

02 December 10.00 – 12.00
Meeting Room 1671-234
Steering Committee Meeting

Søren Bom Nielsen, Lene Kjeldsteen, Mads Faurschou Knudsen, Jan Piotrowski, Charles Lesher, Esben Auken, and Karen Engell Dalsgaard (minutes).

Further Stephane Bodin was present for the agenda's point 3, and Andrew Murray and Jan Pieter Buylaert were present for the agenda's point 7.

Minutes

Agenda:

1. Approval of agenda and minutes
2. Strategy
3. Organising IAS meeting 2019/20 (international association of sedimentologist) (Stephane Bodin)
4. Craftsman/handyman (attachment)
5. Code of conduct/Robert's rules
6. Changes to building plan, 1120
7. NLL case (Andrew Murray)

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Ad 1 - Approval of agenda and minutes

The agenda and minutes were approved. The to-do points from the last meeting have been dealt with.

Ad 2 – Strategy

The strategy plan has been submitted to the Dean on Monday 1 December. It will be distributed to the group soon.

A position as Assistant Professor in Geophysics has been announced – it was included in the strategy plan for 2016, but announced now, since Esben has the funding. Søren will circulate the advertisement

Ad 3 - Organising IAS meeting 2019/20

Stephane Bodin put forward the suggestion to try to get the 2019/20 IAS meeting to Aarhus. All agreed it would be good publicity for us. Stephane will get to work on this.

Ad 4 – Craftsman/handyman

It was agreed to try and get a handyman as part of the flexjob rules. Lene will contact the municipality who will then send a list of possible candidates. Lene will be in charge and she will be his nearest manager.

Ad 5 – Code of Conduct/Robert's rules

Charles distributed a copy of Robert's rules containing some basic approaches aimed at improving the efficiency of meetings – skim them and we'll talk about it at the next meeting.

Ad 6 - Changes to building plan, 1120

The current building plans prevent trucks and trailers from unloading at the elevator to the stone cellar. The ramp to the elevator must be changed, since it is dangerous to use, and a parking/loading space must be constructed at the back of the building with direct access to the workshop. It was decided to support the proposed changes, and Søren will set up a meeting with Bent to put the matter forward. The meeting will take place at 1120 (on site) and Esben and Simon Ejlersten will participate in the meeting, as well.

Ad 7 – NLL case

Andrew Murray, supported by Jan Pieter Buylaert, presented the financial status of NLL, stating that they had come to a point where it was either make or break. NLL needs more academic staff in order to keep up with routine datings and contributions to papers, and Andrew asked for funding.

The discussion focused on how to get additional funding – either by raising prices, getting external funding from possibly DTU or other sources – or from the institute.

Mads and Charles suggested setting up a work group that could focus on joint efforts – creating a dating centre. It was suggested to separate the finances of the NLL from the department budget in order to achieve more transparency and not having NLL directly influencing the department budget.

NLL ask for one more ACTAP position, which will cost about 0.5 mill. At present, NLL is supported by the department with 0.2 – 0.4 mill depending on what expenses are taken into account. NLL expects that most of the expenses can be recovered over the coming years through increased activity.

There was a long discussion on this proposal as other research groups in the department would like to be directly supported with staff.

The discussion will be taken up again at the next meeting, which will take place in the beginning of January.