KTH SciLifeLab committee meeting

Minutes from meeting no 4

Date: 2019-10-09, 09:30–11:30

Place: Room Water, 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: Marika Kokk (GVS, secretary)

Absent: Annika Stensson Trigell, Vice president (Adj)
Fredrik Sterky (Adj)

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

Minutes from last meeting were confirmed with some comments:
Regarding the format for "KTH Fika":
Peter, Hjalmar and Lucy will look into what kind of interesting "KTH fika" can be arranged in the future.

Financial overview Campus Solna – the presentation by Jenny Alfredsson from Operations Office was canceled due to illness.
Amelie will send out the slides from Jenny for review.
Campus Solna Action group and future organization (see attachment: Report to SciLifeLab Board)

Discussions regarding the future management organization with a Solna Campus site director and how this person shall be recruited, for how long, how much and funded. The suggestion from the Campus Solna Action group is 4 x 15%, total of 60%, where 1 x 15% is suggested to be national funding. Hopefully this person can be at site from January 2020. To be reported to the Board meeting on November 11th.

Budget 2020

Amelie showed a slide of Budget 2019 and also one for Budget 2020, which is in working progress. Marika informed that the 3.1 mnkr for common costs might not be enough for 2020. Amelie and Marika will continue working on the budget to be presented in the next meeting. The principles for how to use the SFO funding were discussed. The schools would like to use them in different ways.
A suggestion was made to lower the faculty support and the support of benchfees for 2020 in favour of increased postdoc funding.
A suggestion was made to separate the budget to be able to view the different schools.

Evaluation of postdoc proposals (see attachment: Appendix Postdoc proposals)

The committee discussed every application (18 in total) and the gradings and also how many postdocs shall be funded.
The persons applying also being a member of the committee were asked to leave the room when their applications were discussed.
The 4 applications below were selected for funding.

Erik Lindahl: “A computational-experimental approach to study molecular mechanisms in monogenic diseases"
Peter Nilsson: "Autoantibody repertoires in health and disease explored through meta-analysis"

Pelin Sahlén: "Characterisation of the genetic landscape of cardiovascular disease using high-resolution genome interaction maps"

Björn Önfelt: "Bispecific antibodies for treatment of hematological malignancies and preconditioning before allogeneic hematopoietic stem cell transplantation"

Other issues
Financial overview – Hjalmar Brismar
The budget for Campus Solna needs to be presented as soon as possible along with an opportunity to ask questions.

Next meeting
The scheduled meeting at November 19th had to be changed. The committee agreed on a new date: Friday 22nd at 10:00 – 12:00
Meeting room will be announced later.

Marika Kokk, secretary

Minutes approved by: Amelie Eriksson Karlström