

Working Group Minutes

October 2022

Working Group 4 Sweden

Meeting # 3

Date: October 4th, 2022*Minutes prepared by Christer Bergman – October 4th, 2022*

Participants

University	Contact name	Present/Not present
Chalmers University of Technology	Linda Millsvik	Present
University of Gothenburg	John Molander	Not present
	Martina Sjövind	Present
Jönköping University	Eric Freid	Present
Karolinska Institute	Johanna Gasslander	Present
KTH Royal Institute of Technology	Åsa Andersson	Present
Linköping University	Therese Winder	Present
Linnaeus University	Stefan Haglund	Present
Luleå University of Technology	Robert Omberg	Present
Lund University	Maria Lindblad	Present
Mid Sweden University	Ellen Horbach	Present
Mälardalen University	Johanna Forsström	Not present
	Niclas Johansson	Present
Uppsala University	Lina Solander	Present & Group Leader
Partners		
Swedish Embassy	Jenny Majidyar	Present
Swedish Institute	Lisa Truedsson	Not present
SIREUS Trainees	Louise Andersson	Present
SACC USA	Christer Bergman	Present

Agenda

1. Welcome
 - a. Update on WG participants
 - b. Review of minutes from last meeting
2. Study in Sweden, November 1st, House of Sweden, Washington DC
3. Review of project plan
4. "Top 5 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. After a brief introduction of new members, the minutes from previous meeting was reviewed.
2. Lina presented the agenda for the meeting and emphasized that the main topic for the meeting was to agree on the proposed event “Study in Sweden” November 1st @ House of Sweden, Washington DC. Lina presented the work from the project group and Louise showed some graphic that is being used for the event. Everybody agreed about the project and looked forward to meeting in DC in a couple of weeks. There were three topics that needed to be discussed,
 - a. **Printed material** / Study in Sweden brochures. The group agreed that we should NOT print a lot of high-end brochures, we should rather do a “post card” like material with QR code to hand out. We also ought to do some nice roll-ups for the event. Louise was tasked to create a “post-card” and roll ups.
 - b. **Beverage** for the event. The group agreed that since the target group would partly be minor (under 21 year) it would not be advisable to serve alcohol. We should focus on high-end non-alcoholic beverage for the event.
 - c. **Speakers**. Lina has sent information about a UU Alumni of the year that might be willing to speak at the event. Christer mentioned that he has talked with Michael Andersson, SAAB & Linköping and board member of the Atlantic Council and Jenny proposed a couple of potential speakers that the Embassy have contact with. The group agreed that Lina will decide on speakers and details. She will use the project group for support.

The group also mentioned that we should try to involve the alumni for different topics for the event.

Lina will summarize the whole event and send out a separate note and marketing material to the group within the next couple of days. She will coordinate directly with the Louise, Hanna and Louise.

3. Christer referred to the project plan and asked the group to brainstorm on how we can include attraction for researchers into our work. Another topic that was discussed and needed attention soon is financing and scholarships. Christer & Lina will coordinate before next meeting and set the agenda so we can cover those other topics as well.

Lina explained her experience with FAFSA administration and a conversation regarding FAFSA and the practical process took place. The group agreed that the only coordination we can do as a group is to explore the potential for creating a FAFSA administrators support group. There was also an idea to explore if we could have a FAFSA representative to meet with us on November 1st – All agreed that it would be great, but most likely impossible. Christer will reach out to FAFSA and ask the question.

4. Top 5 was not explicitly discussed but needs to be covered during next group meeting.
5. Next scheduled meeting is on November 23rd @ 15.00. Christer presented a meeting calendar for 2023 (see the presentation). All the dates seemed to be working. WG2 had a comment on the meetings in June and August – therefore the new proposal is as follows.
 - a. January 26th @ 15.00 CET (9 am EST)
 - b. March 23rd @ 15.00 CET (9 am EST)
 - c. May 11th @ 15.00 CET (9 am EST)
 - d. ~~June 22nd @ 15.00 CET (9 am EST)~~

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- e. June 15th @ 15.00 CET (9 am EST)
- f. ~~August 17th @ 15.00 CET (9 am EST)~~
- g. August 24th @ 15.00 CET (9 am EST)
- h. October 5th @ 15.00 CET (9 am EST)
- i. November 30th @ 15.00 CET (9 am EST)

The group agreed and Christer will invite to all the meetings. The meeting calendar will also be published on the website (private area).

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

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