
The national board of Science for Life Laboratory

Minutes from board meeting no 42, 1 April 2020 (Zoom)

Present members

Carl-Henrik Heldin (UU)(chair), Fredrik Elinder (LiU), Anders Gustafsson (KI), Anders Karlhede (SU), Göran Landberg (GU), Lotta Ljungqvist (GE Nordic), Katrine Riklund (UmU), Stellan Sandler (UU), Mathias Uhlén (KTH)

Other participants

Olli Kallioniemi (Director), Siv Andersson (Co-Director), Annika Jenmalm Jensen (Infrastructure Director), Gunilla Westergren-Thorsson (NSC), Ylva Engström (SU) (§§ 1-2), Jenny Alfredsson (Acting Head of operations), Anna Höglund Rehn (secretary)

1. Meeting formalities

Carl-Henrik Heldin opened the meeting.

Decisions:

The SciLifeLab board appointed Lotta Ljungqvist to approve the minutes of the meeting, in addition to the chair.

2. Campus Solna Director assignment

VC-2019-0047

At the board meeting in November 2019 the SciLifeLab board approved that a Campus Solna föreståndare/Director is appointed for a period of 3 years, at an approximate level of 60 % of an employment. The SciLifeLab board also gave the Campus Solna action group the task to act as a recruitment committee.

Ylva Engström informed about the recruitment committee's proposal which is supported by the Campus Solna Committee and in agreement with the Stockholm Rectors and the candidate's Head of Department.

Decision:

- The SciLifeLab board decided to appoint Per Ljungdahl as Campus Solna Föreståndare/Director for a period of 3 years from May 1, 2020.

3. Update on the COVID-19 preparations at SciLifeLab and KAW funding

Olli Kallioniemi gave an update regarding the SciLifeLab Action Plan; steps that SciLifeLab is taking in the battle against the Corona virus. Discussions followed.

4. Funding for Open SciLifeLab COVID-19 call VC-2019-0011

For the SciLifeLab/KAW program for SARS-Cov-2 virus testing Knut and Alice Wallenberg Foundation has pre-assigned a major part of the funding to certain initiatives, but the rest of the funds are available for other initiatives, also within the SciLifeLab open call. Some proposals could also be funded by SciLifeLab national funds, in relation to the use of SciLifeLab infrastructure and technology development.

Olli Kallioniemi informed about funding for the call and about the evaluation process made by the SciLifeLab Management Group.

Decision:

The SciLifeLab board decided to allocate up to 12 MSEK of national SciLifeLab funds to the SciLifeLab COVID-19 Open call.

This national funding will consist of up to 3 MSEK of surplus (KTH GVS, project TT300) for KTH recipients and up to 9 MSEK of accumulated undistributed surplus (KTH VOBA21) for recipients nationwide.

The SciLifeLab board will decide the final distribution of funds to recipients based on a per capsulam decision after the evaluation of project proposals is finished.

5. Other issues

5.1 International infrastructure evaluation VC-2019-0034

Annika Jenmalm Jensen gave an update regarding the international infrastructure evaluation. The panel meeting on April 20-22, 2020, will take place as a virtual meeting.

Upcoming meetings

- Monday May 25, 11.00-17.00 in Uppsala (dinner afterwards)
- Wednesday September 23, 10.00-15.00 in Solna
- Tuesday November 10, 10.00-15.00 in Solna.

Anna Höglund Rehn, secretary

Minutes approved by:

Carl-Henrik Heldin

Lotta Ljungqvist