Remit of the University-wide Research Programmes Board

Background
The University Board decided on 12 June 2015 that issues relating to research studies (third-cycle programmes) are no longer to be the remit of the University-wide Education Board, but are to be handled by a University-wide Research Programmes Board, reporting directly to the Vice-Chancellor.

The rules of procedure for Lund University, 12 June 2015 (reg. no STYR 2015/632), state the following overall remit for the University-wide Research Programmes Board:

*The Research Programmes Board shall deal with strategic education matters in the third cycle where a decision at faculty level is inappropriate owing to their university-wide nature. The remit also includes principles for quality assurance and quality enhancement.*

*The Research Programmes Board is first and foremost a preparatory and advisory body. The Vice-Chancellor may delegate decisions on certain issues to the Board.*

The remit of the University-wide Research Programmes Board is clarified in this decision made by the Vice-Chancellor.

Negotiations in accordance with section 11 of the Employment (Co-Determination in the Workplace) Act were carried out on 26 May.

Decision
The University has decided to establish the following remit of the University-wide Research Programmes Board.

The work of the board is to aim for gender equality and active student influence in accordance with the University’s rules of procedure.

The Research Programmes Board shall prepare briefings on strategic educational issues regarding third-cycle studies for the Vice-Chancellor and act in an advisory role. The Vice-Chancellor can also delegate to the Board to handle matters and make decisions within the Board’s area of activity.
The Research Programmes Board is to have a preparatory and advisory role within the following areas regarding third-cycle studies

- monitoring and analysis of developments, both nationally and internationally
- joint strategic issues within the University including University-wide strategic initiatives and their consequences
- evaluation, quality assurance and development of education
- University-wide policy issues such as internationalisation, diversity, recruitment, student influence and infrastructure
- management of joint issues concerning financing, such as scholarship matters
- overall remit and budget for administrative support within the Board’s area of activity

The Research Programmes Board shall draw up a plan of operations stating which issues the Board is to prioritise during the relevant period. The plan of operations is to be followed up annually and the conclusions are to be reported to the Vice-Chancellor.

The decision on this matter was made by the undersigned Vice-Chancellor in the presence of Head of Administration, Susanne Kristensson, after a briefing by Controller Kristina Arnrup Thorsbro.

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