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Hello to all ISU – Norway Representatives.

Introduction.

On Friday the 9th of September at the Students' organized event of International Coffee hour a new ISU Board was elected in the fashion of raising hands and getting a simple majority over possible competitors. Despite efforts from Previous ISU UiO Board from the 8 possible positions, candidates for these were only for 6 of the positions, the Secretary General and webmaster were elected later on by the new ISU Board members. This Board is made up of the following individuals:

President	– Ricardo Duque (Colombia)
Vice-President	– Sally-Anne Mc Mahon (Ireland/France)
General Secretary	– Gwendolyn Sheldon (United States of America)
Social Affairs Secretary	– Annelyse Lecompte (France)
Financial Secretary	– Qiu Zhang (People's Republic of China)
Press Editor	– Liisa Past (Estonia)
Academic and Sports Secretary	– Tomasz Jankowski (Poland)
Webmaster	– Ugo Santucci (Italy)

Purpose.

Motto: "Here at the University of Oslo, ISU collaborates with the Student Parliament to represent international students. We understand that being a student is challenging enough in itself. It is even more so far away from home, away from friends and family, in a new country with a new language."

Beyond the content of this last paragraph it is worth mentioning that it has become clearer that The ISU at Oslo works at three different levels within the International Community. The first such level is the common level most Boards seem to have which is the provision of Entertainment for International Students, the second seems to be the level at which the overall welfare of the International community is enhanced and the Third level at which the ISU UiO works is at improving ISU itself as a machinery for development (let it be understood: development in the other two areas which it works in).

It is at these three levels that we find our challenges, yet entertainment always finds its way to the top of the list concerning success in what is being done (should one measure it in amount of activities) whereas improving the overall welfare of the International Students has often proved (and has thus for most ISU Boards) a more complicated matter.

Endeavors.

The action of this ISU Board has so far fallen into the hands of firstly being able to provide information to all the board members regarding what they are to do and what do their tasks entail.

Sports activities – We decided to carry the torch on what had been done by the previous Board and are set to organize Sports Break capabilities on certain given Sundays by booking some of the facilities at the Sports Center of the University at Domus Athletica. Sports evenings-afternoons in which activities will take place.

Parties – Ah, the almighty word. Only one party is in the works currently. A Halloween party designed for approximately 500 persons is being arranged at Chateau Neuf for the 27 October. Further parties will follow. This event has clearly taken up quite a bit of our time, but we believe these sorts of activities bring a certain reputation for the ISU as an organization with serious logistic capabilities at organizing events of such size.

Newsletter – Created and Edited with the purpose of providing information of both events organized by the ISU and events going on within Oslo. Perhaps the greater purpose of it is providing information of most sorts *In English* for it is something the University of Oslo currently lacks: ways to inform in a language different from Norwegian.

Student Parliament – Our relationship with the Student parliament so far has been one of profound cooperation in most respects (thus far) with this board. As newbies, we found that they had much more initiatives towards our own duties than we had ourselves and therefore we have felt quite supported by them. We keep them in the loop, and they have graciously invited members of the Board to hold weekly talks with the Rektor of the University. This gives us a chance to *directly* address our concerns to a person who can provide most straight answers.

Engaging – It has become one of the most important tasks to enhance the acquisition of Information as a translation from that information which is available in Norwegian into English. The past board approached this problem in many ways (their struggle to have the Newspaper *Universitas* publish some of the main headlines in English in their web page) and it is this Board's belief that we indeed need to carry on with this Tradition. Another Self-imposed responsibility of this Board is to negotiate with the Residential Firm SIO to further increase the opening hours of their residences so late-arriving International Students can have the opportunity to access their rooms the same day they arrive. An approach at improving a more personalized Buddy system (pick up system) is also in the works, as well as a free Academic Journal written entirely in English.

Budget. Though we've been on a tight short schedule, we have produced this budget which represents our past equity (from the Past Board) as well as the tangible expenditures that we foresee as feasible. Some payments have already been committed to, yet still remain to be consummated. You have a chance to view it in the next page.

Budget for ISU UiO Board – Fall period 2005. -

Income	Budget	Operating Expenses	Budget
Ticket sales: - <i>Halloween Party. (Yo be settled)</i> - Others to be settled.	500 KR	Travel: - (No expense thus far)	0 KR
Sales from different arrangements: - Pub Quiz (-Prize)	84 KR	Food and Drink for the board: - Board Briefing (with Former president Eton W.)	783,00 KR
Income: - Studentparliament - UiO - Rest on account from last semester - Central ISU-Support - SAIH	0 (as of yet) KR 0,00 KR 10200,40KR 0KR 0 KR	Administration: - office equipment - <i>newsletter</i> - postage - bank fees for transfers	0 KR 0 (as of yet) KR 0 KR 0 KR
		Advertisement: - <i>party-decoration (to be arranged)</i>	1000, 00KR
		Event services: - Vakt Fellows (H.P.) - DJ (H.P.) <i>*costs divided with other organizations for Halloween party</i>	1000,00 KR 500,00 KR
		Sports: - Sports Break Domus Athletica Bookings.	2100KR
		Other expenses: - No expenses Thus far.	0 KR KR
Sum Income (Equity):	10200 KR	Sum Expenses:	

Future ? – Though most of our plans still remain to be performed, we expect to both live up to the past standards of past ISU UiO Boards, and look forward to surpassing them in those aspects in which we can. We thank you for your time and your will to go through this report.

