

Issues to be presented at the National Assembly in Oslo:

- 1) **VISA Fees** – as the quality of life in Norway is ever increasing there is more financial pressure on international students trying to attend school here. As a result the required fees for the residence VISA put an additional strain on these students and they are finding it challenging to scrape together the money to pay for them. Therefore, we would like to present the idea of lobbying to the Ministry of Education to set aside a fund in order to help low income international students pay for these fees.
- 2) **Direct Funding** – we would like to see if it is possible to apply for direct funding from the National ISU organization.
- 3) **Quota Student and Private Payments** – quota and private students are finding that they are waiting for long periods of time for their Norwegian Personal Number and they are unable to receive their financial support from the government and the university respectively. The quota students need to have this personal number in order for the government to allow transfer of their support. The private students need to deposit money into a university account before they arrive in Norway and until they have their Norwegian personal number they are unable to open a bank account and transfer their finances. Therefore, they are at the mercy of the university for advances and transfer of their funds. We would like to petition for shorter waiting times for this Norwegian Personal Number.
- 4) **Leadership Training Seminars** – we would like to propose the option of putting on leadership seminars for the different branches. It would be valuable to have these training seminars to increase our ability to organize our branches effectively. We could possibly have one or two professionals travel to the various branches to give these workshops.