

# Working Group Minutes

November 2022

Working Group 2 University

Meeting # 4

Date: November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2022*Minutes prepared by Christer Bergman – December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022*

## Participants

University	Contact name	Present/Not present
Chalmers University of Technology	Andreas Eriksson	Present
University of Gothenburg	Mikaela Green	Present
Jönköping University	Mudar Hill	Present
Karolinska Institute	Mia Bjerke	Present
KTH Royal Institute of Technology	Ronald T Nordqvist	Present
Linköping University	Caroline Sturesson	Present
Linnaeus University	Ingela Åberg	Present & Group Leader
Luleå University of Technology	Maria Vyatkina	Not present
Lund University	Pouneh Eftekhari	Present
Mid Sweden University	Anna Lindahl	Present
Mälardalen University	Pablo Camacho Sanhueza	Not present
Stockholm University	Niklas Tranaeus	Present
Uppsala University	Philipp Baur	Present
<b>Partners</b>		
Swedish Embassy	Maria Brogren	Present (part of meeting)
Swedish Institute	Lisa Truedsson	Not present
SIREUS Trainees	Hanna Bergman Louise Murphy	Not present Present
SACC USA - SIREUS	Christer Bergman	Present

## Agenda

1. Welcome
  - a. Update on WG participants
  - b. Review of minutes from last meeting
2. Report from subgroups
  - a. Internships
  - b. Short term activities
  - c. Virtual exchange

- d. Ambassadors
3. What works!
4. Any update on subgoals/activities
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. Ingela opened the meeting and welcomed everyone, especially Niklas Tranaeus from Stockholm University who also have joined the SIREUS program. After a brief introduction, the minutes from previous meeting was reviewed. Ingela mentioned that since Stockholm University is now a member, we need to update the exchange programs mapping to also include SU, she also mentioned that she will send out minutes from the in-person meeting @ KTH separately.
2. Ingela asked the subgroups to report on the progress. (*Minutes below are translation from email received from group leaders*)
  - a. **Internships.** Mia, KI reported back from the work.
    - Plan to do pilot projects.**
      - i. Discussion has been had about access to projects, needs, elective semesters, credit transfer of courses, housing situation, etc.
    - Problems: Visa and accommodation.**
      - ii. Different conditions at different universities; GU has an internship semester, KI has no gap in the program for internships, the only possibility is when x-jobs.
      - iii. Mikaela/GU has reached out to the IT faculty at GU who would like to collaborate on a pilot project via one of their programs (e.g. Master in Communication or Software Engineering and Management). Contacts are in the business world and GU has reached out to SACC Carolina, where GU also has a couple of exchange partners, which could be suitable.
      - iv. KI wants internships in connection with the international master's programs (Public health, Global Health, etc.). Mia will meet with the program directors of the global programs (next time 24/11) to raise interest and talk about feasible. (Additionally: great interest is! More info at the next meeting)
- b. **Short term activities.** Ronald, KTH reported back from the work.
  - What Short Term Activities May Be Relevant**
    - i. Summer school – subjects general vs niche
    - ii. Winter school
    - iii. Forskarskola – digital or physical
    - iv. Staff exchange/partner days related to EAIE 2025
    - v. Delegation with teachers and students – within existing agreements – we are responsible for premises, they have their own course / teaching
    - vi. Blended Intensive Program - One week in the US, one week in Sweden – the rest onlineAll of the above are ideas. Then, of course, each higher education institution will see if they can dedicate people to these activities.
  - Challenges**
    - vii. Many activities can't be offered only to U.S. students
    - viii. Residencies during the summer

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- ix. Getting staff to work during the summer

### **Good examples!**

- x. That we map out our good examples so that one higher education institution can be inspired by what others do.

### **Mapping**

- xi. We would like to map within our group what possible joint partners we have. Then we may be able to offer short term activities at several universities (in Sweden).
- c. **Virtual Exchange.** Philipp Baur reported back and emphasized that the group will start early next year. He did mention that several American universities uses the COIL (Collaborative Online International Learning) approach to collaborate. Ingela also mentioned that ISEP have a subgroup looking into the virtual exchange programs.
  - d. **Ambassadors.** Ingela briefly mentioned that the work has not started yet, but invited to a first teams meeting between Ingela, Maria Brogren and Christer. There will be a report during our next WG meeting in order to have a “base line” before we start the subgroup work.
- 3. **What works!** This was another interesting topic that was brought up at the in-person meeting. For this meeting, we did not have any participant presenting. We did agree that this would be a desirable part of “lessons learned” and sharing experiences, so we will try to have a specific topic for the next WG meetings.
  - 4. **Any update on subgoals/activities.** The update was not discussed at this meeting; however, Christer mentioned the complete project plan and activities can be found in the SIREUS archive on the website. He also mentioned that we as a WG need to revise the project plan according to our desired direction and activities.
  - 5. Next scheduled meeting is on January 24th @ 15.00 CET. Christer presented the revised meeting calendar for 2023 (see the presentation) and will send out invites for 2023 as follows,
    - a. January 24<sup>th</sup> @ 15.00 CET (9 am EST)
    - b. March 21<sup>st</sup> @ 15.00 CET (9 am EST)
    - c. May 9<sup>th</sup> @ 15.00 CET (9 am EST)
    - d. June 13<sup>th</sup> @ 15.00 CET (9 am EST)
    - e. August 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 15.00 CET (9 am EST)
    - f. October 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 15.00 CET (9 am EST)
    - g. November 28<sup>th</sup> @ 15.00 CET (9 am EST)The meeting calendar will also be published on the website (private area).

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

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