

Description of commitment of student representation

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Purpose

To ensure that student representatives know what they are elected for, beforehand, Göta studentkår decided to create a document describing the commitment for student representatives appointed by Göta studentkår. This means that the Description of commitment of student representation is a general document that can be regulated further by the policies and documents at the sections of Göta studentkår. All student representatives within Göta studentkår's area of activity must follow the regulations in this document.

Student representative

To be a student representative one has to be a member of Göta studentkår. A student representative appointed by Göta studentkår shall, according to the Göta constitution, opinion document, vision and basic values¹ represent students in the bodies, or equivalent, that the student representative is elected to. The student representative is therefore a delegate for students on the program, institution or faculty, depending on which position the representative holds. A student representative adds the perspective of students in questions discussed in the bodies. A student representative is not encouraged to mediate² between the university/teachers and students, or between students. These issues shall primarily be the responsibility of the sections and its boards. If the student representative is put in a position of mediation, the student representative shall contact the presidium³ of the section they belong to, so that the presidium can take on the role of mediator instead of the student representative. The student representative has previously mentioned documents and rules, the union presidium⁴ and the presidium of the section⁵ that the representative belongs to.

¹ Göta student union. Opinion document. Downloaded 2015-05-11 from <http://www.gotastudentkar.se/node/748>

Göta student union. Basic values. Downloaded 2015-05-11 from <http://www.gotastudentkar.se/node/747>

² In this document to mediate means that the representative is expected to mediate, to negotiate from a neutral perspective between two parties in a negotiation. It does not refer to taking part in meetings and voicing student perspectives.

³ The section presidium consists of the section's chairperson and vice chairperson

⁴ The union presidium consists of the union chairperson and vice chairpersons

⁵ See www.gotastudentkar.se for contact information to each presidium.



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The student representative tasks⁶ includes , but is not limited to

- attending the meetings they are called to
- reporting absence from the meeting to the convener of the meeting and to the section chairperson or vice chairperson the representative belongs to or to the union presidium
- reporting on decisions made and discussions held during the meetings to the section or the union chairperson or vice chairperson, either through the form on Göta studentkår's web page, through conveying it verbally or sending an e-mail
- reading and understanding any documents sent out for the meeting
- attending at least one student representative coaching event per academic year, if the student is studying at bachelor, or Master level or regularly attend PhD council or doctoral group meetings if the student representative is a doctoral student

A student representative has the right to

- attend and voice opinions during meetings
- vote in decision making bodies

Göta student union promises

- to provide coaching events for student representatives
- that the section presidium and section board will contribute with support
- that the union presidium and union board will contribute support

⁶ Specific information of the representative task is regulated through descriptions provided by the section the representative belongs to.