

Agenda

1. Minutes of the last meeting and any matters arising
2. Report back from Governing Board of 18-19 November
3. Budget 2020
4. New Travel Policy
5. Outreach – briefing on process and criteria
6. AOB

Appended

- Attendance list

1. Minutes of the last meeting and any matters arising

No comments from last meeting.

2. Report back from Governing Board of 18-19 November

Sigrun:

- The new set-up with lunch with staff and the thematic morning discussions with staff was very much appreciated
- Dan's contract was renewed.
- The 5-year strategy was approved after some final updates (see below)
- Dan's report to the board highlighted the partnerships manager position that is now being recruited.
- Sigrun's report to the board highlighted the budget, the MFA grant, ongoing recruitment and the new recruitment process.
- It was agreed to support the nomination of a new board member – Ramtane Lamamra; the government's decision to appoint him is expected after Christmas.
- The Board discussed new potential candidates to replace outgoing board members. The discussion included geographical and age diversity.
- The board discussed the future of Stockholm Security conference, including timing and thematic focus. It was suggested that next year's conference should be held after the US presidential elections and/or in conjunction with a board meeting. Within the field of security technology, it saw a need to think about potentially narrowing down the focus, for example, on cyber security.
- The importance of doing risk analysis was discussed (see below)

Mark (as staff representative to the board) reported back on discussions around funding strategies, with good ideas put forward, e.g. more engagement with funds in the US. Now is

a good time to be doing this given the upcoming US presidential elections. Whatever the elections outcome, it will affect transatlantic relations and shape of world order.

Thoughts from staff on the lunch and thematic morning meetings:

- It would be helpful if there were a more elaborate brief on the board members and what they were going to talk about and the areas on which they can advise.
- A difference in quality of discussions was noted, with some more clear and insightful than others.

SIPRI Institute Strategy:

- Nothing substantial changed from the one previously circulated
- The board wants a section on world affairs that changes and updates each year. The strategy will be regarded as a living document, meaning there will be adaptations as we go along.
- Migration was a highlighted as a contentious area.
- There was much praise for GReVD in this discussion.

Risk analysis:

The importance of SIPRI doing risk analysis were discussed at the board meeting, with further discussions to be held in the SMT and with separate clusters, outreach, comms.

3. Budget

Points noted:

- There has been continued growth since 2015 with planned growth in the 2020 working budget of 14 %.
- The budget includes secured funds, identified grants, and unidentified grants, meaning ones that will need to be acquired. New recruitments are included (total 13, some which are already done).
- Running costs: about the same as this year with some increases due to more people working here.
- Staff training at the same level in 2020 as 2019.
- The reserves increased last year but are still a bit low. Currency exchange rates have an impact.
- The allocation of the strategic grant has not yet been finalized so the distribution of costs between clusters will probably change.
- In general, the budget is not set in stone since we don't know what our income will be.
- We can benefit if we make better use of the knowledge and skills within the institute and "lend" expertise across clusters; we are getting better at this but can do better still.

4. New Travel Policy

Frederic presented the new travel policy which will be effective as of January 2020.

5. Outreach – briefing on process and criteria

Discussion postponed

6. AOB

None

ATTENDANCE LIST

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- Kolja Brodmann
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- Magda Söderqv
- Helene Berger
- Frederic Paudon
- Lena Kappelin
- Jenny Mildton
- Elin Elmgren
- Malin Moberg
- Flora Kraaije
- Marieke Willems
- Dan Smith
- Sigf Rant
- Nam Tien