

Working Group Minutes

October 2022

Working Group 1 Business

Meeting # 3

Date: October 3rd, 2022*Minutes prepared by Christer Bergman – October 4th, 2022*

Participants

University	Contact name	Present/Not present
Chalmers University of Technology	Jörgen Sjöberg	Present
University of Gothenburg	Lena Pedersen	Present
Jönköping University	No representation	
Karolinska Institute	Richard Cowburn	Present
KTH Royal Institute of Technology	Christina Murray	Not present
Linköping University	No representation	
Linnaeus University	Torbjörn Håkansson	Not present
Luleå University of Technology	Maria Vyatkina	Present
Lund University	Lisa Thelin	Not present
Mid Sweden University	Anna Lindahl	Present
Mälardalen University	Daniel Boqvist Mikael Hjorth	Not present Present
Uppsala University	Cecilia Nilsson	Not present
Partners		
Swedish Embassy	Maria Brogren	Not present
Swedish Institute	Lisa Truedsson	Not present
SACC USA - SIREUS	Christer Bergman	Present & Group Leader

Agenda

1. Welcome
 - a. Update on WG participants
 - b. Review of minutes from last meeting
2. Update on SIREUS progress and other WG
3. Working Group leadership
4. Discuss the project plan & what is important
5. Next meetings

Presentation material

During the meeting a ppt presentation was used containing information that was sent out prior to the meeting. This ppt presentation will be archived on the SIREUS website alongside the minutes.

Minutes

1. After a brief introduction of new members, the minutes from previous meeting was reviewed.
2. Christer briefed the participants about the SIREUS progress and what is going on in the other working groups. Most notable is that the other working groups have started with some practical planning for events and mapping of student exchange agreements. Next phase will be looking towards research and desired areas of collaboration with American universities.
3. Working group leadership was not discussed, more than Christer mentioned that Ingela Åberg, LNU is group leader for WG2 and Lina Solander, UU is group leader WG4.
4. The group then had an open conversation about focus for the WG and what is important. Below are comments/ideas/questions that capture the conversation.
 - a. Richard (KI) was asking about more specific information about the Life Science event at the Embassy in early December. **Christer will reach out to Maria Brogren.**
 - b. Maria (LTU) reiterated that their interests are in getting cooperation partners in research, internship, and thesis (exjobb). One of their prioritized areas are space science. She also asked if we could investigate different type of **industry fairs** where we could participate to learn and get information about trends.
 - c. Anna (MiUN) mentioned that they are interested in cooperations that also include “Commercialization” in the US. She also asked to get a **status report on the government-to-government MOU** that has been mentioned for quite some time. She also mentioned that it would interesting to understand how cooperation can be created, e.g. Triple Helix projects.
 - d. Jörgen (Chalmers) emphasized that cooperations with companies for research is high on their agenda. He certainly recognizes that **we need to focus on a couple of areas** that is interesting for us in Sweden and were we can contribute to advanced research. He also mentioned that internships should preferable be in both Sweden and in the US.
 - e. Mikael (MDU) agreed about focus, and he also **showed a map** that hey have created for “Electrification” (maybe one focus could be Green Transition).
 - f. Richard again emphasized that SIREUS ought to reach out to UIDP to see if a cooperation can be created. He also reiterated that **focus on cancer research** (“Biden’s Moonshot”) is very high on the KI agenda.
 - g. The group agreed that we need to find interest areas that we should concentrate on; AI, Life Science, Green Transition ... **During next meeting we ought to be able to agree on a couple of areas that are of interest to all universities.** Mikael emphasized that although we are talking about e.g. AI – It does not mean that we only think about technical aspects. There are many aspects on the implementation that would be affected.
 - h. Lena (GU) emphasized that **internships is very important** for GU. She agreed that AI and other “technical” focused areas includes many sciences and topic also suited for GU. She did mention that one of the interest areas for GU is Marine Science.

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- i. The group agreed that we need to do a **mapping of where we are and where we want to focus**. What companies (type of companies) would we like to target. Anna suggested that we use a **matrix** like the one WG2 has been using.
 - j. Maria emphasized that SIREUS also need to think about how to **finance travels for internship and research exchange**. Christer mentioned that we do have contact with STINT and will continue explore opportunities for scholarships and external funds.
5. Next scheduled meeting is on November 22nd @ 13.00. Christer presented a meeting calendar for 2023 (see the presentation). All the dates seemed to be working. After the meeting WG2 had a comment on the meetings in June and August – therefore the new proposal is as follows.
- a. January 24th @ 13.00 CET (7 am EST)
 - b. March 21st @ 13.00 CET (7 am EST)
 - c. May 9th @ 13.00 CET (7 am EST)
 - d. ~~June 20th @ 13.00 CET (7 am EST)~~
 - e. June 13th @ 13.00 CET (7 am EST)
 - f. ~~August 15th @ 13.00 CET (7 am EST)~~
 - g. August 22nd @ 13.00 CET (7 am EST)
 - h. October 3rd @ 13.00 CET (7 am EST)
 - i. November 28th @ 13.00 CET (7 am EST)

The group agreed and Christer will invite to all the meetings. The meeting calendar will also be published on the website (private area).

No other topics was discussed, and Christer thanked the members for the meeting.

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