

Working Group Minutes

Working Group 2 University

Meeting # 6

Date: March 21st, 2023

Minutes prepared by Christer Bergman – March 31st, 2023

Participants

University	Contact name	Present/Not present
Chalmers University of Technology	Andreas Eriksson	Present
University of Gothenburg	Mikaela Green	Not present
Jönköping University	Mudar Hill	Not present
Karolinska Institute	Lise-Lott Vedin	Present
KTH Royal Institute of Technology	Ronald T Nordqvist	Present
Linköping University	Caroline Sturesson	Present
Linnaeus University	Ingela Åberg	Not present & Group Leader
Luleå University of Technology	Maria Vyatkina	Present
Lund University	Alice Kjellson	Present
Mid Sweden University	Anna Lindahl	Present
	Maria Fredlund	Present
Mälardalen University	Monica Odlare	Present
Stockholm University	Niklas Tranaeus	Present
Uppsala University	Elizabeth Blum	Not present
	Christopher McMahon	Present
Partners		
Swedish Embassy	Maria Brogren	Present (partly)
Consulate General of Sweden, NYC	Maja Lodding	Present (Guest)
Swedish Institute	Lisa Truedsson	Not present
SIREUS Trainees	Louise Murphy	Present
	Tilda Thordmark	Present
SACC USA - SIREUS	Christer Bergman	Present

Agenda

1. Welcome
 - a. Update on WG participants
 - b. Review of minutes from last meeting
 - c. Update on SIREUS progress
2. NAFSA activity (together w/ WG4)
3. Review of project plan
4. Report from subgroups
 - a. Internships
 - b. Short term activities
 - c. Virtual exchange
 - d. Ambassadors
5. Target American University
6. Next meetings

Presentation material

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

Minutes

1. a) Christer opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. He explained that Ingela could not make the meeting due to family matter. Particularly he welcomed Lise-Lott Vedin from KI, who is new to WG2 and replacing Mia Bjerke. He also welcomed Monica Odlare, MDU who is new to WG2 and replaces Pablo. Furthermore Maria Fredlund, MiU and Christopher McMahon, UU attended this meeting (since NAFSA was on the agenda) and then he welcomed Maja Lodding, the General Consulate of Sweden, NYC, The General Consulate of Sweden is a complementary organization to the Swedish Embassy in the NYC and New England area and has shown interest to support SIREUS in their area.
b) The minutes from previous meeting was reviewed. An adjustment was made to the minutes. It said wrongly "LIN and LiU have had summer school in the past and certainly will have in the future" – it should have been "There was a conversation about potentially arranging joint Summer Schools".
c) Christer then informed the group about the overall progress of SIREUS and the other working groups. He mentioned the successful SIREUS ENTREPREURS forum in Denver & Boulder, Colorado that was held mid-February. 8 Swedish Start-Ups from UU, LU and SU. In total 20 attendees from Sweden participated in the event from UU, LU, SU and LiU. Furthermore, he mentioned about the SIREUS CHANCELLORS forum that was held in Washington, DC and House of Sweden with in total 65 attendees. Representatives from 11 Swedish and 14 American universities participated in this inaugural bilateral Leadership forum.
2. Christer informed the group about the upcoming NAFSA event and reported from the planning group consisting of WG2 and WG4 members. The event will be a "mingle event" on May 31st between 7 – 9 pm at House of Sweden. The decision is that each SIREUS member would have 15 tickets and the affiliated universities will have 5 tickets. A document has been sent out where each university report their list and

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then on March 31st, SIREUS will send out the invitation letter to everyone on the list with a link to register for the event in Eventbrite. Since some of the universities would like to use their ticket for some student (must be older than 21 yrs.) and they are not announced yet, we will do a 2nd invitation to the event during the week after Eastern. SIREUS will make sure that there is no “double invitation” to the guests. We will have a follow up meeting with the planning group on April 11th and then send out some information to everyone.

3. Christer presented a first attempt for a review of the Project Plan and encouraged the group members to review in detail the revised Project Plan (can be found on the SIREUS website – Published Documents) and send in feedback.
4. Since Ingela was not in the meeting and there have been some changes of members, below is a very brief summary of where we are;
 - a. **Internships.** Mikaela was not in the meeting and Mia has handed over to Lise-Lott. There was not too much to report. However, Lise-Lott reported that KI is doing a mapping of internships.
 - b. **Short term activities.** Ronald, KTH reported back from the work.
 - i. Mapping of the short-term programs has started. Louise mentioned that not all universities have sent in information, but they are working on the project.
 - ii. Brainstorming on possible activities has been done.Caroline (LiU) asked about how the affiliated universities could be involved in the project.
 - c. **Virtual Exchange.** Since Philipp Baur now have been replaced with Elizabeth (who did not attend the meeting) and Pouneh is replaced by Alice, we probably need to reevaluate the subgroup and what we want to achieve.
 - d. **Ambassadors.** Ingela, Maria Brogren and Christer have had an initial meeting, but did conclude that the work on Ambassadors probably should be delayed until we better could define the “Ambassadors” and what we need.
5. **Target American Universities.** Christer asked for help in defining what universities the SIREUS members would like to have an active exchange with and encouraged everyone to communicate this to him. SIREUS will then with the help of SACC regional Chambers do our utmost to reach out to those universities. A question came regarding affiliated universities and what they could offer. SIREUS will try to work on that topic as the project matures. It probably will be a combination of what SIREUS members and affiliated universities desire.
6. **Update on project plan.** 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.
7. Next scheduled meeting is on May 9th @ 15.00 CET. Christer presented the meeting calendar for the rest of 2023 and have sent out invites for 2023 as follows,
 - a. May 9th @ 15.00 CET (9 am EST)

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- b. June 13th @ 15.00 CET (9 am EST)
- c. August 22nd @ 15.00 CET (9 am EST)
- d. October 3rd @ 15.00 CET (9 am EST)
- e. November 28th @ 15.00 CET (9 am EST)

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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