KTH SciLifeLab committee meeting

Minutes from meeting no 2

Date: 2019-05-16, 09:30–11:30

Place: Room Air/Fire, Gamma 2, SciLifeLab, Tomtebodavägen 23A, Solna

Present members: Amelie Eriksson Karlström, chair of the meeting, ID (CBH)
Afshin Ahmadian (CBH)
Hjalmar Brismar (SCI)
Lucie Delemotte (SCI)
Sophia Hober (CBH)
Peter Nilsson SD (CBH) (Adj)
Kevin Smith (EECS)
Mathias Uhlén (CBH)

Others participants: Annika Stensson Trigell, Vice president (Adj)
Marika Kokk (GVS, secretary)

Absent: Fredrik Sterky (Adj)

Meeting formalities
Amelie opened the meeting and noted other issues to the agenda.

Minutes from last meeting were confirmed.

Report from IAB meeting
The report should be arriving from IAB soon and will be distributed asap
Proposal SFO support for new professor

- Recruitment for a Professor in Genomics who can function as Director of NGI.
- 50% of position funded by NGI (in line with application to VR).
- Use SFO funding for starting grant (to cover own salary + PhD student): 2.5 MSEK/year for 5 years.

The proposal was discussed, incl. discussions about amount of teaching vs research for the position. The committee decided to support the proposal.

Amelie got the mandate to proceed with the process. If the position is approved by the faculty council, the advertisement could be out before summer.

Proposal SciLifeLab group leader definition

All committees has received the proposal of the definition and discussions has been made within the different groups.

The KTH committee agreed upon the definition, but suggested to remove the clause "which in Solna is defined by a rental contract".

KTH inventory of SFO activities

KTH RSO has started a project for the development of the KTH SFO environments. Johan Schuber is the project leader.

For 2020 the goal is:

- To clarify and increase awareness of the SFO's contribution to large societal needs and research in areas relevant to industry and society with the help of impact cases and target group-adapted communication.
- To have established effective structure between KTH:s management and the SFO:s for dialogue on strategic business development and follow-up.
- To cooperate with other universities in order to influence how the next evaluation and future initiatives can be designed.
Proposed follow-up of KTH use of SFO funding.

- Fellows program (4 positions since the start, 2 new in progress)
- Postdoc projects (4 calls; 16 projects – outcome?)
- Infrastructure (2 calls)
- RCPs/TDPs (2 resp. 3 of funded programs from KTH)

It was decided that Amelie would send out a questionnaire to gather information for a follow-up of the postdoc projects and the infrastructure funding.

**Infrastructure**

Amelie showed a powerpoint slide (see Appendix No 1) of all processes of the next international evaluation and the National Technology Survey (2 parts)

Results from the National Technology Surveys will be compiled and distributed to the university committees in the end of June.

It was noted that the KTH committee needs to be prepared to provide feedback to SciLifeLab MG by August 29th.

**New call for postdoc projects**

Postdoc projects 7.3 msek in the SFO budget 2019.

It was decided that a call should be prepared and sent out by Amelie to the SciLifeLab group leaders in June, for decisions by the committee in the fall.

2 – 4 postdocs depending on the applications received.
Upcoming meeting dates

Three meeting dates were suggested:

21st August 9:30 – 11:30, at SciLifeLab.

9th October 9:30 – 11:30, at SciLifeLab

19th November 9:30 – 11:30 at KTH, Brinellvägen 8

Other issues

The question of what is covered by the service fees was raised and it was decided that AEK and PN should ask for a specification of the costs at the Solna Campus Committee meeting.

The different models for handling the SFO faculty support at the different schools were discussed. It was decided to consider this issue in the preparation for the 2020 budget.

The objectives and format of the KTH flka meetings were discussed. It was agreed that the meeting agenda needs to be modified to make more people interested in attending.

Marika Kokk, secretary

Minutes approved by: Amelie Eriksson Karlström