

Notes from SLU's board meeting December 15th 2016 in Uppsala

Main points on the agenda for the board meeting were:

- The internal auditing (internrevisionen) at SLU presented a plan for their work for 2017. They will look at the management and control of the departments. They will also look into how SLU prevents and investigates irregularities/frauds. The role as director of studies should ideally be more or less the same, but varies between faculties, and this is something to investigate further and come with suggestions for harmonization.
- SLU has great plans on improving the alumni activities. Activities should be arranged with individuals in mind and focus on how he/she can contribute to SLU.
- The SLU board decided on new guidelines for our funds. The major changes concerned investments in share should correspond to 60% \pm 10% and interest bearing investments 40% \pm 10%, previously 50:50. Also it was decided that investments in fossil energy, military equipment, tobacco etc. should not be done.
- The research bill (Forskningspropositionen) for 2016 declares that the universities will be assigned funds based on publications, citations, the amount of external funding and also, new for this year, external collaborations (samverkan). This is believed to be positive for us since SLU already have a lot of collaborations.
- Bengt Gerdin, investigating the VH faculty and the animal hospital (UDS), gave a brief report on his work so far, the interviews they have had and what he sees as main issues, but also great opportunities for the future. A final report will be presented to the board in February 2017.
- A new pro vice-chancellor (vicerektor) with responsibility for internationalization will be appointed by beginning of 2017. Who it will be is not decided yet.
- As by 1st of May 2017 SLU will officially have a new board, some however hope to be reelected for another three years. New representatives for the teachers and researchers are Jan Bengtsson, Ingrid Sarlöv-Herlin and Göran Spong.
- SLU was founded in 1977 and next autumn SLU will celebrate 40 years!

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