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Minutes 06/2019 CAPES / PrInt / FURG

The following members of the PrInt / FURG Steering Committee met on the thirtieth day of April, two thousand and nineteen, at two p.m., in the PROPESP meeting room, located in the Pro-Rectory Building: Eduardo R. Secchi (Manager), plus Pedro Eduardo Almeida, Ronaldo Cavalli, Mara Regina da Silva, Gilberto Fillmann and Luis Andre Nassr de Sampaio; the project coordinators: Andrea Von Groll, Margareth Copertino and Luis Henrique da Silva Poersch; and the Postgraduate Follow-up Coordinator Diéssica Roggia Piexak. The meeting's agenda was: 1) New Demands and Second PDSE Notice; 2) Work Missions Notice; 3) Notice for Foreign Visiting Professor / Young Talent and 4) General Matters. 1) New demands and Second PDSE Notice: Dean Eduardo Secchi presented Professor Mauricio Mata's request, which had been sent to the former and to the Global Climate Change project coordinator Margareth Copertino about the abroad sandwich doctorate scholarship of Notice No. 01-2019 PrInt / FURG. Professor Mata requested, with the consent of his adviser, the possibility of another six-month grant on the PDSE scholarship, in case the adviser is approved at the end of the process, thus benefiting from a twelve-month sandwich period. Professor Mata also highlights the very low demand for the offered quotas in the Notice, for which only one application was approved and another not approved. He also highlights item 11.6 of the referred public notice and requested that the members of the Steering Group Committee consider the possibility of increasing the deadline in case his candidate's application is approved at the end of the process. Eduardo Secchi read the considerations presented by the professor and the doctoral student's arguments for the grant. Professor Margareth Copertino informed that the selection process has already been finalized and that Professor Maurício Mata's adviser was approved. The members of the Steering Committee discussed the benefits of allowing a further six-month grant and its approval was unanimous, although they requested a direct line communication with CAPES to verify the possibility of a longer term, given that there is no financial increase in the already awarded amount in the PrInt / FURG Project. Eduardo Secchi will check it and later present CAPES's response to

the group and interested parties. It was also discussed the low number of enrolled students to compete for vacancies in the first PDSE notice. Project coordinators and steering committee members have come to realize that this is due to poor student approval rate at the TOEFL-ITP International English Language Proficiency Test, which is required by CAPES. For a possible minimization of the issue, the dean reported that PROPESP, REINTER and the coordination of the Languages Without Borders - English (IsF) Program, in partnership, organized the monitored application of the international English Language Proficiency Test - TOEFL-ITP especially for 40 to be PhD students taking part in PrInt / FURG. The purpose of this vacancy reserve is to optimize the use of sandwich doctoral scholarships abroad under the CAPES PrInt / FURG Program. He also pointed out that in the week before the test's application, the IsF - English Language Center will offer the workshop "Strategies for TOEFL-ITP", specially offered to the 40 candidates so that they can improve their test scores that will be applied on May 24th 2019 at Campus Carreiros. In addition, the dean highlighted the importance of having their advisees stimulated so they can carry out their sandwich doctorates, including helping the students through articulation possibilities and by approach their advisors from abroad. He requested that project coordinators, in this sense, have more and more dialogues with the Graduate Program (PPG) coordinators and other faculty advisers of the PPGs. Subsequently, the dean presented the second CAPES / PrInt / FURG sandwich doctoral scholarships notice, to which he presented some changes if compared to the first one. The notice was approved unanimously.

2) Job Missions Notice: The dean raised the matter of issuing notices for the CAPES / PrInt Project Missions; however, after extensive discussion, the group consented that it would be best not to issue notices, but to have a presentation to the Management Group of the parties that are interested in carrying out the missions already provided in the project for better organization and planning according to the vacancies and goals of the project. The importance of the need for missions that fully met the needs of the FURG PPGs, benefiting the internationalization of the institution was highlighted.

3) Foreign Visiting Professor / Young Talent notices: The dean presented the notice for Foreign Visiting Professor / Young Talent to the group, in which it is foreseen the previous quota of two vacancies for the project of Bio and Geodiversity, and of Bio and Geoprospecting in Coastal and Oceanic Ecosystems: Emphasis on the South Atlantic. So, the group asked the dean in case there are no candidates for such project, if the quotas could be made available to other projects linked to CAPES / PrInt / FURG. Eduardo Secchi said he will check the possibility with CAPES and inform the group. He also pointed out that this very notice was sent by e-mail and will expect reviews and contributions from the group.

4) General Matters: Professor Pedro Eduardo Almeida requested to depart from the PrInt / FURG Steering Committee. The professor said that he intends

to apply for the Senior Grant Notice, so he needs to withdraw from the Management Committee. The dean said that he would inform CAPES about the decision. There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 6.30 pm and these minutes were drawn up and read, approved and signed by the participants.

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