



Description for the assignment as faculty members of the board (Konsistoriet)

About the Board

The board is Karolinska Institutes (KI) highest decision-making body and is thus responsible to the government for the university's operations. The board's primary mission is to ensure that KI fulfills the tasks that are assigned to the authority's management according to § 3 of the Higher Education Act and 2 Chapter, 2 Section of the Higher Education Ordinance (HF). All members of the board have the same responsibility/assignment regardless of how they are appointed. The board consists of a chairman appointed by the government and 14 other members (chapter 2 § 1 HF). The teacher members are appointed by election according to a special order that the board decides on. The students choose their representatives according to provisions in the student union regulation (2009:769). Representatives of the employees who, according to the University Act, have the right to attend and the right to speak at the board meetings, are appointed according to the provisions of the employee representative ordinance (1987:1101).

Opportunity to influence

As a faculty member of the board, you are involved in and take responsibility for questions of a strategic and general nature relating to KI's operations and development. You strive to realize the university's objectives in accordance with Strategy 2023 and KI's overall operations plan. Being a teacher member is an important and responsible task that demands a good understanding of KI as a whole, its organization and operations. The assignment requires the ability to both take into account KI's best interests as a whole, and to delve deeper into individual issues. The assignment as a board member offers increased knowledge of KI's total operations with the possibility of an expanded network of contacts within and outside KI.

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The board meets at least five (5) times a year and the meetings are usually held between 10am and 4pm. In addition to meetings, one or two separate overnight meetings are usually arranged. Invitations, agendas and documents for meetings and overnight meetings are sent out via e-mail no later than one week before the day of the scheduled meeting in order to facilitate members' preparation of the issues to be dealt with. The presentations are relatively short as the members are expected to have read the materials sent out. The university director is responsible, after consultation with the president and the chairman of the board, for the preparation and handling of the board's matters and that they are carried out in accordance with provisions in the labor legislation and applicable collective agreements.