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## The national board of Science for Life Laboratory

### Minutes from extra board meeting no 71, April 19, 2024

#### Present members

Ylva Engström (SU, chair), Martin Bergö (KI), Henrik Cederquist (SU), Mats Larhed (UU, §§ 3-5), Jonas Larsson (LU), Katrine Riklund (UmU), Christoph Varenhorst (AstraZeneca, §§ 1-4)

#### Absent members

Mikael Lindström (KTH), Carina Mallard (GU)

#### Other participants

Olli Kallioniemi (Director, §§ 1-4), Annika J Jensen (Infrastructure Director, §§ 1-4), Jenny Alfredsson (Head of Operations/OO), Mathias Bjuhr (Campus Solna Site Support, §§ 1-3), Sandra Falck (Vice Head of Operations/OO, §§ 1-4), Anna Höglund Rehn (OO, secretary)

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### 1. Meeting formalities

Ylva Engström welcomed all member.

#### Decisions:

*The SciLifeLab board appointed Jonas Larsson to approve the minutes of the meeting in addition to the chair.*

*The SciLifeLab board approved the minutes from meeting no. 68. no. 69, and no. 70.*

*The SciLifeLab board decided to handle the item no 2 on the agenda, Appointment as Director for SciLifeLab, last and approved the agenda with that change.*

### 2. Campus Solna Beta building – approval of process

VC-2023-0043

At SciLifeLab Campus Solna, there are a total of four buildings: Alpha, Beta, Gamma, and the entrance Delta. SciLifeLab currently rents the Alpha and Gamma buildings. Campus Solna is SciLifeLab's largest campus, and the national infrastructures occupies about 25% of the total area at Campus Solna.

SOBI, the current tenant in the Beta building, rents directly from Akademiska Hus, AH, and has now terminated its contract with AH as by 2025-03-31. This provides an opportunity to decide on a potential contract for the Beta building to enable expansion of SciLifeLab's premises at Campus Solna. Any needs and decisions to consolidate the Beta building at SciLifeLab Campus Solna are to be coordinated between the three Stockholm universities, in dialogue with Uppsala University and the SciLifeLab

board.

A project directive has been developed to explore the possibilities with the Beta building. Based on the expressed needs of the operations, the report confirms significant long-term growth, in addition the favorable situation with negotiating the contracts, the overall assessment concludes that the project advocates for proceeding with negotiations to rent the Beta building. This is to facilitate the expansion and further development of SciLifeLab's operations at Campus Solna.

Furthermore, it is proposed that KTH completes the takeover of lease agreements for Alfa and Gamma as the primary tenant from Akademiska Hus for SciLifeLab, thereby replacing KI. This can occur regardless of the decision regarding the Beta building.

Jenny Alfredsson and Mathias Bjuhr gave an overview of the background, the project directives, and the suggested continued process.

#### Decisions:

*The SciLifeLab board supported the proposed process and next steps whereby a decision, in line with the proposal, can be made by the KTH rector after first having consulted the rectors of KI, SU, and UU. Assuming the KTH rector decides in accordance with the proposal, the next step, Step 2, can then be initiated.*

### **3. Organisationsutredning verksamhetsstödet SciLifeLab/KTH VC-2023-0042**

In August 2023 an investigation was commissioned into the operational support for SciLifeLab within the KTH University Administration. The goal of the project was to develop a proposal on how the support services within KTH should be organized to be able to support SciLifeLab on a national level (and then in close collaboration with Uppsala University), for the part of the support services that support the local activities at Campus Solna, as well as to develop proposals for the work and delegation of authority for the support services for the board of SciLifeLab and the director of SciLifeLab.

The investigator's final report was submitted in March 2024. The report presents considerations and proposals for areas of development, the rules of procedure and delegation of authority for the support services at KTH, and changes in the current governing documents.

Jenny Alfredsson informed about the report. An in-depth discussion will take place at the Board's meeting on 28 May 2024.

#### 4. Appointment of member in the DDD platform steering group VC-2024-0029

The SciLifeLab board appoints members to the DDD (Drug Discovery and Development) platform steering group. At meeting no 49, the board approved members of the DDD platform steering group for a period until December 31, 2024.

Lars Lannfelt, Uppsala University, has asked to resign from the steering group and the DDD platform management has suggested that Lars Grundemar, Lund University, is approved as a new member of the DDD platform steering group.

##### Decisions:

*The SciLifeLab board approved Lars Grundemar as member of the DDD platform steering group (mandate period until December 31, 2024).*

#### 5. Director for SciLifeLab – appointment VC-2022-0060

The mandate for Olli Kallioniemi as Director for SciLifeLab ends June 30, 2024. In the regulation (Förordning om Nationellt centrum för livsvetenskaplig forskning SFS 2013:118, 3§), it is stated that the SciLifeLab board appoints the SciLifeLab Director.

At the SciLifeLab board meeting no. 69, Ylva Engström informed about the ongoing recruitment negotiations and the suggested financial support package and Jenny Alfredsson informed about the available funding. The board mandated Ylva Engström to conclude the negotiations in accordance with the proposed funding framework.

Ylva Engström informed about the negotiations.

##### Decisions:

*The SciLifeLab board appointed Jan Ellenberg as Director for SciLifeLab for the period from July 1, 2024, until June 30, 2030, provided that he will be employed by one of the SciLifeLab founding universities.*

*The compensation package funded by SciLifeLab national funds (NAT) for the appointed Director is as follows:*

- *A Start-up Grant of 15 MSEK, as a one-time payment, to enable purchase of relevant equipment and to engage in research projects.*
- *A Research Grant of 5,83 MSEK per year (a total sum of 35 MSEK for the 6-year period).*
- *1 FTE Director, a flat-rate compensation at a level that covers personnel costs at the host department (salary+LKP+indirect costs).*
- *0,5 FTE Personal Assistant, a flat-rate compensation at a level that covers personnel costs at the host department (salary+LKP+indirect costs).*

*The flat-rate compensations for the Director and Personal Assistant are to be decided when the employments are finalized.*

*Office space is provided at Campus Solna. Laboratory space at Campus Solna is to be provided as soon as possible.*

*Under the condition that the directorship is continued during years 7-9, a research grant of 3 MSEK/year (9 MSEK in total) for years 7-9 from NAT to cover running costs will be offered. Plus 1 FTE Director, a flat-rate compensation from NAT that covers personnel costs at the host department (salary+LKP+indirect costs), and 0,5 FTE Personal Assistant, a flat-rate compensation at a level that covers personnel costs at the host department (salary+LKP+indirect costs).*

*In addition, a phase out funding for years 10-12 of 2 MSEK/year (6 MSEK in total) from NAT to cover running costs.*

## **6. Other issues**

No other issues were raised.

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## **Upcoming meetings**

- Tuesday May 28, 2024, 10.00-17.00 in Uppsala
  - Tuesday September 17, 2024, 8.30-12.00 via Zoom
  - Thursday November 7, 2024, 10.00-17.00 in Solna
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Anna Höglund Rehn, secretary

Minutes approved by:

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Jonas Larsson