

Long term strategy 2021-2023

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This is the long-term strategy of student democracy. It has been adopted by the Student Parliament and says something about the goals that student democracy has set itself and will work towards the coming years. It is assumed that continuous assessments are made at all times and there is an understanding that both needs can change and that unforeseen things can arise. It contains broad formulations of great goals. The Action Plan is used on a daily basis, which contains concrete goals for how student democracy should work.

The green NMBU

NMBU shall be recognized as the sustainability university and be a driving force locally, nationally and internationally for progress in the green change. The students at NMBU will receive training which enables them to think interdisciplinary. Students will leave the university with concrete tools to meet tomorrow's complex challenges, within all educational courses. Students must be included in future-oriented research. The university shall contribute to the world community with knowledge of a sustainable world. Campuses and areas where students and staff travel must be designed for a holistic sustainable lifestyle and way of thinking. It should be easy to travel environmentally friendly on, to and from NMBU. The research at NMBU will take place in line with the UN's sustainability goals.

- Efforts must be made to ensure that NMBU is a future-oriented sustainability university, which facilitates sustainability in practice.

Internationalization

NMBU will continue to be an international university, accepting a large proportion of international students. It is therefore important that it is arranged for international students to get involved in the Student Democracy at NMBU and be represented on councils and committees at the university. It is also important to ensure that arrangements are made for international students to be included in teams, associations, organizations and other leisure activities at NMBU. All students and staff at NMBU benefit from cultural exchange and facilitating the inclusion of international students to a greater extent should be a priority. It shall be facilitated so that all students can go on exchange, and more students shall be encouraged to make use of the opportunities.

- Arrangements will be made for international students to be included in all aspects of student life.

Student life

It is important to ensure a good learning environment and a good everyday study for the students to have a good quality of life. Students must have access to everything they need in everyday life in their immediate environment. The aim is for as many students as possible to have the opportunity to live in student housing of an excellent standard through SiÅs, if they

so wish. In addition, the student democracy will work to ensure that the canteens offer varied and healthy food, and student-friendly prices. Efforts will be made to ensure that the Eika fitness center maintains the current standard, and has a broad offer that suits everyone. The health services for the students must be broad and adapted to students as a user group and must have the time and capacity to help the students with their health challenges.

Poor psychological health is an increasingly serious problem among students. It is therefore important to have an increased focus on this, and that those who need help get help - when they need it. The Student Democracy shall therefore work for a better and broader preventive measures for mental health.

- Efforts will be made to ensure that students have welfare services of the highest quality, including good student dormitories, fitness centers, health services and canteens.
- Efforts will be made for an increased focus on mental health, and for a larger and broader preventive offer for mental health.

The student Democracy

Student democracy is important for the students voice to be heard. To ensure a good democracy, all students must feel a sense of belonging to the Student Democracy. All students should know where to turn for answers to their questions, and help with their challenges. Elected students will assist with this, from grade level to the central level. All representatives, at all stages of the student democracy, shall have the knowledge of the student democracy and NMBU they need to guide and help their fellow students. The road from having a case to raising it in councils and committees should be short, and students with something on their minds should be listened to. The Student Democracy at NMBU will continue to be the university with the highest support, and will constantly strive for higher turnout.

- Efforts will be made for active participation in all stages of the Student Democracy.
- Efforts will be made to make the Student Democracy more visible

Quality of the study

The study quality at NMBU must be excellent. The studies at NMBU will provide students with the competence required for a sustainable future and a working life in change. The physical classrooms must have plenty of space for the students who will be there. There must be good learning conditions in all teaching rooms, and the university must be perceived as a safe place to be. Learning resources should be available to all students and all programs required in teaching should be easily accessible. Education provided should be varied, and all teachers should possess educational and didactic skills. A digital student everyday life can never replace a physical student everyday life, and when digital visual aids are to be used, it shall be as a supplement to the physical education.

- Continuous work will be done to ensure that students receive current, relevant education that prepares for tomorrow's working life.

- Efforts will be made to enable the campus to accommodate all students at NMBU, to facilitate a diversity of students and to make it attractive to stay on campus.

The community around

Efforts will be made to ensure that students become an included and active part of the local community in Ås, in that the offers to the municipality are perceived as attractive to the student body. Efforts will be made to ensure that the municipality to a greater extent views the students as a resource. The Ås boble will be taken care of, and students will have reason to be proud of Ås as the host municipality. The Student Parliament's Working Committee will be in continuous dialogue with the municipality, and it is also encouraged that other student boards are involved when something happens in the municipality. Arrangements shall be made for students to have the opportunity to engage in local and global issues, and students should be encouraged to be active world citizens.

- Efforts will be made to enable students to get involved in the local community, both through teams and associations, but also by being visible citizens.
- Arrangements shall be made for student-run teams and interest organizations at NMBU to become more involved in societal issues.