

Budget Plan 20/21

The Uppsala Association of International Affairs (UF) has had a successful year in terms of both the association's activities and its finances. The lectures continue to be the biggest source of new members and the revenues from the membership fee and the entrance fee combined with the obtained grants creates a solid financial platform for the association, enabling continuous development of the association.

As a result of the covid-19 outbreak, the conditions for the association's activities have been greatly affected as it hasn't been possible to host physical lectures, the UFMUN (UF Model United Nations) conference or the travel group's spring trip for example. All the financial means have thus not been used by the association this financial year, leaving the budgetresult with a surplus. This has been used in paying off the association's depreciations of equipment and the like, and to make some necessary investments for the organisation. The Board intends to leave SEK 35,000 of this year's surplus for the next board to use, as the revenue from lectures and memberships have decreased. With both a surplus and a larger part of the grants not fully utilized, it poses a challenge for the upcoming board, where good planning and an early start of the operational year is strongly recommended.

All the grants that were planned for in the previous budget plan have been obtained. The sum obtained from Folke Bernadotteakademins Stöd till civilsamhället för fred och säkerhet grant was smaller than expected as it wasn't received for the UFMUN-project. In other aspects, the grant was larger than previous years: half of this grant is set aside for activities during the coming autumn semester. Due to Covid-19, the sum set aside for the spring term has not been fully spent, therefore the proportion that can be used for operations in the autumn may be larger than planned if so is approved by the FBA.

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holding a membership where 60% are under 25 years. This was not accomplished in the previous application, to which we see the result of a smaller grant.

The grant from Forum Syd was also larger than expected. Furthermore, the grant obtained from Folkuniversitetet was smaller than anticipated, largely due to the fact that fewer study circles were reported that were planned for. Next presidium is recommended to continue to work together while applying for grants and ensure that each board member who has activities financed by the grant knows what is required. Routines for reporting study circles to Folkuniversitetet should be established early on and thus avoid missing out on potential grants. UF has clear guidelines and routines for how to manage its finances. It is important that these guidelines that have been developed over the course of several years are complied with and that information regarding this reaches all board members and trustees.

Major changes for next year's budget are that several of the requested grants have increased to a great extent, which places high demands on the board to ensure that the association's activities begin in time and continuously carry out budget follow-up so that the money is spent in accordance with the stated appropriations. The Career group is a relatively new operation within UF, so the budget for the group has been quite difficult to estimate. After the previous year's highly appreciated Career Seminar and Career Mingle, as well as this year's newly started 'Utrikespolitiska Akademi', the structure for the group is more predictable and thus the expected costs will be easier to estimate. As this Academy was very much appreciated, it is recommended for it to be budgeted in the next operational year to continue the Career group's development. Furthermore, the association has been granted compensation for the Travel group's operations and their budget post has thus grown. UF Model United Nations has also recently joined as a new group within UF. The organisation has previously arranged another Model United Nations (Uppsala Model United Nations) together with a collaborative partner, because of this the FBA grant could not be granted for the project, resulting in full funding being required by the association itself. The next board is therefore recommended to make UFMUN a part of UF Uppsala's operational budget, as well as continue to apply for the FBA grant in line with Uppsala Model United Nations.

Career Day is a collaborative project between the Uppsala Association of Foreign Affairs, Uppsala Politicsstuderande, Föreningen Samhällsvetarna, Uppsala Peace and Development Students Association and Pax et Bellum. The project has become an important complement to UF's other activities, and a Career fair creates the opportunity for our members to meet and talk to future possible employers. As

a result, a budget has now been set aside for continued development of the Career Day. The Career Day that was planned for during the fiscal year 19/20 (but couldn't be carried out due to Covid-19) is recommended to have its own budget post with the surplus that is left from the project's budget 19/20 with the idea that it can be implemented during the autumn if the circumstances look different then.

In summary, as a result of several successful operational years UF has established a solid financial foundation which guarantees stability in the association and its foreseeable future. It is therefore important that the next board continues to manage the association's finances and expenditures in a responsible way. Furthermore, we encourage the next board to continue to develop the Association and to be attentive as to what new priorities can be worthwhile for the Association as a result of an increase in financial resources.

Our suggestion for the budget plan of the next operational year is as follows: