

# STATUTES



# Consensus

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## **Chapter 1 – Purpose**

1:1	Name	The student union at the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences is to have the name “Consensus – Medicinska fakultetens studentkår vid Linköpings universitet”.
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1:2 Purpose

The student union at the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences, herein referred to as “Consensus”, is a voluntary non-profit association of individuals with links to the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences. The principal purpose of Consensus is to promote the studies of its members, and other purposes associated with this. In addition to this, Consensus shall promote the studies of all students.



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## Chapter 2 – Membership

- 2:1 Membership
- Registered students at the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences in Linköping have the right to be full members. This membership also includes membership of the section that is connected to the educational programme. Non-registered students at the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences can be supporting members (Section 2:4).  
The membership fee can be paid per term, year or other period, as determined by the council. Membership fees and possible payment periods are determined by the council.
- 2:2 Duties of members
- To pay the membership fee as determined by the council.  
The membership fee includes the student union and section fees.
- 2:3 Rights of members
- Every member has the right to attend council meetings.  
Members, except for supporting members, have the right to vote in elections for members of the council. Every member is eligible for positions of responsibility within Consensus, apart from exceptions stated in the currently valid statutes.  
Members have the right to submit questions and motions to the council, and have these discussed.  
Members have the right to view Consensus meeting minutes and other documents that are not covered by confidentiality or that concern Consensus work with external parties during ongoing negotiations and disputes.
- Members have the right to make use of the membership benefits that Consensus offers its members.



- 2:4 Supporting membership
- Non-registered students at the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences, and persons or legal entities with a link to the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences have the right to be supporting members of Consensus. This membership can, if the supporting member wishes, involve a supporting membership of one of Consensus sections. Persons who are not enrolled at the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences at Linköping University, but at another faculty or the Area of Educational Sciences at Linköping University may only be supporting members of Consensus if they are members of another student union at Linköping University.
- 2:5 Duties of supporting members
- To pay the membership fee determined by the council (Section 2:2).
- 2:6 Rights of supporting members
- Supporting members have the right to be present at council meetings.



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### Chapter 3 – Honorary membership

- 3:1 Honorary members      Consensus may appoint as honorary member any person who has promoted the interests and aspirations of Consensus to a noteworthy degree. Honorary members are exempt from paying the membership fee.
- 3:2 Appointment              A person may be nominated to be an honorary member who has been proposed in a document from the unanimous Consensus board, a unanimous section board under Consensus, or at least 20 members. The question shall be entered for discussion at a council meeting, and the discussion of this question then postponed. The document is to be discussed and a decision taken at the following council meeting. If the document is passed by the council with a majority of at least two thirds, the person will officially be appointed as honorary member of Consensus.



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## Chapter 4 – Organisation and operating year

The Consensus organisation and its operations use Swedish as their working language.

### 4:1 Organisation

The operations of the student union are conducted in the manner set out by the following statutes, through:

1. Council
2. Election committee
3. Consensus board
4. Agents
5. Subcommittees
6. Working groups
7. Sections/constituencies
8. officers and service personnel
9. Consensus auditors

Those listed at points 1-4 above constitute the central organisation of Consensus.

### 4:2 Governing documents

Consensus has seven governing documents that regulate its operations and standpoints. These are:

1. The statutes
2. Opinions
3. Policy documents
4. Rules of procedure
5. Vision documents
6. Budget
7. Plan of operations

The governing documents of Consensus are ranked in descending order of priority in the list at Section 4:2, where the statutes have the highest priority and the plan of operations lowest.

### 4:3 Operating year

The Consensus operating year starts on 1 July and runs to 30 June of the following calendar year.

## Chapter 5 – Consensus council and elections

### 5:1 Authority

The council is the highest decision-making body in Consensus.



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- 5:2    Composition            The council consists of 29 members. Council members are elected by their constituency, but shall work for the best interests of Consensus.
- 5:3    Period of office            The period of office for the council extends from 1 July to 30 June of the following calendar year. A membership that is vacant when a council meeting takes place is not to be included in the total number of the council. If a bye-election for a council membership takes place, it is the responsibility of the relevant section chair to report this to the council presidium and the student union president at least seven days before the next council meeting. This will then be considered as an occupied membership.
- 5:4    Management of council meetings            Council meetings are led by the council chair. In the event that the council chair is absent, the meeting will be led by the council vice-chair. In the event that the chair and vice-chair are both absent, it is the responsibility of the Consensus board presidium to suggest a temporary chair for the meeting.
- 5:5    Call to council meetings            The council meets when called by the council chair. The date and time of the meeting are determined by the council presidium in consultation with the Consensus board. A preliminary agenda is to be drawn up by the council chair. A call to an ordinary council meeting and the preliminary agenda shall be sent to council members, the Consensus board, section chairs, auditors, and the chair of the elections committee at least three weeks before the meeting. The call shall at the same time be made available to Consensus members on the Consensus website. The final proposal for an agenda with decision-support information, proposals, motions and the board’s replies to these, and other documents relevant to the council are to be prepared and distributed to council members, the Consensus board, section chairs, auditors and the chair of the elections committee at least seven days before the council meeting.





- 5:6 Council chair
- It is the responsibility of the council chair:
- to ensure** that calls to ordinary and extraordinary council meetings take place as specified by the currently valid statute
  - to lead** the council meeting impartially
  - to ensure** impartially that the duties of the council are carried out
  - to ensure** that statutes, budget, minutes, plan of operations and other necessary documents are available at the meeting
  - to ensure** that each question on the agenda has a person to present it
  - to ensure** that council members are trained in meetings techniques and Consensus operations before the first council meeting of the operating year
  - to inform** in writing the relevant section chair in the event that a constituency is not represented at full strength at a council meeting
- 5:7 Council – members
- It is the responsibility of the council members:
- to be present** at council meetings and, if circumstances prevent this, to ensure that one of the deputies designated for the constituency attends the meeting instead of the ordinary member
  - to take part** in training arranged for the members of council
- 5:8 Council meetings
- The council shall have at least six meetings each operating year. The meetings are to be evenly distributed through the operating year.
- 5:9 Extraordinary council meeting
- The right to request, in writing and with a specification of the agenda, that the council chair call for an extraordinary council meeting is possessed by:
1. Any one of the Consensus auditors
  2. Ten council members
  3. Twenty-five members of the student union
  4. The Consensus board
- An extraordinary council must be held within three weeks of the request having been made to the council chair.
- A call to an extraordinary council meeting and the agenda must be published at least seven days before the meeting.



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- 5:10 Autumn election meeting      The autumn election meeting of the council is to select for the subsequent calendar year:
1. the chair of the Consensus election committee
  2. other members of the election committee
  3. coordinator for the reception activities
- 5:11 Audit meeting      The audit meeting of the council is to:
1. examine the annual report from the Consensus board of the operations and economy of the student union for the preceding operating year
  2. adopt the income statement and balance sheet for the preceding operating year
  3. consider the auditors' report of administration during the preceding operating year
  4. examine the question of discharge from liability for the Consensus board for the preceding operating year
- 5:12 Budget meeting      The budget meeting of the council is to:
1. determine the plan of operations for the coming operating year
  2. determine the membership fee and budget for the coming operating year, and determine remuneration to be paid, if any, to Consensus officers



- 5:13 Election meeting During the election meeting, it is the responsibility of the council to:
1. elect the council chair
  2. elect the council vice chair
  3. elect the council secretary
  4. elect the student union president
  5. elect the student union vice president
  6. elect the educational development officer
  7. elect the student social officer, responsible also for reception activities
  8. elect the student social officer, with responsibility also for the work environment
  9. elect other members of the Consensus board
  10. elect the meetings chair for the Consensus board
  11. elect the marketing director
  12. elect the head of café operations
  13. elect the project manager for the Consensus employment fair
  14. elect the economic auditor
  15. elect the auditor of operations and a personal deputy to the auditor
- 5:14 Election procedure Elections of named persons are held as accept/reject elections. If vote counting is required for the election of an individual council member, the election will take place as determined by the council.
- 5:15 Proposals from the election committee At least 14 days before the election meeting, the election committee must inform the council of its proposals. The proposals must also be posted on the Consensus website.
- 5:16 Opposing candidates The council chair, elections committee and council must be notified of candidates who are standing for election in opposition to the proposal from the election committee at least seven days before the election meeting.
- 5:17 Resignation Persons who have been elected by the council must obtain the consent of the council before resigning from their post before the end of the period of office.



- 5:18 Vote of no confidence  
 People who have been elected by the council may be relieved of their post if shown to be clearly unsuitable for the task or position, for reasons of crime or other reasons. Such decisions are to be taken by the council.  
 The decision must command at least a two thirds majority.
- 5:19 Open for free nominations  
 The council may open for free nominations of eligible candidates for positions of trust during the election meeting. A decision requires at least a two thirds majority.
- 5:20 The rights of attendance, address, to put forward requests, and vote  
 Council members, or personal deputies of members who are in service, have the rights of attendance, address, to put forward requests and vote at council meetings. Members of the student union have the rights of attendance and address. In addition, deputy members of council, auditors, auditor deputies and members of the Consensus board have the rights of address and to put forward requests.  
 The council chair and council vice chair have the rights of address and to put forward requests for matters on the agenda and points of order.  
 Other officers and agents who have been elected by the council have the rights of address and to put forward requests in matters related to their area of operations.  
 Section chairs have the rights of address and to put forward requests.  
 A person who has submitted a motion and is present at the meeting has the rights of address and to put forward requests during the handling of the motion.
- 5:21 Quorum regulations  
 The council may take decisions at meetings that have been announced in accordance with the statutes. If more than half of the members are absent when decisions are to be taken, the item is to be postponed if at least one member so requests.
- 5:22 Questions submitted  
 All members of the student union may submit written questions to the president, at least three days before a council meeting. Such questions must receive a reply from the president, or a person designated by the president, during the council meeting.



- When dealing with such a question, the council may decide solely that a note be added to the minutes or that an investigation be carried out.
- 5:23 Motions All members of the student union may submit written motions. Motions must be received by the Consensus board at least 14 days before a council meeting. The Consensus board is to provide a response to the motions received.
- 5:24 Other agenda items A council member who wants to have an item added to the agenda of a council meeting must submit it in writing to the council chair at least ten days before the meeting.
- 5:25 Additional items During the council meeting, additional items for decision may be added to the agenda only if the council approves this with a majority of at least four fifths.
- 5:26 Minutes Minutes must be taken at council meetings that describe the nature of the items, all requests proposed and not rescinded, the decision, together with dissenting opinions and special statements, if any.
- 5:27 Affirming the minutes The minutes are to be affirmed by the council chair and two persons appointed for the task at each council meeting.
- 5:28 Completion of the minutes The minutes must be completed and affirmed within three weeks of the council meeting and must then be available at the Consensus office at the University Hospital Campus and on the Consensus website. The meeting secretary is responsible that this is carried out.
- 5:29 Policy decisions Policy decisions are taken by the council concerning issues with high significance for Consensus operations, economy or long-term direction. Decisions in such questions must be made with at least two thirds majority of the members present. Policy decisions are to be added to Consensus policy documents.
- 5:30 Opinion decisions Opinion decisions are to be taken by the council, and define Consensus ideology. Decisions in such questions must be made with at least two thirds majority of the members present. Opinion decisions are to be added to Consensus opinion documents.



- 5:31 Vision decisions      Vision decision are to be taken by the council and define the Consensus vision. Decisions in such questions must be made with at least two thirds majority of the members present. Vision decision are to be added to Consensus vision documents.



## Chapter 6 – Election committee

- 6:1 Eligibility Only persons who are eligible to participate in the election within the relevant constituency are eligible for election to Consensus council. However, members of the Consensus board or holders of any other position of trust within the Consensus central organisation for the relevant operating year are not eligible.
- Only paid-up members of Consensus may be elected to voting members of the Consensus board. In addition, the council may elect non-members to any post, with the exception of voting representatives on external bodies.
- 6:2 Election committee The election committee is selected by the council at the Consensus autumn election meeting. Bye-elections may take place if required. Each section has the right to at least one representative on the election committee. A member of the election committee may not stand as candidate for any of the posts for which the election committee is to propose candidates.
- 6:3 Period of office The period of office of the election committee is one year, from 1 December to 30 November.
- 6:4 Responsibilities It is the responsibility of the election committee:
- to seek** actively candidates for the posts that the council is to elect
  - to propose** candidates for the posts that the council is to elect
  - to distribute** the members of council between the various Consensus constituencies
  - to inform** the council in the event that the election committee is not unanimous in any of the proposed candidates
- The proposal is to be submitted sufficiently far in advance that it can be distributed at least fourteen days before the council meeting in question.
- 6:5 Election committee meetings The election committee is to meet after being called by the election committee chair.





- 6:6 Assignment of council seats Council seats are to be assigned in the following manner:
1. Each constituency has two basic seats.
  2. Other seats are distributed between the constituencies until the council consists of 29 members.
  3. The assignment of seats on the Consensus council is carried out by the election committee at a meeting by 31 March at the latest.
  4. Minutes that detail the assignment of seats are to be drawn up and signed by the members of the election committee. Copies must be sent to all section boards and the Consensus board, together with the calculations.
- 6:7 Assignment of other seats of The assignment of other seats is based on the number of members of each constituency on the last day of February. It is the responsibility of the election committee chair to obtain these numbers from the relevant programmes.
- Seat 1 is assigned to the constituency that has most members (the number of which is hereunder referred to as the “comparator”), after which the comparator for this constituency is divided by 1.4. A new comparison is made, and Seat 2 is assigned to the constituency with the highest comparator, after which the comparator for this constituency is divided by 1.4. The procedure is repeated until all other seats have been assigned.



## Chapter 7 – Consensus board

- 7:1 Authority      The Consensus board represents Consensus in the periods between council meetings and conducts the day-to-day management of Consensus operations, in accordance with Consensus policy documents and decisions made by the council.
- 7:2 Composition      The Consensus board consists of 9 members. The board is to have members in the following roles:
1. President
  2. Vice president
  3. Educational development officer
  4. Student social officer, responsible also for reception activities
  5. Student social officer, responsible also for the work environment
  6. Four other members, one of which is the meeting chair
- 7:3 Meetings      The Consensus board meets after being called by the board’s meeting chair. Each member of the Consensus board has the right to request that a meeting of the Consensus board be called.
- 7:4 Call to meeting      The call, agenda and all documents relevant for the meeting must be received by all who have the right of attendance at least three days before the meeting.



- 7:5 Rights of attendance, address, to put forward requests, and vote
- The members of the board have the rights of attendance, address, to put forward requests, and vote. Unless otherwise determined by the board in a particular item, the following principles apply:
- Consensus agents, developers, auditors, the chair of the election committee and section chairs have the rights of attendance, address and to put forward requests.
- An officer elected by the council or the Consensus board has the right of attendance, address and to put forward requests in questions related to the person’s area of operations.
- An individual member of the student union who has raised a question with the board has the right to present the matter.
- The Consensus board can grant to other persons the rights of attendance and address if this is deemed appropriate.
- 7:6 Quorum regulations
- The Consensus board is quorate if five members, one of whom is the meeting chair, president or vice president, are present.
- The decision of the board is to be the statement that receives the highest number of votes. In the event of equal numbers of votes, the decision of the board will be the statement supported by the president. If the president is not present, the decision of the board will be the statement supported by the vice president. For the election of persons, however, a position of equal numbers of votes is resolved by drawing lots.
- 7:7 Decision in urgent questions
- The Consensus presidium, which is constituted by the president and vice president, has right to reach a common decision in urgent matters during which it is not possible for the Consensus board to meet. The decision must be reported to the next meeting of the Consensus board.
- 7:8 Minutes
- Minutes must be completed and affirmed within two weeks of the meeting, and must be available as soon as possible afterwards at the Consensus office on the University Hospital Campus, sent to all who were called to the meeting, and posted on the Consensus website.



- 7:9 Responsibilities of the Consensus board
- It is the responsibility of the Consensus board:
- to prepare** agenda items that are to be brought up at the council meetings
  - to hold responsibility** for Consensus economy, responsible to the council
  - to decide** who is or are to manage the Consensus book-keeping and other financial operations. The identity of this person or these persons is or are to be presented to the council at the next meeting
  - to implement** decisions taken by the council
  - to draw up**, after the end of the operating year, the annual report and accounts, and
  - to present** these at the review meeting held by the council
  - to provide** the election committee every operating year with an up-to-date recruitment plan, containing a job description for the posts that the recruitment plan proposes
  - to draw up** before the subsequent operating year a proposed plan of operations that the incoming board is to follow
  - to conduct**, and report regularly to the council about, the operations that have been adopted in the plan of operations for the current operating year
- 7:10 Responsibilities of the Consensus presidium
- It is the responsibility of the Consensus presidium
- to represent** Consensus and present its case
  - to manage** the Consensus statutes and ensure that these are up-to-date
  - to manage** the Consensus archive
  - to lead and oversee** the operational work within Consensus
  - to decide** about the travel of officers in correlation with matters that are of importance to Consensus
  - to lead and oversee** work within the Consensus board
  - to monitor** the work of agents and working groups
  - to ensure** that decisions taken by the Consensus board are implemented



## Chapter 8 – Agents

- 8:1 Authority      The Consensus agents prepare for presentation to the Consensus board questions within their field of operation, and implement decisions taken by the Consensus board and council. Within their field of operations, the agents have the right to perform own operations, provided that these are not incompatible with policy documents or other decisions taken by the Consensus board or council.
- 8:2 Agents      The Consensus agents constitute of:
1. Marketing director
  2. Project manager for the Consensus employment fair
  3. Hade of café operations
  4. Coordinator for reception activities
  5. International manager
  6. Pub manager
- The Consensus board may temporarily appoint new agents and define their areas of operation until the next ordinary council meeting, when the operations of such agents are to be examined and, where relevant, added to the policy documents.
- The international manager is employed and remunerated by the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences, but has the status of a Consensus agent.
- 8:3 Responsibility      The agents are responsible to the Consensus board for their operations.

## Chapter 9 – Subcommittees

- 9:1 Purpose      Each subcommittee is to be, within its field of study, a forum for collaboration between Consensus and those sections with which Consensus has signed a section contract. These sections have the right to be represented by one person on each subcommittee, and each section itself is to choose this representative. Further, the subcommittee is to be, within its field of study, an important part of Consensus operations.



- 9:2 Tasks The subcommittees deal with issues within their areas of operations, based on the plan of operations for the current operating year. In addition, the subcommittees prepare issues that are to be dealt with by the Consensus board, and implement decisions made by the Consensus board.
- 9:3 Subcommittees The Consensus subcommittees are:
1. Subcommittee of section chairs
  2. Educational subcommittee
  3. Study social subcommittee
  4. Work environment subcommittee
  5. CARMA (Consensus employment fair) subcommittee
  6. International subcommittee
- The Consensus board may temporarily set up new subcommittees and define their areas of operation, composition and decision-making powers, as long as these do not limit the decision-making powers of the council, until the next ordinary council meeting, when the operations of such subcommittees are to be examined.
- 9:4 Responsibility of subcommittees The subcommittees are responsible to the Consensus board for their operations.
- 9:5 Right of attendance The subcommittees can grant the right of attendance, address and to put forward requests to individuals.

## Chapter 10 – Sections and constituencies

- 10:1 Section/constituency A section is an association of Consensus members within one or several educational programmes and/or courses at the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences. Consensus enters into section contracts for constituencies with sections.

A constituency consists of those students who are taking one educational programme and courses specific to the main subject of study of that programme at the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences.

A member has the right to vote in one constituency only. The right to vote is assigned to the constituency in which the member is studying for the greatest number of credits.



- 10:2 Assignment                      The following sections are active within the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences at Linköping University:
- Occupational Therapist section (AT)
  - Biomedical Laboratory Science section (BMA)
  - Doctoral Student section at the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences in Linköping (Domfil)
  - Speech and Language Pathology section (LOG)
  - Medical Association at Linköping University (MF)
  - The Section for Experimental Biomedicine
  - Physiotherapist section (FT)
  - Nurses section in Linköping (SSK-L)
  - Nurses section in Norrköping (SSK-N)
- The Consensus council has the right to approve, following an amendment to the statutes, division, merger and disbandment of sections, and the admission of new sections.
- 10:3                                      Membership of a section implies membership of Consensus.  
Section membership
- 10:4 Organisation                      Consensus sections must be approved by LUST - the joint association of all student unions at Linköping University.
- 10:5 Election meeting                      It is the responsibility of each section to arrange, before the next operating year, the election of members of the Consensus council and their deputies to represent their constituencies. The right to vote at the election meeting is to be defined by the section statutes in a democratic manner, such that the right to vote is given, directly or by representation, to all members of the student union who are members of the section constituency.
- In the event that a council member is unable to perform his or her duties, the deputy will be co-opted as full member. Where relevant, a bye-election will take place in the manner determined by the constituency.
- 10:6 Section contracts                      Section contracts are drawn up in the subcommittee of section chairs, in consultation with all subcommittees. A section contract is adopted by the council and is signed by the relevant section chair.
- 10:7 Minutes                              Minutes that record decisions taken must be kept at section meetings and section board meetings.



10:8 Decisions

The Consensus council can annul decisions taken by sections that are in obvious conflict with the Consensus purpose, the Consensus statutes or decisions taken by the Consensus council.





## Chapter 11 – Economy and authorised signatories

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| 11:1 | Available funds                           | The Consensus board approves payments that are to be made in accordance with the adopted budget, and has at its disposal for each operating year a maximum of 5% of the annual turnover, available funds.  |
| 11:2 | Management of funds                       | The assets of Consensus and the funds shall be placed in an ethically defensible manner. A change in the form of investment is to be decided by the council following a proposal from the board.   |
| 11:3 | Authorised signatories                    | The president and vice president are individual authorised signatories for Consensus. The Consensus board can assign by power of attorney the right of authorised signatory for Consensus assets to individuals or business entities for the purpose of carrying out financial services. In special cases, the Consensus board can also nominate an extraordinary authorised signatory.  |
| 11:4 | Responsibilities of the financial officer | <p>The financial officer is the union vice president until the Consensus council decides otherwise.</p> <p>It is the responsibility of the financial officer:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>to ensure</b> that day-to-day book-keeping and economic administration are carried out</li> <li><b>to report</b> regularly to the board and council</li> <li><b>to hold</b> responsibility for drawing up the budget proposal</li> <li><b>to ensure</b> that the financial year is concluded and to present the income statement and balance sheet to the council, such that it can decide whether to grant discharge from liability for the preceding board.</li> </ul> |
| 12:5 | Withdrawal of section remuneration        | If a section does not fulfil its undertakings as agreed in the section contract, the Consensus board has the right to cancel the payment of contractually agreed section remuneration. In the event of dispute concerning the payment of the contractually agreed section payment, the matter will be determined by the dean of the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences, or a person nominated by the dean.  |



## Chapter 12 – Auditing and discharge from liability

- 12:1 Auditors                      The Consensus auditors must be over the age of majority and may not hold any other office or elected position within Consensus.
- The Consensus auditors comprise an auditor of operations and an economic auditor. The economic auditor must be an authorised public accountant.
- 12:2 Responsibility of auditors    The Consensus board with its subcommittees and the officers elected by the council or the Consensus board are to be examined by the auditor of operations with respect to the operations and their compatibility with Consensus policy documents and council decisions.
- The accounts and administration of the Consensus board and its subcommittees are to be examined by the economic auditor.
- It is the responsibility of the auditors to conclude the examinations of the preceding operating year and to give a report of the audits that have been carried out. Such a report shall also include a statement in the question of discharge from liability for relevant bodies and officers.
- 12:3 Rights of auditors            The auditors are to receive from the board its minutes and other documents that deal with the aspects of Consensus operations that the auditors are to examine. The accounts and annual report are to be sent to the auditors at least six weeks before the examination meeting of the council.

## Chapter 13 – Changes to the statutes

- 13:1 Changes to statutes        A suggestion to change the statutes is to be posed as a motion or proposal to the council.
- The suggestion is to be dealt with at a council meeting. A decision of this requires at least a two thirds majority of the number of occupied seats.



13:2 Change of Consensus purpose For a change to be made to Consensus purpose, it is required that such a decision is taken with at least a majority of five sixths of the number of occupied seats, with a minimum number of votes of 15, at two council meetings held in two different periods of office.

13:3 Decision to change statutes in special paragraphs The special paragraphs include all paragraphs in the following chapters:

1. Changes to statutes
2. Disbandment and merger of the union
3. Annulment of decisions
4. Interpretation of statutes

For a change to be made to these paragraphs, it is required that the same decision be taken with at least a majority of three quarters at two council meetings held separated in time by at least one month.

13:4 Notes and clarifications In urgent cases, the statutes can be changed with immediate effect, provided that the council unanimously supports the formulation of the suggestion in the proposal, motion or board statement relating to the motion, on the condition that the suggestion to be approved has been received by the council members at least seven days before the meeting. Clarifications in the form of notes may be added to these statutes. A decision to do so is to be taken by the Consensus board.

## Chapter 14 – Disbandment and merger of the union

14:1 Decision to disband the union The disbandment of Consensus takes the following procedure:



1. The Consensus board presents a proposal for the disbandment to the union council, which is to postpone the item and refer it to the sections. The sections call an extraordinary election meeting in all constituencies.
2. All election meetings must pass the proposal with a majority of at least five sixths.
3. If this occurs, the Consensus board will call an extraordinary council meeting and again put the proposal forward. The union council must approve the proposal with a majority of at least five sixths of the number of members defined by the statutes, in order for it to be considered that Consensus has been disbanded.
4. A decision about the distribution of available funds and assets once outstanding debts have been paid will be taken by the union council. The assets, however, may not be assigned to anything that conflicts with the purpose and intentions of Consensus.

14:2 Decision to merge the union

Consensus may not be merged with a union or organisation that does not secure the purpose and intentions of Consensus.

A merger with another union or organisation takes the following procedure:

1. The Consensus board presents a proposal for this the union council, which is to postpone the item and refer it to the sections. The sections call an extraordinary election meeting in all constituencies.
2. All election meetings must pass the proposal with a majority of at least five sixths.
3. If this occurs, the Consensus board will call an extraordinary council meeting and again put the proposal forward. The union council must approve the proposal with a majority of at least five sixths of the number of members defined by the statutes, in order for the merger to take place.

## Chapter 15 – Interpretation of the Statutes

15:1 Interpretation

In the event of disputes about the interpretation of these statutes, the council has the right to refer the question to



the dean of the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences. The interpretation of the Consensus board remains in force until the dean has resolved the question.

