

Guidelines for the Welfare Council's International Committee

CHAPTER 1: INTRODUCTORY GUIDELINES

§ 1-1 Purpose

The Welfare Council's International Committee shall work for better student welfare for international students in Oslo and Akershus. The International Committee shall be an organ for cooperation and dialogue between international students and the Welfare Council of Oslo and Akershus.

The Committee's work shall be embossed by voluntarism, democracy, loyalty and equality.

§ 1-2 Organization

The International Committee is a joint organ for all international students associated with the Welfare Council. All students attending a SiO-registered institution are associated with the Welfare Council.

The Committee's guidelines are approved by the Welfare Council, and are revised if needed. Changes in the guidelines demand $\frac{2}{3}$ majority. In addition, the Welfare Council shall yearly approve the committee's action plan.

§ 1-3 Tasks

The International Committee shall:

- a. Create visibility for international students' presence in Oslo and its surroundings.
- b. Be a connector between international students and the Welfare Council.
- c. Be a consultation body in cases that specifically embody international students.
- d. Be a case-preparing and working committee that develops policy for international students in cooperation with the Executive Committee of the Welfare Council. For this policy to be valid, it needs to be approved by the Welfare Council.
- e. Make a yearly action plan for their period in cooperation with the Executive Committee. The action plan is dynamic and can be changed if needed. The Welfare Council shall be oriented about the contents of the action plan.

CHAPTER 2: INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE

§ 2-1 Composition

The committee is composed of up to 8 international students, with a leader (preferably bilingual) that has a duty to meet at the Welfare Councils meetings. The committee can be opened for Norwegian students that are very engaged in issues related to international students.

The executive committee participates administratively through a person that will work as a secretary for the committee.

Further rules for the international committees composition is regulated in §6-2 Sammensetning og funksjonstid i Velferdstingets vedtekter.

The committee should aspire for an equal gender balance and institution affiliation by the members.

§ 2-2 Election

The Welfare Council elects members and a leader for the committee, which is described in the rules chapter #12. The Welfare Councils Election Committee makes their judgment for the committee leader before the election.

If new members are required, it is done as is described in § 12 in Velferdstingets vedtekter.

The elected period of the leader of the committee is from the fall seminar to the fall seminar of the year after. The period for regular members is half a year, with elections in the fall and spring seminars.

All delegations will be given the opportunity to appoint one representative for approval by the Welfare Council. Remaining spots are elected.

CHAPTER 3: MEETINGS

§ 3-1 Committee meetings

The International Committee will meet at least 3 times per semester, and all members have a duty to meet. It is up to the committee how they want to conduct their meetings in order to complete the action plan.

¾ of the committee's members must be present for the committee to be able to make decisions. General majority makes decisions.

CHAPTER 4: GENERAL GUIDELINES

The International Committee is created for a trial period of two years, and these guidelines are valid until the fall of 2022. After two years the committee will be evaluated by the Welfare Council and the Welfare Council will then have the opportunity to decide whether the committee shall continue existing, or discontinue.