

## Working Group Minutes

Working Group 4 Sweden

Meeting # 7

Date: May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Minutes prepared by Christer Bergman – May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023

### Participants

University	Contact name	Present/Not present
Chalmers University of Technology	Linda Millsvik	Present
University of Gothenburg	John Molander	Not present
Jönköping University	Eric Freid	Present
Karolinska Institute	<b>Johanna Gasslander</b> Ulrica Kristhammar	Not present Not present
KTH Royal Institute of Technology	<b>Åsa Andersson</b> Hans Lundin	Present Not present
Linköping University	Therese Winder	Not present
Linnaeus University	Stefan Haglund	Not present
Luleå University of Technology	Robert Omberg	Present
Lund University	Maria Lindblad	Not 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	Not present & Group Leader
<b>Partners</b>		
Swedish Embassy	Jenny Majidyar	Present
Swedish Institute	Lisa Truedsson	Not present
SIREUS Trainees	Tilda Thordmark Bianca Ström	Present Present
SACC USA	Christer Bergman	Present

### Agenda

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

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2. Review of activities
  - a. SIREUS MEMBERS forum (NAFSA activity, together w/ WG2)
  - b. New Study in Sweden events, Plan for Q4 2023
  - c. Student fairs, plan
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. How do we include researchers?
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. Christer opened the meeting (since Lina could not attend) and welcomed everyone. Then Christer reviewed the minutes from the previous meeting and 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 upcoming SIREUS MEMBERS forum on May 31<sup>st</sup>.
2. Christer presented the agenda for the meeting and started with a review of the different activities.
  - a. Christer informed the group that the upcoming SIREUS MEMBERS forum is all planned and we are working on getting between 180 – 200 attendees to the event. He referred to the report being sent out to the group a couple of days ago. Eric asked if the plan was to have any material from the universities on display. Christer answered that it was not planned and the physical space for the event would not provide for this.
  - b. Christer then referred to the special meeting the group had about “**Study in Sweden**” event during the fall 2023. He mentioned that the meeting decided that mid-November would be the best for the SIREUS Members and Christer was asked to reach out to different possible places. He told the group that he has reached out to Chapman University and Washington State University. Initially they are positive and will get back to Christer within the next couple of weeks. Christer also mentioned that he has talked with the General Counsel for Sweden in New York, and they are very positive to support SIREUS and willing to help arrange an event in November.
    - Linda asked if Chapman University also had technical faculty so Chalmers, KTH and Luleå could benefit from a student fair there. Christer will check it out and will try to ensure that technical prospective students would also be attracted to the event.
    - Åsa and Eric asked if we could create a campaign to get attendance at the event. Christer agreed and will look into the possibility of this.

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- Robert asked about the format and the group referred to the previous event in November. Starting as a fair with all universities, keynote speaker, alumni panel and then mingle.
- c. **Student fairs.** As presented during the last meeting, SIREUS have made a mapping of available student fairs. The separate meeting that was supposed to happen did not occur and SIREUS need to decide of that effort, since the regional chambers are waiting for answer. Christer presented the mapping and presented the process with the regional chambers. The group agreed that it was a interesting approach and that it was worthwhile testing it in a couple of places and then doing a review of the activities. **Christer will reach out to Linda and most likely create a smaller group that can help make practical decisions on what material should be available and how this would be presented at the events.**
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 15<sup>th</sup> we will conclude the process for input for this time and the plan will be presented to the Steering Committee on May 30<sup>th</sup>. All input can be provided direct to Christer for consolidation.**
4. **Christer opened the conversation about “How do we include researchers” in the recruitment effort for this Working Group.** Jenny asked Christer to present what has been done so far and what are the plans. Christer mentioned about the thematic areas, plans to have workshops in different areas with Swedish and American researchers and the plan to create a virtual forum that could be used to present different specific topics that researchers most likely are interested in. The group explained that most (if not all) International Offices at the universities only focus on student exchange and recruitment.
5. Next scheduled meeting is on June 15<sup>th</sup> @ 13.00 CET. Christer presented the meeting calendar for the rest of 2023 and have sent out invites for 2023 as follows,
- a. June 15th @ 13.00 CET (7 am EST)
  - b. August 24th @ 13.00 CET (7 am EST)
  - c. October 5th @ 13.00 CET (7 am EST)
  - d. November 30th @ 13.00 CET (7 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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