

Working Group Minutes

Working Group 3 Innovation

Meeting # 7

Date: May 11th, 2023

Minutes prepared by Christer Bergman – May 11th, 2023

Participants

University	Contact name	Present/Not present
Chalmers University of Technology	Tomas Faxheden	Not present
University of Gothenburg	Jonas Rimbäck	Not present
Jönköping University	No representation	
Karolinska Institute	Mia Bjerke	Not present
KTH Royal Institute of Technology	Siimon Vaske	Not present
Linköping University	Åsa Wallin	Present
Linnaeus University	Johan Höglund	Present
Luleå University of Technology	Marita Holst	Not present
Lund University	Niclas Nilsson	Present
Mid Sweden University	Sten Wigert	Present
Mälardalen University	Christer Nygren	Not present
	Radu Dobrin	Not present
Stockholm University	Maryam Hansson Edalat	Present
Uppsala University	Malin Graffner Nordberg	Not present/Present
Partners		
Swedish Embassy	Maria Brogren	Not present
	Jenny Majidyar	Present
Swedish Institute	Lisa Truedsson	Not present
SACC Trainees	Anton Bornlid	Present
SACC USA	Christer Bergman	Present & Group Leader

Agenda

1. Welcome
 - a. Update on WG participants
 - b. Review of minutes from last meeting (SACC USA presentation)
 - c. Update on SIREUS progress

2. Review of SIREUS ENTREPRENEURS forum
 - a. Make Denver Annually! Focus area?

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- b. Any other destination / topic / time
3. Review of project plan
 - a. Updated Goals & Activities can be found on SIREUS Member area under “Goals & Activities”
 - b. Feedback from the group about the Project Plan
4. SIREUS Research or Innovation forum
 - a. Topics, frequencies, audience
 - b. Tech Transfer – Proposal from Nicole. 8 sessions, very comprehensive. INTERESTING!
 - c. Guest lectures? A handful of professors we can activate.
5. 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 noted that several participants could not participate today. Malin joined after the meeting and was briefed on the conversation.
 - b) The minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed. He also mentioned that the SACC USA is now available on the SIREUS website – member area.
 - c) Christer then informed the group about the overall progress of SIREUS and the other working groups. He mentioned the continues work with affiliated universities, the Vinnova application (unfortunately not granted) and the upcoming delegation to Sweden by UTSA and the SIREUS MEMBERS forum on May 31st. He also showed the preliminary implementation of Thematic Areas on the website. The plan is to go live with the Thematic Areas at the end of next week – we have been working closely with WG 1 for the areas, definition and links displayed at the site. **Niclas asked us to include Advanced Therapy and Medical Products (ATMP) in the focus areas.**
2. **Review of SIREUS ENTREPRENEURS forum.**
 - a) The group agreed during the last meeting that Destination Start-Up in Denver and CU Boulder is a well proven concept, and it would be advisable to do it next year as well. Christer has talked with Nicole Forsberg, and she is working to get the SIREUS companies to be part of the program. The group talked about what thematic area do we think would be best for us. The conclusion was that we need to be flexible and that **we should start a smaller planning group with participants that were present at the ENTREPRENEURS forum earlier this year.** This group will talk about focus areas, create material that can be used to attract companies to the event and for the actual planning. The group should be formed before the summer to have time to find companies and prepare for the event in February 2024.
 - b) During the last meeting the group discussed whether we should decide on a thematic area to focus on and then find the right venue or explore different venues and have them present the focused areas. **SIREUS will continue exploring different venues and present to the group “what is available and possible”.** The group agreed that we should not try to mirror the Destination Startup experience, we should rather try to find a new concept.

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3. Christer presented an updated version of the goals & activities of the project plan. He encourages everyone to review the document as it is readily available (on the website – members area). **The plan is that on May 15th we will conclude the process for input for this time and the plan will be presented to the Steering Committee on May 30th. All input can be provided direct to Christer for consolidation.**

4. **SIREUS Research or Innovation forum.** Christer presented that things are coming along and wanted to discuss with the group how we could create a “virtual channel” for researchers and innovators. What are interesting topics and how would be build an audience.
 - Maryam mentioned that it could be both a researchers and innovators forum. She also mentioned that Mobility is a very interesting topic for researchers, including practical advice for temporary relocating for a position.
 - The group also mentioned that research funding is the top question for most researchers.
 - Another practical topic is to define the different levels of positions in the career – what does it mean in the US vs Sweden.
 - Åsa mentioned that an area that is very interesting is Quantum Technology and Methods. She also mentioned that there is a Quant event in Washington DC being planned for the end of September – more information will be distributed once available.
 - Christer has been speaking with Nicole Forsberg and she has a very intriguing and interesting proposal that he will continue to explore and finetune around Tech Transfer and other relevant topics.
 - Christer also mentioned that he has gotten proposals from different professors / well known profiles to participate in the SIREUS forum. Research, guest lectures...

5. Next scheduled meeting is on June 15th @ 15.00 CET. Christer presented the meeting calendar for the rest of 2023 and have sent out invites for 2023 as follows,
 - a) June 15th @ 15.00 CET (9 am EST)
 - b) August 24th @ 15.00 CET (9 am EST)
 - c) October 5th @ 15.00 CET (9 am EST)
 - d) November 30th @ 15.00 CET (9 am EST)The meeting calendar will also be published on the website (private area).

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

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