

# Steering Committee Minutes

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Meeting # 15

Date: March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Minutes prepared by Christer Bergman – March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024

## Participants

University	Contact name	Present/Not present
Chalmers University of Technology	Mikael Enelund	Present
University of Gothenburg	Karolina Catoni	Not 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	Not present
Mälardalen University	Damir Isovich	Not present
Stockholm University	Tina Larsson	Not present
	Åsa Petri	Not present
Uppsala University	Johan Tysk	Present
<b>Partners</b>		
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
  - SIREUS 2.0 Evaluation
4. AOB & Next meeting

## Presentation material

During the meeting a ppt presentation was used containing information that was sent out prior to the meeting. A financial update from February was added to the presentation.

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1. Christer opened the meeting by welcoming everyone to the 15<sup>th</sup> 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** took place on February 5<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024. We visited the universities in San Antonio, Austin, College Station, and Houston. UU, LU, SU, LTU, MDU and MIUN participated in the trip. Maria Brogren from the Embassy also participated. The topic was “deep tech to start up” or as UT Austin describes it “Discovery to Impact”. The conclusion was that it was a well-arranged tour and a lot of good information about the innovation systems in Texas was received. Many new contacts were established.
- The **SIREUS ENTREPREURS forum** is being planned for the week of March 18<sup>th</sup>, 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, MDU and LIU are planning to participate at the forum and currently there are 6 companies that have planned to participate.
- The first **SIREUS RESEARCH forum** was held on December 11<sup>th</sup> @ 16:30 CET and had 60 participants, the second SIREUS RESEARCH forum was held on January 24<sup>th</sup> @ 16:30 and had 48 participants and the third was held on March 4<sup>th</sup> @ 16:30 and had 56 participants. SIREUS is planning the coming forums continuously and is welcoming any input and feedback from the group.

### **Thematic Areas**

Christer mentioned to the group that he received a lot of positive feedback on the implementation of the thematic areas and links. Especially he mentioned that several government (Swedish) organizations as well as leaders from the research community emphasized that this is the kind of initiative that has been missing before. He thanked all SIREUS Member universities for providing relevant links.

### **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, and he encouraged everyone to check it out and report if there is anything missing or misrepresented about the individual university.

## **3. SIREUS Decision / Discussion / Information**

### **Financial Report**

Christer presented the financial report for (January and) February 2024 and emphasized that there are no surprises compared with the budget. He also thanked all the members for the fast expediting of the annual SIREUS invoice and hence the A/R is very low.

### **SIREUS 2.0 Evaluation**

Christer referred to the previous meeting and the formation of the Evaluation Team. The process has started, and the team is in place. The team had the in-person meeting @ SU on February 28<sup>th</sup> and are working on the recommendation to the Steering Committee which is due before April 16<sup>th</sup> as per schedule.

Questions regarding feedback about SIREUS after 2 years were.

1. What has been good/valuable about SIREUS?
2. What has not been as good/not as valuable?
3. What has been missing?
4. Do we need to change anything now?

After a summary of the feedback, the in-person meeting focused on recommendations going forward (after February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025). The Evaluation team is scheduled for two virtual meetings where an agreed upon conclusion about the feedback and the recommendation is being finalized. The Evaluation team is committed to send the recommendation to the Steering Committee after the virtual meeting on April 9<sup>th</sup>.

Christer again thanked Margareta Alfredsson for the help in the process and for the cooperation in keeping the team focused and documenting the opinions and recommendations.

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### 4. AOB & Next meeting

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 April 16<sup>th</sup> @ 15.00 CET (9 am EST).** The main topic of that meeting is to discuss the Evaluation Teams recommendation for SIRUES 2.0

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

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

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

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