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ISU Plan for 2005

Establishment of new ISU branches

ISU has established 3 new branches at the University Colleges in Oslo, Narvik and Stavanger. Right now ISU is working closely with Kristiansand, Høgskolen i Agder. ISU should work on establishment 3 or 4 branches at the University Colleges. This process should be coordinated with the International Officer of StL who is helping to promote ISU and for the first contact with the target institution. The present ISU National Coordinator has included in the Organizational Booklet the information about the structure of ISU, Steps for the Establishment of ISU etc. that can be helpful for the institutions and the next National Coordinator

Organizational booklet

The present national administration was working on the Organizational booklet which will be available on the website www.isu-norway.no. The Organizational booklet will be used as a help for the branches in arranging of the ISU at the local level and explanation of the system of ISU, National Assembly, General Assembly.

Newsletter

Now that we have an independent national website ISU National is thinking of publishing a monthly newsletter on the web. This would include a monthly report from the National Coordinator at the end of each month that the members of ISU can see the work done by the NC. Any news that the local branches would like to share can also be sent to the national secretary to be added to the site. A monthly deadline will be set for this.

The Ultimate Guide to Studies in Norway

‘The Ultimate Guide to Studies in Norway’ was published in 2003 and distributed at the Universities and embassies. ISU’s goal this year is to find funding for printing the Ultimate Guide and get the possibility to send it as the informational book for the applicants by the University (to be included in the package with the documents). Meanwhile the ‘The Ultimate Guide to Studies in Norway’ should be updated on the ISU National website.

Financial independence

ISU has worked and will continue to work on financial independence. Our vision is to become totally independent from NSU and to receive funds from the Ministry of Higher Education and Research and other institutions. However, as long as the Ministry and other sources will not provide us with satisfying amount, we will continue get financial support from NSU.

Extension of the post of the National Secretary

ISU needs to work on extension of the post of the National Secretary (NC). The NS plays an administrative role in ISU that is vital for the stability of the organization. While the elected ISU members are in their posts for one term or one year at a time, the National Secretary is hired to stay in the post as long as possible. He/she maintains important business aspects of our organization like accounting, fund applications, correspondence with the authorities in Norwegian and when necessary translating between Norwegian and English for the benefit of the ISU members.

Currently the NS is officially hired for a 25% position but usually works many more unpaid hours (especially in the time leading up to the National Assembly). If this situation continues ISU will be unlikely to keep any secretary for a long period and the organization will face set backs.

Continue working politically

When ISU was first established in the 70s its main aim was to protect the rights of international students. While ISU has continuously represented International students socially and academically, it has also over the past year revived its work on political issues and it is very important for the organization. ISU has been working on the cases which directly affect international students – this includes cases concerning Police Security Service, travel expenses, visa application and work permit fees. ISU is increasing its visibility to the Norwegian authorities and should continue representing international student interests in important policy making issues.

Marketing ISU

This year ISU started marketing itself and one of the steps was producing ISU posters which were distributed at the Universities. ISU at the local level should start marketing its own ISU branch as well by different means, such as ISU t-shirts, ISU-cups, pens etc. National ISU has designed and produced the business cards for the National Coordinator and the National secretary, working on the ISU letter head to print out the important documents.

In short

Our plan is to strategically make ISU more visible. This will include information campaigns, information booklets and flyers, active involvement in political life.