

Student Service in Ås (Norway);

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Around the country...

- Legal framework; since 1939; "Law of Foundation of Student Life"
- The University has "the overall responsibility for the students' learning environment"
- 24 Foundations all over Norway
- All institutions of higher education is connected to a Foundation.
- 190.000 students
- 15500 single rooms, 3000 couple flats, 4250 appartments



Around the country...

- Income; 2,7 billion NOK (6,5 to 750 mill)
- Average surplus; 3,82 % (2006)
- Exemption from taxation (and VAT when it comes to eating in our cafeterias)



Governance

- Board of 7 persons;
 - 4 students elected by st.parlament
 - One student is head of board
 - 2 rep from university
 - 1 rep from employees
- General assembly; NO
- Owners; NO
- Payment of dividend (part of surplus); NO

Financing

- Income; rent, sale etc (92,5)
- Semester fee (5 %)
- Subsidy from government, cash (2,5)
- Conclusion; Students pay (almost) everything!
- Sq-meter free of charge from University
 - Office, sport facility, kitchen, bookshop, cafeterias etc

Services

- Accomodation
- Academic bookshop
- Copyshop
- Sports facilities/activities
- Councelling; Sosial consultant, priest, psychologist
- Cafeterias
- Kindergarten (not Ås)
- Health service (not Ås)
- Career service (not Ås)



Cooperation

- According to our strategic plan, SiÅs want
 - To strengthen the strategic cooperation with UMB
 - To strengthen the strategic cooperation with the student parliament
 - To enter agreements with the Student Society in Ås



More cooperation

- When it comes to areas of cooperation with students, we have these:
 - Student Parliament
 - Extended student board
 - Summit meeting
 - SiÅs board/SiÅs committees f.i for new student residences
 - Livingconditioncommittee
 - Introduction week
 - Customerrelations

