

The Student Union Malmö's Internal Decisions Regarding Operations during the COVID-19 Pandemic

Given the current state of the Corona pandemic the Student Union Malmö (in the following as the Student Union) shall strictly obey the recommendations of the Public Health Agency of Sweden (Folkhälsomyndigheten) and keep itself updated on any emerging trends.

The following guidelines shall serve as recommendations towards the Student Union's associations, in order to support their event planning and organisation. Furthermore, this document aims to transparently clarify how the Student Union Malmö has decided to structure their work internally, so that both associations and students visiting the Student Union can make informed choices whether they wish to attend the Student Union's events and to ensure they feel as safe as possible on our premises in the given circumstances.

These guidelines are subject to change at any given moment, in accordance to revisions of the Public Health Agency's recommendations, or assessed necessity of adaption of our own recommendations on behalf of the Student Union board.

The Student Union encourages everyone with symptoms (even mild ones) to stay at home and get tested.

§ 1 - Meetings

The Student Union Malmö board is continuing their daily operations physically as far as possible. Our internal meetings (board meetings, working group meetings, etc.) are held in person at Kårhuset. Voluntary board members, adjuncts and guests are given the choice to participate either physically or digitally in these meetings.

The meeting modality of internal meetings between the Student Union and its associations will be decided upon on a case-to-case basis by the parties involved.

External meetings (such as meetings with the university and other external actors) are to be held digitally as far as possible. Exceptions from this rule are:

- Physical meetings of utmost importance scheduled before the adoption of the document at hand
- Meetings with Malmö Stad
- Disciplinary board meetings, due to the confidentiality issues
- Personal meetings with students upon their request

1.1 FORUM

As of the date of the adoption of these guidelines ,FORUM is planned as a blended event that will take place in Kölsvinet, as well as digitally via Zoom. This is subject to change, even on short notice, given the further course of the pandemic.

1.2 The Student Union Council

As the highest decision-making body of the Student Union, ensuring the functionality of the Student Union Council is of utmost importance. As the first scheduled council meeting will be held in the middle of October, it is difficult to predict the safest course of action at this point. Hence, the modality of the Student Union Council will be decided on closer to the event itself. However, digital participation shall always be possible, in order to ensure the possibility of participation for students in the risk group and students living with/ or in close relation to people in the risk group, including students in quarantine.

§ 2 - Travels and Conferences

The Student Union Malmö avoids all unnecessary travels, within Sweden as well as abroad. Conference attendance shall take place digitally, as far as possible.

In case of necessary travel, the Student Union Malmö obeys infection control measures in terms of:

- Sending as few delegates as possible to necessary physical meetings
- Obeying the Swedish Public Health Agency's travel recommendations
- Educating every delegate on their personal responsibility regarding good hand hygiene and other infection control measures

The Student Union encourages its employees to avoid public transport at peak hours and use bikes/ walking as a mode of transport, as far as possible, as a means of infection control.

§ 3 - The Student Union's contact with Students

3.1 Personal Meetings

The Student Union will continue to offer personal meetings with students upon request as far as possible. Every Student Union employee is informed of their personal responsibilities regarding infection control in terms of physical distancing, good hand hygiene and necessity to individually comply with the Swedish Public Health Agency's recommendations.

3.2 Faculty Times

The ombud's faculty times are aspired to be offered in both modalities, physical and digital, as far as possible, in compliance with the Public Health Agency's recommendations and the opening regulations on behalf of Malmö University.

3.3 Local Student Councils

As one of the main tools to ensure the Student Union's contact with students, the local student councils are of utmost importance. As the first scheduled local council meeting will be held in the middle of October, it is difficult to predict the safest course of action at this point. Hence, the modality of the Student Union Council will be decided on closer to the event itself. However, digital participation shall always be possible, in order to ensure the possibility of participation for students in the risk group and students living with/ or in close relation to people in the risk group, including students in quarantine.

3.4 The Student Union's own events

The Student Union's own events are the pillar of ensuring the contact with and support of students, which becomes all the more important in these difficult circumstances of the on-going pandemic. Therefore, the Student Union aspires to maintain the frequency and range of their events as far as possible. The Student Union's events on their own premises, such as Soup Lunches, Student Breakfasts and Music Pubs are aspired to be held physically, as far as possible. Furthermore, additional digital events are being conceptualized in order to offer contact and social support to students not wishing or not being able to attend physical events. Our own events on other premises, such as out in the faculties (for instance, the Union Days or Coffee with the Union) are aspired to be maintained as far as possible. If possible these events are held on the Union's own premises (e.g. in Köslvinet, Arr-Salen) in order to limit foot traffic in the faculties and provide students and staff more space to spread out.

3.5 The Student Union's premises

The Student Union will ensure that their premises are regularly cleaned and contact surfaces disinfected, including but not limited to door handles, tables and other surfaces. Furthermore, the Student Union will increase the professional cleaning of the study rooms.

The Union will take extra caution when handling food, such as wearing fresh gloves and face masks. Hand sanitizer will be available to visitors of the Union's premises at all times.

Student Union staff is cleaning and disinfecting their faculty offices, as well as the Student Union reception and study rooms on a regular basis.