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2661 Constitution

2661.1 Approval of today's agenda and summoning

2661.2 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)

2661.3 Appointment of a Counting Committee

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2662 Greeting to the Student Parliament

Our contact person in NSO will come and present themselves and the organization

2663 Orientation cases

The Minutes for Student Parliament 6 are presented as semi-annual reports and are attached to the casepapers.

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

2663.2 Orientation AU semi-annual report

Case responsible: The Student Board

Attachment 1: Semi-annual report from the Student Board

Purpose:
The Student Board will brief on its activities in the autumn semester of 2026.

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Proposed resolution:
The Student Parliament considers itself briefed on the matter

2663.3 Orientation semi-annual report from US and SiÅs

Case responsible: US v/ and SiÅs v/

Attachment 2: Semi-annual report from the University Board representatives - will be sent in a separate email
Attachment 3: Semi-annual report from the SiÅs-Board representative

Purpose:
SiÅs and US will inform about their activity in the autumn semester 2026

Proposed resolution:
The Student Parliament considers itself briefed on the matter

2663.4 Annual report from the Control Committee

Case responsible: Control Committee v/ Lisa

Attachment 4: Annual report of the Control Committee

Purpose:
Brief the Student Parliament on the work of the control committee in 2025.
Background:
The control committee reports according to the chairperson's term of office. When a new chairman of the control committee (CC) is elected at ST6, CC will simultaneously report on its work over the past year. The report is attached, and as usual it will be possible to ask clarifying questions

2663.5 Annual report from the ELSA Representative

Case responsible Eilif Rønning

Attachment 5: Report from ELSA representative

Purpose:
The ELSA representative will brief the student parliament on their activity of the fall 2026

Proposed resolution:
The Student Parliament considers itself briefed on the matter

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2663.6 Orientation about AOS234 Students in Leadership

Case responsible: The student Board v/ Ingrid

The Study Quality Officer, Ingrid, has been working with the course coordinator to organize AOS234: Students in Leadership for the Spring 2027 semester. This course is designed for students who hold elected or appointed positions in organizations and associations that are part of the student community at NMBU.

The course includes seven mandatory lectures throughout the spring semester, as well as a written examination in May. The lectures will be held in the evenings, and free dinner will be provided for students enrolled in the course.

As the number of places is limited, admission to the course will be based on an application process. Positions that are closely connected to the student community will be given priority. A minimum of 25 participants is required for the course to be offered.

Applications are now open, and the application deadline is 15 January.

Application Form:
Application form for AOS234 – Students in Leadership – Fill out form

If you are interested in taking this course yourself, or know someone who would benefit from it, please contact Ingrid Maria Kjønna Aanonsen.

More information can be found here:

Students in Leadership – Special course for elected representatives | NMBU

2663.7 Orientation of the status of the Student Democracy Plan of Action for the last semester

Case responsible: The Student Board v/

Attachment 6: Color-coded status update on the Student Democracy Action Plan for 2026,

Purpose:
Inform about the status of the Student Democracy Action Plan for 2026 and lay the foundation for assessment and adoption of the Student Democracy Action Plan for 2027.

Background:
The Student Democracy Action Plan for 2026, which was adopted at Student Parliament 6 last year, has laid the foundation for the organization's priorities this year, and the work of the Student Board (AU). The action plan is divided into six (6) overarching areas of work, with bullet points that have guided the work within each of the areas. In the appendix, these bullet points are color-coded according to the AU's assessment of the point's completion rate as of November 2026:

Purple indicates that the point has been completed

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Yellow indicates that the point is in the process
Red indicates that the point has not been completed.

It is noteworthy that many of the points embrace work that is difficult to measure completion rate of, as they are phrased with terms such as "work on" and "work for". Even with a lot of hard work to get something done, these points cannot in good conscience be marked as purple since what one is working for in its entirety has not been completed.

It should also be pointed out that a yellow-marked bullet point does not directly represent the level of completion beyond the fact that it has begun or is en route, as several bullet points marked yellow e.g. have been *worked on* but cannot be defined as completed.

Proposed resolution:
Student Parliament considers itself briefed on the status of the Student Democracy Action Plan for 2026.

2666 Expedited decision case due to relation to an election

2666.1 Process a change in the Framework for the Working Year

Case responsible: The Student Board v/ David

Attachment 7: Framework for the Working Year

Background:
In order to have an overlap period for ELSA representatives, it is proposed to move the election from student parliament 1 to student parliament 6. The period for the position will be 1. January to 31. December, with an overlap between student parliament 6 and the turn of the year.

Proposal for a decision
A new *framework for the working year* is adopted.

The student board's recommendation:
The proposal is adopted.

2664 Elections and appointments

2664.1 Election of the leader of the Control Committee

Case responsible: Election Committee

Attachment 8: Instructions for the Control Committee

Purpose:
To choose the head of the Control committee for the coming term

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Background:
The head of the Control Committee sits on the committee together with two other members, who together form an advisory body which is obliged to report to the Student Parliament in the event of a breach of the regulations, guidelines and rules of procedure.

If there are grounds to believe that there has been a breach of the regulations or guidelines, the KK can investigate the matter both on request and on its own initiative. The KK meets at the student parliament meetings (SP) and also takes part in the planning meeting and the student council dinner beforehand. The committee has an obligation to attend SP, and at least two (2) from the committee must attend. At least one (1) member of the committee must be part of the vote counters. The KK must also be represented by at least one (1) member at the student council dinners.

The position has a duration of one year with immediate entry. After the election of a new head, overlap meeting(s) must be held between the previous and new head before the next SP (i.e. before the constituent SP). The meeting will be about the normal proceedings of the committee, as well as a briefing on current matters.
As both member and head of the Control Committee, one cannot hold the following position/be a member of:

- The Student Parliament's Student Board (AU)
- The Student Parliament (representatives and chairmen)
- University Board (US)
- The Election committee
- President of the SiÅs board

Proposed decision:
Xx is chosen as the head of the Control Committee for the coming term.

Candidates:

2664.2 Election of chairman and substitute chairman

Case responsible: Election Committee

Purpose:
Election of one (1) chairman and one (1) substitute chairman.

Background:
As Chairman, one's main task is to ensure that the Student Parliament reviews the planned agenda in an orderly and efficient manner, and within a reasonable time frame. They are in charge of meetings in the Student Parliament, control the floor through the agenda, and carry out elections. You follow normal meeting procedures to a large extent, and it is therefore beneficial for you to already be aware of these procedures.

The chairmen should have experience in leading meetings and preferably have been to larger meetings or experienced SP (Student Parliament meeting) before. The chairmen have a preliminary meeting with the Student Parliament's Student Board (AU) and the Control Committee (KK), where the cases are

reviewed so that a meeting agenda can be made to ensure efficient time usage for the individual cases before the Student Parliament. The chairmen are also invited to the student council dinner.

The position provides a lot of experience with structured meeting management, as well as good insight into the work of the student democracy here at NMBU. The position has a duration of one year and lasts until ST 6 2025, with immediate entry.

Proposed decision:
Xx is chosen as Chairman, and xx is chosen as substitute Chairman.

Candidates:

2664.3 Election of 1 representative to ELSA

Case responsible: Election Committee

Attachment 9: ELSA Instructions
Attachment 10: Candidacy for ELSA representative Jacob Immanuel Knudsen

Purpose:
To elect an ELSA-representative

Background:
NMBU are observers in the European University Alliance, Euroleague for Life Sciences (ELLS). ELLS has a student organization, ELSA, where there will be two representatives from NMBU. One will be from the AU, and the other will be chosen by the Student Parliament.

There will be at least three physical meetings a year for the ELSA representatives, where travel to some of the other universities in the alliance must be expected. In the spring there is the Spring Meeting, in the autumn there will be both the Scientific student Conference and the Fall Meeting. As an ELSA representative, you have to count on monthly online meetings, have to keep up-to-date on the platform ELSA uses, and factor in meetings if necessary. You will be assigned a task within ELSA. By joining, you get the opportunity to get to know students from all over Europe, and see the European university culture.

This position is a social and exciting position, but it will also be challenging for those who apply. You must be comfortable with both writing and speaking English. You may have to speak English for both smaller and larger gatherings.

The position is elected for 2 years at a time.

Candidate:
Jacob Immanuel Knudsen

Proposed decision:
Xx is chosen as ELSA-representative in the period between 01.27 – 12. 29

2664.3 Election of the Election Committee

Case responsible: Election Committee

Attachment 11: The instructions for the Election Committee

Purpose:
Choose four (4) members for the Student Parliament's election committee.

Background:
The main responsibility of finding candidates for all positions for election at the Student Parliament and other student elections at University level, falls to the election committee. They are also responsible for marketing the elections and preparing case papers for election cases. The election committee can present its recommendation and should do so if it is considered appropriate. As a member of the election Committee, you have an important role in student democracy, as you help to ensure that we have good people in the many different positions within the organisation. They work actively to reach out to all students at NMBU and promote the various positions throughout the year. This is to secure and maintain the interests of NMBU students through good representatives. Members of the election committee cannot stand for election within the election committee's term of office, with the exception of re-election to the election committee. The members of the election committee should attend the Student Parliament's meetings and events. You can expect close cooperation with the Student Parliament's Student Board and the student councils at each faculty. As an election committee member, you have to prepare for a lot of work on social media, mail and campaign design. The position has a duration of one year with immediate entry.

Proposed decision:
Xx are chosen as members of the Student Parliaments election committee for the coming term.

Candidates:

2664.4 Election of delegates and substitute delegates to the national meeting of NSO 2027

Case responsible: Election Committee

Attachment 12: Candidacy for Kristoffer Kjelling

Purpose:
To choose four (5) delegates and four (5) substitute delegates for the Norwegian Student organization's National meeting .

Background:
The Norwegian Student Organization (NSO) promotes and safeguards the interests of approximately 270,000 students nationally. As a delegate to NSO's national meeting, you will be part of the decision-making in NSO's highest body, where a total of up to 350 participants meet to deal with regulations, action plans, accounts, budgets, reports and briefings, selection of working committees, central board, new

committee members, etc. The national meeting is organized once a year and consists of representatives from all member teams in NSO.

As a delegate, you are expected to attend pre-meetings at Ås, where the agenda is discussed prior to the National meeting. The National meeting delegates have their travel and accommodation to the National meeting covered. The National meeting in 2027 will be in Oslo, Friday 16th of April till Sunday 18th of April. In addition, there will be a premeeting, which it is recommended to participate in, Thursday 15th of April.

The position has a duration of one year with immediate entry.

Candidates:
Kristoffer Kjelling
David Frøytland

Proposed decision:
Xx are chosen as delegates and substitute delegates for NSO's National meeting 2027

2665 Discussion Cases

2665.1 Discuss the possibilities of more job opportunities for students at campus

Case responsible: Simeon Hristov

Purpose:
To discuss the possibilities for an increased amount of jobs for students at campus.

Background:
With the high cost of living, many students are dependent on a job to afford to study at NMBU. This is especially true for students who are not given student housing through SiÅs. Finding a job is, however, difficult, especially for international students and students with disabilities. Most jobs require knowledge of Norwegian and are therefore not available for international students.

Resolution:

- The university should work towards offering more student friendly part-time job positions at campus, including positions without the requirement to speak Norwegian.
- The university should ensure that information on existing positions is easy to access for the students.
- The university should better the accommodation of workers with disabilities.

2666 Decision Cases

2666.2 Process the resolution NMBU will fly the flag on Kven People's day 16th of March

Case Responsible: Geth Assaeedy

Attachment 13: Resolution NMBU will fly the flag on Kven People's Day on 16 March

Purpose:
Process the resolution about NMBU will fly the flag on the Kvens people's day 16th Of March.

Background:
The Kven people/Norwegian Finns are one of Norway's five national minorities, and Kven People's Day is celebrated annually on 16 March. The day is not an official flag day, but several Norwegian universities, including the University of Bergen (UiB), UiT The Arctic University of Norway, and NTNU, have chosen to mark the occasion by flying the Kven flag. This motion asks the Student Parliament to encourage NMBU to adopt Kven People's Day as a permanent flag day and incorporate it into the university's flagging regulations. Flying the flag can help increase the visibility of and awareness about one of Norway's national minorities.

Proposed decision:
The resolution is approved.

The Student Board's recommendation:
The resolution is approved.

2666.3 Process the resolution about implementation of Student Advocacy Seminars

Case responsible: Representative from SAIH

Attachment 13: Resolution NMBU shall implement Student Advocacy Seminars

Background information
Around the world, students and academics face increasing threats for defending human rights, democracy and academic freedom. They are subjected to harassment, surveillance, imprisonment and restrictions on their freedom to study, teach and conduct research. These attacks undermine not only individual rights but also the role of universities as spaces for independent knowledge production and critical thinking.
Student Advocacy Seminars, developed by Scholars at Risk (SAR), enable university students to engage in supervised research and advocacy on behalf of threatened and imprisoned scholars and students. Working on real cases, students gain practical experience in human rights research, case analysis, campaigning and strategic communication, while applying their academic knowledge to efforts to defend academic freedom.
The Student Parliament at NMBU recognised the importance of this initiative by adopting the resolution *NMBU should implement a Student Advocacy Seminar* on 2021. However, the initiative has yet to be

established as a structured educational opportunity at NMBU. This resolution seeks to renew that commitment and move towards its implementation.
The initiative is particularly relevant to NMBU's interdisciplinary academic environment, especially the Department of International Environment and Development Studies (Noragric) at the Faculty of Landscape and Society, which encompasses programmes in International Relations, Global Development Studies and International Environmental Studies. As a member of the Scholars at Risk (SAR) network, NMBU already has an established institutional connection to an international community committed to protecting threatened scholars and defending academic freedom.
NMBU should work towards establishing a dedicated, credit-bearing Student Advocacy Seminar in collaboration with Scholars at Risk and interested academic staff. The seminar should build on SAR's existing Student Advocacy Seminar Handbook as a framework for its academic structure and practical implementation. If establishing a dedicated accredited course is not immediately feasible, Student Advocacy Seminars could initially be implemented through relevant existing courses, workshops or seminars, with the longer-term ambition of establishing a standalone course.

Proposed resolution:
The Student Democracy at NMBU believes that:

- Student Advocacy Seminars should be established as an educational opportunity at NMBU, preferably as an accredited course.

The Student Democracy at NMBU will:

- Advocate for the establishment of a Student Advocacy Seminar at NMBU in collaboration with Scholars at Risk, SAIH and relevant academic staff.
- Follow up on implementation with relevant university bodies.

Proposed decision:
The revised resolution is approved

The student Board's reccomendation:
The resolution is approved.

2666.4 Process the Budget for the Student Democracy 2027

Case responsible: The Student Board v/ David

Attachment : Proposed Budget for 2027 and preliminary accounting for 2026

Background:
We are uncertain about the total cost of employer's national insurance contributions etc, and have therefore budgeted based on a higher increase than what it is most likely to be. This budget will therefore probably not end up going into the red when everything has been calculated. Should it still turn out that we end up with a negative total budget, it will be up to AU to cut items so that we do not exceed the limit.

NSO membership fee is an amount that is paid to NSO per student at NMBU for our membership in NSO. Here we take into account the numbers for the number of students who have chosen to study here this year.

Proposed decision:

The Student Parliament approves the budget for 2027

The Student Boards' recommendation:
The Student Parliament approves the budget for 2027

2666.5 Moving funds between internal accounts in this years Student Democracy budget.

Case responsible: The Student Board v/ David

Purpose:
Process the possibility for moving funds in this years budget.

Background
After reviewing the accounts, we see that travel has become significantly more expensive than expected. This has been adjusted for in the next year's budget. We want to move funds internally in our budget. The exact total cost is not possible to determine at this time, but we estimate that we will have to move around 30000 nok. This will mainly be taken from organizational expenses and the remaining marketing budget, as well as various smaller sums from other items. We will not know the exact sums available until the accounts have been reviewed in detail in December. We want to use the items with a surplus to cover items that have made a loss. Detailed accounts will be presented at Student Parliament 1.

Proposal for a decision
When settling the budget in 2026, the Student Board can use budget items that were in surplus to cover the unexpectedly high travel costs. Welfare funds are exempt from this.

The Student Boards recommendation
The proposal is adopted

2666.6 Process the Plan of Action for the Student Democracy 2027

Case responsible: The Student Board v/

Attachment 10: The Plan of Action for the Student Democracy for 2027

Purpose:
Adopt the Student Democracy's Action Plan for 2027.

Background:
We have reviewed last year's action plan and will largely continue it, as many of the points are projects that require continuous work. Some of the tasks have now been completed and have therefore been removed from this year's action plan.

Proposal for a decision:

The Action Plan for the Student Democracy 2027 will apply.

The Student Board`s recommendation:
The proposal is adopted

2666.7 Process the Long-Term Strategy for the Student Democracy 2027-2029

Case responsible: The Student Board v/David

Attachment 11: Long-Term Strategy for the Student Democracy 2027-2029

Purpose:
Process the Long-Term Strategy for the Student Democracy 2027 – 2029.

Background:
We have revised the long-term strategy for student democracy. This is adopted at student assembly 6 every three years, and this will apply from 2027-2029. Much is continued as it stands today, as many of the points are still relevant, while other issues have been removed to make room for new focus areas.

Proposal for a decision:
The new *Long-term Strategy for the Student Democracy 2027-2029* is adopted.

The Student Board`s recommendation:
The proposal is adopted.

2666.8 Process the regulation for the allocation of Welfare Funds

Case responsible: The Student Board v/ David

Attachment 12: Regulations for the allocation of Welfare Funds

Background
The Regulations for the Allocation of Welfare Funds have been revised. The proposed revisions were first presented at Student Parliament 4, where they were discussed. Following this discussion, a few minor adjustments have been made, and a final draft is now presented to the Student Parliament.

Proposed Resolution
The revised version of the *Regulations for the Allocation of Welfare Funds* is adopted and enters into force.

Recommendation from the Executive Committee
The proposal is adopted.

2666.9 Process Instructions for the committee for allocation of Welfare Funds

Case responsible: The Student Board v/ David

Attachment 13:

Purpose:
To Proces the Instructions for the Committee for allocations of Welfare Funds

Background:
A proposal for an instruction for the committee for the distribution of welfare funds has been written based on the old welfare funds regulations with the intention of simplifying this. This document will move information that is less relevant to the applicant to a separate instruction that is more relevant to the committee. The document will be public, and will therefore be available to applicants who want more detailed information about the process.

Proposal for a decision:
Instructions to the committee for the distribution of welfare funds will apply.

The Student Board`s recommendation:
The proposal is adopted

2667 Other Cases

2668 Meeting Evaluation

Link for Meeting Evaluation Form

2669 Attachments

2669.1 Attachment 1: Semi annual report AU

President

The semester began with **Orientation Week (Fadderuka)**, during which I worked closely with the Orientation Week General to ensure a successful implementation. Ronald did an excellent job in this role.

As a member of the **University Leadership Team**, I participate in meetings with the Rectorate and the Deans every Tuesday and also attended the planning and budget conference. In these forums, we have discussed matters related to the university's long-term strategy and development plans. This has been an excellent arena for gaining an overview of ongoing developments at the university and provides a direct line of communication with the university leadership.

In addition to the work taking place at our own university, we maintain close collaboration with the executive committees of the other **U5 universities**. So far this semester, we have visited **Tromsø** and **Trondheim**. This cooperation is an important arena for exchanging experiences and best practices that contribute to the further development of student democracy.

Another important platform for the exchange of experiences is the **Norwegian National Union of Students (NSO)**. As Chair of the Executive Committee, I also serve as the student democracy's representative on NSO's National Board. This involves attending meetings approximately three times per semester. At National Board meetings, NSO adopts resolutions and action plans based on decisions made at the National Assembly. One particularly important topic this year has been NSO's finances, which will be discussed further at the next National Board meeting.

In addition, I serve on a number of working groups and committees to maintain a broad overview of developments across the university.

Ingrid

This semester, I have served on the Academic Affairs Committee and the Learning Environment Committee, and I have organized preparatory meetings for student representatives ahead of these committee meetings.

I am also involved in several working groups related to the university's space optimization efforts. This includes work on establishing principles for space utilization, the co-location of the Faculty of Biosciences and the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, and the co-location of agricultural sciences and Sørhellinga.

This semester, I organized Study Talk (Studieprat), an arena where the Executive Committee can discuss educational matters and campus-related issues directly with the Pro-Rector for Education and the Director of Education.

I have also led the committee responsible for selecting the Best Lecturer of the Semester. We first met to develop a marketing strategy aimed at maximizing student nominations. This was followed by a one-

month nomination period. The committee has now completed its evaluation process and selected one winner and two runners-up.

Furthermore, I have continued work related to the course **AOS234** to ensure that it can be offered in spring 2027. We have established the timeline, secured a lecturer, and begun promotional activities.

Thomas

This semester, in my role as International Affairs Officer, I have acted as a contact person for international students, administered funding allocations, and participated in as well as chaired online and in-person meetings through ELSA. This included the autumn meeting, where responsibilities were distributed, as well as the General Assembly and Student Conference.

I have continued my work on research and innovation initiatives to address student demand and interests. The Innovation Hub has been established, and the former Student Innovation Collaboration Group has been formalized as the Student Innovation Committee. Efforts are ongoing to safeguard student opportunities and services while NMBU is undergoing cost reductions and a partial hiring freeze.

We have also planned and carried out Mental Health Week and the Campus Emergency Preparedness Day. Meetings with the Residential Environment Committee (BMU**)** have been completed, and the Meeting Place (Møteplassen) continues to provide a valuable communication channel between student representatives and SiÅs.

We are currently missing BMU representatives for Palisaden 1 and 2, Skogveien (family housing), and Kajaveien 15. Please get in touch if you are interested or know someone who might be.

Make the English more formalShorten this reportFormat it as a semester report

2669.2 Attachment 2: Semi annual report US

Student Representatives' Semi-Annual Report from the University Board (US)

Norwegian University of Life Sciences (NMBU)
Autumn 2026

To the Student Parliament (ST) 6,

Autumn 2026 has been a busy and eventful semester for the University Board (US) at NMBU, with important work shaping the strategic direction, finances and operations of the university as a whole. In this report, you can read a brief overview of the most important matters the University Board has worked on during autumn 2026.

The next and final University Board meeting of the year will take place on 3 December. A report from this meeting will be presented at ST 1 in 2027.

Below is a link to OpenGov, the platform where meeting notices, agenda papers, minutes and official records from meetings of NMBU's boards and committees are published: https://opengov.360online.com/Meetings/nmbu

In connection with the Student Elections in spring 2026, the female student representative to the University Board and her deputy were elected: Tuva Kristiansen and Josefine Syvertsen, respectively. The terms of office of Maja Raz Karterud and her deputy at the time, Celine Sophie Dolly Tveter, ended on 1 July 2026.

A new male student representative to the University Board will be elected in November, in connection with the autumn 2026 Student Elections. The two of us signing this report are both looking forward to the election, and we will ensure that whoever is elected receives the support and guidance needed to feel confident in his new role.

We are always open to input from students regarding the matters we are working on, as well as the work of the University Board in general. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions. We are always happy to help!

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DECISION MATTERS

From the University Board meeting on 10 June 2026

24/26 Annual Plan and Budget Framework for 2027, Including Long-Term Forecast – Preliminary Consideration

In case 24/26, the University Board conducted its preliminary consideration of the annual plan and budget framework for 2027. Final consideration will take place in October. The Board based its discussions on an overall risk assessment, identifying the financing of property management as the most serious risk. Furthermore, the Board provided input on four proposed main priorities for 2027: research quality and competitiveness, strengthening student recruitment and developing the study programme portfolio, organisational restructuring and campus development and ensuring the safe implementation of artificial intelligence. The University Board adopted preliminary financial frameworks and took note of the long-term forecast for 2027–2031.

26/26 Revision of the Regulations on Studies at NMBU (2026)

In case 26/26, the University Board adopted amendments to NMBU's Regulations on Studies, which entered into force on 1 August 2026. The amendments were prepared by a working group consisting of one representative from each faculty, as well as representatives from the Academic Affairs Department, and were recommended by NMBU's Education Committee (UU). The most relevant changes for students are that the number of examination attempts in a course is now explicitly linked to the individual student rather than their right to study; students wishing to improve grades in courses included in a degree they have already completed must apply for an extension of their right to study; and the deadline for submitting a degree thesis after an approved extension may be extended to a maximum of seven months, compared with the previous limit of three months. The obligation to pay the Kopinor fee has also been clarified in the revised regulations. In addition, several changes have been made concerning the veterinary medicine and veterinary nursing programmes. Further information is available in the case documents.

29/26 Award for Best Thesis 2025 – Recommendation to the University Board

In case 29/26, the University Board approved the recommendation for the 2025 Award for Best Thesis. The award went to Linda Marie Aas and Marte Cecilie Brøndum from the School of Economics and Business for their master's thesis on the circular utilisation of by-products from cocoa production in Côte d'Ivoire. The other nominees were Ingeborg Berli Tuften (REALTEK), Robin Renz (MINA) and Håvard Vedå (BIOVIT). Read more at nmbu.no.

From the University Board meeting on 10 September 2026

32/26 Final Draft of the Development Agreement for NMBU 2027–2030

In case 32/26, the University Board approved the final draft of the Development Agreement, which will be submitted to the Ministry of Education and Research. This document serves as an agreement between the Ministry and the university, outlining the areas in which NMBU is expected to develop and report on its progress. It can be compared to the university's strategy, but is specifically an agreement with the Ministry. The agreement has been thoroughly developed within the university. It has been considered by the University Board on three previous occasions and discussed internally, including in NMBU's Education Committee (UU). The agreement contains three main objectives:

- **Objective 1:** Strengthen research quality and competitiveness in the fields of food and the environment.
- **Objective 2:** Put more knowledge into practice to create value and drive societal change.
- **Objective 3:** NMBU shall develop a forward-looking and sustainable portfolio of high-quality and relevant educational programmes that meets society's long-term skills and competence needs.

These objectives are supported by more detailed sub-objectives and performance indicators, which can be found in the case documents.

33/26 Budget Proposals Outside the Allocated Budget Framework

In case 33/26, the University Board adopted the following proposed funding priorities outside the allocated budget framework for 2028, to be submitted to the Ministry of Education and Research:

1. Rehabilitation of the Dairy Building, including the Heating Plant, and the establishment of laboratories in the Biotechnology Building. This project is urgently needed, as the research infrastructure is currently located in a listed heritage building with significant technical and structural challenges. The project is currently estimated to cost approximately NOK 1 billion. However, the aim is to achieve substantial cost savings through the implementation of a minimum-scope solution.
2. Increasing the number of student places in the Veterinary Medicine programme. NMBU wishes to increase capacity by an additional 20 places, bringing the total number of student places in the Veterinary Medicine programme to 110 from autumn 2028.

The University Board authorised the University Director to prepare the final letter to the Ministry of Education and Research by 1 November 2026, based on the input provided during the Board meeting.

From the University Board meeting on 23 October 2026

39/26 Tuition Fees for Students Subject to Tuition Fee Requirements at NMBU 2027/28

In case 39/26, the University Board decided to maintain the current tuition fee rates for the 2027/28 academic year. Since the 2023/24 academic year, the Ministry has required Norwegian universities to charge tuition fees to students who are citizens of countries outside the EU/EEA and Switzerland. Both students and the university management at NMBU have opposed this arrangement ever since it was introduced. Consequently, NMBU has maintained relatively low tuition fees compared with similar universities in Norway and Europe. Previously, universities were required to ensure that tuition fees covered the full cost of education. This requirement was removed this year. The Rectorate will therefore initiate a thorough review of both the fee rates and the university's overall strategy. This review is motivated by the significant decline in the number of international students following the introduction of mandatory tuition fees. Another objective is to provide international applicants with greater predictability, as their application period often runs from 15 October to 1 December in the year before they begin their studies.

40/26 Establishing the Frequency of Calls for Educational Excellence Recognition

In case 40/26, the University Board decided that calls for educational excellence recognition at NMBU should, as a general rule, take place every two years. The Board also authorised the Rector to determine

the timing of future calls. In consultation with the University Director, the Rector may also adjust the frequency of the calls if experience with the number of applicants or resource requirements indicates that a change is necessary. Educational excellence recognition was introduced at NMBU in 2019 as a five-year project. Its purpose was to strengthen the quality of NMBU's educational programmes and highlight teaching and pedagogical development work as important components of academic activity. Through this scheme, teaching staff have received recognition for their educational work. After several years of annual calls, the number of applicants has declined significantly, suggesting that the scheme has reached a saturation point. It was therefore considered appropriate to hold calls every two years instead of annually, while giving the Rector the authority to adjust the frequency in the future.

INFORMATION MATTERS

From the University Board meeting on 10 June 2026

15/26 Space Utilisation and Efficiency Measures at NMBU

In case 15/26, the University Board was informed about NMBU's work to improve space utilisation and efficiency. The objective is to reduce the university's total floor area by 5–10% by 2030, in line with the Campus Development Plan. Several assessments are underway, including those concerning the Animal Science Building, the Soil Science Building, the Students' House and premises in the centre of Ås. Together, these measures could result in a 7.8% reduction in floor area. An updated status report and proposals for additional measures will be presented to the University Board in autumn 2026.

16/26 Students' Quarter

In case 16/26, the University Board was informed about current student-related matters since the previous Board meeting. The student representatives Maja Raz Karterud and Magnus Schie Larsen presented the case. The Board was informed about the new Executive Committee, with David Frøytland as its leader, as well as the appointment of a new female student representative to the University Board. Further updates included a joint Ås events calendar on SiÅs' website, covering UKA, Samfunnet and the various student associations. The Board was also informed that NMBU is establishing a Green Office for students working with sustainability, as part of a two-year pilot scheme. Additionally, Øystein Wessel from the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine was named Lecturer of the Semester, and the 2026 Student Environment Award went to Leikarringen Frøy, Flatlusa Spelemannslag and Swingklubben Frøy.

From the University Board meeting on 10 September 2026

23/26 Post-Evaluation of Campus Ås and the Campus Consolidation Project

In case 23/26, the University Board was informed about a post-evaluation of the campus consolidation project involving the relocation from Campus Adamstuen to Campus Ås. The evaluation was conducted five years after the project was completed and commissioned by the Ministry of Education and Research through NTNU. The report is attached here. A brief summary of the recommendations for NMBU and the Norwegian Veterinary Institute (VI):

- Assess how available capacity in the Veterinary Building can be utilised more effectively.
- Realise research synergies through active measures and initiatives.
- Pursue Nordic cooperation on the BSL-3 facilities.

29/26 Students' Quarter

In case 29/26, the University Board was informed about current student-related matters since the previous Board meeting. The student representatives Tuva Kristiansen and Magnus Schie Larsen presented the case. The Board received an update on the start of the academic year and the students' situation, including long waiting lists for student housing and the importance of increasing the number of SiÅs housing units. The Board was also informed about SiÅs' new welfare building, Solstua. UKA Manager Marlene Zimmermann was invited to give a presentation on the history of UKA in Ås, as well as the circumstances surrounding this year's UKA, which is taking place without Aud.Max.

From the University Board meeting on 23 October 2026

31/26 Objectives, Conditions and Principles for Space Utilisation and Efficiency at NMBU

In case 31/26, the University Board was informed about the objectives, conditions and principles guiding NMBU's work on space utilisation and efficiency. The objective is to reduce the total floor area by 5–10%, while maintaining attractive environments for studying, research and work. The work will facilitate smarter use of space through shared facilities, flexibility and more efficient utilisation of existing buildings. Student areas will be prioritised, and campus development will contribute to creating a sustainable and forward-looking campus, with the Green Axis serving as a central starting point.

30/26 Students' Quarter

In case 30/26, the University Board was informed about current student-related matters since the previous Board meeting. The student representatives Tuva Kristiansen and Magnus Schie Larsen presented the case. The Board was informed about the continuation of the Student Democracy's political platform, the principle of free education, efforts to increase student financial support to 1.5 G, and a resolution on digital sovereignty. There was also considerable engagement surrounding the election of a new Head of the Student Buddy Programme (Faddergeneral). Peder Flaat, Head of the Business Relations Committee, and Daniel Arne Olsen, Head of Career Day, were invited to give a brief presentation about the Career Day held on 14 October, as well as the work carried out by NMBU's Business Relations Committee.

2669.3 Attachment 3: Semi annual report SiÅs-Board

Will be sent later

2669.4 Attachment 4: Annual report from the Control Committee

Student parliament 1

Deadline for sending case documents	Deadline for sending minutes	Student Council Dinner	Second deadline deviation
OK	OK	OK	

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Student Parliament 2

Deadline for sending case documents	Deadline for sending minutes	Student Council Dinner	Second deadline deviation
OK	OK	OK	

- Error with the Norwegian version of the case documents when sending.
- Overtime, finished at 21:30.

Student Parliament 3

Deadline for sending case documents	Deadline for sending minutes	Student Council Dinner	Second deadline deviation
OK	OK	OK	OK

- Candidacy for the academic affairs election was sent out a little later.
- Some mess with elections.
- A lot of change in the order of the cases in the case papers..

Student Parliament 4

Deadline for sending case documents	Deadline for sending minutes	Student Council Dinner	Second deadline deviation
OK	OK	OK	

- ST started late.
- A lot of changes in the case papers and schedules that make it messy.
- 21 memes ;)

Student Parliament 5

Deadline for sending case documents	Deadline for sending minutes	Student Council Dinner	Second deadline deviation
OK	OK	OK	

- Errors in case numbering in the case documents in the Norwegian document.
- Started a little late.
- Questions about AU members can be buddy general -> Yes, they can.
- Questions about impartiality when one of the student council representatives sits on the committee for the allocation of welfare funds. Since the person was impartial in the question when the matter was

considered by the committee, impartiality should not be a problem when considered by the student parliament. The matter was adopted 18 for 0 against/abstentions.

- Amendment adopted by simple majority in item 2655.5, 8 for 6 to 3 abstentions. It is not clear anywhere whether the amendment requires a simple majority.
- Deputy for MINA replaced during the meeting with another deputy from MINA
- HH student from back bench inserted as deputy – Without being deputy? Can't find a list of deputies anywhere.

Student Parliament 6

Deadline for sending case documents	Deadline for sending minutes	Student Council Dinner	Second deadline deviation
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Annual report Control Committee 2026

In 2026, the Control Committee has carried out its work according to its current work instructions. The Control Committee has followed the Student Parliament's work throughout the year with meetings and by checking that statutes and political documents are complied with. Throughout the year, the Control Committee has participated in student council meetings, student council meetings and other meetings together with the Student Board. The committee has also answered questions from elected representatives and others where needed. The workload has been moderate.

Work throughout the year

Throughout the year, KK has paid particular attention to:

- that deadlines for sending case documents and minutes are generally met.
- that case processing and meeting management are perceived as predictable and fair.
- that the election of union representatives takes place in as open and orderly a manner as possible.
- that statutes, instructions and other documents are used actively and interpreted as concisely as possible.

Distribution of seats

As part of the regular tasks of the control committee, the committee has reviewed the distribution of seats based on stated student numbers from NMBU in DBH.

The review for the coming period shows that there is no change in the number of seats for the coming year. The current distribution of seats will continue as it is.

Articles of association, instructions and document practice

The Control Committee has also this year monitored how statutes, instructions and political documents are used in practice. There is still a need to:

- ensure that statutes and instructions are up-to-date and correspond to actual practice.
- Avoid unnecessary ambiguity in terminology, titles and references between documents.

- have an awareness of who is responsible for updating and quality assurance of the documents.
- develop more detailed instructions, much of the activities at the student parliament meetings are based on habit, and it would have been advantageous if one could refer to instructions in situations that arise relatively often.

Although some things have already been improved, the control committee still wants to continue and continue to work on this over time.

Points for further work

In conclusion, the control committee would like to highlight some general points for further work for student democracy:

1. **Deadlines and predictability**

- Continue the work on clear and realistic deadlines for case documents, minutes and summonses, so that representatives and others involved have good opportunities to prepare.

2. **Further development of articles of association and instructions**

- Continue to focus on the work of making the articles of association and instructions more transparent, consistent and in line with practice, so that it is easy for new union representatives to familiarise themselves with them.

3. **Clarification of roles and responsibilities**

- Continue to focus on clear roles in meeting management and election processes, so that everyone experiences the processes as independent, open and fair.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! 🎄🎅🎉

Greetings from the Control Committee

The Control Committee 2026 has consisted of the following members:

Spring 2026:	Autumn 2026:
Lisa Vo – *leather* Adrian Wuotila – *Member* Alma Løvås-Sandvik – *medlem*	Lisa Vo – *leather* Adrian Wuotila – *Member* Kristoffer – *Member*

2669.5 Attachment 5: Report from the ELSA representative

Report from the ELSA representative:

The EuroLeague of Life Science Universities (ELLS) is an alliance of leading life science universities in Europe whose core offerings to students include study exchanges, an annual Student Scientific Conference (SSC), and summers schools.

Over the past year, NMBU's student representatives to the EuroLeague of Life Science Universities (ELLS) strengthened our students' participation in these activities and took leading roles in both the SSC and activities to advocate for students' needs. See highlights below.

Student Scientific Conference

At the SSC, our increased promotion at NMBU led to an exponential increase in applicants and attendees from our university. Our representatives organised and led both of the scheduled workshops and managed the scoring and awarding of the Sustainability Award for student research. Relatedly, we have raised that the timing of the SSC (4-5 months after graduation) limits NMBU student attendance.

ELLS Summer Schools

We co-led the development and deployment of a survey on students' interest in summer school topics and formats across all ELLS universities together with representatives from Warsaw University of Life Sciences. NMBU achieved the highest response rate, contributing one-third of all responses. In concert with the survey results, we raised that summer schools offering only 3 ECTS provide too few credits for many NMBU students.

Principles of Collaboration

NMBU led the drafting of the ELLS Principles of Collaboration, in partnership with representatives from Wageningen University & Research. This established a shared framework for evaluating prospective partners. We are also working with other universities to encourage the alliance to formally reassess and issue a statement on HUJI's membership, rather than put responsibility on individual universities to grant or deny participation in ELLS activities.

Increasing NMBU's Footprint in ELLS

Together with NMBU faculty, we promoted the Students in Research programme, which is still under development for the wider ELLS network.

Finally, ELLS has received funding through the European Universities Initiative to expand its activities. This is expected to create further opportunities for NMBU students to engage with and shape the network. While these opportunities are not yet defined, we encourage all students to stay informed and get involved.

2669.6 Attachment 6: The Action Plan for 2026 with status updates

Action Plan for the Student Democracy 2026

Adopted by Student Parliament 6, 24.11.2025

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 necesary measures.
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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 concidered in research at the university.
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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.
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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.
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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.
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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.
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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.

2669.7 Attachment 7: Framework for the Working Year for SD

Framework for the Working Year of the Student Parliament

Approved at Student Parliament 2, 10.03.2025
Updated at Student Parliament 2, 16.03.2026

SPRING – for elections that happen in the spring period (January 1st – June 30th) the elected student representatives begin their positions on July 1st of the same year, unless otherwise specified. The positions last 1 year, with the exception of the SiÅs Board and ELSA.

At the change of the month January/February: The Student Parliament's kickoff conference. Held for the entire student parliament. (Representatives, moderator, election committee, control committee) + president and vice president of the student councils.

February:

- Start up meeting with the Students Leader Team (SLT)
- Educational seminar for new representatives for the faculty boards and University Board

Student Parliament 1

Candidates for the following positions are to be selected:

- The Committee for the semester's best lecturer, 4 members. 1-year long position that goes into effect immediately.
- Representative to ELSA is to be elected for 2 years

Student Parliament 2

The following cases are to be handled/approved of:

- Allocation of Welfare Funds
- Presentation of the positions up for electronic election in April/May Student Parliament's Student Board, the University Board and the Faculty Boards

Candidates for the following positions are to be selected:

- Leader of the sustainability committee
- The University's Research committee, 1 main representative and 2 substitutes. (prioritized)
- Learning environment committee (LMU), 3 main + 4 substitutes (prioritized).

Student Parliament 3

The following cases are to be handled/approved of:

- The Schedule for the Student Parliament for for the following year is approved.
- The Semi Annual reports from The Student Board (AU), SiÅs and University Board representatives. The case should be included in the case papers, but the report itself can be sent out on electronic platforms.
- Informing about the budget since January of current year
- Presentation of the candidates for the Student Board, as well as the candidates for the University Board and the Faculty Boards

Candidates for the following positions are to be selected:

- The Control Committee, 2 representatives.
- The SiÅs Board, 2 main (2-year positions) and 2 substitutes (1-year positions)
- An external representative to the SiÅs Board. This election is held every other year (odd numbered years).
- The University's Research committee, 1 main representative and 2 substitutes. (prioritized)
- Chairmen, 1 main + substitute
- Learning environment committee (LMU), 3 main + 4 substitutes (prioritized).
- The University Academic Affairs committee (NMBU-SU) 2 main and 2 substitutes the position being immediately upon election.
- The NMBUS Committee for Student Affairs, 2 main and 2 substitutes

April/May

Electronic ballot voting for the president and two members of the Student Parliament's Student Board (AU), as well as 1 main and 1 substitute female representative for the University Board and 1 main and 1 substitute female representative to each Faculty.

Facilitate for the education of newly elected representatives at the faculties following the General Assemblies.

Mai

Barbeque for the Student Democracy. Medal ceremony for the people that have finished their positions in the Student Democracy.

FALL – for elections that take place in the fall period (August 1st – December 31st) the elected student representatives begin their positions on January 1st of the following year, unless otherwise specified. The positions last for 1 year, with the exception of the SiÅs Board.

August/September

Education seminar for the newly elected representatives for the University Board and the Faculty Boards.

- Appointment of the Student Democracy Sustainability Committee. The Student Board announces the position and processes the applications together with the leader of the committee.

Student Parliament 4

Candidates for the following positions are to be selected:

- Committee for the distribution of welfare funds, 2 members. 1-year position that beings immediately upon election.
- Committee for Inclusion Funds 2 members are elected.

Student Parliament 5

The following cases are to be handled/approved of:

- Initial processing of the Student Democracy's budget.
- Allocation of welfare funds
- Program of principles every 5th year.
- Presentation of the positions coming up on the electronic ballot election in the fall.
- Direct decision case for "Funds for Volunteer Activities", in even-numbered years. The Student Parliament (SP) decides who will receive the funds. It is possible for multiple recipients to receive funds in the same year. The funds are paid out the following year.
- The Action Plan for the next calendar year is discussed.

Candidates for the following positions are to be elected:

- The Buddy General

November:

Electronic ballot voting for the male student representatives in the faculty board of each faculty (1 main and 1 deputy), as well as male student representatives for the University Board (1 main and 1 deputy)

Facilitate for the education of newly elected representatives at the faculties following the General Assemblies.

Student Parliament 6

The following cases are to be handled/approved of:

- Plan of action for the Student Democracy is adopted for the next calendar year
- Long-term strategy for the next 3 years. The long-term strategy must be reviewed every third year, last adopted in 2020.
- The Budget for the Student Democracy is to be addressed for the second time and approved of.
- The Semi Annual reports from The Student Board (AU), SiÅs and University Board

representatives. The case should be included in the case papers, but the report itself can be sent out on electronic platforms.

Candidates for the following positions are to be selected:

- The Control Committee, the president of the committee.
- Participants for the Norwegian Student Organization's (NSO's) national meeting
- Election of chairmen, 1 main and 1 sustitute
- Election of the Election Committee, 4 members and substitutes
- Election of an ELSA representative

November/December:

Christmas arrangement for the Student Democracy. Medal ceremony for those who have finished their positions.

This document is to be revised every 4th year.

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2669.8 Attachment 8: The instructions for the Control Committee

Working instructions for the Control Committee

Revised at Student Parliament 3, 07.04.2025

Jurisdiction

The Control Committee is an advisory committee that reports to the Student Parliament should there be a violation of statutes, guidelines or Rules of Procedure. If there is reason to believe there has been a violation of statutes, guidelines or Rules of Procedure the Control Committee can, both by request or by own initiative, investigate.

Composition and duration

The Control Committee consists of a leader and 2 members. The leader does not have a double vote. The committee is elected by the Student Parliament. The leader is elected at Student Parliament 6, while the ordinary members are elected at Student Parliament 3. Members of the Control Committee sit for the duration of 1 year.

Tasks

The Control Committee's tasks:

- The Control Committee shall have overall supervision with that statutes, guidelines and Rules of Procedure are followed.
- The Control Committee shall attend Student Parliament meetings with at least two (2) members.
- At Student Parliament at least 1/one member of the committee shall be a member of the Counting Committee.
- The Control Committee shall assist the Student Board (AU) with the practical implementation of the Student Parliament meetings.
- The Control Committee shall deliver a written yearly report to the Student Parliament. This shall be presented as an orientation case at Student Parliament 6.
- The Control Committee can assist other organs in the student democracy upon request.
- The Control Committee shall be represented by at least one (1) member at Student Council dinners.

Before Student Parliament meetings the Control Committee can have meetings with AU, and potentially the chairmen, to review cases.

Distrust

Should a motion of distrust be presented, the involved parties may request a statement from the Control Committee. This statement can only mention direct violations of the statutes, Rules of Procedure or working instructions approved by the Student Parliament. The Control Committee shall not make assessments of any other nature than whether there have been direct violations or not.

The Control Committee shall assist in the motion of distrust cases at the faculty level, if requested by student representatives in the Student Council or by the Student Board (AU).

Overlap

The president of the Student Board is responsible for making sure that the newly elected members of the Control Committee have overlap. Overlap amongst other things means having meetings between sitting and newly elected members before the next Student Parliament meeting. The meetings shall be about the practice in the Control Committee as well as an orientation on any relevant cases.

Other positions

Members of the Control Committee cannot at the same time have positions in the Student Democracy that might impact their impartiality. Members of the committee cannot within the duration of their position sit in the following committees:

- Student Board (AU)
- Student Parliament (representatives and chairmen)
- The University Board
- The Election Committee
- Board member of the SiÅs-Board

Changes to working instructions

The working instructions for the Control Committee is approved by the Student Parliament by a qualified majority. Suggestions to change the working instructions must be presented to and approved by the Student Parliament.

2669.9 Attachment 9: ELSA instructions

ELSA Guidelines

Adopted at Student Parliament 4, 22.09.2025

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/ Overlap:
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.

2669.10 Attachment 10: Candidacy for Jacob Immanuel Knudsen



Greetings, I'm soon to be 22 years old and am enrolled in the Landscape Architecture study programme here at NMBU. In line with creative fields, I also studied at a bachelors programme of classical music performance earlier, before NMBU.

I am ethnically half Norwegian, half eastern european, so I've always been into language and culture exploration through travelling, as well as the arts and academics.

With my music studies involving many international academic interactions, I want to continue having fun with exploring my fields at the different scales.

That is why I'm running for the NSO and ELSA positions. Just one though, of course with priority given to the two-year ELSA position, as I want to have capacity to delve into the issues. A diversity of people representing outward is also a plus for NMBU in my opinion.

I am also passionate about more national topics here in Norway, like how to ensure equal possibilities with regards to disabilities and a diverse study environment.

I hope this comes across as an informational overview of what I want to do here these years.

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Hilsen / regards, Jacob Immanuel Knudsen, currently class representative in the LA -programme.

2669.11 Attachment 11: Instructions for the Election Committee

Working instructions for the Election Committee at NMBU

Approved at Student Parliament 1 - 08.02.2021

With Elections, it is meant all elections, both elections made by Student Parliament and all Electronic Ballot Elections, where the whole student body have the right to vote. Not included are faculty elections.

Purpose:
The Election Committee shall ensure that elections to the Student Democracy at NMBU is executed according to the Statutes, especially Chapter 5 "Elections and appointments" and that "Instructionsfor Elections" are followed.

Composition and meetings:

- The Election Committee consist of 4 members.
- The Election Committee chooses their own leader. If there is a tie in a vote, the leaders votecounts double.
- The leader of the Election Committee can summon meetings. Members of the Student Boardcan be summoned to meetings if needed. All the Election Committee members are obligatedto attend every election committee meeting.
- The Election Committee are quorate when at least 60% of the committee is present at ameeting.
- Members of the Election Committee cannot run for any other elections in their period in the Election Committee, with an exception of a reelection to the Election Committee.

Instructions:

- The Election Committee shall ensure that there are qualified candidates to all elections thatare the Election Committees' responsibility
- The election committee shall work together with the Student Councils in order to get anoverview of potential candidates.
- The election committee shall search amongst all NMBU students to find qualified candidatesto elect, they shall strive make sure that the candidates reflect the diversity of the NMBU students.
- The Election Committee is case responsible for all election cases and are to present them in Student Parliament. They can suggest candidates. Members of the Election Committee can express dissent of the suggestions if there is a disagreement about candidates.
- The Election Committee shall in cooperation with the Student councils and the Student Board ensure that all students are well informed about upcoming elections and encouragestudents to run for election.

Miscellaneous:

The representatives in the Election Committee should be invited and attend the Student Parliaments meetings and arrangements.

2669.12 Candidacy for Kristoffer Kjelling for NSO delegate

Kule, snille studentting.

Med dette annonserer jeg, Kristoffer Kjelling, mitt kandidatur som delegat til NSOs Landsmøte.

Delegatene til landsmøtet burde ha god innsikt i hva vi studenter mener om de forskjellige sakene som kommer til å bli tatt opp. Jeg tror derfor at jeg egner med godt til denne rollen. I dag sitter jeg som studentrådsleder for MINA, medlem av studenttingets kontrollkomite og medlem av det sentrale forskningsutvalget. Jeg får dermed overvært meningsbrytningen blant studentene, og opp mot universitetet, på de fleste nivåer. Fra disse vervene har jeg også god erfaring med det praktiske knyttet til det å være delegat, som lesing av sakspapirer, vedtekter, regnskap ol.

Som delegat vil jeg sørge for at meningene som har blitt fremmet her i studentting og på andre plan i studentdemokratiet, også kommer fram i diskusjoner på landsmøtet. For eksempel i resolusjonssaken om teknologisk uavhengighet og åpen kildekode som vil bli diskutert på landsmøtet, vil jeg kunne fremme det dere har diskutert i studentting og studentråd i den svært lignende saken vi har hatt her.

Jeg håper dere gir meg muligheten til å fremme NMBUs studentstemme opp mot NSO.

2669.13 Attachment 13 Resolution NMBU will fly the flag on Kven People's day on 16th March

Resolution: NMBU will fly the flag on Kven People's Day on 16 March

Proposer Geth Assaeedy, student at NMBU Business School

Approved at Student Parliament 6 x, xx.xx.xxxx

Background

Kvens/Norwegian Finns are one of Norway's five national minorities. Kven People's Day is celebrated on 16 March every year and has been celebrated since 2014. The date refers to the foundation of the first Kven local association in Norway, in Børselv on 16 March 1984.[1] The Kven culture has roots in Troms and Finnmark, but Kvens/Norwegian Finns live all over the country today.[2] Kven People's Day is not an official flag day. It is therefore up to each institution to decide whether it wants to fly the flag.

An increasing number of public institutions are doing so. The University of Bergen has included Kven People's Day in its flag regulations, alongside Sámi People's Day.[3] UiT The Arctic University of Norway flies the Kven flag on 16 March and marks the day with seminars and events.[4] NTNU introduced Kven People's Day as a permanent flag day in 2025.[5] The Truth and Reconciliation Commission (2023) pointed out that Kvens are not very visible in Norwegian society, and recommended measures to strengthen visibility and knowledge.[6]

NMBU flies the flag today on Sámi People's Day, 6 February, because it is an official flag day. Kven People's Day requires a separate decision from NMBU.

The Student Parliament's opinion

1. Kven history is part of Norwegian history. Kvens/Norwegian Finns have lived in the country for several hundred years.[1] Flying the flag on Kven People's Day is a simple and visible expression of the fact that this history is part of the story of Norway.
2. A university is a place of knowledge. The Truth and Reconciliation Commission established that Norwegianization led to a lack of knowledge in the population about the Kvens, and in November 2024, the Storting apologized for its own role in this policy and adopted follow-up measures.[1] [6] A flag on campus on March 16 provides an opportunity to ask, learn and talk about a part of Norwegian history that few people know.
3. The Kvens have a special connection to NMBU's field: the land. In the 1700s, they were highlighted by Norwegian officials as skilled farmers in Finnmark and North Troms. With the Land Sale Act of 1902, only Norwegian speakers were allowed to buy land, a provision that affected Kvens and Sami.[1] For a university that educates in agriculture and land management, this is also the history of the subject. NMBU already flies the flag on Sami People's Day. A flag also on 16 March gives a more comprehensive picture of the history of the north: two peoples who were affected by the same law, and who lived side by side.
4. The measure is small: one Kven flag and one line in the flag routines.
5. NMBU should follow UiB, UiT and NTNU. When three of the country's universities already fly the flag on Kven People's Day, NMBU should not be an exception.

The Student Parliament requests:

1. That NMBU hoists the Kven flag on campus Ås on Kven People's Day on March 16, 2027, and every year after this.
2. That the Kven People's Day is included in NMBU's flag routines as a permanent flag day, so that point 1 does not require a new decision every year.
3. That the Student Parliament's working committee sends the decision to the rector within two weeks after it has been made.
4. That the working committee follows up on the submission with NMBU's management before the new year, so that flags can be ordered in time for March 16, 2027.
5. That the working committee reports the status to the next Student Parliament.

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[3] University of Bergen, "Rules for flags at UiB". https://www.uib.no/foransatte/149093/flagging-ved-uib
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[5] Khrono, 14.03.2025: "NTNU will now fly the flag for both Kvens, Forest Finns and Tatars". https://www.khrono.no/na-skal-ntnu-flagge-for-bade-kvener-skogfinner-og-tatere/951388
[6] Truth and Reconciliation Commission, Document 19 (2022–2023), Stortinget.

2669.14 Attachment 14: Resolution for the Student Advocacy Seminars

Resolution: NMBU should implement a Student Advocacy Seminar

Approved at Student Parliament 5, 11.10.2021

Around the world authorities are silencing student and scholar activists who are fighting for democracy and freedom of speech. Recently, *Scholars At Risk* published their report "Free to Think 2020"[1], in which they registered 341 attacks against higher education between September 2019 and August 2020. These attacks have taken the form of killings, imprisonment, prosecution, travel restrictions and more. Of the 341 attacks, 118 were connected to students and student activism. This shows that students, as a group, are overlooked for their efforts of protecting human rights. In addition, SAIHs latest report "Students by day,rebels by night?"[2] put a spotlight on the alarming oppression of student activist movements all over the world. While during the pandemic, it has become harder for the student activists to gather and demonstrate, it has become easier for authorities to repress them.

It is important to spread knowledge about this issue and put it on the agenda. The Student Parliament's long-term strategy 2021-2023 states that "arrangements shall be made for students to have the opportunity to engage in local and global issues, and students should be encouraged to be active world citizens". In line with the strategy, NMBU should implement a yearly Student Advocacy Seminar where students can learn and show solidarity to student activists around the world who are fighting for democracy and freedom of speech.

A Student Advocacy Seminar is created by *Scholars At Risk*. The Student Advocacy Seminars can be implemented in many forms from an accredited class, workshops, or seminars which offer creative freedom to influence the direction the seminar takes. Essentially, the Student Advocacy Seminars provides students with the opportunity to develop skills within advocacy, research, writing, and teamwork with a focus on human rights. Mainly, the focus has been on imprisoned students and scholars, the organizational emphasis of *Scholars At Risk*. The practical aspect could enrich the academic experience for students at NMBU within a field that is presently not widely available.

The Student Parliament believes that:

- A Student Advocacy Seminar should be implemented at NMBU

The Student Parliament will:

- Actively support the creation of a Student Advocacy Seminar at NMBU

[1] Scholars at Risk (2020). Free to Think 2020. Available at: https://www.scholarsatrisk.org/resources/free-to-think-2020/
[2] SAIH (2021). Students by day, rebels by night?. Available at https://saih.no/assets/docs/Pol-kampanje-2021/Students-by-day-rebels-by-night_SAIHrapport-2021.pdf

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2669.15 Attachment 15: The Budget for the Student Democracy for 2027 and preliminary accounts for 2026

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	*1 518 936*	1 479 003	1 457 595	1 321 450	1 273 965
Remuneration Buddy General/sekretaries	136 549	130 160	124 551	118 620	112 782
Remuneration + Translation	5 000	5 000	10 000	20 000	20 000
Payroll taxes	*271 213*	237 906	206 565	185 003	179 629
Employee insurance	*107 000*	92 935	79 756	40 000	15 000
Total Cost Employees	**2 038 698**	**1 945 004**	**1 878 467**	**1 685 073**	**1 601 377**
Course, traning and education	*40 000*	45 000	50 000	140 000	140 000
Office	*2 000*	5 000	9 000	10 000	10 000
Marketing etc	30 000	30 000	30 000	45 000	45 000
Travel, representation	*101 000*	75 000	75 000	70 600	70 600
NSO fee, Campus Ås	*558 221*	574 422	504 365	400 000	416 000
Student Parliament meetings, SP dinner	*25 000*	28 000	26 000	28 000	28 000
Organisational expenses	*35 000*	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	**884 221**	**895 422**	**815 365**	**733 600**	**749 600**
Welfare funds, Campus Ås	765 779	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	**1 005 779**	**989 578**	**835 635**	**824 000**	**814 000**
Total Operational Expenses	**3 928 698**	**3 830 004**	**3 529 467**	**3 242 673**	**3 164 977**
Annual Result	**- 40 778**	**2 996**	**1 533**	**186**	**22**

Accounts 2026	pr October				
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	1 213 667	1 100 000	1 000 000	1 000 000	1 000 000
Repaid welfare funds from 2021					159 339
Total Income	**3 746 867**	**3 580 330**	**3 401 000**	**3 186 100**	**3 431 983**
Salary Student Board	1 174 765	1 420 919	1 373 922	1 277 785	1 237 573
Remuneration Buddy General/Secretary/ translation	132 271	124 883	122 331	127 695	118 941
Payroll taxes	184 493	218 396	211 387	198 565	191 547
Employee insurance, retirement	85 573	81 537	79 883	65 553	37 242
OU fond	140	- 168	168	- 168	- 168
Total Cost Employees	**1 577 242**	**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,	19 386	28 749	28 394	41 282	95 046
Travel, representation	75 764	65 358	56 627	57 347	74 492
NSO fee, Campus Ås	551 822	494 176	423 091	387 008	378 944
Student Parliament meetings + SC dinners	18 306	18 002	22 530	23 157	13 368
Organisational expenses	36 288	40 478	12 715	37 796	48 374
Green Week		- 15 415			
Barbeque Party	33 326	15 698	26 870	20 200	21 759
Buddy Week	57 074	45 457	83 227		
Total Other Operational Expenses	**854 983**	**728 960**	**774 977**	**692 061**	**902 198**
Welfare funds, Campus Ås	560 676	487 274	564 588	555 513	679 352
Inclusion Funds, NMBU	150 814	168 713	140 734	198 451	217 430
ISU NMBU	20 000	20 000	20 000	20 000	15 000
ESN	20 000	20 000	20 000	20 000	25 000
Total Cultural/Social Measures	**751 490**	**695 987**	**745 322**	**793 964**	**936 782**
Total Operational Expenses	**3 183 715**	**3 270 514**	**3 307 990**	**3 155 455**	**3 424 114**
Annual Result	**563 152**	**309 816**	**93 010**	**30 645**	**7 869**

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Account explanation for the Student Democracy

Account	Description
Income:	
Miscellaneous Income	This is, in principle, the account into which all of our income is deposited. The funds are then distributed across the various accounting accounts.
NMBU Grant	These are the funds we receive annually from NMBU to support the proper operation of the Student Democracy Organization. This includes salaries for the Executive Committee (AU) and the Organizational Secretary, Orientation Week (Fadderuka), the Barbecue Party (Grillfest), compensation for the Orientation Week General and Secretary, and all other expenses associated with the Student Democracy Organization.
Inclusion Funds	Funds designated for inclusion initiatives aimed at building bridges between Norwegian and international students. The same amount is allocated every year and transferred together with the NMBU grant but is separated out in the accounts.
Semester Fee	We receive a portion of the semester fee, which is distributed as Welfare Funds and Academic and Political Funds.

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Expences	
The Student Board Salaries	Salaries for the Student Board (AU) and the Organizational Secretary.
Remuneration for Buddy General / Secretaries	Remuniration paid according to the agreement for the Buddy Week General and Secretaries. The amount is linked to 1G (the Norwegian National Insurance basic amount).
Translator Remuneration	Remuneration paid to translators.
Courses, Education,	Used for Avspark, FS/US seminars, experience-sharing events, overlap activities, and similar initiatives. Innovation Grants are also recorded here. These funds are distributed to innovation-related events and are later invoiced to NMBU, meaning they should not be counted as our expenses.
Office Expenses	Used for office supplies, binders, paper, and similar items.
Marketing	Includes web hosting, Wix subscriptions, Canva subscriptions, hoodies for the Executive Committee, other marketing materials, food and equipment for information stands, promotional activities, and any paid advertising.
Travel expenses	Train, bus, flight, Airbnb/hotel accommodation, meals, and other travel-related expenses should be recorded here.
NSO Membership fee	Membership fee paid to the Norwegian Student Organization (NSO). The amount is based on the number of students who have paid the semester fee.
Student Parliament Meetings	Used for food, fruit, biscuits, coffee, equipment, and similar expenses for Student Parliament meetings, as well as meals for Student Council dinners.
Organizational Expenses	Used for meeting refreshments, food and equipment for the barbecue party and Christmas party, equipment required for the operation of the Executive Committee, coffee, tea, meeting snacks, and other organizational expenses.
Buddy Week (Fadderuka)	Includes expenses for mentor T-shirts, medals, food for events other than the Barbecue Party, and other Orientation Week expenses. Sponsorships from SiÅs and NMBU for printing mentor T-shirts are also recorded here.
Barbecue Party (Grillfest)	Expenses for food, equipment, security personnel, and other costs related to the Barbecue Party. Any sponsorship income is also recorded in this account.
Green Week (Grønn Uke)	This account belongs to the Sustainability Committee. It is used for Green Week activities and any other activities organized by the committee.
Welfare Funds	Includes both Welfare Funds and Academic and Political Funds.
Inclusion Funds	Includes inclusion funds and earmarked funds for ISU and ESN.

2669.16 Attachment 16 The Plan of Action for the Student democracy for 2027

Action Plan for the Student Democracy's Student Board 2027

Adopted by Student Parliament x, xx.xx.xxxx

The Action Plan for the Student Democracy at NMBU clarifies the tasks that the Student Parliament's Student Board shall prioritize in 2027.

Environment and Sustainability
Follow-up of the Sustainability Committee is necessary to support the committee's work and strengthen its contribution to a more sustainable campus at NMBU. The Student Board shall assist in the planning and implementation of Green Week.

Goal:

Strengthen collaboration between the Sustainability Committee, the Sustainability Hub, the Green Office, and relevant student organizations by ensuring good communication and organizing joint events each semester. Work towards establishing a common meeting place for collaboration and dialogue.

Internationalization
We will work to ensure that more students and student organizations are aware of the available Inclusion Funds and the regulations governing these funds and encourage them to apply for them in order to increase activity on and around campus. At present, ISU and ESN are the primary providers of social events for international students. To strengthen inclusion and create more opportunities for interaction between Norwegian and international students, there is a need for a broader range of such activities throughout the year.

We will also work to ensure that international students are familiar with the student organizations and associations that are open to all students.

Goal:

Encourage more student organizations and associations to include international students in their events and activities. This can be achieved by promoting inclusion funding more effectively, increasing collaboration between relevant stakeholders, and identifying other necessary measures to support inclusion.

Research
The initiative "Students in Research" (SIF**)** has been introduced and has been renamed **"**Research Courses" (Forsk-emner). These courses are available at both the bachelor's and master's levels across all faculties, with the exception of VET, which has its own separate pathway.

Goal:

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Continue to monitor and support the development of the Research Courses (Forsk-emner) and ensure meaningful student participation in research activities across the university.

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Innovation

The student innovation associations are now organized under the Student Innovation Committee, which meets twice each semester. Representatives from the student innovation associations, NMBU, and BIT participate in these meetings. The Innovation Hub has been established and has been allocated premises in the Economics Building.

Goals:

- Further develop and follow up on the Innovation Hub and the Student Innovation Committee.
- Ensure that students have access to advisory services related to business ideas, innovation projects, and start-ups.
- Recruit and appoint a new Student Innovation Coordinator.
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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.

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- **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.
- All appointments to councils and committees shall be made in cooperation with the student democracy and the Student Board (AU).
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Study Quality:

Artificial intelligence has become a part of everyday life, yet students receive too little training and too few courses on how to use this tool effectively. At the same time, it is becoming increasingly difficult to detect academic misconduct in alternative forms of assessment.

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- **Goals:**
- Work to ensure that students develop sufficient competence in the use of artificial intelligence, and advocate for students' rights in examination settings with regard to privacy, trust, and fair treatment.
- Promote assessment methods that allow students to demonstrate the full extent of their knowledge and skills.
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Welfare:

We will work to increase the visibility of student volunteering by collaborating with SiÅs on an activities calendar. Open Associations will continue to be prioritized, and their visibility will be further strengthened. An Open Associations Day will be held in the spring to support this effort. The welfare funding regulations will be simplified and clarified, and the application process will be made more efficient.

Goals:

- Streamline and improve the welfare funding application process.
- Increase the promotion and visibility of Open Associations.

Promotion and Visibility:

Reaching the entire student body is a challenging and demanding task. Nevertheless, it is crucial for ensuring effective information flow, voter participation, and a truly representative student democracy.

Goal:

- Improve the visibility of the Student Board (AU) and the Student Democracy as a whole, so that we reach a larger proportion of the student body. Maintain strong collaboration with the Communications Department and other relevant actors at NMBU to ensure continuous improvement of internal communication efforts.
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Student Democracy:

There is too little awareness of the student democracy among the student body, and many highly capable students do not run for positions due to a lack of knowledge about the opportunities available. We will work to increase the promotion of elections in order to foster genuinely contested elections for positions and increase voter turnout.

Goals:

- Establish a working group dedicated to the promotion of and recruitment for the Student Councils.
- Increase voter participation in the student elections.

2669.17 Attachment 17 The Long-Term Strategy for the Student Democracy 2027 - 2029

Long-term strategy for the Student Democracy at NMBU 2027-2029

Approved at the Student Parliament x, sxx.xx.xxxx

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.

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- 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.
- The University shall have continued 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 are 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 shall strive to achieve higher voter turnout in student elections.
- 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.
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Study Quality

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*n ever* changing working life. The physical *c*lassrooms 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. Unless a programme is explicitly fully digital, in-person teaching on campus shall be the norm.

- 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 society as a whole

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. Our unique student culture must be maintained, and students shall have reason to be proud of Ås as 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 be 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 organizations and associations at NMBU to engage to a greater extent in societal issues.
- Politicians in the municipality and county municipality shall listen to and facilitate all aspects of the student life.
- Work to increase the frequency of public transport departures, expand route availability, and reduce ticket prices.

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 and student shall be given room for innovation projects.
- The research at NMBU shall be in compliance with the sustainability goals of the United Nations.
- NMBU shall hire a student innovation coordinator

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Regulations for the Allocation of Welfare Funds

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1. Purpose and Scope

Welfare funds are financed through the semester fee and allocated to student clubs and associations at NMBU to promote a vibrant, diverse and inclusive student environment.

These regulations provide guidance to clubs and associations applying for welfare funds. They apply to welfare funding, including start-up grants, basic grants, activity funding, equipment funding, and academic and political funding.
Applicants must familiarize themselves with these regulations.

For instructions on the practical allocation of welfare funds, see: Instructions for the Welfare Funding Committee

For questions about welfare funds, contact the person responsible for welfare funding on the Student Board of the Student Parliament: The Student Board | Student Democracy at NMBUArbeidsutvalget | Studentdemokratiet ved NMBU

2. Types of Funding

	Welfare Funds			
Allocation date (application deadline)	**Spring allocation (10 February)** 92% of welfare funds are allocated			**Autumn allocation (10 September) 8% of welfare funds are allocated.**
Type of funding	**Grunnstøtte**	**Start-up grant**	**Activity funding**	
Purpose	Skal dekke organisasjonens generelle kostnader for drift.	Støtter nye foreninger	For sosiale og åpne aktiviteter på Ås	New and open associations may apply in autumn.
Academic and political funding	Velferdsmidler som er satt av til faglige og politiske arrangement. Søkes om innen den 15. hver måned.			

Welfare funding consists of basic grants, start-up grants, activity funding and funding for academic and political events. 92% of the welfare funds are allocated at Student Parliament Meeting 2 in spring, and the remaining 8% at Student Parliament Meeting 5 in autumn. **Funding allocated at Meeting 5 is reserved for newly established clubs and associations.**

2.1 Basic Grants

All clubs and associations may apply for a basic grant. This grant covers essential expenses for their day-to-day operations.

The basic grant is calculated based on the number of members who are students at NMBU.

Number of members	Basic grant	Basic grant – open association
<39	1000 kr	1700 kr
40 – 99	1500 kr	2700 kr
100 <	1700 kr	3200 kr

2.2 Start-up Grants

Clubs and associations established less than two years ago may apply once for a start-up grant of NOK 2,300 during their first two years. The grant is intended to facilitate establishment. To qualify, the club or association must have at least 10 members who are students at NMBU.

Re-established organizations that have been inactive for at least five years may also apply for a start-up grant.

2.3 Activity Funding

Clubs and associations may apply for activity funding to organize:

- social activities that encourage NMBU students to attend
- activities intended to promote an active, open and inclusive student environment.
- activities open to many or all students.
- activities that preserve traditions, support diversity in student life or bring activity to campus.
- The funds must be used by 31 March of the following year.

2.4 Equipment Funding

Equipment funding is granted exceptionally where it clearly benefits the student body. Activity funding must be prioritized. Open associations must be prioritized for equipment funding. Equipment funding must not be granted to closed associations unless the equipment will clearly serve the public benefit.

2.5 Academic and Political Funding

Part of the welfare funds is reserved for academic and political funding, allocated monthly under rules that differ somewhat from those governing other welfare funds. These funds are earmarked for public meetings, academic or political events on Campus Ås, such as debates, study evenings and lectures. Events must be open to all students and cost no more than NOK 100.

Who may apply: All clubs and associations, including Studentsamfunnet i Ås, may apply for academic and political funding. Individuals may also apply, but clubs and associations are prioritized.

Application deadline and procedure:

- Apply using the dedicated application form on the Student Democracy website.
- The application deadline is the 15th of each month.
- Applications are only **accepted** before the event.
- Applicants must receive a response letter no later than two weeks after the deadline.
- Applications are not processed in July.

Applications must include:

- Name of the association/club/applicant
- Name and plan for the activity
- Location and date/time of the activity
- Budget

Reporting and repayment: Following the academic or political meeting, applicants must submit a report through the application form no later than one month after the meeting ends. See subsection 2.9, Report.

2.6 Other Funding Schemes within Student Democracy

Inclusion funding	For events bringing international and Norwegian students together. Apply by the 15th of each month.
Innovasjonsmidler	For initiatives promoting innovation and entrepreneurship among students in Ås.

3. Applying for Welfare Funds

3.1 Who May Apply for Welfare Funds

General requirements:

- The applicant must be a club or association at NMBU.
- The organization must be registered in the Brønnøysund Register (exceptions apply to new associations less than two years old and applications for academic and political funding).
- The organization must have its own statutes and purpose clause governing its activities.
- The club or association must have internal ethical guidelines. This is necessary to ensure that activities organized by clubs and associations are consistent with the values of Student Democracy.
- The club or association must have at least 10 members (for associations older than 10 years, the requirement is at least 5 members).
- The organization must have its own bank account registered in its name. Newly established associations are exempt. Newly established associations are those founded within the 24 months before the application deadline. Re-established associations that have been inactive for at least five years are considered newly established.
- The Welfare Funding Committee may require applicants to attend an application-writing workshop to receive funding. If no members can attend, the Student Board may arrange an alternative. Absence must be justified. Applicants who attended neither the workshop nor an alternative and whose applications contain errors lose their right to correct the application once. The Welfare Funding Committee may then reject the application without a second opportunity, and the association will not receive funding.

Clubs and associations that may not apply:

- Clubs and associations already funded through the semester fee, such as NMBUI teams.
- Clubs and associations subordinate to other clubs or associations already receiving welfare funds.
- Clubs and associations that express differential treatment or discrimination based on sex, ethnicity, religion, belief, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression through statements and/or actions may not receive welfare funds. Exceptions apply to special arrangements where differential treatment has a legitimate purpose, such as single-gender associations or regional associations.

Open associations:

- Associations with “open association” certification are prioritized when welfare funds are allocated; see Chapter 4, Open Association.

3.2 Requirements for Activities and Use of Funds:

Welfare funds do not support:

- Internal and closed events within a club or association or between specifically selected clubs and associations (programme associations and open associations are exempt).
- As a general rule, events that are not on or near campus (exceptions: Sandoren and Streptokåken).

- Transport
- Revues or other activities financially supported by Studentsamfunnet i Ås (except activities funded through academic and political funding).
- Alcohol, nicotine and other intoxicants.
- Activities under other clubs and associations already receiving welfare funding through another organization.
- Activities intended to generate income for the club or association or other organizations.
- Financial support to other organizations.
- Gifts for speakers, instructors, etc.
- Commercial enterprises.
- Association uniforms or attire (does not apply to open associations).

Requirements for use:

- Funding may only be used for the purpose for which the organization applied and received support. Reallocation of awarded funds requires an application (see 5.5).

- Activities must be well advertised and listed in the SiÅs events calendar wherever possible.

- Additional requirements may be imposed on the organization by resolution of the Student Parliament.

- Events must take place between the allocation date (Student Parliament Meeting 2 or 5) and 31 March.

3.3 Application Requirements

Basic grants, start-up grants, activity funding and equipment funding are requested in the same application. Applications must be submitted through Nettskjema on the Student Democracy website by the stated deadlines (Section 3.4).

If requested amounts exceed the funding available for allocation, the most complete applications will be prioritized, including the most comprehensive reports and budgets. Basic grants and start-up grants take priority over activity funding, which takes priority over equipment funding.

Applicants must provide:

- The type of funding requested (basic grant, start-up grant, equipment funding and/or activity funding)
- Contact information for the association and the person submitting the application
- Brief information about the club or association
- The club or association's purpose clause
- An attachment containing the organization's ethical guidelines.
- The association's assets: all funds available to the club or association at the time of application. Reporting only the balance of the operating account is insufficient. Applicants with assets exceeding 1G must explain why the association holds so much money. Associations with fewer assets are prioritized.
- An attachment with an updated membership list showing the proportion who are students

- Information about the activities for which funding is requested (target audience, date/time, location, estimated attendance)
- An attached budget for activity funding. **Applications without a budget will not receive activity or equipment** funding (applications for basic or start-up grants only do not **require** a **budget).**

Other:

- All attachments must be labelled with the name of the club or association.
- If an application is incomplete, the applicant will be contacted and given another opportunity to correct it (this may be forfeited if the applicant failed to attend the workshop without a valid reason).
- **Applications received after the deadline will not be processed.**

3.5 Deadlines

Spring allocation event	**Deadline**
Søknadsfrist	10 February
Utdelingen vedtas	Student Parliament Meeting 2
Mottar svarbrev	Innen 2 uker etter Studentting 2
Klagefrist	Within 5 working days of receiving the response letter
Midler mottas	Senest to uker etter mottatt svarbrev
Rapporteringsfrist	Innen kalenderårets slutt
Tilbakebetalingsfrist	Innen 31.desember
Hendelse høst utdeling	**Frist**
Søknadsfrist høst (skjemaet er åpent i en måned før)	10.september
Utdelingen vedtas	Studentting 5
Mottar svarbrev	Innen 2 uker etter Studentting 5
Klagefrist	Innen 5 virkedager etter mottatt svarbrev
Midler mottas	Senest to uker etter mottatt svarbrev
Rapporteringsfrist	Innen kalenderårets slutt
Tilbakebetalingsfrist	Innen 31.desember

For applications supporting activities in January–March, the reporting and repayment deadline falls in the year in which the funds were used, not the year in which they were allocated.

4. Open Association

"Open association" certification is intended to encourage associations to be open and organize activities **aimed** at all NMBU students.

Requirements for becoming an open association:

- No admission requirements
- Membership fee of no more than NOK 150 per semester

- Continuous admission and no maximum membership limit
- At least three open events per semester
- The association must have internal ethical guidelines and statutes
- Events may be held in English if English-speaking students participate
- The association must be open to all students
- Where an association has a board, it must be elected. The association may set requirements for length of membership and activity level for board members, but may not discriminate based on religion, political views or regional affiliation.
- Clubs or associations must apply for open association certification every year.

Restrictions

Clubs and associations affiliated with a political party, religion or geographical region are not in practice open to all students and therefore cannot become open associations. Women-only or men-only associations cannot become open associations. Programme associations cannot become open associations.

Benefits:

- Priority in funding allocation.
  - The requirement that 75% of the club's or association's members belong to Samfunnet in order to borrow premises is waived for open associations (this does not apply to larger events requiring venue rental). For more information, see Samfunnet's website.
  - Open associations may apply for funding for internal events.
  - Open associations may apply for funds to cover association attire for **new** members. Applications may be made in both the spring and autumn allocations due to membership growth.
  - Open associations may exceptionally be awarded funding for activities off campus.
  - Open associations may apply for basic grants twice a year, in **both spring and autumn, if membership has increased. The association then** receives the difference **between the basic** grants for its previous and new membership numbers.
  - Open associations may apply for activity funding in both the spring and autumn allocations.
  - Associations with "open association" certification may request practical assistance with marketing.
  - Clubs and associations with "open association" certification must be identified with an open association stamp.

It is important to note that open associations retain the discretion to exclude members who do not comply with the club's or association's guidelines.

Apply for "open association status" on the Student Democracy website. To receive benefits in the welfare funding allocation, the application must be approved before the application deadline.

5. After Allocation

5.2 Appeals Against Allocations

Clubs and associations may appeal the allocation of welfare funds. Appeals must be submitted in writing to the person responsible for welfare funding on the Student Board of the Student Parliament no **later than five working days after receipt of the response** letter. All clubs and associations are entitled to a thorough appeal review and a written response.

Upon receipt of an appeal, the club's or association's application will be reassessed by the Student Board of the Student Parliament against these regulations. A written response must be received within five working days. If the appeal is upheld, the funds will be allocated in the next welfare funding round.

5.3 Report

Activity funding must be reported by the end of the calendar year (31 December) in which the activity took place. **Equipment** funding must also be reported by the end of the calendar year. Reports must be submitted via Nettskjema at Studentdemokratiet.no/ressurser/midler. Basic grants and start-up grants do not require reporting.

The report must include an activity report, an Excel spreadsheet containing accounts, and an attachment with receipts.

The activity report must include:

- What the applicant used **the activity funding** for
- A description of the events
- Where the events took place
- Number of attendees
- The extent to which the target audience was reached

The accounts (Excel document) must show:

- Amount allocated per event
- Amount spent per event
- Total amount allocated
- Total amount spent
- Any remaining funds to be repaid
- Any reallocations of funds (see Section 5.5, Reallocation of Funds)

Receipts must be compiled into a PDF file.

5.4 Repayment

All funds not used by the end of the calendar year must be repaid. This refers to the year in which the activity was planned, not the year in which the funds were allocated.

When repaying welfare funds, the relevant amount must be transferred to account no. 1654.20.29092, with the payment reference "Project 111, Welfare Funds, *association name*".

If funds are not repaid by the deadline, the club or association may not receive new welfare funds until repayment has been made. If repayment occurs after the deadline, the application in the next allocation round may be deprioritized or rejected.

5.5 Reallocation of Funds

Clubs and associations may apply to transfer funds from one expense or activity to another. The application must be assessed on the same basis as other welfare funding and comply with the same guidelines.

Apply for reallocation using the application form on the Student Democracy website.

An application for reallocation must include:

- The event or expense from which funds are to be reallocated, and the reason
- Description of the new activity or expense
- Updated budget

Requirements:

- The report must clearly state that the transfer has taken place.
- Reallocated funds must be used by 31 March of the following year.

Exceptions:

Reallocation is not required for funds used for products of the same kind within the same event (e.g. internal reallocation between soft drinks and pizza).

6. Breaches of the Regulations

6.1 Breaches of the Regulations

If a club or association breaches the welfare funding regulations, sanctions may follow. The least severe sanction is a warning; the most severe is exclusion from the next spring allocation. The Student Board of the Student Parliament has the authority to impose sanctions. More serious cases will be referred to the Student Parliament and handled there as an appeal.

6.2 Complaints Concerning Breaches of Guidelines

A complaint may be submitted if a breach of the welfare funding guidelines is discovered. Any NMBU student may submit a complaint to the Student Board of the Student Parliament.

See xx (practical instructions) for how the Student Board handles the complaint.

7. Student Welfare Fund

Unused or repaid welfare funds are transferred to the Student Welfare Fund. Any surplus from the operations of the Student Parliament is also transferred to the fund. The fund is used for major investments benefiting all students. The Student Parliament decides whether the Student Welfare Fund may be used, following a joint proposal from the Chair of the Student Board of the Student Parliament, the Chair of the SiÅs Board and the Chair of the Samfunnsstyret.

8. Revision of the Regulations

The regulations are revised by the Student Parliament every even-numbered year. Revision is discussed at ST-4 and decided at ST-6. The new version takes effect after adoption by the Student Parliament. The Student Board may also make editorial changes, which must then be presented as an information item at the next Student Parliament meeting.

2669.19 Attachment 19: Instructions for the committee for allocation of Welfare Funds

Instruction for 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 reviews all applications and proposes an allocation of welfare funds to the Student Parliament. The Committee assesses the content of applications against the Regulations for the Allocation 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 Committee Chair may make changes to the welfare funding application form. For major structural changes, including a change of platform or significant changes to the content, the Student Parliament must be informed.

1.2 Composition

The Committee for the Allocation of Welfare Funds consists of:

- The representative responsible for welfare from The Student Board of the Student Parliament (Chair of the Committee).
- The Chair of the Inclusion Funds Committee (if this person is also responsible for welfare funds, another representative of The Student Board assumes the role).
- The Finance Manager of the Samfunnet Board.
- A student representative on the SiÅs Board.
- A person who has participated in allocations in previous years.
- 2 representatives elected by the Student Parliament. The representatives are elected at Student Parliament Meeting 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 must not be present when the Committee discusses associations of which they are or have been members. If this applies to the person responsible for welfare funds, that person presents the application and then leaves the room. The person responsible for welfare funds may only be called back to answer direct questions about the application.

1.4 Working Procedures

The person responsible for welfare funds reviews all applications and prepares an overview and a preliminary allocation proposal. The person responsible for welfare funds may ask the Committee to assist with reviewing applications. The Committee meets 1–2 times before Student Parliament Meeting 2 and 1–2 times before Student Parliament Meeting 5. The Committee reviews all applications and adjusts the proposal prepared by the person responsible for welfare funds. The Committee Chair may also convene members whenever necessary.

If there is doubt as to whether an applicant is eligible for welfare funds, the Welfare Funding Allocation Committee shall, after consultation and discussion with the contact person for the application, exercise its discretion in determining whether the applicant is eligible for support. The person responsible for welfare funds presents the Committee's recommendation to the Student Parliament. Before the Student Parliament meeting, clubs and associations may meet with the person responsible for welfare funds to discuss the allocation and any uncertainties. Questions and comments should be directed to the person responsible for welfare funds, not personally to Committee members.

2 Decisions

The Student Parliament approves the allocation of welfare funds in accordance with the welfare funding regulations. The Student Parliament may amend the proposal from the Welfare Funding Allocation Committee. The main allocation of welfare funds takes place at Student Parliament Meeting 2 in the spring, with a smaller allocation at Student Parliament Meeting 5 in the autumn.

3. Priorities

All allocations must comply with the Regulations for the Allocation of Welfare Funds. Beyond this, the Committee must follow the priorities below. Basic grants, start-up grants and uniform grants (for open associations only) must be awarded to all eligible applicants. Traditional events that preserve the distinctive character of Ås should be prioritised. Open associations should be prioritized over closed associations. As a general rule, events should be prioritised over equipment funding, but where equipment funding would clearly benefit student welfare more than a particular event, the Committee may choose to prioritise it.

4. Reallocation of Funds

The Committee Chair may approve applications for reallocation of funds. If the Chair has a conflict of interest, The Student Board shall make the decision. Reallocation of funds must follow the same regulations as the original allocation of funds.

5. 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 funding. Any remaining funds are transferred to the students' welfare fund. If substantial funds remain after the spring allocation, the person responsible for welfare funds may, exceptionally and subject to capacity, choose to open a more general autumn allocation than is normally permitted under the welfare funding regulations. Associations must be informed of this at least four weeks before the application deadline. The Committee is then mandated to propose an allocation under the same regulations as for the spring allocation.

6. Academic and Political Funds

The Chair of the Welfare Funding Allocation Committee is responsible for reviewing applications for academic and political funds each month and presenting a proposal to The Student Board, which votes on the proposal. Where the Chair has a conflict of interest, defined as being a current or former member of the applicant association, the Chair shall present the application without a recommendation, and The Student Board shall make the decision. If the entire Student Board has a conflict of interest, the Welfare Funding Allocation Committee shall make the decision.

Events supported through academic and political funds must comply with the student democracy's ethical guidelines. Associations that are ineligible for welfare funds due to breaches of the ethical guidelines are also ineligible for academic and political funds.

In line with current practice, academic and political funds also cover cultural and religious events provided they can be regarded as academic in nature. This includes most lectures and courses. Events must be open to all students, although attendance limits may be imposed. Open associations may receive support for closed events. Funding is not provided for gifts to speakers, but speaker fees may be covered. Events associated with Pride, demonstrations of solidarity, and commemorative days for Indigenous peoples and minority groups are considered political events under these regulations and may receive support.

Associations are prioritised when applying for academic and political funds, but individual NMBU students may also apply. For larger amounts, an association bank account is required; the Committee shall exercise discretion in this regard. Applicants who have previously received funding must submit a report before receiving further funds.

7. Revision

This document must be revised at least every four years. It may also be revised as needed.

This translation was made using GPT-6, and has been verified by the student board. Discrepancies might occur, and the Norwegian document is authoritative.

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