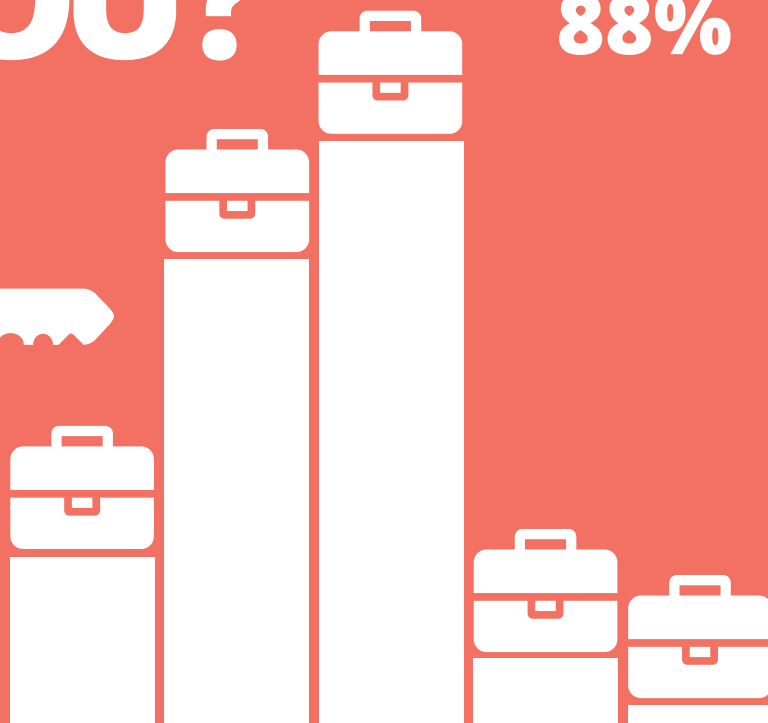
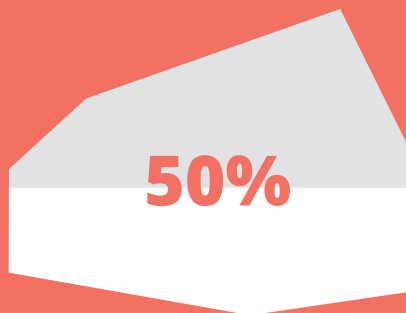
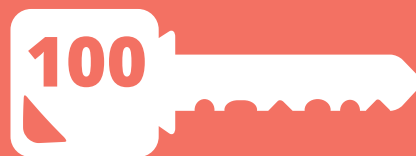


WHAT HAVE WE DONE FOR YOU?

*Summary of the Student Union
impact work 2016/2017*



88%



Ours and your impact during the year

As students at Chalmers and as members of the student union management team, we want to sum up all the things we have worked for the past year to improve your student life.

The management team is elected annually by the student council. Our task is to lead the daily work and make sure we work towards our goals and visions.

This summary is provided to give an overview of what we have actually done and what still needs attention, from accommodation and services to improvement work for a better education.

If you want more, download the full summary here:
www.chalmersstudentkar.se/documents (in Swedish only).

Do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions:
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/Student Union Management Team of 2016/2017





***“All members should
thrive and develop
during their time
at Chalmers”***

The vision of Chalmers Student Union



Introduction

Chalmers student unions is an independent association existing to represent, support and provide opportunities for students studying at Chalmers.

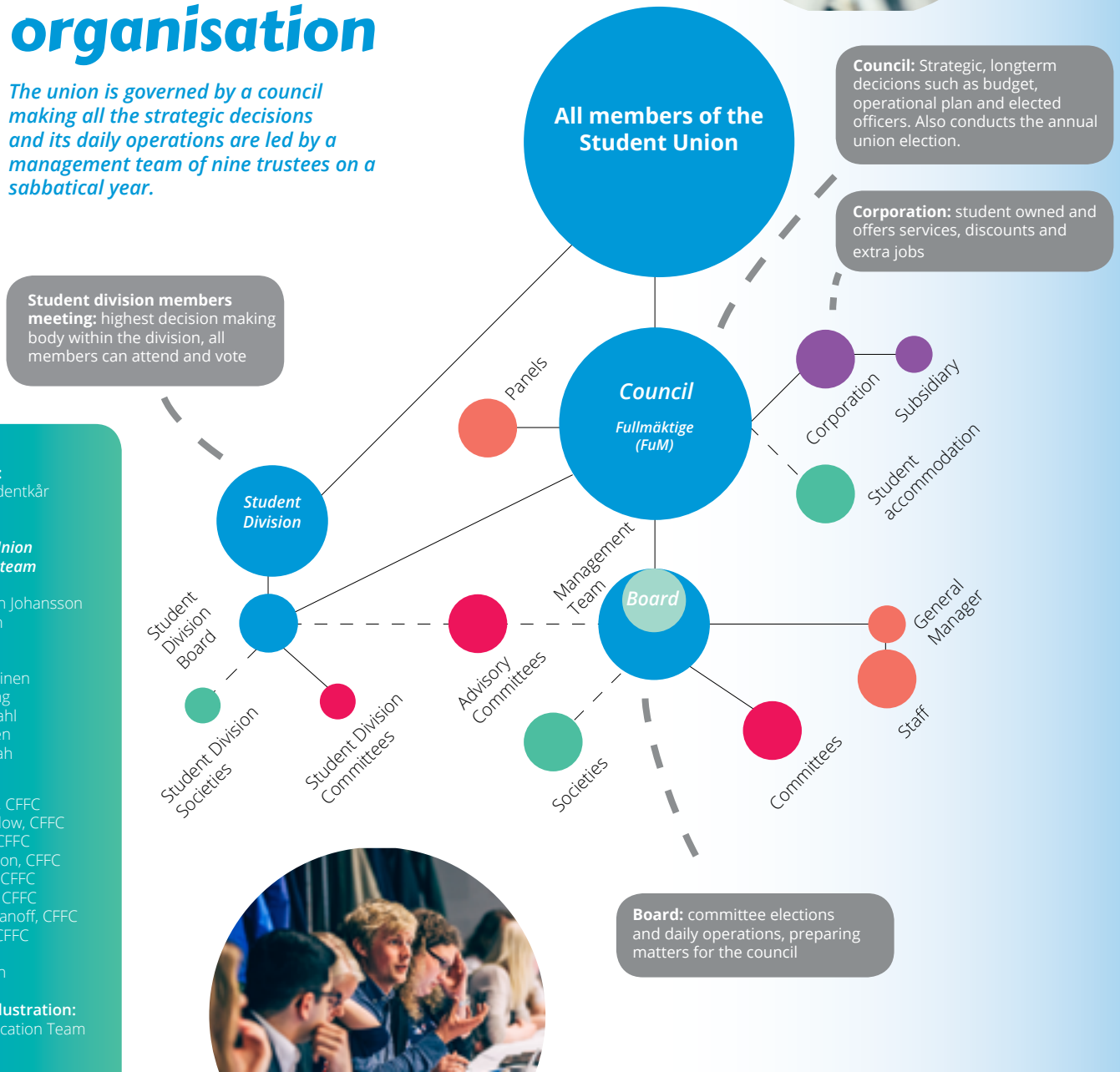
Every student is a mandatory member of the union and therefore entitled to get involved through volunteering, standing for elected positions, extra work offers, being a student rep or just having a fun night out at any of our events.

The 11 missions

All the improvement work we do strive to reach our vision: All member shall thrive and develop during their time at Chalmers. We have broken this vision down to 11 missions that we work with every year.

Our organisation

The union is governed by a council making all the strategic decisions and its daily operations are led by a management team of nine trustees on a sabbatical year.



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I. Make the most of your education

2. Affect your education & study situation



Average grade of all Chalmers courses

Entrepreneurship and ethics in undergraduate studies

At least 50% of all Chalmers students should have entrepreneurial experience from their education. These experiences will give skills to manage risk and be part of the chain of developing ideas.

Chalmers students should be qualified to make ethical decisions in their future lives. In this matter the union has been working to learn what would work best for students and feel self-evident in the studies.

Moving operations to Lindholmen

Representatives from the union have been part of all central discussions within the university regarding moving operations to Lindholmen. Student division presidents and the council have also been briefed during the process and had the chance to get involved through the union president, who have been most involved.

Improving health

The union has worked with psychosocial health at different programmes. Through surveys we have found that many students are suffering due to stress. Therefore the union and university have started a process to improve health issues at these programmes to evaluate the education and support system.

You made it easier to go abroad

The student voice, Studentrösten, is an annual event where students can truly affect their studies and the union work.

Each year have different topics. This year the union asked where students wanted to go for an exchange and which obstacles prevented them from going. The results have been used to assess the exchange agreements and make it easier for students to go abroad during their time at Chalmers.



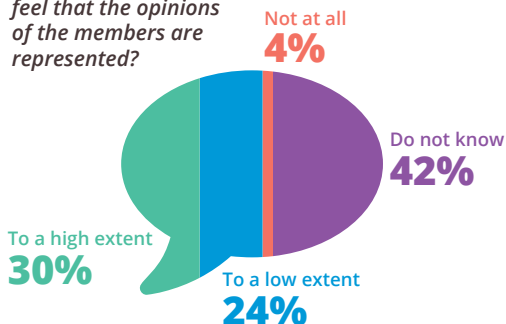
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Number of student representatives in decision making or processing bodies within the university, appointed by the council.



Student representatives on the university's boards.

To which extent do you feel that the opinions of the members are represented?



**annual member survey 2016*



3. Feel safe



Monitoring health and work environment

In collaboration with the university, the student union has improved the monitoring of student health and work environment by the use of a new survey called the student barometer

The results from the new survey have resulted in increased efforts to reduce stress among students at several study programs as well as initiative to improve the students physical work environment and fire safety knowledge.

Where to turn to when you need help?

Many students suffers from periods of poor mental or physical health but there is a lack of knowledge about where to turn to for help. All students need to know where to go when they need health support and counselling.

To make sure that students in need of help know where to turn to when they feel unwell, the student union has arranged presentations and seminars among students to improve knowledge of social security systems and the student health center.

78%

Yes
No: 21%
Do not know: 1%

**Have experience
stress as a result
of the studies**

45%

Yes
No: 41%
Do not know: 14%

**I know about the
Student Health
Centre**

40%

Yes
No: 60%
Do not know: 0%

**Stress or mental
health has been
obstacles in my
studies**

81%

Yes
No: 13%
Do not know: 6 %

**I know about my
student guidance
counsellor**

**from the Student Barometer 2016*

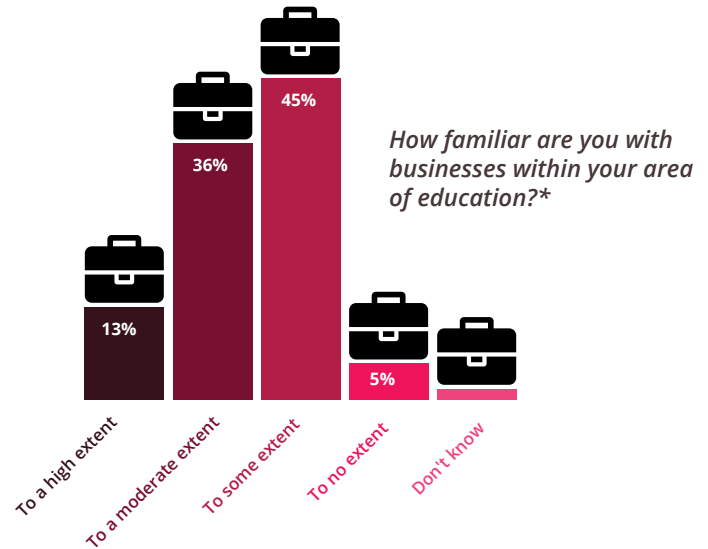
4. Be prepared for the future

Challenge our ideas

To ensure that CHARM will continue to be among the leading career fairs in Sweden we have developed a long term strategy. It will be used as support and help CHARM to challenge their ideas and create stability in the organization.

Better relations with university

By creating a continuous contact the relations with key personnel at the university has been improved. The idea is to have a continuous dialogue and cooperation regarding external parties. A concrete outcome is that the union will be represented in the work with the universitys strategic agreements.



* From the ATEC survey sent to all students at Chalmers and KTH Royal Institute of Technology



5. Access to housing

118
+apartments
at Emilsborg

We have received
planning permission for
approximately 118 new
student accommodations



New system - less queues

New queueing system in our student accommodation makes life easier – especially for everyone attending their first semester at Chalmers. There will now be 100 advance apartments available, regardless of being a Swedish or international student. In general the queues have been dramatically shortened for all our members.

No Kårbo

Unfortunately the project Kårbo, planned for an 18 stories building in the heart of campus, has been dismissed due to its close proximity to research facilities at Chalmers Tvärgata. Together with Chalmersfastigheter, our housing company will try and find a better location for the building.



6. Offer adequate & affordable services



May 2016

May 2017

**NUMBER OF CLIMATE
BRANDED** products within the
restaurant division.



Less hassle - one card

Per our initiative the student union card now contains everything you need in just one card: access, membership proof and method of payment including discounts.

New bistro and high end lunches

Wijkanders opened during 2016 and now offer lunches and bistro during evenings - all at student friendly prices.

New café at campus Vasa

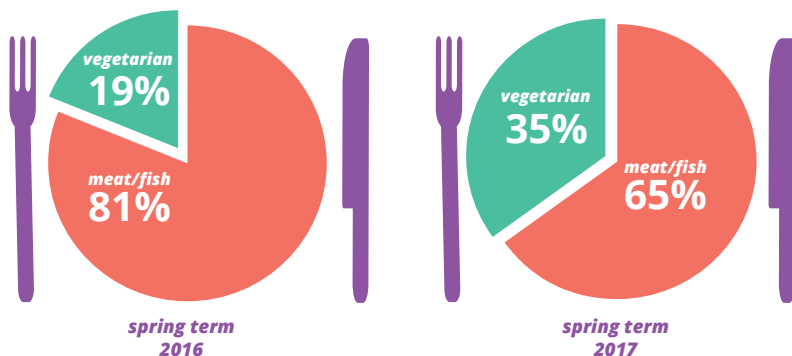
Café Vera is our latest addition within our corporation, located conveniently at the entrance of Industrial Engineering and Management building, providing coffee, snacks and cold lunches.



TWO BECOMES ONE. Less cards, more
freedom with only one card for everything!



Lunches purchased in Express



Go Fresh* products sold



* Local, fresh, campus made products,
sold on campus only.

7. Personal growth & participation

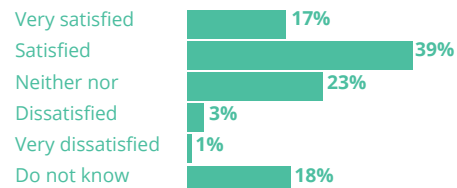
Leadership training for involved students

We have been working to create a leadership training for involved students and a pilot trial will start during fall 2017. The training will be offered to involved student at both central and local levels and will provide tools for them to further train and discuss in their respective groups.

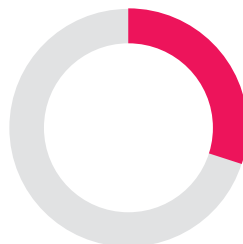
The future of getting involved

During the year a survey was made to see how the union can become more including and thus eliminate obstacles for participation in activities and engagements. The results will be the foundation for the work with the new prioritized area "Ensure future engagements"

How satisfied are you with the social activities within the Student union?



During your time at Chalmers, have you or would you like to get involved within Chalmers Student Union's organization?



31%

of members state that the union contributed to their personal growth.

8. Campus life & leisure

Our country cabins

The opening ceremony of our country cabins, Kårhus på landet, was held in September 2016. The final cost of the project has been calculated to approximately 30 million SEK, excluding the thousands of hours spent by volunteers. The frequency of bookings has gradually increased during the year, even with the period of unaccessible bookings included.

The vision of the entire area and the cape have been processed by a working group. There is no final draft at this moment but there has been discussions about an activity course for team building and the like.

Lindholmen efforts

As a result of the decision made by the university president to move operations to Lindholmen the union has been working on getting a permanent student union building at Lindholmen. We asked involved students at Lindholmen regarding needs and expectations and based on these answers a suggestions will take form.

Eq.Sus award

Former university president Jan-Eric Sundgren requested the union to reinstate the previous Equality award that has been latent for some years due to a decreasing interest. The new award is called Eq.Sus and now also includes sustainability. The first winner was presented during the hat ceremony in October 2017.



50%

Grand cabin

Booking grade Fridays & Saturdays during the spring term 2017



9. Keeping a steady course

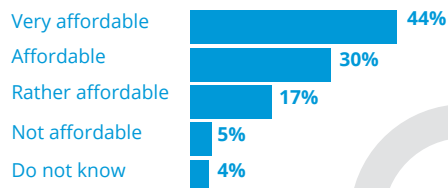
Improved leadership training for your reps

A new leadership programme has been developed for the student union management team in order to better handle the work load and thus provide better membership services.

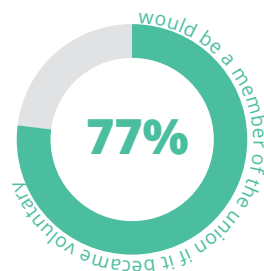
New IT-department

The IT strategy decided during 2016/2017 resulted in two new assignments within the union, a Chief Information Officer and Deputy Information Officer. These two will modernize and stabilize the union's IT.

How affordable do you think the Student Union membership fee is relative to the membership benefits?



*annual member survey 2016



10. Represent members opinions

Representation high and low

Chalmers student union has representatives in councils on all levels: from local program councils at Chalmers to national student political boards. This ensures that we have an impact in everything from components in courses to what will be on the student political agenda.

Regional and national impact on student issues

Chalmers student union aim to improve its members situation, both on and off Chalmers campuses. To do this the student union is a member of two student political organizations: the Swedish National Union of Students (SFS) and the Association of Student Unions in Gothenburg (GFS).

SFS

SFS organize student unions all over Sweden and aim to represent and promote the students interests in education, research and student welfare issues at national level. During 2016/2017 SFS has for example affected politicians to accept part time sick-listing for students, improving the current students health insurance system or highlighted the need for a national system to ensure the high quality of all higher education.

GFS:

GFS work with lobbying to improve the student situation in Gothenburg. Main focus in GFS during the study year 2016/2017 was the housing situation and initiation of the project Gbg 7000+, with the goal of building 7000 new student accommodations before 2026. GFS also worked with questions such as better discounts in public transport and improved support for students with mental illness in Gothenburg.



II. Continuous communication with members



1. Härryda

2. English version

3. Contact

4. Membership

5. Documents

**Top 5
visited
links, union
website**

*Data that were
used when
developing the
new one.*



The member survey continues to support our main focus within the union – for members to learn about small och big decisions made by the union. Just over 80% finds this the most important information they want to receive.

New website

During spring 2017 we started to look over the current website to make sure it met the needs of the visitors. A quote was made to modernize and enhance the web experience and a new website started to take form just before summer to be completed in August 2017.

The goal was to create a cleaner website based on how our members uses the site. Student divisions were invited to give input and have had a great impact on the final result. To make sure the website could better be maintained and updated it would be entirely in English.

More movies

Based on the previous years experience we found the video format to be both efficient and effective as a communication platform. During the year we created 5 different videos, from election promotions to Christmas greetings. Outside these five we also made 7 council brief videos.

Better outreach through English

We have greatly expanded our English communication, not only is everything communicated from the union in both Swedish and English, some major events are communicated in English only, such as the election information and marketing.

We also continued our work to translate vital documents such as the union bylaws. Work will continue during fall 2017.

Top 3 clicked links in union newsletter



"Party boats, elections and no more Bopplats"



Council
brief

Council
brief

Movie
presenting
the new
management
team



WHERE DOES YOUR MONEY GO?



Education – to maintain and monitor our education for its quality and student rights. To have your opinions represented both locally and nationally.



Health – that you have a well functioning support system and to actively work on equality issues.



Student life – that you have meaningful activities outside your studies to create a rich social life.

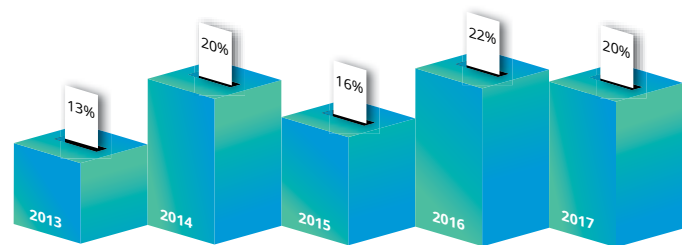


Employability – to help you understand and get in contact with the job market for your future career.

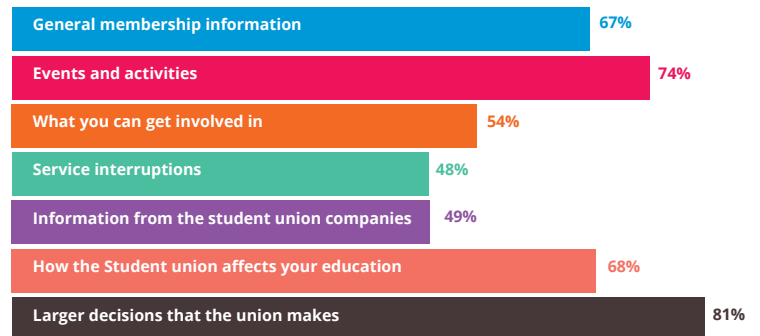


Savings – we save money strategically to ensure fundings of future ventures and projects, such as our country cabins.

Voted in the student union council election



What kind of information do you want from the Student Union?



*annual member survey 2016



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