



KTH SciLifeLab committee meeting

Minutes from meeting no 4

Date: 2022-06-13

Place: Earth, Gamma 2, SciLifeLab, Tomtebodavägen 23A, Solna
Zoom: <https://kth-se.zoom.us/j/62639867113>

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

Other participants:
Mats Kronborg (GVS, secretary)

Absent members: Annika Stensson Trigell, Vice president (Adj)
Emma Lundberg (CBH)
Sandra Falck (Adj)

Agenda:

1. Notes from last meeting (see attachment: "Minutes SciLifeLab committee meeting no 3")
 2. Report from the Strategic Council (Amelie + Hjalmar)
 3. Report from the Campus Solna Committee (Amelie + Hjalmar)
 4. Revised SciLifeLab Fellow subject description (Amelie)
 5. Meeting dates for the fall
 6. Other issues
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Meeting formalities

Amelie opened the meeting, presented the agenda, and opened the floor for other items to be added to the agenda.

Mats was appointed to take notes and Lucie to adjust them.

1. Notes from last meeting (see attachment: "Minutes SciLifeLab committee meeting no 3")

A correction of the last meeting notes was brought forward that there was no expression of interest from the committee to increase the % of the role of the Campus Solna Director.

Notes from last meeting were accepted.

2. Report from Strategic the Council (Amelie + Hjalmar)

SciLifeLab nodes

The SciLifeLab nodes outside Stockholm/Uppsala will have appointed "Site Directors" and the group of Site Directors is suggested to replace the National SciLifeLab Committee (NSC).

It was theorized that this could be a way of strengthening the say of other universities outside of Stockholm/Uppsala in SciLifeLab discussions.

DDLS

DDLS Fellow recruitments are still ongoing and a new round will be started with reannouncements of 4-7 of the positions.

KTH position in Precision medicine and diagnostics was given to Fredrik Edfors who started on the 1/6-2022.

KTH position in Cell and molecular biology was turned down by the top-ranked candidate and discussions with the second highest ranked candidate are ongoing.

Data Science nodes to be hosted by UU, Umu, KI and Chalmers.

DDLS research school-related information, including a call for a director, will be launched in July.

The committee is urged to think of any good potential candidates for the position.

3. Report from the Campus Solna Committee (Amelie + Hjalmar)

Campus Solna space issues

KTH is trying to take lead in discussion of taking over the Beta building.

The Stockholm Trio universities will first have to agree on an investigation of taking over parts or the whole of the Beta building.

All three universities are in general positive to the motion despite a worry of increased rental costs, inflation etc. Work is slow as there have been trouble getting the property managers of each university to discuss the matter together.

Noted is also that the property manager position at SU currently is vacant.

SciLifeLab group leader survey

The survey will be web-based and collected for all SciLifeLab group leaders.

There will be extra questions for all Campus Solna group leaders related to the Campus Solna environment.

Two goals of the survey is to be able to determine the groups' closeness and contribution to the SciLifeLab infrastructure as well as the SciLifelab group leader definition.

The issue of transparency is brought up as it needs to be clear that the survey is not a way of evaluate what groups to kick out or allow to stay at Campus Solna.

BSL-2 labs

Cost estimates for reconstruction higher than expected.

Costs to be shared by universities and national funding.

To keep costs down, there was a discussion of whether all labs were needed, or whether one was more important than the others, and also whether these labs are mandated by law or just good to have.

Campus Solna finances

The outcome and prognosis for 2022 follow the budget well.

Preliminary budget for 2023 suggest slight increase common costs, slight decrease of general service costs and lab service costs.

The BSL-2 lab reconstruction may affect the budget of 2023.

Campus Solna RED grants

It has been suggested to increase the annual contribution to common funds from each university from 4 MSEK to 5 MSEK starting in 2023 to allow for annual RED postdoc calls.

4. Revised SciLifeLab Fellow subject description (Amelie)

Kevin presented the revised subject description for the SciLifeLab fellow position.

Several members of the committee who had not yet approved the subject description by email gave their approval.

The committee will proceed with this subject description and Amelie and Kevin will handle the administration involved.

5. Meeting dates for the fall

The following dates for the autumn of the SciLifeLab committee meetings were decided:

9-10:30 20th September

10-11:30 7th November

10-11:30 12th December

6. Other issues

The issue of finding a replacement for Emma Lundberg, with Tuuli Lappalainen being proposed as a candidate.

It was stated that she has previously expressed interest in the questions discussed at the SciLifeLab committee meetings. Amelie will contact her.

There is a new steering group concerning IT systems that needs a representative of researchers at SciLifeLab.

There are three groups concerning IT systems for administration, research and teaching. The IT group for research will one representative per school at KTH + one representing SciLifeLab. The committee was tasked with finding a SciLifeLab representative. A discussion followed whether there were any IT systems for research and what need there was for any.

Peter volunteers for the position as a SciLifeLab representative.

Next meeting

September 20th at 9.00-10.30. Zoom and IRL.

Mats Kronborg

Mats Kronborg, secretary



Lucie Delemotte, approved to check the notes