

Proposition from the Board of HHUS

Changing the statutes

What are the statutes

The statutes are a set of rules and regulations that govern the internal operations and activities of the organisation. These rules are established by the association's members and serve as a framework for how the association functions. The statutes provide a structure and framework for association to operate efficiently and effectively, ensuring that activities and decisions are carried out in a transparent and orderly manner. They help maintain consistency and fairness within the organisation, between and throughout terms of office, and serve as a reference point for resolving disputes or clarifying procedures.

Background

The current statutes of HHUS can be located at:

HHUS.se > Documents > Statutes and Regulations > Statutes

The statute was last updated in 2016 and has since then been translated from Swedish to English. Currently, the association provides two editions, one in Swedish and another in English. When looking closer at these editions, one can see differences in the information, references, and intentions. Furthermore, previous years' boards have emphasised shortcomings in the available information and requested updates in accordance with the association's internal development.

The project is done by the Board, led by the Presidium, during the spring term 2024 together with Umeå studentkår.

Proposed changes to the statutes

Firstly, the language, wording and phrasing has been changed throughout the entire statutes to make it easier to read and understand. Additionally, the layout, such as logotype and font has been updated.

New additions to the statutes are marked in red in the proposal.

Big changes in the statutes are marked in orange in the proposal.

Small changes (besides language, phrasing) in the statutes are marked in blue in the proposal.



Frontpage and Preface:

- Add exactly when and how the statute is adopted + who has done the revisions so upcoming years board and members can reachout.
- New Preface that is more accurate to HHUS 2024 and includes more information about statutes.

Chapter 1:

- §1.6: All information about the signatories are collected in chapter 1, instead of scattered.
- §1.8: Add an official language within the association.

Chapter 2:

- §2.4: Add information about actively engaged members. Purpose of this is to state that actively engaged members exist and what happens if they fail to fulfil their duties.
- §2.6: More clear and structured information about what can happen if a member does not behave. No change in the procedures, only encouragement to speak to Umeå studentkår.
- §2.6: HHUS can't themselves exclude someone from the association. The stated process goes against the statutes of Umeå studentkår.

Chapter 3:

- §3.1: Additional information about an annual meeting that has been scattered.

Chapter 4:

- §4.1: Change from 10% of the members to 20 members to make it easier to call for additional annual meetings for the members.
- §4.3: ^^

Chapter 6:

- §6.3: Clarification about voting rights for the board members.
- §6.8: Clarification about voting rights and adding that the vice should attend instead of the head.
- §6.9: Rephrasing
- §6.11: A new paragraph on how to handle board members that do not fulfil their duties, but should not be removed from the board completely. The purpose is to be able to temporarily remove someone that maybe does not feel good, are stressed etc and give the vice head the "legal" right to be acting Head.
- §6.12: This part of the statutes has presented contradictory messages between sections, where different methods have been outlined for removing a board member. Additionally, the requirements for removal were unreasonable. The proposal suggests holding extra annual meetings with a minimum attendance of 20 members,



instead of 30% (which is nearly 250 members). Furthermore, we have clarified the information and specified who has the authority to initiate a vote of no confidence.

Chapter 7:

- §7.1: Adding a reference to the SOPs (not finished yet, but will be before the second annual meeting).
- §7.5: Change from 30th of november to the penultimate weekend of november (näst sista) to have the election. This will give the board more time to do handovers and prepare for vacancies.
- §7.7: Change how the voting system works in step 3.
- §7.7: Removed step 4 since it is an online election.
- §7.8: Removed the old way of appointing vacancies and instead start using the digital ballot for this too. The preceding board should not be able to appoint their successor, it should always be up to the members.

Chapter 8:

- §8.1: Appoint election committee before summer since the project leader has expressed that it is short in time.
- §8.3: Adding that the election committee should be able to determine if a person is suited to be a candidate.
- §8.4: Change so that a board member cannot be part of the election committee. Sitting board should not be able to influence the election.

OLD chapter 9:

We suggest that chapter 9 in the statutes should be removed since the same information can be located in other chapters.

NEW chapter 9 (old chapter 10):

- Change 10 to 9 in heading and subheadings.
- §9.4: Add which other governing documents that regulates the operation of HHUS.