

Jönköping Student Union
Propositions

(Changes to the By-Laws)



Proposition 1 - §3.2 Constellation of the JSU Board

Motivation:

There is a lot of collaboration between JU and the Student Union, but we are still separate organisations. To have someone from the university with voting rights in the Student Union board seems therefore not appropriate. The Board instead has investigated the setup of an advisory group without voting right which can be called upon in times of need.

The Board proposes that the General Meeting approves a change in the constellation of the JSU Board in Chapter 3, §3.2 Constellation of the JSU Board, Row 636, 639, 647, 648.

From:

3.2 Constellation of the JSU Board

The constellation of the JSU Board is:

- JSU President
- JSU Vice President
- One JSU Alumni
- One JU representative
- Five Student Representatives

The total number of board members shall be 9.

Each member of the JSU Board has one vote each, if a JSU Board member cannot attend their vote is transferred to their deputy Board member if such exist.

Terms of office:

- Starts on the first day of the operational year (1st of July).
- Ends on the last day of the operational year one year later (30th of June).

The JU Representative is excepted from this term of office and is a member as long as the person is appointed by JU.

To:

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- JSU President
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Consequently, the following section should be deleted:

§3.2.3 JU Representative

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

The JSU Board must approve the nomination before the person can assume the position. If the JSU Board do not approve the applicant JU must present another nomination.

Proposition 2 - §2.1 Election and substitutes

Motivation:

There has not been a clear procedure regarding the election of Operational Controllers during by-elections, therefore we propose aligning it with the existing elections procedure for JSU board members.

We suggest that in the case of a by-election, the vacant operational controller role(s) shall be appointed by the acting JSU board. This is primarily due to the operational controller's main role of aiding the JSU board members regarding internal operations.

The Board proposes that the General Meeting approves a change in the By-election procedure in Chapter, §2.1. Elections and substitutes, Row 245-249.

From:

§2.1 Elections and substitutes

The General Meeting elects two OC in accordance with Chapter 3 §1.6 Agenda for the Annual General Meeting. OC ´s appoint one among them to become convener. If a position is left vacant after a General Meeting, or if an OC vacates their position before their mandate ends, the JSU Generals are entitled to appoint an acting OC for the position at a by-election until operational year is done.

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Proposition 3 - §1.4.3. Document send out

Motivation: The board wants to allow the opportunity for members to send in motions on the budget and give them more time to understand and examine the document. Hence the Board proposes a change in the time the Budget needs to be sent out to the members, from 2 to 4 weeks.

The Board proposes that the General Meeting approves a change in the deadline of the send outs Chapter 3, §1.4.3 Deadlines, Row 380.

From:

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Proposition 4 - §4.2. Decisions

Motivation: The Board proposes a revision of the quorum requirements and voting procedures to enhance decision-making efficiency. Additionally, instead of resolving tied votes by lot, the Board must continue deliberations and bring the matter up again until a majority decision is reached. This ensures more democratic and well-considered decisions.

The Board proposes that the General Meeting approves a change voting format in Chapter 3, §4.2 Democracy, Row 697.

From:

§4.2. Decisions

§4.2.1. Voting

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If the conditions for quorum cannot be reached the JSU Board has the right to:

- announce and hold by-elections for the vacant board positions.
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If the numbers of votes are equal, the question is **decided by lot.**

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If the number of votes is equal, the matter must be brought up again in the next meeting until a majority decision is reached. If a tied vote persists after two additional rounds of voting, the Board must either seek mediation or bring the matter to a General Meeting for resolution.

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Proposition 5 - §4. Membership

Motivation: The formulations regarding different types of memberships have been difficult to interpret. The memberships have been reviewed by the JSU Board, and a need to update has been identified. When JSU switched its membership system from Mecenat to Hitract, there was a need to simplify, clarify and adjust the memberships, as well as to specify rights and obligations.

The Board proposes that the General Meeting approves a change in the definitions of forms of Memberships in Chapter 4, § 4.1 Regular membership and §4.2 Rights and obligations of regular membership, row 260, 268, 269.

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From:

4.1 Regular membership

Regular membership of JSU is open to all undergraduate and postgraduate students at the JU and to anyone appointed Honorary Member by the General Meeting. Valid membership is regulated in Appendix 1 of these by-laws.

4.2 Rights and obligations of regular members

A regular member is obligated to pay the membership fee determined in the contract between JU and JSU. The General Meeting can suggest a different membership fee which shall be brought up at negotiations of the contract between JU and JSU. A regular member is entitled to access all JSU official documents and to make use of all JSU services and benefits. The termination of membership can take place at the end of a semester, without reimbursement of paid membership.

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Appendix (Memberships)

From:

1.1 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: 3

- 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 institutions (lärcenter)	Distance-studies
>15 HP (full-time)	360 SEK (1)	250 SEK (2)	75 SEK (3)
>7.5 HP – 15HP	250 SEK (2)	250 SEK (2)	75 SEK (3)
≤ 7.5 HP	75 SEK (3)	75 SEK (3)	75 SEK (3)

1.2 Volunteer regular membership

Doctoral students, students going on exchange, re-registered students, and other student 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.

1.3 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.

1.4 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.

1.5 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.

To:

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A student is obligated to hold a valid Regular membership. A student is defined as a person who is actively registered at Jönköping University or its partner institutions (lärcenter) for at least one course that awards ECTS credits (högskolepoäng) after a passed examination.

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Supporting membership can be held by:

- Doctoral students.



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- Registered Jönköping University students who are on exchange.
- 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, e.g., pathway students.
- Any student from another University who has a membership in another Student Union, in Sweden and who conducts studies that award credits upon a passed examination.

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.

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.

For supporting membership to be valid, the membership fee of 250 SEK must be paid.

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

1.3 Alumni Supportive membership

Alumni membership can be held by a previous obligatory regular member with a limit of up to two years after graduating from JU.

Alumni membership is held on a biannual basis, following the academic spring and autumn semesters. The membership fee is 250 SEK per semester.

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

1.4 Honorary membership

A person named as an honorary member can participate in activities approved by the JSU Board, without the requirement of paying a membership fee.

Proposition 6 - §4.1 Proposals

Motivation:

This section currently refers to the incorrect steering framework. This is why it is proposed to change the reference to the correct document instead that outlines the information and process. There is also a change to the wording as the previous wording was grammatically incorrect and confusing.

The Board proposes that the General Meeting approves a change in which document is referred to in Chapter 3 §4.1 Proposals, Row 685-686.

From:

In the JSU Organisational Rules the JSU Board shall outline how regular members of JSU shall do to get their proposals on the agenda of a Board meeting.

To:

In the ***Rules and procedures for the JSU Board*** the JSU Board shall outline how regular members of JSU shall go about getting their proposals on the agenda of a Board meeting.

Proposition 7 - §1.11 (Add something on editorial changes)

Motivation:

This makes things simpler and avoids having to approve a document with many typos that might have occurred during the Annual Meeting.

The Board proposes that the General Meeting approves a change in the rights to make editorial changes in the by-laws referred to in Chapter 2 §1.11, Row 167.

From:

§2.2 Amendments to and interpretation of the by-laws

§2.2.1 Decision on amendment

Proposal for amendments to these by-laws shall be submitted to the JSU Presidium no later than three weeks prior to the General Meeting. Amendments to the by-laws must be approved by a two-thirds majority of the regular General Meeting.

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