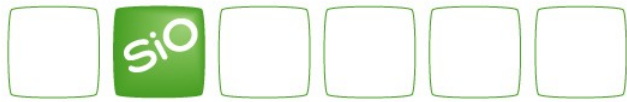


SiO

- The Foundation for
Student Life in Oslo



The Welfare Council



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Welfare Council – our goal:

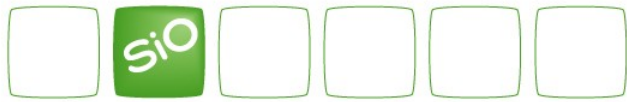
“The most important principle in all of our activities is the principle of equal opportunities to participate in higher education

Education is more than preparing people for the job market, it is an important element in building democracy and creating society.

It is therefore crucial that economic, social or cultural backgrounds do not create obstacles from participating in the educational system.

Our goal is a welfare system that removes such obstacles”



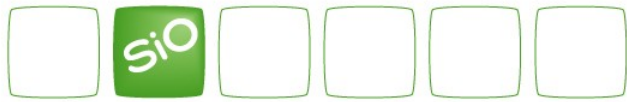


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The Welfare Council

- 43 representatives, one each 1000 students
- Representatives from all institutions members of SiO
- 30 from UiO, elected by the Student Parliament
- The rest from other higher educational institutions in Oslo (economics/management, sports, music, veterinary, theology, arts and architecture/design)





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The executive board

- The "government"
- Responsible for promoting the policies
- Represents the students
- Lobby-work
- "Watchdogs" for student welfare (especially towards SiO)
- Consists of 5 members:
 - Chairman - fulltime
 - Vice-chairman - fulltime
 - 1 chairman of the welfare committee
 - 1 chairman responsible for information
 - 1 chairman responsible for organization



What do the Council do?

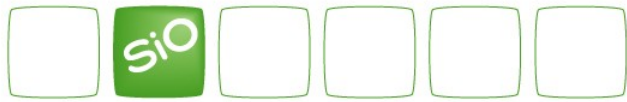
- Form the policy on welfare related issues
- Democratic control over the executive board of SiO (the foundation for student life)
- Elect student members to all the different boards of SiO
- Elect chairman of the board of SiO (who is a student)
- Grant money to the local student democracies, to cultural purposes and to the student media
- Make sure The Foundation for Student Life is run in accordance with the student opinion
- Arrange open meetings
- All SiO-students have the right to form propositions

Organising student welfare

SiO is the oldest foundation for student life in Norway,
established i 1939

All public educational institutions are associated with one of
the 25 foundations for student life around Norway

SiO has eight associated learning institutions, among them
the University of Oslo and the Norwegian School of
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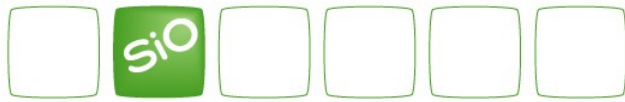
Aim for student welfare:

The purpose and responsibilities of the foundations for student life are written in the law for "studentsamskipnader".

The law states that the learning institution has the overall responsibility for the learning environment. The management shall, however, in cooperation with the foundation for student life ensure that the learning environment and social environment hold a good standard.

The task of the foundations for student life is to deal with issues related to the students' need for welfare at each and every learning institution.





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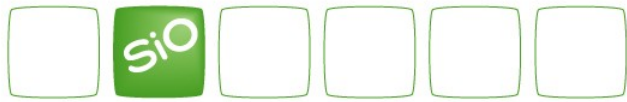
Financing student welfare

Student welfare comprises SiOs value making. The welfare services are partly financed by the semester fee of NOK 410 per semester.

SiO also receives funding from the government and from the associated learning institutions in the form of free premises.

SiO runs its businesses through the holding company SiO Forretning AS. The surplus from commercial businesses are transferred to the welfare departments.





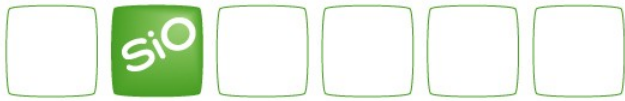
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Financing

Revenue total 2007: MNOK 767 (Approx MEUR 96)

- **MNOK 4,4 (MEUR 0,55)** from general governmental grants, UFD (Ministry of education and research), for social and cultural activities
- **MNOK 31 (MEUR 3,9)** from student membership fees - for welfare services
- **MNOK 67,2 (MEUR 8,4)** from government grants, Ministry of education and research (KD) for day care centres
- **MNOK 3 (MEUR 0,38)** from the Ministry of Health for health care services
- Free use of premises belonging to the various educational institutions linked to SiO: rooms equipment and operating grants of MNOK 23 -Total value incl free use of premises: **MNOK 55 (MEUR 6,9)**
- **MNOK 289 (MEURO 36)** from sales income and **MNOK 237 (MEURO 30)** from rent
- Governmental grant for building student accommodations





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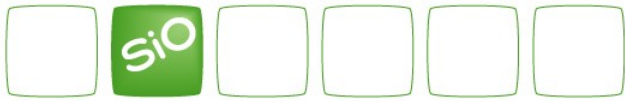
The semester fee

- The allocation of the semester fee is decided by the General Board of SiO based on a proposal from the Welfare Counsel. In other words; the students decide.
- The main board determines the semester fee. Currently it is NOK 410.

Semester fee allocation:

- Student organisations: 28%
- Career Services: 4%
- Student Health Services: 38%
- Student Counseling: 9%
- Student Sports: 1%
- Student Life: 9%
- Student Nursery Schools: 5%
- Student information: 3%
- Administration: 3%





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SiOs services: Student Housing

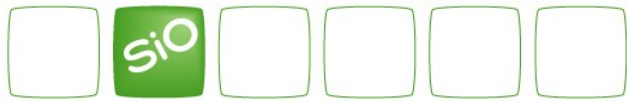


SiO has 5800 housing units, costing from approx. NOK 1700 to 7700. We offer housing suitable for singles, couples and families.

The prices are well below the private housing market. Our housing service is supposed to be a supplement to this.

Greater differences in buying power and preferences to housing standards, increasing expectations to environmental standards and a growing number of international students, all creates a need for continuous development of our housing services.





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Student Health Services

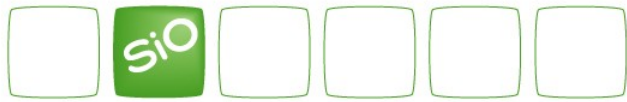
- General practitioners, nurses, clinical psychologists, psychiatrists, physiotherapist, dentist
- General examination and treatment (incl. Minor surgery)
- Consultations are free of charge, if the student has his/her General Practitioner at the Student Health Services.
- Psychiatry and Clinical Psychology (consultations free of charge)
- Dentistry



Student Counseling

- A team of professional social counselors
- Gives advice in personal, social or financial matters
- "Speak in groups"-courses for those uncomfortable speaking in crowds
- Deal with the concerns of international students
- The service is free of charge



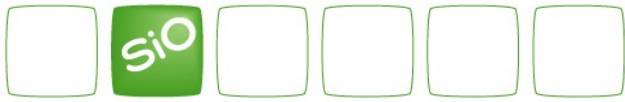


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Student Cafeterias

- 40 cafeterias, coffee shops, pubs and restaurants located at the university and six other learning institutions
- A total of more than 5.800 seats
- The Student Cafeterias is the SiO service that is most used by the students.
 - 350 000 portions of today's dinner are served every year
- Tasty, reasonable and nutritious food
 - A wide selection ranging from woks and burgers to vegetarian, ecological and halal
 - Adjusted menu and opening hours during exam periods
 - Three coffee shops with baristas who have done well in the Barista NM





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Student Sports



Student Sports offers, in cooperation with the student sports clubs, a wide range of activities at student friendly prices. Student Sports has four training centers, as well as smaller exercising rooms at schools and student houses.

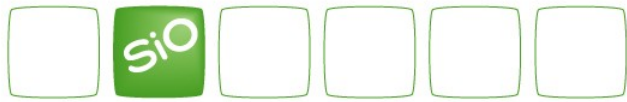
Facilities include for example swimming pool, fitness centers, climbing- and bouldering walls, racquetball courts, spinning, multipurpose halls, outdoor fields and tennis courts.



Student Nursery Schools

- 15 Student Nursery Schools with a total capacity of more than 600 children, between the ages of 8 months and 6 years.
- 50 per cent of the seats are reserved for children under 3 years old.
- The Student Nursery Schools highly value quality, and the educational content is in accordance with the development and needs of the children.
- The Student Nursery Schools are located close to student residences and campus areas.



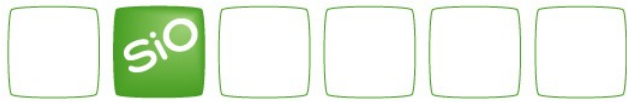


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Student Life

- Student Life support and inform about activities and arrangements to stimulate the variety of student activities.
- Provides help, support and training programmes for the many students societies affiliated with the member institutions.
- Administrates a financial support system for student societies
- Runs the University of Oslo's peer support programme – 'The Buddy System'.





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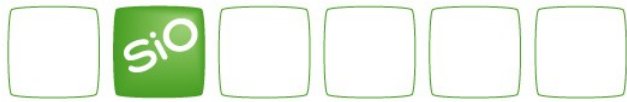
Career service

- In collaboration with the university
- Offers courses related to job search, application, interviews etc tailored for students and graduates
- Individual consultations and drop-in service
- Yearly workshop for employers and graduates



Bookstore and publishing house

- **Akademika** is the campus bookstore at the University in Oslo, BI Norwegian School of Management and other schools, with a total of 13 stores in Oslo, Buskerud and Telemark.
- **Unipub** publishing house publishes academic literature, prints dissertations and compendiums, and accommodates other academic printing requests. Publishes 40-50 new titles every year
- Surplus revenues are used to support SiOs programs



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Qualities of the Norwegian way of organising student welfare:

- Close collaboration with the learning institutions
- Comprehensive offer
- Surplus from commercial businesses contributes to cover costs for welfare programs
- The students govern the contents of the services themselves
- Tailored services based on knowledge about the students' needs and wants

