

# BUSINESS PLAN 20/21



# Consensus

MEDICINSKA FAKULTETENS  
STUDENTKÅR

# Decentralization

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Starting in the spring term 2019, the medical education at Linköping University has been decentralized. From course/semester 6 and forward, studies take place in one och four cities; Linköping, Norrköping, Kalmar or Jönköping. As this is a long-term implementation, this is a 3-year goal, described below.

## Year 1 (Completed)

In year one it is focus on implementation and development, which makes communication between students and management important. Evaluation of membership in the student unions must be done and because of that it is important to continue contact with the student unions in Kalmar and Jönköping. LISAM is a good platform to use to disseminate information to all students about the process and what is important to think about. LISAM must be updated and developed to minimize issues and misunderstandings. In order to immediately build a good relationship with the students in the cities, it is good to visit the cities as soon as possible at the beginning of the term and according to that see how Consensus will continue to work. ICT solutions are a main issue where it is important to be proactive in order to get it working properly within the time frame and work well for the students.

## Year 2 (Completed)

It is very important to ensure that the decentralization continues in a way where students' influence on education and work environment is in focus and maintains equal quality regardless of location. The organizational changes that have been made for the Medicinska Föreningen (MF) must be evaluated to see how it have worked. The work with the ICT system must continued and solutions need to be well implemented. Investigate the possibilities of engagement for decentralized students and actively involve them in the activities of the student union.

## Year 3

Last year, the decentralization process will be evaluated and completed. In the future, other programs may also be decentralized. Therefore, the process must be carefully reviewed for how to use it forward. After the end of year three, a handover needs to be made to the upcoming board. The handover must be adapted to the continued work with decentralization and to the conditions and requirements that exist.



## Goals

- Conduct a survey among medical students on the decentralization curriculum to evaluate the decentralization process. The survey will be used as the basis for the work on producing written documentation for Consensus work on decentralization.
- Visit the study cities once per semester.
- Continued monitoring of the ICT system.
- Promote student influence in education and work environment at the study cities.

*By doing this, we will more closely fulfill these points from the vision document :*

*This means that Consensus...*

- Constantly evaluate, develop and maintain collaboration and relationships with the sections.
- Constantly evaluate and develop contact paths and information flows from and to the student population regardless of the main study city.
- Constantly develop the members' ability to influence the organization.
- Continually develop the ongoing work to improve the quality of education at the Faculty of Medicine.
- Continually develop the ongoing work on securing the students' working environment.
- Continually develop the ongoing work to improve the conditions for students to complete studies at the Faculty of Medicine.
- Must develop the added value of being a union member.



# Internationalization

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In the fall of 2018, the new international bachelor's program Experimental and Industrial Biomedicine started. This meant an increased number of international students represented by Consensus. In order for the international students to be able to make use of information about the union's work and be given the opportunity to influence and engage in the union's activities, it places different demands on the Consensus organization than before. The BioMed section, which is English-speaking, has been included as actors during the reception period. Exchange students are also included as participants during the reception period, which has worked well. In addition to the reception period, it is important that Consensus continues to work and develop the continuous work of integrating international students and exchange students with the Swedish-speaking students.

During the 19/20 financial year, an increased need to internationalize the Consensus organization was identified. It was shown that there was a need to have committee meetings in English, that information in Consensus channels should be provided in both English and Swedish, that steering documents and other documents as well as the website need to be translated into English, making it easier for international students to become members and more. Consensus needs to define how the union should work with internationalization in the future and ensure how the work is to be incorporated, completed and developed within the organization's framework and regulations. This should be done in collaboration with representatives from the sections.

## Goals

- Translate the Consensus website.
- Work out a long-term and sustainable plan to translate all relevant documents into English and to create written documentation on how to implement them.
- Work out written procedures for how Consensus should work with internationalization and how handover between business years should be ensured.

*By doing this, we will more closely fulfill these points from the vision document :*

*This means that Consensus...*

- Constantly develop the members' ability to influence the organization.
- Constantly evaluate, develop and maintain collaboration and relationships with the sections.
- Always strive to make it as simple as possible to become a union member.
- Will develop routines to give everyone active a basic knowledge of Consensus operations.
- Must develop the added value of being a union member.



# Örat

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The student union house Örat is perceived to be more run down than the other student union houses. Especially floor 10 containing the large hall, kitchen and toilets. Starting in the summer of 2020, Region Östergötland will drain and renovate the basement on Örat. A preliminary plan is that there will be more storage space in the basement which would improve the possibilities for storage for Consensus sections instead of section cabinets under the library on floor 7. A couple of years ago, the Consensus council decided to increase the budget for the office rent so that Consensus could rent the old DC office of Kårerservice. The idea was that the sections could use the room for meetings and other things, but the DC office is not used very often.

Consensus operates two businesses in Örat. Pub Örat which is held about once a month and Café Örat which is open every weekday. Pub Örat has good turnover while the café is worse off. It is difficult to appoint the café board and café workers, which contributes to a high workload on the café board but mainly on the cafe manager. Café Örat need to be reviewed to create a sustainable situation. Suggestions for what can be reviewed are payment solution, pricing for non-member vs. member and benefits for the café board and café workers.

## Goals

- Work to ensure that the student union house Örat is given higher priority in the renovation cycle for the student union houses.
- Investigate the possibility of section storage in the basement on Örat.
- Investigate, together with the sections in Consensus, will continue to lease the DC office and what it will be used for.
- Investigate the possibilities of replacing Swish and cash systems with a better payment solution in the café.
- Create an action plan for Café Örat's future operations.

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*This means that Consensus...*

- Continually develop the impact work at Kårerservice Aktiebolag.
- Must develop the added value of being a union member.
- Shall develop the informal collaborations that exist with all the student union houses, and support them in giving members and all students a good study social well-being.
- Should strive for the resources of the student union to always be used where they make the most use.



# Mental health

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That the mental health of students get worse is no news and in relation with the student survey, #metoo and several other factors, it is more important than ever for Consensus to work to make sure students can receive help and support in different ways. A survey was planned to be sent out during the spring semester 2018 with the aim of surveying the mental health of students at the Faculty of Medicine. It was never implemented and during year 1 there was therefore no evidence to investigate what could be causing the problems. Instead, the survey was conducted in the spring semester 2019 and therefore a follow-up and investigation can only take place in year 2. In year 2, the design of the questionnaire was evaluated. Besides that the sections were informed about the results. Based on this, the sections have worked to counteract the problems that emerged in the survey on each program. The sections were supported by the student union if needed. An action plan for future work on mental health was created.

## Year 1 (Completed)

- ~~Follow up the survey conducted in the spring semester 2018.~~
- ~~Investigate what can cause the problems.<sup>1</sup>~~
- Arrange evenings or days of workshops and/or lectures to promote mental health.

## Year 2 (Completed)

- Follow up the survey conducted in the spring semester 2019.
- Investigate what can cause the problems.
- An action plan should be created with the investigation as the basis.

## Year 3 (Completed)

- Summary and evaluation of the action plan.
- Clear handover and basis to take on.

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<sup>1</sup> No survey was conducted in the spring semester 2018, so that was the focus during year 1.



## Goal

- Evaluate and revise the action plan at the end of the business year.
- Handover the action plan to the next board.

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- Continually develop the ongoing work on securing the students' working environment.
- Continually develop the ongoing work to improve the quality of education at the Faculty of Medicine.

