



KTH SciLifeLab committee meeting

Minutes from meeting no 5

Date:	2022-09-20
Place:	Water, Gamma 2, SciLifeLab, Tomtebodavägen 23A, Solna Zoom: https://kth-se.zoom.us/j/63218571532
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) Other participants: Mats Kronborg (GVS, secretary)
Absent members:	Annika Stensson Trigell, Vice president (Adj) Emma Lundberg (CBH) Sandra Falck (Adj) Afshin Ahmadian (CBH)

Agenda:

1. Notes from last meeting (see attachment: "Minutes SciLifeLab committee meeting no 4")
 2. Report from the Strategic Council (Amelie + Hjalmar)
 3. Report from the Campus Solna Committee (Amelie + Hjalmar)
 4. KTH SFO Budget 2023
 5. 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 Peter to adjust them.

1. Notes from last meeting (see attachment: "Minutes SciLifeLab committee meeting no 4")

Notes from last meeting were accepted.

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

Steering documents

The SciLifeLab steering documents have been revised and are ready for signing by the University Presidents and approval by the KTH Board, respectively.

It was noted that the documents now were more readable and trimmed of unnecessary details that's supposed to make them useful for a longer time compared to previous versions.

DDLS

DDLS Fellow recruitments are still ongoing, A few positions will be re-announced. The process for phase 2 recruitments is set to start December 2022 – January 2023.

KTH will have new fellow positions in the same subject and it will be discussed where to place these positions.

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

RED grants

Equipment and projects grants are in progress. Reviewers are needed for these. It was discussed that there may be some people at Alba Nova that could be suitable for the task.

PostDoc grants – Can a call be launched in the fall 2022? An annual contribution of 5 million SEK/university would be needed in that case. The committee gave a preliminary YES to this proposition but the stance of other universities is still not clear.

A concern was brought up regarding the stress of competitive funding and that the large amount of grants may cause burnout in applicants.

Mapping of costs

An investigation has been initiated, aiming to map how rent and indirect costs are handled at the different universities. A report will be ready in October, and presented to the board in November.

The investigations partly consists of interviews with key people and economy personnel at the different universities.

Budget 2023

- A preliminary budget has been presented and discussed. The costs for rent, cleaning, reception, etc. will be based on the index in October (estimated increase: ~8%).

- General services costs: 947 SEK/m² (2022: 1 028 SEK/m²)

- Lab service costs: 363 SEK/m² (2022: 328 SEK/m²)

- Common costs: 8 690 kSEK/university (2022: 8 595 kSEK/university)

The most expensive part of the common costs are IT, depreciation and building costs.

SciLifeLab Fellows

- Three new Fellows at SU: Integrative structural biology with a focus on structural dynamics of macromolecular complexes, Viral phylodynamics, + one more biology-focused topics to be defined.

- Two new Fellows at KI: broad topics, host departments to be decided after ranking of the candidates.

A concern regarding the space issues were brought up whether there is space for new fellows.

This was followed by a call to action to acquire the Beta building.

4. KTH SFO Budget 2023

The first draft of SFO budget 2023 is shown.

Notable changes compared to 2022's budget are an increase in common costs and RED grants.

This combined with a new SciLifeLab Fellow will lead to bigger use of previously unused capital (Myndighetskapital) for 2023.

Amelie and Mats will discuss the continued work with the SFO budget for 2023.

It was noted that in 2024 resources will be freed up which potentially gives room for an investment to be made.

5. Other issues

An issue was brought up about resources being allocated to the Data Centre without any mechanism for evaluation of their results.

Tuuli was previously offered a spot on the SciLifeLab committee as a replacement for Emma but has declined. As the members assignment to the committee runs out by the end of the year it was mentioned that it may be a bit late to think of a replacement for this year.

Next meeting

November 7th at 10.00-11.30. Zoom and IRL.

Mats Kronborg

Mats Kronborg, secretary

Peter Nilsson

Peter Nilsson, approved to check the notes