

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Has your VSO received funding from the ASSU Undergraduate Senate Appropriations Committee in prior years? If so, how much and when?

We have only received funding from Special Fees, The Stanford Fund and occasional department grants.

Have you registered your events/organizations with events.stanford.edu? (note: registration is mandatory) (yes/no)

Yes

How large is your officer core?

6

Our officer core consists of a President, Financial officer, and committee chairs for Model UN, our on-campus conference SMUNC, Speakers Series and Community Service

If you applied for Special Fees last year, is there an increase in the amount you're seeking this year? If so, why?

Yes, we are asking for an increase because airfare is becoming more expensive. To combat this, we are looking into rolling our airfare into the university's negotiated corporate airline contract (similar to how athletic teams pay for travel) We are also working on making our high school conference far more profitable. Our goal is to make the 2007 conference 2-2.5 times the size of the 2006 one.

We are also looking to decrease the financial barrier currently in place to allow more students to be able to go to conferences. Currently, we ask each delegate going to a conference to contribute \$100 to the organization. This is less than in previous years (closer to \$200-\$300). We currently offer financial aid to any student delegates requesting it, but we as a group do not have a way to fund that cost.

Please define the services provided by your group with the Special Fee, as per the ASSU Constitution:

We promote international awareness on campus, host speakers, maintain a competitive Model United Nations team and plan and execute several mentoring initiatives with local area youth.

Have you applied for Special Fees in the past 3 years? If so, please detail the outcome of each attempt.

Yes, we have applied for special fees over the past 5 years and have been approved last year. In previous years we have had to petition for funding. In 2005-2006, we received \$4073 from Special Fees. In 2004-2005 we received 4671.53 after petitioning through special fees. In 2003-2004 we requested and petitioned for \$6000.

How do you plan to publicize your events/programs to the greater Stanford community? Have you registered with Events at Stanford?

We typically use, e-flyers, our email lists and the email lists of the Political Science, International Relations, American Studies, Public Policy and Economics Departments. We will also print a very small number of flyers if we can afford it. We do register with events.stanford.edu as soon as event dates are set.

How many members are on your email list?

438

If you are an umbrella group, please list the groups for which you are applying for Special Fees, their ASSU account numbers, and contact information for their financial officers.

Society for International Affairs at Stanford ASSU Account #6323

Please describe a few past events organized by our VSO (please limit your response to 50-100 words).

SMUNC 2003-2006 - 260 high school students from 20 schools for a weekend annual conference

North Korea Speaker Series - Feb 2006 - Speakers included David Kang, expert on South Korean negotiations and Sigfried Hecker, part of the US nuclear inspection team sent to North Korea as well as the co-director for Center for International Security and Cooperation Student initiated course on the United Nations

Please list all: 1) assets, 2) reserves, 3) authorized and unauthorized non-ASSU bank accounts, 4) sources of funding other than Special

Assets as of 2/8/2007:

SIAS General Account: \$2,173.70

Stanford Fund Account: \$0.00

Special Fee Event Food: \$225.00

Special Fees Conf Registration: \$190.00

SIAS Reserve: \$575.58

We also own one printer for printing out resolutions for our high school conference and about 30 t-shirts from our high school conference.

We obtain funding through:

The Stanford Fund ~\$10,000

Stanford Model United Nations Conference (high school) ~\$5,000

Department contributions : &&&&&<\$1,000

Member Contributions: ~\$6,400

What events/programs does your group hold throughout the year for the Stanford Community?

We administer Stanford's Model United Nations team and are trying to build it into a nationally competitive team fitting for a world class university. This fall, Stanford won 3rd place at University of Pennsylvania's conference and made an impressive showing at Nationals last year.

We also host speaking events, community service opportunities, student initiated courses and partner with the IR and Political Science departments as well as related student groups whenever we can. Anyone on campus with an interest in International Affairs is welcome to join our group. We also ensure that students with absolutely no Model UN experience but are interested in learning go to conferences.

What is the fundamental goal/purpose of your VSO (please limit your response to 50-100 words)?

SIAS's main goal is to promote international awareness and education on campus. We also administer Stanford's Model United Nations Team, host our own high school conference, put on speaker events throughout the year and tutor/mentor middle school in high school in fields related to the Social Sciences.

What percentage of your total membership is undergraduate? Graduate?

100% undergraduate with a few co-terms and graduate attendance at speaker events

Why are you requesting Special Fees?

SIAS is requesting special fees due to the high cost of maintaining a competitive Model United Nations team. We hope that special fees will fund less than 30% of our airfare and accommodations, since that is by far our largest expense. The rest will be funded through The Stanford Fund partnership, individual member contributions and our annual high school conference. Recently a sizable portion of the membership has expressed interest in more outreach to the community, so we are moving our resources in that direction. Finally, we are requesting special fees to offset the cost of room reservation and janitorial services for our events on campus, since these currently tally over \$1000

What are the three largest line item requests in your budget and why?

The three largest line items in our budget are conference Registration, airfare and accommodations for the 4 conferences we send Model UN teams to.

What is the average attendance at your events?

30-80 people depending on the speaker/scheduling of event.

What is your total membership?

Our total membership consists of around 50-60 students:

16 Model UN team members

6 Organization officers (committee heads, president and FO)

18 SMUNC secretariat members and chairs

20 Committee members, conference staff, general members

When and why was your VSO established (please limit your response to 50-100 words)?

SIAS was established in 2001 as Stanford Model UN, but has added various arms and responsibilities over that time including community outreach, a speaker series and at times, a student initiated course. We renamed the group Society for International Affairs at Stanford to reflect this broader focus.

BUDGET DETAIL

	Budgeted	Requested	Recommend	Approved	Petitioned	Elected
Berkeley Model United Nations Conference	\$(1,207.60)	\$1,207.60	\$1,207.60	\$1,207.60	\$1,207.60	
Model United Nations Conference usually held in San Francisco or Berkeley, CA. Years when it's held in Berkeley, the team usually needs lodging - 2hr drive with traffic.						
7710 Travel Fares (Undergraduate Special Fees/Annual)	Gas for Berkeley conference. SF is 37.2mi (google maps) 4 days (Th, F, Sat, Sun) 4 Cars w/ 4people/car = 16 trips *(37.2mi*2) *\$0.25/mi = \$297.60	\$(297.60)	\$297.60	\$297.60	\$297.60	\$297.60
7820 Registration Expense (Undergraduate Special Fees/Annual)	Conference Registration Fees - \$30 school fee and \$55*16 delegates 55*16+\$30=\$910 http://www.ucbmunc.org/Conference/payments.php	\$(910.00)	\$910.00	\$910.00	\$910.00	\$910.00
Harvard National Model United Nations	\$(9,696.24)	\$3,764.00	\$2,697.33	\$2,697.33	\$2,697.33	
Model United Nations Conference in Boston, MA in February.						
7710 Travel Fares (Undergraduate Special Fees/Annual)	Subway fare to and from Boston Logan Airport to the conference 16*2 trips*\$2.00=\$64 http://www.mbta.com/fares_and_passes/subway/	\$(64.00)	\$64.00	\$64.00	\$64.00	\$64.00
7710 Travel Fares (Undergraduate Special Fees/Annual)	Group rate airfare to Boston, MA - We negotiate group rate contracts to get a better deal and use travel search engine to compare the best prices. \$395.88 per delegate*16 delegates=\$6,334.08 (priced in November)	\$(6,334.08)	\$2,000.00	\$933.33	\$933.33	\$933.33
			We are expecting for you to make up this difference with group dues.			
7740 Accommodations (Undergraduate Special Fees/Annual)	Accommodations for Team for Harvard Conference - They mandate teams stay in the same place as the conference. We sleep four to a room and book the cheapest rates possible. 16 people in 4 rooms for 3 nights @ \$48.92 per room per night per person 16*3*50=2348.16	\$(2,348.16)	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$750.00
7820 Registration Expense (Undergraduate Special Fees/Annual)	Conference Registration Fees - \$50 per delegate and \$150 per school \$50*16+\$150=\$950 National Model UN Conference	\$(950.00)	\$950.00	\$950.00	\$950.00	\$950.00
SIAS Speaker Series	\$(465.00)	\$465.00	\$465.00	\$465.00	\$465.00	
Speaker Series where our group invites various international relations related people around the Stanford community (professors, fellows, visiting scholars) to speak to the cam						
6560 Event Food (Undergraduate Special Fees/Annual)	Event food for speakers	\$(225.00)	\$225.00	\$225.00	\$225.00	\$225.00
7510 Facilities Rental (Undergraduate Special Fees/Annual)	Oak Room @\$80 * 3 speaker events	\$(240.00)	\$240.00	\$240.00	\$240.00	\$240.00
SIAS/World Savvy World Affairs Challenge	\$(121.80)	\$121.80	\$121.80	\$121.80	\$121.80	
Tutoring/coaching program with 4 local middle/high schools where our members visit them once a week to help them prepare for World Savvy's (SF Intl Rel non-profit) World A						
7720 Gas (Undergraduate Special Fees/Annual)	Gas for Community Service Outreach - Middle/High Schools in Santa Clara and Fremont	\$(121.80)	\$121.80	\$121.80	\$121.80	\$121.80
Stanford Model United Nations Conference (High School)	\$(872.47)	\$872.47	\$872.47	\$872.47	\$872.47	
Our on-campus high school conference and a primary source of revenue. Held in the History Corner in November.						
7140 Copies (Not Marketing) (Undergraduate Special Fees/Annual)	Copies for Delegate Folders (Events, Rules, Schedule etc.)	\$(545.47)	\$545.47	\$545.47	\$545.47	\$545.47
7510 Facilities Rental (Undergraduate Special Fees/Annual)	Events and Labor Services fee for Annenberg Auditorium for Conference Opening and Closing Ceremonies	\$(327.00)	\$327.00	\$327.00	\$327.00	\$327.00
U Chicago Model United Nations Conference	\$(7,137.00)	\$2,849.00	\$1,782.33	\$1,782.33	\$1,782.33	
Model United Nations Conference in Chicago, IL - Usually in April or Early May						
7710 Travel Fares (Undergraduate Special Fees/Annual)	Train fare from O'hare airport to the conference and back - \$2.00*2 trips*16 delegates http://www.transitchicago.com/maps/farechart.pdf	\$(64.00)	\$64.00	\$64.00	\$64.00	\$64.00
7710 Travel Fares (Undergraduate Special Fees/Annual)	Group rate airfare to Chicago, IL - based on last year's expense. Bought at \$287*16 delegates	\$(4,618.00)	\$1,500.00	\$433.33	\$433.33	\$433.33
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7740 Accommodations (Undergraduate Special Fees/Annual)	Accommodations for team for 3 nights 4 to a room at \$47 per person per night per room 4 rooms*3 nights*16 delegates/\$47 per person=\$1670 http://chomun.uchicago.edu/hotel.htm	\$(1,670.00)	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00

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7820 Registration Expense (Undergraduate Special Fees/Annual)	<i>Conference Registration Fees - School Fee is \$65 - Delegate fee is \$60*16 delegates \$60*16+\$65=\$785 http://chomun.uchicago.edu/regis.htm</i>	\$(785.00)	\$785.00	\$785.00	\$785.00	\$785.00
U Penn Model United Nations Conference	\$(6,394.00)	\$2,364.00	\$1,297.33	\$1,297.33	\$1,297.33	
Model United Nations Conference in Philadelphia, PA - Usual occurs at the end of October, beginning of November						
7710 Travel Fares (Undergraduate Special Fees/Annual)	<i>Train fare from Philadelphia Airport to Conference \$2.00*2 trips*16 delegates=\$64 http://www.septa.org/fares.html</i>	\$(64.00)	\$64.00	\$64.00	\$64.00	\$64.00
7710 Travel Fares (Undergraduate Special Fees/Annual)	<i>Group rate airfare to Philadelphia, PA - We negotiate a group rate contract to get the best deal and use travel search engines to find the most competitive prices. \$194*16 delegates Accommodations for team at UPenn Conference - Held in a Doubletree Hotel in Downtown Philadelphia. We sleep 4 to a room for three nights @ \$46 per room per night per person</i>	\$(3,100.00)	\$750.00	\$183.33	\$183.33	\$183.33
7740 Accommodations (Undergraduate Special Fees/Annual)	<i>Accommodations for team at UPenn Conference - Held in a Doubletree Hotel in Downtown Philadelphia. We sleep 4 to a room for three nights @ \$46 per room per night per person</i>	\$(2,180.00)	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
7820 Registration Expense (Undergraduate Special Fees/Annual)	<i>This year the school fee was \$75 and the per delegate fee was \$60 We sent 16 delegates \$60*16+\$75=\$1,050 http://www.upmunc.org/default.aspx</i>	\$(1,050.00)	\$1,050.00	\$1,050.00	\$1,050.00	\$1,050.00
APPLICATION TOTALS	\$(25,894.11)	\$11,643.87	\$8,443.86	\$8,443.86	\$8,443.86	

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