

## **CASES TO PRESENT AT NAI 2006:**

Some political issues have been raised lately that we would like to bring with us to this national assembly in the hope that they can be worked on at the central level. Some of these issues are large in scope and beyond UMB policy or control so it is necessary to approach them with a critical mass at the national level.

These issues are as follows:

### **Grade Point Average**

Many students (both Norwegian and international) have found that in order for them to apply to schools in the United States and Canada they require a grade point average on their transcript. So far the universities have only been able to supply a description of the Norwegian system and this has been sufficient for the time being. However, we feel that this issue should be evaluated throughout Norway and GPAs should be made available for all students on their transcripts.

### **Lack of information in English from Samskipnaden**

It has become a serious problem for students, as of late, that notifications of things such as water shut-offs and rent payments have only been given out in Norwegian. We feel that this should be changed at all the Universities in Norway in order to effectively represent the international community. All notices should be published in both Norwegian and English at all times so that students are aware of what is happening around them.

### **Quota students and Lånekassen**

It has come to my attention that quota students are not getting all the information required to make effective decisions on fieldwork and travel coverage from Laanekassen. The information given out to students by Laanekassen is only in Norwegian and many students are not able to translate this. In addition, the grants supplied for traveling to do fieldwork abroad are not sufficient to cover the costs of the plane tickets. For example, students in Botswana are allocated 8000NOK to travel home for fieldwork, but the actual cost of the plane ticket is 12000NOK.

### **Transportation costs**

I just recently learned that when a student turns 30 years of age transportation costs rise to the regular non-student price even though this person is a student. I think we need to work on this to make sure that all students regardless of age pay only the student price for transportation on both the trains and buses.