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| Meeting date: 17 May 2022 10:30-12:00  Meeting place: 1540-K32  Meeting subject: Research and Business Committee, Department of Biology  Attendees: Michael Møller Hansen (chair, MMH), Peter Grønkjær (vice chair, PG), Tina Santl-Temkiv (TS), Henrik Balslev (HB), Maya Jepsen (MAJ, observer) and Maria Blach Nielsen (MBN, reporter)  Guests: Anders Barfod (AB), Hans Brix (HBR). |

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Background:

The Faculty has asked for onepagers describing ideas for megacentres/Challenge-centres, that can be included in a continued dialogue with the foundation. Specifically the onepagers will be presented when a representative from the Novo Nordisk Foundation (Claus Felby) visits the Faculty on 15 August 2022. This means that the deadline for the onepagers is before the summer holidays.

We should think big, such as a mega-center (0.5-1 billion DKR) or it could be themes for Challenge Centres (around 60 mill. kr), including collaborators from other departments and/or universities. The really important aspect to consider is whether or not our suggestions can be linked to one or more “planetary challenges” and how it can help to solve problems. So, we should emphasize these aspects and at the same time somewhat deemphasize strict conformance to the NNF strategy.

*More information*

* *Challenge Programme 2022:* [*https://challenge.novonordiskfoundation.com/*](https://challenge.novonordiskfoundation.com/)
* *Appendix 1: Strategy NNF 2030\_Sustainability\_Vinnova March 2022*
* *Appendix 2: Novo-Nordisk-Foundation-Strategy-1*

The committee discussed the onepagers received.

**Next meeting:**

* **27 June 2022 12:30-14:00**