ELSA Guidelines

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Background:
NMBU is an observer in the European university alliance Euro League for Life Sciences (ELLS). ELLS has a student organization called ELSA. ELSA works to promote student interests and viewpoints in various matters that member universities collaborate on. Examples include student exchange and mobility between universities. Participation offers the opportunity to meet students from across Europe and experience European university culture. It is a social and exciting role.

Composition and Terms:
There shall be two representatives from NMBU in ELSA. One is the AU's International Officer, and the other is elected by the Student Parliament. The elected member serves for two years.

Requirements:

- Must be proficient in written and spoken English, including in small group settings.
- Must attend all physical meetings. This includes travel to other universities in the alliance. In spring, there is the Spring Meeting (SM); in autumn, both the Scientific Student Conference (SSC) and the Fall Meeting (FM).

Responsibilities:
As an ELSA representative, you are expected to:

- Attend the three annual physical meetings for ELSA representatives.
- Participate in monthly online meetings.
- Stay updated on the platform used by ELSA and be available for meetings as needed.
- Take on a role within ELSA. You choose the role yourself, and the workload will vary.
- Before FM and SM: Investigate what NMBU is working on related to ELLS and relevant topics and share this information at the meetings.
- After FM and SM: Report back to the Student Parliament about the meeting and relevant matters for NMBU.

Transition:
The outgoing ELSA representative is responsible for the transition when a new representative takes over. This includes a meeting between the outgoing and incoming representative. The transition should cover ELSA practices, how physical and digital meetings function, and updates on recent relevant topics.

Other:
Travel, food, and accommodation are covered by the Student Parliament. Meals are reimbursed according to NSO's travel and per diem regulations.