



Vice-chancellor

Regulations on the establishment of research representatives at Lund University

Background

The government bill *New order to promote good practice and manage misconduct in research* (Prop. 2018/19:58) proposes that publicly funded universities and higher education institutions are to promote their employees' opportunities to obtain advice and support on matters concerning good practice and deviations from such practice. The inquiry that forms the basis for the bill (SOU 2017:10) proposes that this could be achieved through representatives to whom employees could turn with their questions on good research practice.

The issue of the establishment of research representatives has been discussed by Lund University's ethical council and in the vice-chancellor's management council.

The matter has been the subject of information pursuant to Section 19 of the Swedish Employment (Co-Determination in the Workplace) Act on 14 May 2019.

Decision

On the basis of Chapter 2 Section 5 of the Higher Education Act (1992:1434) Lund University hereby announces the following regulations which enter into force on 1 July 2019.

The University decides to establish the function of research representative.

The University decides that the following is to apply regarding research representatives:

Employees at Lund University are to have the possibility of consulting a research representative on issues concerning good research practice. A research representative is to provide independent advice and support on matters within research activity, such as issues concerning publication, author responsibility or research collaboration.

Each faculty is responsible for ensuring that a research representative is appointed. They are appointed for a period of three years. Each faculty determines whether to appoint one or several representatives. The representatives are to be based in the

relevant faculty and offered reasonable opportunities to fulfil their assignments. The representatives report annually to the relevant faculty management.

An all-faculty network is to be formed for the exchange of experiences and knowledge between the research representatives. The network is to be led by a member of Lund University's ethical council and can also include people who have tangential assignments. The network reports annually to the Lund University ethical council and to the vice-chancellor's management council.

Questions concerning the work environment or interpersonal conflict are not dealt with by research representatives.

Advice and support for research on matters pertaining to research ethics and relevant regulations are offered through a different function.

Suspected research misconduct is to be addressed according to a separate procedure.

The decision on this matter was taken by the undersigned vice-chancellor in the presence of the university director Susanne Kristensson after consultation with a representative of the Lund University students' unions and after a presentation by research liaison officer Magnus Gudmundsson. Senior lecturer Mats Johansson also took part in the preparation of the matter.

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