STA`s Policy paper 2018/2019

The policy paper establishes the basic principles of the Student Organization of Agder (STA) and is the highest political document in the organization.

Equal right to education

Public higher education in Norway shall be free and the full-time student shall be realized. One must actively work towards equalizing the differences that prevent the individual person to participate in and to finish within higher education.

The right and access to higher education shall be free for all. Higher education shall be diverse and bear the mark of co-creation with the surroundings.

The students` rights and learning environment must be strengthen, and the university shall insure the students` against accidents and injuries at the same rate as with its employees.

Quality culture and decorum

Higher education shall be of a high quality, internationally oriented, research- based and relevant for the society. Academia shall consist of a quality culture where the academic community is founded on the idea of students` as partners.

Student involvement must be the present in all parts, and shall contribute to a ever development of the quality culture.

Higher education shall contribute to academic decorum. It shall give the students` tools to develop analytic qualities, to understand critical thinking and contribute to the development of a professional and ethical sense. This shall give the students` the tools to ask the critical questions in the development of academia but also in the society.

Internationalization and solidarity

Higher education shall be an arena for internationalization of education, knowledge and culture. Internationalisation shall be viewed as a resource and must therefore be invested in to ensure international perspectives among students and employees.

A global mindset shall build bridges towards new ways of cooperation, both on and outside the campus.

The students` right of safety, academic freedom and democratic rights is a fight academia internationally shall stand together on.

Academia`s societal responsibility

Norwegian academia shall consist of professional autonomous institutions that values academic freedom. This freedom ensures freedom of speech, rights and professional freedom for students` and employees.

Education, research and innovation is important towards building and to further develop society. Due to this, academia must be able to respond to the challenges the human kind is faced with, both nationally and internationally.

The research shall be open and available for all.

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