

Notes from SIREUS Steering Committee Meeting, April 26, 2022

The following materials were distributed prior to the meeting:

- SIREUS Presentation Steering Committee 04262022 (PowerPoint)
- Project Plan Description 04202022
- Project Plan 0420202

Attendees

Chalmers	Mikael Enelund
Univ. of Gothenburg	Hans Abelius
Jönköping University	-
Karolinska Institute	Mia Bjerke
KTH	Christina Murray
Linköping University	Maria Engelmark, Margareta Alfredson
Linnaeus University	Ann-Charlotte Larsson, Ingela Ågren
Luleå Univ. of Technology	Jennie Hägg Wilhelmson
Lund University	Maria Lindblad
Mälardalen University	Damir Isovich
Uppsala University	Philipp Baur, Erika Dabhilkar, Gustaf Cars
Embassy of Sweden	Maria Brogren
Swedish Institute	Malin Wilson
Chapman University	Niklas Myhr (by invitation of the Program Director)
SACC-USA	Christer Bergman
SACC-USA	Johan Marcus
SACC-USA	Karin Hammar
SACC-USA	Cecilia Kullman

Opening of Meeting

Christer Bergman opened the meeting and presented the agenda;

- Welcome
- Progress Report
 - Project Update
 - Project Organization
 - New Governance Model
 - Financial Report
- Complementary Funding
 - Government funding update
 - Trust & Foundation funding
- Calendar 2022
- AOB

Each university has one representative on the SIREUS Steering Committee. At today's meeting, some universities had more than one representative attending as some universities have been changing representatives. Going forward, the designated Steering Committee representative will represent the university at these meetings.

Progress Report

In Christer Bergman's project progress report, he noted that the progress is measured against the approved Project Plan and the only entity that can change the SIREUS Project Plan is the Steering Committee.

All documents have been translated into English. SACC-USA has held a SIREUS webinar with the 19 regional chambers to start the mapping actions as per the Project Plan. Pinevision AB+Inc. has been engaged for the web design. We welcome help with website content. The planned information portal will have three levels; one public, one accessible only to SIREUS members, and one accessible only to each individual university.

Niklas Myhr of Chapman University, aka the Social Media Professor, introduced himself and offered to advise and assist SIREUS with the social media strategy.

The current SIREUS logotype was shown along with an alternative one created by the web design team. Feedback on the choice of SIREUS logo is welcome.

New Governance Model

A contact database with university contacts for all SIREUS positions has been created. The new Governance Model and Organization is now included in the document titled ***Project Plan 04202022***.

Christer Bergman will lead the implementation of Working Groups, which is next on the agenda. We will start with four working groups, one for each of the four goals stated in the SIREUS project plan. If the four working groups need to be adjusted, such adjustments will be made, following a formal decision by the SIREUS Steering Committee.

SIREUS Project Organization

Christer Bergman, Cecilia Kullman and Johan Marcus work part time for SIREUS. Christer as the Program Director, Cecilia as a Project Leader and Johan is operating in Sweden (mainly with the government funding). Karin Hammar has overall oversight as SACC-USA Executive Director and she and her staff are supporting different SIREUS activities. Vera Edwall and Märta Perhag are the current interns assisting part-time with the SIREUS project. Louise Murphy, JU, will start full-time in early June. Hanna Bergman, GU, and Louise Andersson, LU, will start full-time in mid-July.

SIREUS Financial Report

Christer Bergman presented how the financial reporting will be carried out going forward. SIREUS is a separate project within SACC-USA, with separate financial reporting and separate bank account.

A comment came up during the meeting that many universities in the project have difficulties accepting invoices sent via pdf. Preferably, invoices should be submitted via PEPPOL.

Complementary Funding

There is no available funding through the Swedish government for 2022. The SIREUS project aims to be included in funding budgets for 2023 and 2024.

SIREUS also pursues funding through various foundations and private trusts. A meeting is planned with Vinnova. We are in discussion with KK Stiftelsen. SSF and STINT cannot support the SIREUS project directly, however, individual universities/researchers/projects (or SIREUS working groups) may seek funding. We have initiated communication with the Wallenberg Foundation.

Preliminary 2022 meeting calendar

The following dates are preliminary. Outlook invitations will be sent out once feedback has been received from the universities.

Steering Committee

- April 26 @ 15:00 (9:00 am ET)
- June 21 @ 15:00 (9:00 am ET)
- August 16 @ 15:00 (9:00 am ET)
- October 18 @ 15:00 (9:00 am ET)
- November 29 @ 15:00 (9:00 am ET)

Stakeholders Group (Rektorsmöte)

- August 30 @ 15:00 (9:00 am ET)
- December 6 @ 15:00 (9:00 am ET)

Feedback after the meeting has been received and the August 16th meeting will be changed to August 23rd.

Action Items

Steering Committee members were asked to provide the following feedback to Christer Bergman: Input on the SIREUS logo, content for the SIREUS website, and Confirmation of the calendar dates for both Steering Committee and Stakeholders' Group.

Notes taken by Cecilia Kullman