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Review of weekly pubs

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Summary

There is a widespread interest from a majority of the committees to contribute and arrange pubs at the Chapter on a regular basis. It is also clear that it can only be accomplished if the workload is shared between the committees in which case, it would not be a burden for individual committees.

Since the purpose of the pubs is to enable social cohesion, it would be preferable to have the concept of the pubs clearly distinguished from sture-pubs and clubs. This could/would be done by setting up guidelines on what is expected from the events in terms of opening hours for example. Furthermore, it would be important to provide proper information on the routines for the organizers of the pubs, since not all of the committees are used to organizing such events.

Socially focused, weekly pubs could, furthermore, be arranged with different themes and activities, with a clear focus on making them available and accessible to all the Chapter's members. Information and communication about the pubs should be in English to further include the international students studying at the Chapter.

Coordinating the pubs would preferably be the event manager's responsibility.

Background

At the Chapter meeting 8/10-2020(SM1) it was decided that the board was to conduct a study on whether or not it would be possible to introduce weekly pubs at the Chapter. More precisely, a majority of the meeting voted in favour of:

- The Chapter meeting showing their interest in having weekly pubs with a social focus.
- To have the board conduct a study on whether these pubs can be introduced as part of the Chapter's normal event operations and report the conclusions of the investigation at Chapter Meeting 2 (SM2).

Findings

Interest

14 out of the 25 committees and project initiatives at the Chapter showed interest and willingness to arrange and contribute to the proposed concept of weekly pubs.

The willingness to participate and contribute to the concept of having weekly pubs was found to vary. There was no clear relationship between size of the committee and interest, there was, however, a correlation between the focus of the committee and their interest.

Thoughts from the committees

A qualified majority of the committees that expressed their thoughts on the concept thought that weekly pubs would serve a good purpose and add value to the student life at the Chapter. There would be a platform offering social enrichment with (hopefully) less excessive, and a more healthy alcohol consumption. With that said, there were concerns raised regarding whether the interest in attending the pubs would decrease over time.

Furthermore, if weekly pubs were to be introduced, it was suggested that it might be preferable to:

- Provide information on how to arrange a pub, for those who are not used to arranging such events. Including guidelines on what format the pubs are to follow.
 - Opening hours, expectations and excessive instructions on how to make it a smooth operation etc, for continuity.
- Make a schedule by the beginning of each semester for the pubs (would be added as part of the Event-meeting).
- Keep a chill vibe - cozy lightning, no pong etc.
- Make it clear that it's CMI's responsibility to make sure that there is enough liquor in "spirits".
- Ensure that there is a clear distinction between this type of event and a "Stures pub".
- Make sure that there is a social focus rather than a focus on drinking.
- Keep expectations of the pubs at a level so that all committees feel comfortable with arranging a pub.
- To share the responsibility between the committees in order to avoid it being a burden for specific committees.
- Clear plan, routine and solid communication to the Chapter as a whole.

Number of pubs per semester

One of the cornerstones of a potential introduction of the concept of weekly pubs is that there is enough interest from the committees to arrange a number of roughly 13 pubs in the fall semester, and 14 in the spring semester. In this regard, it would be possible, since the total number of pubs that the committees were willing to arrange is in the span 0-5 depending on the scope of the committee.

<i>Committee</i>	<i>No of pubs</i>	<i>Committee</i>	<i>No of Pubs</i>
I-Alumni	1-2	Valberedningen	1-2
Kravallen	2-4	ESTIEM	3-5
Studienämnden	0-1	Genl	1
NLN	2	I-Case	1-2
Jubileum	2	Dagen I	1-2

Portergeneralen	1-2	Kulturnämnden	1
Cmi	2-3	iSpexet	1

Availability.

On the topic of how the pubs can be arranged in order to be accessible and welcoming for all of the members of the Chapter, it could be done by:

- Arranging game nights.
- Have different themes for the pubs.
- Offer several alc-free drinks.
- Make sure to take Covid into account for now.
- Consider whether we should require THS-membership since it might exclude members of the Chapter that are not members.
- Make the pubs less intense than our clubs and sture-pubs.
- Not announcing what committee that is arranging each pub respectively.
- Make sure to include international students.
 - Promote the pubs in English, via our marketing channels.
- Alc-free studdy pubs etc.

