

The Social Sciences Student Union's Action plan 2021 - 2022



Background

In the strategic plan, the student unions long term goals are stipulated. From those goals, a selection has been made as to what the student union should especially prioritize and work with during the upcoming fiscal year. Since this is the last year of the strategic plan for 2019-2022 the last goals are included in this action plan.

Areas

External communication

Being visible to the students at the faculty is essential to fulfilling the purpose of the student union and needs to be worked on continuously. Also essential is using this greater visibility to promote recruitment to active member positions and thereby make the work more sustainable. As these areas often intersect they have been combined in this action plan.

During 2021/2022 the Social Sciences Student Union shall...

- **be known to a majority of students at the faculty**
 - Continue working with visibility measures
 - Develop the usage of the student union's Canvas page
- **strengthen the brand of the Social Sciences Student Union among the students at the faculty**
 - Continuously market the currently available profile products
- **communicate clearly and cohesively with the students about the student union's work and make events more visible towards active and non-active members.**
 - Work actively together with the communication committee and ensure that all events are photographed and adequately marketed on social media.
 - Create a strong sense of community among its active members through the student union's social media channels

Recruitment

The Social Sciences Student Union is depending on students who are willing to spend their free time working in our different committees and groups. As well as most student unions and nations in Lund we are experiencing difficulties filling all our positions. At the same time we see that some students stay active over multiple years. These members hold knowledge and experiences that are valuable to us and let our organisation run smoothly. A reason for the low visibility of the student union is that the student union often is seen as an organization that has a high bar when it comes to becoming active or attending events since we have few events for everyone opposed to other organizations within the student life.

During 2021/2022 the Social Sciences Student Union shall...

- **increase the number of active members and gather all members, not only active members**
 - Develop events open for all members
 - strive to establish a tradition of having a songbook sitting each year (sångboksinsjungning) open for all members
- **strive to establish novice activities in both fall and spring.**
 - Strive to establish a structure for novice activities in spring
- **develop the way our house Samvetet is used by active members**

Internal organization

The development of active member's competencies is vital to both a well functioning student union and the satisfaction of these members with their roles. Kårferansen has been operating for the past three years and is a forum for personal development for our active members.

The sections play a great role in the student union's organizational structure as they assist the student union as well as create communities for certain groups of members. It is highly important to maintain good relationships with the different sections in order for the collaborative parts between the student union centrally and the sections to go as smoothly as possible. Today there is no forum for discussing matters that the sections deal with. Creating such a forum would be ideal for anchoring matters and communicating. It would further create a bigger sense of community between the sections that today do not have much collaboration.

During 2021/2022 the Social Sciences Student Union shall...

- **make sure that active members can develop themselves more from their work in the student union**
 - Develop engagement in and internationalisation of Kårferansen

- **continue the evaluation of the new Representative Assembly format and put forward suggestions for improvement**
- **continuously follow up on and develop the relationship with the sections.**
 - Create a forum that enables continuous meetings between the central student union and the presidents of the sections.

Education surveillance

Education surveillance is the primary purpose of the student union. We do this primarily through appointing student representatives. It is highly valuable for the student union to be represented in all organs necessary. In the past the student union has had a hard time to fill positions within all departments at the faculty, something that is causing the student union to lose influence.

Alongside the system of student representatives, course evaluations offer an opportunity for students to give direct feedback on their education. The way these are carried out, and whether or not a summary of the results is ever seen by any student, differs from course to course. The lack of transparency with regards to how the departments of this faculty carry out course evaluations undermines the credibility of course evaluations as a form of student influence. It is important that the student union approach the matter of faultily conducted course evaluations, so that the use of course evaluations does not compete with but, rather, complements the student representation provided by the union.

During 2021/2022 the Social Sciences Student Union shall...

- **ensure continuity in the work with education monitoring**
 - Follow up on the work with class representatives and course evaluations
- **organize student representatives at all departments at the faculty**
 - Strive to increase engagement so that more students sign up to become student representatives
- **make the labour market area more connected to education surveillance**

Sustainability

Sustainability is something which is of increasing importance to our members, it is therefore important that the student union continuously works with these matters in order to engage with sustainability in our everyday work. During the last fiscal year the working group for sustainability updated the environmental policy of the student union and created guidelines for sustainable practices within the student union. These now need to be implemented.

During 2021/2022 the Social Sciences Student Union shall...

- **strive to establish a culture of good sustainability practices**
 - Engage and inform members of the student union's sustainability work.

- Work to improve the student union's engagement in current sustainability related events.
- **ensure environmental concerns are considered when making decisions**
 - Create a template for environmental practices in the student union, establish the usage of this template as a practice prior to motions and board decisions.
 - Implement the policy created by the board sustainability working group