



JÖNKÖPING UNIVERSITY

**MINUTES President's decision**

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Present:

Agneta Marell, President

Hanna Ståhl, Rapporteur

Danielle Tärnhamn, Secretary

**§ 866 Temporary amendment to 'Regulations for Application and Tuition Fees at Jönköping University'**

**Background**

The current 'Regulations for Application and Tuition Fees at Jönköping University' were adopted by the President on 11 June 2018 (*President's decision 11 June 2018, § 736, JU 2018/988-14*). The 'Regulatory Framework for Application Fees and Tuition Fees at Jönköping University' (*President's decision 30 December 2018, § 481*) still applies for courses and study programmes started before the autumn semester of 2018.

JU's rules on payment and refunds of tuition fees are proportionate and were written so that they could be applied in various situations that may arise under 'normal' circumstances. Among other things, students who are to start a course or study programme are afforded an opportunity to get a refund for most (2/3 less a small administrative charge) of the tuition fee paid in the event of cancellation notified as late as the day on which the studies start. It is also possible to get a refund for tuition fees paid if a student is prevented from participating in the teaching owing to special circumstances.

As a consequence of the coronavirus outbreak and the ongoing global COVID-19 pandemic, the circumstances prior to the autumn semester of 2020 are anything but normal. JU has perceived and quite understands that students required to pay tuition fees, both those who will be starting a course or study programme at JU in the autumn and those continuing a course or study programme already started, feel uncertain about or are concerned that the COVID-19 pandemic will directly or indirectly prevent them from studying at JU as planned. There may also be concern in connection with this uncertainty about the refunding of tuition fees paid if the obstacle to them studying in the autumn becomes a reality.

In light of this and in order to counter the uncertainty and concern felt by students required to pay tuition fees, JU has made the assessment that there is reason to temporarily amend the regulations concerning tuition fee refunds. These amendments mean that first-year students required to pay tuition fees are entitled to a refund of the entire tuition fee paid – without reduction or deduction for an administrative charge – in the event of cancellation notified as late as the day on which the studies start. JU would like to reiterate at the same time that it is still possible to get a refund if a student, who is already studying at JU, is prevented from participating in the teaching. Obstacles resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic and that can be confirmed will be assessed as 'special reasons' for a refund.

The above-mentioned temporary change can be achieved by amending Clauses 5.4.1. and 5.4.2. of the ‘Regulations for Application and Tuition Fees at Jönköping University’. There is no need to amend the regulations relating to the assessment of ‘special reasons’ as referred to above. As these amendments are temporary and currently only intended to apply to courses and study programmes starting in the autumn semester of 2020, they can be implemented in accordance with the following decision.

**Decision**

The President decides

**that** Clauses 5.4.1. and 5.4.2. of the *Regulations for Application and Tuition Fees at Jönköping University (President’s decision 11 June 2018, § 736, JU 2018/988-14)*, until otherwise decided, are to be replaced with a regulation worded as follows:

“All of the tuition fees paid will be refunded if the student notifies JU of the cancellation no later than the day on which the studies start and requests a refund of the tuition fees.”

This decision applies from and including 8 April 2020.

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