

# **The Association's statutes**

**The School of Economics in Växjö student association**



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## Chapter 1: Purpose and objectives

### § 1.1 Name

The name of the association is Ekonomihögskolans i Växjö Studentförening, abbreviated EHVS.

### § 1.2 Seat

The board shall have its seat in Växjö, Sweden.

### § 1.3 Independence

The association is non-profit with the aim of promoting the interests of its members in a democratic spirit and in a party-politically and religiously independent manner.

### § 1.4 Purpose

The association shall promote contact between the members, on the other hand the department, business, and administration.

The association shall promote contact with similar associations at Linnaeus University and in the rest of the country. The association will work for an increase in quality and a further development of all educational programs and courses at the School of Economics at Linnaeus University.

## Chapter 2: Membership

### § 2.1 Members

Members of the association are honorary, active and ordinary members.

Students at the School of Economics at Linnaeus University and those who show interest in it have access to the association.

## **§ 2.2 Ordinary member**

Ordinary members are people who have paid a membership fee to EHVS.

The individual member has at any time the opportunity to control the association's activities and financial assets unless otherwise stated in the statute.

An ordinary member has the right to take part in complete board protocols, except for confidential treatment points.

## **§ 2.3 Active member**

Active members are people who have paid a membership fee to EHVS and that are active within the organs of the association like the board, committee, section, project group or the election committee. Active members are given the same rights as an ordinary member.

Other guidelines for active members are regulated in the committee compendium.

## **§ 2.4 Honorary member**

Honorary members are nominated and appointed through the board and / or the individual member's submission of a motion to the annual meeting.

A person who has supported the association in a meritorious way is appointed an honorary member. The outgoing chairman automatically becomes an honorary member.

Honorary membership is free and lifelong.

The honorary members who existed in the previously existing line associations, Växekon, Växie and Massiv, automatically received honorary membership in EHVS.

## **§ 2.5 Membership fee**

Membership fee is determined at the annual meeting.

## **§ 2.6 Termination of membership**

Ordinary membership in the association ends in connection with the expiration of the membership period for which he has paid the membership fee.

A member who no longer wishes to be a member has the right to request immediate resignation. Requests for resignation are made in writing to the association's board. A member who has been granted early retirement is not entitled to a refund of the fee paid.

Honorary membership is lifelong, terminated if the honorary member requests resignation in writing to the association's chairman.

### **§ 2.7 Disciplinary measures during membership**

A member who intentionally acts against the association's purpose or otherwise opposes the association, may be subject to disciplinary action in accordance with the disciplinary statutes.

To understand in more detail any violations and measures, see the Association's disciplinary statutes.

## **Chapter 3: Organization**

### **§ 3.1 Organ of the association**

The highest decision-making organ is the association meeting. The advisory organ and decision-making organ in ongoing matters are the board. The executive organ is the board. Controlling organs are the auditors.

Organs of Växjö Student Association's School of Economics' are:

- a) Association meeting
- b) The board
- c) The committees
- d) The sections
- e) Project groups
- f) Election Committee

### **§ 3.2 EHVS Economics**

The association's finances must be used in a careful manner and must only be used for activities that fall within the association's area of activity.

### **§ 3.2 Fiscal as well as financial year**

The association's fiscal year runs from 1/1 to 31/12. The association's financial year runs from 1/1 to 31/12. Accounting must be done in accordance with good accounting practice.

### **§ 3.3 Auditors**

Every two years the association shall engage chartered auditors to ensure that accounting and balancing is being correctly implemented. Proposals of auditing firms and chartered auditors are made by the board of EHVS.

### **§ 3.4 Company signatory**

The right to sign a company shall accrue to the treasurer and chairman together.

The association's signatories have the right to enter into agreements with the bank on business services, open an account, dispose of the association's account via the Internet bank, appoint an individual representative to obtain a bank card and access to Telefonbanken, buy and sell securities, take out loans and pledge the association's property.

All major changes at the bank must be approved by the board.

### **§ 3.5 Program-specific issues**

All programs are free to arrange events only for students at each program. The association's contribution to such events shall be decided by the board.

## **Chapter 4: Association meetings**

### **§ 4.1 General**

The highest decision-making body is the association meeting. Two association meetings are held per financial year, an annual meeting and a spring meeting. The spring meeting must be held before the end of April and the annual meeting no later than 10 December. Notice shall be given in accordance with § 4.3.

The meeting documents must be available to the members no later than three work days before the association meeting.

### **§ 4.2 Present and voting rights**

Voting rights at association meetings belong to all members present at the meeting. Voting rights may not be exercised by proxy.

Decisions at association meetings require a simple majority, unless otherwise stated in the articles of association. Voting takes place openly unless someone present at the association meeting prefers it to take place in a closed manner. In the event of equal numbers of votes, the chairman of the association meeting has the casting vote, except in the case of personal elections when the lottery is to be divided.

### **§ 4.3 Summons**

Notice of the annual meeting shall be issued no later than five weeks before the set date on the association's website. Notice of other association meetings shall be issued no later than two weeks before the set date on the association's website. The notice shall state the time and place of the meeting and the last day for submitting motions.

#### § 4.4 Motions

Motions regarding amendments to the articles of association must have been received by the board no later than three weeks before the association meeting. Other motions must have been received by the board no later than one week before the general meeting.

#### § 4.5 Decision-making

For decision-making, it is required that the association meeting is duly announced.

#### § 4.6 The spring meeting

The spring meeting shall address the following:

- Approval and determination of the meeting's announcement and thus decision-making.
- Approval and determination of the agenda.
- Election of meeting officials.
- Processing of the annual report and audit report
- Question about discharge of liability for the board.
- Treatment of motions.
- Approval of the Board's proposal for a person who shall convene the Election Committee and a deputy to it.

#### § 4.7 The annual meeting

The annual meeting shall address the following:

- Approval and determination of the meeting's announcement and thus decision-making.
- Approval and determination of the agenda.
- Election of meeting officials.
- Processing of motions.
- Election of the Board
- Election of two auditors as well as deputies to the auditors the year that chartered auditors are not required or election of two auditors the year that chartered auditors are required.
- Determination of membership fee for next year.
- Presentation of section chairman.
- Approval of EHVS Advisory Board's proposal of a person to be the administrator for EAB as well as members.

#### **§ 4.8 Additional association meeting**

Additional association meetings are held as soon as possible during the current financial year if the board so requests or at least 1/5 of the association's members so requests in writing. Notice shall be given in accordance with § 4.3.

#### **§ 4.9 Motion of censure**

Motion of censure against persons who hold positions of trust within the association take effect through a motion in accordance with § 4.4 at association meetings or extra association meeting, 2/3 of the meeting's voting members may be approved.

#### **§ 4.10 Adjournment**

For adjournment of matter the requirement is approval from 2/3 of the association meeting's members.

### **Chapter 5: The Board**

#### **§ 5.1 Composition of the board**

The board consists of at least the following items: chairman, vice chairman, secretary, treasurer, deputy treasurer, intendant and five committee chairs. The task of the chairman of the committee is to lead and coordinate the activities of the committees and report to the board. These positions can also be combined between different, or alternatively additional, members. The board shall consist of at least eleven members, but the number may not exceed sixteen.

To safeguard the interests of the association and its members, the board's overall areas of responsibility should include operational and strategic work in the following areas of interest: education, business, social affairs, finance and communication.

All board members of EHVS 'board must be members of EHVS. During the current term of office, a board member shall not be politically active in a manner that is deliberately contrary to EHVS 'statutes (purposes and objectives § 1.3, § 1.4 and § 5.4).

### **§ 5.2 The board's authority**

The board handles the management of EHVS and is EHVS 'highest decision-making body between the association meetings. The Board is represented by the Chairman of the Board or, in his absence, the Deputy Chairman.

The board is also the association's executive body. The board can delegate decisions in matters to all committees. The board's task is to make decisions about the association's financial and strategic decisions and otherwise monitor the association's and members' interests.

### **§ 5.3 Board meetings**

Board meetings are chaired by the chairman or vice-chairman. Each board meeting shall be recorded by the secretary of the board.

The Board of Directors shall, in the absence of both the Chairman and the Deputy Chairman, appoint a temporary chairman of the meeting. The Board's decision applies to the proposal that receives the most number of votes. The chairman of the meeting shall, in the absence of the secretary, appoint a temporary replacement.

### **§ 5.4 Adjustment of protocol**

Protocols shall be adjusted by the adjusters elected during the board meeting. The protocols must be adjusted in order to be approved at the next board meeting.

### **§ 5.5 Decision-making of board meetings**

The board is quorate as more than 2/3 of the members are present. Decisions are made by a simple majority and in the event of equal numbers of votes, the chairman has the casting vote. Decision-making power is exercised by the board members present and those not present by notifying their decision in writing.

### **§ 5.6 Right of presence**

The board decides on the co-optation of outsiders, both members and non-members. The person or persons whom the board co-opt is considered necessary to discuss the current issue at the board meeting and then receives the right to attend and express an opinion.

A member can be co-opted to a board meeting, co-optation is requested by the member for questions that interest him / her.

### § 5.7 Per capsulam decision

Per capsulam decisions are valid only if attempts have been made to contact all members of the board and 2/3 of the members have voted. Decisions are made by a simple majority and in the event of equal numbers of votes, the chairman has the casting vote. The decision shall be recorded in the minutes of the next board meeting.

### § 5.8 Term of office

All board positions are elected for a period of one year, which is from 1 January to 31 December.

### § 5.9 The Board's obligations

It is the responsibility of the board to:

- Protect the interests of the association and its members.
- Set dates for association meetings.
- Prepare the matters to be dealt with at the association meetings.
- Implement the decisions of the association meetings.
- Present a budget for EHVS financial year during the spring meeting.

### § 5.10 Retiring board member

A board member who wishes to resign from his position of trust shall do so in writing to the board no later than three weeks before the person in question leaves his position, unless there are special reasons. If an authorized signatory for the association resigns from his assignment, an extra convened association meeting must be held where the new authorized signatory is elected.

Should a board member not fulfill his or her assignment, a new member will be elected at the next association meeting. During the termination of the new election, the Board, in consultation with the relevant committee, appoints a deputy if deemed necessary.

## **Chapter 6: Association elections**

Each individual member is free to submit proposals for counter-candidates for the board positions. Counter-candidates must report their counter-candidacy to the EHVS board at the association meeting's motion stop, no later than one week before the meeting. In the notice convening the association meeting, the board shall inform the members of the last day for registration for counter-candidacy.

## **Chapter 7: The Election Committee**

### **§ 7.1 Purpose of the Election Committee**

The Election Committee's task is to submit proposals for suitable candidates for the Board positions, the auditors and the deputy auditors. The proposal shall contain only one candidate for each post. This proposal must be attached to the meeting documents for the annual meeting.

### **§ 7.2 Composition of the Election Committee**

The Election Committee shall consist of a convener, plus representatives so that all of the various educational programs at EHVS, if possible, are represented. The Election Committee may thus not consist of less than four representatives, however, there is no maximum limit on how many may be included. The convener of the Election Committee appointed by the spring meeting appoints the rest of the Election Committee and these must be approved by the Board no later than the last of September (30/9).

The convening of the Election Committee shall during the financial year call for continuous meetings with the Election Committee to ensure proposals for the association's board positions.

### **§ 7.3 The Election Committee's authority**

In connection with the Election Committee's proposal of the Board, the Election Committee has the authority to choose the number of Board positions that the proposal shall contain, depending on whether the division of responsibilities in the Board's composition covers the currently relevant areas of interest (see § 5.1).

#### § 7.4 The Election Committee's duties

It is the responsibility of the Nomination Committee to:

- Ensure that the board has the prerequisites for both operational and strategic work in relevant areas of interest (see § 5.1).
- Present a proposal for suitable candidates for:
  - Board positions
  - Auditors, as chartered auditors are not required.
  - Deputy auditors, as chartered auditors are not required.



## Chapter 8: Asset Management

### § 8.1 Future fund

The purpose of the Future Fund is to ensure the association's long-term financial stability. It may be used around the association's premises and material investments. The Board decides on withdrawals and deposits, and must set aside an amount in the portfolio each year.

### § 8.2 Education Fund

The purpose of the Education Fund is to promote student engagement and ensure that the association can provide scholarships, for example the best engagement scholarship. The Board decides on withdrawals and deposits, and must set aside an amount in the portfolio each year.

The return from this fund portfolio must be able to be financed by scholarships determined by the Board. The education fund portfolio is managed by the Board through established guidelines that are to be characterized by a low risk but with the possibility of return.

### § 8.3 Anniversary fund

The purpose of the Jubilee Fund is to secure future events for anniversaries. During the Spring Meeting, the annual allocation to the fund is presented. The provision is based on the results of the financial statements.

The Jubilee Fund is managed by the Board through established guidelines that are to be characterized by a low risk but with the possibility of return.

### § 8.4 Equity portfolio

The purpose of the equity portfolio is to increase members' knowledge of stock and securities trading. The association's share portfolio shall be actively invested in and managed by the Börsgruppen EHVS. Guidelines on withdrawals and how the share of individual holdings is to be distributed are regulated in the EHVS policy.

## Chapter 9: The association's statutes

### § 9.1 Interpretation of statutes

The Board has the right to interpret during its term of office.

### § 9.2 Amendment of statutes

Amendments of the statutes can only be made at the annual general meeting. Amendments of the statutes may only be made through two identical decisions by the association meeting or extra association meeting. Decisions require a 2/3 majority of the votes cast.

## Chapter 10: Dissolution

In the case of a motion regarding the dissolution of the association, this must be stated in the notice. Decisions on the dissolution of the association shall be made at two consecutive ordinary annual meetings with at least a 2/3 majority at each meeting.

These decisions shall also include decisions on the disposition of the association's holdings.