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## Activity Plan Doctoral Student Union 2018

### 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

### 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 (MaU). By actively and continuously partaking in conversations on all administrative levels of MaU, 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 [2018] focus on information and communication. Through this approach, the intention is to get in touch with more PhD students, which will hopefully increase the number of members. This is especially important now that we have transitioned into university status and are expecting an increased amount of PhD students this year, as following years.

### Goals for 2018

Activity	2017	2018	How?
Doctoral Student Ombudsman	The DSU will continue to investigate the possibilities for a doctoral student ombudsman (DOMB). In addition, the DSU will establish and maintain ways of communication with the new Doctoral support.	The DSU will maintain the established contact with the Doctoral support and continuing investigating the possibility of a doctoral student ombudsman (DOMB).	Take part of the evaluation regarding the doctoral support and keep the DOMB question alive during the year in Central committees and other Important Forums where the DSU is represented.

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Information and communication	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 strive to improve the information that is relevant for PhD students through our website and other forms of media and through the doctoral collegia.	All information is to be given in English at the website. Focus on establishing communication within a Yammer group, and less focus on social media. This is the trickiest part, how to reach and communicate with all the PhD students.
Social events	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 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.	Create breakfast and/or lunch meetings. Goal to create a DSU day, as in November 2017.
Improvement of the Introduction of New PhD Students	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 be participating at the Introduction course for PhD students arranged by the Malmö university. The introduction issue is also being raised in Central Committees where all the faculties are represented.	The UKÄ (Universitets kansler ämbetet) is evaluating the quality assurance system of education at Malmö university during 2018. The DSU are invited to participate in the evaluation.
Internationals PhD Students	The DSU will continue to work for improving the situation for international PhD students in terms of language issues.	The DSU will continue to work for improving the situation for international PhD students in terms of language issues	The DSU will establish and maintain contact with the newly employed international doctoral support at Malmö university. Continuing the development and following the implementation on language policy for Malmö university.
Doctoral Collegia	The DSU will support and collaborate with the	The DSU will support and collaborate with the	The DSU will continuing trying to establish a

	doctoral collegia at the faculties.	doctoral collegia at the faculties.	coordinator for the doctoral collegia and activate the collegia at H&S (Health and Society). The collegia is important for information and communicating with all the PhD students at Malmö university.
Website for all PhD courses in Sweden	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).	This is a very complex question and cannot be handled by the DSU itself.	The question will be activated in different Forums during the year.
Membership payments	-	The DSU will work on simplifying the administrations of membership and membership-payments.	Buy/hire a service system for administrating the members of DSU.
ISP – Individual Student Plan	-	The digital ISP will be implemented during 2018.	The DSU will participate in the working group of the digital ISP.
DSU join The Swedish National Union of Students (SFS)	-	Examine the possibility to join SFS and how it will benefit the PhD students.	Contact the SFS.
The DSU statutes	-	The DSU statutes needs to be reviewed during the year.	Prepare changes in the DSU statutes to upcoming annual meeting in 2019.