

Propositions By-Laws





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Background

There are many questions from students as to what the union does. The board believes that a clearer and more inspirational purpose could help the union to communicate it to the students. Additionally, the board believes that a clearer purpose can make the internal work in terms of creation and follow-up of the plan of operations easier and more efficient. The current purpose has not been used internally and instead the general statement that “we work for the students best” is more commonly used. The board believes this statement to be too general, as it gives no direction as to what the union is meant to do.

Motivation

The board believes that the new proposal is a clearer and more concise statement where the three keywords (included, supported and safe) can be elaborated on under definitions but still communicates the most important part of what the union is for. The union’s operations are broad so it is difficult to fit all of it into one statement, therefore, we think three keywords can be effectful to be able to use while it still captures the essence of the organisation. Yet, we do believe it is important to specify partly what the three keywords mean to us, and the board suggests that this specification is added under chapter 1, point 2 “*Definitions*”.

The Board propose that the General Meeting approves:

To change row 195, Chapter 1, *1.1 Purpose*

From:

The purpose of JSU is to ensure that the education holds high quality, that there is a good study and social environment and that the students of JU are represented.

To:

The student union’s purpose is to work towards and create conditions for students studying at JU where they are included, supported, and safe in their student life.

And to add at row 132 in Chapter 1, *2. Definitions*

Included

Stands for:

- that all students shall be included in the development of 1) their education and 2) conditions impacting their education.



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- that all students shall feel that they are a part of the student community and have meaningful leisure time, whether this means finding new friends, just having fun, or developing skills for the future.

Supported

Stands for: 1

- that all students shall know and feel that the student union has their back when it comes to voicing their opinions as well as supporting them in their issues related to education.

Safe

Stands for:

- that no student shall be afraid of reprisals when they voice their opinion.
- that the study environment, as well as the social environment, is a place where every student can participate without being discriminated, bullied, or harassed in any way.



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Proposition 2 – Organisational Language

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Motivation

The way the sentence of organisational language is phrased it should mean that the whole organisation internally as well as externally shall use English as its language. This is not the case currently in the organisation as the union must communicate with external parties such as JU, sponsors, SFS, etc, which partly or solely communicate in Swedish. The union could never fulfil it until they start using English as a language. This will not be the case for many years and therefore the board suggest changing the formulation so it is consistent with what we can achieve in reality. The board still believes that our internal language and external language to the largest extent possible should be in English to enable all to be involved and communicate under the same conditions.

The Board propose that the General Meeting approves:

At row 96, Chapter 1, 1.2 *Operative Language* to change **from:**

1.2 Operative Language

The official operative language of JSU is British English.

To:

1.2 Operative Language

The official operative language of JSU is British English with the following exceptions.

1.2.1 Exceptions of the language of the operation

- 1) In case an external party or external meeting requires one to speak Swedish or/and read Swedish documents as preparation, which is vital to be able to participate in the meeting or uphold the relationship.
- 2) In cases where one can communicate verbally or informally in text in another language(s) without excluding other parties, they may do as such.



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Proposition 3 – Regular members

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Regular members

Motivation:

The union as an organisation exists for its regular members. Supportive members are allowed to participate to a certain extent, but we believe that it should only be regular members that can influence how the organisation is developed as it exists for them. As of right now, two sentences state that *all* members of the organisation can submit motions and interpellations which would go against that.

The Board propose that the General Meeting approves:

The adjustment of the following paragraphs:

Row 334, Chapter 3, 1.4.2 Motions and interpellations

From: Any member of JSU is entitled to submit motions and interpellations for consideration at the General Meeting.

To: Regular members of JSU are entitled to submit motions and interpellations for consideration at the General Meeting.

Row 641 Chapter 3, 4.1 Proposals

From: All JSU members have the right to raise motions to the JSU Board.

To: All regular JSU members have the right to raise motions to the JSU Board.



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Proposition 4 – Grammar and formulation updates

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Motivation:

We have read the by-laws and found places where there are grammatical mistakes and where the formulations could be clearer, but where the proposed changes do not change the underlying meaning of the sentence.

The Board propose that the General Meeting approves:

To adjust the following sentences:

Row 108

From: However, internal orders and rules affecting employees are affected by this rule

To: "However, internal orders and rules affecting employees are still in accordance with the organizational memory"

Row 127

From: A document up for decision on the General Meeting, sent in by the JSU Board.

To: A document up for decision at the General Meeting, submitted by the JSU Board.

Row 158-160

From: Interpretations sources that go beyond the organizational memories span, can still be used to interpret steering documents. It is recommended that interpretations of steering documents are kept as long as the specific paragraph being interpreted is in use.

To: Sources of interpretation beyond the organizational memory span may still be used for the interpretation of the steering documents. It is recommended that the use of the current by-laws and the guidance of a specific clause is maintained until other interpretations have to be considered.

Row 458:

From: remunerated

To: remunerated

Row 461:

From: The General Meeting is entitled to approve the attendance of non-members of JSU for (a) particular item/s of the agenda or for the entire meeting.



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To: The General Meeting is entitled to approve the attendance of non-members of JSU for certain points of the agenda or the entire meeting.

Row 481

From: Students associations

To: Student Associations

Row 489

From: Meeting adjusters

To: Meeting Adjusters

Row 496

From: In the protocol is to record:

To: The protocol includes a recording of:

Row 515:

From: If anyone votes against giving freedom of liability that person should have the intent of pursuing legal actions.

To: Person(s) voting against granting freedom of liability should have the intention of pursuing legal action in related matters.

Row 523

From: The Nomination Committee is elected by the General Meeting and serves a term of one operational year.

To: The Nomination Committee shall be elected by the General Meeting and serves a term of one operational year.

Row 525

From: /.../ with exception of JSU Generals.

To: /.../except JSU Generals



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Row 619

From: JU has the right to the 11th board position and can freely nominate a person for this position.

To: JU has the right to the last board position and can freely nominate a person for this position.

Row 620

From: If the JSU Board do not approve the person JU must present another nomination.

To: If the JSU Board do not approve the applicant JU must present another nomination.

Row 672

From: /.../ shall be available to be accessed by JSU members/.../

To: /.../ shall be accessible by JSU members /.../

Row 716

From: The Presidium directs the activities between Board Meetings and is responsible to the JSU Board.

To: The Presidium is held accountable by the JSU board for the activities between board meetings.

Row 719

From: The Presidium shall consist of the following elected officials:

To: The Presidium must consist of the following elected officials:



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Proposition 5 – Call a General Meeting

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Call a General Meeting

Motivation

As the union's purpose is to work for its members it should be possible for members to call a general meeting in order to address issues or change things if they feel that it is relevant.

The challenge is to set a number of students that is reasonable yet democratic which can call an annual meeting. As the annual meeting has decided that it is enough if 30 students have the voting right the board suggests that the number of students that can call a general meeting is 30. As the 30 delegates must be from the four faculties, we also believe it is reasonable that the students calling a general meeting must be from all four faculties.

The Board propose that the General Meeting approves:

To add

- 30 students in total, with a minimum of 5 students from each faculty.

Under

Row 326, Chapter 3

1.4.1 Invitation

A General Meeting can be called by:

- JSU Board
- Two student associations which have a valid contract with JSU
- JSU Financial auditor
- JSU Operations controller



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Proposition 6 – Appendix Membership

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Appendix Membership

Background

The Union has several different kinds of memberships. Both internally and externally there has been some confusion regarding what these different memberships entail. The new proposed text is an attempt to make it clearer which types of memberships there are.

The Board propose that the General Meeting:

Approves the new suggestion of the appendix in its entirety. (see current text in By Laws Appendix)

Proposed text:

I. Type of memberships

I.1 Obligatory Regular membership

Regular membership of JSU can be held by a student. A student is defined as a person who is currently registered at Jönköping University or its partner institutions (lärcenter) for at least one course that awards ECTS credits(högskolepoäng) after a passed examination.

Regular membership entitles the holder:

- to attend, speak, and make proposals at the General Meeting.
- to become a delegate.
- to attend, speak, and submit motions during Board meetings.
- to participate in all activities organised by JSU.
- to student discounts offered to members of JSU.

Regular membership is held on a biannual basis, following the academic spring and autumn semesters.

For membership to be valid, the membership fee must be paid. The amount to be paid is determined as follows:

Tabel 1

Study-pace	Campus	Partner school (lärcenter)	Distance-studies
>15 HP (full-time)	330 SEK (1)	200 SEK (2)	50 SEK (3)
>7.5 HP – 15HP	200 SEK (2)	200 SEK (2)	50 SEK (3)
≤ 7.5 HP	50 SEK (3)	50 SEK (3)	50 SEK (3)

I.2 Volunteer regular membership



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Doctoral students, students going on exchange, re-registered students, and other *student (see definitions?)* groups exempted from the obligatory can voluntarily become regular members of JSU by paying the regular membership fee according to their activity level and then by the same matrix, see table 1, as the regular membership,

I.3 Supportive memberships

Supporting membership can be held by:

- A person who conducts studies organised by Jönköping University, that don't necessarily award ECTS credits upon passed examination, e.g., the "tekniskt basår" programme or education at "yrkeshögskola".
- A person who conducts commissioned studies at Jönköping University or its partner institutions.
- Any student who has a membership in another Student Union, in Sweden and who conducts studies that award credits upon a passed examination.

Supporting membership gives the holder the right to:

- Participate in all social activities organised by JSU.
- The student discounts offered to members of the Jönköping Student Union.

A supportive member does not hold the right to hold a representative, governing, and educational position or function such as on the JSU Board, Nomination Committee, board committees etc.

Supporting membership is held on a biannual basis, following the academic spring and autumn semesters.

For supporting membership to be valid, the membership fee of 200 SEK must be paid.

The JSU Board may enter a contract with another Student Union and decide upon a supporting membership fee.

I.4 Alumni Supportive membership

Alumni membership may be held by a previous regular member or supporting member.

Alumni membership is held on a biannual basis, following the academic spring and autumn semesters. The membership fee is 50 SEK per semester, or a single 500 SEK lifetime fee.

Alumni membership is restricted to participating in activities approved by the board.

I.5 Honorary membership

A person named as an honorary member holds the same rights as a regular member without the requirement of paying a membership fee.



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I.6 Membership in student associations

According to the JU contract, JSU and relevant Student Associations that represent all students at the relevant faculty shall have a joint membership. The students shall have the freedom to choose which Student Association to belong to but are automatically placed with the Student Association at which faculty they study.

This means that the regular members and supportive members who study at a faculty at JU are automatically assigned to the student association at the relevant faculty. The student association receive part of the membership fee, 22 kr for categories 1 and 2 (see table 1) and for the supportive membership fees.

Supportive members who do not belong to a faculty can choose a student association but until the person has chosen the fee falls to the union.

The rights the person receives from being a member of the student association are stipulated by the student association in question.

Other rights and the relationship between student associations and union are stated in the individual contract between the organizations.

I.7 Proof of membership

Proof of membership is to be issued to regular, supportive and alumni members.

Proof of membership may be issued by an external publisher as appointed by the board.