

ISU BERGEN Autumn 2006

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University of Bergen:

Students 2006: 17000

International Students: 1350 (605 in this semester)

Finances ISU Bergen 2006

Support UiB Spring 2006: 27,000 & Autumn 27,000 NOK

Activities:

- Social:
 - Organized in Autumn 2006 - Welcome stall for international students, Club Fantoft's opening party, International Students Welcome Party, International Quiz (monthly)
 - Planned by ISU in Autumn 2006 - Cultural night, Film Club at Fantoft, DVDs for TU office, Salsa Dance Course I & II, Spanish Dance Course, Language Courses (fortnightly), Iceland or Denmark Ferry trip, and trip to Hansa
 - Institutional Support to Club Fantoft Autumn 2006 – Purchasing of Karaoke Machine, Disco Light and Hi-fi system (along with TU and SIB)
 - Events with TU and Resident Assistants in Autumn 2006 - Karaoke party, Football tournament, Table tennis tournament, Pool tournament, Halloween party, Debate Competition & Goodbye party
 - Events in Spring 2006 - Karaoke Party, Pool Tournament, Language courses, Football Tournament, BBQ & Goodbye Party
- Political & Academic Participation of ISU in Groups and Meetings of
 - Norwegian Students Union (NSU)
 - University of Bergen
 - Your Guide: Official brochure for new students
 - Focus group meetings Mentor week – boat trip, visa processing
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 - Utdanning i Bergen: a focus group for all schools, launch of website and International Students Week (October)
 - Focus Group International Week with UN Vestland
 - Cooperation with Høgskolen i Bergen & Orientation lecture in August 2006
 - Bergen Student TV program on integration of International Students in Norway

That all means:

ISU Bergen does try to provide an enriching program for all international students in Bergen in the social, academic and political front. At the same time ISU Bergen sees its goal to continuously raise the influence of international students in the committees and focus groups where matters concerning international students are decided- and thereby to become a reliable partner of the University in Bergen as well as achieve an ongoing development of the situation for international students in Bergen.

Major Achievements in 2006 (Spring and Autumn)

- Cooperation with NSU
 - To support the integration of international students in norwegian student culture ISU and NSU started to do an 'International Quiz' once a month. That is an achievement for us, since nothing like that was done before in Bergen.
 - NSU helped to raise the income of ISU and streamlined the financial reporting and documentation for ISU.

- Cooperation with UiB to enhance the situation for international students in Bergen
 - There was not much cooperation with UiB so far. Now ISU does participate in several focus groups and has started a discussion about issues concerning the study and life quality of international students. And ISU is finally being contacted if something related to international students is to be discussed at any level. Few of the major recommendation from the mentor groups were accepted e.g. boat trip, visa processing (police reporting) for international students.

- Cooperation with TU, Resident Assistants and Club Fantoft
 - ISU in last few months has strengthened its cooperation and communication with other student organizations in fanfot and now has a joint activity plan for the whole semester. ISU was also invited for a meeting cum pizza party in August in order to improve linkages.

- Cooperation with ISU Stavanger
 - ISU Bergen developed good linkages with ISU Stavanger in last semester, more than six delegates from ISU Stavanger visited Bergen and stayed in Bergen. Same way three delegates from ISU Bergen visited ISU Stavanger and stayed with ISU Stavanger.
 - Other branches of ISU Norway are most welcome to visit Bergen and stay at our place.

- 'The' issue finally in discussion:
 - Norwegian Language – Part time Job, raised at SIB career counseling centre but might take long time to change as it is more of national level issue.
 - Housing payment in Bergen - On-line payment (outside Norway) – raised at SIB's official, different options suggested most convenient to students will be followed.
 - Announcement in Norwegian from university and student organizations (State Education Loan Fund, etc in Norwegian (Quota and NORAD), – ignorance of international students – to certain extent changing trend from student organizations but not from state level institutions
 - Bugs issues in Fantoft – no clear answer and solution.

Major Problems for ISU 2006

- Continuity of efforts
 - Key of the ISU office. Website codes and lack of webmaster.

- Cooperation with NHH & Outside fantoft organizations
 - We have good communication with organizations based in fantoft, but not with other students organizations in Bergen.

Future:

Norwegian language course at fantoft by University of Bergen for students who can not attend the course in the morning or afternoon because of many reasons. Negotiations are in progress through NSU Bergen.

The branch wants to continue to use the resources existing to keep the work for and with the students up.

Furthermore ISU Bergen has to improve dramatically in the transfer of knowledge from semester to semester inside its branch.

Chances ahead are the improving cooperation with UiB and NSU and thereby the opportunity to gain influence on a higher level and become more important there, where decisions concerning international students in Bergen are made.

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ISU – Bergen Financial Report, Spring & Autumn 2006

IN		OUT	
University of Bergen	3 000	Welcome party	1 000
NSU	6 000	Karaoke party	2 000
Residential Assistants	1 000	Billiard tournament	2 000
NSU /transfer from UiB/	52 000	ISU National Assembly	2 000
		Good-bye party	3 000
		Barbeque party	1 650
		Other expenses	92
		Welcome stall	600
		Opening party – Autumn	2500
		Welcome party – Autumn	2500
		Karokee machine	4000
		Disco light	4000
		Hi-fi system	4000
		TU DVDs	2000
		ISU National Assembly	2000
		Total spent	33342
		Left on our account	28658
Total	62 000	Total	62 000

ISU–Bergen Financial Secretary

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Bergen, 18.09.2006

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