

Proposition Letter of Opinion





Proposition 8 – Internationalisation and Integration

Motivation:

The organisation has throughout the past year experienced a similar issue on two separate occasions where international students from outside the European Union who have taken on a remunerated position at JSU have been denied a renewed visa since they are not considered a student nor an employee, according to Migrationsverket. After discussions with other student unions in Sweden during national forums, it has become clear that this is not an isolated issue. Therefore, the JSU Board has taken a stand in the matter and would like to update the Letter of Opinion for matters related to continuity as well as national representation, such that the document clearly states this standpoint.

The Board propose that the General Meeting approves:

To insert §.1.14 International students shall be able to take on remunerated positions during or immediately after their education without this decision affecting their visa-status at Migrationsverket, under chapter 9, row 839.

Proposition 9 – Doctoral Students

Motivation:

JSU represents all students, including doctoral students, and have during the past few years been discussing the implications of the migration legislation *the Aliens Act*, especially in national forums where student-political questions are discussed. *The Aliens Act* affects foreign doctoral students and has been discussed as problematic for Sweden's attractiveness as a research and innovation nation. Doctoral students which stay within academia are likely to continue on short term contracts while those who leave academia face a plethora of problems which are a result of the lack of permanent residency, which limits career options and limits Sweden's ability to attract qualified workers. The JSU Board believes that taking a stance in the matter will allow for more efficient lobbying to be carried out and that the standpoint should be rooted in the best interest of the student, as well as the preservation of knowledge.

The Board propose that the General Meeting approves:

To insert §.1.7 Doctoral students shall have the same opportunity as others on the Swedish labour market to establish themselves in Sweden, under chapter 12, row 957.