

International Students' Union of Norway

National Assembly Spring 2006

President's Report

Eton Williams, National President, 2005-2006

Hi! I'm from Jamaica and I'm studying Electronics and Data Technology at the University of Oslo. I was elected in October 2005 and have been very lucky to have Ricardo, Hanna and Andrea to work with in the ISU National Board these past months.

Main goals since 2005 have been to represent ISU and international students, expand the organization, support local branches and strengthen their contact with their local student parliaments.

Maintaining communication with the local branches

- "ISU Presidents report" via email to ISU local branches, NSU, StL and SAIH, in Oct'05, Mar'06. Information on our work nationally. Additional emails to Branches.
- Visited the ISU branches of UiS, UiO, HiO, UiB, NHH and NTNU(with Ricardo).
- Presentation on ISU Norway at University of Stavanger, Feb '06
- Emails and telephone communication with Branch presidents to find out what's happening and to provide support.
- Recruited the very reliable Pavel Petrovich from Trondheim to update and maintain www.isu-norway.no . Involved Local Branches in webpage redesign. Pictures, Forum, News from Branches, More work to be done !
- Ricardo represented ISU Norway at ISU HiO elections, Feb '06.
- Ricardo and Andrea agreed to share responsibility for contacting and supporting local branches.

Being the link between local branches and national ISU, NSU and StL

- Countless individual meetings and consultations with Ricardo, Andrea or Hanna. Approx three meetings as a group.
- Meetings with international officers in NSU and StL nationally and locally to lobby for increased international student participation in Student Government in Norway.
- Encouraged local branches towards the "Support Taciana/Belarus" campaign, Nov 06
- Encourage local branches to run for local student parliament elections: Jan – Mar' 06.
- Encouraged local branches participated at NSU and StL National Board meetings as observers: Stavanger, Oslo.
- Emails, telephone calls and meetings with Constitution Committee members (Anna, Abar, Susanna, Sally and Anastasia) Good work!
- Consultation with Ricardo on ISU UiO's Academic Review of Norway. Good job!
- Consultation with past presidents of ISU Norway: Arlene Pearce 2004-2005; Nina Rojina, 2004; Jowi James 2002-2003; Dan Banick 1994-1995

Representing international students in NSU's and StL's national meetings

- Reports and presentations at NSU National Board meetings, Stavanger, Oslo, Bergen.
- NSU Landstinget, Mar '06 – "interviewed" candidates for new NSU National Board.
- "Inclusion in Higher Education", StL Conference in Trondheim, (with Ricardo) Feb '06
Presentation and Group Work with StL leaders- lot of feedback and enthusiasm.
- National Academic Council of Norwegian as a Second Language, Rep for NSU/ISU
- Presentation to NSU-H (Scientific University Colleges) Meeting, Jan '06

Representing international students to the Norwegian Government and to external organizations

- Jon Ivar, NSU Intl Officer: Work Permit Fee & ISU in " Study In Norway board",
- Dialouge with Narvik on ISU/NSU/StL joint Resolution to Norwegian Government
- Ricardo arranged a meeting with Qouta Program Administrator at UiO, Oct '05
- Hanna, NSU NORAD rep, presentation on ISU at NORAD conference in Gol. Feb '06
- Asked Hanna to do research on Personnumber for international student case.
- " International Students Left Behind", Aftenposten Article (with Ricardo), Oct 2005
- "ISU Norway & SAIH" presentation SAIH National Meeting (with Andrea), Oct 2005
- "Being an International Student in Norway", Student Health Service on Oslo, Dec 2005
- "Stopping norwegian courses for SFB Intl Students" Universitas, (for ISU UiO), Dec 2005

Responsibilities for ISU's finances

- Secured 50,000 NOK for ISU Expansion project from StL (with Ricardo), Oct 05
- Hanna has done an excellent job with our Financial Reports! Sent in our audited accounts for 2005. Received assistance and approval from auditor

Leading the work of ISU in the establishment of new ISU branches in Norway

- Received support and direction from Katrina, StL Intl Officer
- Presentation to StL Vice Presidents gathered in Oslo in Jan 2005 (Ricardo, Elena)
- Presentation at StL Inclusion Conference in Feb (Ricardo, ISU NTNU)
- Meet with Telemark International Student Advisors, Mar 2006
- Emails to StL student Parliament VP and Presidents in Jan-Feb '06(Telemark, Bodø, Molde, Kristiansand, Sor-Trondelag)
- Telephone meetings with leaders in Kristiansand and Nor Trondelag. Feb- Mar '06
- Ricardo responsible for our dialogue with BI Norwegian School of Management, Oslo
- ISU Expansion Conference is being planned for 1-3, Sept 2006.

Other

- Elected member of Student Parliament, University of Oslo, 2005-2006. Re-elected in March for 2006-2007! Serving on International Committee: Evaluation of Universitas Project, "The International University of Oslo", "Language in the academic environment"
- " Learning, Motivation and Leadership in Volunteer organizations", Three week course organized by the Foundation for Student Life in Oslo (SiO).