



Constitution of the International Students' Union of Agder

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Preamble

We, the International Students' Union of Agder, seek to promote and protect the social and academic welfare needs of all students, do hereby establish this constitution.

Article I: Name

The name of this organization will be the International Students' Union of Agder (herein after referred to as ISU Agder) at the University of Agder (herein after referred to as UiA).

Article II: Membership

Section 1: All students currently enrolled at UiA who agree with the Preamble of this constitution;

Section 2: ISU Agder shall be open to membership to any student regardless of age, nationality, race, sex, or religious affiliation;

Section 3: All ISU Agder members shall be eligible to attend ISU Agder General Assembly meetings and shall be eligible to vote;

Section 4: The ISU Agder General Assembly will elect ISU Agder Board Members.

Article III: Objectives

The main objective of ISU Agder is to maintain the social and academic welfare of International Students at UiA.

Article IV: Board Members

Section 1: ISU Agder Board consists of the following four positions: (a) President, (b) Vice-President; (c) Secretary, (d) Treasurer/Social Officer;

Section 2: One appointed member from the Erasmus Student Network at Agder will be member of ISU Agder with voting rights;

Section 3: Duties and responsibilities of Board Members are outlined in Annex I of this constitution;

Section 4: All Board Members shall be, at the time of their election and during their time in office, members of ISU Agder;

Section 5: During the first General Assembly of the year (Spring Semester), the members of ISU Agder shall elect, by a majority (50% + 1) of the votes their Board Members,

Section 6: Removal of Board Members shall occur when negligence in fulfilling constitutional requirements occurs or a violation of the general code of ethics has been proven according to a majority vote of ISU Agder members during a General Assembly;

Section 7: Vacancies of officers shall be handled in the following way:

(a) In the case of the removal or resignation of the President, the Vice-President/Secretary member shall carry his or her duties until the next scheduled General Assembly meeting, where election will take place for that position;

(b) In the case of the removal or resignation of more than one Board Member excluding the President, the Board schedules a General Assembly meeting, where election will take place for all necessary positions.

Article V: Committees

ISU Agder will have the power to establish committees. The two main committees are:

- (a) Committee for Welfare Activities and
- (b) Committee for Social Activities

Article VI: Finances and Equipment

Section 1: ISU Agder shall have a bank account, where all funds of ISU Agder are kept. The Signatories of this account are normally the president and the treasurer.

Section 2: Every year an annual report has to be published and delivered to Studentorganisasjonen i Agder (STA) and ISU National.

Section 3: In the event that ISU Agder stops its activity the monetary balance on the ISU Agder bank account and equipment procured using the funds has to be returned to its rightful owners.

Article VII: Procedures and Rules

All circumstances not covered by the ISU Agder constitution will have to be voted upon during the General Assembly meetings, by a majority (50% + 1) of the votes of the members present.

Article VIII: Amendments

Amendments to this Constitution will be adopted and become effective upon the majority (50% + 1) votes of the active members of ISU Agder at scheduled General Assembly meetings.

Article IX: Date of Effect

This Constitution will take effect upon the majority vote of the active members present at the first ISU Agder General Assembly where all members will be elected.

Annex I: Duties and responsibilities of ISU Agder Board Members

1. President:

- Responsible for chairing the meetings, attending board meetings unless extenuating circumstances arise, upholding the unity of the Board, reporting to the General Assembly, coordinating with the student parliament (STA), providing the link between all student and academic bodies at UiA and taking responsible actions towards everything that happens at the organization.

2. Vice President:

- Responsible for assists the President in his or her duties when delegated by the President, will chair the Welfare Activities Committee and replaces the President in his or her absence.

3. Secretary

- Responsible for preparing agendas for meetings, taking thorough minutes during each Board meeting, preparing and distributing minutes to all Board members keeping updated list of members, keeping records and assisting the President in writing reports.

4. Treasurer/Social Officer:

- Responsible for all financial matters related to ISU Agder, preparing budgets and financial reports for various activities, sending in applications to different funds, managing receipts and advising the Board on all financial matters;
- Responsible for the social events along with the two Erasmus Student Network at Agder members, will chair the Social Activities Committee, finding interested students and or faculty members that would volunteer in various committees, delegating tasks and having the full responsibility over the success of all events.