

Student Union Board's operational report VT24

This report is a summary of the Student Union's work during spring of 2024 and a showing of the planning for the autumn and the intro fall 24.

Members of the Student Union

The spring semester is usually relatively calm in terms of membership numbers, so also this spring. Not much has happened during the year in terms of membership numbers, but all sections are roughly at the same figure as last autumn.

In total, SiS had 989 members during the autumn. When this report was compiled, SiS has 1017 members. Divided into the sections, the change is as follows. If we compare these figures with last year's spring report, it has increased by almost 200 members.

Sektion	HT23	VT24	Δ
ESS	29	39	26%
Safir	223	227	2%
Skills	511	509	0%
SköSjuk	71	84	15%
Vitae	136	138	1%
SiS Totalt	989	1017	3%

The work of the Student Union

This year has started strong with lots of sittings, Career Fair Framtid but also SFS (Swedish National Union of Students) meeting in Ultuna at the campus of SLU (Sveriges Lantbruksuniversitet). We discussed SFS upcoming propositions such as membership in Folk & Försvar, budget, the different perspectives of student unions and a lot more.

During the spring we also have expanded our collaboration with Drivhuset where they have held an education in two parts for everyone working in SiS. Topics such as how to work non-profit, how you can use everyone's strengths together, how to work in a group etc. This is something we want to keep working with and develop over the years to make the Student Union as good as it can be!

We have also had a lot of discussion about membership benefits and how we will have a healthy economy considering the upcoming budget change by the government in 2026. To handle this we need to make changes and one of those is the raise of the membership price. But to raise the price we also want to raise the value of being a member and that's why we are standing in the school asking for your opinions! It's not something that we will be done with in a year or so, this is something that needs to be continuously worked on.

Career Fair Framtid

Career Fair Framtid took place the 8th of February and celebrated 40 years! 69 companies participated with a total of 75 monters and around 1100 students participated.

The lunch lecture was held by Karin Adelsköld

Continuous contact with partners, the university and the student union board was necessary to make the fair as good as possible. The desire for the fair to be held in February instead of in March has been successful and will continue doing so until future project leaders say otherwise.

More companies wanted to participate this year compared to previous years which ended up in a new record and a result of around 39 000 kr.

Follow-up of operational plan

During the last spring stämman, three focus points and one extra coherent point were established;

- Cooperation between the Student Union's boards and members
- Digital and physical visibility
- Increase transparency of the Student Union's work.

- Commitment

Collaboration: We talked about wanting to hold more workshops and team building and we have not succeeded in doing that to the extent we want. The SiS sitting and Valborg are the join activities we have held for the whole student union. Sadly we couldn't arrange the Christmas table which we usually arrange to thank all the people working under SiS. The SiS sitting is for the current board and last year's board to party together. Then we also had the education with Drivhuset.

Visibility: We have not been up to par with updating when we are on national meetings with other student unions and SFS. This is mostly a budget issue since we can't afford to send that many on these meetings and the ones that are going must focus on participating in the actual meeting.

The sections arrange ovve-Wednesdays last Wednesday every month to be more visible to the students. This is also a way to encourage wearing your ovve more often. Opinion square have also been arranged to collect opinions regarding studies or other matters revolving around your studies. Alfred has also been standing on ovve Wednesday to gather opinions regarding membership benefits.

We have updated the way we use our bulletin boards around campus. They are split up in two parts, one side is for the student union and the sections to market their events, the other side makes it possible for organisations to market themselves with different offers.

We have also remade our website where have added sections for events and labour market to show up our events on both campus and around Skövde. We also show our partners and have offers from companies there. This is a paid service for the organisations to make our economy better while we make the student life better.

Transparency: All of our documents are available at our kansli if you are interested, and we communicate our plans on all of our stämmas/grand meetings. If you want all that information to be more public, then that is something we need to work on and have a bigger focus on.

Just as previous years has this point been more targeted towards those that already are working in SiS, though it hasn't been communicated in a good and transparent way to our members. During the spring we have tried coming up with ways we can do this. There are ideas but nothing that is decided yet. We are also trying to be clearer towards the school on what we are working on and that teachers shouldn't only guide the students towards the counsellors and study help but also towards us in the Student Union. We have seen that the university have been better at this but not on the scale that we want. Also, when it comes to student cases, though this is hard to work with since so much is under secrecy.

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We are looking forward to the fall introduction and we hope that we can break new records in number of members and making the engagement in the student union greater than ever! Every day we are seeing more and more students joining the student union, our boards and different project groups. Everyone is working together to make the student life better and we have so many plans for the future! Stay tuned!