

Til: Instituttstyret SAI

Fra: Instituttleder

Sakstype: Vedtakssak

Styremøte 6/2018

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Uttalelse om HAU

Viser til D-sak 1 på styremøte 5/2018 (29.06.). Under er utkast til uttalelse fra styret.

Statement on HAU from the SAI board

SAI has been a member of HAU net since its inception and we have been impressed by the activity and the output of the network. However, due to a lack of annual reports and accounts we ceased support in 2016 and asked for reassurances that the network was run in a way that secured transparency, both financially and organizationally. We note the accusations against the managing editor from former members of staff with great concern, and will follow attempts at restructuring HAU net closely.

The current crisis at HAU demonstrates the necessity for future projects to only be supported by public institutions such as universities and university presses on condition that ownership of the journal and its assets are clearly visible, that it is clear that they are not structured in such a way that effective control lies in the hands of a single individual or small self-selected group of individuals and that there are clearly effective organizational structures in place to handle complaints of abuse or mistreatment. It is only in this manner that junior colleagues who volunteer to take part in such activities can feel confident that any complaints will be treated seriously and not lead to recriminations against them.

The board has decided to not continue its support of HAU unless we receive convincing documentation that the networks is grounded in such an open and transparent organizational form that secures a safe working environment for its staff and that it retains its ideal of real open access. We call on other members of HAU net and other educational institutions to join us in committing to making such structures a precondition of support for HAU or other similar projects in future.

Forslag til vedtak:

Styret ved SAI ønsker å komme med vedlagte uttalelse.



