

Working Group Minutes

Working Group 4 Sweden

Meeting # 16

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Minutes prepared by Alice Berntson – August

Participants

University	Contact name	Present/Not present
Blekinge Tekniska Högskola	Maja Elofsson	Present
Chalmers University of Technology	Linda Millsvik	Not Present
University of Gothenburg	John Molander	Not Present
	Fanndis Herrmansdottir	Present
Jönköping University	Eric Freid	Not present
Linköping University	Therese Winder	Present
	Fredrik Andersson	Present
Linnaeus University	Stefan Haglund	Present
Luleå University of Technology	Robert Omberg	Not present
	Linda Alfredsson	Present
Lund University	Maria Lindblad	Present
Mid Sweden University	Ellen Horbach	Not present
Mälardalen University	Johanna Forsström	Not Present
	Niclas Johansson	Not present
	Hans Öberg	Not present
Stockholm University	Tina Larsson	Present
	Sofie Trosell	Present
Uppsala University	Lina Solander	Not present
	Matt Greig	Not present
	Cecilia Tiscornia	Present
Partners		
Swedish Embassy	Jenny Majidyar	Present
SACC Trainees	Alice Berntson	Present
	Annie Arcini Lundwall	Present
SACC USA	Christer Bergman	Present & Group Leader

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Agenda

1. Welcome
 - a. Update on WG participants
 - b. Review of minutes from last meeting
 - c. Update on SIREUS progress
2. SIREUS 2.0 Decision
3. WG structure
4. Study in Sweden 2024
5. SIREUS RESEARCH Forum
6. Thematic Areas
7. 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.
 - a) Christer presents the new interns Alice and Annie, both of whom have studied in Lund.

Christer reminds everyone that they all have access to the archive in the members area on the SIREUS.org website. It is clarified that today's meeting is a mix between WG 4 and a Study in Sweden meeting.

b) The minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed. Christer recap the SIREUS 2.0 evaluation process for those who is new to the meeting.

2. Christer explained that on June 5th, the Stakeholders Group (principals of the university) decided on the way forward for SIREUS. The decision was that SIREUS will not continue as a member network. The recommendation is that the member network will be transitioned to an affiliation, like the Affiliation of American Universities. The final structure will be decided at the Steering Committee meeting in September. Christer continued and informed the group that since there will not be a members' network, SIREUS is planning to offer four program/events that has been popular during the SIREUS project. The program/events are 1. The SIREUS

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ENTREPRENEURS forum, in Denver during March 2. May, SIREUS MEMBERS forum, that was held in New Orleans during the NAFSA conference (2025 the conference will be in San Diego). 3. SIREUS INNOVATION tour was held last February together with six universities in Texas and 4. Study in Sweden 2025 event.

3. WG Structure: Christer explains that for everyone who would like to participate in these kinds of events, it is important to let SIREUS know about the universities' attendance at least 6 months in advance.

During the last WG1 meeting it was decided that WG 1 will be dissolved, since there are no new initiatives being planned together with that WG.

4. Christer informed that the venues and catering are being planned, but we need to know how many universities will attend the Study in Sweden tour 2024 and the projected number of attendees. Christer encourages the universities to invite their own alumni. There will be two Eventbrite invitations per city, one for the student event and one for the alumni event.

Moving forward, a new question is brought up about whether there will be an alumni panel at the student events. Christer says nothing has been decided yet. Concerns are raised regarding whether alumni will want to attend if there are no presentations or activities during the events. However, another participant tells the group about the previous success rate of former events and the request from alumni to have these kinds of mingling events. Christer also adds that there is still a possibility to include speakers during the events. Fanndis mentioned that they have formed an alumni planning group, and it was decided that SIREUS will reach out to Fanndis to cooperate with the planning of the alumni events.

A maximum of 200 students can attend Study in Sweden, Washington DC, and 30-50 people at the alumni event. The initial thought was to have an alumni event in New York on the 8th, but this was changed during last WG meeting due to venue scheduling. There will be approximately 100 students at the student event in New York and about 30 alumni. Catering will be provided for both events.

In San Francisco, SIREUS has now found a venue at the Scandinavian School for the student recruitment event. The alumni event will be at the Nordic Innovation House in Silicon Valley. A conversation started regarding whether it's possible to send university alumni to the event without the universities' participation. Christer emphasized that SIREUS wants to support all the universities. The majority of the meeting agrees that these events are not meant to be competitive for the universities and that they should all support each other with recruiting and events. They believe that alumni from all Swedish universities should be welcomed. It is also brought up that there could be a possibility to broaden student recruitment in the future so that all alumni should feel welcome.

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SIREUS will start publishing on social media and give the universities material to work with and publish on their own social media. SIREUS has thought of several networks to share the invitation with.

5. The fourth SIREUS RESEARCH Forum webinar will be held on September 10th. It's a one-hour event, and an invitation has been sent out to all the universities in collaboration with GTI (Green Transition Initiative)
6. Christer says that SIREUS works with Jenny and Maria at the Embassy continually to find relevant speakers for webinars and workshops on relevant subjects. He adds that on October 22nd GTI will hold its Green Transition Summit and on October 23rd GTI together with SIREUS will host round table discussions.
7. The next scheduled meeting is on October 17th @ 15:00 CET (9 am EST). Additionally, Christer asks the Study in Sweden group to join SIREUS at a meeting on September 12th at 15:00 CET to discuss Study in Sweden further. Christer decides to conclude the meeting and thanks everyone for participating.

Next meeting is scheduled to be held on October 17th @ 15.00 CET (9 am EST)

- ~~August 27th @ 15.00 CET (9 am EST)~~
- October 17th @ 15.00 CET (9 am EST)
- November 21st @ 15.00 CET (9 am EST)

The meeting calendar will also be published on the website (private area).

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