



## **PROPOSAL FOR AN MUN CONFERENCE: EMPOWERING STUDENTS**

### **INTRODUCTION**

We propose organising a Model United Nations (MUN) conference in collaboration with the professors of concerned courses, the IR Society of UOS, our university and possibly, other universities and high schools. The conference aims to provide students with a unique opportunity to engage in diplomatic simulations, enhance their understanding of global issues, and develop crucial skills in negotiation, public speaking, and critical thinking.

### **PURPOSE OF THE MUN CONFERENCE**

The primary purpose of the MUN conference is to foster the development of essential skills among students. By participating in diplomatic simulations, students will improve their research, public speaking, and negotiation skills. This experience will enhance their ability to articulate ideas, engage in constructive debates, and find diplomatic solutions to complex global issues.

The MUN conference will broaden students' perspectives on global affairs. Through researching and representing different countries, students will gain a deeper understanding of international relations, global challenges, and the importance of diplomacy in addressing these issues. This will contribute to their overall global awareness and cultural competency.

The conference will provide a platform for students to connect and collaborate with peers from other universities and high schools. By engaging in discussions and negotiations, students will build valuable connections, exchange ideas, and develop a network of like-minded individuals interested in international affairs. This networking opportunity will foster future collaborations and friendships.

Hosting an MUN conference will enhance our university's reputation as a hub for academic excellence and global engagement. It will demonstrate our commitment to providing students with unique learning experiences and opportunities to develop essential skills beyond the classroom. This will attract prospective students, enhance the school's profile, and contribute to its overall growth and success.

### **IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MUN**

The MUN conference will span over three days, comprising various committee sessions, plenary sessions, and social events. We will invite experienced MUN advisors and guest speakers to provide guidance and insights throughout the conference.

We propose collaborating with the professors of concerned courses to integrate the MUN conference into the course curriculum. This collaboration will allow students in the classes to directly apply their knowledge and skills in a practical setting. By participating in the MUN conference, they will have the opportunity to showcase their understanding of diplomacy and engage in real-world simulations.

To further incentivize student participation, we propose offering a bonus mark(s), in addition to certificates and awards, to students who actively participate in the MUN conference and present their certificate of participation. This will encourage more students to engage in the conference and recognize their efforts in developing valuable skills.

The proposed MUN conference aims to empower students and will have a lasting impact on students' personal and academic growth, preparing them for future endeavours in the field of international relations and diplomacy.

**PROPOSED DATES, TIMINGS, AGENDAS, LOCATION, etc, AND**  
**REQUIREMENTS:**

Please keep in mind that these details are still subject to change depending on the preparation process. May be adjusted as we go along with the organising progress.

- The proposed title for this conference is: **“Global Issues Summit: Navigating Issues, Forging Solutions.”**
- The proposed agendas for this conference are: *Refugee crises, pressing Global Economic issues, the Strait of Hormuz, Nuclear disarmament and illicit weaponry across international borders, and the conflict in Sudan.*
- The proposed committees are, not limited to: *UNSC, ECOSOC, UNHCR, UNHRC and IAEA.* These would be divided accordingly based on levels for students. It would range from beginner, intermediate and advanced.
- MUN conferences typically last for a few days, usually spanning over a weekend or sometimes even longer. It depends on the specific conference and its schedule. We are proposing the weekend of 19th, 20th and 21st of April or possibly the weekend after, 26th, 27th and 28th for the sessions to take place. Timing will span from 10am to 3pm on each day (break times included). The first weekend is more ideal for students as that will be a week after Eid and and at least two weeks before finals.
- We would also like to request the booking of the Sharjah Council hall and as the University might have prepared events for the above proposed dates, it will be a good idea. (Changes would be made depending on how feasible and doable the location would be).
- For students’ registration, we would like to propose making it a paid one. We think students should pay for the MUN conference because it will help them take ownership and responsibility for their participation. For the fees, we propose that it ranges from 50aed to 100aed, and 150aed for late registration. We plan to use the fees to provide

souvenir goody bags for the delegates to take home and have it serve as memories of their participation and delegation. The ideas for what will be included in the bags are: personalized notebooks and pens with the UOS MUN logo on, keychains, pins and lanyards. Depending on the budget, custom t-shirts and tote bags are also other good ideas that we have.

- We would like to also request for transportation to the location (Depending on the number of students we confirm around that time).
  
- Due to the lengthy duration of the programme, snacks and refreshments will be needed. On all of the days. (Amount to be calculated depending on the number of students).
  
- The University of Sharjah media coverage would also be needed in order to cover and keep record of the event.

Yours Faithfully,

UOS MUN Board.