

Working Group Minutes

June 2022

Working Group 4 Sweden

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	Linda Millsvik	Present (Cecilia H)
University of Gothenburg	John Molander	Present
Jönköping University	Eric Freid	Present (Nerrolyn)
Karolinska Institute	Johanna Gasslander	Not present
KTH Royal Institute of Technology	Åsa Andersson	Present
Linköping University	Therese Winder	Present
Linnaeus University	Stefan Haglund	Present
Luleå University of Technology	Jennie Hägg Wilhelmson	Present
Lund University	Maria Lindblad	Present
Mid Sweden University	Ellen Horbach	Present
Mälardalen University	Johanna Forsström	Present
	Niclas Johansson	Not present
Uppsala University	Lina Solander	Present
Partners		
Swedish Embassy	Jenny Majidyar	Present
Swedish Institute	Lisa Truedsson	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 and Luleå University of Technology have not selected a participant yet, but Nerrolyn 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 goal for this working group was brought up; the goal is for both students and researchers. Most of the participants are responsible for international student exchange and recruitment. Most participants agreed that exchange of researchers is handled differently, and recruitment of researchers and staffs are handled via the HR department. Hence focus for this working group will be from a student point of view. A follow up question was do we want the students/researcher to go back after graduating or do we want them to stay? Another very important topic when it comes to the goal; "Do we want increase talent mobility as a whole or do we want to have "paying students/researchers?" One university explained that 80% of their undergraduates from the US are non-paying students (most are EU citizens and therefore not required to pay tuition). Conclusion from the group was that we need to define early on what our goal is and then start activities accordingly. We also discussed the need for SIREUS to help reach other groups (that the university does not reach today). How do we get financing for the exchange and for the added cost during the exchange? We also need to be good in dispersing information and marketing of the opportunities within the SIREUS framework.
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 @ 15.00 and Thursday September 29th @ 15.00.** Christer will invite to those meetings.

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