

## Working Group Minutes

Working Group 2 University

Meeting # 18

Date: November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024

*Minutes prepared by Alice Berntson – November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024*

### Participants

University	Contact name	Present/Not present
Chalmers University of Technology	Jens Hansson	Present
University of Gothenburg	Mikaela Green	Present
Jönköping University	Mudar Hill	Not present
Linköping University	Caroline Sturesson	Present
Linnaeus University	Annett Wolf	Not Present
Luleå University of Technology		
Lund University	Alice Kjellson	Not present
Mid Sweden University	Anna Lindahl Maria Fredlund	Not present Not present
Mälardalen University	Monica Odlare Marcus Kjellberg	Not present Not present
Stockholm University	Niklas Tranaeus	Present
Uppsala University	Elizabeth Blum	Not Present
<b>Partners</b>		
Swedish Embassy	Maria Brogren	Not present
SIREUS Trainees	Alice Berntson	Present
SIREUS Trainees	Annie Arcini Lundwall	Not Present
SACC USA - SIREUS	Christer Bergman	Present

## Agenda

1. Welcome
  - a. Review of minutes from last meeting
  - b. Update on SIREUS progress
2. SIREUS 2.0 Implementation
3. SIREUS MEMBERS forum
4. SIREUS RESEARCH forum
5. 2025 and beyond
6. "Next meetings"

## Presentation material

During the meeting, a ppt presentation was used following the agenda sent out before it. This ppt presentation will be archived on the SIREUS website alongside the minutes.

## Minutes

1. Christer opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. He then spoke briefly about the agenda for the meeting. Christer has written a document regarding the new affiliation strategy for SIREUS 2025 that has been sent out.
2. It is confirmed that an affiliation will be formed. These universities have said yes to become an affiliated university at SIREUS; Jönköping University (JU), Chalmers University of Technology (Chalmers), Linköping University (LiU), Linnaeus University (LIN), Lund University (LU), Mid Sweden University (MiUN), Stockholm University (SU). University of Gothenburg (GU), Mälardalen University (MDU) and Uppsala University (UU) has said no. SIREUS has sent out an update and information mail to many other Swedish universities and Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences (SLU) and University West (Högskolan Väst) has shown their interest to join the affiliation. As an affiliated university you will be engaged in the SIREUS initiative, however nonaffiliated universities can also participate in SIREUS events. Christer emphasized that it is free to become a SIREUS affiliated. Affiliated universities will have the opportunity to plan and form the events and will have preferred pricing. Non-affiliated universities will be invited once the program is set and will pay a premium to participate. SIREUS has sent out an update and information mail to the Swedish universities.

Moving forward, SACC-USA will assume greater responsibility for SIREUS. Christer will conclude his engagement, but he will continue to contribute on a volunteer basis. Karin Hammar, the CEO of SACC-USA, will be the main contact for SIREUS. In line with the transition, SIREUS is in the process of updating the website, with plans to launch by December 18 to align with SIREUS 2.0. As part of this update, non-member or non-affiliated universities will no longer be featured on our website.

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3. The SIREUS MEMBERS Forum will take place on May 28<sup>th</sup>, coinciding with NAFSA 2025. SIREUS suggests forming a planning group ahead of the event. The pricing structure will be more affordable for affiliated universities. The pricing of the programs will depend on how many universities participate and whether external financing can be secured. In January, SIREUS will send out an email to all relevant universities with further information and request an estimate of participant numbers. Based on this feedback, we will be able to provide a more accurate price proposal.
4. We held our fifth and final SIREUS RESEARCH forum for this year on October 2nd. While previous webinars have been posted on the SIREUS YouTube channel, this time, an article was written on the topic instead. The article can be viewed on the SIREUS website. Starting in 2025, Maria Brogren from the Embassy will take the lead in organizing future SIREUS RESEARCH forums, while SIREUS will continue to handle event planning and invitations.
5. Christer thanked everyone for their time and support for the SIREUS project and wished everyone and their universities all the best going forward. He will not continue leading the SIREUS program, but he wants to reassure everyone that he will remain available by phone and email. The participants expressed their gratitude to Christer for his dedicated and inspiring work over the years.

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