

## Role Description

# **President**

## **Mandate period**

The position is a full-time remuneration with a mandate period from 1<sup>st</sup> of July to the 30<sup>th</sup> of June. You are expected to be available for a handover immediately after the Annual General Meeting, the handover is adapted to your studies but in June you are expected to be fully available for the handover. You will receive a remuneration for the handover in June.

## **Tasks and responsibilities**

The Presidents work is varied and has a wide range of tasks, everything from replying to an email from a student or setting the next meeting agenda to a board meeting to representing the Union on a national level to develop the internal organisation from a strategic point of view.

Some of these tasks are tied to the position of the President itself, but the President is also part of the JSU Presidium which comes with its own responsibility, tasks and most importantly, it is as part of the Presidium the President has formal decision power.

The Presidium is the highest decision-making body in the daily operations and has the right to delegate tasks to the rest of the organisation as long as it does not contradict a board or annual meeting decision. In other words, neither the President nor the Vice President have the sole authority to take major decisions in the daily operations on their own. They must take decisions together and following this, it is crucial that the President and Vice President inform each other, as the presidium has the responsibility to have well-founded arguments for their decisions.

The Presidium shall work for the overall benefit of the members and represent their opinions as well as provide for their needs without personal bias or prejudice.

Below you find a list of the tasks and responsibilities which the President shares as part of the Presidium with the Vice President and the position specific tasks and responsibilities. The tasks and responsibilities of the Presidium can be divided between the two members. The potential division is up to the Presidium to decide in unison and can be adapted over a year to the changing circumstances.

The explanations only serve as an insight to the individual task or responsibility and is not an exclusive list. More information of the exact execution on tasks are given in the handover.

Tasks as the Presidium	Descriptions
<p>Represent the student voice as expressed by the Annual meeting and the JSU Board.</p>	<p>This includes representing the organisation in formal and informal contexts such as; speeches, interviews, media participation, articles. This may be done individually or together as the Presidium.</p> <p>This included to be available for individual students to be able to get an understanding of their opinions.</p> <p>This also means that the Presidium, either together or individually, will need to take initiative to seek out the relevant persons both at JU and externally to represent and lobby for different questions.</p> <p>JSU has the right to permanent seats at several councils and committees at JU, such as the Foundation board, JU Executive team, SRU, SRSS and NUF and these are divided up between the two members of the Presidium.</p>
<p>Be the JSU Boards representatives in the daily operations.</p>	<p>This includes informing the rest of the organisation about the JSU Boards decisions.</p> <p>Continuously informing the JSU Board of the organisations progress in terms of achieving the plan of operations, budget and other set tasks or goals as well as advising the JSU Board of actions/measures to take in order to achieve the set goals and tasks.</p> <p>Continuously informing the JSU Board of the general state of the internal organisations.</p>
<p>Responsible for executing the strategic organisational development of JSU as decided by the JSU Board.</p>	<p>There is not a set number of task but can for example include planning, creating or updating documents, lead team developments, developing processes or implementing new processes.</p>
<p>Responsible for monitoring and coordinating the student politics and activities at a national level.</p>	<p>Stay informed of the politics that may affected the student-life, stay informed of SFS operations and actively participate at SFS meetings to bring forward the opinions of JU students.</p>
<p>Responsible for monitoring and coordinating the student politics and activities at the local level.</p>	<p>Manage and gather information from the Student Question committees and Management Team and bring forward to JU</p>
<p>Staff responsibility for the Chancellery Manager.</p>	<p>Includes a follow-up on the persons work</p>

	conditions and other staff related questions as well as their performance.
Participate in marketing	This includes efforts regarding recruitment such as pictures, video and being present at study-social activities, annual meeting and general marketing of the board and the presidium.
<b>Tasks as the President</b>	<b>Descriptions</b>
Chairperson of the JSU Board.	<p>Preparing matters for the board meetings, gathering information for the board, following-up on the plan of operations and budget, support the individual board members, lead the board meetings.</p> <p>It also includes to plan and lead the preparations for the Annual Meeting, which in turns include for example to write a new plan of operation and budget and determine if any other propositions shall be written.</p>
Main responsibility over the JSU generals	Includes a follow-up on their work conditions and other staff related questions as well as their performance.
Contact person for the contract between Jönköping University and JSU.	This includes yearly evaluation of the contract from JSU: s perspective and initiating negotiations if needed.
Responsible for one Student Question.	This includes working with one of the student questions: work environment, equal opportunities, accommodation or sustainability. Which of these questions are coordinated once all JSU Generals are elected.
Responsible for upholding the continuity in JSU by performing a thorough handover to the next president.	This includes documenting yours and the organisation work such as completed projects, achieve goals, the organisational state, the relationship with JU and anything else that the next president can benefit from knowing.

## **Qualifications**

The most important thing is to have an interest for developing JSU as an organisation, developing the student-life in general and an interest in learning new things.

## **Formal Requirements**

- Very good knowledge of English both spoken and written.
- You must be a student when you apply unless you currently hold a remunerated position within JSU.

## **Meritorious**

- Been involved in the student-life on campus, such as being part of an association board, committee, or project group, for at least one year, more than one year is preferred.
- Previous leadership experience and personnel management is an advantage.

## **Personal Requirements**

These are the skills which will help you in your role as the President, and which you should have an interest in developing further.

### **Curious:**

Interest for learning new things and looking for knowledge on her/his own initiative.

### **Structured:**

Plans the work in time and keeps a long-term perspective. Organises and prioritises activities in an efficient way. Sets up and meets deadlines.

### **Strategic:**

Thinks strategically and has a broad perspective on issues. Looks at the long-term significance of things and further consequences and adapts their actions to this.

### **Self-propelled:**

Takes initiative and responsibility for the tasks, structures the approach on her/his own and drives the processes further independently.

### **Collaborative ability:**

Works well with other people. Relates to them in a responsive and smooth way. Listens, communicates, and resolves conflicts in a constructive way.

**Leadership:**

Leads, motivates, and provides others with the conditions required to effectively achieve common goals. Coordinates groups and follows up on the work of others.

**Relationship building:**

Is proactive and socially active in professional contexts. Creates contacts and maintains relationships.

**Persistent:**

Remains motivated and effective despite setbacks and disappointments. Works until projects are completed or results achieved.

**Flexible:**

Is flexible and can adapt to changing circumstances.