

### Steering Committee – March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023

## Agenda

- Welcome
  - Minutes from last meeting
- Progress Report
  - Events
  - SIREUS Affiliation of American Universities
  - Thematic Areas and Research
  - Financial Report
- Decision / Discussion / Information
  - Vinnova SIREUS 2.0
- AOB & Next meeting



# SIREUS ENTREPRENEURS forum

- Innovation Immersion Week in the Intermountain
   West
- Conjunction with Destination Start-up in Colorado Boulder and Denver.
- Focus on life science, Al, sustainability, innovation and founding.
- Networking with established entrepreneurs and investors in the Colorado area.
- February 14-17, 2023 LU, UU, SU, LiU
- 8 start up companies & 20 attendees from Sweden
- SIREUS total cost: ~ 8,300 USD







Embassy of Sweden Washington



# SIREUS CHANCELLORS forum



- Focus on bringing together thought leaders across government, industry and academia
- Among participants: 11 Swedish and 14
   American universities.
- Total of 75 active participants.
- 65 of 68 checked in from eventbrite
- Focus on Leadership, Sustainability, Funding, Artificial Intelligence and Soft Diplomacy
- SIREUS total cost: ~ 23,000 USD
- Archived on Member Area



# **SIREUS Progress Report**

- Events
  - Transatlantic Day in Stockholm (SACC-USA)
  - May 31<sup>st</sup> (NAFSA) Mingle event @ HoS
  - Study in Sweden being discussed
  - Student Fairs are being explored
- SIREUS Affiliation of American Universities
  - MOU signed: Michigan Tech, UTSA, Dakota State, Gustavus Adolphus, Chapman University, Tufts, Washington State University, Purdue and Virginia Tech
  - MOU verbal agreed: Colorado Boulder
  - MOU proposed: Kennesaw State, Rutgers and George Washington University
  - New contacts: GeorgiaTech, University of Washington, Penn State, George Mason University, Georgetown University
  - MOU not agreed: UMD



## SIREUS Progress Report (continued)

- Thematic areas working on definition and structure for using
  - Digitalization (Al, Big Data, Quant, Automation, Cloud, Cybersecurity,..)
  - Green Transition (Energy grid, Smart Cities, Battery, Renewable Energy, Forest CO2,..)
  - Life Science (Cancer, Precision Health, Prevention Health, Art as a tool)
  - Society (Democracy, Sustainability, Climate Change, Social impact of ..., ...)
  - Material Science and Space technology small satellites (not sure were we place this)
- Strategic Platform items –not yet decided on the forum/format for this topic
  - National Security risks, Export control, Academic freedom, Risk awareness, social aspects for researchers, <u>Research funding</u>
- Create a SIREUS RESEARCHERS forum that can work as an information channel to researchers
- Create 1-2 workshops within thematic areas and or strategic questions that can attract researchers and staff during 2023



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		REVENUES					EXPENSES				RELEVANT NETS											
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UP Conference fees	\$	-				\$	-	\$	16,153	\$	1,127	\$ 3	35,000	\$ 35,000.00	\$ -	\$	(16,153)	\$ (1,127)	\$ (35,000)	\$ (35,00	0)\$	
UP Conference Participation	\$	-				\$	-	\$	2,375	\$	-	\$ 1	10,000	\$ 10,000.00	\$ -	\$	(2,375)	\$ -	\$ (10,000)	\$ (10,00	0)\$	
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JS Bank Account	\$	52,484	\$ 80,047									Accoun	its Paya	ble		\$		\$ -				
ccounts Receivable	\$	21,839	\$ 100,000									Deferre	d Revei	nue		\$	35,430	\$ -				
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# **SIREUS** Decision / Discussion / Information

- Funding Vinnova project
  - 200 KSEK received end of November. Project Nov 22 Feb 23
  - "SIREUS Strategic Plan" to become a "<u>Horizontal and Sustainable</u> <u>Platform</u>"
  - SIREUS 2.0 Strategic Plan final version is being worked on
  - Report to Vinnova will be sent ~ March 20<sup>th</sup>
  - Vinnova will then review the material, ask for complementary information
  - Decision on funding will be expedited



# Outline of the SIREUS 2.0 plan SIREUS

Talent mobility, focus on students

Knowledge exchange, focus on innovation & start ups

Building the SIREUS brand

Minimum funding and operation

#### **SIREUS 2.0**

SIREUS +

Stronger Talent Mobility features for both students and researchers

Increased knowledge exchange, focus on scholarships and research funding

Strong beneficial research network and exchange

**Diversified Membership structure** 

SIREUS Members

Associated SIREUS Members

Affiliated University Members

Affiliated Enterprise Members

Stronger and sustainable operation

Increase the SIREUS brand and activities

Adequate funding for the mission



#### Vision

Provide an unprecedented sustainable horizontal platform that all academics in Sweden can benefits from

2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
"Focus on Thematic Areas, Research Network & Expand operation"	"Focus on Researcher Exchange & Expand activities"	"Focus on Expanding Market recognition of SIREUS"	"Focus on facilitating research funding and student scholarships"	"Reevaluating SIREUS and potentially decide on next phase"
<ul> <li>SIREUS membership Introduce a tiered model for membership</li> <li>Increase # activities</li> <li>Events (incl virtual), workshops and delegations</li> <li>Expand operation</li> <li>Build a sustainable and robust operation</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Research Exchange Introduce and operate an application for strong research connections and exchange</li> <li>Expand Membership Focus on expanding membership base and create workshops for enterprises</li> <li>Strategic Partnerships Explore strategic partnerships</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Research Added value</li> <li>Increase added value for researchers within the member network.</li> <li>Expand Strategic Funding</li> <li>Expand membership, secure funds from trusts and science organizations</li> <li>Increase marketing efforts</li> <li>Focus primarily on digital marketing and secondary on in-person marketing</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Broaden Research Network</li> <li>Solidify the member network for researchers and open it for all researchers.</li> <li>Explore SIREUS Funding</li> <li>Explore the possibility to provide partly SIREUS funding for talent mobility</li> <li>Provide funding information</li> <li>Facilitate a comprehensive platform for all talent mobility funding information</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Evaluate SIREUS 2.0</li> <li>What has been achieved? E.g., number of academics actively engaged/exchanged What has been the results? By comparing the result with the strategic plan</li> <li>Mutli Stakeholders view</li> <li>Acquire all stakeholders feedback and proposal for next phase</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Business connection</li> <li>Map &amp; start to market the concept to Sw Universities and Swe/Am business community</li> <li>Talent Mobility</li> <li>Expand Student &amp; Define Researcher Mobility. Events / fairs and start marketing</li> <li>Collaboration IRE</li> <li>Knowledge exchange in Innovation, Research &amp; Entrepreneurship. Events / workshops</li> <li>Talent Attraction</li> <li>Increase marketing of Student Attraction &amp; Understand Researchers Attraction. Build marketing material based on SI</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Business connection</li> <li>Introduce Internships program and research collaboration</li> <li>Talent Mobility</li> <li>Expand Student &amp; Researcher</li> <li>Mobility. Expand marketing, exchange programs and events / fairs participation</li> <li>Collaboration IRE</li> <li>Knowledge exchange in Innovation, Research &amp; Entrepreneurship. Thematic focused workshops (&gt;5)</li> <li>Talent Attraction</li> <li>Increase activity / fairs of Student Attraction &amp; Build the program for Researchers Attraction.</li> <li>Adapt marketing material based on SI and research community feedback</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Business connection</li> <li>Work closely with industry to create a robust internship program and start with a research program at companies.</li> <li>Talent Mobility</li> <li>Continue to increase opportunities for students and researchers' appearance in both Sweden and the US</li> <li>Collaboration IRE</li> <li>Increase "soft-landing" support for startups and entrepreneurs. Increase the # of bilateral workshops</li> <li>Talent Attraction</li> <li>Continue being visible at fairs and launch a digital marketing campaign focus on talent attraction.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Business connection</li> <li>Continue to work closely with industry creating opportunities for internships and a research programs at companies.</li> <li>Talent Mobility</li> <li>Be creative in facilitating and develop market driven exchange programs in both Sweden and the US.</li> <li>Collaboration IRE</li> <li>Establish SIREUS as the de-facto platform for all knowledge-based information and knowledge exchange.</li> <li>Talent Attraction</li> <li>Be creative and aggressive in building programs and activities that can attract the best talents for the future.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Build next phase scenarios</li> <li>Allow time to explore and document different scenarios</li> <li>Documentation is up to date</li> <li>Pending on the next phase, ensure all stakeholders have the up-to- date documentation.</li> <li>Hold a workshop meeting</li> <li>With stakeholders to review the SIREUS journey and plan different options for the next phase.</li> <li>Conclude the reevaluation</li> <li>Ensure that leadership from all stakeholders are part of the decision for next phase.</li> </ul>



	Revenue								
	Act 2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027			
# of SIREUS Members	13	14	14	12	12	12			
Contribution from SIREUS Members	\$258,810	\$280,000	\$280,000	\$264,000	\$264,000	\$264,000			
# of SIREUS Associated Members	0	1	6	8	10	12			
<b>Contribution from Associated Members</b>	\$0	\$10,000	\$60,000	\$96,000	\$120,000	\$144,000			
Cofund from "Government"	\$19,287	\$160,000	\$220,000	\$220,000	\$220,000	\$220,000			
Contribution from Trusts	\$0		\$10,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000			
Conference fee	\$0	\$1,000	\$5,000	\$8,000	\$10,000	\$10,000			
Sponsorship at conferences	\$0	\$5,000	\$10,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000			
Other contribution	\$0								
	\$278,097	\$456,001	\$585,006	\$653,008	\$679,010	\$703,012			

	Expenses							
	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027		
Project resources	\$88,448	\$215,600	\$284,000	\$346,000	\$376,000	\$376,000		
Other resources	\$7,600	\$42,500	\$48,100	\$58,100	\$74,500	\$74,500		
Activity/special program	\$23,063	\$67,500	\$97,500	\$87,500	\$87,500	\$87,500		
SACC membership	\$65,400	\$70,000	\$70,000	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$60,000		
Office, travel and others	\$68,908	\$75,581	\$81,856	\$90,112	\$91,405	\$92,737		
	\$253,419	\$471,181	\$581,456	\$641,712	\$689,405	\$690,737		

	Surplus									
	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027				
Yearly surplus	\$24,678	-\$15,180	\$3,550	\$11,296	-\$10,395	\$12,275				



### **AOB & Next meeting**

- Any other business today
- Topics for next meeting
- Next meeting on April 18<sup>th</sup> @ 15.00 (9am ET)
- 2023
  - January 17<sup>th</sup> @ 15.00 (9am ET)
  - March 7<sup>th</sup> @ 15.00 (9am ET)
  - April 18<sup>th</sup> @ 15.00 (9am ET)
  - May 30<sup>th</sup> @ 15.00 (9am ET)
  - July 18<sup>th</sup> @ 15.00 (9am ET)
  - September 5<sup>th</sup> @ 15.00 (9am ET)
  - October 24<sup>th</sup> @ 15.00 (9am ET)
  - December 5<sup>th</sup> @ 15.00 (9am ET)
- Thank you!

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