

International Students Union of Norway
National Assembly Spring 2006
Oslo
Report from ISU NHH MIB

1. How many international students are at your school? For how long/ what programs? Special needs? Brief description of your branch: history, structure.

There are approximately 140 International Students at NHH for the fall semester, and 100 for the spring semester. Of these most are on a one semester exchange, with roughly 20 being on a one year exchange. Additionally, approximately 30 students are part of the Masters of International Business program, and will be involved with NHH for two years.

There are minimal special needs for the international students at NHH. The international office does a fabulous job of ensuring that the students are well taken care of and socialized well during the welcome week.

The ISU Branch at NHH is part of the Masters of International Business (MIB) Council. A process is underway to segregate the responsibilities of the MIB Council from that of being an ISU Branch and creating a position for election from among the incoming class of international students. This person will then report to the International Office and be a member of the International Committee, a NHH Student Organization.

2. Names, nationality, contact info for Spring 2006 board members
Joshua Daisey: USA, President; email: joshua@jcdaisey.com
Laura Domke; USA, Vice-President; email: minnesota32@hotmail.com
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3. Brief description of events implemented, political cases handled. How did you represent the international students at your institution?

As NHH is looking to integrate the activities of the Norwegian students with that of the exchange students, suggestions have been made by the ISU representative on how to facilitate this. Amazingly, the recommendation for the publication of information in English had not been made. There now exists English only bulletin board space, and documents are being translated to English for the international students.

One case arose with a minority student who had racial graffiti placed in his kitchen area, as well as other offences. The administration of NHH contacted the ISU representative to act as a conduit to the student and to ensure that action could be taken to ensure the students safety and welfare.

The situation was investigated and recommendations were made, which the administration took and actioned.

4. Financial Report/Budget for the year 2006.

The NHH Branch of ISU did not use any funds for the 2006 period. As the position is being restructured, projecting a budget at this time is not possible.

5. Cooperation - with other ISU branches, your Student Parliament, other organizations.

The NHH chapter of ISU works quite often with the NHHS student representation organization. The NHHS has provided the link to many of the human resources at the school for programs undertaken. The NHHS has routinely offered support for projects and provides a good deal of guidance if they are not able to directly offer support.

6. **Very useful and important:** Mistakes we learned from. Things we could have done better. Challenges for the future of the branch. Potential solutions.

The NHH Branch of the ISU is currently undergoing restructuring to ensure that international students are fairly and accurately represented. The new method for selecting the ISU representative will ensure visibility of the position and the existence of the ISU on the NHH campus. The Masters of International Business Council will continue to provide support to the ISU representative, as the goal of the two organizations are closely aligned, however the segregation of the position will enhance the representation for the international students not involved in the MIB program.

7. Plans for board election next semester/ branch continuity
a. How will elections for the next board in August/ September be organized?

Elections are going to be organized by the MIB Council, however the student will be from the incoming Fall 2006 exchange student group. Information on the ISU and the position responsibilities will be distributed to incoming students during the welcome week.

b. Name and contact info for the contact person related to the elections.

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Board Manual, or other handing over material: "You in the ISU"?

To be developed.