



ISU Local Branch Report ISU Stavanger

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A) ISU Local Branch Members

<i>Period Autumn 2008</i>		<i>Period Spring 2009</i>	
POSITION	NAME	POSITION	NAME
President	Moses Ajetunmobi	President	Mohammad T. Hossain
Vice-president	Wieneke Oomen	Vice-president	Modi Amitkumar
Treasurer	Sunil Budania	Treasurer	Daniel Zapata
Secretary of Communications	Modi Amitkumar	Secretary of Student Affairs & Norwegian Int'l Relations	Wieneke Oomen
Secretary of Student Affairs & Norwegian Int'l Relations	Georg Oftedal	Director of Activities	Gabriel Rizvi
Webmaster 1	Pavel Burda	Secretary of Communications	Atif Aslam
Webmaster 2	Abdi S. Telaga		
Director of Sport Activities	Daniel Zapata		
Director of Social and Cultural Activities	Josephine Mathisen		
Member at Large 1	Karen Catrino Hansen		
Member at Large 2	Gabriel Rizvi		

B) Summary of Activities during Academic Year 2008 – 2009

The main issue for ISU Stavanger this year has been the deposit case (that we have worked on for almost 2 years now); we are fighting for removal of SiS' deposit for international students. In February we elected a new board. At the GA before the elections we put through constitutional changes that involved cutting down the number of positions on the board and going from having elections once a year in stead of every semester.

C) General Assemblies

We had two General Assemblies shortly after each other, because on the first one we did not gather enough students to vote through the constitutional changes. We did on the second one and all the proposed changes were voted through. We also discussed the deposit case during both GA's. The international officer of the local branch of NSU was present.



D) Social Activities

Previous social activities included: Norwegian Christmas lunch, Valentines Eve party, Salsa night. Together with StOr (our local NSU branch), we organize a coffee hour every week that we call 'Coffee Around the World'. This has been a big success. We are going to organize a film night next week. A second salsa night is coming up. And we have already planned a trip to the Norwegian Canning Museum. Together with ISU Agder, we are planning a trip, possibly to the Pulpit Rock (Stavanger region).

E) Welfare Cases, Campaigns and Student Politics

As mentioned, our main concern has been the deposit case. We have made considerable progress; the student representatives on the SiS board have been removed from their positions. We are confident that the new representatives will put through the removal of the deposit. There has been a strong and positive cooperation with our local NSU branch, NSU national and of course ISU national. Another concern we have is the situation at UDI. The amount of time they take to process application for residence permit (students) is not acceptable.

F) Comments, Evaluation and Future Improvements

We are very happy with the changes we made to our constitution. We feel communication has improved having fewer board members. Evaluation is important however. As a lot of student organizations we feel it is difficult to get people involved, possible reason for this is our busy schedules as students.

G) Budget

We have been granted NOK 19000 for the year 2009. We are planning not to have deficit (or not to exceed 3% next year).

Amount approved	: NOK 19000
Expenditure (net deficit NOK 4482 included)	: NOK 4982
<i>Available Balance as on 21 April 2009</i>	<i>: NOK 14018</i>



SUCCESS STORY (Optional)

ITEM	DESCRIPTION
Title of Activity	Norwegian Christmas Dinner
Objectives	To give international students a taste of how Norwegians celebrate Christmas.
Target (for who was it prepared for)	It was directed at all international students
Was it inclusive? Yes, no and why.	Yes, it was meant to make the international students feel included in Norwegian society.
Time Frame	A Wednesday afternoon a little before Christmas.
Means and Tools Used	We cooperated with the international office. They applied for funds. We asked one of the cafeterias to make pinekjøtt for us. The international office told us a little about Christmas traditions and the student priest played guitar. We had a quiz with prizes.
Comments from Others	We have had a lot of positive feedback. The students enjoyed getting to taste something they had not had before. The international office was very positive about the cooperation.
Self Evaluation	We were also very happy with the cooperation. In the future we would like to organize more events where international students can enjoy Norwegian traditions.
Suggested Improvements	We could maybe have organized the dinner a little earlier; students who had already left said they would have liked to come. We still had a great turn-out however.