



Minutes for Ilisimatusarfiks Board Meeting

May 4th, 2021, 10am (Greenland time)

Microsoft Teams

Present: Suzanne Møller, Karsten Høy, Randi Vestergaard Evaldsen, Lars Demant-Poort, Malan Marnirdóttir, Rikke Østergaard, Ross Virginia, Silke Reeploeg, Gitte Adler Reimer, Henriette Rosing, Clement S. Sonne-Schmidt (referent).

Not present: Svend Hardenberg, Jens Erik Kirkegaard, Johanne B. Tobiassen

Agenda point	Agenda	Minutes
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Recurring points

1	<u>Approval of the agenda</u>	<p>3 points are added under "other".</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On new meeting later in May for approval of accounts - On 1% pool - On funds for candidate program. <p>Approved.</p>
2	<p><u>Disqualification form</u></p> <p>According to the boards' rules of procedure the board members have a duty to inform the board on any issues that might disqualify them from participating on certain issues on the agenda.</p>	None
3	<u>Approval of the minutes from the last meeting</u>	Approved.
4	<u>Messages from the chairman</u>	<p>Suzanne announces:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The press release which was sent out prior to the election was only in the media very late in the election. The chairman gave an interview about the importance of focusing on education and seeing education in context. The challenge regarding funds for a climate education offered by KU was mentioned, but not discussed in the media. - The chairman has since contacted the journalist about this challenge but without response. - Suzanne will contact the journalist again, and Gitte will hear if there is any other journalist who could be contacted. <p>The new minister is invited to visit, with the same program as at the last ministerial visit.</p>



		<p>The chairman spoke at a conference for business leaders. However, not many Greenlandic businessmen were present.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - It should be considered whether Ilisimatusarfik should hold its own business conference, in order to make the benefits of collaboration around research visible.
5	<p><u>Messages from the rector</u> The board can always follow the university's work through the minutes from the various councils, committees and bodies available here when they are ready:</p> <p>https://podio.com/unigl-cm4uyt3z1w/10-intranet-ilisimatusarfik/apps/referater#24/views/47797999</p>	<p>Gitte announces:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Information is provided on the number of applicants for the different educations. The specific figures are sent to the board. <p>The Queen has planned a visit to Greenland this summer, including a short visit to Ilisimatusarfik.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Karsten will possibly be able to represent the board at this visit. <p>On the designation of the new Naalakkersuisoq for education, there is a question on why research has disappeared as an area of responsibility.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - It is listed under the same Naalakkersuisoq, but not mentioned as a resort area. Gitte will discuss this with the National Research Council. <p>A successful workshop on the UN Sustainable Development Goals has been held, with the participation of several board members.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - It has given food for thought about the process we are going into. <p>A summer graduation will be held on 25th of June, where approx. 40 will graduate, including the first law students.</p> <p>Work is underway to establish a research center for languages, with a planned inauguration in the autumn.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Once the center has been set up, the board will get a presentation from the center on their plans. <p>Henriette announces:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Roof damage on the 3rd floor of Ilimmarfik is being investigated. - There will be an estimate of the costs in May-June, but if the insurance does not cover, there is a risk that there must be applied for an extra grant. - In addition, additional grants are applied for, to offer an Arctic Biology education and to employ more administrative staff.
6	<p><u>Economy</u> The accounts are unfortunately not yet ready and must be approved at the next meeting instead,</p>	

Old business

7	<p><u>Update on development contract</u></p>	<p>Suzanne has made a draft of the wording in the contract based on information from student services and the research coordinator.</p>
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	<p>The following documents are attached - the same as in the email previously sent:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The original proposal for the contract from the department 2. Suzanne's draft, where you can see where additions / changes have been made 3. Adapted draft, in which the board is welcome to comment - here are comments from Suzanne and Lars <p>In addition, attached:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Info for development contract - information gathered about the potential indicators for measuring. - Research at Ilisimatusarfik - an overview of the amount of external funding, which will also be an indicator. 	<p><i>The contract draft is reviewed and commented on.</i></p> <p><i>Specifically, the following additions must be included:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Henriette comments on transfer of funds from year to year.</i> - <i>It must be stated that the status reports should be maximum 5 pages long.</i> - <i>Karsten mentions that it should be added as a note that the controlling guidelines should not be too specific, but more an accounting of the work and development. This is the way state-owned companies are run.</i> - <i>In addition, it is important that it is included that there must be regular coffee meetings to ensure ongoing dialogue and no surprises.</i> - <i>For candidate and master programs, the target is set at 12.5% more ECTS.</i> - <i>Henriette adds that if the goal is more virtual teaching, there will be further costs associated with it.</i> - <i>Lars points out that for distance teaching to succeed, there will also have to be an upgrade on the pedagogical side, not just the technological.</i> - <i>Suzanne points out that all in all, this will mean that if more interdisciplinary, online master's programs are to be offered, it must necessarily be with a tuition fee.</i> - <i>However, a requirement can be added to the curricula for a certain number of ECTS that are offered as online courses, as it provides experience in online teaching for both teacher and students.</i> - <i>About the increase in external funding for research, Suzanne asks for a basis for comparison, for example with the business community.</i> - <i>Karsten will consider whether there is a basis for comparison that can be used.</i> - <i>Otherwise, comparisons with other smaller universities can be used.</i> - <i>In order to strengthen cooperation with the business community, the institutes must fill in the status of what is being done now.</i> - <i>In general, it is important that the contract is anchored at the institutes.</i> - <i>Suzanne is invited to a department head meeting where it is to be discussed.</i> <p><i>Clement summarizes the comments in a new draft that the board receives, after which it will be sent around to the departments.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>However, an inquiry will also be sent to the department of education regarding postponing the deadline for signing the contract till 30th of September.</i>
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New business

10	<p><u>Press release on increased external funding</u></p> <p>It is proposed that a message be issued regarding the increased amount of external funding – which can be seen</p>	<p><i>With smaller changes, the message is approved.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>It will be translated, after which it will be sent to the media and posted on our own social media.</i>
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	<p>in the document from the previous point. A draft of the announcement will be sent out before the meeting.</p>	
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Points for your information

11	No points FYI	
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Round-up

12	<p><u>Agreement on upcoming meetings</u> The next meeting - where the accounts must be approved - is set for 16th of June.</p> <p>The physical meeting is expected to be held in September - around Ilisimatusarfik's annual party.</p> <p>In addition, a final meeting of the year is proposed for 29th of November.</p>	<p>The proposed series of meetings is tentatively accepted.</p>
13	<p>Other</p>	<p>Gitte would like the currently agreed upon strategy for the strategic research pool to continue, that is mainly supporting PhD students and the research centers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The PhD students have limited opportunities to apply for external funding, and the centers ensure a broader anchoring of the funding applied for. - In addition, Ilisimatusarfik is not in the same situation as when the pool was created, where there was much greater financial leeway. - This is approved <p>Gitte asks about an announcement / rumor about a grant of 2 mil. to a candidate on the economics education, as management has no knowledge of such a grant.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - It cannot be clarified further from where this message originated <p>Henriette asks whether the board of directors can meet on 20th of May to present the operating result and approve the accounts for 2020.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A meeting can be called for, after which it can be seen whether the members can participate.



For follow-up:

- From this meeting:

- Suzanne will contact the journalist again about funding for climate education offered by KU. Gitte will investigate whether there is any other journalist who could be contacted.

- It should be considered whether Ilisimatusarfik should hold its own business conference, to make the benefits of collaboration around research visible.

- Gitte discusses with the Research Council why research has disappeared as an area of responsibility for the Naalakkersuisut.

- Once the language center has been set up, the board should get a presentation from the center about their plans.

- Clement summarizes the comments on the development contract for a new draft that the board receives, after which it is sent around to the departments.

- From previous meetings:

- For a future meeting, the board must have a presentation on teacher education, including the EVA report, new curriculum and the building challenges.

- For an upcoming meeting, the board must have a presentation on the Arctic research environment.

- The university has a number of external funds for research, which do not appear in the accounts. The board should get better insight into this in the future.

- Ross will investigate whether individual access to Dartmouth's library can be given to Ilisimatusarfik's researchers.

- For an upcoming meeting, Morten Meldgaard will give a presentation of the work with the expansion of the campus.

- A better overview of costs per student at the individual departments is required.