

# Linnaeus Union operating plan 2023/2024

## Background

The operating plan is a guiding document for Linnaeus Unions work and highlights focus areas for the coming operating year. The operating plan is drawn up in line with the organization's long-term goals and the cooperation agreements the union has with external actors.

The purpose of the operating plan is to identify important areas to prioritize during the operating year 2023/24.

Goal: a student union with a strong voice, which creates legitimacy and trust among all Linnaeus University students.

## Organizational development

During the operating year, Linnaeus Union will undergo a re-diploma to maintain the LGBTQ diploma that we were approved for in 2019.

In the spring of 2023, an internal organizational investigation has been initiated. It will investigate how Linnaeus Union best can use its existing personnel resources and will continue during the 2023/2024 operating year.

## Member recruitment

In recent years, Linnaeus Union has noted a decline in the number of students who choose to become members of the union. To some extent, this can be explained by the corona pandemic, but we assess that this is not the only explanation. During the operating year, Linnaeus Union will work to reach out to more potential members with information about what we offer and what students can gain by becoming members of the union. We must sharpen our offer and be responsive to what students want their union to offer them. We will also take care of existing members by creating more member-exclusive events and offers.

## Attractive student cities

One of the decisive factors that influence the attractiveness of student cities for our members is the student associations. During the operating year 2023/2024, our intention is to develop and deepen our collaboration with the student associations in both cities. As part of this, Linnaeus Union will draw up new and more comprehensive guidelines for handling security issues, for example an action plan in the event of sexual harassment or abuse in student association life.

Linnaeus University has a high proportion of international students. During the year, the Linnaeus Union wants to strengthen its work to include international students in student life in the student cities. An increased integration of international students provides a multifaceted and lively student life.

## **Kalmar**

Kalmar is the Student City of the Year 2023. We will continue to pay attention to this throughout the operating year, for example by arranging the council meeting for our umbrella organization Sweden's United Student Unions (SFS) in Kalmar in May 2024. We would like it to be visible and noticeable to new students that they are studying in the Student City of the Year.

Our goal is that Kalmar's new student pub Lék-Stugan will finally be able to open during the operating year. Linnaeus Union wants to continue to support the union house association in its work, to make sure that Lék-Stugan will become a sustainable, independent and self-evident part of Kalmar's student life. In parallel with the pub opening in its temporary premises, the union continues to search for a permanent premises for the pub together with Linnaeus University and Kalmar Municipality.

## Växjö

The ongoing work with safety-creating measures on Växjö campus will continue during 23/24. Linnaeus Union has a close collaboration with other organisations, such as the municipality, property companies, student health, the police and more.

## Activities in selection

During the year Linnaeus Union plans for the following activities, among others:

- Introduction of new students
- Participation in Kalmarsund Pride and Växjö Pride
- Bus trip to Huseby Christmas fair
- Valborg celebrating
- Coastfest
- Linnécupen activity day
- Members coffee every Thursday
- CSN breakfast
- SFS members meeting in Kalmar

## Prevent cheating and plagiarism

The work to combat cheating and plagiarism will continue during the year with physical and/or digital information campaigns as well as lectures and workshops under our own auspices, together with the educational associations' study halls, together with the Academic Skills Centre, individual course managers and/or in connection with SI meetings. In addition to Växjö and Kalmar, classroom visits with focus on cheating and plagiarism will be made in Västervik, Ljungby, Oskarshamn and possibly Värnamo. During the year, Linnaeus Union plans to produce a collection of legal cases, recommendations regarding the use of ChatGPT and similar AI services, and/or some sort of self-study package as a supplement to Refero.

## Education-related advocacy work

During the operating year, Linnaeus Union will continue to monitor the students' influence on study-related issues (student and doctoral representation in preparatory and decision-making bodies).

The union will be involved in the overall quality reviews regarding Linnaeus University's educations. We will work with disseminating information regarding the importance of students completing course evaluations. The union will continue to work for clarity and reasonableness in course prerequisites and for Linnaeus University's departments to have routines for what the essay/ex-job process looks like.

The union wants to collaborate with, among others, the Academic Skills Centre, to support language-impaired students.