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Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences

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Doctoral student ombudsman/ombudsperson

Doctoral student councillor/PhD student commissioner

Division of Educational Affairs

Introduction to Doctoral Studies VH and NJ-faculty
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The word “ombud” is of Swedish origin and means representative

Ombudsman – someone who is representing the interests of someone, a company etc.

Doctoral student ombudsman – someone who is representing the interests of doctoral students



Doctoral student ombudsmen in Sweden

Chalmers University of Technology

Karlstad University

Luleå University of Technology

Lund University

Karolinska Institutet

KTH Royal Institute of Technology

Stockholm University



Main task – be a support for PhD students at SLU when you experience concerns or problems in your situation as PhD students

Free of charge

Criteria

Professional secrecy

Public Access and Secrecy Act

Independent role

Unpolitical

The Public Access to Information and Secrecy Act

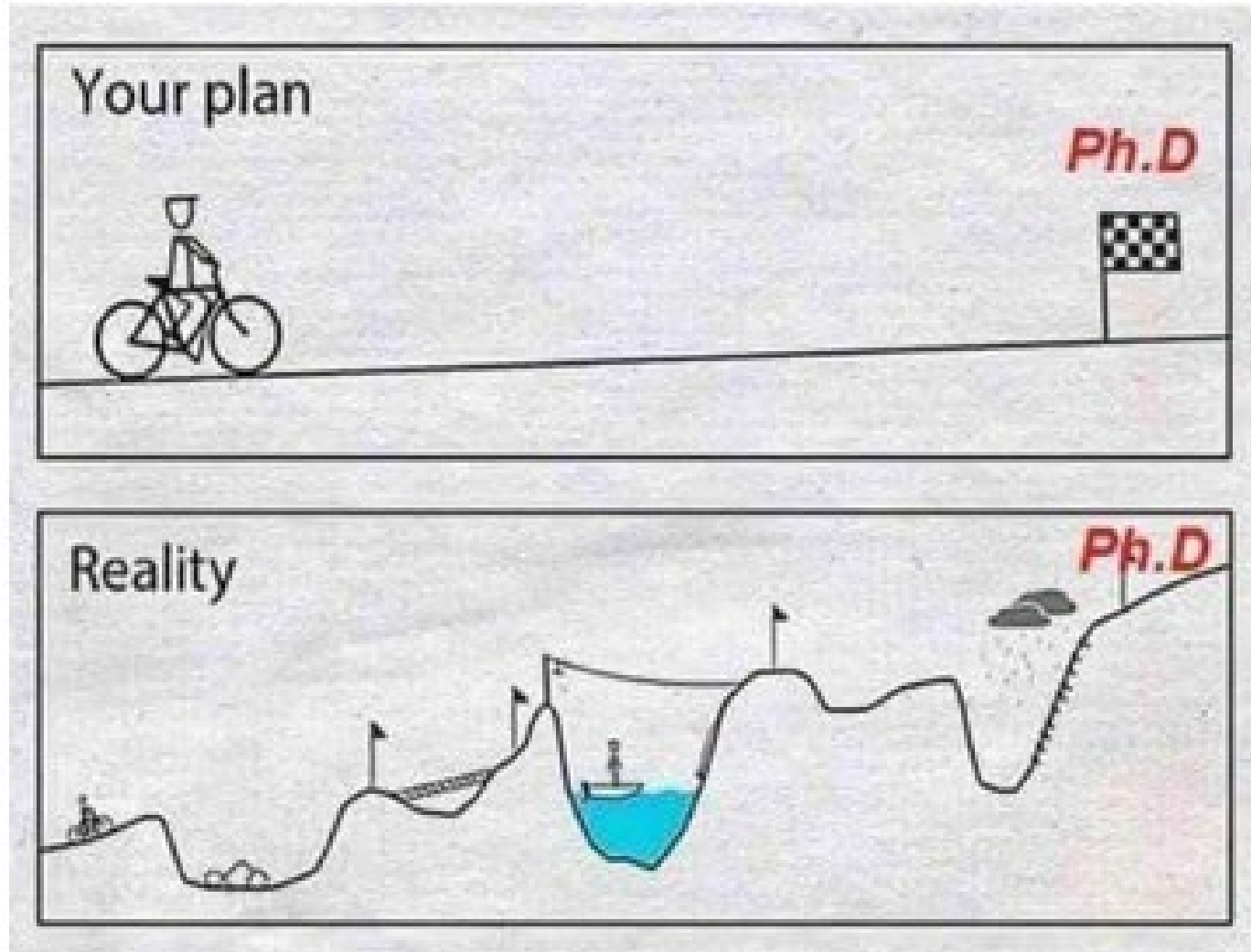
Chapter 23, Section 5, Paragraph 1

Confidentiality applies to other areas of education [...] for information relating to psychological assessment or treatment and information regarding an individual's personal circumstances held by a psychologist, social worker or study and career advisors unless it is clear that such information may be revealed without causing the individual or any person close to him/her to suffer in any way.

Mutual goal



Realistic goals on a (sometimes) bumpy road



Types of support

Discuss your situation, concerns or problems related to your situation as PhD student (private as well as working related)

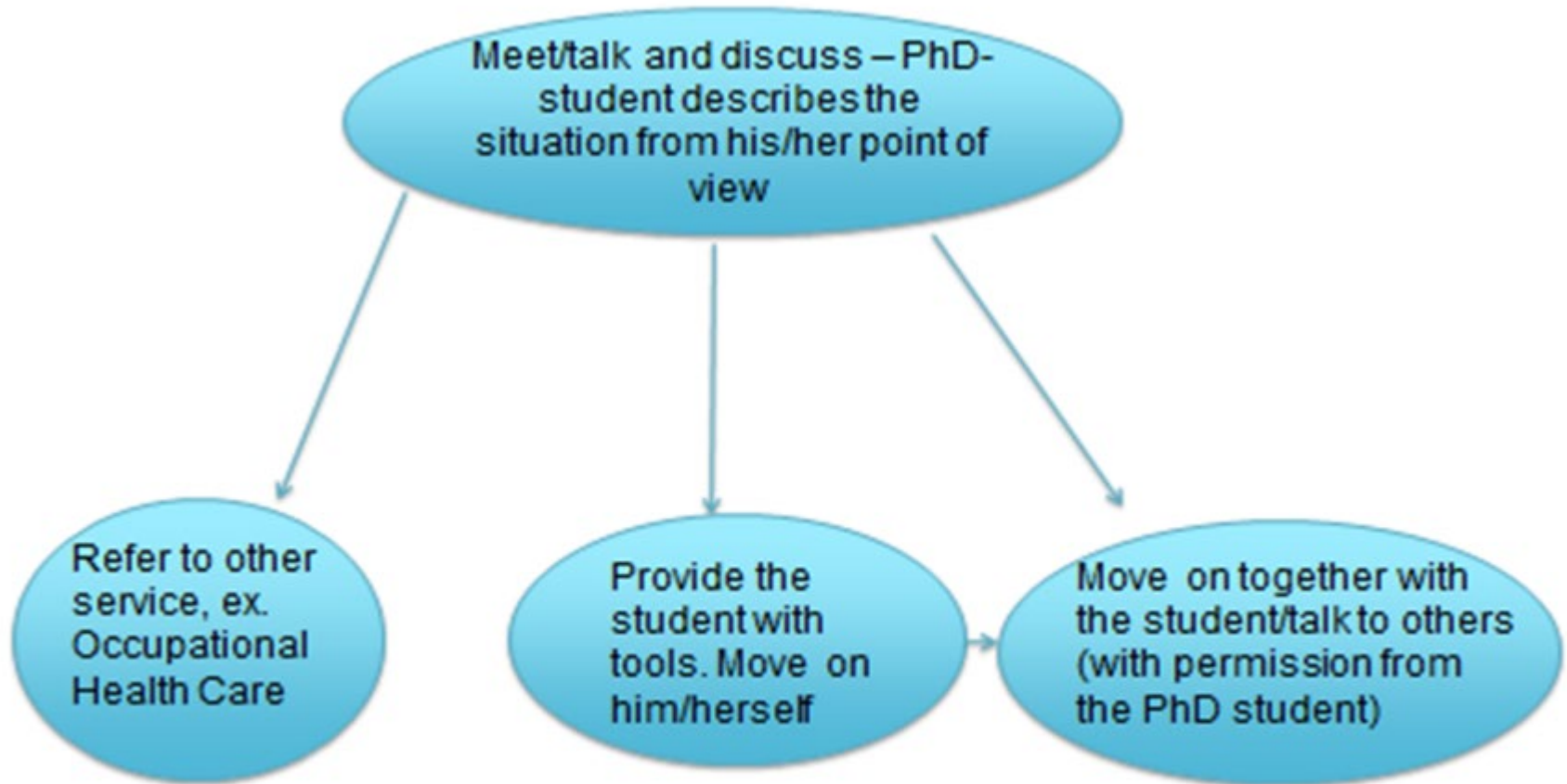
Possible collaboration with other ombudsmen at other universities (national, scandinavian network, but also individual contacts)

Possible collaboration with the trade union

Refer to, help and assist in contact with appropriate authorities

Offer support in conversations that may feel difficult (change of supervisor, faculty board, harassment, rehab meetings etc.)

I follow the legislation



A few tips

Communication, expectations, needs, supervision

<https://internt.slu.se/globalassets/mw/utb/forskarutbildningdocent/checklistor-och-vagledningar/checklista-samarbetsformer-2018-eng.pdf>

<https://internt.slu.se/globalassets/mw/utb/forskarutbildningdocent/checklistor-och-vagledningar/guidelines-for-the-order-of-authors-of-papers-produced-at-slu.pdf>

Shortterm goals

Rewards

Breaks

Seek help!

Have fun!





Good luck!!!



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