



Doctoral Student Union – Activity Plan 2017

I. Background

Every year, the DSU board decides upon the activities that are prioritized during that specific year. In the annual report at the end of the year, the DSU board describes how they have worked with these activities.

II. Main visions and goals

The main goal of the DSU is to remain actively engaged in creating a dynamic, reliable and creative research and work environment for all doctoral students at Malmö University (MU). By actively and continuously partaking in conversations on all administrative levels of MU, the DSU's ambition is to create and maintain influence in the decision-making process of areas that touch upon the education, research environment and employment of doctoral students. To this end, the DSU strives to ensure that all levels of representation and influence can be easily identified and proactively engaged with. It should also be mentioned that several of the prioritized activities this year focus on information and communication. Through this approach, the intention is to get in touch with more PhD-students, which will hopefully increase the amount of members. This is especially important during this year's transition to university status and the expected increased amount of PhD students.

III. Goals for 2016

Priority will be given to the following issues in 2017:

- The DSU will continue to investigate the possibilities for a Doktorandombudsman (DOMB). In addition, the DSU will establish and maintain ways of communication with the new Doctoral Affairs Coordinator (DAC).
- The DSU will strive to improve the information that is relevant for PhD-students through our website and other forms of social media.

- The DSU will continue to create meeting places for doctoral students from different faculties by arranging social events such as the DSU breakfast or guest lectures. Other forms of social events may also be arranged in order to bring PhD students together in an informal setting.
- The DSU will examine the possibility to extend the DSU's role in the PhD Introduction course and participate in the design of the course program. In addition, the DSU will elaborate on other ideas of providing a better introduction to new PhD-students.
- The DSU will continue to work for improving the situation for international PhD students in terms of language issues.
- The DSU will support and collaborate with the doctoral collegia at the faculties.
- The DSU will initiate a mapping of PhD students work environment and resources to see if or how conditions differ between faculties.
- The DSU will look into the possibility of raising the issue of creating a centralized and searchable online site for all PhD courses in Sweden (similar to what exists in Denmark).

As Malmö University is in transition towards university status, the DSU aims to closely follow and partake in MU's activities during the year in order to see how they affect the doctoral students.