prioritize the people who want to spread the knowledge gained at the mobility. How is the effect spread out throughout the faculty?  
- FSV: Prioritize BIPs and the most strategic applicants  
- HHN: The prioritization is discussed in the local international committee and with the head of office  
- FLU: In the last call all applicants to the SEA-EU were prioritized.

There was made a comment from Ida Charlotte Jakobsen that prioritizing should be done prior to the application deadline. As the responsible person for staff mobility in Erasmus+ she is in dialogue with the faculties on this. More information to come to the faculties later on.

### **Vedtak**

The International Committee approves the coming call for applications for Erasmus+ staff mobility grants.

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## **14/23: SEA-EU status report meeting 2/23**

Project manager for the SEA-EU Tove Holm gave a summary of the tasks Nord University is involved in. Please see the attached file.

There was recently a partner visit in Bodø from SEA-EU partner University of Cádiz. The visit was from March 15<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> where our partner met both Rector Hanne Solheim Hansen, the Prorectors and members of Faculty. There has been meetings about joint degrees and the challenges ahead, to identify the barriers and what we change to get around them. We need to be more ambitious and attractive. SEA-EU to be in front of new things

Tove Holm encouraged the faculties to find their relevant faculty at each SEA-EU institution and start communication with some of them to develop cooperation. It is important that Nord University recruits student ambassadors and look into the development of BIPs with the SEA-EU partners.

The committee sees the need to develop information about Nord to SEA-EU partners and students within the SEA-EU. The international office will look into this with project manager Tove Holm.

Elena Popova from the international office asked if there is a plan for how PhD mobility between the partners is going to take place? Tove Holm replied that this was discussed in the visit and that they are looking into the possibilities for this. A new website for the SEA-EU is under construction and will be launched in October. Information about the possibilities (for PhD) and an overview of research groups will be made available there. For now, all questions regarding this can be addressed to Tove Holm.

Vice Dean of Education at the Faculty of Education and Arts, Vegar Sellæg, made a comment that it is hard to get a handle on everything (within SEA-EU), and that it is important to work from a strategic plan for involvement. He raised the question on how to involve the core academic staff at each faculty and that some processes to this day has been a bit top-down. Its proven challenging to involve the core staff and that the project has a risk of differentiation on involvement based on how each faculty is organized. The University needs a management idea to “force” involvement. Its not possible to only rely on internal motivation.

Sandra Wiik from the Business School said that there is a lot of staff that are interested in being involved with the SEA-EU but some are finding it difficult to engage due to lack of information on who to contact or how to get involved.

Tove Holm and the Director of Academic Affairs Anne Ringen Pedersen has been working on a list of names that are responsible for tasks and work packages within the SEA.EU. When the list is complete there will be an open meeting with all personnel in charge where staff can listen in and ask questions. The plan is to systemize these kinds of meetings and disseminate what is going on within the alliance and how to get involved.



Student representative Anna Viktoria Bjørsvik will present from the student council SEA-EU at the next meeting in June.

### **15/23: Competitiveness**

Mari Anna Friedrich from the International office and head of the committee Levi Gårseth-Nesbakk gave a short introduction to the case.

Prorector Levi Gårseth-Nesbakk emphasized the huge opportunity Nord University has through SEA-EU to improve internationalization. Nord University has a huge ambition for this project, but the success of the SEA-EU relies on the faculties development of more courses and programs in English, as well as teaching more of the current courses in English.

We already have fierce competition on the international and national education arena and now that tuitions fees will be implemented for students with citizenships outside the EU/EEA and Swiss area, this competition is only getting tougher. If we want to be a competitive and recognized University, we need to be better at internationalization.

There was made some comments from the members in the meeting.

The Faculty of Education and Arts are looking into starting two new international bachelor programs, and two new master programs in English. At bachelor level the faculty is working towards creating one program within theater, and one within sport science. At the master level they are hoping to create a master in music and one in sport science. Vegar Sellæg raised the question on how to get numbers from the admissions office on how many international students to expect when creating these international programs. This is a difficult question to answer, and the head of the committee Prorector Levi Gårseth-Nesbakk will discuss it with the Director of Academic Affairs Anne Ringen Pedersen.

The Faculty of Biosciences and Aquaculture is currently working at looking at past application numbers and where the students are coming from. From those EU countries with most students, they can intensify the recruitment from these countries. Measure from where applicants outside EU are coming from and where to put in effort – who is likely to be able to pay, and look at recruitment from these countries. Will have an overview of numbers soon, and will share with the other faculties.

The Business school is looking at SEA-EU partners to see which Bachelor programs that can qualify to the Business schools master programs. This work will be complete in April, and will be presented in the management group and will be further discussed. Sandra Wiik is involved due to double degrees, and it is talked about having two different admissions for international students.

The Faculty of Social Sciences are looking into summer schools and has already sent an initiative to the education committee.

Head of the committee Prorector Levi Gårseth-Nesbakk informs about the growth in alumni which Nord University has experienced after giving alumni a bigger priority. Alumni are good

ambassadors to promote Nord, and it is good if we can include the international students in the alumni.

Head of the International Office Monica Brobak stresses the importance of Nord University to work better and more strategic with marketing and recruitment of international students, and that funding is needed to be able to meet the needs for better communication. The importance of recruitment from bachelor level to master level was also lifted by the committee members. How can we make it more attractive to do the master at Nord University rather than at other institutions?

### **16/23: Revision of mandate and constitution of the International Committee**

Ida Charlotte Jakobsen, secretary of the international committee gave a short introduction to the case.

There was some discussion in the meeting where the committee members stressed the importance of the mandate to contain:

- In point two “research” should be implemented
- The mandate needs to give more empowerment to the committee
- How to create enforcement?  
The mandate needs to make it more attractive to be a member of the committee
- Important that the mandate clearly differentiate the international committee from the research committee or the education committee.

The members also discussed the constitution of members in the committee and it was discussed if the constitution should be a combination of lecturers, researchers, study advisors, academic staff, administrative staff, PhD students, bachelor students and master students.

By May 5<sup>th</sup> all faculties are asked to:

1. Comment, make changes with specific phrasings to the mandate before May 5<sup>th</sup>
2. Comment and make changes to constitution of the International committee before May 5<sup>th</sup>. Important that this contains specific suggestions for type of composition in the committee.

The secretaries of the committee will send out the final review of the mandate and constitution to the Faculties by 26<sup>th</sup> of May. The new mandate and constitution will be decided on in the June meeting and sent to Rector for approval. The Committee shall operate under the new mandate and constitution from Autumn 2023.

### **17/23: Application for Erasmus+ funding, European mobility (KA131)**

Erasmus+ coordinator, Elena Popova, from the international office gave a short orientation about the number of mobilities Nord University has applied for.

There were no comments from the members in the committee.

There will be a follow up case in the June meeting with detailed information on the dropout rate for students and staff, and why they drop out to be able to share experiences and look at measurements to decrease the number of drop outs.

Clarification to the case papers:

SMS – students grants for studies

SMP – grants for traineeships

STA – Staff mobility teaching

STT – Staff mobility training

BIP – blended intensive programs

### **18/23: Status application KA171 - Erasmus International Credit Mobility**

Ida Charlotte Jakobsen from the international office gave a short introduction to the case.

Nord University applied for four different mobility projects within the Erasmus+ Global Mobility key action. Elena Popova gave a brief orientation on the applications and the projects from previous years.

It was shortly discussed if Nord University should set criteria for applying for KA171. Ida Charlotte Jakobsen will present a routine description linked to the application for KA171 at a later committee meeting.

### **19/23: Numbers Outgoing Mobility - Follow up**

Kai- Martin Johnsen from the international office gave a brief introduction to the case. Nord University are experiencing an increase in numbers of applicants for student mobility.

One of the committee members asked about the reasons for the drop in numbers at the Business School and at the Faculty of Education and Arts. The Business School has experienced a drop in numbers due to the pandemic, and the Faculty of Education and Arts see that they need to increase the recruitment in study programs where few students today go abroad.

The committee will discuss looking into measurements to avoid the big drop out between application and traveling abroad.

### **20/23: Status applications for incoming exchange autumn 23 and spring 24**

Adryani Landum at the international office gave a short introduction to the case. The committee is very positive towards the progression of the pilot project on “Nominasjonsweb” and “Søknadsweb”.

There will be given a update on the number of applicants for Exchange at the meeting in June.

### **21/23: International Week 2023, status meeting 2/23**

Mari Anna gave a status update on the ongoing work with International week. The date is set to October 23 – 27. The goal for this years week is to build a platform and make the week known in the organization. The SEA-EU is to establish staff weeks which will be included in the International week later on.

To be able to succeed with this year’s international week its crucial that the international coordinators at faculty involves the leadership at faculty level and that the faculties develop relevant programs for their staff during this week.

The working group will have an invitation for all staff ready before easter. This will be distributed to the faculty coordinators.

The working group will also work on the invites and program for the students after easter.

Prorector Levi Gårseth-Nesbakk will help send information to the Vice Deans.

It was commented that it is important to make sure all events are recorded and digitally available for all students and staff at all campuses.

A new update will be given in the June meeting.

### **22/23: Southern African – Nordic Centre (SANORD)**

Ida Charlotte Jakobsen presented the case.  
SANORD offers scholarship for incoming students.

One issue with some of the institution within the SANORD network is that they are on the list of “Student at Risk”. All faculties should have this in mind when they discuss SANORD.

All faculties are encouraged to discuss the opportunities within SANORD at their local international committees and give an update in the June meeting.

### **23/23: Evaluation staff seminar internationalization**

Ida Charlotte Jakobsen gave a summary of the evaluation of staff seminar which was held in February. The topics this year were opt-out, tuition fees, and joint- degrees.

26 participants attended the staff seminar.

A working group has been decided, and time and date for next year's seminar should be agreed upon in the June meeting.

### **24/23: Protocols from the local international committee meeting 2/23**

For this meeting there was only one protocol made available. Its important that the faculties plan their meetings in the local international committee accordingly with the dates for the central international committee.

Before the June meeting all faculties are asked to discuss and identify opportunities within the SEA-EU and the most promising university partners. All faculties are asked to present an overview of this in the first meeting of the next academic year.

### **25/23: Updates and reports on internationalization from students, units and faculty**

No comments were made in the meeting.