# Student Parliament 5 2026

Studenttinget
VED NMBU

Monday 19th of October 2026
Innsikten VET building
Kl 16.30-20.30
Registration from 16.15

## Protocol

Chairmen: Adrian Nilsen Boltland and Oskar Solberg Lægland
Protocol author: Elisabeth Breiland

Case documents are available:
http://www.studendemokratiet.no



The Student Board
Email: studenttinget@nmbu.no
Web site www.studentdemokratiet.no

| Tilstede ved | Studentting 5, Innsikten VET | Mandag 19.10.2026 kl 1630 | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Fakultet | Studenttingsrepresentanter | ST 5 | |
| HH | Sohail Anjem | | |
| HH | Vara Egil Natvik Vestrheim | X | Fra kl 1900 |
| HH | Frida Jarinn Holm | X | |
| HH | Shazil Rana | | |
| HH | Hanne Aas | X | |
| RealTek | Karoline Lindland Torgrimsen | X | |
| RealTek | Ådne Frøland Ryste | X | |
| RealTek | Kimi Einar Reitzig | X | |
| RealTek | Rozalia Anna Ciupka | X | |
| VET | Jonas Brodin Rist | | |
| VET | Mari Kristensen | X | |
| VET | Guro Jenny Strachan | X | |
| MINA | Vara Max Krielbel/ Vara Magnus Eide | X | gikk 1755/ fra kl 1855 |
| MINA | Elias Glomnes | X | |
| MINA | Sjur Vatland | X | |
| BioVit | Vara Hanna Wilhelmsen | X | |
| BioVit | Therese Bøthun | | |
| BioVit | Marit Nordhagen | X | |
| LandSam | Tias Ødegård-Olsen | | |
| LandSam | Thea Sulen Kramer | X | |
| LandSam | Linh Nhi Tran | | |
| LandSam | Synne Remme Reitan | X | |
| KBM | Sangavi Kumaragurunathan | X | |
| KBM | Vara Eivind Dahle Alvin | X | |
| KBM | Vendelin Furuli Moe | X | |
| **Totalt stemmeberettigede tilstede på møtet** | | **19** | |
| | | | |
| **Representanter** | **med oppmøteplikt, uten stemmerett.** | | |
| **AU** | David Frøytland | X | |
| | Ingrid Maria Kjonna Aanonsen | X | |
| | Thomas Blomkvist | X | |
| | Elisabeth Breiland | X | |
| **Kontrollkomite** | Lisa Hoa Kieu Vo | | |
| | Kristoffer Kjelling | X | |
| | Karl Adrian Wuotila | X | |
| **Ordstyrere** | Oskar Solberg Lægland | X | |
| | Adrian Nilsen Boltland | X | |
| **Valgnemnda** | Frida Reier Rushfeldt | | |
| | Ezizgol Rezai | | |
| **SiÅs** | Sverre Johan Bakke Dahl | X | |
| | Egil Natvik Vestrheim | X | |
| **US** | Magnus Schie Larsen | X | |
| | Tuva Kristinansen | | |
| **ISU** | | | |
| **ESN** | | | |
| **SAIH** | | | |

# AGENDA

STUDENT PARLIAMENT 5 – 2026, MONDAY 19th OF OCTOBER AT 4:30 PM, INNSIKTEN VET BUILDING
COMPLETE CASE DOCUMENTS ARE ONLY SENT TO PERMANENT STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES.
THE DOCUMENTS ARE ALSO PUBLISHED AT THE STUDENT BOARD WEBSITE:
http://www.studentdemokratiet.no

***Registration begins at 16:15***

**2651 CONSTITUTION ..... 5**

2651.1 APPROVAL OF TODAY'S AGENDA AND SUMMONING ..... 5
2651.2 APPROVAL OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING PROTOCOL ..... 5
2651.3 APPOINTMENT OF A COUNTING COMMITTEE ..... 5

**2652 GREETING TO STUDENT PARLIAMENT ..... 5**

**2653 ORIENTATION CASES ..... 5**

2653.1 MINUTES ..... 5
2653.2 ORIENTATION FROM THE STUDENT BOARD ..... 6
2653.3 ORIENTATION ABOUT THE AUTUMN ELECTRONIC BALLOT ELECTION ..... 6
2653.4 ORIENTATION ABOUT THE BEST LECTURER OF THE SEMESTER ..... 6

**2654 ELECTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS ..... 7**

2654.1 ELECTION OF BUDDY GENERAL ..... 7
2654.2 ELECTION OF 1 REPRESENTATIVE TO THE STUDY ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE ..... 8

**DECISION CASES ..... 8**

2655.1 PROCESS THE ALLOCATION OF WELFARE FUNDS AUTUMN 2026 ..... 8
2655.2 PROCESS THE RESOLUTION ABOUT DIGITAL SOVEREIGNTY AT NMBU ..... 9
2655.3 PROCESS THE RESOLUTION: REASSESMENT OF HUJI(ISRAEL)'S MEMBERSHIP IN THE ELLS ALLIANCE ..... 10
2655.4 PROCESS THE SUGGESTION OF FURTHER THE USE OF SANDOREN. ..... 11
2655.5 PROCESS CHANGE TO A PARAGRAPH IN THE ECONOMIC REGULATIONS ..... 13
2655.6 PROCESS THE PROGRAM OF PRINCIPLES ..... 14

**2656 DISCUSSION CASES ..... 16**

2656.1 DISCUSSION OF THE INTRODUCTION OF INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE COMMITTEE FOR ALLOCATION OF WELFARE FUNDS. 16
2656.2 FIRST-TIME DISCUSSION OF THE BUDGET FOR THE STUDENT DEMOCRACY FOR 2027 ..... 16
2656.3 FIRST-TIME DISCUSSION OF THE LONG-TERM STRATEGY FOR THE STUDENT DEMOCRACY FOR 2027 - 202917

**2657 OTHER CASES ..... 17**

2657.1 THE OFFERS FROM NSO AND THE REGULATION OF MEMBERSHIP FEE ..... 17

**2658 MEETING EVALUATION ..... 18**

**2659 ATTACHMENTS ..... 19**

2659.1 ATTACHMENT 1: INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE BUDDY WEEK ..... 19
2659.2 ATTACHMENT 2: PROPOSED ALLOCATION OF WELFARE FUNDS AUTUMN 2026 ..... 22
2659.3 ATTACHMENT 3: RESOLUTION OF DIGITAL SOVEREIGNTY ON NMBU ..... 23
2659.4 ATTACHMENT 4: PROPOSED HUJI RESOLUTION ..... 26
2659.5 ATTACHMENT 5 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT ELSA ..... 27
2659.6 ATTACHMENT 6: ECONOMIC REGULATIONS FOR THE STUDENT DEMOCRACY ..... 29
2659.7 ATTACHMENT 7: PROGRAM OF PRINCIPLES ..... 31
2659.8 ATTACHMENT 8: INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE COMMITTEE FOR ALLOCATION OF WELFARE FUNDS ..... 34
2659.9 ATTACHMENT 9 PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 2027 ..... 36
2659.10 ATTACHMENT 10 PRELIMINARY ACCOUNTS FOR 2026 ..... 37
2659.11 ATTACHMENT 11CURRENT LONG-TERM STRATEGY FOR 2024 - 2026 ..... 38



**The Student Board** **Email:** studenttinget@nmbu.no **Web site** www.studentdemokratiet.no

**APPROVED DOCUMENTS FROM STUDENT PARLIAMENT 5 ..... 42**

APPROVED ALLOCATION OF WELFARE FUNDS FOR AUTUMN 2026 ..... 42
APPROVED RESOLUTION OF DIGITAL SOVEREIGNTY AT NMBU ..... 43
APPROVED RESOLUTION OF HUJI'S MEMBERSHIP IN THE ELLS ALLIANSEN ..... 46
APPROVED ECONOMIC REGULATIONS FOR THE STUDENT DEMOCRACY ..... 47
APPROVED PROGRAM OF PRINCIPLES FOR THE STUDENT DEMOCRACY ..... 49



**The Student Board**
**Email:** studenttinget@nmbu.no
**Web site** www.studentdemokratiet.no

# 2651 Constitution

## 2651.1 Approval of today's agenda and summoning

Approved without objection. Case 2655.3 The resolution about HUJI will be moved to straight after orientation cases. And we have a case for other cases, case 2657.1 Offers from NSO and the regulation og membership fee.

## 2651.2 Approval of the previous meeting protocol

Protocols are uploaded to our homepage (http://www.studentdemokratiet.no) a week after each Student Parliament Meeting. If you need a paper copy of the protocol, please get in touch with the Student Board at their office (The Clock building)
Approved without objection

## 2651.3 Appointment of a Counting Committee

1. Kristoffer Kielling
2. Karl Adrian Wuotila
3. Sverre Johan Bakke Dahl

Counting committee was approved.

# 2652 Greeting to Student Parliament

UKA I Ås will come and present themselves for the Student Parliament.
The president of UKEstyret presented UKA and the organization.

# 2653Orientation cases

## 2653.1 Minutes

The minutes shall be made known to the public within 12.00 the Thursday before Student Parliament. The minutes will be sent to the Student Parliaments representatives by mail. This is done to get the most updated minutes and minimize paper usage.

Those who report to the Student Parliament through minutes are:

- The Student Board (AU)
- The University Board (US)
- Student Welfare Organization in Ås (SiÅs)

The Student Parliament considers itself to be oriented.

## 2653.2 Orientation from the Student Board

*Case responsible: The Student Board*

The Student Board orients.
The Student Board oriented about their activities.

The Student Parliament considers itself to be oriented.

## 2653.3 Orientation about the Autumn Electronic Ballot Election

*Case responsible: The Student Board v/*

**Purpose:**
The aim of the orientation is to inform all students at NMBU about the opportunities they have to join these positions as early as possible.

**Background:**
An electronic election of the male representative to the University Board and male representatives to the Faculty Boards is to be conducted. The deadline for applying is set to November 1 and the election will be conducted from November 25th to December 02nd , as set in the schedule for the Student Democracy. Candidacy is registered via a form that will be made available on the Student Parliament NMBU's website: www.studentdemokratiet.no

Please contact the election committee if you are considering running for election:
studenttingets.valgnemnd@nmbu.no

If you have any other questions about the positions, please contact AU: studenttinget@nmbu.no

The representatives in all boards will start up in their positions on January 1, 2027, and hold the position for one (1) year.

The Student Board v/ David presented the case.

The Student Parliament consider itself to be oriented.

## 2653.4 Orientation about the best lecturer of the semester

*Case responsible: The Student Board v/ Ingrid*

The best lecturer of the semester.

Du you have a lecturer who has inspired you and who deserves a token of appreciation?

Each semester, an award is given to the best lecturer/instructor of the semester. For this to happen we need your nominations.

Scan the qr code and nominate the lecturer you think deserve it.

The Student Board v/ Ingrid presented the case.

The Student Parliament consider itself to be oriented.

# 2654 Elections and appointments

## 2654.1 Election of Buddy General

*Case responsible: the Election Committee*

**Attachment 1**: Instruction for the Buddy Week NMBU

**Purpose**

To elect a Buddy General for 2026/2027. The position lasts one year and begins immediately upon election.

**Background:**
The Buddy General has the head responsibility for the organization of buddy week in both spring and fall of 2027 and serves as an intermediary between buddy leaders , NMBU, SiÅs and the municipality. The Buddy General selects 2 buddy secretaries for him/herself.

As Buddy General, one has good insight to life on campus. They must be able to stand in front of large crowds, and work continuously and independently throughout the year. It is an advantage to have participated in buddy week before, either as an active student, a buddy, or as a buddy leader.
The Buddy General secures wellbeing, an inclusive environment at NMBU, and is a key person for information flow aimed at the new students.
This is a paid position, and lasts for one year.

The Student Board v/ David presented the case.

The Student Parliament decided to postpone this election to the end of the meeting.

**Proposed decision:**

Xx is elected Buddy General for 2026/2027

**Candidates:**

Remy Alexander Busch

Raymond Bjørgen

The candidates presented themselves.

**Vote:**



The Student Board
Email: studenttinget@nmbu.no
Web site www.studentdemokratiet.no

Written election.

Raymond Bjørgen was elected Buddy General

**Decision:**

The Student Parliament elected Raymond Bjørgen as Buddy General for 2026/2027

## 2654.2 Election of 1 representative to the Study Environment committee

*Case Responsible: The Election Committee*

**Purpose**

To elect one student representative to the Study Environment Award Committee. The position has a term of six months, commencing on 1 January.

**Description**

As part of the effort to improve the quality of the social environment at NMBU, the Study Environment Award is presented annually. All students and staff at NMBU may nominate organizations, associations, and individuals for the award.
The Study Environment Award Committee consists of one student representative in addition to the Learning Environment Officer from the Student Board (AU). The appointment lasts for one semester, with the term beginning on 1 January.
The committee meets as needed and is responsible for receiving nominations, reviewing the submitted candidates, and ultimately recommending a recipient. The final award recipient is approved by the Learning Environment Committee (LMU).

The Student Board v/ Ingrid presented the case.

**Candidate:**

Sangavi Kumaragurunathan

The candidate presented herself.
Acclamation was suggested.

The candidate was elected by acclamation.

**Decision:**

The Student Parliament elected Sangavi Kumaragurunathan as a representative for the committee for allocation of the study environment award.

# Decision Cases

## 2655.1 Process the allocation of Welfare Funds autumn 2026

*Case responsible: The Student Board v/ David*

**Attachment 2:** Allocation of Welfare Funds

**Purpose:**
Approval of welfare funds allocation for autumn 2026

**Background:**
Each year, the Student Parliament allocates welfare funds to student clubs and organizations at NMBU. Ninety-two percent of the funds are distributed in the spring, while the remaining eight percent are distributed in the autumn. Attached is a summary of the applications for the autumn welfare fund allocation, along with an overview of the committee's proposed distribution of the funds.

We received only one application this autumn. In our assessment, we focused on which organizations are eligible to receive funding in the autumn allocation, as well as the requirement that all organizations should have an organizational bank account. Nevertheless, we have chosen to grant basic funding without requiring such an account.

Several organizations have contacted us and have been advised to apply during the spring allocation. To ensure equal treatment of all organizations, we have therefore not approved applications for event funding that do not constitute unforeseen expenses incurred by established organizations. According to the regulations, the autumn allocation is intended to support newly established organizations and cover unforeseen expenses.

**Proposed decision:**
The Student Parliament approves the allocation of welfare funds for the autumn 2026.

**AU's recommendation:**
The proposal is approved.

The Student Board v/ David presented the case.

**Vote:**
Count of representatives eligleble to vote: 18

For: 18
Against: 0
Abstinent: 0

**Decision:**
The Student Parliament approved the allocation of Welfare Funds for autumn 2026.

## 2655.2 Process the resolution about Digital Sovereignty at NMBU

*Case responsible: Clèment Pfeiffer*

**Attachment 3:** Document about Digital Sovereignty

**Purpose**
To consider the Student Parliament's position on digital sovereignty at NMBU and the university's future use of open-source and self-hosted digital solutions.

**Background:**
NMBU currently relies on a range of commercial digital services and software for teaching, research, and administration. At the same time, issues related to privacy, data security, costs, and control over institutional data have received increasing attention both nationally and internationally. Several European countries and public institutions are exploring or implementing transitions to open-source software in order to reduce their dependence on major technology companies.
The proposer argues that the use of free and open-source software could provide the university with greater control over student, staff, and research data, while potentially reducing software licensing costs in the long term. The proposal also highlights challenges related to storing data in external cloud services and emphasizes the importance of ensuring that research data and personal information are handled securely.
Against this background, it is proposed that NMBU investigate the possibility of a gradual transition to open-source and self-hosted digital solutions where appropriate. Such a process would require assessments of technical, financial, and practical implications, as well as dialogue with relevant academic communities and institutions that have experience with similar transitions.

**Proposed decision:**
The Student Parliament demands that NMBU gradually phases out proprietary/big tech software in favour of self-hosted open source alternatives.
Where proprietary programs are strictly necessary, European alternatives should be chosen.

**AU's Recommendation:**
The resolution is approved.

Clèment presented the case.

**Vote:**
Count: 18 representatives eligleble to vote.
For: 18
Against: 0
Abstinent: 0
The resolution was approved.

**Decision:**
Student Parliament approved the resolution of Digital Sovereignty at NMBU with the goal to vote:
"The Student Parliament demands that NMBU gradually phases out proprietary/big tech software in favour of self-hosted open-source alternatives. Where proprietary programs are strictly necessary, European alternatives should be chosen."

## 2655.3 Process the resolution: Reassesment of HUJI(israel)'s Membership in the ELLS Alliance.

*Case responsible: The ELSA representatives*

**Attachment 4:** Resolution of HUJI
**Attachment 5:** Additional information supporting the HUJI resolution

**Purpose**

To vote on the proposed resolution on how NMBU should relate to HUJI's (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel) membership in the ELLS alliance.

**Background**
NMBU is a member of the EuroLeague for Life Sciences (ELLS) alliance, and within this framework, two student representatives from NMBU are represented in the ELLS Student Association (ELSA). ELLS has ten member universities and two partner universities, one of which is The Hebrew University of Jerusalem (HUJI) in Israel.

In light of Israel's invasion of Gaza in 2023 and HUJI's connections to the Israeli military (IDF), students from other ELLS universities have raised questions regarding HUJI's membership status in the ELLS alliance (see Appendix # for further information).

To date, NMBU has not taken a strong position on this matter. Following the discussion case concerning this issue at ST2 and ST3, the Student Board (AU) has prepared a draft resolution regarding HUJI's membership in the ELLS network. The proposal calls for NMBU to take a clear position advocating for a reassessment of this cooperation within ELLS.

**Proposed decision:**
The resolution is approved.

**AUs recommendation**
The Resolution is approved.

Eilif – ELSA representative presented the case.

**Vote:**
Count of representatives eligleble to vote: 18
For: 16
Against: 0
Abstinent: 2
Approved.

**Decision:**
The Student Parliament approved the resolution about how NMBU should relate to HUJI's (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel) membership in the ELLS alliance.

## 2655.4 Process the suggestion of further the use of Sandoren.

*Case responsible: The Student Board v/ David*

**Purpose**

To consider the Student Parliament's position on the future use of the student cabin Sandoren.

**Background**

NMBU students' cabin, Sandoren, was closed this autumn after the fire department conducted an inspection and discovered serious deficiencies. NMBU is currently uncertain about how to proceed with its future operation.

The Property Management Department has established a committee to prepare a report with recommendations regarding the future of NMBU's cabins. The report will be considered by the University Board this autumn.

Students Frida Rushfeldt and David Frøytland (President of the Student Board) are members of this committee and would have stronger negotiating power if supported by a formal resolution from the Student Parliament.

**Sandoren Student Cabin**
NMBU has a cabin facility for students located approximately 15 km from Kongsberg, at Sandoren.
The facility is situated by Lake Fossevannet and originally consisted of 4 cabins, an outhouse and a storage shed. Due to insufficient maintenance, none of the buildings are currently in use. There is no electricity or running water on site.
The cabin can be reached by road during the summer. In winter, however, visitors must walk approximately 3 km from the nearest road. Cross-country ski trails are usually prepared to the area.
The main cabin is a one-and-a-half-storey log structure, and the cabin that mainly have been used. It has sleeping accommodation for 14 people on the second floor, in addition to 16 extra mattresses. The ground floor contains a living room, kitchen, storage room, and entrance hall.

The kitchen is equipped with a gas-powered refrigerator and stove. The cabin also has two wood-burning stoves and a fireplace. Kitchen equipment is available for approximately 30 people.

Visitors must bring their own suitable bedding (duvets, pillows, sleeping bags, etc.), kitchen towels, and dishcloths. They should also bring other consumable items such as cleaning supplies, tea lights, toilet paper, soap, and similar necessities.

Firewood for the sauna is not included in the rental fee and must be supplied by the visitors themselves.

The cabin has been rented primarily to student clubs, societies, and organizations affiliated with NMBU.

**Proposed decision:**

The student democracy bodies wish for NMBU to facilitate the continued use of the student cabin Sandoren by students.

**Au's Recommendation:**
The proposal is adopted.

The Student Board v/ David presented the case.

Counting of representatives eligleble to vote: 17

**Vote:**
**Proposed change 1**
**Original text**:
The student democracy bodies wish for NMBU to facilitate the continued use of the student cabin Sandoren by students.

**New text:**
The Student Democracy believes that NMBU should facilitate the continued use of the student cabin by students, for example by establishing a cabin committee and transferring Sandoren, together with all related costs and responsibilities, to that committee. NMBU should not seek to profit from this transfer.

For: 12
Against: 2
Abstinent: 3
The proposed change was approved

**Vote for the entire proposal including the approved change:**
For: 12
Against: 1
Abstinent: 4
The entire proposal including the approved change was approved.

**Decision:**
The Student Democracy believes that NMBU should facilitate the continued use of the student cabin by students, for example by establishing a cabin committee and transferring Sandoren, together with all related costs and responsibilities, to that committee. NMBU should not seek to profit from this transfer.

## 2655.5 Process change to a paragraph in the Economic regulations

*Case responsible: The Student Board v/ David*

**Attachment:6: The economic regulations for the Student Democracy**

**Purpose:**
Amend the amount specified in Section 1 of the Financial Regulations, which the Student Board (AU) is authorized to reallocate within the budget, so that the student Board has greater flexibility within the budget and accounting period.

**Background:**
According to **§1** In the Financial Regulations of the Student Democracy, "The working committee has the authority to make redistributions between items in the approved budget of up to NOK 5000,-. This applies to individual cases. This must be informed about orally and in writing at the following Student Parliament meeting.

To AU's knowledge, this sum has not been adjusted since the financial regulations were made.
Proposed change in **§1:** The working committee has the authority to redistribute between items in the approved budget by up to NOK. 20,000 per current financial year. This must be informed in an orientation case at the last Student Parliament of the year, Student Parliament 6.

**Proposed decision:**
The proposed change in **§1** is approved.

**AU's Recommendation:**
The proposed change is approved.

The Student Board v/ David presented the case.

**Vote:**
**Proposed change 1**
**Original text:**
This must be informed in an orientation case at the last Student Parliament of the year, Student Parliament 6.

**New text:**
This must be informed about as an orientation case at the upcoming Student Parliament meeting.
For: 12
Against: 0
Abstinent: 5
The proposed change was approved.

**Proposed change 2**
**Original text:**
The Student Board has the authority to redistribute between items in the approved budget by up to NOK. 20,000 NOK per current financial year.

**New text:**
The Student Board has the authority to redistribute between items in the approved budget by up to NOK. 10,000 NOK per current financial year.

For: 8
Against: 6
Abstinent: 3
Proposed change 2 was approved.

**Vote for the whole change including the approves change.**
For: 16
Against: 1
Abstinent: 0
The whole proposal was approved.

**Decision:**
The Student Parliament approved the following change to §1 in the Economic Regulations for the Student Democracy. The Student Board have the authority to redistribute between items in the approved budget by up to NOK 10, 000 per current financial year. This must be informed about as an orientation case at the upcoming Student Parliament meeting.

## 2655.6 Process the Program of Principles

*Case responsible: The Student Board v/ David*

**Attachment 7:** The Program of Principles

**Purpose:**
To process the Program of Principles

**Background**



The Student Board
Email: studenttinget@nmbu.no
Web site www.studentdemokratiet.no

The Program of Principles was discussed at Student Parliament 4. The Program of Principles outlines our fundamental values and positions on overarching issues. Both the Long-Term Strategy and the Action Plan are based on this document. It is subject to revision every four years.

The Student Board (AU) has no objections to the document in its current form and therefore proposes that it be adopted unchanged for another four-year period. Members of the Student Parliament are welcome to propose amendments, deletions, or additions should they wish to do so.

**Proposed decision:**
The Program of Principles is adopted in its current form.

**AU's Recommendation:**
The Program of Principles is adopted in its current form.

The Student Board v/ David presented the case.

Representatives eligleble to vote: 19
**Vote:**
**Proposed change 1**
**Original text:**
To ensure good health and high quality in education it is important that students use their time to study. It is therefore important to increase the financial support of students to achieve full time students. The Student Parliament at NMBU think it is important to raise the support of students above the Norwegian poverty line. This to remove the necessity of a part time job that compromise academic results. A partial goal is therefore to increase the financial support to 1,5 G ( the basic amount in the social funding)

- The students financial support must be raised to 1,5G and to be distributes over 11 months
- The scholarship share of the financial support shall be increased.

**New text:**
To ensure good health and high-quality education, it is important that students can devote their time to their studies. It is therefore essential to increase financial support for students so that full-time study is a realistic option. This is crucial for reducing the need for part-time work, which can negatively affect academic performance. To achieve this, student financial support should be increased to 1.5 times the National Insurance basic amount (G).

- Student financial support must be increased to **1.5 G** and distributed over 11 months.
- The grant component of student financial support should be increased.

For: 14
Against: 3
Abstinent: 2
The proposed change was approved.

**Vote for the entire Program of Principles including the approved change:**
For: 18
Against: 0
Abstinent: 1
Approved

**Decision:**
The Student Parliament's Program of Principles as it is today including the approved proposed change.



The Student Board
Email: studenttinget@nmbu.no
Web site www.studentdemokratiet.no

# 2656 Discussion Cases

## 2656.1 Discussion of the introduction of instructions for the Committee for allocation of Welfare Funds.

*Case Responsible: The Student Board v/ David*

**Attachment 8:** Instructions for the Committee for allocation of Welfare Funds.

**Purpose**

To discuss the introduction of Instructions for the Committee on the Allocation of Welfare Funds.

**Background**

The current **Regulations for the Allocation of Welfare Funds** contain a significant amount of information that is unnecessary for applicants. The intention is to simplify the regulations by moving such information into a separate set of instructions for the committee. While these instructions will remain publicly available, they will not be required reading for those applying for funding.

The purpose of this change is to make the regulations more accessible and reduce the number of incorrectly completed applications, thereby simplifying the committee's work. The instructions will also specify the priorities the committee should follow when assessing applications, making it easier to determine how funds should be allocated.

Instructions for the allocation of **academic and political funding** will also be included in this document, in the same manner as they are currently addressed in the Regulations for the Allocation of Welfare Funds.

**Points for Discussion**

The Student Board (AU) welcomes proposed amendments and feedback.

The Student Board v/ David presented the case.
The Student Parliament discussed the case.

## 2656.2 First-time discussion of the Budget for the Student Democracy for 2027

*Case responsible The Student Board v/ David*

**Attachment 9**: Proposed Budget 2027
**Attachment 10**: Preliminary accounts 2026

**Purpose:**

To discuss the Student Democracy's budget for 2027

**Background:**

The first draft of the 2027 budget is attached. We are assuming a normal year of operations. The figures for the Student Board(AU) salaries and the grant from NMBU are preliminary. This is because these amounts have not yet been confirmed, and the figures will therefore be revised before the next budget review.
In recent years, wage settlements have been finalized toward the end of the year. Additional adjustments to the budget will also be made before the next review round, if necessary.

The Student Board v/ David presented the case.
The Student Parliament discussed the case.

## 2656.3 First-time discussion of the Long-Term Strategy for the Student Democracy for 2027 - 2029

*Case responsible: The Student Board v/ David*

**Attachment 11:** Current Long-Term Strategy for the Student Democracy for 2024 – 2026.

**Purpose:**
To revise the Long -Term strategy for the student Democracy.

**Background:**
The Student Parliament's Long-Term Strategy is due for revision, as the current strategy expires at the end of 2026. This document outlines the goals that the student democracy aims to achieve and work towards in the coming years. The new Long-Term Strategy will remain in effect until 2029, making it important to ensure that the document remains relevant over an extended period of time.
The Long-Term Strategy is a high-level political document containing broad formulations of overarching goals.

The Student Board (AU) wishes for the Student Parliament to review the current Long-Term Strategy and provide feedback on its content. A new Long-Term Strategy will be drafted based on the discussion at Student Parliament 5 and presented for adoption at Student Parliament 6.

The Student Board v/ David presented the case.
The Student Parliament discussed the case.

# 2657 Other Cases

## 2657.1 The offers from NSO and the regulation of membership fee

**Background**
The **Norwegian Student Organization (NSO)** is a nationwide organization that advocates for student interests through lobbying efforts directed at policymakers and by facilitating cooperation across higher education institutions. NSO is governed by the National Assembly, where all member organizations send representatives based on their membership numbers, and by the National Board, where each institution sends one representative whose voting weight is determined by the number of students at that institution. The Chair of the Student board (AU) serves as NMBU's representative and is responsible for promoting the Student Parliament's policies.

NSO has established an ad hoc committee to review the membership fee, known as the **Future Committee**. Currently, the NSO membership fee is not adjusted in line with inflation (CPI), which means that NSO's real income declines each year. In the long term, this will require the organization to reduce its level of activity. This has already resulted in several meetings being relocated to Eastern Norway, primarily Oslo. Additional cuts will be necessary unless the membership fee is increased.
The membership fee is calculated on a per-student basis and is funded through the semester fee. SiÅs has previously been critical of increasing the fee. At present, the membership fee is NOK 33.85 per student.

**Discussion**
The Student Board seeks the Student Parliament's views on NSO and the membership fee. Specifically, the Future Committee is requesting input on what role we believe NSO should play and what services and benefits we want NSO to provide. They also asked what NSO would need to deliver in order for us to support an increase in the membership fee.

The Student Board v/ David presented the case.
The Student Parliament discussed the case.

## 2658 Meeting Evaluation

Link for Meeting Evaluation Form

Meeting evaluation was performed.

# 2659 Attachments

## 2659.1 Attachment 1: Instructions for the Buddy Week

# Revised directive for the Buddy Week at NMBU

*Approved at Student Parliament 5, 20.10.2025*

### 1 Buddy Week

- The Buddy Week at NMBU aims to give new students at NMBU a safe and welcoming welcome, and is founded on the values of inclusion, diversity, and respect.
- The Buddy Week will ensure that new students have the opportunity to create a good foundation for the rest of their studies.
- The Buddy Week will offer a varied selection of events, so that new students can find something that suits their individual interests and preferences.

### 2 Buddy Week structure

- The Buddy Week uses a unified platform for internal communication and document storage.
- The Buddy Board is a committee under the Student Parliament, consisting of the Buddy General, 2 Buddy Brigadiers and Buddy Leaders. This is an advisory body for the Buddy General and will be used to discuss the plans for Buddy Week.
- The Buddy General and the Buddy Brigadiers are jointly referred to as the Buddy Leadership
- The Buddy Week will have a maximum of 11 days of social events in connection with the start of studies to ensure breaks during the Buddy Week.
- Kickoff, guided tour, barbecue and NMBU-cup are permanent events in the Buddy Week and are to be arranged during the first week.
- Everyone that have a position in the Buddy Week shall sign a non-disclosure agreement and a contract that states the job description for the position.

### 2.1 Buddies

- The Buddies are responsible for new students who are to be introduced to NMBU. This entails to contact the buddy children before the start of the semester, and that the buddy is available during the buddy week to answer questions and provide information.
- Buddies are available for at least one volunteer activity during Fadderuka. This can be a welcome shift, sober shift, rigging up/rigging down of a buddy seminar and introductory day.
- Buddies are role models for the new students and must take this responsibility seriously.
- Buddies must pass on information from Buddy managers to Buddy kids.
- All Buddies must sign a contract from the Buddy Leadership.

### 2.2 Buddy Leaders

- Each faculty must have at least 2 Buddy Leaders, who are elected by the student mass at every faculty.

- Is responsible for Buddy Week at the faculty-level and is the link between the Buddies and the Buddy Leadership.
- Is responsible for the division of buddy groups at their faculty.
- Shall be available during the Buddy Week
- Must submit reports and other relevant documents to the digital workplace for the Buddy Board.
- Will write an experience letter.
- Buddy leaders must publish the program for Buddy Week at their faculty, and collaborate with the marketing manager at the Student Board (AU) for publication on studentdemokratiet.no
- Buddy leaders are responsible for recruiting sufficient Buddies from their faculty.
- Buddy leaders must use the email for Fadderuka for communication with external actors

## 2.3 Buddy Secretaries

- The Buddy Secretaries are appointed by the Buddy General, and are approved by the Student Board
- Assists in the duties of the Buddy General and acts as a sparring/discussion partner.
- Is the Deputy Chairs of the Buddy Board and keep minutes.
- Convene and hold at least one Buddy seminar for all buddies, together with the Buddy General.
- Is responsible for the finances of the buddy week.
- Is responsible for room bookings, outdoor area bookings, and equipment bookings.
- The buddy secretary has a duty of confidentiality and must sign the form with the organizing secretary of the Student Board.
- Must approve the Buddy leaders' experience letters.

## 2.4 Buddy General

- Is responsible for organizing and implementing Buddy Week at NMBU in both spring and autumn.
- Acts as a link between the student bodies (AU, the Student Society), NMBU and the Buddy leaders.
- Nominated by the Student Board following a job advertisement and is elected at Student Parliament 5.
- Shall facilitate future development of Buddy Week and shall decide whether there is a need for revision of the document "Directive for the Buddy Week".
- Will collaborate with ISU and ESN on planning ''Introduction week for international students''.

### *2.4.1 Administration*

- Is responsible for ensuring that buddies receive the necessary information for the implementation of Buddy Week. Transparency shall be sought after to ensure that all actors involved in Buddy Week have the necessary information available.
- Coordinate the system for the allocation of Buddy kids together with the Buddy leaders.
- Arranges social events for the Buddy leaders.
- Administers Buddy's and Buddy leader's contracts as well as certificates.

- Ensures that Buddy t-shirts are ordered and distributed.
- Is responsible for a good overlap with their successor.

*2.4.2 Collaborations*

- Plans, summons and leads the Buddy board-meetings.
- Ensures regular communication with external actors, including the Health Centre.
- Will arrange BBQ-party in cooperation with the leader of the Student Board, leader of the Students Society, ''UKA'' Manager, leader and sponsorship manager in NU and the editors of Tuntreet Magazine.
- Facilitate and inform about the university's weekend of registration.
- The Buddy general has a duty of confidentiality and must sign the form with the organizing secretary of the Student Board.

### 2.5 Buddy Board

- Will have regular meetings for discussion about the planning of Fadderuka, where Buddy Management and Buddy Leaders inform about their activities.

*2.5.1 Structure of the Board of Directors*

- Consists of the Buddy General, the Buddy Secretaries and at least one Buddy Leader from each faculty
- A representative from the Student Society Board, the head of security at NMBU, the SiT section leader and a representative from SiA s, ISU and ESN must be invited to all meetings.
- A representative from the Student Board is invited as needed.
- In ''UKA''-years, the Buddy board may consider whether to invite UKA to meetings.

## 3 Security

### 3.1 Safe Events

- The Head of Security at NMBU shall be involved in the planning and risk assessment of events during Buddy Week
- There must be sufficient sober shifts during Buddy Week events. The quantity is determined as needed.

### 3.2 Notification

- The Student Representative, the Buddy General and the Student Board shall develop good internal routines for whistleblowing cases.

## 4 Remuneration:

- Fees are linked to 1G (1 base-income) according to the government rates. The weighting of fees between the Buddy General and the Buddy Brigadiers shall be 40% to the general and 30% to each of the brigadiers.

## 2659.2 Attachment 2: Proposed allocation of Welfare Funds Autumn 2026

| Forening | Formue | Grunnstøtte | Oppstarts støtte | Åpen forening | Aktivitetsmidler søkt | Aktivitetsmidler tildelt | Totalt tildelt |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Rockeklubben | kr 34 000 | kr 1 700 | Nei | Ja | kr 52 686 | kr 0 | kr 1 700 |
| | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | |
| **Sum** | | | | | | | kr 1 700 |

741 2659.3 Attachment 3: Resolution of Digital Sovereignty on NMBU

# Digital Sovereignty at NMBU

Clément Pfeiffer

6 October 2026

## Table of contents

Background ..... 1
Definitions ..... 1
Relevance ..... 1
Solution ..... 2
Suggested action plan ..... 3

## Background

Due to the increasing appropriation and selling of personal and confidential data and information by software giants and the simultaneously expensive licence fees, the Parliament agreed to investigate whether it is time to move to an NMBU-owned IT infrastructure. This would result in a cheaper and more accessible software stack for students and employees, while also ensuring greater self-control over our own data.

## Definitions

- Proprietary software: software which obstructs the source code, disallowing code sharing and modifications and often only made available under a paid licence.
- (Free) and Open source software (FOSS): software with a publicly available source code and a licence allowing free distribution and usage.
- Self-hosting: deploying open source software on your own local IT infrastructure, enabling full control and ownership over your data. The costs mainly results from acquiring and maintaining the required servers.

## Relevance

With the recent political tensions on the global scale, the question of European software independence, referred to as "Digital Sovereignty", is more relevant than ever before.

Many European countries (notably Switzerland, Germany, France, and Denmark) actively work towards making themselves independent of Big Tech corporations (Microsoft, Google, Meta, Amazon, etc.). Their move consists in deploying open source alternatives to expensive and licensed programs like, amongst others, Microsoft Office 365 and Windows.

Open Source Software is transparent and openly available software (hosted on online repositories like GitHub or Codeberg), which ensures ownership over student, employee and scientific data,



742
743

744
745

thus guaranteeing confidentiality and user privacy. Confidential research data should not be stored on externally hosted services (Clouds), especially outside European jurisdiction. Indeed, data placed on OneDrive or exchanged over Teams can be accessed and thus abused by the US government, because they fall under US jurisdiction (cf. US CLOUD Act).

Additionally, well established open source solutions are extensively used by companies worldwide and sometimes audited against security and reliability. The availability of the source code allows for the prompt discovery and patching of vulnerabilities and exploits, thus increasing overall security.

Furthermore, self-hosting open source solutions can significantly cut expenses related to commercial licences, since costs only result from the local IT infrastructure to deploy and maintain them, and the migration of the current data.

The exact costs related to software licences at NMBU "are subject to restrictions in agreements, and cannot be shared" (Geir Tutturen, assistant CISO - NMBU, 2026). To get an idea, in 2024 a German state migrated computers from their public administration running Microsoft software to open source alternatives. The estimated yearly saving will account for 15 million Euros (or 162 million Norwegian Crowns) (https://interoperable-europe.ec.europa.eu/collection/open-source-observatory-osor/news/schleswig-holsteins-open-source-strategy-year).

## Solution

NMBU should investigate the possibility of gradually moving away from proprietary and usually costly software and migrating to open source alternatives. Since this process takes time, it is essential to initiate is as soon as possible. A timely transition has the added benefit of increased user adoption.

Newly acquired software should only be proprietary when there are absolutely no viable open alternatives. This transition on the university level should however not impede on the student's and employee's user experience. Indeed, they would not have to use a certain operating system to access the academic software stack. On the contrary, the user choice should only become wider, since open source software is often available on more platforms than proprietary ones. For this reason, it would be advantageous if NMBU cooperated with other Norwegian or European universities to enjoy experience from previously successful transitions. If needed, NMBU could rely on European companies offering services to migrate IT stacks to open solutions.

Instead of relying on Microsoft for account management, NMBU should adopt broadly utilized open source solutions, safeguarding sensitive user data and improving user freedom (e.g. using a different email client than Outlook).

Fully fledged self-hosted alternatives like Nextcloud are preferable as they ensure confidentiality. Moreover, NMBU should mainly recommend free and open source programs instead of the proprietary licensed ones, which may not be covered by other universities and institutions (e.g. Zotero instead of EndNote). This prevents skill sets from being tied to paid programs not available in a different working and studying environment.

746
747

## Suggested action plan

1. Assess current reliance on external IT services and software and analyse needs
2. Determine capability of current NMBU servers and whether they are sufficient
3. Cooperate with academic and institutional partners having experience with open source migration or that are planning on undertaken it as well
4. Deploy an initial self-hosted open source software stack on NMBU servers and make them available to small test groups (certain research groups/certain student classes)
5. Test the reliance and stability of said self-hosted tools and acquire feedback
6. Scale up the open source/server stack as needed
7. Progressively phase out superfluous proprietary services

### Goal to vote on

The Student Parliament demands that NMBU gradually phases out proprietary/big tech software in favour of self-hosted open source alternatives.
Where proprietary programs are strictly necessary, European alternatives should be chosen.

## 2659.4 Attachment 4: Proposed Huji resolution

# Resolution of HUJI (Israel)'s Membership in the ELLS Alliance

NMBU is a member of the EuroLeague for Life Sciences (ELLS), an alliance of European universities within the life sciences that cooperates in education, research, innovation, and exchange. NMBU also has two student representatives in the ELLS Student Association (ELSA). ELLS consists of ten member universities and two partner universities, one of which is The Hebrew University of Jerusalem (HUJI) in Israel.

In light of Israel's invasion of Gaza in 2023 and HUJI's connections to the Israeli military (IDF), questions have been raised regarding HUJI's membership in ELLS, including within ELSA. Parts of HUJI's campus are built on occupied Palestinian territory. HUJI offers training programs for the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) and has stated that it provided logistical equipment to the military following the invasion of Gaza in 2023. The chair of Israel's largest arms manufacturer is a member of HUJI's Board of Trustees (EUR, 2025).

Several universities have already severed ties with HUJI, and in 2025 both Erasmus University Rotterdam (EUR) and Maastricht University, both in the Netherlands, assessed the ethics of cooperation with HUJI. EUR concluded that there are credible indications that HUJI is involved in structural violations of human rights and international law, and that continued cooperation may compromise the university's values. To date, NMBU has not taken a position on the collaboration with HUJI within the ELLS alliance. The Student Democracy believes that NMBU must set ethical standards for its academic partners. Without seeking to harm individual students, it must be acknowledged that academic cooperation in this situation may have serious consequences. NMBU should therefore take the lead in calling for a reassessment of HUJI's membership in ELLS.

**The Student Parliament calls for**:

- NMBU to take an active position within the ELLS alliance to ensure that HUJI's membership is reassessed.

## 2659.5 Attachment 5 Additional information about ELSA

**What are ELLS and ELSA?**
The EuroLeague for Life Sciences (ELLS) is an alliance of European universities committed to life sciences for sustainability. Rooted in scientific excellence and societal engagement, ELLS drives the transformation of agri-food systems through collaboration in education, research, and innovation. ELLS has ten member universities in Europe, including NMBU, and two partner universities outside of Europe: Lincoln University in New Zealand and the Hebrew University of Jerusalem in Israel (HUJI).

The ELLS Student Association (ELSA) is made up of two representatives from each member university (with voting rights) and one observing representative from partner universities. The primary aim of the ELSA group is to ensure that the student voice is included in decisions made by ELLS and to raise student issues through the appropriate channels. At present there are representatives in ELSA from all universities except HUJI.

**What is the situation?**
Given the invasion of Gaza by the state of Israel, concern has been raised by students from ELLS universities that a collaboration with HUJI is problematic and unethical. Many also recognize that not all students or faculties may agree with the views of their government or the actions of their national military, thus collaboration with individuals is not necessarily in question. However, there are concerns about this institutional-level collaboration as HUJI is a public university with ties to the national military, the Israeli Defense Force (IDF).

**How does HUJI engage in ELLS and by extension with NMBU?**
The Hebrew University of Jerusalem (HUJI) is currently a partner university of the ELLS Alliance. HUJI is an Israeli public research university based in Jerusalem. As a partner university, HUJI pays for membership into ELLS. Students from HUJI are able to study abroad at ELLS universities (including NMBU), enroll in ELLS summer schools, and participate in ELLS conferences. It also opens opportunities for faculty mobility and joint research. As of now, it appears participation of HUJI is minimal, with a few students participating in exchanges and conferences, but at this time, we do not have further concrete statistics.

**Why might this affiliation pose an ethical dilemma?**
Part of HUJI's campus is built on occupied Palestinian territory. HUJI hosts an Israeli Defense Force (IDF, national military) training programme and has promoted its provision of logistical equipment to military units after the invasion of Gaza began in 2023. The chairman of the largest Israeli arms manufacturer sits on HUJI's Board of Trustees.

Several universities have cut ties with HUJI to date, and in 2025, both the Erasmus University Rotterdam (EUR) and Maastricht University, both in the Netherlands, assessed the ethics of collaborating with HUJI. EUR found that:

"Overall, the committee considers that there are credible indications of Hebrew University's involvement in structural violations of human rights and/or international humanitarian law (including war crimes), directly with respect to its physical presence in Occupied Palestinian Territory (especially on land acquired since the Occupation in 1967) and indirectly with respect to its structural entanglement with the State of Israel and the IDF through its military programmes. Under these circumstances, collaboration with Hebrew University puts the EUR in a position in which it may become indirectly connected to these violations, which would in turn seriously compromise the fundamental values and academic responsibilities of the EUR."

You can read the full assessment from EUR here: https://www.eur.nl/media/2025-05-20250526-advice-collaborations-israeli-universities-publication and the assessment from Maastricht University here: https://www.maastrichtuniversity.nl/file/c2502557rbmd-annex-1executive-board-reaction-advice-hrac30-oktpdf

**How has ELLS discussed this to date?**
As student representatives in ELLS, we have little insight into the discussions on this. Our sense is that there is reluctance in ELLS to take any action and rather to keep engagement at low levels. No public statements have been made and no official positions have been taken to our knowledge.

In 2025, ELLS skirted on making the decision on whether HUJI students should be allowed to participate in the annual Student Scientific Conference and placed it on the host university in Sweden, Svensk Landbruks University (SLU). As a public institution, SLU opted to follow the national guidelines and allow HUJI students to participate.

## 2659.6 Attachment 6: Economic Regulations for the Student Democracy

# Economic Regulations for the Student Parliament at NMBU

*Approved at Student Parliament 5, 21.10.2024*

Economic regulations for the Student Parliament at NMBU are in accordance with the statutes for the Student Democracy at NMBU, and in conjunction with the instructions for the semester fee given by the SiÅs board on 19.03.98, and are subordinate to these.

The economic regulations are to inform the student democracy at NMBU about the current economic protocol for the Student Parliament at NMBU. Procedures and responsibilities between the Student Democracy at NMBU and SiÅs concerning the pricing and usage of the semester fee in SiÅs' budget are covered in the instructions for the semester fee.

**The Student Parliament:**
The Student Parliament has the responsibility for handling the budget of the Student Parliament at NMBU. Shall go through and approve of the economic regulations every year. It shall first be presented as a discussion case, and then as a decision case at the following Student Parliament. If changes are to be made that concern SiÅs, then SiÅs is to be given an opportunity to express their opinion before decisions are made.

**The Student Board:**
Has the responsibility of the daily economic dealings of the Student Parliament at NMBU, and is required to operate according to these regulations. Can deliver a statement on behalf of the Student Democracy at NMBU on budgetary matters if the Student Democracy at NMBU is unable to express their opinion for practical reasons.

If a situation arises where the Student Parliament's Student Board has deviated – or sees the need to deviate – from these regulations, they should inform the Student Parliament at the next upcoming meeting.

**SiÅs:**
Is obligated to act in accordance with the instructions for the semester fee concerning decisions between the Student Democracy at NMBU and SiÅs in relation to the pricing and usage of the semester fee in SiÅs' budget.

### §1. Powers

The Student Board has the power to make reallocations between the records of the approved budget of up to 5,000 kr each allocation. Further distribution of income/expenses from the semester fee are to be presented to the Student Parliament to inform them, and to SiÅs for a decision

### §2. Payments

a. The president of The Student Board or the organizational secretary is to attest that the bill/invoice is in accordance with the agreement and that the purchased goods/services are received.
a. Bills are to be attested and approved of before the payment is made.



The Student Board
Email: studenttinget@nmbu.no
Web site www.studentdemokratiet.no

b. If the president is absent (holiday, sickness or other long absences), the vice president of the Student Parliament's Student board has the power to attest payments together with the organizational secretary.
b. Nobody can confirm payments being made to themselves. This means that the vice president of the Student Board must confirm payments being made to the president or the organizational secretary.
c. All payments from the Student Democracy at NMBU are to be made by bank account.

**§3. Travel Expenses**

c. All travel costs that are to be paid for by the Student Parliament NMBU are to be pre-approved of by the president of the Student Parliament's Student Board.
d. As a main rule, travel shall be done by bus, train or other environmentally friendly methods, over plain. The Student Parliament may cover sleeping compartment if needed. Exceptions may be done if environmentally friendly transport results in an unreasonable additional cost, or a significant disadvantage for the Student Parliament or the traveler.
e. The Student Parliament NMBU covers travels for representatives who are traveling to represent the organization at events.
f. The main rule is that travels are handled according to the invoice.
g. Representatives for the Student Parliament NMBU are given a driving mileage allowance according to the state's current rates. Use of a personal bike is remunerated at the same level as using one's own car.

**§4. Food Expenses**

a. Food expenses during travels is covered. This is remunerated after presenting a receipt. The rates are regulated by the National Union of Students in Norway's economic and environmental rules for the current year. In situations where this is not included in the economic framework, the Student Board will conduct a separate assessment.
b. Food costs are not to be covered in meetings/courses/events where the cost is covered by the organizer or included in any participation fees.

## 2659.7 Attachment 7: Program of Principles

# Program of Principles for the Student Parliament at NMBU

*Approved on SP5 11.10.2021, to be revised every 4th year*

**Community responsibility**

Higher Education is a common good which shall be available to all. The Student Parliament is of the impression that the principle of free higher education is one of the most important factors to ensure this. As such it is deemed unacceptable to introduce any tuition or exclude any given group from the academic community. The Student Parliament regards this principle as a universal right and should as such be included in all higher education institutions worldwide. Knowledge is the most important thing of a modern society and a prerequisite for the democracy. A cornerstone of a democratic society are informed citizens who, through dissent come up with solutions that ensures the common good.

- All shall have equal access to education at NMBU and in the rest of the world.
- NMBU have a social responsibility, that entails to educate and form, as well as contribute to the public debate
- NMBU have a central role in inventing solutions for the current and future challenges, as well as ensuring a sustainable development.

**Academic freedom and the institutional autonomy**

Academic freedom is a prerequisite for that academia shall fulfill its social responsibilities. Researchers have the right to choose their own themes, methods and sources for their scientific work, according to their own professional assessments. The autonomy of the institution is important to support the free and critical research and education. Each institution shall be able to make strategic priorities within the national set framework.

- The student parliament supports the principal of academic freedom
- The Student parliament feels that the autonomy of the institution shall be supported

**Study quality**

Quality in education is important, student active, interdisciplinary learning and a carrier-oriented approach shall be the rule at NMBU. Education and research shall be international, universally available and of high academic quality. Therefore it shall be facilitated for practice and exchange in all study programs at NMBU, together with good academic courses that are offered and curriculum. Furthermore, all programs at NMBU shall have good academic and psychosocial environments.

- Education and every day study life at NMBU shall be of high quality
- The teaching methods shall be research based, forward thinking, relevant, diverse, educational and clarify the connection between theory and practice.

The Student Parliament feel that diversity in the academic society is necessary in order to achieve success and development. Therefore we want it to be launched measures to ensure diversity amongst students and employees at NMBU. It is expected adequate facilitation from all parts involved.

- Diversity in the study and academic community at NMBU must be secured

Students shall actively participate in the research conducted at our university and research is to be used as a part of the education and teaching. We are of the opinion that research results and public funded publications are something to be available for all, and not a select group. It must therefore be made infrastructures at NMBU to facilitate user friendly systems for this.

- The Student Parliament supports “Open Access” and “Plan S”

NMBU shall continue to be the sustainability university, and this should be apparent in the apparatus around the students. NMBU, Ås Municipality and SiÅs shall therefore facilitate a environmental friendly operation that ensure a sustainable society. NMBU also have a responsibility to make sure that the sustainability dimension are secured in all study programs, as well as promoting sustainable attitudes from the university.

- NMBU and their collaborators shall have a sustainable operation and business model
- It shall be a relevant sustainability investment in all study programs

**Welfare**

To ensure good health and high quality in education it is important that students use their time to study. It is therefore important to increase the financial support of students to achieve full time students. The Student Parliament at NMBU think it is important to raise the support of students above the Norwegian poverty line. This to remove the necessity of a part time job that compromise academic results. A partial goal is therefore to increase the financial support to 1,5 G ( the basic amount in the social funding)

- The students financial support must be raised to 1,5G and to be distributes over 11 months
- The scholarship share of the financial support shall be increased.

To ensure environmentally friendly transportation and keep NMBU as an attractive study and workplace, the public transportation system must be increased and improved. Transport to and from campus must be better, and the trains should leave the station every 15. minutes between Ås and Oslo.

- The public transportation must be better to and from Campus Ås

All students and employees shall have a good and safe study and work environment.

h.

- There shall be a good and safe study and work environment at NMBU and SiÅs.
- NMBU shall have adequate routines and safe systems for informing about unwanted incidents and harassment

SiÅs shall be the main provider of homes for students at NMBU. It is therefore important to build more student housing. To ensure a high feeling of wellbeing and good health among students, the land lords must ensure a good living environment for the students. SiÅs shall also secure other welfare options like cafeterias and sports at a low cost for students.

- SiÅs will deliver sufficient housing to ensure students experience a good living situation.
- NMBU shall in collaboration with SiÅs and Ås Municipality facilitate for a good student environment and ensure a satisfying student welfare offer.
- All student welfare offers shall be available for both fulltime students and part time students

Ås municipality must take their share of the responsibility as a host municipality and secure a quick application process for housing projects and ensure measures to strengthen students’ psychological

health. Arrangements must be made for students to have the opportunity to take care of their physical health both through the development of the General practitioners arrangement and training opportunities.

- The offer from the Health Center for Students and Youth will be further developed, with a special investment in offers related to mental health care.
- Ås Municipality shall ensure a serious rental marked, as well as facilitate the opportunity for SiÅs to continue their student housing operation.



The Student Board
Email: studenttinget@nmbu.no
Web site www.studentdemokratiet.no

## 2659.8 Attachment 8: Instructions for the Committee for allocation of Welfare Funds

# Instructions to the Welfare Funds Committee

# Instructions to the Committee for the Allocation of Welfare Funds

### 1 Processing of applications and the Committee for the Allocation of Welfare Funds

### 1.1 Mandate

The Committee for the Allocation of Welfare Funds processes all applications and proposes an allocation of welfare funds for the Student Parliament. The Committee assesses the content of the applications against the regulations for the distribution of welfare funds. The Committee evaluates the allocation process and proposes any changes to the regulations and application form; see also Chapter 7 Revision. The Chair of the Committee is free to make editorial changes to the instructions for the Welfare Funds Committee and the regulations for the distribution of welfare funds. The Chair of the Committee may make changes to the welfare funds application form. In the event of major structural changes, including a change of platform or significant changes to the content, the Student Parliament shall be informed.

### 1.2 Composition

The Committee for the Allocation of Welfare Funds consists of:

- Welfare Officer from the Student Parliament's Student Board (Chair of the Committee).
- Chair of the Committee for Inclusion Funds (if this person is also responsible for welfare funds, another representative from the Student Board shall assume the role).

- Finance Manager of Samfunnsstyret.
- A student representative on the SiÅs Board.
- A person who has participated in the allocation in previous years.
- 2 representatives elected by the Student Parliament. The representatives are elected at Student Parliament 4 in the autumn to serve on the committee during the following academic year.

### 1.3 Quorum

The Committee has a quorum when at least three representatives are entitled to vote. Committee members are not entitled to vote and shall not be present when the Committee discusses associations of which they are or have been members. If this applies to the Welfare Funds Officer, that person presents the application and then leaves the room. The Welfare Funds Officer may only be called back in for direct questions concerning the application.

### 1.4 Working method

The Welfare Funds Officer reviews all applications and prepares an overview of the applications and a preliminary allocation proposal. The Welfare Funds Officer may ask the Committee to assist with reviewing applications. The Committee meets 1–2 times before Student Parliament 2, and 1–2 times before Student Parliament 5. The Committee reviews all applications and adjusts the proposal from the Welfare Funds Officer. The Chair of the Committee may otherwise call the members together when necessary.

If a situation arises in which there is doubt as to whether an applicant is entitled to welfare funds, it is up to the Committee for the Allocation of Welfare Funds, following a conversation and discussion with the contact person behind the application, to make a discretionary assessment of whether the applicant is entitled to support from the welfare funds. The Welfare Funds Officer presents the Committee's recommendation to the Student Parliament. Before the Student Parliament meeting, associations may meet with the Welfare Funds Officer to discuss the allocation and any uncertainties. Questions/comments shall be directed to the Welfare Funds Officer and not personally to the members of the Committee.

**2 Decisions**

The Student Parliament adopts the allocation of welfare funds in accordance with the welfare funds regulations. The Student Parliament may make changes to the proposal from the Committee for the Allocation of Welfare Funds. The welfare funds have their main allocation at Student Parliament 2 in the spring and a smaller allocation at Student Parliament 5 in the autumn.

**3. Priorities**

All allocations shall comply with the Regulations for the Distribution of Welfare Funds. In addition, the Committee shall follow the following priorities. Basic support, start-up support and uniform support (open associations only) shall be granted to all qualified applicants. Traditional events that maintain Ås's distinctive character shall be prioritized. Open Associations shall be prioritized over closed associations. As a general rule, events shall be prioritized over support for equipment, but in cases where equipment support is clearly better for student welfare than a given event, the Committee may choose to prioritize this.

**4. Reallocation of funds**

The Chair of the Committee may approve applications for reallocation. If the Chair is disqualified, the Student Board shall make the decision. Reallocation of funds must follow the same regulations as the allocation of funds.

**Distribution of funds**

Funds are divided between welfare funds (85%) and academic and political funds (15%). Of the welfare funds, 92% shall be used in the spring and 8% in the autumn. Funds remaining from the spring allocation may be used in the autumn allocation. Funds remaining from the autumn allocation may be distributed through academic and political funds. Remaining funds are deposited into the students' welfare fund. If significant funds remain from the spring allocation, the Welfare Funds Officer may, exceptionally and where capacity allows, choose to open a more general autumn allocation than the welfare funds regulations would normally permit. The associations shall then be informed of this at least 4 weeks before the application deadline. It shall then be within the Committee's mandate to propose an allocation of funds according to the same regulations as for the spring allocation.



The Student Board
Email: studenttinget@nmbu.no
Web site www.studentdemokratiet.no

## 2659.9 Attachment 9 Proposed Budget for 2027

| Budget 2027 | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Student Parliament** | **B-2027** | **B-2026** | **B-2025** | **B-2024** | **B-2023** |
| Grants NMBU 3,3% | 2 313 920 | 2 259 000 | 2 181 000 | 1 992 859 | 1 915 000 |
| Inclusion funds | 250 000 | 250 000 | 250 000 | 250 000 | 250 000 |
| Semester fee | 1 324 000 | 1 324 000 | 1 100 000 | 1 000 000 | 1000000 |
| **Total Income** | **3 887 920** | **3 833 000** | **3 531 000** | **3242859** | **3 165 000** |
| | | | | | |
| Salary Student Board | | 1 479 003 | 1 457 595 | 1 321 450 | 1 273 965 |
| Remuneration Buddy General/sekretaries | | 130 160 | 124 551 | 118 620 | 112 782 |
| Remuneration + Translation | 5 000 | 5 000 | 10 000 | 20 000 | 20 000 |
| Payroll taxes | | 237 906 | 206 565 | 185 003 | 179 629 |
| Employee insurance | | 92 935 | 79 756 | 40 000 | 15 000 |
| **Total Cost Employees** | | **1 945 004** | **1 878 467** | **1 685 073** | **1 601 377** |
| | | | | | |
| Course, traning and education | 45 000 | 45 000 | 50 000 | 140 000 | 140 000 |
| Office | 5 000 | 5 000 | 9 000 | 10 000 | 10 000 |
| Marketing etc | 30 000 | 30 000 | 30 000 | 45 000 | 45 000 |
| Travel, representation | 75 000 | 75 000 | 75 000 | 70 600 | 70 600 |
| NSO fee, Campus Ås | | 574 422 | 504 365 | 400 000 | 416 000 |
| Student Parliament meetings, SP dinner | 28 000 | 28 000 | 26 000 | 28 000 | 28 000 |
| Organisational expenses | 45 000 | 45 000 | 38 000 | 40 000 | 40 000 |
| Green WEEK | | | | | |
| Buddy Week new pr 2025 | 60 000 | 60 000 | 60 000 | | |
| Barbeque party new pr 2025 | 33 000 | 33 000 | 23 000 | | |
| **Total Other Operational Expenses** | **321 000** | **895 422** | **815 365** | **733 600** | **749 600** |
| | | | | | |
| Welfare funds, Campus Ås | | 749 578 | 595 635 | 589 000 | 584 000 |
| Inclusion Funds, NMBU | 200 000 | 200 000 | 200 000 | 195 000 | 190 000 |
| ISU NMBU | 20 000 | 20 000 | 20 000 | 20 000 | 20 000 |
| ESN | 20 000 | 20 000 | 20 000 | 20 000 | 20 000 |
| **Total Cultural/Social Measures** | **240 000** | **989 578** | **835 635** | **824 000** | **814 000** |
| | | | | | |
| **Total Operational Expenses** | **561 000** | **3 830 004** | **3 529 467** | **3 242 673** | **3 164 977** |
| | | | | | |
| **Annual Result** | **3 326 920** | **2 996** | **1 533** | **186** | **22** |



The Student Board
Email: studenttinget@nmbu.no
Web site www.studentdemokratiet.no

## 2659.10 Attachment 10 Preliminary Accounts for 2026

| Accounts 2026 | pr september | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Student Parliament** | ***A-2026*** | **A-2025** | **A-2024** | **A-2023** | **A-2022** |
| Income | 43 200 | 49 330 | | 20100 | 123 644 |
| Grants NMBU | 2 240 000 | 2 181 000 | 2 151 000 | 1 916 000 | 1 899 000 |
| Inclusion funds | 250 000 | 250 000 | 250 000 | 250 000 | 250 000 |
| Semester fee | 993 000 | 1 100 000 | 1 000 000 | 1 000 000 | 1 000 000 |
| Repaid welfare funds from 2021 | | | | | 159 339 |
| **Total Income** | **3 526 200** | **3 580 330** | **3 401 000** | **3 186 100** | **3 431 983** |
| | | | | | |
| Salary Student Board | 1 035 063 | 1 420 919 | 1 373 922 | 1 277 785 | 1 237 573 |
| Remuneration Buddy General/Secretary/ translation | 41 708 | 124 883 | 122 331 | 127 695 | 118 941 |
| Payroll taxes | 151 824 | 218 396 | 211 387 | 198 565 | 191 547 |
| Employee insurance, retirement | 64 389 | 81 537 | 79 883 | 65 553 | 37 242 |
| OU fond | 126 | - 168 | 168 | - 168 | - 168 |
| **Total Cost Employees** | **1 293 110** | **1 845 567** | **1 787 691** | **1 669 430** | **1 585 134** |
| | | | | | |
| Course, traning and education | 63 017 | 35 717 | 115 904 | 111 933 | 249 890 |
| Office+ office supplies | | 740 | 5 619 | 13 338 | 20 114 |
| Operating exp, expired account | | | | | 3 |
| Phone/post | | | | | 209 |
| Marketing etc, | 15 629 | 28 749 | 28 394 | 41 282 | 95 046 |
| Travel, representation | 62 111 | 65 358 | 56 627 | 57 347 | 74 492 |
| NSO fee, Campus Ås | 259 866 | 494 176 | 423 091 | 387 008 | 378 944 |
| Student Parliament meetings + SC dinners | 14 538 | 18 002 | 22 530 | 23 157 | 13 368 |
| Organisational expenses | 35 566 | 40 478 | 12 715 | 37 796 | 48 374 |
| Green Week | | - 15 415 | | | |
| Barbeque Party | 30 427 | 15 698 | 26 870 | 20 200 | 21 759 |
| Buddy Week | 77 074 | 45 457 | 83 227 | | |
| **Total Other Operational Expenses** | **558 228** | **728 960** | **774 977** | **692 061** | **902 198** |
| | | | | | |
| Welfare funds, Campus Ås | 558 756 | 487 274 | 564 588 | 555 513 | 679 352 |
| Inclusion Funds, NMBU | 116 907 | 168 713 | 140 734 | 198 451 | 217 430 |
| ISU NMBU | 10 000 | 20 000 | 20 000 | 20 000 | 15 000 |
| ESN | 20 000 | 20 000 | 20 000 | 20 000 | 25 000 |
| **Total Cultural/Social Measures** | **705 663** | **695 987** | **745 322** | **793 964** | **936 782** |
| | | | | | |
| **Total Operational Expenses** | **2 557 001** | **3 270 514** | **3 307 990** | **3 155 455** | **3 424 114** |
| | | | | | |
| **Annual Result** | **969 199** | **309 816** | **93 010** | **30 645** | **7 869** |

2659.11 Attachment 11Current Long-Term Strategy for 2024 - 2026

# Long-term strategy for the Student Democracy at NMBU 2024-2026

*Approved at the Student Parliament 6, 13.112023*

This is the long-term strategy of the Student Democracy. It has been approved by the Student Parliament and outlines the goals the Student Democracy has set for itself and will work towards in the coming years. It is taken as a basis that ongoing assessments are constantly made, and there is an understanding both that the needs may change and that unforeseen things may occur. It contains broad formulations of major goals. On a daily basis, the Action Plan is used, which contains concrete goals for how the Student Democracy should work.

## Environment

*NMBU shall be recognized as the sustainability university and be a driver of progress locally, nationally, and internationally. 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 shall be included in future-oriented research. The university shall contribute to the world community with knowledge of a sustainable world.*

- Efforts shall be made to ensure that NMBU is a future-oriented sustainability university, which facilitates sustainability in practice.
- Campus development shall take place in line with sustainable development.
- Campuses and areas where students and staff travel shall be designed for a holistic sustainable lifestyle and way of thinking.
- It should be easy to travel environmentally friendly on, to and from NMBU.
- NMBU shall take an active role in the community development.

## Student life

*It is important to ensure a good learning environment and a good everyday study life for students to have a good quality of life. The students shall have access to everything they need in their everyday life in their immediate environment. The aim is for as many students as possible to have the opportunity to live in student accommodation of an excellent standard through SiÅs if they so wish. Efforts will be made to ensure that the Eika training center maintains the current standard and has a wide offer that suits everyone. The student environment shall be open and inclusive for all students. The health services for students shall be broad and adapted to students as a user group and shall have the time and capacity to help students with their health challenges.*

*Poor mental 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. Therefore, the Student Democracy will work for larger 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 better and broader preventive offer for mental health.
- The Health Station for Youth and Students must remain, and the offer shall be developed to meet the students' needs.
- The possibilities for a dedicated health service on campus for students shall be investigated.
- The Student Democracy will work to ensure that food offered on campus is good, varied and healthy, and that it satisfies the students' needs for affordable and healthy food.
- Boksmia shall maintain its standing as a an academic book store with for the students with a wide selection.

## Internationalization

*NMBU will continue to be an international university and will work to ensure that NMBU is an attractive institution for the outside world. It is important that it is arranged so that international students can get involved in Student Democracy at NMBU and be represented in 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 shall be a priority.*

- Arrangements shall be made for international students to be included in all aspects of student life.
- It shall be worked for that NMBU is a visible voice in the fight to reinstate the free principle – which means that all education is free for everyone in Norway.
- It shall be made arrangements so that everyone could go on an exchange, and more students could take advantage of the opportunity.
- NMBUs' participation in the university alliance ELLS shall give students at NMBU the opportunities to participate in international gatherings and courses with academic input.

## The Student Democracy

*The Student Democracy is important for the students' voice to be heard. To ensure a good democracy, all students should feel a sense of belonging to the Student Democracy. All students should know where they can turn to get answers to their questions and help with their challenges. Elected students shall assist with this, from class level to central level. All student representatives, at all levels of the Student Democracy, shall have the knowledge of the Student Democracy and NMBU, and shall guide and help their fellow students. The path from having a case to raising it in councils and committees shall be short, and students with something on their minds shall be listened to.*

- The Student Democracy at NMBU will continue to be the university with the highest response rate and will constantly strive for higher voter turnout.
- Efforts shall be made for active participation at all levels of the Student Democracy.
- Work shall be done to make the Student Democracy visible.
- Work shall be done to ensure even more remunerated positions for students at NMBU

- Investigations shall be made into whether todays structure of the Student Board is the most appropriate.

## Quality of the studies

*The quality of the studies at NMBU must be excellent. The studies at NMBU will provide students with the competence required for a sustainable future and a changing working life. The physical classrooms should have plenty of space for the students who will be there. There shall be good learning conditions in all classrooms, and the university shall be experienced as a safe place to be. Learning resources should be available to all students, and all software required for teaching shall be easily accessible. Education provided shall be varied, and all teachers should possess pedagogical and didactic competencies. A digital study routine can never replace physical study routines, and when digital aids are used it shall be as a supplement to the physical teaching.*

- Continuous work will be done to ensure that students receive up-to-date, relevant education that prepares them for tomorrow's working life.
- Efforts will be made to ensure that the campus can accommodate all students at NMBU and facilitate a diversity of students.
- Staying on campus shall be attractive and safe.

## The surrounding community

*Efforts will be made to ensure that the students become an included and active part of the local community in Ås, in that the offers of the municipality 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 Bubble must be looked after, and students will have reason to be proud of Ås as the host municipality. The Student Parliament's Student Board will be in continuous dialogue with the municipality, and it is also encouraged that other student councils get involved when something happens in the municipality. Arrangements shall be made for students to have the opportunity to get involved in local and global issues, and students should encouraged to be active citizens of the world. In its work, the county municipality and the local municipality shall ensure that welfare services subject to their mandate meet the students' needs and wishes.*

- Efforts will be made to enable the 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 engage to a greater extent in societal issues.
- Politicians in the municipality and county council shall listen to and facilitate all aspects of the student life.

## Research and innovation

*Through innovation and research, NMBU has a key role in shaping the society of the future. This is about rethinking how society is organized, how we manage our resources and how we use our technology. A culture that values curiosity, creativity, and value creation shall therefore be stimulated. The students will play a central role in creating the solutions of the future, and it is therefore important that everyone who graduates from NMBU has the knowledge and experience they need. Arrangements shall be made so that students from*

*all year levels have the opportunity to be included in research. The path from an idea to an innovation shall be short.*

- Efforts shall be made to make it easier for students to get involved in research projects at NMBU.
- All students at NMBU shall during the course of their studies get the opportunity to obtain innovation competence within their course subjects.
- Research and innovations projects shall to a larger extent be implemented on campus.
- The research at NMBU shall be in compliance with the sustainability goals of the United Nations.



**The Student Board** **Email:** studenttinget@nmbu.no **Web site** www.studentdemokratiet.no

# Approved documents from Student Parliament 5

## Approved allocation of Welfare Funds for autumn 2026

| Forening | Formue | Grunnstøtte | Oppstarts støtte | Åpen forening | Aktivitetsmidler søkt | Aktivitetsmidler tildelt | Totalt tildelt |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Rockeklubben | kr 34 000 | kr 1 700 | Nei | Ja | kr 52 686 | kr 0 | kr 1 700 |
| | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | |
| **Sum** | | | | | | | kr 1 700 |



The Student Board
Email: studenttinget@nmbu.no
Web site www.studentdemokratiet.no

1264 Approved Resolution of Digital Sovereignty at NMBU
1265
1266

# Resolution about Digital Sovereignty at NMBU

Clément Pfeiffer

*Approved at Student Parliament 5 19.10.2026*

6 October 2026

## Table of contents

Background ..... 1
Definitions ..... 1
Relevance ..... 1
Solution ..... 2
Suggested action plan ..... 3

## Background

Due to the increasing appropriation and selling of personal and confidential data and information by software giants and the simultaneously expensive licence fees, the Parliament agreed to investigate whether it is time to move to an NMBU-owned IT infrastructure. This would result in a cheaper and more accessible software stack for students and employees, while also ensuring greater self-control over our own data.

## Definitions

- Proprietary software: software which obstructs the source code, disallowing code sharing and modifications and often only made available under a paid licence.
- (Free) and Open source software (FOSS): software with a publicly available source code and a licence allowing free distribution and usage.
- Self-hosting: deploying open source software on your own local IT infrastructure, enabling full control and ownership over your data. The costs mainly results from acquiring and maintaining the required servers.

## Relevance

With the recent political tensions on the global scale, the question of European software independence, referred to as "Digital Sovereignty", is more relevant than ever before.

Many European countries (notably Switzerland, Germany, France, and Denmark) actively work towards making themselves independent of Big Tech corporations (Microsoft, Google, Meta, Amazon, etc.). Their move consists in deploying open source alternatives to expensive and licensed programs like, amongst others, Microsoft Office 365 and Windows.

Open Source Software is transparent and openly available software (hosted on online repositories like GitHub or Codeberg), which ensures ownership over student, employee and scientific data,

thus guaranteeing confidentiality and user privacy. Confidential research data should not be stored on externally hosted services (Clouds), especially outside European jurisdiction. Indeed, data placed on OneDrive or exchanged over Teams can be accessed and thus abused by the US government, because they fall under US jurisdiction (cf. US CLOUD Act).

Additionally, well established open source solutions are extensively used by companies worldwide and sometimes audited against security and reliability. The availability of the source code allows for the prompt discovery and patching of vulnerabilities and exploits, thus increasing overall security.

Furthermore, self-hosting open source solutions can significantly cut expenses related to commercial licences, since costs only result from the local IT infrastructure to deploy and maintain them, and the migration of the current data.

The exact costs related to software licences at NMBU "are subject to restrictions in agreements, and cannot be shared" (Geir Tutturen, assistant CISO - NMBU, 2026). To get an idea, in 2024 a German state migrated computers from their public administration running Microsoft software to open source alternatives. The estimated yearly saving will account for 15 million Euros (or 162 million Norwegian Crowns) (https://interoperable-europe.ec.europa.eu/collection/open-source-observatory-osor/news/schleswig-holsteins-open-source-strategy-year).

## Solution

NMBU should investigate the possibility of gradually moving away from proprietary and usually costly software and migrating to open source alternatives. Since this process takes time, it is essential to initiate is as soon as possible. A timely transition has the added benefit of increased user adoption.

Newly acquired software should only be proprietary when there are absolutely no viable open alternatives. This transition on the university level should however not impede on the student's and employee's user experience. Indeed, they would not have to use a certain operating system to access the academic software stack. On the contrary, the user choice should only become wider, since open source software is often available on more platforms than proprietary ones. For this reason, it would be advantageous if NMBU cooperated with other Norwegian or European universities to enjoy experience from previously successful transitions. If needed, NMBU could rely on European companies offering services to migrate IT stacks to open solutions.

Instead of relying on Microsoft for account management, NMBU should adopt broadly utilized open source solutions, safeguarding sensitive user data and improving user freedom (e.g. using a different email client than Outlook).

Fully fledged self-hosted alternatives like Nextcloud are preferable as they ensure confidentiality. Moreover, NMBU should mainly recommend free and open source programs instead of the proprietary licensed ones, which may not be covered by other universities and institutions (e.g. Zotero instead of EndNote). This prevents skill sets from being tied to paid programs not available in a different working and studying environment.

## Suggested action plan

1. Assess current reliance on external IT services and software and analyse needs
2. Determine capability of current NMBU servers and whether they are sufficient
3. Cooperate with academic and institutional partners having experience with open source migration or that are planning on undertaken it as well
4. Deploy an initial self-hosted open source software stack on NMBU servers and make them available to small test groups (certain research groups/certain student classes)
5. Test the reliance and stability of said self-hosted tools and acquire feedback
6. Scale up the open source/server stack as needed
7. Progressively phase out superfluous proprietary services

## Goal to vote on

**The Student Parliament demands that NMBU gradually phases out proprietary/big tech software in favour of self-hosted open source alternatives.**
**Where proprietary programs are strictly necessary, European alternatives should be chosen.**

Approved Resolution of HUJI's membership in the ELLS Alliansen

## Resolution of HUJI (Israel)'s Membership in the ELLS Alliance

*Approved at Student parliament 5, 19.10.2026*

NMBU is a member of the EuroLeague for Life Sciences (ELLS), an alliance of European universities within the life sciences that cooperates in education, research, innovation, and exchange. NMBU also has two student representatives in the ELLS Student Association (ELSA). ELLS consists of ten member universities and two partner universities, one of which is The Hebrew University of Jerusalem (HUJI) in Israel.

In light of Israel's invasion of Gaza in 2023 and HUJI's connections to the Israeli military (IDF), questions have been raised regarding HUJI's membership in ELLS, including within ELSA. Parts of HUJI's campus are built on occupied Palestinian territory. HUJI offers training programs for the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) and has stated that it provided logistical equipment to the military following the invasion of Gaza in 2023. The chair of Israel's largest arms manufacturer is a member of HUJI's Board of Trustees (EUR, 2025).

Several universities have already severed ties with HUJI, and in 2025 both Erasmus University Rotterdam (EUR) and Maastricht University, both in the Netherlands, assessed the ethics of cooperation with HUJI. EUR concluded that there are credible indications that HUJI is involved in structural violations of human rights and international law, and that continued cooperation may compromise the university's values. To date, NMBU has not taken a position on the collaboration with HUJI within the ELLS alliance. The Student Democracy believes that NMBU must set ethical standards for its academic partners. Without seeking to harm individual students, it must be acknowledged that academic cooperation in this situation may have serious consequences. NMBU should therefore take the lead in calling for a reassessment of HUJI's membership in ELLS.

**The Student Parliament calls for**:

- NMBU to take an active position within the ELLS alliance to ensure that HUJI's membership is reassessed.

Approved Economic Regulations for the Student Democracy

# Economic Regulations for the Student Parliament at NMBU

*Approved at Student Parliament 5, 19.10.2026*

Economic regulations for the Student Parliament at NMBU are in accordance with the statutes for the Student Democracy at NMBU, and in conjunction with the instructions for the semester fee given by the SiÅs board on 19.03.98, and are subordinate to these.

The economic regulations are to inform the student democracy at NMBU about the current economic protocol for the Student Parliament at NMBU. Procedures and responsibilities between the Student Democracy at NMBU and SiÅs concerning the pricing and usage of the semester fee in SiÅs' budget are covered in the instructions for the semester fee.

**The Student Parliament:**
The Student Parliament has the responsibility for handling the budget of the Student Parliament at NMBU. Shall go through and approve of the economic regulations every year. It shall first be presented as a discussion case, and then as a decision case at the following Student Parliament. If changes are to be made that concern SiÅs, then SiÅs is to be given an opportunity to express their opinion before decisions are made.

**The Student Board:**
Has the responsibility of the daily economic dealings of the Student Parliament at NMBU, and is required to operate according to these regulations. Can deliver a statement on behalf of the Student Democracy at NMBU on budgetary matters if the Student Democracy at NMBU is unable to express their opinion for practical reasons.

If a situation arises where the Student Parliament's Student Board has deviated – or sees the need to deviate – from these regulations, they should inform the Student Parliament at the next upcoming meeting.

**SiÅs:**
Is obligated to act in accordance with the instructions for the semester fee concerning decisions between the Student Democracy at NMBU and SiÅs in relation to the pricing and usage of the semester fee in SiÅs' budget.

## §1. Powers

The Student Board is authorized to reallocate funds between accounts in the approved budget by up to NOK 10,000 per current financial year.
This shall be presented as an orientation case at the next Student Parliament meeting.

## §2. Payments

i. The president of The Student Board or the organizational secretary is to attest that the bill/invoice is in accordance with the agreement and that the purchased goods/services are received.
d. Bills are to be attested and approved of before the payment is made.
j. If the president is absent (holiday, sickness or other long absences), the vice president of the Student Parliament's Student board has the power to attest payments together with the



The Student Board
Email: studenttinget@nmbu.no
Web site www.studentdemokratiet.no

organizational secretary.

e. Nobody can confirm payments being made to themselves. This means that the vice president of the Student Board must confirm payments being made to the president or the organizational secretary.

f. All payments from the Student Democracy at NMBU are to be made by bank account.

**§3. Travel Expenses**

k. All travel costs that are to be paid for by the Student Parliament NMBU are to be pre-approved of by the president of the Student Parliament's Student Board.

l. As a main rule, travel shall be done by bus, train or other environmentally friendly methods, over plain. The Student Parliament may cover sleeping compartment if needed. Exceptions may be done if environmentally friendly transport results in an unreasonable additional cost, or a significant disadvantage for the Student Parliament or the traveler.

m. The Student Parliament NMBU covers travels for representatives who are traveling to represent the organization at events.

n. The main rule is that travels are handled according to the invoice.

o. Representatives for the Student Parliament NMBU are given a driving mileage allowance according to the state's current rates. Use of a personal bike is remunerated at the same level as using one's own car.

**§4. Food Expenses**

c. Food expenses during travels is covered. This is remunerated after presenting a receipt. The rates are regulated by the National Union of Students in Norway's economic and environmental rules for the current year. In situations where this is not included in the economic framework, the Student Board will conduct a separate assessment.

d. Food costs are not to be covered in meetings/courses/events where the cost is covered by the organizer or included in any participation fees.

Approved Program of Principles for the Student Democracy

# Program of Principles for the Student Parliament at NMBU

*Approved on SP5 19.10.2026, to be revised every 4th year*

**Community responsibility**

Higher Education is a common good which shall be available to all. The Student Parliament is of the impression that the principle of free higher education is one of the most important factors to ensure this. As such it is deemed unacceptable to introduce any tuition or exclude any given group from the academic community. The Student Parliament regards this principle as a universal right and should as such be included in all higher education institutions worldwide. Knowledge is the most important thing of a modern society and a prerequisite for the democracy. A cornerstone of a democratic society are informed citizens who, through dissent come up with solutions that ensures the common good.

- All shall have equal access to education at NMBU and in the rest of the world.
- NMBU have a social responsibility, that entails to educate and form, as well as contribute to the public debate
- NMBU have a central role in inventing solutions for the current and future challenges, as well as ensuring a sustainable development.

**Academic freedom and the institutional autonomy**

Academic freedom is a prerequisite for that academia shall fulfill its social responsibilities. Researchers have the right to choose their own themes, methods and sources for their scientific work, according to their own professional assessments. The autonomy of the institution is important to support the free and critical research and education. Each institution shall be able to make strategic priorities within the national set framework.

- The student parliament supports the principal of academic freedom
- The Student parliament feels that the autonomy of the institution shall be supported

**Study quality**

Quality in education is important, student active, interdisciplinary learning and a carrier-oriented approach shall be the rule at NMBU. Education and research shall be international, universally available and of high academic quality. Therefore it shall be facilitated for practice and exchange in all study programs at NMBU, together with good academic courses that are offered and curriculum. Furthermore, all programs at NMBU shall have good academic and psychosocial environments.

- Education and every day study life at NMBU shall be of high quality
- The teaching methods shall be research based, forward thinking, relevant, diverse, educational and clarify the connection between theory and practice.

The Student Parliament feel that diversity in the academic society is necessary in order to achieve success and development. Therefore we want it to be launched measures to ensure diversity amongst students and employees at NMBU. It is expected adequate facilitation from all parts involved.

- Diversity in the study and academic community at NMBU must be secured

Students shall actively participate in the research conducted at our university and research is to be used as a part of the education and teaching. We are of the opinion that research results and public funded publications are something to be available for all, and not a select group. It must therefore be made infrastructures at NMBU to facilitate user friendly systems for this.

- The Student Parliament support “Open Access” and “Plan S”

NMBU shall continue to be the sustainability university, and this should be apparent in the apparatus around the students. NMBU, Ås Municipality and SiÅs shall therefore facilitate a environmental friendly operation that ensure a sustainable society. NMBU also have a responsibility to make sure that the sustainability dimension are secured in all study programs, as well as promoting sustainable attitudes from the university.

- NMBU and their collaborators shall have a sustainable operation and business model
- It shall be a relevant sustainability investment in all study programs

**Welfare**

To ensure good health and high quality in education it is important that students use their time to study. It is therefore important to increase the financial support of students to achieve full time students. This to remove the necessity of a part time job that compromise academic results. In order to achieve this the financial support for students should be raised to 1,5 G.

- The students financial support must be raised to 1,5G and to be distributed over 11 months
- The scholarship share of the financial support shall be increased.

To ensure environmentally friendly transportation and keep NMBU as an attractive study and workplace, the public transportation system must be increased and improved. Transport to and from campus must be better, and the trains should leave the station every 15. minutes between Ås and Oslo.

- The public transportation must be better to and from Campus Ås

All students and employees shall have a good and safe study and work environment.

- There shall be a good and safe study and work environment at NMBU and SiÅs.
- NMBU shall have adequate routines and safe systems for informing about unwanted incidents and harassment

SiÅs shall be the main provider of homes for students at NMBU. It is therefore important to build more student housing. To ensure a high feeling of wellbeing and good health among students, the land lords must ensure a good living environment for the students. SiÅs shall also secure other welfare options like cafeterias and sports at a low cost for students.

- SiÅs will deliver sufficient housing to ensure students experience a good living situation.
- NMBU shall in collaboration with SiÅs and Ås Municipality facilitate for a good student environment and ensure a satisfying student welfare offer.
- All student welfare offers shall be available for both fulltime students and part time students

Ås municipality must take their share of the responsibility as a host municipality and secure a quick application process for housing projects and ensure measures to strengthen students' psychological health. Arrangements must be made for students to have the opportunity to take care of their physical health both through the development of the General practitioner's arrangement and training opportunities.

- The offer from the Health Center for Students and Youth will be further developed, with a special investment in offers related to mental health care.
- Ås Municipality shall ensure a serious rental marked, as well as facilitate the opportunity for SiÅs to continue their student housing operation.



The Student Board
Email: studenttinget@nmbu.no
Web site www.studentdemokratiet.no