

Working Group Minutes

Working Group 3 Innovation

Meeting # 18

Date: November 19th, 2024

Minutes prepared by Annie Arcini Lundwall – November 19th, 2024

Participants

University	Contact name	Present/Not present
Chalmers University of Technology	Charlotte Emlind Vahul	Present
University of Gothenburg	Jonas Rimbäck	Present
Jönköping University	No representation	Not present
Linköping University	Åsa Wallin	Not present
Linnaeus University	Johan Höglund	Not present
	Annett Wolf	Present
Luleå University of Technology	Marita Holst	Not present
Lund University	Niclas Nilsson	Not present
Mid Sweden University	Sten Wigert	Present
Mälardalen University	Christer Nygren	Not present
	Radu Dobrin	Not present
Stockholm University	Maryam Hansson Edalat	Present
Uppsala University	Malin Graffner Nordberg	Not present
Partners		
Swedish Embassy	Maria Brogren	Not present
	Jenny Majidyar	Not present
SACC Trainees	Annie Arcini Lundwall	Present
SACC USA	Christer Bergman	Present & Group Leader

SIREUS Working Group 3 Innovation Minutes

Agenda

1. Welcome
 - a. Review of minutes from last meeting
 - b. Update on SIREUS progress
2. SIREUS 2.0 Implementation
3. SIREUS ENTREPRENEURS 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 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 and welcomed everyone. He spoke briefly about the agenda for the meeting and mentioned our previous Study in Sweden event and the change to the Affiliation that is under way.
2. Moving on to SIREUS 2.0, we have made a document about the affiliation, and we have sent out the MoU to the Swedish universities. SACC – USA will be responsible for the SIREUS program, but Christer will keep helping if needed on a voluntary basis. Some of the universities are interested in transition to the affiliation, these are Jönköping, Chalmers, Linköping, Linneaus, Lund, Mitt and Stockholm. Christer has been reaching out to other universities, for example SLU, Blekinge, Kungliga Musikhögskolan, Höskolan Väst, etc. and they have expressed their interest. An additional 15 to 18 universities have received the information. This is the last regular meeting that we will have with working group 3 and the focus will be SIREUS ENTREPRENEURS forum and SIREUS INNOVATION tour. Going forward, the plan is to have specific planning group meetings for the different events & tours. The preliminary pricing indicated in the presentation depends on the number of participating universities and whether we can secure external funding. The planning group will have all the details and can make an informed decision about the event. Christer also informed that Annie and Alice will finish their internship in January and SIREUS will have 1 intern for 2025 and beyond.
3. Christer asked what interest we got for Destination start-up and the INNOVATION tour for next year. Charlotte (Chalmers) don't think that they will have the time and resources for it, she also mentioned that there are other similar events where the start-ups get a more niched program which might be more interesting for them. Christer said that during Destination start-up previous years, we have helped the companies to find connections and people that are relevant to the start-up. Sten (Mid) said that it was very interesting last time, Mid Sweden are interested in the innovation tour, he has seen that there is a cluster around Georgia that might be interesting. Christer mentioned that Mid Sweden University don't have the same organization for supporting

SIREUS Working Group 3 Innovation Minutes

start-up companies as the others and asked that they therefore might not be as interested in Destination start-up and Sten confirmed it. Maryam (Stockholm) said that they are more interested in Europe right now because there is more funding to get, she also wondered what will happen with Trump in the upcoming 4 years and the corporation with Europe. She mentioned that there might be an extra effort from the EU now to keep companies and sponsor them. Annette (Linnaeus) said they don't have that many researchers to be interested in Destination start up, INNOVATION tour sounds interesting, but she is not sure that they will have the money. Jonas (Gothenburg) said that they might be interested in Destination start-up, especially if there is external funding. Probably not the INNOVATION tour because of money but they might be interested if they can get funding. Christer summed up, Destination start-up remains a question mark, INNOVATION tour sounds interesting. Sten and Christer will have a follow up meeting to talk about Georgia and see if there are any opportunities there. Everyone confirms that it will be more interesting if there is a plan and more information about the tour.

4. The 5th SIREUS RESEARCH forum was held on October 2nd and featured two investors, Daniel Windoff and Bill Powell. This time we did an article instead of a YouTube video, the article can be found on the SIREUS website. Feel free to contact them for input. The plan is that Maria Brogren (Swedish Embassy) will take the lead on the SIREUS RESEARCH forum, including identifying speakers, while the SIREUS intern (SACC-USA) will continue handling the practical arrangements.
5. Christer and Sten will have a planning meeting and then reach out to the rest of the group and other universities with info, if there are 5-6 universities that are interested, we will form a planning group for the upcoming INNIVATION tour. Also, if you are interested in any specific area we can help with contacts.
6. Christer thanked everyone for their time supporting SIREUS and that he got to know the group very well. He wished all of them and their universities good luck going forward. He informed everyone that this was the last working group meeting, but that they can reach out to him whenever they want to. Everyone thanked Christer for keeping this project going and said that it was very appreciated and successful.

The Swedish American Chambers of Commerce of the USA, Inc.,
House of Sweden, 2900 K Street NW, Suite 401, Washington DC, 20007
info@sireus.org, www.sireus.org

