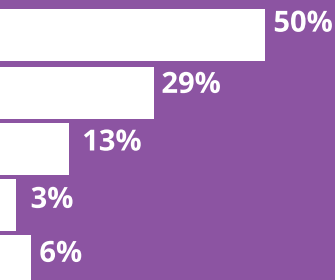
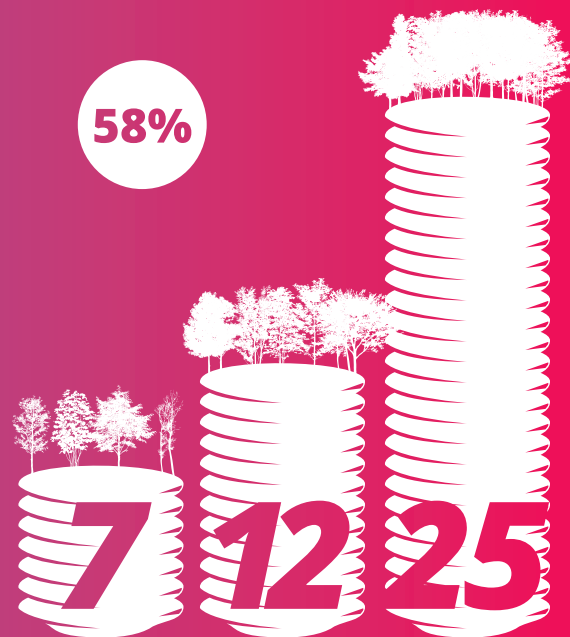


# WHAT HAVE WE DONE FOR YOU?



Summary of the  
Student Union  
impact work 2017/2018



# Ours and your impact during the year

***We are students at Chalmers and also members of the student union management team. In this Impact Report we sum up the year that lies behind us to let you know what we accomplished.***

The management team is elected annually by the student council. Our task has been to lead the daily work and make sure we work towards our vision – ***all members should thrive and develop during their time at Chalmers.***

This summary is provided to give an overview of what we have 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](http://www.chalmersstudentkar.se/documents) (in Swedish only).

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***/Student Union Management Team of 2017/2018***







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

*The vision of Chalmers Student Union*



A man with a beard, wearing a black beret with a yellow band and a green vest over a light blue shirt, is looking down at his wristwatch. The background is a light blue gradient.

NO SIGNAL

# Introduction

*Chalmers student union is an independent organization, run democratically by its members and exists to represent, support, and provide opportunities for everyone that studies at Chalmers university of technology*

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.

Our vision - all members should thrive and develop during their time at Chalmers - has been broken down into 11 missions that aim to improve various important part of our members lives as students at Chalmers.



# 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.*



**Student division members meeting:** highest decision making body within the division, all members can attend and vote

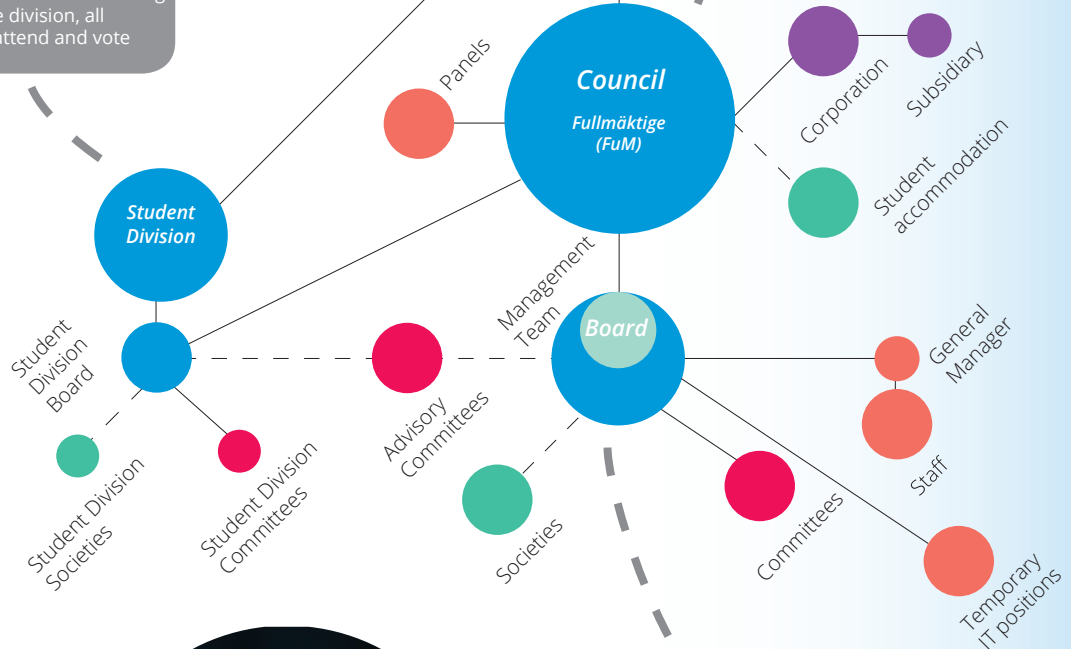
**Council:** Strategic, longterm decisions such as budget, operational plan and elected officers. Also conducts the annual union election.

**Corporation:** student owned and offers services, discounts and extra jobs

**All members of the Student Union**

**Council**  
Fullmäktige (FuM)

**Board**



**Board:** committee elections and daily operations, preparing matters for the council

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# 1. Make the most of your education

# 2. Affect your education & study situation



Average grade of all Chalmers courses

## Are we moving to Lindholmen?

Representatives from the union have worked to get a final decision in the matter of the university moving operations to Lindholmen. Unfortunately, a clear decision has not yet been given. The current efforts is for a new campus development plan to be completed in January 2019. The union has representatives in both the project group and steering committee.

## AI and gender balance final decisions

The Chalmers foundation (stiftelsen) has this year decided to fund long term initiatives at Chalmers, benefiting both students and staff. The union has been involved from the start, taking in member proposals and being part in the final project groups of the concluding propositions. Three initiatives are approved, which are improving gender balance in faculty, building an AI centre at Chalmers and creating next generation of engineering education. These projects will proceed during the next 10 years.

## Mandatory registration for exams

As from October 2017 mandatory sign-up for exams came into practice. This is due to limited resources at the university.

We have been in dialogue with parts of those responsible for this decision at Chalmers and demanded that they follow up on whether or not resources have been saved. If not, we demanded a change back to the option of taking an exam if there is a free seat, as it was before. Results are yet to follow.

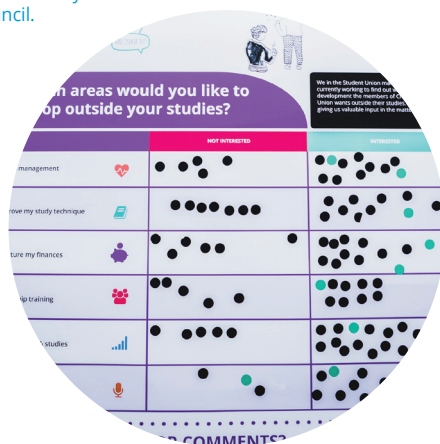
## The student voice, Studentrösten

The student voice is an annual event where students can give feedback on various topics concerning student life. This year, the responses were used to determine what kind of development in personal growth our members wanted outside their studies. The responses were also used to improve the activities and events both at the union and at the divisions to be more in line with what our members desire.

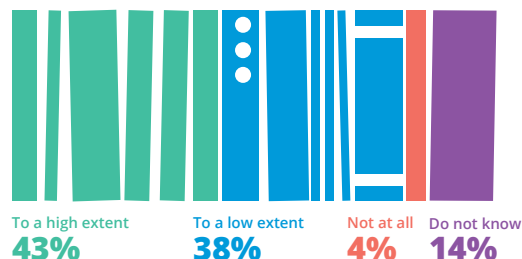


**63 of 64**

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



To which extent do you feel that you can affect your education and study situation?\*



\*annual member survey 2017



### 3. Feel safe

**CHALMERS  
AGAINST  
SEXISM**  
CHALMERS | CHALMERS  
STUDENTAR

Share your story

==Swedish below==

For student and staff at Chalmers

We know that sexism, sexual harassment  
our campuses or in our daily lives. Our  
measures to come to terms with the

HOW CAN MY EXPERIENCE CONT?  
We need your story, your experience  
Chalmers. We have learned it

WHAT CAN I SHARE?  
If anything ever has  
event, at the  
meet

#### #metoo and Chalmers against sexism

During autumn 2017, the #metoo movement had found its way to campus. This is when the union collected about 200 individual stories from undergraduate students, PhD students and employees at the university. As a result the university together with the union created the project *Focus jämställdhet (Focus Equality)* with the subproject *Chalmers against sexism* to actively find hands on solutions and ideas to battle sexism in all our typical environments.

In the beginning of the year there were three equality groups at the student divisions and today almost everyone has one. Further, different trainings for committees and the student divisions have been created and held. Various committees have also made changes to their events to make them more equal and safe.

#### A fair fair

At this year's career fair, CHARM, the committee created the new concept of *A fair fair*, which was rules and procedures which the companies at the fair had to abide. It was signed by the project leader of CHARM and Chalmers president. The idea was to prevent sexism and harassment to create an even better experience for both students and exhibitors at CHARM.

**A  
FAIR  
FAIR**

**69%**

**Have experience  
stress as a result  
of the studies for  
a longer period  
of time\***

\*from the Student Barometer 2017

**SILENCE IS NOT GOLDEN.**



# 4. Be prepared for the future

## Career survey

A new deal was made with the student union at KTH Royal Institute of Technology, THS, regarding the collaboration of the Career survey ATEC. The deal gives the organisations a greater individual freedom when it comes to using the survey data.

## Greater collaboration with the university

Further work has been made in the collaboration between Chalmers and the union regarding contact and work with external partners and companies. The focus of this has been in the meeting with Chalmers strategic partners and within the area of entrepreneurship.



*Consider themselves having knowledge about relevant employers in the job market.\**



*Consider themselves having opportunities to discover possible professional roles.\**

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





# 5. Access to housing



*Image: Bornstein Lyckefors Arkitekter AB*

## Housing project Uddjaur

In December 2017 the ground breaking of the housing project Uddjaur was made. The project includes a kindergarten and 118 apartments. Occupation is planned by spring 2019.

## Housing project Gibraltar Guesthouse

As a result of the urgent housing problem reported at the start of 2017, a collaboration between Chalmers Studentbostäder, the union, the university and Chalmersfastigheter has decided to build 100 temporary apartments to the start in August 2019. These can be kept for a maximum of 15 years.

## GBG 7000+

We have this year had a project leader to move the project forward.

## Long term projects

Work is being done by Chalmers Studentbostäder to hopefully be able to build about 450 student apartments and student hotels on the opposite side of Chalmersplatsen.

# 6. Offer suitable & affordable services

## Pawnd lunches at S.M.A.K

During the renovation of the civil engineering building, the union owned restaurant company, Chalmers Konferenser och Restauranger, opened a new take-away café, focusing on sustainability. Doing so with a new pawning system for lunchboxes and by presenting the CO<sub>2</sub> emissions on all dishes.

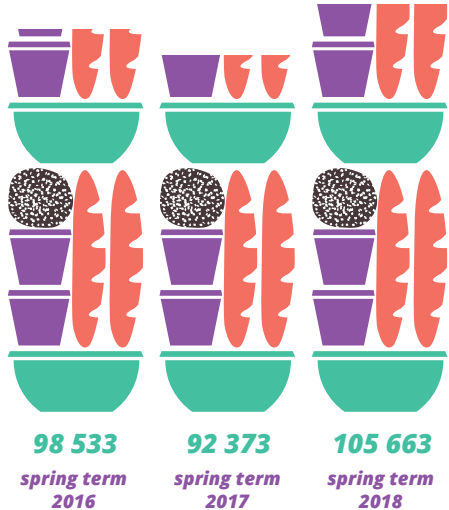
## Vegetarian becomes vegan

We made our daily vegetarian lunch option in Kårrestaurangen vegan instead, to better accommodate our guests' wishes and feedback.



NUMBER OF CLIMATE (CO<sub>2</sub>) BRANDED products within the restaurant division.

## Go Fresh\* products sold



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



# 7. Personal growth & participation

## Of Course - personal growth on student terms

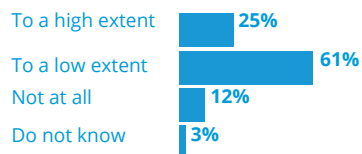
Responding to members requests about what they desired to develop outside of studies, the management team arranged Of Course, a day where union partners held lectures and workshops on the subject of personal growth, per member request. The event was successful and received good reviews from the participants.

## Leadership education for committees

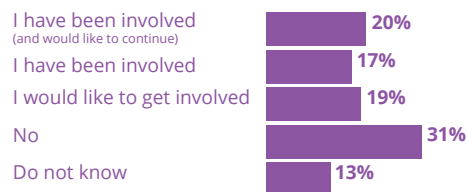
During the year, the majority of union committees participated in a leadership program together with Acando as a pilot project. The feedback from this was used in the planning of the program for 2018/2019.



## To which extent members feel they have time for extracurricular activities\*



## 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.\*

\*annual member survey 2017

## 8. Campus life & leisure

### Renovation of furniture

The majority of the furniture in the Student union building have been renovated to improve comfort.

### Improving event culture

The event culture at Chalmers is under constant improvement. Discussions have been held during the year with committees both at the union and at the student divisions regarding good and bad traditions, especially concerning alcohol consumption.



**58%**  
**Gym hall\***

*\*Booking grade Aug 2017–July 2018.  
Bookable day and night.*



**36%**  
**Music rooms\***



**28%**  
**Group rooms\***





## 9. A healthy organisation

### Temporary position in the management team

An additional temporary 10<sup>th</sup> position in the management team was added to the operational year 2018/2019 to work with the union's IT related challenges. This was also a response to problems with the structure of the organisation that have been known for a long time.

### GDPR and IT

Two extra people were remunerated during the year to work with the student unions IT. A part of this have also been to prepare the union and divisions for GDPR.

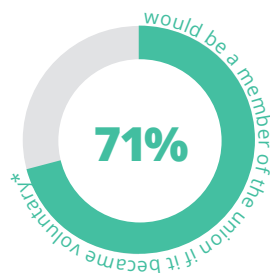
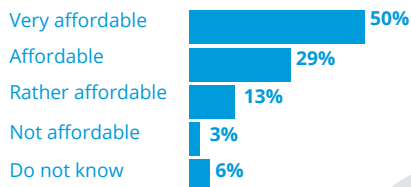
### Maintaining HARRYDA

The maintenance fund that was created 2016 to ensure that HARRYDA would be available for members far into the future has been reinforced with capital.

### Student union building at Johanneberg

A new leasing contract with the other parties has been made that secures the building for many decades to come.

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



\*annual member survey 2017

## 10. Represent members opinions

### Revision of the opinions programs

A project group has revised our two opinions programmes, that are meant to represent the members and therefore the unions opinions. The revised versions can be found at the student union website under Documents.

### Representing you everywhere

We have represented the members in everything from meetings with the heads of programme (programansvariga) to the board of Chalmers. We have also represented you both regionally in the Association of Student Unions in Gothenburg (GFS) and nationally in the Swedish National Union of Students (SFS) as well as internationally through various collaborations.

### Local student politics - GFS

GFS works with lobbying to improve the student situation in Gothenburg. This year's work has been shadowed by internal instability and the main focus has been to keep a stable organisation, develop GBG 7000+ and trying to keep a good relation to collaboration partners.

### National student politics - SFS

SFS is a national lobbying organisation for the improvement of all students in Sweden. The main focus has been on next years focus area within SFS. The elected area became "mental illness and working environment for students", which was in accordance with the unions ambitions.



## II. Continuous communication with members

### Most communicated topic of the year

Perhaps it comes as no surprise that sexism and equality was the main focus of fall 2017. It was the content that created most reactions among Chalmers students.

Over 200 unique stories were collected through our anonymous survey regarding sexism on campus.

It was also a record year for media attention as the union and university joined hands in cooperating to work for a better campus free from sexism.

### Improved communication

We created better and clearer messages for student safety and wellbeing. It has echoed around campus and reached student divisions, university, other universities and of course inside our own organization. One of the more visual results are the sauna signs and Gasquen signs.

We also created a safety and health brochure on all important matters for all our students – student rights, financing, insurance, literature, health and what to do in case of harassments.

### Premiere for Of Course

On the topic of wellbeing and personal growth a new event was tested in February 2018. It was completely sold out (tickets were free but had to be booked in advance) and the response was overwhelming. Of Course was a result of an operational plan to offer students personal growth alongside their studies.







## 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.

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

*"I tried to find ways to get involved in Student Union but it's not clear on how we can get involved and very limited available assignments posted."*

*"Everything"*

*"What I get for my money, what you can do FOR THE STUDENTS."*

*"Less surveys"*

*"Everything but in a headline format so that you can dig deeper in what you are interested in reading about."*

*"The development on both campuses."*

*"I would like to think (Dream) that the student union initiate a better world."*

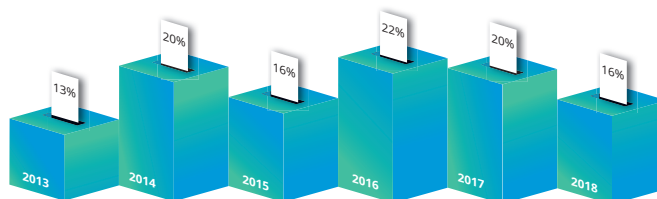
*"A lunch menu that makes sense to look at."*

*"Give us information when you have something to tell us!"*

*"International events and collaborations"*

*\*annual member survey 2017*

## Voted in the student union council election



1. Recreation - H r ryda

2. Documents

3. Information desk

4. The union card

5. Being a member

**Top 5  
visited  
links,  
union  
website**



**Top 3 visited  
links in union  
newsletter**

1. #metoo stories from campus

2. Discounts on public transport

3. Council brief



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