



ISU Bodø



**International Student Union – Bodø
Branch Report – 2008
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Countries & Students

Zambia – Cuba – Mexico – Litauen - USA -Afghanistan – Russland – Zimbabwe - Sør Afrika – Etiopia –Tanzania -Uganda – Kina – Algerie -Canada -Burundi -Iran – Filippinene- Tyskland – Portugal -Tyrkia – Nigeria – Romania – Polen- Ukraina - Nepal -Italia – Sveits- Frankrike- Østerrike –Danmark –Sverige - Grønland - Belgium- Ghana- Bangladesh

They study almost all **courses** offered by the HiBØ as ;
Mainly studying Business, Aquaculture and Circumpolar Studies but also in Education, Journalism and Nursing, Master Comparative SW, Bachelor Of Circumpolar Studies, Northern Heritage & Culture, MSc in Business/MSc in Energy , Norwegian Language and Society , Erasmus , Master Aquaculture , Bachelor , PhD, praxis job, summer school & Internships (at all levels from Bachelor – PhD)

Students are staying at various time periods from 1 week, 6 weeks, 2 years, 3 years

- Over 5000 Students
- There are 247 International Students from 42 countries registered at our University College with Largest contingent from Russia. We have many Russian students studying Circumpolar Studies over the internet who are not on-campus.

Brief Description of Carried and Planned Activities:

What had ISU Bodø organised in 2007/2008?

1. Coffee hours and movie times (weekly activities)
2. Open office (daily)
3. International day (in the first semester)
4. International food party (both semesters)
5. Caving Trip (second semester)
6. Barbecue (first semester)
7. Farewell party (both semesters)
8. Supporting International office to launch promotional campaign about foreign universities to Norwegian students.
9. Helping international students to get to know Bodo.

ISU plans for 2007/2008?

1. Coffee hours and movie times (weekly activities)
2. Open office
3. International day (in the first semester)
4. International food party and Beer fest (in the first semester)
5. Excursion around Northern Norway
6. Chess tournament (in the first semester)
7. International Quiz
8. Helping Red Cross (to organize football championship against violence each year.
9. Helping the University to organise the opened day (funny games)
10. Semester CD
11. International disco night
12. Farewell Party end of each semester
13. Welcome BBQ
14. Establishing A Meeting Place for internationals
15. Web-page for ISU
16. ISU online (internal) Forum

ISU Bodø, Example Budget Autumn 2007

		Expenditure	Income	Explanation of Income
Educational Activities				
• International week				
	International Day -Except food party	2000	0	
	International Food Party	10000	10000	100 people @ 100kr
	International Beer Festival	0	1000	50 people @ 20kr
	International Quiz	0	800	40 people @ 20kr
	Music Group	300	0	
	Chess Tournament	300	600	15 people @ 40kr
	Trip to Lofoten	5000	0	
	Trip to Trondheim	5000	0	
	Welcome BBQ	1500		
Remembering Bodø				
	Farewell Dinner	8000	4000	50 people @ 80kr
	Semester CD	1000	0	
	Semester Book	500	0	
Regular activities				
	Coffee Hours	2500	0	
Other things				
	Movie Nights	600	0	
	Stationary to office work	1000		
	Advertising	500	0	
	ISU National Assembly	2000	0	
	Further activities depend on the fundings expected by the SOB & I.O.	6200		
	Funding from International Office		15000	
	SOB		15000	
	Total	46400,00	46400,00	

Information about election

The election for the academic year 2008/2009 was held in April 2008. At the moment we have the current president (Hiroko Wakabayashi, Japan) working along with the newly-elected candidate (Elena Egortseva, Russia) which enhances the efficiency of ISU Bodø. We have established a new position of Information Officer which has been taken by the newly-elected Kennedy Doragia (Gana).



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Semi-Annual Report

Autumn 2007



In last semester, in April a new President and a Vice-President/Treasurer were elected by the general assembly of ISU, Bodø. Due to this, till the election for last of the Board, activities were carried on by the two member of the Board. The various activities carried forward by ISU, Bodø this semester have been as follows:

1. **Election** for the new Secretary, Welfare Director and Information Director was held in September. Refusal of the Information Director in October, election for the new Information Director was held in October again. In middle of the October all the Board were set. Before the election, the Board has done changes to the constitution of the organization, such as the titles of the Board. This is done to make clear each tasks, the titles of the Board were changed from one title to two members which is Board Members to two different titles. The new titles are Welfare Director and Information Director.
2. The weekly **Coffee Hour** has been held every Wednesday throughout the semester. New advertising were put up around the campus to attract more Norwegian students, hence improve integration of the international Students. At some Coffee Hour the attendance was rather low, while it at others has been better. It seems like the Coffee Hour can be improved to increase attendance. Coffee Hour is still the important link for the international students to meet and to meet Norwegian students. The Board assume this issue has cause to the time and day. As trial, Coffee Hour will hold on every Monday lunch time with free coffee and tee, besides the usual Coffee Hour on Wednesday.
3. **Open office** has been held from Monday to Friday, except Wednesday 11:00-12:00. The Board want to open the office as much as we can. However, this has limit due to the Board has also studying. E-mail has been checked as much as the Board could.
4. **Movie Nights** have been a held once a month at University College Bodø.
5. **BBQ** have been held in middle of September outside of Kantina. ISU, Bodø arranged a grill party for all students. Some 20 persons joined. Everybody enjoyed the free BBQ-food provided by ISU, Bodø.
6. In the beginning of October two members of the Board represented ISU, Bodø at the **National Assembly of ISU, Norway** in Bergen.
7. International Week has been held in week 43 at University College, Bodø. ISU, Bodø arranged International Day, International Food Party and International

Night Quiz. **International Day** held at gray area. Some 40 students from 20 different countries had culture exhibition from their countries as well as International Center in Bodø, Red Cross and International Office.

International Food Party held at the Akutten, some 50 students from 16 different countries made their national foods. There were over 100 guests came to the party. Cooperation with International Center, and held concert of African music in the party. The party was featured by Student Media and local newspaper. It was a huge success for all participants both the cookers and guests, and a very nice evening. **International Night Quiz** was held at Samfunnet cooperated with SoB, some 25 students joined, both of international and Norwegian origin.

8. It was the intention of the Board to have **Trip** somewhere, but due to few entries it never carried through.
9. It was the intentions of students to start **Language partners**. However, due to no response it never carried through.
10. **Year book** was made by the international students. ISU, Bodø supported costs to material and printings.
11. **Farewell-Party** to autumn semester was held in Kantina in beginning of December. Some 40 students both of international and Norwegian origin enjoyed the party. It was very nice evening. The party was featured on Student Media.
12. **Christmas Party** was held at University College, Bodø in the Christmas time. Some 15 students from 5 different countries. There were both international students and Norwegian origin who did not go back home during the Christmas vacation. By this mean, the party was meaningful for the international students. Everybody enjoyed the party with snacks, pizza and soft drinks which ISU, Bodø provided.

All in all the Board of ISU, Bodø feels that the activities held were helpful in improving the integration of the international students on campus during the semester. ISU, Bodø contributed to have a good place for students to meet and have a nice time. The relationship with both the administration of the University and the other student organizations on Campus has been good and constructive. ISU, Bodø has also been working on building relationship with International center to build networking with the community as well.



Accounts of International Students Union -BODØ Fall 2007



Balance carried forward from the previous board = 10,768.99 (NOK)
New president & vice president / Treasurer assumed their duties & responsibilities on fall 2007.

	Expenditure- Estimated	Expenditure (NOK)- Actual	Income- Estimated	Income (NOK) - Actual
Welcome Activity				
Welcome BBQ	1500.00	1293.50		
Educational Activities				
Paid for the International food party prepared countries	10000.00	7079.50		
Other Expenses for the International food party		377.00		
For musicians(International food party)	300.00	400.00		
International Day	2000.00	401.00		
International Quiz	0.00	89.00		
Farewell Party for Fall 2007	8000.00	6909.10		
Waffle hour	0.00	314.00		
Christmas Party	0.00	1522.50		
Regular activities				
Coffee Hours (Total)	2500.00	2966.04		
Movie nights	600.00	802.00		
Other things				
Stationary for office	1000.00	401.00		
Printing account recharge		800.00		
ISU National assembly in Bergen-	2000.00	3000.00		
Welcome Party - Jan 08	0.00	954.10		
Trykkeriet (Advertising)	500.00	758.75		
Bank Charges	0.00	251.50		
From International Office				10000.00
From SOB				22000.00
Selling Soft Drinks (International food party)				580.00
International Quiz income			800.00	240.00
International food party			10000.00	6730.00

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income				
Farewell party Income			4000.00	2360.00
Total		28318.99		41910.00

Balance forward	10 768.99	
Income -fall 2007	41 910.00	
Total	52678.99	
Expenses	28318.99	
Balance to date	24360.00	
Bank balance	22190.36	
Cash Balance	2170.00	

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