

Working Group Minutes

Working Group 2 University

Meeting # 17

Date: October 10th, 2024

Minutes prepared by Alice Berntson – October 10th, 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	Not present
	Maria Fredlund	Not present
Mälardalen University	Monica Odlare	Not present
	Marcus Kjellberg	Not present
Stockholm University	Niklas Tranaeus	Not present
Uppsala University	Elizabeth Blum	Not Present
Partners		
Swedish Embassy	Maria Brogren	Not present
SIREUS Trainees	Alice Berntson	Present
SIREUS Trainees	Annie Arcini Lundwall	Present
SACC USA - SIREUS	Christer Bergman	Present

Agenda

1. Welcome
 - a. Update on WG participants
 - b. Review of minutes from last meeting
 - c. Update on SIREUS progress
2. SIREUS 2.0 Implementation
3. WG Structure
4. SIREUS MEMBERS forum
5. SIREUS RESEARCH forum
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. He also mentioned the upcoming student recruitment events in the US. He then asked Jens to update everyone about the last Working Group meeting regarding the discussion about insurance possibilities for exchange students to the US. Jens has written a PM with the background context. Mikaela and Mudar will also contribute to the text. Christer suggests Jens send the text to the whole Working Group. The goal is to compile a document that represents all universities and can be forwarded to the Swedish Embassy for potential governmental help or guidance. Christer will make sure to talk to Maria Brogren regarding the student insurance paper and how Jens can finalize it for the best outcome.
2. Christer referred to a document he has shared with the steering committee, regarding SIREUS Affiliation of Swedish Universities. The plan is that if we get enough universities, which we're not sure about at this point, we will have an affiliation and an MoU with SACC-USA. Christer will finish his work with SIREUS as planned, but SIREUS will continue as a program within SACC USA and Christer will be there to help if needed as a volunteer. SACC-USA will offer a few events as pay-to-arrange with preferred pricing if you're in the affiliation and/or being a SACC-USA member. The prices indicated in the presentation are preliminary, pending on conversations with SI about potential funding for some events. This March we are planning the SIREUS ENTREPRENEURS forum, the prices are preliminary set to \$ 4,000 USD. The plan is also to offer the events to non-members. We did it this week for the Study-in-Sweden tour, where Blekinge Technical University participate without being a member and they are paying \$ 4,000 USD to participate at the events.

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3. Christer mentioned again that the WG2 structure and focus will change towards having a planning group for the SIREUS MEMBERS forum and potentially university partnership.
4. Christer presented the preliminary program document for SIREUS MEMBER Forum 2025 on May 28th, in San Diego. SIREUS is working with SACC San Diego. Right now, they are looking for a suitable venue, with respect to price and location. Catering and the cost of the venue are usually the most expensive aspects to take into consideration. Until the next meeting all universities need to have their final decision whether to participate or not. Jens suggests SIREUS send this out to other Universities outside SIREUS network as well. Christer answered that the intention is that these offers will be send out to all Swedish Universities. The group asked whether a final decision would have to be made before the next meeting and also to have an approximate price for the event. Christer answered that there is a preliminary price, but it is a complex question depending on the financial support from SI. Christer will as soon as possible communicate the approximate price and details. It all depends on how many Universities are participating and the venue cost. The final price will be around 1500-2000 \$. The European conference EAIE will take place on September 9-12 in Gothenburg, and this may be a reason for some Universities to not being able to participate.
5. We had the 5th research forum last week; Nicole Forsberg from Colorado helped plan this, and Bill and Daniel were at the forum. Bill works with front end and funding; David is more focused on mature companies for funding and public companies. They were a good combination. This time we did not record the forum due to compliance regulation for investment funds, but we will do an article on it instead. The article will be published on the website. Since SIREUS will be changed, Maria at the embassy will keep the SIREUS RESEARCH forum going, but she would like to have a group that she could ask what kind of topics would be interesting. Maria intends to report on what's happening in the US quarterly, and then have regular SIREUS RESEARCH forum up to 4 times a year.
6. Christer thanks for the meeting and says that we will meet again in November after the election. Next meeting is scheduled to be held on November 21st @ 15.00 CET (9 am EST).
 - ~~August 29th @ 15.00 CET (9 am EST)~~
 - ~~October 10th @ 15.00 CET (9 am EST)~~
 - November 21st @ 15.00 CET (9 am EST)

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