



Centre for Sea and Society

Agenda Steering committee meeting 2. 2022

2022-09-08, 14.00 - 17.00

Location: Grönforsrummet Vasagatan 1, House A, floor 6, School of Business, Economics and Law.

Members called: Fredrik Gröndahl, Geraldine Fauville, Göran Hilmersson, Jan Canbäck Ljungberg, Pam Fredman, Joakim Larsson, Kajsa Tönnesson, Lars Nyström, Martin Sjöstedt, Per Cramér, Per Knutsson, Stefan Hulth and Tyrone Martinsson

Also invited: Lena Gipperth, Ida-Maja Hassellöv, Marina Panova and Malin Rosengren

Present: Göran Hilmersson, Jan Canbäck Ljungberg, Kajsa Tönnesson, Lars Nyström, Per Cramér, Per Knutsson, Stefan Hulth and Tyrone Martinsson, Ida-Maja Hassellöv, Marina Panova and Malin Rosengren and Lena Gipperth (§ 7).

	Item	Suggested action/decision
§ 1	Agenda (This document)	Approved
§ 2	Co-opting to the meeting	Ida-Maja Hassellöv, Marina Panova and Malin Rosengren was co-opted to the meeting.
§ 3	Appoint adjuster	Jan Canbäck Ljungberg was chosen to adjust the meeting
§ 4	Appointment of the new chair of the steering committee Go to § 4 in the appendix for more info	<p>Background: According to decision 6 GU 2022-44 by the Vice-Chancellor, the new chair of the steering committee for the Centre for Sea and Society should be appointed from within the steering committee and by the members of the steering committee. The previous chair was financed with a 10 % employment and this percentage is suggested to be transferred to the directors.</p> <p>The role of the chair of the steering committee is to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">to chair the steering committee meetings (2-4/year)prepare and plan for steering committee meetings (in cooperation with the directors and project coordinator) <p>Documents: <u>6 GU 2022-44 IL Ny verksamhetsperiod som centrum vid Göteborgs universitet för Centrum för Hav och Samhälle 2022-2027 signed</u></p> <p>Discussion: Stefan Hult raised a concern of potential conflicts of interests that might appear between a position as for example a dean or head of department and chairing a steering committee. As it is written in the decision from the Vice-chancellor that the chair should be appointed from within the</p>

		<p>steering committee, where a proportion of the members have such positions, the steering committee agreed to proceed with Göran Hilmersson as the proposed chair, but stressed the importance of reporting any potential conflicts of interest to the steering committee. Furthermore, it was agreed that Göran Hilmersson's role as chair will be limited to chairing the meetings and will not include 10 % of employment for planning and preparing meetings.</p> <p>Decision: The steering committee appointed Göran Hilmersson as the chair of the steering committee. The steering committee members noted as not present will be contacted after the meeting to enable all committee members to take part in the decision.</p>
§ 5	Information from the director	<p>The director, Per Knutsson, informed the steering committee of previous and up-coming activities.</p> <p>Activities 2022 (selection)</p> <p><u>June</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -World Ocean Day June -Sea and Society Talk - Comoros and Sweden - collaborative work regarding marine management -UN Ocean Conference, Lissabon, 2 side events <p><u>Aug</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Västerhavsveckan, Kvartsita Tour -Frihamnsdagarna - Workshops on Leisure boats, Marine gardens & Sustainable sea food -Sea and Society Talk - Swedish cleaner fish in Norwegian salmon farms - risks and consequences <p><u>Oct</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Centre for Marine Evolutionary Biology "Stake holder meeting" -Hållbarhetsveckan I Västra Götaland –Tema akvakultur <p><u>Nov</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Ocean PhD meeting at Kristineberg -Act Sustainable – Isabella Lövin "Ocean känslan" book talk. <p>General info</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -The Sea and Society Member's <u>Teams Group</u> was launched in June. In connection to this a members letter will be sent out once per month and a new revised separate external newsletter will come out in Sep.

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		<p><u>Members Letter Number 1 - 2022.</u> <u>Göteborgs universitets havsnyheter Sep 2022</u> -Horizon application to be submitted in Sep (Blue Community Gardens) -3 MISTRA Blue Economy applications with UGOT affiliation was submitted in AUG -Kick-off Master Programmes (MARBIO and Sea and Society)</p> <p>The steering committee would like to be presented with som information and statistics on the alumni from the Sea and Society Master's Programme during next meeting. The steering group encourages the involvement of stakeholders and future employers into the evaluation process of the program.</p>
§ 6	Sea and Society profile area	<p>Per Knutsson informed the steering committee on the previous process and the two dialogue meetings on 20th of June and 6th of Sep.</p> <p>Discussion: The Steering Committee is generally positive of the lay-out of the application.</p> <p>-Per Cramér and Lars Nyström expressed the importance of meeting up the VR requirements and criteria for Outreach and Collaboration. -Stefan Hult: Expressed that this is not in conflict with highlighting the excellent research within marine sciences, which is in large part funded by VR. -Per Knutsson: Inspiration can be found in Kiel University's work within Kiel Marine Science where all faculties are strenghtend by the excellent research in marine sciences. -The committee raised the concern of a potential conflicts of interest for the members of the GU Board of Research in the process of ranking the submitted applications.</p> <p>The steering committee discussed the name for the profile area. A large part of the committee felt that using Sea and Society (currently both a Centre and a Master Program) would be confusing and that highlighting the centre as one of the pillars of the profile area would serve the application best.</p> <p>Decision: The name UGOT Ocean was recommended given that the subtitle in the</p>

		<p>application shows a clear indication of the collaborative nature of the profile area.</p> <p><u>Profilmråden hanteringsordning och instruktioner för omarbetade förslag 220613[59].pdf</u> <u>Ett svenskt bidrag till FN:s årtionde för havsforskning för hållbar utveckling 2021-2030</u></p>
§ 7	<p>Kristineberg Center for Innovation and Research/Viable Seas. The future for Maritima klustret and its potential integration into Viable Seas</p>	<p>Background: The University of Gothenburg, Chalmers, KTH, IVL, RISE, Lysekils kommun and Innovatum signed a formal agreement in Feb 2018 to develop Kristineberg Center for Marine Research and Innovation. The agreement ended Dec 31, 2021 and was replaced by two new agreements, one concerning the collaboration around the research station Kristineberg (Kristineberg Center) and one on a national collaboration platform Viable Seas. Both agreements have been signed by the vice chancellor Eva Wiberg (Dec 2021 and March 2022). There is a need to the steering committee's input on two strategic issues: (a) whether support VGR's proposal to integrate Marina Klustret into Viable Seas; and (b) if the University of Gothenburg should express an interest in taking the lead (becoming the host institution) for the development of Viable Seas.</p> <p><u>PP Viable Seas background 220908.pptx</u></p> <p>Discussion: -Kajsa Tönnesson: Agency-involvement needs to be secured within Viable Seas. -Stefan Hulth: Identifies a risk in separating Kristineberg Center and Viable Seas into different entities as the infrastructure make up the majority of the costs connected to Kristineberg. Within Kristineberg Center, GU now covers 80-90 % of the cost. This financial risk could be decreased if Kristineberg Center secured larger long-term partners.</p> <p>The steering committee would like to see a continued discussion on the purpose of having two separate entities and how they should relate to each other. This should be linked to a discussion on a fair sharing of risks and costs among it's partners and to strategy discussions on:</p>

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		<p>1) securing a critical mass of researchers active at the station and 2) for seeking national funding for infrastructure.</p> <p>Decisions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Centre for Sea and Society regard Viable Seas as a national upscaling of the regional Maritime Cluster of West Sweden and will therefore not apply for more funding for coordination of the Cluster. Sea and Society still aims to apply for funding for the <u>regional focus areas</u> that were established within the Cluster. 2. The steering committee would like for GU to take on a leading role in the continued strategy work and formation of Viable seas and to nominate GU as the host for Viable Seas. 3. The coordination and follow-up of the nomination can be placed under Sea and Society initially but the official host institution for GU's partnership needs to be discussed further down the road. 4.
§ 8	Report of ongoing ocean-related activities at each faculty	<p>Report of ongoing ocean-related activities at each faculty:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ <i>Faculty of Fine, Applied and Performing Arts</i> Tyrone Martinsson collaborates within Visual Arena with the new Visualisation dome at Universeum ■ <i>Faculty of Science</i> Skagerack open ship days in Stockholm in April was a success. ■ <i>The Marine Infrastructure</i> - ■ <i>Faculty of Social Sciences</i> Sea and Society Steering Committee member Martin Sjöstedt has recently passed away and the steering committee sends our condolences to colleagues, family and friends. ■ <i>Faculty of Humanities</i> The Department has found a solution to keep Poul Holm employed as a senior advisor and he will continue with his engagement within the Master Program for Sea and Society.



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■ *IT Faculty*

The Faculty expressed a continued interest to take part in multi-disciplinary projects on data driven science related to the Ocean. There are initiatives being taken and a genuine interest from the faculty. Researchers from the IT-faculty is engaged in oceandatafactory and Koster seafloor observatory, as well as a couple of other maritime projects.

■ *Sahlgrenska Academy*

■ *Chalmers University of Technology*

Chalmers and SIME will arrange a side-event for the UN Ocean Conference on environmental impact from shipping and marine environmental management on the 1st of November.

■ *The Swedish Institute for the Marine Environment*

-The institute has been granted continued and increased funding, for 10 more years. The institute will focus more on synthesis work and also invite Chalmers. GU will remain as host organisation and a new cooperation agreement needs to be in place in Jan.

-The institute is arranging a conference on scrubbers in October [konferens-om-tankrengoring](#).

-An investigation/report on conservational restauration measures has been launched.

-A lot of focus on Ocean Literacy. The Swedish Ministry of the Environment and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs are working on a investigation/strategy for Swedens work with ocean literacy.

■ *Faculty of Education*

Geraldine Fauville is currently running a study on the potential of underwater VR in marine education at Frölunda badet.

■ *Department of Marine Sciences*

■ *School of Business, Economics and Law*

-The Faculty is working for a better coordination for the research relevant for the Sea and Society area and in relation to the profile area.

-The Faculty has been approached, via Nordic Center, by the Ocean University of China (one of the major uni within Natural Sciences in China).



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§ 9	Any other business	The steering committee discussed the inclusion of the managers/directors of the marine infrastructures units within the steering committee. Decision: The managers/directors will be co-opting to the meeting when relevant.
§ 10	Closure of the meeting	-

Recorded by:
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Approved by:
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