

# Presentation of NSU - Ås



# NSU – Norwegian Student Union

- Founded in 1936 by students from Trondheim, Ås and Oslo
- Represents about 93.000 students from six Universitys and four minor colleges
- The sentral board have their office in Oslo and works mainly as lobbyists against the goverment and parliament.

# What does NSU do?

- Some of the NSU tasks are:
  - ✓ Work for a fair study financing for all students in Norway
  - ✓ Certify maintaining of students social rights
  - ✓ Students equal right to an education, regardless of gender, nationality, etc.
  - ✓ Keep up and improve the possibility of student exchange across country borders
  - ✓ Work for increased funding of education and research in Norway
  - ✓ Make sure that the students interests are considered when decisions affecting students are made

# The Studentboard

- Local branch of NSU
- Responsible for the day to day management of the student democracy
- 6 members
  - Maja Stade Aarønæs (President)
  - Daniel Huth Ommundsen (Vice President)
  - Shaun Victor Jack (International Officer)
  - Ingrid Ebne (Student Welfare Officer)
  - Mats Elliassen Kvilhaug (Board Member)
  - Ole Martin Steien (Board Member)

# **How can the international students take part in the debate at UMB?**

- By using the local ISU branch
- By visiting the Student Board's office for a cup of coffee and a talk
- By joining the local democracy in their department.
- By sharing their experiences with other students (international and Norwegian) and learn from their experiences

# The nature of the local student democracy

- Each class elects their class representative. This person is the voice of the class.
- Together with the student representatives in the Institute Board, in The Committee of Education and in The Committee of Research, they form a meeting at each institute, named Fagutvalg.
- From this meeting, each institute elects 3 representatives to the Student Parliament.
- In the Student Parliament topics for discussions might be concerning:
  - ✓ Degree system
  - ✓ Student welfare
  - ✓ Student issues on national level
  - ✓ Student life

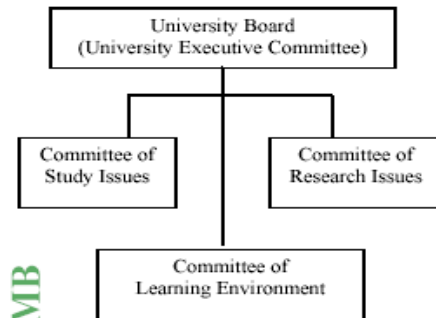
# Welfare funds

- The welfare funds should be given to “interests connected with the students’ welfare needs at the specific learning institution”, as stated in § 4 in the law of Studentsamskipnader.
- The funds should be a stimulant to a high level of activity and cultural diversity among the UMB students. They should contribute to securing a vibrant and viable student environment, with a wide range of activities.
- The welfare funds should help to ensure continued and adequate management of organizations directed toward the international community.

# Inclusion fund

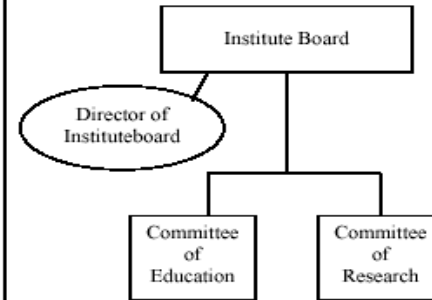
- The aim of the inclusion fund is to promote inclusion of international students in the student environment at UMB.
- The inclusion fund shall contribute to this by creating contact between Norwegian and International students, and to give international and Norwegian students an arena to share knowledge about culture, language and history.

### Central level



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### Local level



Student Democracy

