

Steering Committee Minutes

Steering Committee
 Meeting # 12
 Date: October 24th, 2023

Minutes prepared by Christer Bergman – November 1st, 2023

Participants

University	Contact name	Present/Not present
Chalmers University of Technology	Mikael Enelund	Present
University of Gothenburg	Karolina Catoni <i>Johan Molander</i>	Not present Present
Jönköping University	Nerrolyn Ramstrand	Present
Karolinska Institute	Richard Cowburn	Present
KTH Royal Institute of Technology	Christina Murray	Not present
Linköping University	Maria Engelmark <i>Margareta Alfredsson</i>	Not present <i>Present</i>
Linnaeus University	Ingela Åberg <i>Ann-Charlotte Larsson</i>	Not present <i>Present</i>
Luleå University of Technology	Jennie Hägg Wilhelmson	Not present
Lund University	Richard Stenelo	Not present
Mid Sweden University	Anna Lindahl	Present
Mälardalen University	Damir Isovich	Present
Stockholm University	Tina Larsson Åsa Petri	Not present Not present
Uppsala University	Johan Tysk	Present
Partners		
Swedish Embassy	Maria Brogren	Present
Swedish Institute	Douglas Washburn	Present
KK Stiftelsen	Linda Assbring	Not present
Chapman University	Niklas Myhr	Not present
SACC USA	Christer Bergman	Present

Agenda

1. Welcome
 - Minutes from last meeting
 - Report from Stockholm meetings September 12-14
 - KK Stiftelsen, STINT, IVA, SI, UD, UHR, VR, AmCham, DIS, KMH
2. Progress Report
 - Events & Activities
 - Thematic Areas and Research
 - SIREUS Affiliation of American Universities
 - SIREUS Affiliation of Companies
3. Decision / Discussion / Information
 - Financial Report
 - SIREUS "2nd half"
4. AOB & Next meeting
- 5.

Presentation material

During the meeting a ppt presentation was used containing information that was sent out prior to the meeting.

Minutes

1. Christer opened the meeting by welcoming everyone to the 12th Steering Committee meeting. Karolina Catoni, GU could not make the meeting, but John Molander participated from GU. The minutes from the previous meeting were then briefly reviewed and action items will be covered during the meeting. He emphasized that he received the feedback from the last meeting and confirmed that there is no activity trying to create an Associated Membership nor expand the membership to other organizations, not being a university.

Christer further informed the group that he had an intensive visit to Stockholm a couple of weeks ago. He "promoted" SIREUS and met KK, STINT, VR, IVA, UHR, SI, UD, KMH, AmCham and Einride. They all articulated that they are very impressed with our achievement so far and is willing to support the program in any way they can. He also mentioned that he is researching the possibility of having the SIREUS CHANCELLORS forum in Stockholm during the spring. The original plan for March 20th – 21st, 2024 @ MDU will not work for different reasons. He also thanked Maria Brogren for inviting Christer to present SIREUS to the Board of VR during their delegation trip to Washington DC.

2. Progress Report

Events & Activities

- **Study in Sweden Road Show** is in the final planning stage for being held at **SACC NY**, (New York City, NY) on November 2nd, **Washington State University**, (Pullman, WA) on November 4th and **Chapman University**, (Orange, CA), on November 6th. 12 universities are participating in the Road show.

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- **SIREUS VIRTUAL forum** and is being planned as a monthly virtual event. At the moment we have 10 different possible program proposals, and we are looking for an advisory Program Board from the SIREUS Members.
- An **Innovation (scouting) Tour to Texas** is planned for February 5th – 9th, 2024. A separate planning group is working on the detailed logistics and agenda.
- The **SIREUS ENTREPREURS** forum is being planned for the week of March 18th, 2024, in Colorado. A planning group is working on the focus and agenda for the forum. Currently it looks like at least 6 SIREUS members will participate with selected companies from the innovation centers.
- A **SIREUS CHANCELLORS forum** is preliminary being planned for the week of May13th, 2024, in Stockholm. Details will be shared once the planning is being firmed up.

Thematic Areas and Research

Christer informed the group about the status for links provided by the universities for the thematic areas on the web site. Christer urged the Members that had not provided the links yet, to do it as soon as possible. Christer will reach out to the Affiliated University Members to offer the possibility for them to add links as well.

Strategic Platform items

Christer mentioned that the topics that were raised some time ago will be included in different events we are planning, e.g. VIRTUAL forum, CHANCELLORS forum etc.

SIREUS Affiliation of American Universities

Christer presented the status of the MOU process.

Signed MOU: Michigan Technology University, Dakota State University, University of Texas at San Antonio, Gustavus Adolphus College, Chapman University, Tufts University, Washington State University, Purdue University, Virginia Tech, Penn State University and **University of Colorado Boulder**.

Verbal acceptance (not yet signed):

MOU proposed: Kennesaw State, Rutgers University, George Washington University and George Mason University.

Ongoing conversations: Georgia Tech, University of Washington, Penn State, Georgetown University, University of Hawaii, North Park University, American University and Catholic University.

MOU process stopped: University of Maryland.

SIREUS Affiliation of Companies

Christer updated the group about the progress with introducing SIREUS Affiliation of Companies.

Meeting and feedback of the program has been very positive, and the plan is to consolidate the feedback and make an official launch latest during January 2024. The group of companies that is part of the initial “soft launch” is Ericsson, AstraZeneca, SAAB, Volvo and Einride.

3. **SIREUS Decision / Discussion / Information** **Financial Report**

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Christer presented the financial report and underscored the situation that some additional funding is needed, preferably this year. No surprise in the financial report and Christer will continue to monitor the financial status on a weekly basis and will alert the group to any changes.

SIREUS “2nd half”

Christer emphasized that SIREUS is 21 months into the project and has 15 more months to go. He is in dialogue with some SIREUS Members about the future of SIREUS beyond the inaugural 3 years project. Everyone agreed that we need to be able to make a preliminary decision on the 2nd anniversary of the project, i.e., by February 1st, 2024, and the final decision must be made prior to next summer.

Margareta proposed that we should create a document with summary of what has been achieved and different alternatives for an extension of the program. **Christer and Margareta were asked to work together on such a document / template.**

4. AOB & Next meeting

Since there were no Other Business for the meeting, Christer thanked the participants for the meeting and asked for input of topics to be included in the next steering committee meeting. He also proposed a meeting calendar for 2024 (see below). **The next steering committee meeting will be held via Teams on December 5th @ 15.00 CT (9:00 am ET).**

Christer presented a proposal for preliminary dates for the working group meeting for 2024.

- a. January 16th @ 15.00 CET (9 am EST)
- b. March 5th @ 15.00 CET (9 am EST)
- c. April 16th @ 15.00 CET (9 am EST)
- d. May 28th @ 15.00 CET (9 am EST)
- e. July 9th @ 15.00 CET (9 am EST)
- f. ~~August 13th @ 15.00 CET (9 am EST)~~ August 20th @ 15.00 CET (9 am EST)
- g. September 24th @ 15.00 CET (9 am EST)
- h. November 5th @ 15.00 CET (9 am EST)
- i. December 10th @ 15.00 CET (9 am EST)

The proposal in red for July indicates that the recommendation is not to hold this meeting. Also, the group preferred to have the August meeting one week later due to the academic semester. Everyone agreed that the preliminary schedule with the above-mentioned changes will work.

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

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