Minutes from the English Program board meeting, 7 May Seminar room 216, 12.15

Present at the meeting: Lene Johannessen (fagkoordinator), Kari Haugland, Anne-Britt Fenner, Øyunn Hestetun, Kristoffer S. Ekroll (student), Monica Helle (student), Kari S. Salkjelsvik (secretary).

1. Minutes from board meeting 5 March

Not approved, as some comments rectifications still need to be done (see note under "O. Minutes from last Program Board Meeting)

2. Applications 2014 – for information

Overwhelming amount of applicants to our Master Programs, while we do not have the capacity to receive and direct so many students. The Department has sent a letter to the Faculty of Humanities point out our lack of resources when it comes to directing Master Thesis'

3 - Erasmus agreements

The Department has been asked to revise our Erasmus agreements for 2015-21, and in this connection it is important that the sections and disciplines evaluate the agreements that already exist, and suggest new ones where relevant. We may also want to consider limiting the number of agreements to facilitate a better academic and administrative follow-up.

In connection with the above, please consider a selection/handful of agreements/institutions that we can "officially endorse" on our Program's website (under "studieløp".) Here we should take into account Erasmus- as well as bilateral agreements.

Deadline for submitting revisions to the Faculty is 22 May

All existing agreements must be revised, and we need to select a handful of schools that we can recommend to our students. We therefore made a working group that will study said Erasmus agreements during the Fall of 2014. Members: Anne-Britt Fenner, Kari Haugland and Lene Johannessen, Kari S. Salkjelsvik (secretary). Kari S. will be replaced by the new Student Advisor for English: Siri Tenden Myklebust

4. Contact person for Amalie Skram and St Paul high schools.

The newly initiated agreements between Amalie Skram/St Paul and HF require a contact person from the different disciplines. I hope one of you will be interested in this.

Anne-Britt Fenner and Lene Johannessen will be the contact persons.

5. Any other business

- a) We need to discuss further our course offer at 200-level. Are we going to have courses also in the Fall semester? As not sufficient members of the Board are present, we will postpone this discussion until our next meeting.
- b) A question was raised about oral exams through video. Do we really save a lot of money by doing the exams this way? We should be able to fly the examiners to Bergen when needed.
- c) Word count on MA-thesis has been corrected in the course description for ENG350