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INTRODUCTION

Our Board was elected on 25 August, 2004 on the main campus. The election was observed by the Student Parliament with votes counted by an external party.

With the exception of one, the ISU-UiO 2004-2005 Board consists solely of new students to the University of Oslo. However, many of the board have had prior experience with professional and volunteer organization-related work in their home countries.

Within two weeks of our election, members met with the Rector and were given training by the immediate past President of the branch, the ISU National Coordinator and presentations on the structure and organization of the university by representatives from UiO Student Parliament. The board has a permanent contact to UiO Student Parliament through its International/National Officer.

GOALS

1. To serve as a social, academic and political resource for international students at the University of Oslo.
2. To promote the integration of international students into the main student body.

Academic

ISU-UiO encourages international students to promote the University of Oslo in their homeland as a viable option for tertiary education, (i.e. via domestic distribution of "The Ultimate Guide to Studies in Norway")

All international students are assigned an International Student Advisor from the Section for the Learning Environment and Quality of Studies on their admission to the university. This Section coordinates the matriculation of students into the university. The adviser serves as their primary contact in academic matters.

Social

ISU-UiO collaborates with the International Office at UiO and student organizations (ie. SAIH, European Students Forum) in the hosting and advertising of social events of particular interest to international students. Information is shared on events of particular interest to international students. The events are administered by one or more agencies.

Social Events for Autumn 2004

Orientation

Welcome party

ISU Oslo Board Elections

Monthly Sports Break –free entrance to domus athletica

Norwegian Film Evenings – introduction to Norwegian film art

Movie Night – current movies, selected by our members

Cabin Trips – in the wilderness of Nordmarka

Halloween Party – a joint party for all UiO students

Busabout

Tours of Oslo – museums, galleries, etc

Weekly International Coffee Hour

Weekly Radio Program – "Snakker Ikke Norsk"

Political

ISU-UiO collaborates with the Student Parliament in the political representation with international students. Currently we have an ISU representative from the board member on the International Committee of the Student Parliament. We are in negotiations with the Student Parliament to have ISU representatives on the other three main committees – Education, Welfare and Information.

ISU-UiO is currently developing relationships with other parts of the university and with geographically-defined students organizations, to better reach the international student body.

CHALLENGES ISU-UiO

1. Board transition from one academic year to the next.
2. Securing sustained funding.

ISU UiO BUDGET PLAN
AUGUST-DECEMBER 2004

OPERATING EXPENSES

CAPITAL ACCOUNT

Bank: 15.948,81 Kr

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Price</u>
August 25 th	Orientation Welcome Party Board Election and Training	2059 Kr
August 26 th	Office Equipment	46 Kr
September 25 th	Sports-Break: Drinks	100 Kr
September 28 th	Movie Night: Movie, Food and Drinks	240 Kr
October 1 st	Newsletter: copies, coloured paper and cartridge	200 Kr
October 2 nd -3 rd	ISU-National Trondheim: Travel for 2 more persons	600 Kr
October 12 th	Movie Night: Movie, Food and Drinks	240 Kr
October 23 rd	Sports-Break: Drinks	100 Kr
October 28 th	Halloween-Party: Administration Bar staff DJ	500 Kr 2000 Kr 750 Kr
November 1 st	Newsletter: copies, coloured paper and cartridge	200 Kr
November 9 th	Movie Night: Movie, Food and Drinks	240 Kr
November 27 th	Sports-Break: Drinks	100 Kr
December 3 rd	Christmas- Newsletter	200 Kr
December 7 th	Movie Night: Movie, Food and Drinks	240 Kr
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