

## Working Group Minutes

Working Group 4 Sweden

Meeting # 6

Date: March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023

Minutes prepared by Christer Bergman – March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023

### Participants

University	Contact name	Present/Not present
Chalmers University of Technology	Linda Millsvik	Present
University of Gothenburg	John Molander	Present
Jönköping University	Eric Freid	Present
Karolinska Institute	<b>Johanna Gasslander</b> Ulrica Kristhammar	Present Not present
KTH Royal Institute of Technology	<b>Åsa Andersson</b> Hans Lundin	Not present Not 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	<b>Johanna Forsström</b> Niclas Johansson	Present Not present
Stockholm University	Tina Larsson	Present
Uppsala University	Lina Solander	Present & Group Leader
<b>Partners</b>		
Swedish Embassy	Jenny Majidyar	Present
Swedish Institute	Lisa Truedsson	Not present
SIREUS Trainees	Anton Bornlid Bianca Ström	Present Present
SACC USA	Christer Bergman	Present

## Agenda

1. Welcome
  - a. Update on WG participants
  - b. Review of minutes from last meeting
  - c. Update on SIREUS progress
2. Review of activities
  - a. NAFSA (together w/ WG2)
  - b. New Study in Sweden, Plan....
  - c. Student fairs
3. Review of project plan
4. FAFSA brief update
5. Update on project plan
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. Lina opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. Then Christer reviewed the minutes from previous meeting and 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. Lina presented the agenda for the meeting and started with asking Christer about the NAFSA event.
  - a. 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 31<sup>st</sup> 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 then on March 31<sup>st</sup>, 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

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up meeting with the planning group on April 11<sup>th</sup> and then send out some information to everyone.

Questions come up about partners, students and other guests. Christer referred to the planning group and answer that it is up to each university. However if students are invited, ensure that they are over 21 yrs old, otherwise we need to have another process for serving alcohol.

- b. Lina then referred to the survey about another **“Study in Sweden”** event in Washington, DC and/or at any other location during 2023. The conclusion is that we would like to have another **“Study in Sweden”** during the first week of November (in conjunction with the annual student recruitment activity in Mexico). The venue could be Washington DC again, but the group felt that we should consider other locations as well. The group came up with an interesting list of possibilities.  
**Seattle area.** We have Washington State University as affiliated member, it is an interesting area for Swedish exchange, and we might be able to facilitate the Nordic Museum as a venue.  
**NYC area.** We have the General Consulate of Sweden in NYC, and it is an interesting area.  
**Chicago area.** Swedish community...  
**San Francisco / Silicon Valley area.** Always interesting and we might be able to use Nordic Innovation house and maybe the General Consulate of Sweden in SF have opened.  
**SIREUS will research the areas and make some recommendations during next meeting.**
  - c. **Student fairs.** SIREUS have made a mapping of available student fairs. Anton from SIREUS presented the process with the mapping, the interactions with SACC Regional Chambers and the overall situation and asked Lina for another working meeting in order to make some final recommendations. **Lina will invite to a separate meeting where we will review the mapping and make some recommendations to the group.**  
One comment from the group was that the QS fairs are very detail oriented and probably not a good fit for what we are trying to do.
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. **The FAFSA situation – brief update.** Lina mentioned that UU will withdraw from the FAFSA program, John mentioned that they are in a hold pattern for the moment and will probably wait until 2025 to join. He mentioned that LU is probably continuing for the moment but will re-evaluate ongoing. Eric from JU mentioned that they are waiting on decision from the US.
  5. **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.

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6. Next scheduled meeting is on May 11th @ 13.00 CET. Christer presented the meeting calendar for the rest of 2023 and have sent out invites for 2023 as follows,
  - a. May 11th @ 13.00 CET (7 am EST)
  - b. June 15th @ 13.00 CET (7 am EST)
  - c. August 24th @ 13.00 CET (7 am EST)
  - d. October 5th @ 13.00 CET (7 am EST)
  - e. November 30th @ 13.00 CET (7 am EST)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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