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The election of the new ISU Board was held on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2004 at the General Assembly. The new board consists of 11 members as listed above. The outgoing president, Nina Rogina, will assist the new board till the end of October 2004. The General Assembly was well attended.

An introductory meeting was held on 9 September 2004. The board was introduced to the Rector, the NSU and the Student AID Counsellor. All expressed their great satisfaction in the working relationship of the previous board and looked forward to a continued good working relationship with the new board. The president thanked them and expressed that the new board will strive to continue the excellent work of the

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previous board. These will include the lobby to reduce or eradicate the resident permit fees for international students, the issue of negative ageism with regard to travel allowance and networking with Norwegian students.

We are applying for 70 000NOK for the 2005 ISU budget. Our treasurer is in the process of submitting the necessary documentation including our budget.

We have had 2 meetings so far and have planned our semester activities as well as meeting and office schedules. There are about 12 activities listed with board members responsible for each. On 20 Sept. 2004, we submitted 3 events for the “Verden i Tromsø, Tromsø i Verden” which takes place 22 Oct to 31 Oct in Tromsø. We applied and have received a budget of 3 200 NOK. The events are:

- International Cuisine, 25 Oct, on campus, 12noon-14h00
- International Dance, 25 Oct, on campus, 13h00-13h30
- Hugin's Report (Poetry Corner), 26 Oct, Café Bodega, 19h00- 21h00

All are welcomed to attend.

The news and culture editors of the student newspaper, *Utopia's*, attended our last meeting. They were invited to explain their requirements as well as answer questions from the board members. The discussions went well and ended with *Utopia* giving us half a page in the culture section and half a page in the news section. This excludes current issues that may involve international students. We also have the opportunity to appoint a translator who could submit English edited versions of current issues in Tromsø and on campus. The board members and the editors were satisfied.

The number of international students has increased and this year we form 10% of Tromsø University's student role. So I look forward to a great and exciting semester and year!

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