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Agreement on the areas of activity of the member unions

Updated at the SLUSS autumn meeting 10th of October 2022, according to the decision by the board of SLU (SLU ID: SLU ua.2022.1.1.1-2748). The board of SLU has accepted any deviations between this document and the official decision.

The Joint Committee of Student Unions at SLU, SLUSS, is a collaborative body for the students' unions within the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences (SLU). Appendix 2 to the Statutes describes the areas of activities of the unions, an agreement on union affiliation and the union member benefits within a different union.

New agreements regarding areas of activity can only be made in connection with an application for union status in accordance with a given three-year period and agreed by the board of SLU. Other agreements are valid for a full year and are renewed at the autumn meeting of SLUSS. Unless a new decision is made at the autumn meeting, the agreement continues to apply unchanged. The agreement can be changed outside this three-year period, following consultation and renewed confirmation by SLU, if a union decides to cease activities.

'Area of activity' refers to the area within SLU in which the union pursues its study promotion activities.

a) The areas of activity of the unions:

ASK – education on bachelor and advanced level at SLU in Alnarp, and the education on doctoral level within the Faculty of Landscape Architecture, Horticulture and Crop Production Science at SLU. With the exception of students on the Agricultural and Rural Management programme at SLU.

HAS – the Equine Science programme at SLU.

LMK – the Agricultural and Rural Management programme at SLU.

SHS – education on bachelor and advanced level at SLU in Umeå, and the education on doctoral level within the Faculty of Forest Sciences.

SMS – education at the School of Forest Management at SLU.

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ULS – education on bachelor, advanced, and doctoral level within the Faculty of Natural Resources and Agricultural Sciences at SLU, with the exception of the Agricultural and Rural Management programme. Education on bachelor and advanced level within the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine and Animal Sciences, except within the field of veterinary medicine, the Veterinary Nursing programme, the supplementary education for foreign veterinarians and the Equine Science programme. Education on bachelor and advanced level within the Faculty of Landscape Architecture, Horticulture and Crop Production Science in Uppsala. Education on bachelor and advanced within the Faculty of Forest Sciences in Uppsala.

VMF – education within the field of veterinary medicine and animal nursing at the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine and Animal Sciences at SLU.

Doctoral studies: SHS monitors the academic standards of all PhD students within the Faculty of Forest Sciences. VMF monitors the academic standards of all PhD students within the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine and Animal Sciences. ULS monitors the academic standards of all PhD students within the Faculty of Natural Resources and Agricultural Sciences. ASK monitors the academic standards of all PhD students within the Faculty of Landscape Architecture, Horticulture and Crop Production Science.

b) Agreement on union affiliation:

The unions, in accordance with the relevant areas of activity, have an agreement on which students can be full members of the individual union. Students can freely decide to be support members in whichever and how many unions they wish.

c) Agreement on benefits for members in another union within SLUSS:

In order to increase mobility between SLUSS unions, the SLUSS assembly has decided that a member of another union within SLUSS has certain benefits. Membership of a SLUSS union shall be valid for admission to party and pub activities with the same rules and benefits as members of the union arranging the event. Membership is to be confirmed by producing a valid digital or physical membership card. It is the period of validity of the 'Mecenat'/student card that will be regarded as valid.

The individual unions can, through statute or a decision of the union assembly, offer more benefits for members of another SLUSS union. The exact benefits are to be clearly displayed on the union's website and/or on the announcement of the activity.