

## **A new dawn of leadership at ISU Norway as Interim President takes office**

The outgoing president of ISU Norway, Karen Contreras Lisperguer handed over instruments of service to the 1st vice president, John Ganyo at a send-off dinner held on Thursday, 26th May, 2011 at Grønnerlokka Family Centre. This follows Karen's resignation from the position at an Extraordinary National Assembly, which was held in Oslo from 8<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> April 2011. According to ISU's Constitution, the First Vice President was elevated to the position of president on interim basis. The Vice President of Union Development also resigned at the same ENA. The Interim President will hold office until the next National Assembly to be held in October 2011, at which a new National Board comprising 5 members shall be elected.

The current board now consists of three members including John Ganyo- Interim President, Mashhood Sheikh- Vice President of Academic Affairs and Welfare and Isaac Wanasolo – Vice President of Public Relations.

The event was attended by representatives from ISU UiO, ISU HiO, ISU UMB Ås, BI, OIBC, Bodø as well as 46 students and friends. Dinner was Exotic Ghanaian Jollof, by Eseenam Ganyo (UMB, Ås).



Among the items handed over, Karen gave John a book entitled "Nineteen Eighty-Four" by George Orwell, handed down from President to President which, according to her, contains the struggles to stand for one's opinion to be heard. She challenged the incoming President to stand and defend what he stands for when the need arises. In response, the incoming President, John Ganyo, assured her and the audience that he would do his best to uphold the image of ISU and lift the banner higher. In a follow-up speech by the host, Ki Sung urged ISU to uphold 3 values which would make one able to live effectively with others. These are embedded in three expressions: "I'm sorry", "I need your help" and "thank you". One should never feel too big to say any of these expressions as often as necessary, he added.

The occasion was crowned by a short Drama and Choreography by OIBC students which bore the theme of accountability.

The Board of ISU Norway thanks Karen for her service and wishes her a fruitful life in her new pursuits.