

Sweden as a destination for studies – a NUS perspective

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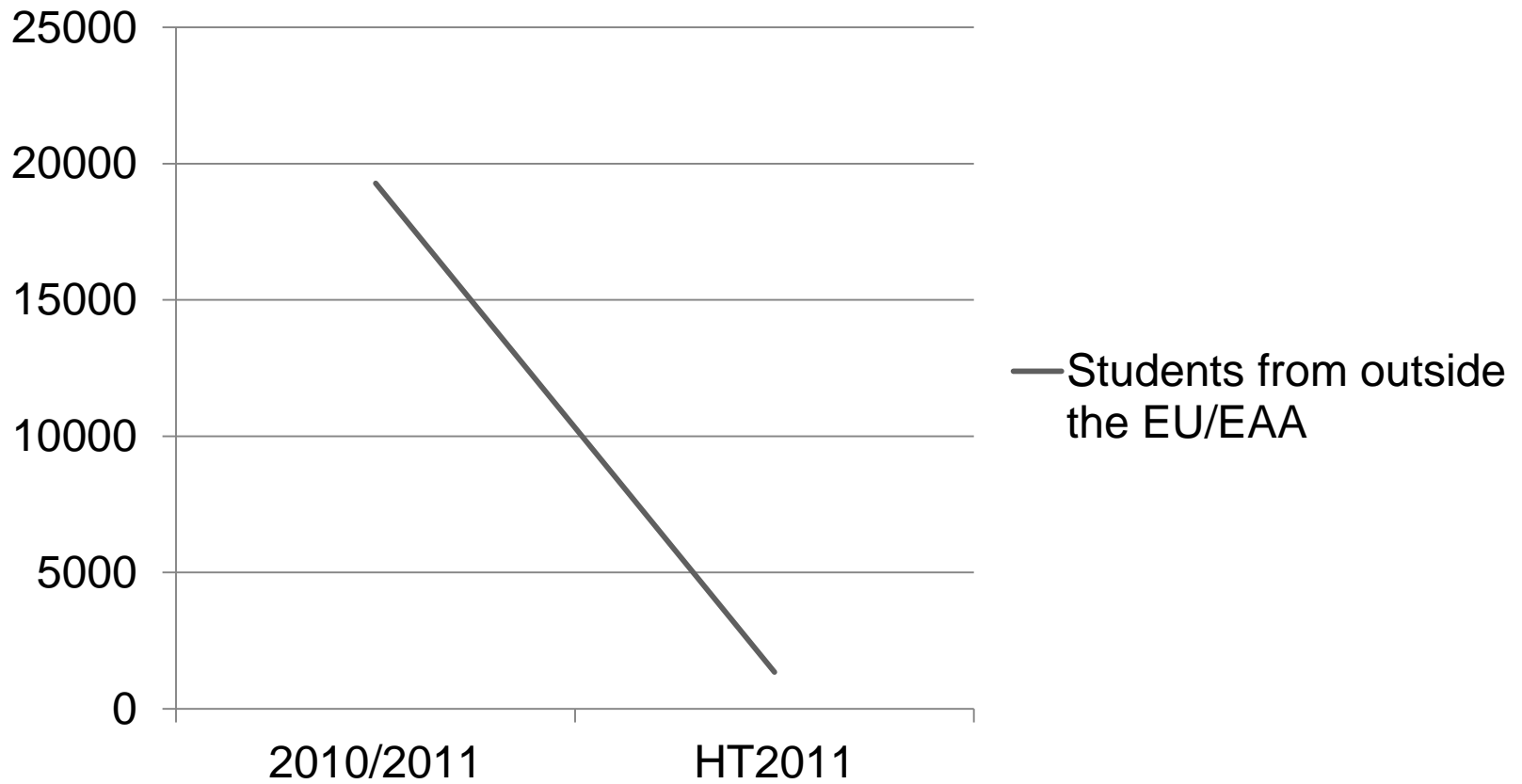
- 47 member unions
- Represents approximately 260 000 students
- The collective student voice
- Education, science and student welfare issues

The rules have changed

Tuition fees

...from the fall of 2011

Effects

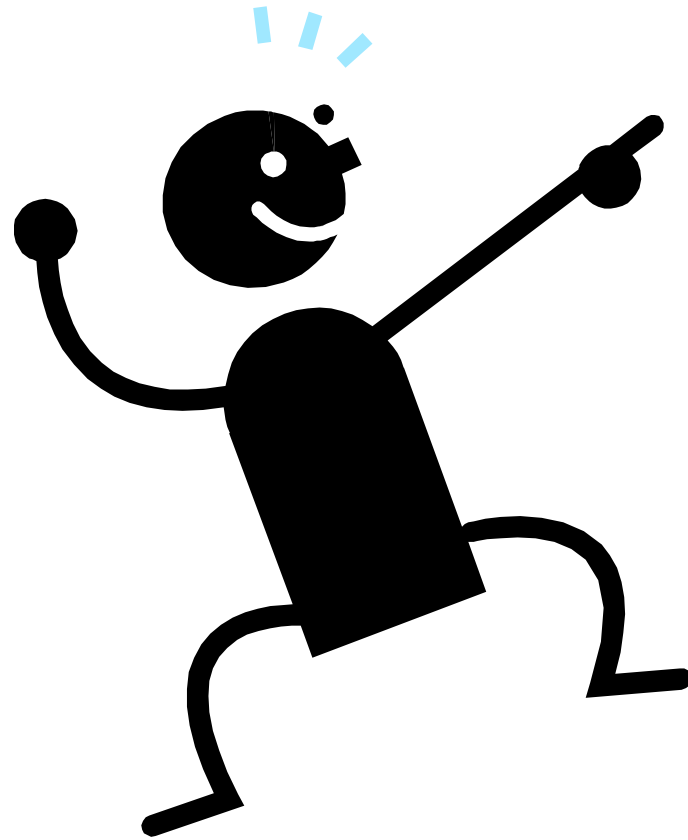


Threats

- Less internationalization
- The range of MA-programs offered

Other obstacles

- UT cards instead of stickers
 - Even harder for students to come to Sweden and take part of studies.
 - Many alarming examples.



New obstacles

- Shortage of accommodation
- Administration problems
- Unclear information
- Acclimatization
- Financial situation

What do we have to do?

- New situation also for the HEI's
- Larger responsibility
- Create great experiences

If not...

All the work is for
nothing!

PhD students

Receive financing through

- Doctoral grants
- Scholarships
- Employment

- Student visa

The situation for PhD students

- PhD students on a doctoral grant or a scholarship are particularly vulnerable.
 - Not fully covered by the social security system.

Consequences

- Unclear application of regulations/uncertainty regarding regulations
 - Threats of being deported when on parental leave

→ Female PhD students are particularly vulnerable.

What needs to be done?

- A holistic approach is needed!
- It isn't enough to “compete with quality”, unless we can give students a secure study time while in Sweden.

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