

## What is the SFS General Assembly?

SFS General assembly, SFSFUM, is the organization's highest decision-making body and is made up of SFS's member unions. SFSFUM usually takes place once a year between April 15th and May 15th in the city designated as the student city of the year and usually takes three days to complete.

At SFSFUM, the unions are represented in relation to how many students they represent. Information on how mandate allocation is done is sent out well in advance of SFSFUM. SFSFUM consists of 349 mandates, but is represented by a lower number of physical delegates, and in addition there are also functionaries, observers and guests. A total of around 200 people are usually present during SFSFUM.

At SFSFUM, proposals from the board and motions from member unions, councilors and/or members from member unions are processed. The General Assembly also decides on the organization's governing documents such as the operational plan and the financial framework for the coming year.

During SFSFUM, SFS elected representatives are also elected. The elections carried out concern, among other things, the chairman, deputy chairman, the board, operational auditors and the election committee. SFSFUM decides how the elections will be conducted in connection with the decision on the meeting's rules of procedure, (the rules of procedure specify how the meeting will be run and is prepared by the board).

SFSFUM usually consists of two main components: plenum and discussion square. During the plenum, everyone is present in a larger auditorium and votes in favor or rejection of various proposals, as the meeting must take a position on many proposals, the discussion first takes place in the discussion square.

### **Representation at SFSFUM**

In total, there are 349 mandates on the SFS council and how these are distributed is specified in the SFS charter. If a new student union is granted membership during the meeting, this union's mandate is added in addition to the 349 mandates. All member unions have a basic mandate regardless of size. The member unions distribute their mandates between their representatives and the student union decides how many mandates a representative should hold. A representative can have zero mandate.

If the members wish to send one more representative than the number of representative places allocated according to the distribution of mandates, the member can register an observer to SFSFUM. The observers have the right to be present throughout SFSFUM, but do not have the right to represent their delegation in the council's discussion square. By delegation is meant the collective representatives and observers of a member union. Each delegation has a delegation leader who is appointed by the student union to organize the delegation and is the contact person for the delegation.