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### **Minutes- Future Faculty (FF) meeting 13th of August 2018 15.00**

Location: NUS, Blg 6M, conference room Tallen

#### Meeting participants:

Hanna Nyström

Daniel Marcellino

Sofie Degerman

Anna Rieckman- via Skype

Mattias Forsell- via Skype

Ronnie Berntsson- absent

Invited guest: Anders Wennström Grants Office

Minutes recorded by Sofie Degerman.

#### **Agenda**

##### **1. Opening of meeting**

Ronnie Berntsson could not attend and the meeting was chaired by Hanna Nyström. Hanna opened the meeting and welcomed our guest Anders Wennström from Grants Office.

##### **2. Determining the Agenda**

The agenda was send out before the meeting and all participants agreed on the agenda and Hanna added an additional point, and Ronnie had send out an additional point by e-mail.

##### **3. Discussion with Grant Office**

- Anders Wennström from Grants Office (GO) was invited to join the meeting since we wanted to discuss potential collaborations and future common events. We informed him about the Future Faculty and our idea about a grant-writing workshop for non-tenured researchers focusing on VR applications. Anders presented some ideas of events including presentations on “Were to find grant opportunities” and workshops including “How to write the first page in applications”, “Why did your application fail”, as examples on previous successful events.

We discussed different alternatives and ended up with a preliminary suggestion of a combined presentation and workshop in November/December and a follow up workshop closer to the VR deadline in February. Some ideas were General Information from GO, presentation of Researcher “success stories”, and focus on “First page assignments” in the workshop. We discussed possibilities to also invite interested PhD students to the General presentations but prioritize non-tenured researchers applying for VR grants for the workshops. Anna Rieckman will draft an idea of what a day could look like and



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send out it before our next FF meeting so we can finalize that plan in the meeting. We will meet representatives from GO after that meeting to set the date, location and format for the event. Mattias Forsell will ask Kristina Lejon about preferable dates for this event based on the Medical Faculty calendar.

- We suggested to use money from our budget to support lunch/coffee at the workshop for the participants.
- We will promote the Kick-off event for FF planned in January at the GO workshop.
- We also discussed how to inform our target group about this coming event. Unfortunately, we do not have an e-mail list yet. Therefore, we need to spread the information via institutions, via the MedFak newsletter about grants, and spread the word to researchers at our different institutions. Posters can also be printed and distributed to the institutions, Daniel volunteered on contributing to poster design.
- We also discussed about how Grants office currently prioritize the support of different types of applications and was informed that currently Wallenberg grants are prioritized. We identified a need to support a broader number of young researchers, and VR is one good example.
- We thank Anders for his positive visit and good suggestions of potential collaborations. Anders left the meeting.

#### **4. National Junior Faculty update**

No updates due to vacations

#### **5. Update bylaws / mission statement / goals**

Adjourned to the next meeting.

#### **6. Additional points**

- Hanna informed that she will leave the FF group due to time constraints. She will try to come with suggestions of a (preferably female?) research/clinician to fill her spot in the group. We all agree that clinical representation is important in the FF group.
- The FF has been invited by the Faculty to assign (“adjungera”) one FF representative to FON (Forskningsstrategiska nämnden) and one representative to RUF (Rådet för utbildning på forskarnivå). Ronnie Berntsson volunteered on FON and Sofie Degerman volunteered on RUF, and they were selected.

#### **7. Next meeting**

- We will ask Ronnie to send out a Doodle for the September meeting (preferably within one month from this meeting).