

Minutes of ISU Norway Meeting with KD

Location: Ministry of Education. Oslo

Present: Daniel Hernández Iniesta (National President), Silje Willumsen (Organizational Consultant), Anne-Kari Fjellhaug (Ministry of Education), Bjørn Haugstad (Secretary of State-Ministry of Education)

Meeting starts = 10.00

Meeting ends = 10.45

- The meeting starts with the National President informing about our new organizational structure and some info about the difficulties with our budget and that we are trying to work more with other Norwegian organizations and students, for example NSO, SAIH, SiU, Norad, ANSA, Student Parliaments, etc.
- Bjørn Haugstad *wants to know how we think we can contribute to encourage Norwegian students to go abroad? Can we help with this?*
 - We have the embassies project where we can work with this since they are interested to help their international students but are also eager to get Norwegian students to their countries.
 - We are in the process promoting internship possibilities for students with the embassies.
 - The National President will meet ANSA to discuss this issue, will see if international students can be a member of ANSA.
 - Main issue (as with international students) is often funding options.
- Kvalitetsmelding
We will offer our input to Kvalitetsmelding regarding this issue. Haugstad asks us to send this in in early November, it can be a draft and later November the final version).
Haugstad ask specially inputs on internationalization of education at home, social inclusion of international students in Norway, improve student mobility and quality of Norwegian higher education. We will add other areas relevant for international students as language inclusion, mentor support for students, virtual mobility among others.
- *Regarding ISU Norway Finances*
We are pressed for money and we are looking for options other than KD to have additional income and be more financially independent, but KD is still our main source of funding along with Frifond from LNU.

Extra sources of income would be good since the board consists of students and having a full-time position extra would be a plus for the organization. Haugstads input is that they will look at the finances next year, but wants to emphasize that they value what we do although we did not get the same increase this year.

National President informed that they are working to show the Ministry of Education, the work towards improve inclusion of international students in Norway. Also, is a priority this year for ISU Norway to strengthen cooperation with our partner organizations, to offer a better job for internationalization of education at home that is also a priority for the Ministry of Education, as expressed by Haugstad.

- *Full Degree Program*
 - We want to see if we can have a program to help international students come to Norway since the quota scheme has been terminated. The programs meant to replace it, Panorama/Norpart, are good but are only for a shorter duration when the quota scheme was valid for 2 years. We have been in dialog with SIU and other Norwegian institutions, and Haugstad accepted to discuss a further progress on the full degree program at next meeting with the National President.
- *Visa Renewal Process*

We would like the fee of 3200kr to be removed or reduced. Haugstad asks us to write them a formal letter describing the problem and our view on why this fee is unreasonable, encourages us to find as many good arguments as we can, they will then see if they are able to do something about it.
- *Invitation to ISU Norway National Meetings*

The minister or a state secretary has never participated at one of our meetings before.

At the end of the meeting Haugstad encourages us to comment (in the Kvalitetsmelding) on why Norwegians seems to be keeping to themselves a lot, what can we do to make international students better integrated? How can we make the slogan "Internationalization at home" better, or is there anything we can do to make it happen? He would like us to include a short description of the Icebreaker campaign as an example of what we have done to integrate international students.

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