

THS Organization

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THS Central

Work Areas



President and vice president

Educational
affairs

Business
affairs

Social
activities

Administration, Café, Restaurant, Bookstore,
Consultants, Support, Maintenance

THS Central has 12 full time employed students working with development and approximately 25 full time employed persons working with daily business on the administrative side.

THS Local

Structure



THS age:
112 years

Number of
chapters:
20

Oldest
chapter:
194 years

Youngest
chapter:
2 years

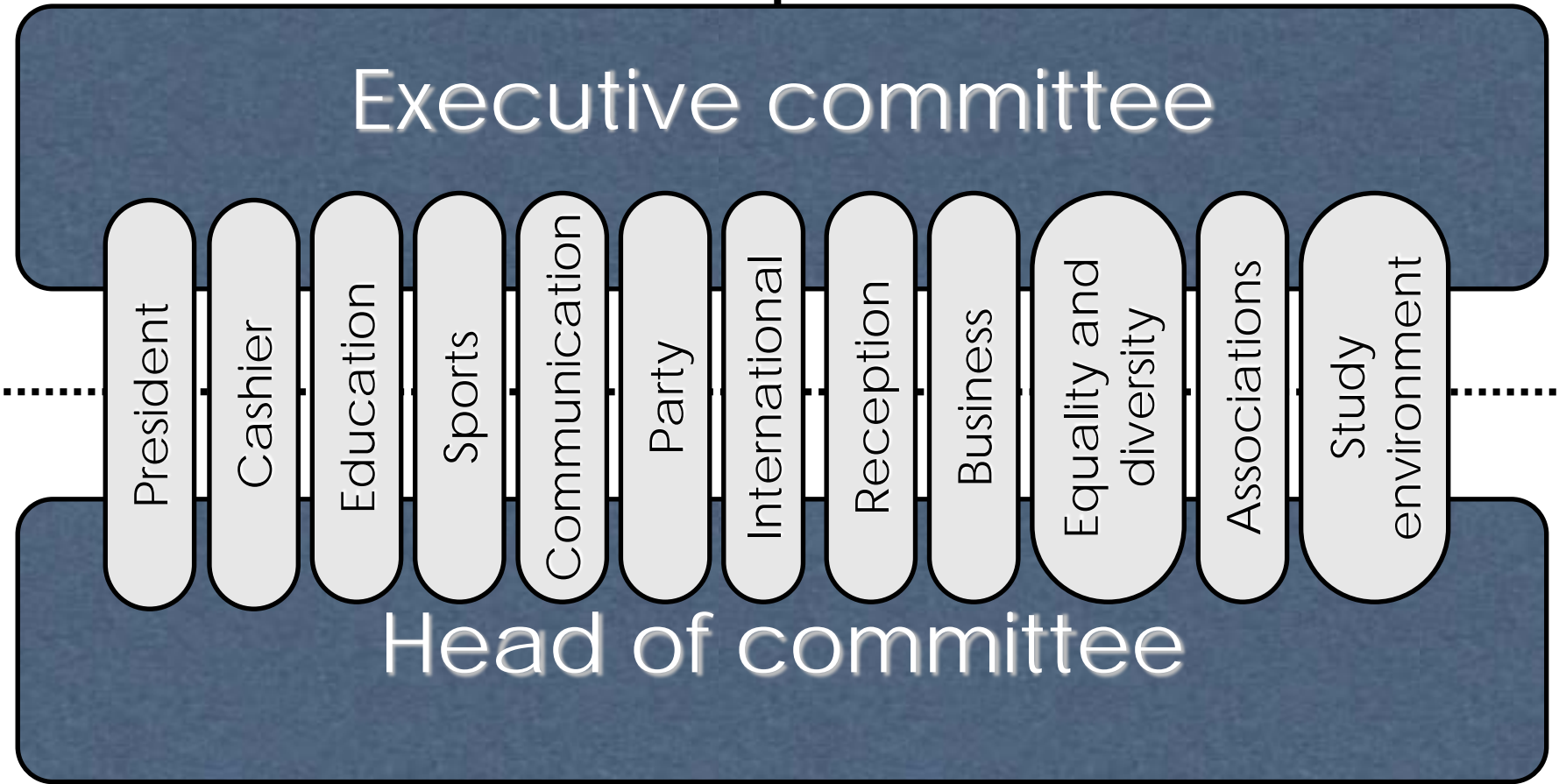
THS Local is divided into 20 chapters that traditionally are constituted according to KTH's educational programs. The Dr chapter holds all the PHD students at KTH.

Students

Members

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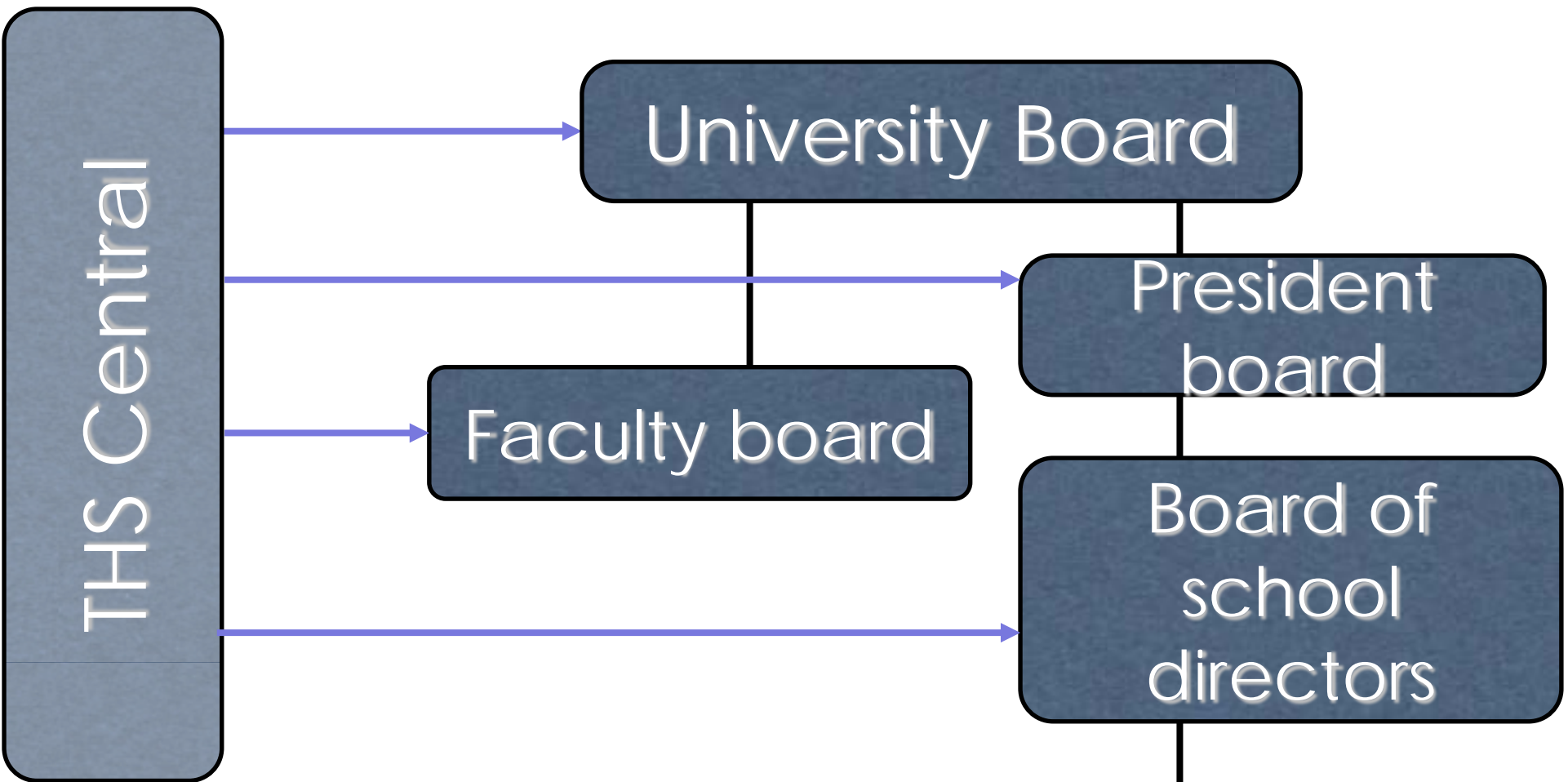
Chapter board

Chapter meeting

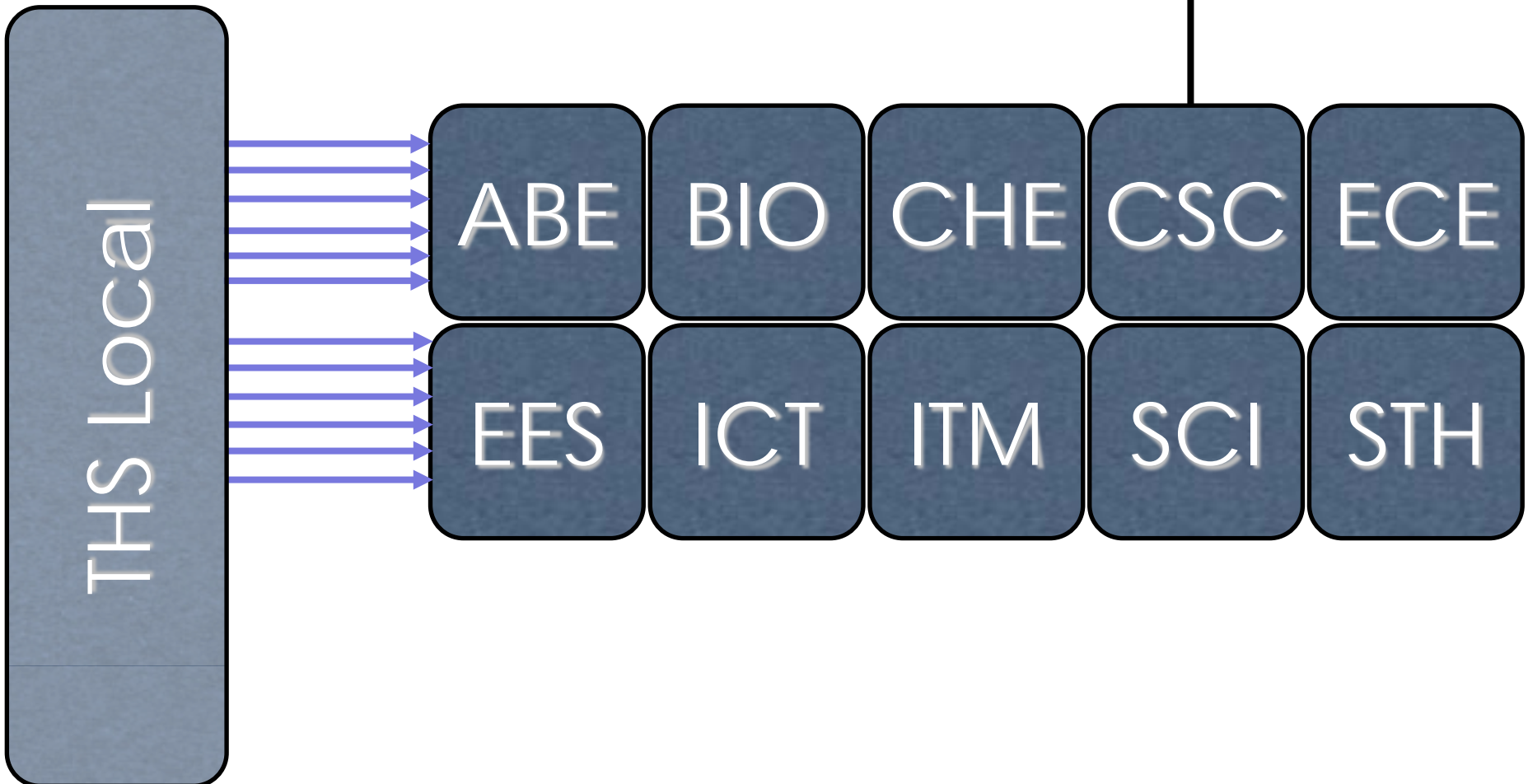


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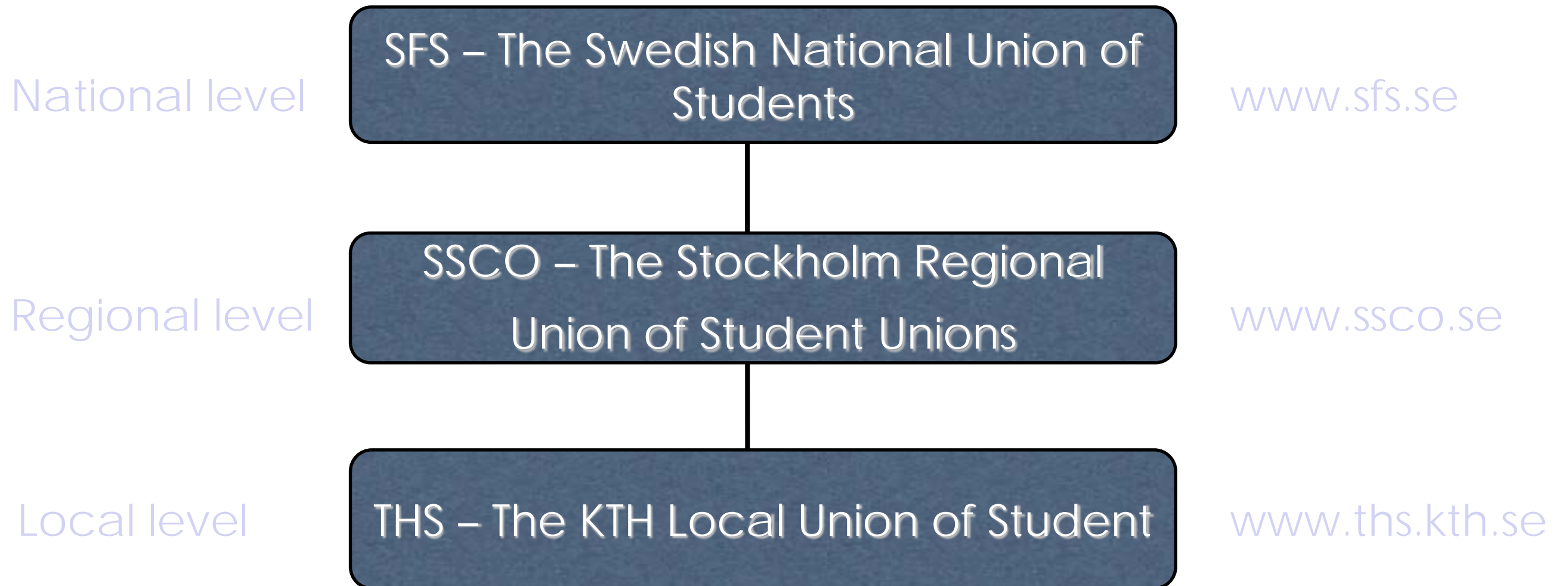
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KTH Local
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Student organization in Sweden



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University Autonomy

Lennart Ståhle, the Swedish Authority for Higher Education

What is autonomy?

- Universities does not work in a vacuum, they have been, and are still dependant on the "outside world", which is uusually the state but also other stakeholders.
- University governance and the relationship between the state and HEI:s are seen as an important condition for the modernisation of the European universities.
- The "guild nature of" mediveal European universities:

The word "university" "universitas" in mediveal latin meant "guild" and a correct translation of "universitas magistrorum et scholarium" is the "guild of teachers and students"

University autonomy - background

Magna Carta Universitatum (September 1988):

- 1. The university is an autonomous institution at the heart of societies differently organised because of geography and historical heritage.

Signing universities in Moldova: Free International university of Moldova and Trade Co-operation university of Moldova

The Bologna Declaration (June 1999):

- acknowledges the necessary independence and autonomy of universities

EUA Scorecard Tool

- European University Association has developed a scorecard in order to rate and rank the autonomy of the European universities.
- Four dimensions of University autonomy:
 - Organisational autonomy
 - Financial autonomy
 - Staffing autonomy
 - Academic autonomy

Organisational autonomy

Divided into seven aspects:

- Selection procedure of the executive head
- Selection criteria for the executive head
- Dismissal of the executive head
- Term of office of the executive head
- Inclusion and selection of external members in governing bodies
- Capacity to decide on academic structures
- Capacity to create legal entities

Organisational autonomy – selection of the executive head

1. Elected by a specific electoral body, representing different groups of university community
2. Elected by the governing body, democratically elected within the university community
3. Appointed by the council/board of the university
4. Appointed by a two-step process in which both the senate and the board/council are involved

Organisational autonomy – selection criteria of the executive head

- Rectors qualifications stated in the law 12 countries
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Organisational autonomy – qualifications of the executive head

- Must hold an academic position 13 countries
- Must hold a doctoral degree 8 countries
- Must come from within the university 4 countries

Organisational autonomy – internal academic structure

- The university may decide on their academic structures 18 countries
- Guidelines exist in the law 5 countries
- Faculties / other academic structures are listed in the law 3 countries

Organisational autonomy – governing bodies

- Universities can include external members
- Universities must include external members
- Universities cannot include external members

Financial autonomy — funding modalities

- Block grant 25 countries
- Line – item budget 3 countries

Financial autonomy - ability to keep surplus

- Can keep without restrictions 15 countries
- Can keep with approval of external authority 3 countries
- Can keep up to maximum percentage 2 countries
- Allocation of surplus predetermined by external authority 3 countries
- Unable to keep surplus 4 countries

Financial autonomy - ownership of land and buildings

- In Sweden, Hungary, Lithuania and some German states the universities are able to own their buildings.

Financial autonomy - setting tuition fees

- Universities free to set tuition fees
- Cooperation university – external body
- Ceiling set by law or external body
- Fees set by law or external body
- No fees

Staffing autonomy – recruitment procedures

- Universities can set up their own procedures 18 countries
 - in some cases general guidelines but external authorities cannot influence the process
- Recruitment confirmed by an external authority
- Number of posts regulated by an external authority

Staffing autonomy — staff salaries

- In general universities are not free to set the salaries, but
- In Sweden, Estonia, Switzerland and the Czech Republic the universities are free to set the salaries.

Academic autonomy - capacity to decide student numbers

- University decides
- Cooperative model – negotiation / split system
- Public authorities – fixed number
- Free admission

Academic autonomy - admission

- Admission criteria set by universities
- Admission criteria co-regulated
- Admission criteria set by external authority

Academic autonomy - capacity to introduce new programmes

- Universities can open degree programmes without prior accreditation
- All new programmes must be submitted to accreditation to be introduced
- All new programmes must be submitted to accreditation to be funded

Academic autonomy – selection of quality assurance providers

- Universities can freely select quality assurance providers
- Universities cannot select quality assurance providers

Academic autonomy - capacity to decide about academic content

- Universities are free to decide about academic content
- External authority specifies some academic content

Academic autonomy – hours of instruction

- Not in the scorecard, but for some countries an important question
- The Swedish case: universities are free to decide about hours of instruction.

Thank you!

- Questions?
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