**Background**:

The International Students at Uis are having some serious issues for learning the Norwegian Language and getting along with the Norwegian culture. Some of the problems that arise are availability of study places, financial constraints, clash of timetables, and lacking pedagogy skills of Norwegian Language Course at Uis. It’s a known fact that many international students during their first semester experience a common feeling of loneliness that can lead sometimes to depression. This can be greatly mitigated by introducing them to language course which can allow fully expend their knowledge about Norwegian life.

Norwegian language is a mandatory requirement feel integrated part of the Uis. Even the official web page of Uis is not updated daily in both languages (Eng/Norsk). Students are facing the fact of checking both version of web pages to not ignore any important notification. If having Norwegian course not required by the admissions of Uis, it should be provided by the Uis to distribute equally rights among the students.

International students are participating in Uis for a reason that is having different angle of view to all education. International students carry their culture with them from home when they arrive to this campus. But language barrier is creating a bigger rift as each semester go by therefore the main purpose of having international students in Uis cannot be completed. Cultural exchange freezes right in the beginning due to language barrier. Such as we don’t see any international students having Norwegian friends.

 Future Job Opportunities getting narrower for international students base on Norwegian language. Even the multinational companies are having work language as English but still required more difficult to get enrolled. Stavanger is known to be a oil capital of Europe, having many small companies which offer wider range of job opportunities, but norsk is a strong requirement to be considered as a candidate if not the most important. Most common fact that international students are facing in Uis is even company presentations are held in norsk and targeting Norwegian students. Its understandable Norwegian students having small priority but in the overall, It seems quite unequal and its unmotivating international students.

**Resolution**

* Norwegian language courses can be proposed as Elective class with 0 credit and fail or pass result. There are many examples to promote language elective courses from all around the world to make students more involved.
* Introduction of language course with B1 and B2 along with the same prices as A1/A2

**Comment from Vice president of education**

We understand that language barriers make it difficult for international students to integrate well to the Norwegian society and student life. There university should therefore provide good options for learning the language. Since many international students struggle financially, the offers should be accessible and affordable. Wanting to learn a new language should be seen as a positive initiative for integration and participation in society. We support therefore your proposed motion.

However, I see another issue that you raise in your resolution but have not tackled in your proposed motion. That is the issue of not having accessible information relevant to all students on the universities webpage. This is especially important for exchange students that may be attending the university for a semester only. That is a very short period and in many case not enough to learn the language sufficiently to understand the information provided. I would therefore urge you to also consider this issue in the proposed motion and add that the university should provide all information on the student site in both English and Norwegian.

Lastly, I would like to propose that editorial changes be made if the resolution is adopted.