



# Minutes from the Ilisimatusarfik Board meeting

March 10th 2021, 10:00 (Greenland time)

Microsoft Teams

Present: Suzanne Møller, Lars Demant-Poort, Malan Marnirsdóttir, Svend Hardenberg, Rikke Østergaard, Ross Virginia, Jens Erik Kirkegaard, Silke Reeploeg, Johanne B. Tobiassen, Gitte Adler Reimer, Henriette Rosing, Clement S. Sonne-Schmidt (minutes).

Not present: Karsten Høy, Randi Vestergaard Evaldsen

Agenda point	Agenda	Minutes
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## Recurring points

1	<u>Approval of the agenda</u>	<i>Approved</i>
2	<u>Disqualification form</u> 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.	<i>None.</i>
3	<u>Approval of the minutes from the last meeting</u>	<i>Approved</i>
4	<u>Messages from the chairman</u>	<p><i>Suzanne has attached a short document to this point.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Suzanne meets regularly with Gitte and Henriette to discuss, among other things, the process of the development contract.</li> <li>- Much of the background material for the contract has been obtained, but there is still need of some information on external funding over the past 5 years, which Johanne and the research coordinator are looking into.</li> </ul> <p><i>Suzanne participated in meeting with the Minister and, among other things, brought up suggestions for the education plan.</i></p> <p><i>Suzanne will participate in a virtual business fair where she will talk about the interplay between research and business.</i></p>
5	<u>Messages from the rector</u> The board can always follow the university's work through the	<p><i>Gitte informs about:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Just had our winter graduation with 43 new graduates.</li> <li>- It is however still a problem that there are so few men compared to women who graduate.</li> </ul>



	<p>minutes from the various councils, committees and bodies available here when they are ready:</p> <p><a href="https://podio.com/unigl-cm4uyt3z1w/10-intranet-ilisimatusarfik/apps/referater#24/vIEWS/47797999">https://podio.com/unigl-cm4uyt3z1w/10-intranet-ilisimatusarfik/apps/referater#24/vIEWS/47797999</a></p> <p>For the boards' information, a list of the improvements made to the buildings at Ilinniarfissuaq have been attached.</p>	<p>Successful ministerial visit from the now resigned minister, where there among other things was a focus on the need for better physical conditions for the Department of Learning.</p> <p>Regular meetings are now held with the municipality, where the mayor attended the first meeting.</p> <p>Work is underway to establish a research center to work with languages, primarily Greenlandic.</p> <p>We are working on quality assurance and the preparation of a handbook.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The Self-Government has also asked us to make an internal evaluation of the social worker education.</li> <li>- This can give us some good experiences for the further work with quality assurance.</li> </ul> <p>A successful PhD defense has been held and another defense will come later this month. In addition, this year there may be up to 6 additional PhD students graduating.</p> <p>Work is continuing with the expansion of campus.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- It has been agreed that Morten Meldgaard will give a presentation on the process at a forthcoming board meeting.</li> <li>- It is also assured that, despite the involvement of many potential stakeholders, the primary focus remains the relocation of the teacher education.</li> <li>- In addition, it is seen by the ministry as a great strength that so many different actors are included, as it increases the chance of making it a national political project.</li> </ul> <p>Henriette has enclosed a list of the initiatives in relation to the buildings that house the Department of Learning.</p>
<p>6</p>	<p><u>Economy</u></p> <p>Attached is the budget for 2021, for approval.</p> <p>The audit has not been completed yet, and therefore complete accounts for 2020 are not expected until April-May.</p>	<p>Henriette and Johanne review the finances.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Approx. 1.5 mil. can be transferred from 2020 to 2021.</li> <li>- The lower spending in 2020 is primarily due to lower activity due to Covid-19.</li> <li>- The accounts for 2020 are expected to be ready in April.</li> </ul> <p>The budget for 2021 has been discussed with the department heads in relation to the departments' plans for 2021.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Extra funds have been set aside for repairing water damage to the roof of Ilimmarfik.</li> <li>- Extra funds have been set aside for the administrative area due to new IT tools being used.</li> </ul> <p>Svend points out that there is a lack of information, explanations and reference points in order to be able to fully understand the budget and asks whether accruals are made for the individual areas.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Johanne answers that it is done at management level. In addition, however, there are no major changes from the budget for 2020 other than those mentioned.</li> </ul> <p>Svend points out that to be able to approve the budget, a better understanding of what the figures represent is required. This is supported and requested by several members.</p>



		<p><i>In addition, it would be advantageous to make accruals and a budget distributed according to the actual spending for the individual months. This will provide a much better opportunity for financial management, instead of just using key figures.</i></p> <p><i>It is agreed that Johanne will convene the board for a meeting next week where a more detailed review of the budget can be given.</i></p> <p><i>Suzanne points out that in future a better overview of costs per student at the individual departments is desired.</i></p> <p><i>Suzanne mentions that the board should provide inputs prior to the next budget regarding the priorities of the strategy.</i></p>
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## Old business

7	<p><u>Draft of new Statute</u> For approval</p> <p>The comments mark the places where the board must make a decision.</p> <p>A note has also been attached from Rikke on § 11 regarding the election of student representatives to the board.</p>	<p><i>The statute is reviewed, with a focus on places where the board must make a decision.</i></p> <p><i>§11 regarding the appointment of student representatives to the board, it is agreed that the challenges with the limited period of the current members, are caused by an unfortunate delay when the board was to be appointed.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>- Therefore, the wording is maintained.</i></li> <li><i>- The board will, however, be aware that new members will be elected as soon as possible if anyone resigns.</i></li> <li><i>- §21, Lars wants a clarification on how employees are elected to the employment committee.</i></li> </ul> <p><i>There is not agreement on this in the rest of the board, so the wording is retained.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>- The wording in §22 follows the previous one, so this is also retained.</i></li> <li><i>- §24 on the hiring of a director, an inclusion is added that a member of the teachers/researchers must be included in the employment committee.</i></li> <li><i>- However, the Board of Directors does not consider it necessary to include a member of the Board of Directors.</i></li> <li><i>- §35 is amended so that meeting material from the collegiate bodies must be available to employees and students and can be requested from outsiders as needed.</i></li> </ul> <p><i>The statute is then approved by the board and sent to the ministry.</i></p>
8	<p><u>Draft of the strategy</u> For approval</p>	<p><i>The strategy is reviewed</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>- Lars wants the headline to be changed to "The UN's 17 sustainable development goals", which is approved.</i></li> </ul> <p><i>In objective 3, the reference to Ilisimatusarfik's Strategic Research and Development Pool is removed, as it has changed purpose.</i></p>



		<p><i>It is discussed whether a reference to physical and mental work environment should be included. It is also discussed whether it should be more specific how the work for the improvement of the study environment should progress.</i></p> <p><i>Under objective 6, bilingualism is removed, as there is already a reference to multilingualism.</i>  <i>- In addition, changes are made for language courses so that Greenlandic is mentioned first.</i></p> <p><i>Suzanne suggests adding a focus on diversity be included. Especially due to the large imbalance between men and women among the students.</i>  <i>- this is added as a point under objective 1.</i></p> <p><i>A final draft is made and sent to the board for final approval.</i></p>
9	<u>Update on the development contract</u>	<p><i>Suzanne updates that information is being collected. There are a few figures missing to be used as a benchmark before we can move on.</i></p> <p><i>Svend points out that it would be wise to include wording in the contract that if unintended results occur, the contract can then be changed on short notice.</i>  <i>- This is seen as a good idea that Suzanne will work to include.</i></p> <p><i>In addition, the boards must keep as many eyes on the document as possible to ensure that any pitfalls are discovered.</i></p>

### New business

10	<u>No new business</u>	
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### Points for your information

11	<u>No points FYI</u>	
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### Round-up

12	<p><u>Agreement on upcoming meetings</u></p> <p>A physical meeting is planned in Nuuk 4-5. May.              It will be a two-day meeting which also includes a more informal / social event.</p>	<p><i>No matter the situation, a meeting will be held on May 4<sup>th</sup>.</i>  <i>- However, it may not be a 2-day physical meeting depending on the travel restrictions at that time.</i></p> <p><i>If there are board members who want to participate in a course on board work, you can contact Clement who will find opportunities for this.</i></p> <p><i>Johanne proposes that the board be continuously introduced to the operations of the various departments.</i>  <i>- If there are departments that want to present their operations, they are very welcome.</i></p>
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13	Other	<p><i>It is proposed that the Board, in collaboration with the management, make a chronicle about Ilisimatusarfik's status and challenges.</i></p> <p><i>- Gitte and Clement make a draft.</i></p>
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**Follow-up:**

- From this meeting:

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

- Johanne will convene the board for a meeting next week where a more detailed review of the budget can be given.

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

- 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 would like to have better insight into this in the future.

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

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