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## **Minutes from Board meeting - Institute for Thematic Gender Studies, Linköping University, Wednesday 18 April 2012, 1 - 5 pm**

### **Present:**

Tobias Axelsson (doctoral student representative, ÖU)  
Jeff Hearn (board member, LiU)  
Liisa Husu (board member, ÖU)  
Gunnel Karlsson (board member, ÖU)  
Berit Starkman, secretary  
Elin Thunman (board member, ÖU)  
Majléne Westerlund Panke, chair of the board

### **Apologies:**

Nina Lykke (board member, LiU)  
Katarina Swahnberg (board member LiU)

### **1. Agreement of the agenda**

The agenda was agreed.

### **2. Appointment of person to approve the minutes**

Elin Thunman was appointed to check the minutes.

### **3. Introduction and welcome of new members**

Elin Thunman introduced herself and was welcomed as new member of the board.

### **4. Messages**

- Letter from Ulf Mellström, Karlstad University (Annexes 1 and 2)  
Gender Studies/CFS at Örebro University has since February 2012 a cooperation commitment concerning PhD degree with Centre for Gender Studies (CGF) at Karlstad University as Karlstad has no right to give PhD degrees in Gender Studies. Ulf Mellström presented the request to become a member of Institute for Thematic Gender Studies, and then left the meeting. The board discussed and was positive to CGF as a new member of the Institute. This was conveyed to UM on his return. Details of how this should be done formally will be checked up by Berit who will inform Nina, Liisa and Majléne of possible procedure. For the membership CGF at Karlstad University has to appoint three staff board members and also find out how the doctoral student representative should formally be appointed by Karlstad University. All papers should be ready in time for next meeting in October, so that Karlstad can participate. If all goes thus to plan, there will probably be a need for a very short procedural item with the existing board at the start of the meeting, before KAU colleagues join.

### **5. Matters arising**

- Report from January 2012 meeting on RINGS

A meeting was held in Linköping in January 2012, convened by GEXcel and Fay Gale Centre, University of Adelaide, where a number of Gender Studies Research Centres (and similar) were participating, also including the other two Swedish centres of excellence (Linköping/Örebro, Umeå and Uppsala). Anna, Jeff, Liisa and Nina, attended on behalf of GEXcel. The aim is to set up an International Association of participating institutions. About 45 Centres had been identified and contacted and even though some could not come to the meeting there is an interest from c.25 to become a member of the association. An initial working group of Jeff, Chris Beasley (FGC), Gabriele Griffin (York) and Lann Hortscheidt (Humboldt) is taking the preparation forward, with a view to a launch event with an initial assembly early 2013, probably March. In due course administration of the Association should be distributed more widely.

## **6. Updates from the involved Gender Studies units at ÖU and LiU**

### **a) *Tema Genus, LiU***

Both undergraduate and master teaching has started after a time-out and reconstruction of courses. Pilot-courses running at the moment are going very well. New positions: Margrit Shildrick has been appointed as professor in Gender Studies: Gender and Knowledge Production in the Medical, Technical and Natural Sciences. Anna Wahl is guest professor 80% in Gender, Organization and Economic Change. Stina Backman and Wera Grahn have been appointed as senior lecturers (universitetslektorer) and Anna Lundberg as junior lecturer (junior lector). Malena Gustavson has a position as assistant professor for two years and Frida Beckman a post-doc for two years. A new position a research coordinator is at present announced. Anika Agebjörn, journalist at LiU, has written a series of articles on Gender Studies and presented a number of researchers on the LiU web.

### **b) *Centre for Gender Studies, LiU***

Nothing to report.

### **c) *Division of Gender and Medicine, LiU***

Katarina Swahnberg not present and thus nothing to report.

### **d) *Centre for Feminist Social Studies, ÖU***

Several scholars have been recruited to other universities and left ÖU and CFS, but attempts are in process to involve new ones.

### **e) *Gender Studies, ÖU***

Two new PhD students have just been appointed: Moa Roshanfar and Ida-Maria Börjesson. The work to fill the position as Senior Lecturer (bitr universitetslektor) is in progress. Research and teaching cooperation with Karlstad has been decided upon, as well as cooperation with Dalarna. Gender Studies at ÖU is involved as partner in three EU-applications. More students are interested in C-level courses, but at the same time there has to be a cut in Gender Studies courses as there is an "over-production" of students at C-level in the university as a whole.

### **f) *InterGender: Swedish Research School in Interdisciplinary Gender Studies, host university***

According to budget there can be eight courses per year with funding and also some meetings for doctoral net-work. The course for supervisors will take place 2013. In the

meantime Örebro will host the first meeting for supervisors, but each partner has to finance participation themselves.

**g) GEXcel (Centre of Gender Excellence), LiU and ÖU**

Theme 9 has just ended with the visits of 3 scholars, and one part of Themes 7&8 will invite and open competition for scholars for autumn 2012 and/or spring 2013. Several Work in Progress reports have been printed. Copies will be sent to Majléne. In the Routledge book series 9 books are published, c.6 more are contracted, and several are in negotiation (website print out was distributed, see: [http://www.routledge.com/books/series/routledge\\_advances\\_in\\_feminist\\_studies\\_and\\_intersectionality\\_RAIFSAI/](http://www.routledge.com/books/series/routledge_advances_in_feminist_studies_and_intersectionality_RAIFSAI/)). VR has granted prolongation of the project till 2013-12-31 with financial reporting by 2014-03-31.

**7. Start of GEXcel International Collegium for Advanced Transdisciplinary Gender Studies (Annexes 4 and 5)**

Executive board of GEXcel will have a meeting in May to proceed with the transition from GEXcel to GEXcel International Collegium for Advanced Transdisciplinary Studies. The aim is to carry on research collaborations as in GEXcel, possibly in Themes. Annual report should be sent to the Gender Institute of Thematic Gender Studies, with link persons between the GI and GEXcel Collegium to be agreed at next meeting. Two members for each excellence centre will be part of an advisory committee to VR (Swedish Research Council).


**8. Continuation of the GenderDialogue – next event/meeting**


The Dialogue should re-open after summer with a first event at the earliest beginning of October or some time November-December 2012. Anna Jonasdottir has received mails from MP's about suggestions of topics. Majléne will contact the politicians asking them what they would want to take up as topics. It was decided that we should offer them a number of topics as well. This should be checked and decided before summer. As soon as possible after summer the date for a meeting should be fixed. Majléne will report to Berit about contacts with politicians.

Next board meeting will be in Örebro 10<sup>th</sup> October 2012, 13-17, starting with lunch.

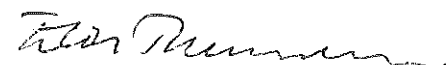
**9. Other issues**

It was decided that Anna Jonasdottir, Örebro, should be invited to become an adjunct board member.

  
Berit Starkman  
Secretary

  
Majléne Westerlund Panke  
Chair

Checking the minutes:

  
Elin Thunman