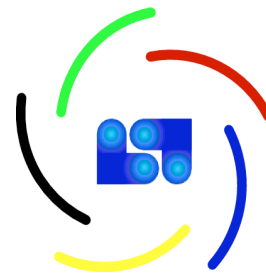




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The Elections of the new ISU student board were on the 23d of January. ISU student board consists of 12 people (one of them is a Norwegian representative – International Coordinator).

ISU has a very good cooperation with NSU. The president of ISU (Nina Rojina) is representing International Students in the Student parliament and in the International Committee (which was established this semester). ISU gets excellent financial support from NSU – 60.000NOK per year.

This year ISU started working on the 6th of January within the introductory week for New International Students together with the Department of Academic Affairs and the Foreign Student Counsellor's Office. The duration of this program was 7 days, where ISU was one of the organizers. New students were informed about ISU as an organization.

Old ISU board scheduled a few events for the International students. The first event was a 'Welcome party', which was within the Introductory week.

New international students are also involved into DEBUTuka where some 'old' international students function as a 'fadder'.

A few problems concerning the signs on the campus were solved: Library answered on our request by adding the English-language signs indicating the location of books and some important information. Studentsamskipnaden has added the information in the hostels in English. Together with International Coordinator we got the menu in English in the canteens as well. International students are quite satisfied now, though there are some more problems concerning the letters the students receive from Studentsamskipnaden (got an answer that they will be in English from the next semester).

Right now ISU is working on reconsidering of The Constitution of Tromsø University. A lot of things have changes since the time The Constitution was written.

We have agreed with Utopia (local student newspaper) on having a page for ISU articles and on summary in English of the main news.

Finally 'International Students Yearbook 2003' is ready we are planning to publish one more for the international students that came in January. This book includes information about the International students who have been studying from Fall 2002 till now (the information includes pictures, e-mail addresses, countries, also some pictures from the events). It also consists of a foreword from the president of ISU Tromsø and a few articles about the life in Norway from the international students.

The International Conference on Students' Rights and Democracy, is going to be held at Tromsø University (30April – 3May, 2004) which is funded by NSU. ISU (represented by Nina Rojina) is in the project committee of the conference.

ISU has contacted Interinfo (an organization in Tromsø, which works with the foreigners) and agreed on cooperation with this organization. This gives us an opportunity to be aware of the things and activities organized for the foreigners in Tromsø.

As for the activities that were organized by ISU during the last semester and this one the leaflets (which list all the events) will be presented at the meeting.

Budget:

ISU – Tromsø is trying to give an opportunity to all international students to participate in its activities and to try the things they can never try back home☺

As I have said above ISU gets 60.000NOK from NSU- Tromsø each year.

Last semester ISU spent around 20.000NOK for organizing activities for the international students. The largest expenses were 'The Year Book' - 8.000NOK.

This semester ISU has spent around 30.000NOK. The largest events that ISU has organized were:

Cabin trip – 8.000NOK (it was organized for 40 people and ISU rented a bus, and covered accommodation and food expenses)

Down hill skiing – 1.400NOK

Theatre – 1.000NOK

Bowling - 1.200NOK

Project: Saami Festival – 10.000NOK (This is a cultural project, which will allow international students to absorb the Saami culture (this is the people that lives in the North of Norway and presented at Tromsø University) the festival will be for one week in Kautokeino).

ISU T-shirts - around 10.000NOK

Office expenses - 3.000NOK (for both semesters).

***Report prepared by Nina Rojina, president of ISU Tromsø
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