



Above right: Lars Brohlén
Lower right: Thorbjörn Nilsson

Image: Linnaeus University

New efficient platform helps Linnaeus University make informed decisions

When Sweden’s Linnaeus University needs to make informed strategic decisions, the management can find and extract necessary data in just a few clicks. The Diver Solution from Infotool can be adjusted to fit every user’s individual needs.

The Challenge

“In the past, a lot of the time we spent in meetings would be wasted on discussing what different numbers meant that we’d extracted from different source systems, such as student data, financials, enrollment statistics and the research database,” **Lars Brohlén** recalls, an economist working at the university’s vice-chancellor’s office.

diagonally within the organization. The university’s management is responsible of providing operational support, management and coordination, including departments such as economy, IT and staff administration. The University is a large and complex organization, offering undergraduate studies, postgraduate programs and research platforms while also

nization required better tools to handle both follow-ups and planning. For Lars Brohlén and his colleague there were simply too many details to keep track of.

“The merger forced us to review the whole code structure. Previously, there had been a lot of work involved with following up on data from respective source system. Now that

“The real agenda items became secondary and people would sit there with their Excel spreadsheets.”

The bulk of that work was vulnerable, not the least because of the human factor. And it hinged on Lars Brohlén and his colleague to quickly be able to find relevant numbers and figures the instant the university’s many different departments asked for them.

The Linnaeus University has five faculties as well as a committee responsible for the teacher program, which runs

providing work space for both staff and students. There’s a lot to keep track of.

The Solution

When the universities in Kalmar and Växjö merged to become the Linnaeus University in 2010, an extensive development phase took place. Lars Brohlén says it felt like a “baptism of fire”.

The new and enlarged orga-

nization, it became clear that we had to have a coherent structure for the work. To start off with, we developed a coordinated organization chart.

Lars Brohlén says he appreciates that Infotool has a well-developed methodology for these types of developments.

The solution uses the existing financial system as a so-called mastering program, from

"Now we can compare like-for-like. Everyone speaks the same language and everyone can decide for themselves when and what information they need to compile."

which the concepts are used also in the other systems. The solution creates coherence when it comes to both concepts and time-spans. The source systems that are now available include: Agresso, Ladok, DiVA och NyA.

The Result

Lars Brohlén and his colleague immediately saw great benefits with the new tool; there were

to extract relevant information. The information is readily accessible and there's a good overview.

"You just need a single login to gain access to the whole platform and you will immediately get a good overview of the contents. You can extract the information you need and can also compare it with other faculties and institutions," Lars Brohlén says.

the university uses to make important decisions.

Thorbjörn Nilsson says that competence maintenance, for example, has been singled out as a risk factor and there are therefore plans to eventually incorporate the staff management system into The Diver Solution. This would provide every faculty with better information material for their competence plans.

"For one, we are able to track the organization more continuously throughout the year, but above all there are great possibilities to actually shape this tool to fit with our own strategic requirements to run the organization."

fewer questions and more time could be spent on actual analysis. They don't have to double up on work anymore and nobody needs to be an expert on respective system to be able

Thorbjörn Nilsson heads the vice-chancellors office and underscores just how much more efficient the work has become – not to mention the higher quality of the material which

Thorbjörn Nilsson says that thanks to the solution it's not only easier to keep tabs on the economy, but it also helps management in a range of other strategically important areas.

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The Linnaeus University has some 2,000 staff and was created in 2010 after a merger between the University of Kalmar and Växjö University. The university has some 40,000 students, 150 degree programs and 2,000 single-subject courses. It has 330 postgraduate students.

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