



ISU Narvik Report.

Narvik University College has about 1100 students. About 20% of this amount are foreign students. Mainly from Russia and China (100 chinese students, 70 russian students). There are also some students from Finland, Sweden, Sri-Lanka, Mexico, Kenya, Scotland, Ukraine. That's why it was important to establish a local branch for such an organization as ISU, an organization that would represent interests of international students, assist them in whatever way possible, and integrate them into Norwegian Society.

Narvik is a small town (about 19.000 people) and students from different countries are coming to study here at least 3 years. That is a good chance for ISU local branch to work successfully.

Narvik became a member of ISU on the National Assembly in October 2003.

Elections of the Board were hold January, 29, 2004.

27 international students took part in the Elections.

It was also 2 independent observers from Studentparlamentet.

Results of the Elections:

President –	Anton Sjøberg
Vice-President –	Elena Kalitina
Secretary General –	Elena Shelygina
Treasurer –	Irina Kudryashova
Public Relations -	Maria Ivanova
Web Master -	Alexandr Medvedev
Organizing Officers –	Anatoly Jernakov Tianyu Mai (Kenny) Yiming Li (Lily)

Since the establishment we were working with following problems:

- receiving a valid organization's number and establishing a bank account;
- getting an office for ISU Narvik;
- coming in close contact with administration, Students' Parliament, international coordinator in administration;
- making web-site and getting a web-hosting.



INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS' UNION - NORWAY

The ISU Narvik President is holding meeting with leader for Studentparlamentet, discussing the ways we are going to function.

We have also our own contact person that is sitting in the Students' Parliament.

We have almost finished making our website, which shall contain:

- How to contact us
- Information about Board members
- Active members list
- Constitution
- Diverse reports
- Pictures
- Activities information

The only problem left is web-hosting.

The Board Members (Vice President and Public Relations Officer) have worked out the Constitution of ISU Narvik. The first version was presented to the Board members on the 10th of March, discussed on the Board meeting on the 11th of March. The final version was presented and accepted one week later, on the 18th of March.

From this day we are going to celebrate our ISU Narvik Constitution's Day.

The Constitution for ISU Narvik is partly based on ISU National constitution and ISU Tromsø/Bergen Constitutions.

We've arranged a Russian week, week 9, 23rd-28th of Februar. Under this week we've had a visit and meeting with Vice-President ISU national, Nina Rojina. This meeting was pretty much rich of information that we can use for our future functioning.

We've started cooperation with our administration's international coordinator. That is a person that is working here at school and have been a contact person for all quota students from long time ago.

We've discussed what kind of rights and obligations do foreign students have, ISU-representatives proposed to create a booklet which would contain almost all kinds of information that an international student at HiN might need.

Those booklets will be sent to both Chinese and Russian students that are going to come and study at HiN.



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The Russian that was mentioned before was arranged under supervision of the ISU Narvik. The primary objective of the Russian week was to show Russian culture, traditions, etc.

Activities that we've had that week:

- quiz (students vs teachers)
- movie-night
- Russian disco
- Maslenitsa – an old tradition which marks the end of the winter-time and time to welcome spring, with Russian food, songs, dances etc.

Funding: Since we don't have a valid organization number, we were not able to get us a bank account. We are going to do it as soon as we get an org. number..=> ISU Narvik didn't receive any funding yet.