

Working Group Minutes

June 2022

Working Group 3 Innovation

Meeting # 1

Date: June 16th, 2022*Minutes prepared by Christer Bergman – June 20th, 2022*

Participants

University	Contact name	Present/Not present
Chalmers University of Technology	No representation	
University of Gothenburg	Jonas Rimbäck	Present
Jönköping University	Nerrolyn Ramstrand	Present
Karolinska Institute	Mia Bjerke	Present
KTH Royal Institute of Technology	Siimon Vaske	Not present
Linköping University	Åsa Wallin	Present
Linnaeus University	Johan Höglund	Present
Luleå University of Technology	Jennie Hägg Wilhelmson	Present
Lund University	Niclas Nilsson	Present
Mid Sweden University	Sandra Olofsson	Not present
Mälardalen University	Christer Nygren Radu Dobrin	Not present Not present
Uppsala University	Malin Graffner Nordberg	Present
Partners		
Swedish Embassy	Maria Brogren	Present (Jenny M)
Swedish Institute	Lisa Truedsson	Not present
SACC USA	Christer Bergman	Present & Group Leader

Agenda

1. Introduction of all participants
2. Review of our task
3. Review of the proposed goals, subgoals and activities
- (4. Proposal for change of some goals, subgoals and/or activities)
- (5. Working Group leadership)
6. Timeline and meeting frequencies
7. AOB

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 sent out alongside the minutes.

Minutes

1. The group made a brief introduction and most of the participants knew each other since before due to other affiliations and similar positions at the universities. Jönköping University, Karolinska Institute and Luleå University of Technology have not selected a participant yet, but Nerrolyn, Mia and Jennie were there as interim participants, and they will select other participants very soon.
2. The group briefly reviewed the task for the working group and concluded that it is a very straight forward and simple task, but the instructions for the working groups are very open and need to be created and built during the project. We also emphasized that the working groups should be ready to propose changes to the task and goals/subgoals/activities during the project.
A fundamental question regarding the overall goals for SIREUS was raised and Christer answered with a more detailed explanation about the background, the process for creating the SIREUS project and the goals that are being set. The whole group cautioned for the broad scope of the goal for this working group, and we all agreed that we need to focus our efforts towards the areas that is of most interest for the Swedish universities. There was also a comment about “US” is normally very good in explaining real needs and we (Swedish universities) also must be prepared to decide and communicate our needs. A question regarding the PULL from US and what are the interests from universities and the business community in the US. Christer made some comments on conversation that he and others from SACC have had with both universities and business communities, but we need to be observant on this aspect (since the project will most likely not be successful if we only rely on PUSH and what we want). The activity 3.1.1 “Map and communicate the existing research collaborations at the universities” is also broad and needs to be done early in the process and not wait until next year, as per the proposed plan. We should also be observant of needs from individual universities and from the combined group – it’s a balance. A comment regarding contact and potential funding from trusts, e.g., STINT should also be complemented with scholarship organizations such as Fulbright and others.
3. The proposed goals/subgoals and activities (that is part of the project plan and that was distributed prior to the meeting) was reviewed and the decision was that each participant will review the information during the next two weeks and send to Christer. He will then summarize the feedback and make a proposal for a revised plan before the next meeting. The group will then recommend an updated plan for the group - major changes must be decided by the Steering Committee. ***[Action: Each participant sends in feedback to Christer before Mid-July]***
4. This topic was referred to as per above (3).
5. Christer proposed that he would continue to be the group leader for the next meeting (meetings), but the preferred group leader would come from a group participant since the topic is very familiar and current for them. Christer emphasized that SIREUS project resources will continue to be involved, be responsible for administration and execution of the activities. He asked the participants to let him know if any participant would like to be the group leader and/or if any would like to propose another participant for the role. Christer will then reach out and discuss the possibility, the role and how this would work. ***[Action: Interested in being the group leader, let Christer know asap]***
6. Christer proposed the next two meetings to be on July 26th and September 5th. It was concluded that these dates would not work due to summer vacation, and Christer asked for input to the dates from the participants. **The new dates are Thursday August 18th @ 13.00 and Tuesday October 4th @ 15.00.** Christer will invite to those meetings.

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