

Environmental Political Document for the Student Parliament at NMBU

The document contains the demands that the students at NMBU have to their environment and their surroundings.

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NMBU operations:

- NMBU shall at yearly basis develop a climate accounts and a climate budget, with a goal for reductions for emissions, allocation of responsibilities and reporting in connection to other economic reports.
- It should at minimum be established a 100% position av environmental advisor at the university. The advisor shall amongst other things ensure that the Sustainability work at NMBU are well visible to the student mass.
- All new purchases of NMBU vehicles, with an exception of farming machines, shall be fossil free.
- It shall be a parking fee on campus.
- NMBU shall only serve food with a low or a positive climate footprint, hereunder focus on locally produces food as well as introduce "Vegonorm" at all functions arranged by the university.
- The environment shall be emphasized when purchasing, and it should be made demands about emissions free transport from suppliers.
- In the formulation of ethical guidelines and purchasing agreements climate and sustainability shall be the deciding factor.
- BREEAM-excellent must be the minimum standard for all new buildings at NMBU. Reuse of materials shall be prioritized, and plus houses should be pursued.
- NMBU shall fase out all use of fossil fuels used for heating by the end of 2021, and shall through amongst other things smart environmental control of buildings, reduce the use of energy by 10%. All electricity purchased shall have a guarantee of origin.
- NMBU funds shall not be invested in fossil energy, and shall be managed in a manner that stimulates green growth and development.
- NMBU shall have a goal of 0% demolition of nature, topsoil and bogs. Biological diversity must be taken into account in decisions regarding land management.
- NMBUS consumption and waste management shall be based on EUs waste management directive and the waste management pyramid. Waste reduction, reuse and recycling shall be prioritized.

Environment and sustainability in education

- Sustainability shall be implemented as a part of the curriculum in all subjects where it is appropriate
- When performing practical tasks as at part of a course, sustainability shall be emphasized.
- The students shall be able to practice interdisciplinarity cooperation to ensure professional width and quality.

- It should be areas on campus that can be used to fix and mend broken objects. Tools for this purpose shall be provided. NMBU shall promote the areas so that they appear attractive and available.
- NMBU should offer a comprehensive offer of digital curriculum. E-books and e-compendiums shall be available in all subjects.
- As long as it is appropriate, exams should be digital
- Lecturers should have the competence and tools to exploit digital possibilities, and the use of paper should be limited to a minimum.

Research

- NMBU should be a leading university at an international level when it comes to research into environment, climate and sustainability.
- Student-initiated and student-active research should be facilitated, especially with the fields of environment, climate and sustainability.
- Sustainability should be an overall goal for the research at NMBU
- Results from research performed at NMBU should be used on campus and in the teaching process. The research should be available for all students so that it can contribute to the students academic growth.

Other participators, SiÅs, Ås Municipality, others

- Existing student housing must be systematic reviewed with special focus on energy efficiency, post-insulation and necessary rehabilitation, rather than building new constructions,
- When starting new construction projects the sustainability should be a deciding factor.
- Student housing should produce as much of the energy for their own consumption as possible. Plus houses should be pursued.
- A cycling road should be facilitated between campus and the center of Ås, along the Drøbak road. There should be enough safe places on campus to park bicycles.
- Locally produced, short travelled and sustainable food should be served at all functions.
- Students are a resource, and the university should make full use of their competence.
- Good charging possibilities for electric cars should be provided.
- A car sharing pool should be set up or there should be easier to lease cars. This set up should only consist of electric cars.
- SiÅs should develop a plan of action for the climate and environment, which should include a strategy for reducing food waste and have an arrangement for excess food.
- It should be at least four train departures in an hour from Ås in both directions.
- Ensure that an offer is created to swap furniture, such as a change tent / exchange hall etc. Preferably as a collaboration between Ås municipality and SiÅs. SiÅs is expected to take responsibility for such an offer.