

**International Students' Union of Norway**  
National Assembly Spring 2007

**President's Report**

Eton Williams, National President, 2006-2007

Hi! I'm from Jamaica and I'm studying Electronics and Data Technology at the University of Oslo. I was re-elected in September 2006. Ramil Aliyev and Susanna Serra are the National Vice and Alternate Vice President.

Main goals since September 2006 have been to represent ISU and international students, especially related to our resolution on the part time work permit fee, strengthen the contact between ISU and our partners in NSU and StL, locally and nationally, and to expand our organization.

**Maintaining communication with the local branches**

- "ISU Presidents report" via email to ISU local branches, NSU, StL and SAIH, in Nov'06, Feb'07. Information on work nationally & attempting to inspire and motivate local work. Additional emails to Branches and National Administration.
- Visited the ISU branches of Stavanger, Oslo and Ås.
- Emails & telephone with Branch presidents to find out what's happening and to provide support. (Delegated responsibility to Ramil and Susanna)
- Further develop the range of information available on our website: News from Branches, ISU Resources, ISU Forum.

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

- NSU and StL– Encourage ISU branches and International Officers to work together to develop their own "Plans of Inclusion for International Students". Websites in English.
- Meetings with NSU and StL nationally & locally to lobby for increased international student participation in Student Government in Norway- SAMARBEID
- Encourage local branches to run for local student parliament elections: Jan – Mar' 06.
- Individual meetings and consultations and emails with Ramil, Susanna, Hanna and Erik. Approx two meetings as a full group.
- Consultation with past presidents of ISU Norway: Arlene Pearce 2004-2005; Nina Rojina, 2004;
- Encouraged local branches towards the SAIH Campaign "Our Picture of the South"

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

- Reports and presentations at NSU National meetings in Stavanger and Oslo, StL National meetings in Hamar and Sørmarka.
- NSU National Assembly, Mar '07; StL National Assembly, April '07 – interviewed election candidates for new NSU/StL International Officer.
- Distributed Samarbeid-package at StL National Meeting: documents of ISU work – Plans of Inclusion, Project proposals for translation for newspaper, etc Feb '07
- NSU National Likestilling – Student Equality Committee – presented and gave

international student perspective. Lobby for the inclusion of International Students in student equality policy. Nov 2006

### **Representing international students to the Norwegian Government and to external organizations**

- "ISU Norway & SAIH" presentation SAIH National Meeting, Oct 2007
- With NSU Welfare Officer: Lanekassen Regulations regarding International Students. Information in English on the website.
- Visa Fee Case: Lobby NSU, StL and Norwegian Government.
- Presentation on integration for student organizations at UiO conference, Mar '06
- Meeting with SAIH on "Our picture of Africa" campaign 2006-2007
- Have requested meeting with Work & Inclusion Department (Work Permit Fee).
  
- "ISU Norway leader re elected", Universitas, Sept 27. 2007
- "Fees raised for international students" Universitas Feb 14. 2007
- "Work Permit Fee removed" Universitas, Feb 21. 2007
- "ISU Norway President" Campus Student Magazine, April 2007
- "International Students and Work Permit Fees", Dagsrevyen, NRK TV

### **Responsibilities for ISU's finances**

- Hanna has done an excellent job with our Financial Reports! Sent in our audited accounts for 2006 in Feb/March 2007. Received approval from external auditor.
- Annual application for funding sent to Ministry of Education Mar 2007.

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

- Received support and guidance from StL President and Intl Officer
- Discussions with StL local branch leaders in Molde, Volde, Nord Trondelag and Telemark at StL national meetings to engage them in the process followed up with information emails.
- Contact with ESN branches in Molde and Adger and with a with newly started international student organization in Volde.
- Contact with Student Organization at BI in February, April 2007.
- All prospective branches invited to ISU NA.

### **Other**

- Chaired Hiring Board in April to hire a new National Secretary. Erik Evans has been offered the job.
  
- Elected member of University of Oslo Student Parliament, 2006-2007. Serving on the University's Learning Environment Board.
- Leadership and organization courses with LNU.