



**MÄLARDALENS**  
— STUDENTKÅR —

## Protocol of Council's Fall Meeting 2024

2024-11-28

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Planned Time: 16:15 ~ 18:00

Location: Eskilstuna Campus A2-002, and Microsoft Teams

## Attending Council's presidium

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Attending / <input type="checkbox"/> Not attending	Name	Description
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Andrea Haglund	President
<input type="checkbox"/>	Malin Sundmark	Vice president
<input type="checkbox"/>	VACANT	Council's secretary

## Registered for meeting

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Attending / <input type="checkbox"/> Not attending	Name	Description
<input type="checkbox"/>	Lova Linnea Libert	Chairman
<input type="checkbox"/>	Nyanda Kissendi	Member
<input type="checkbox"/>	Isabella Sollenbring	Member
<input type="checkbox"/>	Viktoria Krantz	Member
<input type="checkbox"/>	Clara Brinck	Communicator
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Emelie Litzén	Member
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rosha Remesan Beena	Member
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Gullis Beauvoir Demirel	Board member
<input type="checkbox"/>	Racha Garar	Member
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Fideli Tigerbacke	Member
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sebastian Grundell	Board member
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Shervin Pirani	Vice Chairman for Collaboration
<input type="checkbox"/>	Phyllis Waithira	Member
<input type="checkbox"/>	Thank-God Chisom Williams	Member
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Sarah Moukadam	Member
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Rebecca Pada	Board member
<input type="checkbox"/>	Valter Lundkvist	Member
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Abay Kubilay	Member
<input type="checkbox"/>	Jonna Hollén	Member
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Damla Ates	Event manager
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Enkhlun Enkmandakh	Administrative Coordinator & Senior Advisor
<input type="checkbox"/>	Gaurab Raj Pandey	Member
<input type="checkbox"/>	Lass Najmuldeen	Member
<input type="checkbox"/>	Jesper Seiler	Member

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## Not registered in advance for meeting

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Attending / <input type="checkbox"/> Not attending	Name	Description
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Patrick Blixt	Head of Education
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Fredrik Nygårds	Vice Chairmain for Education
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Faisal Fitri	Business Relations Manager

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# 1 Opening of the meeting

Agenda's suggested decision: To declare the meeting opened at 16:15.

Matter presented by: Andrea Haglund.

Meeting notes: *None*.

The council decided:

- To declare the meeting opened at 16:21.

# 2 Determining number of votes

Matter presented by: Andrea Haglund

Meeting notes:

Open votes were made verbally or through reacting on Teams, *and all voting processes were open unless otherwise stated in this protocol*. Closed voting was done through Mentimeter.

Andrea Haglund had a determining vote.

Fredrik Nygårds, Patrick Blixt and Faisal Fitri was voted in to be able to vote since they did not register through Hitract in time.

The council decided:

- To allow Patrick Blixt, Fredrik Nygårds and Faisal Fitri to be able to attend and have voting rights at the meeting.
- To determine the number of votes to 12.
- Emelie Litzén left the meeting at 17:12, determining the number of votes to 11.
- Patrick Blixt left the meeting at 17:19, determining the number of votes to 10.
- Fideli Tigerbacke left the meeting at 17:27, determining the number of votes to 9.


# 3 Electing two adjusters

Matter presented by: Andrea Haglund.

Meeting notes: *None*.

The council decided:

- To elect Fredrik Nygårds and Damla Ates to adjust the protocol.



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## 4 Electing a chairman for the meeting

*Agenda's suggested decision: To elect Andrea Haglund as chairman for the meeting.*

Matter presented by: Andrea Haglund.

Meeting notes: *None.*

The council decided:

- To elect Andrea Haglund as chairman for the meeting.

## 5 Electing a secretary for the meeting

*Agenda's suggested decision: To elect Abay Kubilay as secretary for the meeting.*

Matter presented by: Andrea Haglund.

Meeting notes: *None.*

The council decided:

- To elect Abay Kubilay as secretary for the meeting.

## 6 Announcement of the meeting

*Agenda's suggested decision: To approve the meeting's announcement.*

Matter presented by: Andrea Haglund.

Meeting notes:

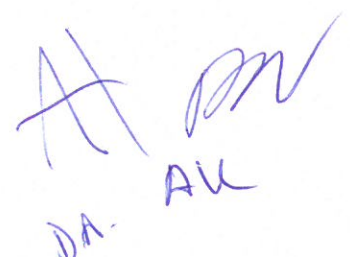
The meeting was announced on the 6<sup>th</sup> of November by posts on Facebook, Hitract, and Instagram. The meeting was announced on the Microsoft Teams spaces named "Associations at MDU" and "Student Representatives at MDU" on the 7<sup>th</sup> of November. An event for the meeting was published on Hitract on the 6<sup>th</sup> of November. The meeting was announced on the website on the 6<sup>th</sup> of November. The agenda for the meeting was published on the 7<sup>th</sup> of November.

Andrea Haglund could not vote on this item.

A voting was made through Mentimeter to test the system, 10 voted yes and 1 abstained.

The council decided:

- To approve the meeting's announcement.



## 7 Adjuncts

*Agenda's suggested decision: To give MDSU's Administration Coordinator & Senior Advisor Enkhlun Enkmandakh the right to attend and voice opinions at this meeting.*

Matter presented by: Andrea Haglund.

Meeting notes: *None.*

The council decided:

- To give MDSU's Administration Coordinator & Senior Advisor Enkhlun Enkmandakh the right to attend and voice opinions at this meeting.

## 8 Declaration of other matters

Matter presented by: Andrea Haglund.

Meeting notes:

Andrea Haglund declared a matter about the election committee.

Gullis Demirel declared a matter about how MDSU can help and support students with their right to express themselves freely at the university.

The council decided:

- To note the information.

## 9 Approval of the agenda

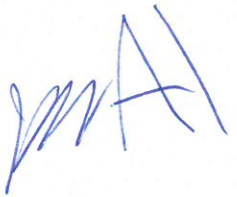
*Agenda's suggested decision: To approve the meeting's agenda.*

Matter presented by: Andrea Haglund.

Meeting notes: *None.*

The council decided:

- To approve the meeting's agenda.

  
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## 10 Electing an additional member for the council's presidium

*Agenda's suggested decision: To elect Abay Kubilay as a member of the council's presidium.*

Matter presented by: Andrea Haglund.

Meeting notes:

Abay Kubilay could not vote on this item.

The voting was made through a closed voting on Mentimeter, 10 voted yes and 1 abstained.

The council decided:

- To elect Abay Kubilay as a member of the council's presidium.

## 11 Approval of the previous meeting's protocol

*Agenda's suggested decision: To approve the protocol for the council meeting held 2024-05-20.*

Matter presented by: Andrea Haglund.

Meeting notes:

The protocol for the last council meeting (2024-05-20) was published late in its adjusted form on MDSU's website 2024-10-30.

The council decided:

- To approve the protocol for the council meeting held 2024-05-20.

## 12 Approval of annual reports

*Agenda's suggested decision: To approve the activity report, results report, and audit report for the operational year 2023-2024 (2023-07-01 – 2024-06-30).*

Matter presented by: Andrea Haglund.

Meeting notes:

The reports were not ready in time for the meeting.

The council decided:

- To table the decision until the next council meeting.



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## 13 Decision on freedom from liability for former council's presidium

*Agenda's suggested decision: To give freedom from liability for the council's presidium of the operational year of 2023-2024 (2023-07-01 – 2024-06-30).*

Matter presented by: Andrea Haglund.

Meeting notes:

Members of last year's council's presidium were:

- Andrea Haglund (president 2023-07-01 – 2024-06-30).
- Malin Sundmark (vice president 2023-07-01 – 2024-06-30).
- Rebecca Pada (secretary 2023-07-01 – 2024-06-30).

The council decided:

- To give freedom from liability for the council's presidium of the operational year of 2023-2024 (2023-07-01 – 2024-06-30).

## 14 Decision on freedom from liability for former board

*Agenda's suggested decision: To give freedom from liability for the board of the operational year of 2023-2024 (2023-07-01 – 2024-06-30).*

Matter presented by: Andrea Haglund

Meeting notes:

Members of last year's board were:

- Andrea Haglund (president of the council 2023-07-01 – 2024-06-30).
- Jennifer Gothilander (chairman of the Doctoral Student Council 2023-07-01 – 2024-06-30).
- Adrian Swande (board member 2023-07-01 – 2024-06-30).
- Fredrik Nygårds (board member 2023-07-01 – 2024-06-30).
- Jonas Sjöström (board member 2023-07-01 – 2024-06-30).
- Majid Azizi (board member 2023-07-01 – 2024-06-30).
- Sebastian Grundell (board member 2023-07-01 – 2024-06-30).

The activity report, results report and audit report were not yet finalized in time for the meeting, and since a decision on freedom from liability for the former board should be based on those documents it was suggested to table this decision.

The council decided:

- To table the decision until the next council meeting.

  
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## 15 Election committee

Matter presented by: Andrea Haglund.

Meeting notes:

No one had applied to be part of the election committee. It was suggested that Enkhluun Enkhmandakh gets responsibility over the interviewing process, with the note that only the official election committee can interview and suggest to the council what they think about the applicants for the positions.

The council decided:

- To let Enkhluun Enkhmandakh take charge over administrating the application and interviewing process.
- That documentation published to members should include, but is not limited to interview protocols, CVs and questionnaires.

## 16 Interpellations

Matter presented by: Andrea Haglund.

Meeting notes:

No interpellations were submitted to the meeting.

The council decided:

- To note the information.

## 17 Motions

Matter presented by: Andrea Haglund.

Meeting notes:

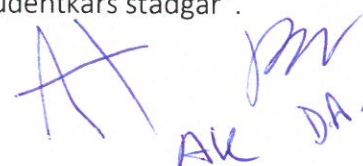
Submitted motion: "Motion om ändring av Mälardalens universitets studentkårs stadgar" by Damilo Andersson, a member of Moderata studenter-MDU. This motion was originally submitted by William Moody, but he was not a member by the date for this meeting. The board and the inspector do not agree with the motion.

Voting for this motion was done through Mentimeter: 11 voted to deny the motion, and 2 abstained.

*The motion has been attached at the end of this protocol.*

The council decided:

- To deny the motion "Motion om ändring av Mälardalens universitets studentkårs stadgar".



## 18 Propositions

Matter presented by: Andrea Haglund.

Meeting notes:

No propositions were submitted for the meeting.

The council decided:

- To note the information.

## 19 Other matters

Matter presented by: Andrea Haglund.

Meeting notes:

Two matters:

Election committee. The union has not had a proper election committee for approximately four years. Andrea Haglund proposes to change the by-law to have the administrator be the overseer of the application and interviewing process. Fredrik Nygårds wants to have the by-law as it is, but with an option with the administrator being a fallback option if no one applies for the election committee. The election process should also include the doctoral council.

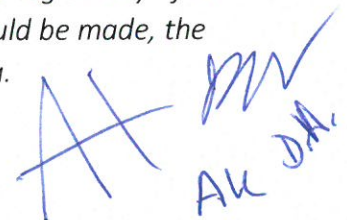
*Emelie Litzén left the meeting at 17:12, making number of votes 11.*

Gullis Demirel brought up a topic of freedom of expression. They experience an injustice from the university's unbiasedness. They bring up an example that when the war in Ukraine started, that MDU had posted on their website giving emotional support to Ukrainian students that felt affected by the war, but not the Russian students that also may have been affected. But when it now comes to the Gaza conflict, MDU seems not to pick a side at all, and promptly displays their unbiasedness. Gullis and her association want to have the union make a statement about the war. The union needs to understand the weight of supporting its students regardless of their background in the right way, since this isn't party politics.

Fredrik Nygårds comments that the union for a time now has been misinformed about their own by-laws, mainly about the ones concerning their neutrality and how the union needs to be politically unbound. He is open to the matter but cannot promise results. He will reach out to the association for further discussions.

*Patrick Blixt left the meeting at 17:19, making the number of votes 10.*

*Fideli Tigerbacke left the meeting at 17:27, making the number of votes 9. The legitimacy of the meeting was from then invalid, and no more voting proposals or decisions could be made, the meeting continued though since there were only two items left on the agenda.*



## 20 Next meeting

*Agenda's suggested decision: To note the information that the next council meeting is in May 2025.*

Matter presented by: Andrea Haglund.

Meeting notes:

Fredrik Nygårds suggests that the next meeting should be 22<sup>nd</sup> of May 2025. Since the meeting elects the new board and office workers it is suggested that the meeting should be as early as possible, so that the applicants get the information. Shervin Pirani suggests 15<sup>th</sup> of May 2025 in Västerås.

## 21 Closing of the meeting

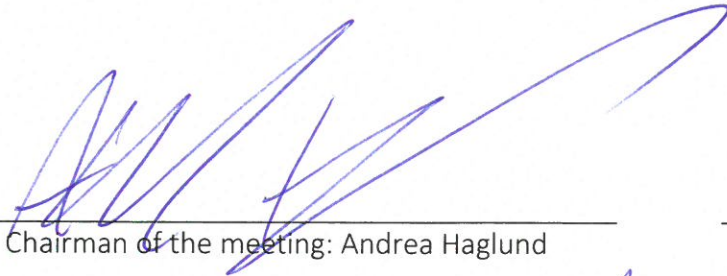
*Agenda's suggested decision: To declare the meeting closed at 18:00.*

Matter presented by: Andrea Haglund.

Meeting notes: *None.*

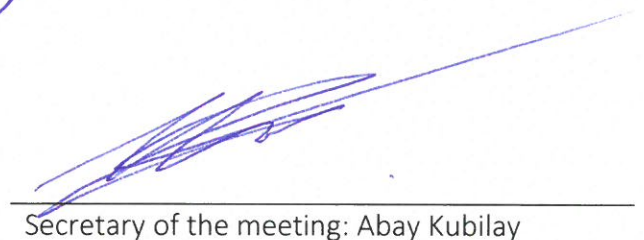
The council decided:

- To declare the meeting closed at 17:33



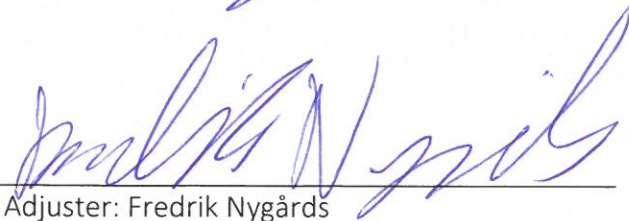
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Chairman of the meeting: Andrea Haglund



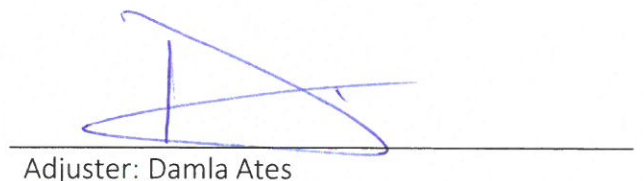
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Secretary of the meeting: Abay Kubilay



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Adjuster: Fredrik Nygårds



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Adjuster: Damla Ates

## Motion om ändring av Mälardalens universitets studentkårs stadgar

Inom ramen för det politiska förändringsarbetet är det centralt med olika kunskaper om samhället och demokratiska processer. Många av framtidens ledare kommer att ha en bakgrund av universitetsstudier där de anammar värdefulla kunskaper som även skulle kunna gynna Sverige genom att som student ha ett politiskt engagemang vid sidan av studierna. Statliga universitet ska enligt högskoleföreningen verka för att främja demokrati och tillåta demokratiska föreningar vid lärosätet. Enligt Mälardalens Studentkårs (MDSU) stadga 2.2 ska stadgan tolkas som den är skriven. Under avsnitt 1.2 Organisationsstruktur och status, står följande *“1.2.2 § MDSU är en partipolitiskt, fackligt och religiöst obunden demokratisk organisation.”* Ordet som bör ändras är obunden då det i praktiken med MDSUs tolkning av stadga utesluter möjligheten för föreningar som verkar demokratiskt och främjar demokratin. Vidare föranleder skrivelsen att tolkningen i förlängningen blir att demokratiska organisationer som främjar demokrati utesluts från hela MDSU, inte endast vad som hade varit rimligt, nämligen de beslutande och verkställande organen.

I dagsläget är det därför inte möjligt att en demokratiskt uppbyggd politisk förening för studenter skulle kunna bli en underförening under MDSU. Något som gör att MDSU och Mälardalens universitet (MDU) sticker ut i jämförelse med andra statliga universitet runt om i landet. Det är något som i förlängningen missgynnar Sverige och demokratin genom att begränsa studenterna i hur lättillgänglig politiken kan vara för dem. Det genom att studentpolitiska föreningar inte kan bli del av kåren och i högre utsträckning synas vid universitetet. Det missgynnar även den enskilde studenten.

När de studenter som är intresserade av att engagera sig ges större möjligheter att göra det kommer fler att engagera sig och då ökar även kvalitén på svensk politik. Dessutom får studenter som engagerar sig politiskt en djupare förståelse för hur samhället fungerar som komplement till studierna. Studenten ges även möjligheter i att träna sig retoriskt samt att skapa sig ett nätverk nationellt eller internationellt. Det är saker som gynnar den enskilde studenten i paritet med att Sverige som land gynnas av de kunskaper som studenten tar med sig från sina studier får ge avtryck på politiken. Studenter skulle i praktiken kunna dra fördel från att endast se och vid intresse interagera med studentpolitiska föreningar vid universitetet. Det genom att studenter ges möjlighet att om de vill kunna ställa frågor och föra ett demokratiskt samtal. Något som bör vara en naturlig del av högre utbildning. Kårens neutralitet i partipolitiska såväl som fackliga och religiösa frågor ter sig naturlig och helt förståelig. Om en fiskeförening skulle välja att bli del av MDSU betyder det inte att MDSU blir ett fiskeri. Det ter sig rimligt att resonera på ett liknande sätt vad gäller möjligheten för studentpolitiska föreningar att bli del av MDSU. Med denna motion kan politiskt intresserade studenter erbjudas en enklare väg till ett djupare politiskt engagemang, vilket även i förlängningen gynnar Sverige. Lokalt i Västmanland finns råder det just nu bredd ungdomspolitisk samsyn i frågan. Det är en självklarhet att fler studenter ska få engagera sig politiskt och erbjudas möjlighet att ta del av fler demokratiska samtal.

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Därav föreslår motionären att ändra MDSUs stadgar enligt nedanstående:

Ändring av

1.2 Organisationsstruktur och status

från

1.2.2 § MDSU är en partipolitiskt, fackligt och religiöst obunden demokratisk organisation.

till

1.2.2 § MDSUs verkställande och styrande organ förhåller sig partipolitiskt, fackligt och religiöst neutralt samt främjar demokratiska föreningar.

Danilo Andersson, ledamot moderata studenter-MDU

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**English translation** (Only a translation, not the actual motion)

Motion for a resolution on the amendment of the Statutes of the Student Union of Mälardalens University

In the context of political change, different knowledge of society and democratic processes is essential. Many of the leaders of the future will have a background of university studies where they adopt valuable knowledge that could also benefit Sweden. by giving students easy access to political involvement in addition to their studies. According to regulations, state universities should work to promote democracy and allow democratic associations at the university. According to Mälardalen Student Union (MDSU) Charter 2.2, the Charter should be interpreted as it is written. Under section 1.2 Organizational structure and status, the following is stated "*1.2.2 § MDSU is a democratic organization which is unbound from religion, trade unions and party politics*". The word that should be changed is unbound as in practice, with the MDSU's interpretation of the Charter, it excludes the possibility of associations that operate democratically and promote democracy. Furthermore, setting the interpretation to exclude democratic organizations from the whole of MDSU, not as would be fully understandable, the governing and executive bodies.

At present, therefore, it is not possible for a democratically constituted political association for students to become a sub-association under the MDSU. MDSU and Mälardalen University (MDU) stand out compared to other state universities around the country. That is something which, in the long run, puts Sweden and democracy at a disadvantage by restricting students in how easily accessible politics can be to them. This is because student political associations cannot become part of the union and through the union be more visible at the university. It is also disadvantageous to the individual student.

When students interested in engaging in politics are given more opportunities to do so, more will, and the quality of Swedish politics also increases. In addition, students who engage in politics gain a deeper understanding of how society functions as a complement to their studies. The student is also given opportunities in training rhetorically and to create a network nationally or internationally. These are things that benefit the individual student in the same way that Sweden, as a country, benefits from the knowledge that the student takes with him or her from his or her studies, and may make its mark on politics. In practice, students could benefit from seeing and interacting only with student political associations at the university. This is because students are given the opportunity to ask questions and conduct a democratic discussion if they wish. Something that should be a natural part of higher education. The neutrality of the student-union on party politics, trade unions and religious issues seems natural and entirely understandable. If a fishing association were to choose to become part of MDSU, this does not mean that MDSU would become a fishery. We argue in a similar way about the possibility of student political associations becoming part of the MDSU. We want to make available and offer politically interested students a simpler way to a deeper political commitment, which also ultimately benefits Sweden. Right now locally in Västmanland there is a broad political consensus on the issue amongst youth politicians.

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Hence, the petitioners propose to amend the MDSU's statutes as follows:

Amendment of

1.2. Organizational structure and status

from

1.2.2 § MDSU is a democratic organization which is unbound from religion, trade unions and party politics”

to

1.2.2 § The executive and governing bodies of the MDSU are neutral in terms of party politics, trade unions and religion. Democratic associations are to be promoted.

Danilo Andersson, member Moderate Students-MDU

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