

Student Union report for the VT26

This report is a summary of Student Union activities of the semester (VT26).

Memberships in the Student Union

Most spring semesters are historical calmer periods when it comes to memberships. There is only one recruitment drive for new students, the introduction period for spring semester, to gain more members which sees roughly 200 new students on campus.

Changes to the report this year is a comparison of not just last semester, but also to show in retrospect the general increase of members since VT25, so a year's comparison. This is to highlight more clearly the change of memberships over time, rather than just between semesters.

In total we have 1318 members. This corresponds to roughly 26.39% of all students studying on location. Based on statistics we have, the highest record number was 25% in 2015, which means we have the highest number since Kårobligatoriet was removed in 2010.

Overall across the semester we saw a decrease due to student memberships expiring by the end of the calendar year. Except for Skösjuk that saw a small increase, presumably due to nursing students starting in VT26.

	VT25	HT25	VT26	Δ	VT25 to VT26
HisTek	45	77	72	-6,49%	60,00%
Safir	269	291	286	-1,72%	6,32%
Skills	603	652	642	-1,53%	6,47%
Skösjuk	114	120	122	1,67%	7,02%
Vitae	159	190	181	-4,74%	13,84%
Support members	22	21	15	-28,57%	-31,82%
Total members	1212	1351	1 318	-2,44%	8,75%

Table 1: Memberships in the Student Union, lastly updated 2026-04-20.

Student Union

Events

No graduation ball this year. Mix-up with the send-outs from the university, leading to no one knowing it was happening until too late. Only 3 tickets were sold for it. All got refunded. This means that the initial budget of 35000 SEK was diverted back into the Student Union.

We moved Ovve-Wednesdays to G-house, requiring more structure, and the university has more oversight of our activities during this specific event. This was done to get more space as the area in the D-house was getting more limited.

External

The University restructured their councils and committees, meaning that the presidium has now more time allocated to *not* be in meetings. This can be a great change leading to more projects from the presidium's side, and more accessibility in the coming operational year.

INGENIUM

Our Student Union registered as an Associate partner to the University of Skövde, potentially leading to EU funding for cooperation and internationalization for international students. It is in early stages, but next year will hopefully solve much of the theoretical.

Internal

Skösjuk & Vitae decided this operational year to do some restructuring within their corresponding program responsibilities. The programs, Socialpsykologi and Folkhälsovetenskap, will be moved from Vitae's charge over to Skösjuk. This change would result in all programs within the university institutions being under their corresponding sections.

Atlas2, the theater, and spex group have had their first successful event in over 14 years, their bylaws have been updated, and a call for an annual meeting for the sub-association.

We have started up the International committee, a sub-association from 2017 that focuses on international students. They are currently a project-group that are working on updating the bylaw and plan on having an annual meeting next operational year.

Operational Plan Follow-up

Financial

The President of the Student Union has a lot more routines, and guidelines to oversee the economy of the Student Union. This has allowed result reports to be watched regularly, so that the president can flag sections or subassociations about their economic situation and gather more information on what is going on. Every month, one day is dedicated solely to oversee and look into the economical situation, whether bank accounts, or result reports from sections and associations.

Government grant result, decrease of roughly 33%. We prepared for it, so we were able to adjust, but the hit will, of course, impact us. The University gave us an extra grant for winning Student City of the Year which helps cancel out this year's deficit, but for the coming years we cannot rely on extraordinary, or external sources to help. We are still in an economic crisis, and should maintain in such a state, for at least the coming year to ensure stability.

Increased Visibility

This year the Student Union Board has been present at all Ovve-Wednesdays in some regard, although with varying degrees of response from students, often being overshadowed by the

sections' booths. In other areas, attempts of remaking the marketing in the university bathrooms is underway, and hopes to be finished by the end of the operational year of 25/26.

Digitally the Student Union is working on a new website, and new marketing opportunities with the university's department of media and communication, to use TV-screens across campus for Student Union activities and marketing.

Engagement

The engagement within the Student Union is still developing, we are seeing an increase of memberships. For the coming operational year, the operational plan involves further development into details on creating larger engagement, to develop new ways of interactions, and attracting more students to the Student Union, both through engagement and through membership benefits.