Minutes for Ilisimatusarfik Board Meeting

April 9th 2019 11am-15pm (Greenland time)

Campus Ilimmarfik, video conference room

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*Afbud: Flemming Nielsen*

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| Agenda point | Agenda | Minutes |

# Recurring points

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| 1 | Approval of the agenda | *Approved* |
| 2 | Disqualification form | *None* |
| 3 | Approval of the minutes from the last meeting | *Introduction process for new board members awaits new the new law governing the university.* |
| 4 | Messages from the chairman | *At the next meeting in Nuuk in September the board should meet employees and students.*  *- The meeting will probably last 1-2 days.*  *- Clement looks at airplane travel opportunities in the last weekend in September.*  *The unused funds on the account for teacher’s courses. Should be discussed at the next meeting in Nuuk.* |
| 5 | Messages from rector | *A cooperation agreement has been signed with other universities in small nations.*  *- Small universities should cooperate to increase our visibility.*  *- Both students and employees can benefit from this agreement.*  *Gitte plans a visit to China on Arctic Circle issues and cooperating with 2 Chinese universities.*  *We had graduation in February with 4 bachelors, 6 candidates, and 1 master.*  *- It was the first graduation with graduates from all 4 institutes.*  *Going forward we plan on two graduations, one in winter and one in summer, where students from all institutes who are ready to graduate can get their diploma.*  *The self-government has been applied for funding for a new education in Arctic Biology.*  *Our new popular science magazine Ilisimatusaat is out in its first edition.*  *Next year our government grant is cut by 600.000 DKK. We had many new projects in 2018, and 2019 necessarily must have fewer.*  *We have to increase our focus on quality assurance of applications for external funding. All applications must go through our science coordinator from now on.*  *- Anne Marie offers use of Aarhus Universities’ resources.*  *Management has arranged a meeting with the science minister some time after Easter.*  *Britta has written a chronicle on the teacher’s education.*  *Student commitment is discussed, including any possibilities of sanctions.* |
| 6 | Economy – Quarterly results and budget.  FYI: This is a draft. The number will not be changed, but the audit is still in progress. | *Auditor Bo Colbe and Head of accounting Johanne present the economy.*  *A few things still need to be added, but the number swill not change.*  *The accounts with the largest changes are discussed.*  *- Much funding has gone to renovating in 2018.*  *The project economy is much better handled now than previously.*  *- In future the economy should become even easier to manage and get an overview of, when the use of all accounts becomes more streamlined.* |

# Old business

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| 7 | Expansion of campus  Visit from the minister on the same subject | *A work group has held its first meeting.*  *- The heads of institute for nursing and teaching will make a list of wishes and necessities for a new building.*  *- After this we will contact a consultant.*  *We have political support for working towards a new building.*  *- Gitte will work towards funding this this.* |
| 8 | Conference  On Greenland and the “average Joe” | *If the conference should be in 2020 the planning needs to start now.*  *- The work group is currently discussing how to narrow down the subject of the conference.*  *It could possibly be a day of debate rather than a conference.*  *- There should be a focus on facts rather than fears.*  *The work group will present a plan for next meeting.* |

# New business

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| 9 | Possible seminar or workshop on the occasion of the 40 year anniversary of the Home-government | *See point 8* |
| 10 | Mixed classes – and the boards wish for interaction between the academic environments | *This point is on the agenda because mixed classes is part of the boards strategy.*  *In future we should focus on only having mixed classes when it makes sense.* |
| 10 | Sustainability and the environment  Possibilities in reducing plastics at the university | *Ane presents ideas on sustainability.*  *Management will look at the possibilities for a membership og CSR Greenland.*  *HSSU have also talked about a work group on environmental issues.* |
| 11 | Language policy | *Heidi Rosing have been hired a consultant to work on language policy.*  *- This work is progressing.* |
| 12 | Possibilities in transferring 2% funds from one year to another | *Since the funds are part of the government grant, they cannot be transferred from one year to the next.*  *- We could however look into notifying applicant sooner, maybe six months in advance.* |
| 13 | Status on the Boards’ strategy | *We should make a goal on how many candidates we want to graduate each year.*  *Gitte has spoken with the minister of education on the possibility of career contracts.*  *- It should be seen as a societal responsibility which would in the run long give better qualified candidates.*  *- The subject should be discussed at a strategy meeting.* |
| 14 | 10 year report | *Bo Colbe goes through the report, which was also made by Deloitte.*  *- It Is all in all a positive report. Many of the goals set for the university has been reached.*  *- There still need some work on integrating all the educations.*  *- It is important to have the teachers’ education in the same location as the rest of the university.*  *- We should also increase focus on what it means to be a university employee and how we use our strategy more actively.*  *In June management will present how we can work towards these goals.*  *The report has been given to the department and the minister.* |
| 15 | Other | *We will talk to the Nature Institute on increasing overhead from 20 to 30 %.*  *Deloitte has been hired to help implement personal data laws.* |