

Steering Committee Minutes

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Meeting # 14

Date: January 16th, 2024

Minutes prepared by Christer Bergman – January 16th, 2024

Participants

University	Contact name	Present/Not present
Chalmers University of Technology	Mikael Enelund	Not present
University of Gothenburg	Karolina Catoni	Present
Jönköping University	Nerrolyn Ramstrand	Present
Linköping University	Maria Engelmark	Not present
	<i>Margareta Alfredsson</i>	<i>Present</i>
Linnaeus University	Annett Wolf	Present
	<i>Ann-Charlotte Larsson</i>	<i>Not present</i>
Luleå University of Technology	Jennie Hägg Wilhelmson	Not present
Lund University	Richard Stenelo	Present
Mid Sweden University	Anna Lindahl	Present
Mälardalen University	Damir Isovich	Present
Stockholm University	Tina Larsson	Present
	Åsa Petri	Not present
Uppsala University	Johan Tysk	Present
Partners		
Swedish Embassy	Maria Brogren	Not present
Swedish Institute	Douglas Washburn	Present
KK Stiftelsen	Joakim Appelquist	Present
Chapman University	Niklas Myhr	Present
SACC USA	Christer Bergman	Present

Agenda

1. Welcome
 - Minutes from last meeting
2. Progress Report
 - Events & Activities
3. Decision / Discussion / Information
 - Financial Report
 - Budget 2024
 - SIREUS "2nd half"
4. AOB & Next meeting

Presentation material

During the meeting a ppt presentation was used containing information that was sent out prior to the meeting. The document "SIREUS – Summary after 2 years" was sent out prior to the meeting and was referenced during the meeting.

Minutes

1. Christer opened the meeting by welcoming everyone to the 14th Steering Committee meeting. The minutes from the previous meeting were then briefly reviewed and action items will be covered during the meeting.

2. Progress Report

Events & Activities

- The **Innovation (scouting) Tour to Texas** is planned for February 5th – 9th, 2024. We will visit the universities in San Antonio, Austin, College Station, and Houston. Currently UU, LU, SU, LTU, MDU and MIUN are planning to participate in the trip.
- The **SIREUS ENTREPREURS forum** is being planned for the week of March 18th, 2024, in Colorado. Nicole Forsberg from CU Boulder & SACC CO is our host, and she is working on the agenda for the forum. She is also setting up individual meetings for our visiting Swedish Start-ups. Currently UU, LU, SU, LTU, and LIU are planning to participate at the forum and currently there are 8-10 companies that have planned to participate.
- The **SIREUS CHANCELLORS forum** planned for the week of May13th, 2024, in Stockholm is now cancelled as per a decision during the previous meeting. Christer is preliminary looking in to arranging another event/delegation later during 2024. He will inform the Steering Committee accordingly of any new plans.

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- The first **SIREUS RESEARCH forum** was held on December 11th @ 16:30 CET and had 60 participants. The second SIREUS RESEARCH forum is now being held on January 24th @ 16:30. SIREUS is planning the coming forums continuously and is welcoming any in out and feedback from the group.

Thematic Areas

Christer informed the group that he received a lot of positive feedback on the implementation of the thematic areas and links. He thanked all SIREUS Member universities providing relevant links. He has reached out to the Affiliated University Members and offered them the possibility to add links as well.

Individual University Plans

Christer informed that the university specific plans have been implemented in the archive on the website. Each university specific plan can only be accessed by that university's members.

3. SIREUS Decision / Discussion / Information

Financial Report

Christer presented the financial report for December 2023 (=complete year of 2023) and emphasized that there are no surprises compared with the previous meeting. We had 13 KUSD in cash by year end. He also mentioned that he appreciated that he could send out the 2024 invoices in early January, since the cash is needed.

Budget 2024

As per the previous meeting and in reference to the Stakeholders Group meeting in December, **the Steering Committee had the task of approving the budget proposal for 2024. With a couple of minor changes to the legend of the budget proposal (still some Swedish words in the presentation), the budget proposal was approved unanimously.**

SIREUS "2nd half"

Christer referred to the previous meeting and the formation of the Evaluation Team. The process has started, and the team is in place. There is still a possibility for members of the Steering Committee to participate – please let Christer know if you want to participate. Christer and Margareta presented the process more in detail and the thinking behind it.

Christer asked for feedback on the Evaluation and the role of the participants. **Everyone agreed that this is a good plan, however a couple of comments regarding the number of meetings were brought up. Some of the Evaluation Team also thought there were too many meetings. Christer understood the comment and promised to bring up the topic during the first virtual meeting.**

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Since there were no Other Business for the meeting, Christer thanked the participants for the meeting.

The next steering committee meeting will be held via Teams on March 5th @ 15.00 CET (9 am EST).

Christer reminded us about the dates for the steering committee meetings for the whole of 2024. Invites have been sent out.

- a. ~~January 16th @ 15.00 CET (9 am EST)~~
- b. March 5th @ 15.00 CET (9 am EST)
- c. April 16th @ 15.00 CET (9 am EST)
- d. May 28th @ 15.00 CET (9 am EST)
- e. August 20th @ 15.00 CET (9 am EST)
- f. September 24th @ 15.00 CET (9 am EST)
- g. November 5th @ 15.00 CET (9 am EST)
- h. December 10th @ 15.00 CET (9 am EST)

The meeting calendar is also published on the website (private area).

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