

The Student Union's Operational Report for VT25

This report is a summary of the Student Union's activities during the spring semester of 2025 (VT25), as well as an overview of the planning for the fall and the introduction period of the autumn semester 2025 (HT25).

Memberships in the Student Union

During the autumn semester, memberships increased by 20% compared to the previous autumn semester.

During the Spring semester we usually see the numbers decrease as interest isn't as high during the spring as it is during the autumn semester. The same applies this year.

There has not been many changes within the section deviation of memberships, most are around the same as during the autumn. A big change has been that HISTEK/SiS membership has increased by 25%.

Since not all members are allocated to sections, the total number of memberships are not shown. The total number of members in the Student Union is 1212.

Below shows the deviation of memberships between sections.

Section	HT24	VT25	Δ
HISTEK / SiS	36	45	25%
Safir	272	269	1%
Skills	605	603	0%
Skösjuk	110	114	4%
Vitae	156	159	2%
SiS Total	1196	1190	0.1%



Student Union's activities and follow up on the operational plan

At the previous spring meeting, three focus areas and two additional related points were established:

- Collaboration between the Student Union's boards and members
- Digital and physical visibility
- Increasing transparency of the Student Union's activities
- Engagement
- Membership benefits

Events:

This year started off strong with Skövde being awarded Student City of the Year 2025. Following this recognition, there has been a major focus on marketing and events. The Student Union Board has purchased branded merchandise and is planning a concert featuring Hanna Fern on May 30 at Kårhuset Boulogner.

Unfortunately, the board has had to relocate and cancel several events due to board member resignations, deaths among students and faculty at the university, and the financial challenges currently facing the Student Union.

The clothing and book swap day was postponed from March to May.

The SiS dinner event has been moved to the fall.

Other planned events by the board were canceled.

The Student Union Board has also decided to move the Graduation Ball to the fall semester in order to continue hosting it in conjunction with the university's graduation ceremony, which was moved to the fall in 2024.

Boards:

As the new section boards started their mandate period, we continued the board education from Drivhuset, which focused on internal and external collaboration, sales techniques, and conflict management. Participants reported that the two-day education was very rewarding and successful.



During the operational year, the Student Union has placed significant focus on membership sales, visibility among students and external organizations, membership benefits, and event marketing. In connection with these efforts, we have seen increased collaboration between sections, sub-associations, and independent student organizations. This has led to positive results and greater visibility among students.

Financial:

In preparation for 2026, the government has proposed a one-third reduction in funding for student unions— a change that would have a significant impact on our organization. As a result, the Student Union Board has placed strong emphasis on reviewing our income and expenditures in order to prepare for the potential implementation of this proposal.

During this year, the Board has made considerable cost reductions, including cutting expenses related to premises, programs, and other operational areas. Additionally, efforts have been intensified to secure more sponsorships and alternative sources of income.

Throughout the year, representatives from the Student Union Board have participated in several meetings with other student unions as well as with Sveriges Förenade Studentkårer (SFS). The primary focus of these meetings has been the government's reduced funding for student unions, student culture, and student policy issues.

In April, student unions in western Sweden, including the Student Union of Skövde, carried out a joint protest campaign on social media against the proposed budget cuts. As part of the campaign, interviews were also conducted with national newspapers and Sveriges Radio to raise awareness about the government's proposal and its potential consequences.

Transparency:

Continuing this year, the Student Union has actively worked to maintain a high level of transparency, with a particular focus on making meeting protocols accessible. All protocols from the Student Union Board are now published in the digital archive, as well as the protocols from the sections' annual meetings.

During the autumn semester, the auditors noted that the Board's protocols were, in some cases, overly detailed in their documentation of discussions. The current board is therefore working to strike a better balance between openness and appropriate discretion in its record-keeping.



Membership benefits:

Since the autumn meeting, no new membership benefits have been introduced. Instead, the Student Union Board has focused on enhancing the visibility of existing benefits through improved marketing efforts and highlighting member-exclusive pricing to better communicate the value of membership.

Mental health survey

In the autumn, the Student Union conducted a survey of students' well-being both during their studies and outside them. This was then reported back to the University on various areas that may need more work. During Winter 2024/2025 this was presented to various committees and forums at the University and also to student welfare officers.

The future plan for this is that it will be a recurring survey to see if the University and the Student Union have other areas that they will need to work more or less on, depending on what it is that comes out of this.

Career Fair Framtid

The career fair *Framtid* took place on February 6 this year, bringing together approximately 40 exhibiting companies and around 1,000 students. This year's keynote lunch lecture was delivered by memory champion Jonas von Essen.

During the course of the project, several major challenges arose within the project group, which required intervention from the Student Union Board to resolve. Despite these issues, the fair was successfully carried out and was well received by both students and exhibitors.

To ensure smoother project execution in the future, the Student Union Board will implement clearer guidelines and structures for the planning and management of upcoming fairs.