National Union of Israeli Students

HERE Seminar. Students in Focus

2017

YOUNG. ACTIVE. AMBITIOUS

Israel Winter 2016
Founded in 1934
Legal entity representing 300,000 students in 127 higher education institutions and vocational schools.
Full members of ESU since 2006
30 employees, 10 professional departments
2 representatives in the Council of HE
1 representative at the Council of PE and Technicians
2007-legislation of student rights law
HE Structure

Ministry of Education

Council for Higher Education

Planning and Budgeting Committee

Ministry of Labor, Social Affairs and Social services

The Commissioner of Employment

The council of PE and Technicians

Institute for Technology and Science Training

63 HEI

9 Universities
20 Budgeted Academic Institutions
21 Budgeted Academic Colleges for Education
13 Non-budgeted Academic Institutions

63 Budgeted Vocational Schools

Budgeted Academic Institutions

Budgeted Academic Colleges for Education

NATIONAL UNION OF ISRAELI STUDENTS
Mission and Goals

- The role of students exceeds acquiring knowledge, as they have the ability and responsibility to form, build and promote the society they live in.

- Protecting and promoting students’ rights in the academic, social and economic spheres.

- Providing academic and social services to students.

- Promoting student engagement and social activism through national and international initiatives.

- Representing the Israeli student body in the public sphere.
Financial Model

- Independent registered association
- Annual membership fee - 0.25 euros per member student at a local students association.
- 30% shareholders of ISSTA travel agency
- euros per student – starts from 2018
Social Involvement

- Talking Arabic
- Financial Education Courses
- LGBT Students Fraternity
Social Involvement

Students for Employees

Students Lead Accessibility

Made in Israel

Social &economic leadership program
Social Involvement

Scholarships
- 1,400 scholarship recipients
- 22 projects
- Collaboration with 11 organizations and government offices
- 130,000 hours of community service per academic year
- Annual budget 2.2 million euros
ESPRIT - Enhancing Social Characteristics and Public Responsibility of Israeli Teaching through a HEI-Student Alliance. (Tempus)

- Aims to analyze, map and strengthen the social and public roles of HE institutions in Israel. It examines the level of social engagement of Israeli students and their institutions, and develop models for the strengthening of their public responsibility.
- Recognizes that both students & institutions must play a central role in the societal role of higher education.
- Developed a rigorous benchmarking tool to analyze universities and colleges according to their social missions.
Quality of Teaching and Learning

Collaboration with the CHE

- Formation of Quality of teaching criteria and incentives for HEI
- Members of the digital learning enhancement committee
- Members of HERE
- TeachEx – Teaching Excellence (Erasmus+)

TeachEx is an Erasmus+ project initiated a few months ago. Its goal is to contribute to the continuous professional development of academic staff by offering adequate support structure (centers of teaching excellence) and innovative, high-quality, flexible programs designed to promote better teaching and therefore enhance learning as well.
Quality of Teaching and Learning

NUIS Initiatives, 2016

- National forum for quality of teaching & learning
- Public experts committee for the updating of HE system
  1. Set the value of equal opportunity as a strategic objective
  2. Re-examining BA structure, content and length
  3. Enhancing and creating Academics ties with its surrounding community
- National public participation campaign on campuses
- The inspiring lecturer award
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- “Flourish Academy” process; Students Engagement in HEI

Goals
1. We, the students, take responsibility on the HE system, its processes and outcomes
2. Create true and meaningful partnership between HEI & students
3. Promote shared strategic objectives

Short term objectives
1. Formatting new contract between HEI Leadership and students leadership
2. Rewrite teaching and learning survey
3. Create an online platform for shared discourse
Challenges

- Enhance quality of teaching and learning in HEI (student centered learning, learning outcomes, PBL etc.)
- Increase the relevance and value of the academic degrees for the students and labor market needs.
- Strengthen Academia – industry relations (internships, graduates etc.)
- Promote the internationalization of HE system (global competences, students mobility, credit mobility, etc.)
Thank You

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