

Minutes Board Meeting MultiPark 2010-10-05 kl 13.00-15.00

- Present: Anders Björklund
Patrik Brundin
Martha Escobar
Martina Holst
Susanne Iwarsson
Deniz Kirik (from §8)
Elisabet Londos
Cecilia Lundberg
Per Odin (via telephone from 13.45)
- Absent: Hjálmar Bjartmarz
Ingemar Carlstedt
Roger Olsson
Andreas Puschmann
Jens Schouenborg

§1. Opening of the Meeting

Patrik Brundin welcomes everybody and starts the meeting.

§2. Election of “Justeringsperson”

Cecilia Lundberg was assigned as “Justeringsperson”

§3. Approval of the agenda

Points included in the agenda were approved.

§4. Information

- Logo

The draft was presented and all present agreed that it should be modified to increase resemblance to a neuron (more irregular and less like a flower). In addition it was agreed to use Frutiger as font since it is one of the official fonts for LU. Further it was decided to include modification that will lead to a more tridimensional logo.

- Report from Joint Programming Initiative in Neurodegenerative Diseases

It was reported that this initiative has a political background. There is not currently any budget assigned to the initiative so the funding will rely on existing resources at VR. The organization behind this initiative is not defined yet, but Sweden has a way to influence the scientific content with two members in the SAB. Since funding is dependent on the interested parties there is a particular interest from France to start up project already in 2011 even though the initiative has not consolidated yet.

- LU Vision for 2011

An important aspect that might affect MultiPark is the change in organizational structure that would in principle involve max two levels instead of the current

principle that includes three or sometimes four levels (research group/division; department; faculty; central administration). Another aspect involves the role of the faculties although it seems to be possible to keep them at least in an initial phase. The most radical changes will be seen at the level of recruitment but no clear directions regarding this aspect have been given.

- **Recruitment**

Assistant Professor/Junior group Leader. This position is almost ready for publishing; the Faculty Office handles this part of the announcement. However, at this point in time there is a need for further clarification of the roles and responsibilities for the different administrative levels involved. Martha Escobar and Susanne Iwarsson are working on these issues.

Administrative personnel. Ulrika Mundt-Petersen has been temporarily employed to take care of the arrangements in connection with invited lecturers until further notice from October the 1st, 2010. The recruitment process regarding an administrator within the clinical part of MultiPark (50% financed by the Swedish Parkinson Academy) is ongoing and Region Skåne has taken responsibility of it, since the Department IKVL has not yet approved employing a new administrator.

- **LU's (and Faculty of Medicine) decision regarding allocation of funds related to SFO's for 2011**

There have been decisions by the Vice-chancellor and Dean of the Faculty of Medicine regarding the budget for MultiPark for 2011. According to these decisions, 5% goes to the central administration in charge of leadership training, reporting and communication. It is also stated that the Vice-chancellor should take part in discussions concerning strategic recruitments. As to the faculty level, 25% could be used by the Faculty of Medicine. However, according to recent information from the Head of the Faculty Office, the dean has decided to support the strategic decisions taken by the board of MultiPark. Consequently, in principle the MultiPark budget for 2011 should be based on 95% of the granted money.

- **Procurement**

The process is ongoing and publication of the Invitations to Tender is expected to be by the middle of October, 2010.

§5. Delegated decision on travel grants (enclosure 1).

There have been several applications granted. Regarding the procedure, some questions have been raised along the way. Do the grants apply only for young researchers? Should there be any guidelines regarding the decision in relation to the travel date? If this program is renewed for 2011, it was *decided* that applications should be received two weeks prior to the event for which funding is being applied (from January 1st, 2011). Decisions should be granted only for upcoming travels. Regarding seniority it was also *agreed* to restrict to junior researchers from January the 1st, 2011. A formal definition of what constitutes a "junior researcher" will be made in case the travel grant program is renewed for 2011.

§6. Director of Studies for Graduate School (enclosure 2).

It was decided to call the only applicant, Helena Jernström, for an interview with Susanne Iwarsson and Cecilia Lundberg. It was agreed that if the candidate is offered the assignment, this will be reduced to 6 months as a starting point. The extension of the assignment is then subject to an evaluation of the progress after this period.

§7. Discussion regarding the establishment of the Health and Care Sciences Node (enclosure 3).

As an initial step to establish a Health and Care Sciences Node, recruitment of a senior researcher within rehabilitation medicine has been explored jointly with Region Skåne. At this point it has been suggested to have a joint funding for this position, including 50% from MultiPark (agreed upon by the Faculty Dean). Region Skåne has taken a positive decision to fund 30% for research as well as salary for clinical work. The rest of the academic position must be funded by resources from undergraduate teaching according to the established model for funding of professors. The Head of the Department of Health Sciences is informed and is very positive to the overall plan for the establishment of the node within her department.

The MultiPark Board had no objections to continue with the process aiming at establishing the Health and Care Sciences Node. If a formal decision is made at the Board meeting in November 2010, announcements will follow. It was agreed to plan for a lecture by the main candidate for the professorship in rehabilitation medicine as soon as possible (information will follow).

§8. Decision regarding delegation to the coordinator for strategic recruitments

It was *decided* to delegate to the coordinator to initiate a direct recruitment at professor level with the help of the Vice-chancellor and the Dean of the Faculty of Medicine.

§9. Decision regarding applications for 3rd year postdoc

Patrik Brundin¹ left the room and Susanne Iwarsson led the discussion regarding Ilknur Özen's application for 6-month postdoctoral salary funding from October the 1st, 2010. The application was *granted* as requested.

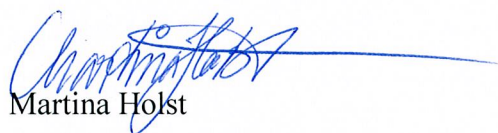
§10. Matters arising

Regarding strategic recruitments, it was agreed to continue with invitations for potential candidates and to try to combine more than one speaker per occasion, to make the process more efficient.

Per Odin informed about the establishment of a PET-imaging facility at SUS with possibilities for research time.

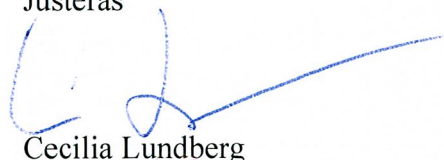


Patrik Brundin



Martina Holst

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Cecilia Lundberg

¹ Patrik Brundin has previously been supervisor of Ilknur Özen and therefore had a conflict of interest regarding the decision. The board was still able to make a decision by majority.