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Minutes from Board Meeting, Institute for Thematic Gender Studies Linköping, 25 May 2010, 1 pm – 4 pm

Present at meeting:

Tobias Axelsson (board member, ÖU)
Jeff Hearn (board member, LiU)
Liisa Husu (board member, ÖU)
Redi Koobak (board member, LiU)
Nina Lykke (board member, LiU)
Majléne Westerlund Panke (chair of the board)

Not present at the meeting:

Renée Frangeur (adjunct board member, ÖU)
Anna Jonasdottir (board member, ÖU)
Gunnel Karlsson (adjunct board member, ÖU)
Christian Kullberg (board member, ÖU)
Barbro Wijma (board member, LiU)

1. Approval of agenda

Information about web-page will be added as item 8 and taken up after item 5. Item 6 a will be taken up before item 5.

2. Appointment of person to approve the minutes

Jeff Hearn was appointed to check the minutes.

3. Messages

No messages.

4. Matters arising.

No matters arising.

5. Updates from the involved Gender Studies units at ÖU and LiU

a) Dept of Gender Studies, LiU

All vacant positions are still pending. The professorship in Gender, Economic Change and Organization will be advertised after summer. 14 applications for the positions as associate professor and 23 applications for the assistant professor – with so many applications difficulties in finding external reviewers. The external experts are now working with reviewing the applications for the new professorship in Gender and

Knowledge production. Each year 5 -6 LiU research associates are appointed by the rector. Cissi Åsberg is currently one of these and Jami Weinsten has got another of these positions and will start working at Tema Genus from September.

b) Centre for Gender Studies & Equality

The conference “Equality, Growth and Sustainability – Do they mix?” will take place 25-26 November. There will be 10-12 parallel workshops. The link should be sent to Majléne so she can send out to politicians.

c) Division of Gender and Medicine

A conference is planned for November 2010. A policy report has been published following a large conference held in LiU:

K. Swahnberg and B. Wijma (eds.) *Violence Against Women: Intervention and Masculinities*, Conference Proceedings, Linköping University, Linköping, Division of Gender and Medicine, Report.

d) Centre for Feminist Social Studies (CFS), ÖU

A new research programme “Gender, Society and Change” was launched last week. Örebro university is in the process of identifying and evaluating ‘strong research environments’.

e) Gender Studies, ÖU

The professorship will be continued also after Anna Jonasdottir’s retirement. At the moment Liisa Husu is holding the position at 50% basis while waiting for the appointment of the permanent position. Sofia Strid defended her thesis last January. Two researchers have left, Simon Ekström and Erika Svedberg. Doctoral students have had papers accepted for World Congress on Sociology.

f) GEXcel (Centre of Gender Excellence), LiU and ÖU

Themes 3 & 6 headed by Anita Göransson will have a kick-off conference in Linköping in June. The peak period for visiting scholars will be weeks 44-45.

Themes 7 & 8 headed by Nina Lykke and Barbro Wijma. During autumn the Violence themes headed by Barbro Wijma will invite scholars. Nina Lykke’s part on Sex Education will have scholars during spring 2011.

Theme 9: On transnational issues. Peak periods are: 24-29 January, and 23 May – 7 June, 2011. Evaluation of doctoral and postdoc applications are in the process.

Theme 10: Love in our time. The theme was launched last week and the main period for scholars will be autumn 2010.

Themes 11 & 12: These two themes headed by Liisa Husu will have the peak period in May 2011.

Routledge book series, Routledge Advances in Feminist Studies and Intersectionality: the 2 initial books have been published by Nina Lykke, and by Denise Horn; others in process.

Gender Marathon – will be discussed under item 10.

What will happen after 2011 when GEXcel funding ends? Plans for a more permanent European centre are at the moment not ready to discuss any further. This will be taken up at the next meeting.

g) **InterGender: Swedish-International Research School in Interdisciplinary Gender Studies**

The research school with 9 Swedish partners and 3 international partners is running very well. All Swedish partners award PhD. According to the plan of the research school there should be 8 international courses per year.

h) No other updates.

6. Briefing about Majléne's meeting with Kerstin Alnebratt, Genussekretariatet

Genussekretariat would like to join in the next meeting with the politicians in Örebro. The secretariat will collaborate with all 3 excellence centres beyond the funding period.

World Sociology Conference in Gothenburg in July there has been a collaboration with all 3 excellence centres and Genussekretariat with a sponsored reception on 14 July.

7. Status after the two meetings with politicians (Dec. 09 and March 10)

It has been a really good signal that our activities have been made know to a number of other politicians than the ones participating in the network.

8. Future, format and name of the meetings with politicians (Fall 2010?)

New meeting with politicians should be planned to take place after the election in September, the time for such a meeting could be end of November. The suggested name of the network is Gender Dialogue. It is important to give feedback and respond to some of the questions raised by the politicians.

9. Planning of next meeting with politicians

The next Gender Dialogue should be planned in more details at the September meeting. Questions from politicians could be sent to Majléne and then on to Nina.

10. Gender Marathon March 16, 2011 – and its relation to the dialogue with politicians

Parliamentarians should be invited. Each excellent center will have 10 presentations. Programme should be ready to next GEXcel board meeting in November. A more concrete programme should be promoted and sent out the Parliamentarians.

11. Briefing about Tobias Krantz visit at Tema Genus April 23 2010 (in the context of the meeting with politicians)

A short presentation of tema Genus in figures, money, positions was also given as a "hand-out". A couple of strong research projects with the "third task" in focus was presented. That Gender Studies is science seemed to be absolutely clear to the minister.

Karin Granbom and Tobias Krantz should be added on the network list.

12. Other items (including date for next meeting)

The next meeting will be in Örebro 13 September 2010 with lunch at 12 and then the following meeting from 13 until approx. 16-17 hrs.

Majléne Westerlund Panke
Chair

Berit Starkman
Secretary

Appointed to check the minutes:

Jeff Hearn