



Present: (Zoom and in-person): Konstantinos Meletis (Director), Gonçalo Castelo-Branco, Karin Jensen, Gilad Silberberg, Joana Pereira, Vasco Sousa (Admin).

Absent: Emanuela Santini, Ulrika Marklund, François Lallemand, Eric Westman, Fredrik Piehl, Arvind Kumar, Paolo Medini

§ 1. Meeting Opening

§ 2. Adjustment of this meeting's minutes:

All agreed that Vasco will take meeting notes, and Karin will adjust the notes.

§ 3. Approval of agenda

Approved by all present

§ 4. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Approved by all present

§ 5. Funding

Startup grants:

- The board reviewed the VR starting grant awardees and KI faculty-funded assistant professor awardees for eligibility. The following 6 researchers will be offered the StartNeuro startup grant if they meet the usual conditions that shall be stated in the decision letter:
 - o Axel Abelein; Daniela Calvigioni; Harald Lund; Jens Peter Magnusson; Konstantinos Chiotis; Luana Naia.

Postdoc grants:

- All board members agreed on opening a new call for funding postdoctoral researchers and gave feedback on the 2024 eligibility/exclusion criteria and dates. The new call will be announced.

Initiative to start a MSc in neuroscience at KI:

- Konstantinos updated the board on the latest status with the plans to launch a MSc program in neuroscience at KI. A submission for this new MSc in neuroscience is expected to get approval, pending a revision of the program submitted earlier that was not funded for concerns that some of the program content would compete with other existing Msc. This effort is being led by Johan Lundström, who asked the StratNeuro board if it would approve allocating some of its budget to support recruitment of a person at, 20% for one year, to work on the administration aspects and Msc program for submitting the new application.

- The board discussed aspects of the program that they propose be revised and unanimously agreed to allocate budget for this purpose. Unrelated to the aforementioned application, Johan Lundström had previously submitted an application for a master program specifically in Cognitive Neuroscience, which was also denied funding from KI. Konstantinos will inform Johan Lundström to initiate the recruitment process and prepare an application for a master program in Systems Neuroscience that will encompass all aspects of neuroscience – from the cellular level to human cognition.

§ 6. Partners and reference groups:

- Joana gave a brief summary of the status with the NeurotechEU European alliance.
- NeurotechEU students can apply to the research courses at KI. Course directors will apply the standard selection criteria.
- Joana will select speakers from NeurotechEU for the September and October lunch seminars.

§ 7. StratNeuro Events:

- VT2024 seminars:
 - The VT 2024 Lunch seminar schedule currently is:
 - 12:00, 19th March 2024, Bergström Aula, Bioclinicum (coordinated through Eric Westman).
Michael Schöll (Professor at Göteborg Univ.), hosted by Anton Forsberg Morén (head of the Brain Molecular Imaging Centre)
 - 11:00, 15th April 2024, Klein auditorium, Biomedicum
Marcin Szczot (Associate Professor at Linköping University). Hosted by: Alessandro Furlan (Neuroscience, KI)
David Lindén (Associate Professor at Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minnesota). Hosted by: Ulrika Marklund (MBB, KI)
 - 12:00, 13th May 2024, Bergström Aula, Bioclinicum
Giovanna Mallucci (PI at Altos Labs, Cambridge Institute of Science). Hosted by Emanuela Santini (NEURO, KI)
- 2024 retreat: Status of processing registrations and abstract submissions, Akademikonferens helping to manage communications and speaker travel arrangements.

§ 7. Other points:

- Composition of the StratNeuro board:



- Besides Eric, Gilad and Francois who already announced that they will leave the board in the summer of 2024, Goncalo may perhaps also leave.
- Konstantinos asked each sitting board member to please nominate up to two persons to be appointed to the StratNeuro board. These should have at least assistant professor position at KI, and good scientific track record.
- At the end of 2025, the heads of departments can also send nominations to sit in the board.
- In January 2026 a new board will be appointed.

Keeper of minutes:

Vasco Sousa

Adjusted:

Karin Jensen