

Action Plan for the Student Democracy 2026

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The Action Plan for the Student Democracy at NMBU clarifies the tasks that the Student Parliament's Student Board shall prioritize in 2026.

Environment and Sustainability:

The Sustainability Committee has previously had a low activity level, but measures have now been implemented to increase engagement and activity. Further effort and follow-up are necessary to support the committee's work and strengthen their contribution to a more sustainable campus at NMBU.

Goal: Strengthen the collaboration between the Sustainability Committee, the Sustainability Hub, and relevant student organizations by ensuring good dialogue and conducting joint events each semester. Work towards establishing a common meeting point.

Internationalization:

Currently, it is primarily ISU and ESN that offer social events for international students. To strengthen inclusion and create more opportunities for interaction between Norwegian and international students, a broader range of such activities is needed throughout the year. It should also be considered whether increased inclusion can be achieved through other measures.

Goal: Encourage more associations and organizations to include international students in their activities. This can be achieved by promoting inclusion funds more clearly, stimulating more collaboration between different actors, and identifying other necessary measures.

Research:

To increase student involvement in research and provide them with valuable research experience, the Student Board has initiated the project "Students in Research" (SIF), which will be introduced as a course.

Goal: Continue to follow up on the SIF course and ensure that the student voice is considered in research at the university.

Innovation:

There are several initiatives for student innovation at NMBU, but the lack of collaboration between them has affected the innovation landscape. A collaborative group for student innovation has been established at the university to strengthen cooperation across initiatives. Funding has also been made available for student initiatives in innovation.

Goal: Follow up the collaboration group by ensuring at least two meetings per semester. Organize joint activities between the various innovation initiatives, and promote the innovation funds.

Learning Environment:

Due to NMBU's financial situation, it has been decided that the university will reduce its campus area by 5–10% by 2030. In this process, it is important to ensure student involvement in decisions concerning student spaces. Currently, there is no clear overview of which councils or groups students should sit on for construction projects, how student representatives are appointed to these bodies, or guidelines for meaningful participation. Good student involvement in these planning processes in the coming years is crucial to maintaining a good study environment at NMBU.

Goal: Establish a system for appointing student representatives to project groups, boards, and committees in construction matters at NMBU. Ensure the production of guidance materials for student representatives to facilitate meaningful participation.

Study Quality:

The university and college sector faces challenging financial times, and NMBU is no exception. This may create difficulties in maintaining high study quality.

Artificial intelligence has also become part of everyday academic life, but students receive insufficient training in its use. Controlling academic dishonesty in alternative exam situations is also increasingly difficult.

Goal: Ensure that NMBU's financial situation does not compromise study quality by securing a strong student voice in the Study Committee.

Work to ensure that students gain sufficient competence in the use of artificial intelligence, and that they are protected in exam situations regarding privacy and trust.

Welfare:

NMBU has many clubs, organizations, and associations that are established, run, and led by students. Currently, no unit has formal responsibility for these associations, and there is no local guiding resource available to support them in organizational work or in handling challenging situations. Without access to advice or other supportive resources, for example, a whistleblowing case can become burdensome for both the whistleblower and the one that is receiving the case. A supportive resource could, for instance, take the form of a written guide. As NMBU has a uniquely rich association culture, it is important to preserve it by ensuring that participation remains safe.

Goal: Work to develop a safe organization-resource for NMBU's clubs and associations.

Promotion and Visibility:

Reaching the entire student body is a challenging task but is critical for ensuring good information flow, voter participation, and to secure a genuine student democracy.

Goal: Improve the visibility of the Executive Committee and the Student Democracy in general to reach a larger proportion of students. Cooperate with the Communications Department and other relevant actors at NMBU to improve intercommunication efforts.

Student Democracy:

Class representatives play a very important role in the Student Democracy. Unfortunately, few run for these positions, and the potential for participation is not sufficiently utilized.

Goal: Create an action plan to motivate participation in the Student Democracy and follow it up. Additionally, facilitate improved training and support programs for newly elected class representatives in collaboration with the student councils.