

ISUs VISION AND PLANS FOR THE NEXT FOUR YEARS

Our vision is to become a strong and united organisation for all international students at institutions of higher education in Norway. These will include all international students at universities and university colleges (høyskoler). ISU wants to be more politically active in order to improve the conditions of living and studying for international students. Our aim is to help the present students and create a proper environment for the future student from abroad. This, however, will not be possible until we become financially stable and independent, strong and known.

- **Establishing new branches**

ISU plans to establish new local branches at all university colleges in Norway, which give admission to the students from abroad. We will continue setting up the branches following years. Although the present strategy plan covers 2004, ISU will systematically change and develop it in collaboration with Studentenes Landsforbund (StL). The high number of viable university colleges means that the process will take a few years. However, ISUs aim is to finish it by 2008.

- **Enlargement**

More local branches will result in a bigger organisation. The ISU consisting of for example 25 branches will be a different organisation as the present ISU with only 9 branches. The necessary changes in constitution will have to be made and the national administration will have to expend in order to co-ordinate the whole organisation. We will need more funds, not only to have a well prospering administration at the national level but also to cover costs of bigger national assemblies.

- **Politically active**

Today, ISU is not enough politically active. This is because the organisation has lacked stability and continuity for the last few years. Year 2003 will become the “*braking the waves*” year in ISUs history. This is when ISU has stabilised and for the first time received financial assistance from the Norwegian Ministry of Education and Research. More stable, stronger and independent ISU will not only provide social activities for international students but also actively work to improve the living and study situation of international student in Norway. ISU wants to actively represent these students toward the institution of higher education, government and media, fight for their rights and take initiative in individual cases.

- **Continuity**

Better continuity at the national level is now guaranteed by the presence of the National Secretary, whose position will gradually expend. As the organisation is growing, it will be necessary to enlarge human resources in the national administration in the future. The continuity at the local level has improved but ISUs aim is to develop and continuously improve continuity routines in the future.

- **Financial Independence**

ISU has worked and will continue to work on financial independence. Our vision is to become totally independent from NSU and to receive funds from the Ministry of Higher Education and Research and other institutions. However, as long as the Ministry and other sources will not provide us with satisfying amount, we will continue to lobby NSU and StL for additional funding.

- **Marketing ISU**

ISU is not enough known and recognised among international and Norwegian student societies, institutions and media. Our plan is to strategically make ISU more visible. This will include information campaigns, information booklets and flyers, active involvement in political life. However, the first step in this direction is to outline our vision, values and aims.

DETAILS

- ISU will establish at least 4 branches more in 2004 and the rest of the branches at the viable university colleges next 4 years
- ISU will apply for financial assistance to the Ministry of Education and Research and other institutions as:.....and will actively work to become financially independent of NSU and StL
- ISU will make the necessary amendments to the existing constitution
- ISU will extend the post of the National Secretary to 100%
- ISU will develop a marketing plan in 2004, which will help to make ISU and its web site more known. The plan will be used already in the beginning of the school year 2004/2005. It will be improved gradually and serve as a routine.
- ISU will finish the organisational booklet, on which the present secretary has been working. The organisational booklet will consist of description of all administrative routines at national and local level. The booklet will be updated continuously in the future.
- ISU will take position on the political issues such as:.....