

The Welfare Council of Oslo and Akershus

(Velferdstinget)

The Welfare Council of Oslo and Akershus (VT) is an interest organization and the highest political body for welfare issues concerning students affiliated with the SiO Student Welfare Organization. The main task of VT is to ensure that students' voices are heard in decisions that affect their everyday lives. This includes housing services, healthcare, fitness facilities, psychological services, daycare for students with children, and other welfare benefits. An important part of this work is allocating funds to various welfare initiatives that benefit students.

The Welfare Council consists of 37 representatives. Each institution is given one seat in the council per 1,500 full-time students. BI has three seats, where two of them are reserved to the Head of External Affairs and the leader of the Student Political Unit. The last spot is elected at the general assembly, along with eight alternates that can step in if any of the representatives are unable to attend a meeting. The council meets six times a year; one weekend seminar, a Saturday meeting, and the rest evening meetings.

As a delegate for VT you are expected to represent the BI students and their view on political matters at the council meetings. You'll meet up with Head of External Affairs and leader of SPU prior to meetings to prepare and get comfortable with every case that's being discussed. During the meetings you'll discuss various matters, both small and big cases, and you'll get to have an impact on what student life in Oslo will be like.