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2631 Constitution

2631.1 Approval of today's agenda and summoning

2631.2 Approval of the previous meeting protocol

1 Protocols are uploaded to our homepage (<http://www.studentdemokratiet.no>) a week after each Student
2 Parliament Meeting. If you need a paper copy of the protocol, please get in touch with the Student Board
3 at their office (The Clock building)
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5 2631.3 Appointment of a Counting Committee

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14 2632 Greeting to Student Parliament

15 For our last Student Parliament of the semester the mayor of Ås Municipality will come and hold a
16 greeting.
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19 2633 Orientation cases

20 2633.1 Minutes

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22 At Student Parliament 3 these cases are separate orientation cases presented as Semi-Annual reports.
23 They are attached to the case papers Normally the minutes should be made known to the public within
24 the week before Student Parliament.

25 Those who report to the Student Parliament through minutes are:

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

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30 **2633.2** **Semi-annual report from the Student Board**

31 *Case responsible: The Student Board*

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33 **Attachment 1:** Semi -annual report from the Student Board.

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35 **Purpose:**

36 Orient the Student Parliament about the work they have done since Student Parliament 6.

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39 **2633.3** **Semi-annual reports US Board and SiÅs-Board**

40 *Case responsible: US-Board and SiÅs-Board*

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42 **Attachment 2:** Semi-annual report from the University Board.

43 **Attachment 3:** Semi-annual report from the SiÅs-Board

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45 **Purpose:**

46 US and SiÅs orients the Student Parliament about their activities this period.

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49 **2633.4** **Candidates for the Electronic Ballot Election Spring**

50 *Case responsible: The Student Board v/*

51 **Purpose:**

52 To orient the Student Parliament about the students' electronic Ballot Box Election in spring 2026 as well
53 as present candidates who are running as Leader and Members of the Student Parliament's Student Board
54 (AU) as well as a female representative to the University Board and Faculty Boards.

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56 **Background:**

57 The spring 2026 student election will take place from Wednesday 22th of April – to Wednesday 29nd April,
58 and the NMBU students will elect a new leader and two new members to the Student Parliament's Student
59 Board, as well as female representatives to the University Board and the Faculty Boards. Candidates for
60 the two former are presented at Student Parliament 3, while the candidates for the latter are presented
61 at the Student General assembly at the various faculties which take place during the democracy hour on
62 the 22th of April. We encourage all students to exercise their right to vote in the election, as well as attend
63 the Student General assembly at their faculty.

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66 **2633.5** **Preliminary accounts for the Student Board**

67 *Case responsible: The Student Board v/Frøydis*

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69 **Attachment 4:** Preliminary accounts for 2026

70 **Purpose**

71 At the current AU Chair's final Student Parliament meeting, the Student Parliament is informed about the
72 financial accounts of the Student Democracy as of today.

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74 **Background**

75 The attached document, “*Preliminary Accounts 2026*”, provides an overview of the financial accounts for
76 the months of January and February. March figures are not yet available at the time of writing.

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78 Explanations from the AU President regarding selected accounting items:

79 **Courses, education, and training:**

80 This year’s *Avspark* was a successful event with many participants and was organized in a cost-
81 conscious and moderate manner.

82 **Welfare funds:**

83 These consist of both the allocated welfare funds from the spring allocation ST2 in March (figures taken
84 from the protocol) and the academic and political funds allocated so far this year.

85 **Travel and representation:**

86 We have observed that travel has become significantly more expensive, both within Norway and across
87 the rest of Europe. If the global situation continues as it currently is, this will impact the costs
88 associated with representation travel.

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90 The AU President’s assessment is that the Student Parliament at NMBU has a stable and sound financial
91 situation, and that there is some room for manoeuvre to spend funds on initiatives that benefit students
92 and that are considered important for the effective operation of the Student Democracy.

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95 **2633.6 Preliminary Briefing on Student Participation in Space Reduction**
96 **Processes**

97 **Purpose**

98 In line with the Student Democracy Action Plan for 2026, under the section on the learning environment,
99 where the Student Board (AU) is tasked with working to establish a system for student participation in
100 NMBU’s ongoing space efficiency process, as well as a guidance resource for student participation, the AU
101 wishes to provide a preliminary status update on this work.

102 The aim is both to provide a general introduction to current student participation and to highlight
103 challenges and potential solutions for an improved system of student participation going forward. The
104 AU hopes that this briefing will enable the Student Parliament to provide comments or ideas to help
105 ensure good student participation.

106 NMBU is currently undergoing a space efficiency process in which the university’s total building stock of
107 more than 230,000 m² (over 120 buildings, of which 18 are protected) is to be reduced to 200,000 m² by
108 2030. In addition, there are a number of buildings with poor condition ratings that must either be
109 upgraded, leased out, or demolished.

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111 **Preliminary Briefing on Student Participation in Space Reduction Processes**

112 In this process, it is important that students are able to participate and have a voice when areas used by
113 students are affected. The AU believes this is essential to maintaining the country’s most satisfied
114 university students, by safeguarding what students themselves consider valuable on our campus.

115 Student participation is also partly mandated by law, including the Universities and Colleges Act, section
116 § 10-12, which states that students shall constitute at least 20 percent of the members of all collegiate
117 bodies at universities that have decision-making authority.

118 NMBU and its Property Division (EIA) have also expressed a strong desire for students to participate
119 where relevant in this space efficiency process and are in dialogue with the AU on how this can best be
120 implemented in the coming years.

121 **Where the AU Participates at an Overarching Level**

122 At present, the AU has the opportunity to stay informed about the space processes and to participate at
123 an overarching level through already established committees, as well as through some committees
124 established specifically for the space efficiency process. This primarily takes place through participation
125 in:

- 126 • The University Leadership Team
- 127 • The Education Committee
- 128 • The Working Environment Committee (AMU)
- 129 • The Learning Environment Committee (LMU)

130 Within the Learning Environment Committee, which is the body tasked with ensuring student
131 participation, it was decided last semester that the committee shall be briefed by EIA on ongoing and
132 upcoming processes relevant to students (including processes that will affect student spaces). This is
133 intended to ensure that students are involved where appropriate.

134 It has also been decided that a student from the LMU (including the AU member responsible for the
135 learning environment) shall participate in the AMU's building subcommittee, in order to stay informed
136 and to ensure that the LMU is even more closely connected to EIA's processes.

137 In addition, the AU participates in several project groups addressing general topics such as social zones
138 and shared-use teaching spaces, as well as in the steering group for the SBV project (the merger of VET
139 and BIOVIT).

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141 **Where Students May Potentially Participate in Individual Projects**

142 Within each individual project under the space efficiency process, steering groups, user groups, and
143 reference groups may be established where student participation may be relevant. At present, however,
144 there is no clear system for appointing students to these bodies.

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146 **Current Plans and Challenges Related to Improving Student Participation**

147 **1. Decision-making authority**

148 It may be challenging to determine whether a committee actually has decision-making
149 authority, which would legally require student participation. The AU nevertheless argues that
150 committees which lay a strong foundation for decisions made at higher levels should also
151 include student representation.

152 **2. Appointment of students at faculty level**

153 If a project takes place at faculty level, it will be natural for the appointment of student
154 representatives to committees to be handled by the faculty. In such cases, it may be relevant for
155 positions to be elected through the student council or at a general assembly meeting.
156 However, there will often be a need for a more direct "recruitment" of students, which the AU is
157 currently following up. Challenges in this context include:

- 158 ○ Allocation of responsibility for appointment and announcement of positions
- 159 ○ Establishing a system in which both the AU and the faculties are aware of these roles
- 160 ○ Ensuring that student representatives receive support from the AU
- 161 ○ Making the process efficient and minimally bureaucratic
- 162 **3. Cross-faculty shared use of space**
- 163 EIA has indicated that an important part of the space efficiency process is increasing shared use
- 164 of space across faculties. Several projects will involve converting student areas into spaces that
- 165 can be used by all students, not only those of a single faculty.
- 166 In such cases, it may be counterproductive to involve only students from one faculty, and it may
- 167 be more appropriate for the AU to announce these positions to all students.
- 168 **4. Capacity and holistic perspective**
- 169 There is a need for a holistic perspective in much of the work related to the space efficiency
- 170 process. As the AU has more time and capacity to familiarize itself with the process overall, it is
- 171 often natural for members of the AU to serve as representatives in overarching committees.
- 172 This has been expressed by staff in both EIA and NMBU, and the AU partly agrees.
- 173 Nevertheless, despite this new and extensive space efficiency process and an increased student
- 174 population at NMBU, the AU has the same number of full-time equivalents and capacity as it did
- 175 in 2020/2021, with three full-time positions. The AU therefore does not have unlimited capacity
- 176 to dedicate to the space efficiency process.
- 177 As a result, either other students must take on some of these committee roles and collaborate
- 178 with the AU, or it should be considered whether the Student Parliament's Student Board should
- 179 be given increased capacity, for example by expanding the committee to four members.
- 180 **5. Guidance and competence building**
- 181 To address the challenge that the space efficiency process can be complex and difficult to
- 182 understand for students who do not work with property management on a daily basis, the AU is
- 183 working towards the development of a participation brochure for students holding roles related
- 184 to space processes.
- 185 EIA is in the process of developing a general participation brochure for the space efficiency
- 186 process as a whole, and the AU will assess whether this will also be sufficient for students. It
- 187 may also be considered whether some material should be produced specifically for student
- 188 participation at NMBU more generally.
- 189 **6. Coordination and communication**
- 190 To ensure less fragmented student participation across the entire space reduction project, it
- 191 would again be appropriate to have a user participation brochure, but potentially also
- 192 additional measures, such as:
- 193 ○ Establishing a Teams workspace with resources for all individuals holding space-related
- 194 roles
- 195 ○ Joint training or orientation seminars
- 196 ○ Ensuring generally good communication between the AU and student representatives
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199 **2634** Elections and appointments200 **2634.1** Election of members of the Control Committee201 *Case responsible: Election Committee*

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203 **Attachment 5:** Instructions for the Control Committee204 **Attachment 6:** Candidacy for Karl Adrian Wuotila

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206 **Purpose:**207 Elect two members to the Control Committee. The position will accede on 1st of July 2026 and will last
208 for one year.

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210 **Background:**211 The Control Committee is responsible for ensuring that student democracy follows the rules for how we
212 organize ourselves. The Control Committee is an advisory body that is obliged to report to the Student
213 Parliament in the event of violation of the resolutions, guidelines, and rules of procedure. If there is
214 reason to believe that there has been a violation of the resolutions or guidelines, the Control Committee
215 may investigate the case both on request and on its own initiative. The control committee meets at the
216 Student Parliament, at the same time as they attend the planning meeting and the student council dinner
217 in advance. KK works closely with AU and the chairmen.

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219 This position is suitable for people who are structured, accurate and like to do work on details.

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221 **Candidates:**

222 Karl Adrian Wuotila

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225 **2634.2** Election of Student representatives to the SiÅs Board226 *Case preparation: The Election Committee*

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228 **Attachment 7:** Presentation of SiÅs.229 **Attachment 8:** Candidacy for Theo Mølster

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231 **Purpose:**232 Elect two members (2-year term) and two substitutes (1-year term). The two permanent representatives
233 sit for two years, while the two substitute representatives sits for one year. The position will accede on
234 1st of July 2026.

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236 **Background:**237 *For candidates, it is important to read the presentation attached to the case documents.* The University
238 foundation for student life in Ås (SiÅs) is responsible of safeguarding students' welfare and interests

239 at NMBU in their everyday study. Among other things, they have been involved in deciding that Eika
240 sports center should be built, the development of Skogveien and been the driving force behind the
241 collaborative project on the Health Care Station for youth and students in Ås. The SiÅs board is the
242 organization's highest authority, and is responsible for the overall business, both strategic and financial.
243 The board deals with budgets, long-term plans, and overall policy. The students have a majority on the
244 board, and they hold the positions of leader and vice-leaders. The other board members are divided into
245 one person from the administration in SiÅs, one from NMBU and one external representative. The board
246 constitutes itself.

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248 This position is suitable for students who care about students' health and well-being, and who have
249 previously held positions in selected committees / or boards at a higher level.

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251 **Candidates:**
252 Theo Mølster

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254 **Substitute**

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257 2634.3 Election of Chairman and substitute

258 *Case responsible: The Election Committee*

259 **Purpose:**

260 Election of a chairman and a substitute. The position requires immediate accession and lasts until Student
261 Parliament 3, in 2026.

262 263 **Background:**

264 The main task of the chairmen is to ensure that the Student Parliament gets through the planned agenda
265 in an orderly manner and within a reasonable time. The chairpersons oversee the Student Parliament
266 meetings to control the discussion when cases are conducted, in addition to conduct elections. One largely
267 relates to ordinary meeting practice, and it is therefore beneficial to be aware of this. The position
268 provides a lot of experience with structured meeting management, as well as good insight into the student
269 democracy's work here at NMBU.

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271 The chairmen should have experience of leading meetings and preferably have been to larger meetings
272 or experienced Student Parliament. The chairmen have a meeting with AU and KK in advance, where you
273 are involved in the cases so that you can make a plan for the time spent on the individual cases. The
274 chairmen are also invited to the student council dinner.

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276 **Candidates:**

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279 **Substitute**

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282 2634.4 Election of the Central University Academic Affairs Committee
283 (UUU /NMBU UU)

284 *Case responsible: The Election Committee*

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286 **Attachment 9:** Candidacy for UU representative Rozalia Anna Ciupka

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288 **Purpose:**

289 Elect two permanent representatives and three substitute representatives to the study committee. The
290 position will accede on 1 July 2026 and will last for one year.

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292 **Background:**

293 The study committee is NMBU's educational policy body. SU provides advice and input to the University
294 Board, rector and vice-rector in strategic matters concerning education, admission, studies, exchange
295 withing and outside of Norway, and examinations. Typical issues you work with are NMBU's course
296 portfolio, digitization, working life relevance, quality in course evaluations and development of
297 innovative education.

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299 SU is led by the Vice-Rector for Education, who is currently Elin Kubberød, and the secretary is Ole Jørgen
300 Torp, Director of Education. Furthermore, the committee consists of education leaders / vice-dean for
301 education at each of the seven faculties, three students.

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303 The position is remunerated, including two hours with AU in advance.

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Candidates:

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Rozalia Anna Ciupka

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Substitute:

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311 2534.5 Election of representatives to the Board of Student Cases

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Case responsible: The Election Committee

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Attachment 10: Guidelines for the Appeals Committee/ Board of Student Cases

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Purpose:

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Elect two permanent representatives and two substitute representatives to the Appeals Board. The
318 position will accede on 1st of July 2026 and will last for one year.

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Background:

320 Appeals Board is an independent Committee that decides individual cases for students. The Appeals
321 Board handles cases where it is suspected that students have cheated on examination or in other
322 assessments. They also handle complaints about teaching, admissions, lecturers, and the physical
323 learning environment. The Appeals Board consists of an external leader with judicial competence, two
324 permanent employees in scientific positions and two students.

325 This is a remunerated position where you get paid for two hours of preparation in addition to the entire
326 meeting. A meeting lasts a whole working day. The position may be suitable for students with an interest
327 in law, but this is not a necessity. The number of meetings a year is usually 6-8.

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329 **Candidates:**

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332 **Substitutes**

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335 2635 Decision Cases

336 2635.1 Process the Schedule (Date Plan) for the Student Democracy for 337 2027

338 *Case responsible: The Student Board v/ Frøydis*

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340 **Attachment 11:** Schedule for the Student Democracy for 2027

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342 **Purpose:**

343 Process the suggested Schedule for the Student Democracy for 2027

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345 **Background:**

346 According to the Student Democracy's statutes and the Framework for the Work Year, the schedule for
347 the coming year must be reviewed and adopted by the Student Council at the third Student Parliament
348 meeting each year. The attachment shows the proposed schedule for the Student Democracy at NMBU
349 for 2027.

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351 **Proposed resolution:**

352 The Student Council adopts the proposed schedule for 2027.

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354 **The Student Board's recommendation:**

355 The proposal is adopted.

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358 **2636** Discussion Cases359 **2636.1** Discussing a Resolution on Reinstating the Principle of Free
360 Higher Education361 *Case responsible: The Student Board v/ Ronja*
362363 **Attachment 12:** Resolution on Reinstating the Principle of Free Higher Education in Norway364 **Purpose:**365 The Student Parliament shall discuss the proposed resolution on reinstating the principle of free higher
366 education in Norway.367 **Background:**368 In 2023, a substantial tuition fee was introduced for international students from countries outside the
369 EU/EEA and Switzerland who wish to study in Norway. In light of the government's upcoming budget
370 processes, this issue is highly relevant going forward.371 The Student Board has drafted a proposed resolution calling for the removal of this tuition fee and the
372 introduction of mitigating measures until the fee is abolished. This is based on the value international
373 students bring to Norwegian academia and the principle that education should be free for everyone in
374 Norway. The resolution is based on the Norwegian National Union of Students' (NSO) resolutions on the
375 issue.376 **Questions for discussion:**

- 377 - What does the Student Parliament think of the proposed resolution?
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- 378 - Are there any arguments the Student Parliament feels are missing from the resolution?
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381 **2636.2** Discussion of the resolution: Reassessment of HUJI (Israel)'s
382 Membership in the ELLS Alliance383 *Case responsible: The Student Board v/ Ronja*
384385 **Attachment 13:** Resolution of HUJI386 **Attachment 14:** Additional information supporting the HUJI resolution
387388 **Purpose**389 To discuss the proposed resolution on how NMBU and our ELSA representatives should relate to HUJI's
390 (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel) membership in the ELLS alliance.
391392 **Background**393 NMBU is a member of the EuroLeague for Life Sciences (ELLS) alliance, and within this framework, two
394 student representatives from NMBU are represented in the ELLS Student Association (ELSA). ELLS has
395 ten member universities and two partner universities, one of which is The Hebrew University of
396 Jerusalem (HUJI) in Israel.

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398 In light of Israel's invasion of Gaza in 2023 and HUJI's connections to the Israeli military (IDF), students
399 from other ELLS universities have raised questions regarding HUJI's membership status in the ELLS
400 alliance (see Appendix 13 for further information).

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402 To date, NMBU has not taken a strong position on this matter.

403 Following the discussion case concerning this issue at ST2, the Student Board (AU) has prepared a draft
404 resolution regarding HUJI's membership in the ELLS network. The proposal calls for NMBU and the
405 university's student representatives in ELSA to take a clear position advocating for a reassessment of this
406 cooperation within ELLS.

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408 **Questions for Discussion**

- 409 1. Does the Student Parliament agree with the AU's proposed resolution?
- 410 2. Are there elements of the resolution text that should be clarified or amended?
- 411 3. Does the Student Parliament agree with the proposals under "The Student Parliament believes
412 that"?

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415 2636.3 Discussion of a Resolution on Credits in Integrated Master's 416 Programmes

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Case responsible: Kristian Lund Vang

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419 **Attachment: 15 Resolution on Credits in Integrated Master's Programmes**

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421 **Purpose:**

422 To discuss the proposed resolution on what form of quality certification NMBU should offer students
423 enrolled in integrated master's programmes who wish to change their field of study.

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425 **Background:**

426 Students in integrated master's programmes at NMBU can currently complete 180 credits without
427 receiving any formal confirmation of the competence they have achieved. This may create significant
428 challenges for students who wish to change their field of study or continue their education elsewhere in
429 the higher education system.

430 At present, students can transfer from an integrated master's programme to another master's

431 programme through the study administration, but they receive no formal certification of their

432 completed credits in connection with such a transfer. If a student wishes to transfer to another

433 university in a similar manner, the opportunities are limited. It has also been indicated that upcoming

434 national university regulations may further restrict the right to make such transfers.

435 I want the Student Parliament to work towards establishing a scheme that ensures greater flexibility for
436 students enrolled in integrated master's programmes.

437 This case has been brought forward through conversations with students and academic advisors, as

438 well as by reviewing information provided by INN regarding the composite bachelor's degree

439 (<https://www.inn.no/for-studenter/administrer-dine-studier/sammensatt-bachelorgrad/index.html>).

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441 **Question for discussion:**

- 442 1. Does the Student Parliament agree with the proposed resolution?

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444 2636. 4 Discussion of submitted Proposal of Digital Sovereignty at NMBU

445 *Case responsible: Clementè Pfeiffer*

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447 **Attachment 16:** Proposal of Digital Sovereignty at NMBU

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449 **Purpose:**

450 To discuss submitted proposals regarding digital sovereignty at NMBU.

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452 **Background:**

453 Due to the growing number of threats to our privacy and other aspects of the digital world, and the
454 increasing collection of data by system owners—whom we pay significant amounts to ensure that our
455 data does not fall into the wrong hands. The proposer wishes for the Student Parliament to discuss
456 whether it is time to move in the opposite direction. This would mean making systems cheaper and more
457 accessible, and gaining greater self-control over our own data.

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461 2637 Other Cases

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464 2638 Meeting Evaluation

465 [Link for Meeting Evaluation Form](#)

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467 **2639 Attachments**468 **2639.1 Attachment 1 Semi-annual report from the Student Board**

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470 **Frøydis**

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472 National Student Political Work

473 Frøydis has participated in several meetings organized by the Norwegian Student Organisation (NSO),
474 including National Board meetings where matters to be addressed at the National Assembly were
475 discussed. In her role as Head of Delegation, she has also taken part in multiple preparatory delegate
476 meetings ahead of the NSO National Assembly, as well as meetings with the NMBU delegation to plan the
477 overall process related to the Assembly.

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479 She also attended a national student policy summit with Minister Aasland, where topics included ongoing
480 changes in higher education, how to ensure strong learning environments and student welfare in more
481 flexible study pathways, and the use of artificial intelligence in higher education.

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483 In addition, Frøydis has responded to the NSO annual report and the member organization survey in
484 order to provide a status update on student democracy at NMBU.

485 NMBU's NSO delegates have held meetings and conducted interviews with candidates who wished to
486 present themselves, as well as prepared for the NSO National Assembly.
487 The week after Easter, Frøydis and the four other NMBU delegates will attend the NSO National Assembly
488 in Tønsberg (this takes place after the deadline for submission of documents).

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490 Meetings, Collaboration, and Representation

491 Frøydis has participated in several collaboration arenas between universities, including U5 gatherings
492 with other self-governing universities. Topics discussed include sustainability efforts, green office
493 schemes, collaboration with industry, and how the university network can be further utilized. She also
494 attended a ULT seminar on NMBU 2035, the Dialogue Conference, where she presented the challenges
495 facing the Student Democracy and achievements in 2025, as well as the kick-off meeting for the Council
496 for Collaboration with Working Life (RSA), which aims to strengthen ties between the university and
497 industry.

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499 Furthermore, Frøydis has participated as an observer at University Board meetings, attended a coffee
500 meeting with the University Director together with the Student Board and the student representative on
501 the University Board, and taken part in the developer forum with the municipality of Ås. Topics discussed
502 included student activity in the town center during the period when Aud Max. is closed, as well as the
503 need for storage and rehearsal spaces for student organizations.

504 Frøydis also attended the Governor of the Central Bank's annual address, which presented future
505 outlooks for the Norwegian economy. Additionally, she participated in the 10-year anniversary of the
506 University of South-Eastern Norway (USN), which was both pleasant and educational.

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508 Elections, Training, and Start-Up

509 Work has been carried out related to ballot elections for male candidates to the University Board and
510 Faculty Boards. Due to challenges related to visibility and recruitment, a supplementary election was
511 conducted at the beginning of the year. The process has been demanding, but candidates have now been
512 recruited for most positions. Frøydis has also been involved in appointing a new student representative
513 to the Arts Council at NMBU.

514 She has conducted training and experience-sharing sessions with Faculty Board representatives, during
515 which several issues and proposals for improvement were raised.

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517 The first meeting of the Student Leadership Team (SLT) with new student council leaders has been held,
518 providing updates on the start of the semester and the status at the various faculties.
519 Start-up meetings have been held with the Head of Orientation Week, the Study Start Committee, and the
520 Orientation Week Board, marking the beginning of planning for Orientation Week 2026. Frøydis has also
521 participated in board and administrative meetings related to this work.

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523 A significant portion of the effort has gone into planning the kickoff conference, which had strong
524 attendance and highly engaged participants.

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526 Frøydis has also worked on planning the course AOS234, including meetings with the course coordinator,
527 adjustments to the course structure, and managing registrations in StudentWeb. The course was
528 postponed by two weeks due to conflicts with student voluntary activities, and the final preparations
529 ahead of the start in week 12 have been completed.

530 The course AOS234 has now commenced and appears to be of strong interest to participating students;
531 so far, it has been both exciting and insightful.

532 Social and Promotional Activities

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535 The Student Board organized a Christmas brunch as a social conclusion for the previous Student
536 Parliament, during which medals and pins were awarded.

537 Frøydis has also produced informational content to increase visibility of student democracy, including an
538 Instagram video explaining how a Student Parliament session is conducted. In addition, the Student
539 Board contributed to a video promoting the Study Start Survey in collaboration with NMBU's
540 communications department.

541 As the election period approaches, Frøydis, together with the rest of the Student Board, the Election
542 Committee, and others, is actively seeking strong candidates to take over their roles.

543 544 545 **Ronja**

546 International Affairs

547 This semester, Ronja attended ELSA's Spring Meeting in Vienna, where NMBU's student representatives
548 presented a proposal to establish a "Students in Research" project across the ELLS universities. The
549 proposal has since been approved by the ELLS alliance, and Ronja will contribute to launching the project.
550 She has also contributed to an ELSA initiative aimed at developing principles for academic collaboration
551 within ELLS. Along with the other ELLS representative, Ronja will work to promote ELLS summer schools
552 and encourage more NMBU students to submit research projects to the Student Scientific Conference in
553 November 2026.

554 Additionally, Ronja has distributed inclusion funds on a monthly basis, updated regulations and
555 procedures related to these funds, and assisted ISU and ESN with various challenges related to organizing
556 events for international students.

557 558 Learning Environment

559 This semester, Ronja assumed the role of Chair of the Learning Environment Committee (LMU) at NMBU.
560 Discussions have focused on results from the Study Start Survey and the National Student Survey,
561 particularly regarding study start, orientation week, perceived relevance to working life, and class
562 environment. Based on these findings, she initiated efforts to increase NMBU's involvement in

563 Orientation Week. She has also collected nominations for the Learning Environment Award, selected the
564 winner, and initiated planning for Mental Health Week 2026.
565 Regarding campus space processes, Ronja has participated in efforts to map and assess needs related to
566 social areas, reading rooms, and master's workspaces. She is also in dialogue with the Property
567 Department regarding a participation brochure. Ronja is scheduled to participate in the AMU Building
568 Committee and the SVP Steering Group, though these have not yet commenced.
569 She has also worked on student involvement in the campus space efficiency process. This has raised
570 questions about whether more overarching steering groups should be covered by the Student Board, and
571 whether this could justify expanding the committee's full-time equivalent positions. Appointing students
572 to various working groups at faculty level will also require time and capacity from the Student Board.
573 These issues are currently under discussion between Ronja, the Student Board, and NMBU.
574 At present, the Student Board will gain oversight of the space reduction process through briefings from
575 the Property Department in LMU and participation in the AMU Building Committee.
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577 Welfare

578 This semester, Ronja has chaired the Welfare Funding Committee, which allocates welfare funds, and has
579 begun work on a proposal to revise the welfare funding regulations. She has also distributed academic
580 and political funds on a monthly basis and contributed to the allocation of funds from NU's Career Fund.
581 In collaboration with SiÅs, Ronja is developing a reporting guideline for student associations, which will
582 be published on SiÅs' website. If this proves effective, the resource may be expanded over time.
583 Ronja has also ensured that SiÅs will establish a joint event calendar for Ås on its website and assisted
584 NMBU in improving communication with students. In this context, plans are underway to create an NMBU
585 Canvas space for students, while development of an NMBU app has been temporarily deprioritized.
586 Furthermore, Ronja is in dialogue with the municipality and NMBU to map emergency preparedness
587 plans for students in the event of a crisis. She is also assessing a potential collaboration with NU related
588 to follow-up of student associations at NMBU.
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590 **Frida**

592 General Work and Collaboration

593 Together with the rest of the Student Board, Frida attended a U5 gathering in Bergen with Studetn Boards
594 from NTNU, UiT, UiO, and UiB. The program included sessions on topics such as artificial intelligence and
595 green office initiatives, as well as experience-sharing. The Student Board also planned and organized a
596 kickoff conference for elected student representatives at the NMBU Student Parliament, held over a
597 weekend. The conference was successful and featured contributions from the Student Ombudsman, the
598 Deputy Chair of NSO, and Rector Solveig Sæbø.
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600 Sustainability

601 As Deputy Chair of the Sustainability Committee, Frida contributed to planning and organizing Green
602 Week and served as financial officer. Green Week became a successful festival with more intimate,
603 smaller-scale events than previous years, but strong attendance at each event and a diverse program of
604 sustainability-focused activities. In addition, the Sustainability Committee participated in and promoted
605 the SDG Conference 2026, held in Oslo in February.
606 Frida has also joined a newly established network of green office representatives from UiO, NTNU,
607 OsloMet, and sustainability pilots from UiB. The network met the Wednesday following the SDG
608 Conference and has since held approximately monthly meetings to plan a national workshop for
609 university student representatives. Frida was invited to participate as NMBU's representative due to her
610 role as sustainability officer in the Student Board, despite NMBU not yet having a formal Green Office.
611 Frida and the Chair of the Sustainability Committee are now collaborating with the Sustainability Hub to
612 establish a Green Office at NMBU, following approval from the university leadership.

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614 Study Quality

615 In her role as responsible for study quality, Frida has participated in several working groups. One group
616 focused on developing an overarching strategy for artificial intelligence at NMBU, where Frida
617 contributed input from a student perspective and aligned with the Student Parliament's position on AI.
618 She also participated in a group assessing block-based teaching and the shared use of specialized rooms.
619 In addition, she served as student representative in the working group revising the Graduate Survey,
620 which will be relaunched annually for recent NMBU graduates.

621 Frida has also served on the Education Committee alongside two other student representatives. This
622 semester included a program seminar where Frida represented student perspectives on what is
623 important in program development, in addition to two Education Committee meetings in 2026.

624 Frida chairs the "Lecturer of the Semester" committee and has initiated work with the newly elected
625 committee from Student Parliament 6 to determine the best lecturer of the spring semester. They are
626 currently calculating the results, and the award will be presented before Student Parliament 3.

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628 Research and Innovation

629 Frida serves as student representative on the Research Committee and has attended two meetings this
630 semester, with a third scheduled for April 16. She also regularly participates in meetings at BIT with staff
631 focusing on student innovation.

632 Within student innovation, Frida has continued coordination meetings between the Student Board's
633 innovation officer, the Pro-Rector for Research and Innovation, the Pro-Rector for Education,
634 StartUpSmia, BIT, UrbanLab, Helix, Cre8, Start NMBU, Eclipse, and EikLab. Frida has led two such
635 meetings this semester, and the group is currently planning a reverse career day at the BIT Center on
636 April 21, where student associations will present themselves to companies and other industry
637 stakeholders.

638 Innovation funding is a relatively new scheme and has received several applications this semester
639 following targeted promotion. Frida has reviewed applications and allocated innovation funds to three
640 student associations focused on student innovation.

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643 2639.2 Attachment 2: Semi-annual report from the University Board

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

Norwegian University of Life Sciences (NMBU)

Spring 2026

To Student Parliament (ST) 3,

The spring semester of 2026 has been busy and eventful for the University Board (US) at NMBU, with important work shaping the strategic direction, finances, and operations of the entire institution. Within a short period, several new deans (4 out of 7) have been appointed, and despite solid restructuring efforts, further work remains in the coming years. In this report, you can read a brief overview of the most important matters addressed by the University Board during spring 2026. Key discussion points and decisions are highlighted in the most relevant cases, while other matters not included are considered to have no noteworthy comments.

The next and final University Board meeting of the semester, according to the meeting schedule, will take place and be open to the public on Wednesday, June 10. The location has not yet been determined but will be announced together with the meeting notice. A report from this meeting will be presented at ST 4.

Below is a link to OpenGov, the platform where meeting calls, agendas, minutes, and protocols from NMBU councils and committees are published: <https://opengov.360online.com/Meetings/nmbu>

The male representative, together with members of the University Board, will participate in a governance meeting with the Ministry of Education and Research on May 22. These governance meetings are important for steering and dialogue between the Ministry and the university. Here, the Board has the opportunity to raise important matters and both receive and provide input for future governance and strategy.

In connection with the student elections in autumn 2025, the male student representative to the University Board and his deputy were elected; respectively Magnus Schie Larsen (re-elected) and Adrian Nilsen Botland. Deputy Vegard Thomas Blomkvist ended his term on January 1, 2026.

A new female student representative will be elected to the US in April, during the spring 2026 Student Election. We are both eager to see the results and will ensure that the newly elected representative receives the support needed to feel confident in the role when the time comes.

We are always open to input from students regarding matters we are working on or about the Board in general. Please contact us if you have any questions – we are happy to respond!

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DECISION CASES

From US meeting 10.11.2025

9/25 NMBU's Study Programme Portfolio 2026–2027

In case 9/25, the University Board adopted NMBU's study programme portfolio for 2026–2027. The decision entails a restructuring of the master's programmes, where several specialised programmes are discontinued and academic environments are consolidated into broader programmes or continued as specialisations. The purpose is to strengthen the quality, relevance, and sustainability of the educational offerings, as well as to use resources more efficiently.

A new one-year programme in nature and environment and a new master's programme in sustainable food systems will be established. At the same time, master's programmes in agroecology, urban agriculture, nature-based tourism, and the part-time master's in real estate development will be discontinued. The master's programme in genomics will continue as a specialisation within biology. Several programme name changes were also adopted.

10/25 Admission Frameworks NMBU 2026/27

In case 10/25, the University Board adopted the admission frameworks for the academic year 2026–2027. Overall, the number of study places is slightly reduced compared to the previous year, particularly within several five-year master's programmes, while there are smaller changes in bachelor's and two-year master's programmes.

If not all study places are filled, the Board recommends that available capacity be used for continuing and further education, individual courses, and other flexible study offerings. The Rector may also adjust the admission frameworks in dialogue with the faculties if necessary.

11/25 Tuition Fees at NMBU 2026/27

In case 11/25, the University Board at the Norwegian University of Life Sciences adopted new tuition fee rates for the academic year 2026–2027 for students from countries outside the EU/EEA and Switzerland. The fees are divided into three categories: NOK 80,000, NOK 150,000, and NOK 275,000 per year.

The rates have been adjusted in response to changes in national guidelines and to make NMBU more internationally competitive. The fees are intended to remain relatively low compared to many similar universities in Europe, and NMBU is also among the more affordable institutions in Norway for this student group. The Board expressed principled opposition to tuition fees, but the scheme is politically determined. There was a desire to set the fees even lower; however, uncertainty in the regulatory framework and pending clarifications from the Ministry meant that this was not implemented at this time.

Revenue from tuition fees will continue to be distributed between the faculties and the central level according to the same allocation model as previously.

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651**15/25 Appointment of Dean at KBM**

In case 15/25, the University Board appointed a new Dean at KBM, who will assume the position on 10 November 2026. Acting Dean Svein Horn was appointed during the meeting. He has already been serving in the position in an acting capacity since summer 2025.

The case was exempt from public disclosure, but information about the decision was published on NMBU's intranet on 25 November.

From US meeting 10.11.2025

17/25 Appointment of Dean at Realtek

In case 17/25, the University Board appointed a new Dean at Realtek, who will assume the position on 1 January 2026. Acting Dean Ingunn Burud was appointed during the meeting. She has already been serving in the position in an acting capacity since March 2025.

The case was exempt from public disclosure, but information about the decision was published on NMBU's intranet on 19 December.

From US meeting 29.01.2026

11/26 Appointment of Dean at HH

In case 11/26, the University Board adopted recommendations for the appointment of a Dean at the School of Economics and Business. The decision is still exempt from public disclosure and will be announced on NMBU's website when finalized.

12/26 Award of Educational Merit Status 2025

In case 12/26, the University Board awarded the status of "Excellent Teacher" to Knut Omholt, Linda Helèn Godager, Hilde Vinje, Ronny Steen, and Runa Rørtveit. "Excellent Teacher" is a recognition awarded to academic staff who, over time, have demonstrated particularly high quality in teaching, development of learning methods, and contributions to educational quality at the university.

The scheme aims to highlight teaching as an important part of the academic career, on par with research. Those awarded the status have documented systematic work with student-active learning, development of courses and study programmes, and sharing of experiences with colleagues. The decision entails both academic recognition and a responsibility to contribute further to the development of educational quality at NMBU.

Read more here: <https://www.nmbu.no/nyheter/fem-nye-meritterte-undervisere-ved-nmbu>

From US meeting 04.03.2026

14/26 Annual Report NMBU 2025

In case 14/26, the University Board adopted NMBU's annual report for 2025. The annual report provides a comprehensive overview of the university's activities, results, and goal achievement during the year, and is to be submitted to the Ministry of Education and Research by 15 March 2026. The report has been prepared by departments within the university administration and coordinated by the Division for Leadership and Institutional Governance.

The report describes developments in education, research, innovation, and sustainability efforts at NMBU. It shows, among other things, continued high student satisfaction, a record number of

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doctoral degrees awarded in 2025, and increased activity in research applications and innovation. At the same time, the report highlights the need for continued restructuring and financial balance within the organisation.

The University Board approved the Annual Report for 2025 prior to submission to the Ministry.

15/26 Annual Accounts 2025

In case 15/26, the University Board adopted NMBU's annual accounts for 2025. The accounts constitute the university's official financial statements in accordance with guidelines from the Ministry of Education and Research and form the basis for the annual report submitted to the Ministry. The accounts include both grant-funded activities and externally funded research and commissioned activities at the university.

The accounts show a surplus of NOK 4.1 million, related to completed commissioned projects in 2025. Total institutional capital at year-end amounts to NOK 55 million, of which NOK 54 million is unrestricted and managed by the University Board. The annual accounts will later be audited by the Office of the Auditor General, with the final audit report to be presented to the Board in June.

The University Board approved the submitted annual accounts for 2025, including management commentary, income statement, and balance sheet.

16/26 Report for the Third Tertial 2025 – Transfer of Funds from 2025 to 2026

In case 16/26, the University Board adopted the report for the third tertial of 2025, including the transfer of funds from 2025 to 2026. The tertial report shows that strict financial management and staffing control throughout 2025 have had a positive effect on the financial situation, although there remains a need for further restructuring within the organisation.

The case addresses how unspent funds from 2025 are to be transferred and allocated in 2026. The main principle is that budget units will largely retain their unspent funds for the following year to ensure predictability in financial management. At the same time, certain balancing measures are proposed, related to, among other things, energy costs, recruitment positions, and various central budget items, as well as the transfer of parts of the contingency reserve to 2026.

The University Board took note of the report for the third tertial of 2025 and adopted the allocation of transferred funds from 2025 to 2026 in accordance with the University Director's proposal.

17/26 Investment Plan 2026–2030

In case 17/26, the University Board adopted NMBU's investment plan for 2026–2030. The background for the plan is guidelines from the Ministry of Education and Research that limit the level of financial reserves institutions may hold. Reserves exceeding 5 percent of the annual allocation must be linked to a concrete investment plan, and the Board must therefore approve such a plan for the use of these funds.

The investment plan covers three main areas: functional and technical upgrading of buildings, central strategic funding for scientific equipment, and faculties' and units' own allocations for investments (primarily research equipment). The plan largely involves the allocation of funds already approved through previous budgetary and accounting processes.

The University Board adopted the presented investment plan for the period 2026–2030.

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18/26 New Development Agreement – Draft Agreement to the Ministry

In case 18/26, the University Board adopted the draft for a new development agreement with the Ministry of Education and Research. The agreement is intended to define the university's strategic priorities and goals in dialogue with the Ministry and forms the basis for further negotiations on the final agreement. The draft builds on previous discussions within the University Board and input from, among others, the Research Committee and the Education Committee.

The agreement proposes three overarching goals for the period: to strengthen NMBU's research efforts and international position, to contribute to innovation and value creation through collaboration with society and industry, and to further develop the educational portfolio with a focus on quality, relevance, and flexibility. These goals are supported by various performance indicators related to, among other things, research collaboration, innovation, student experience, and the development of the study programme portfolio.

The University Board adopted the draft development agreement for submission to the Ministry by the deadline of 15 March 2026, as a basis for further dialogue on the final agreement.

19/26 Administrative Review – Mandate

In case 19/26, the University Board adopted the mandate for an administrative review, to be led by University Director Per Eirik Lund. The background is a tighter financial framework, increasing competition for resources, and a need for increased funding for building maintenance. NMBU has already implemented cost-saving measures since 2024, but projections still indicate financial imbalance. The purpose of the review is to ensure that the administration is adapted to future financial conditions, while safeguarding the university's core tasks within education, research, and dissemination.

The project will analyse the current administrative structure, work processes, competencies, and resource use across the central administration, faculties, and research centres. Based on this, areas for improvement, efficiency gains, and better coordination will be identified, as well as any necessary organisational changes. The work will result in concrete recommendations, risk assessments, and proposals for implementation. The project is planned to run from March to October 2026, with the first presentation of preliminary solutions to the University Board in June.

The University Board adopted the mandate and granted the University Director authority to carry out detailed planning of the project as outlined in the mandate document.

20/26 Award of the Education Prize 2026

In case 20/26, the University Board awarded the Education Prize for 2026. The prize is awarded every second year, alternating with the Research Prize. In 2026, one application was submitted. A committee appointed by the Rector reviews the applications and prepares a recommendation.

The committee for 2026 consists of:

Rani Lill Anjum; academic staff

Linda Helèn Godager; academic staff with educational expertise

Felix Jacobsen; student

Ingunn Reimers; student

Runa Rørtveit; academic staff



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Morten Sørli; academic staff

The statutes for NMBU's Education Prize can be found here:

<https://www.nmbu.no/om/pedagogisk-rammeverk-stimuleringsmidler-og-priser#utdanningsprisen>

The decision is still exempt from public disclosure and will be announced on NMBU's website when finalized. The Education Prize for 2026 is planned to be awarded at an educational event at NMBU on 1 June 2026.

21/26 Appointment of Dean at Biovit

In case 21/26, the University Board adopted recommendations for the appointment of a Dean at Biovit. The decision is still exempt from public disclosure and will be announced on NMBU's website when finalized.

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From US meeting 10.11.2025

9/25 Student Matters

In case 9/25, the University Board was informed about current student-related matters since the previous board meeting. The presenters were the student representatives Maja Raz Karterud and Magnus Schie Larsen.

Information was provided on work related to emergency preparedness, including a preparedness week held in week 44. The Student Parliament's Executive Committee organised a seminar on preparedness in collaboration with Ås municipality, NMBU, and SiÅs. Among other topics, discussions addressed who is responsible for ensuring student welfare in crisis situations.

In addition, the NSO Autumn Conference was held, where NMBU was presented to other student democracies in Norway. The national budget proposal was also presented, showing a significant financial shortfall for students. This has caused dissatisfaction, and both the Student Democracy and NSO are calling for student financial support to be increased to at least 1.5 G.

From US meeting 29.01.2026

XX/26 Student Matters

In case XX/26 (the case was omitted from the agenda), the University Board was informed about current student-related matters since the previous board meeting. The presenters were the student representatives Maja Raz Karterud and Magnus Schie Larsen.

Information was provided on student priorities in the ongoing restructuring process, a matter that the student representatives had raised as a discussion case in the Student Parliament. Findings from the discussion were presented, including that students wish to maintain a strong emphasis on practical training within study programmes and that student spaces should not be reduced. There was also a request for better overview and utilisation of existing facilities, particularly group rooms.

It was further noted that the Chair and Vice Chair of SiÅs expressed a desire for SiÅs to be more involved in the strategic processes related to campus planning, space efficiency, and the development of social areas.

Additionally, information was provided on the awarding of the "Best Lecturer of the Semester" prize. This prize is awarded each autumn and spring by a committee appointed by the Student Parliament. Professor Erling Holden was named Best Lecturer for the autumn semester of 2025, recognised for his engagement with students and his ability to inspire.

Finally, information was provided on the upcoming kick-off conference, which the Executive Committee was organising for newly elected representatives in the Student Parliament. As this is a completely new Student Parliament, there was great anticipation, including a planned visit from Solve.

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From US meeting 04.03.2026

10/26 Student Matters

In case 10/26, the University Board was informed about current student-related matters since the previous board meeting. The presenters were the student representatives Maja Raz Karterud and Magnus Schie Larsen.

Information was provided on miniUKA, which took place the same day, featuring events such as the “sprøytetog” parade and a scavenger hunt. The Board was given insight into the purpose of miniUKA as a preparatory exercise for the UKA festival in October. Information was also shared about the various events being held and the challenges associated with them, particularly due to the ongoing renovation of Aud Max.

There were also questions raised regarding the “3000m beer” event and student attitudes towards alcohol and inclusion in connection with such activities.

Furthermore, NMBU’s recruitment campaign was discussed, as it has generated reactions among students. Both the opinion piece titled “Bachelor in Irrelevance” published in Dagsavisen and the Rector’s response were addressed, in addition to the AI-animated video of a squirrel posted on TikTok.

664 **2639.3 Attachment 3: Semi-annual report from the SiÅs Board**

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666 **Semi-annual report from the SiÅs-board**

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668 Over the past six months the SiÅs-board has discussed several matters. We have renewed the student
669 housing regulations' rules on pets, as well as continuously worked up to the municipality regarding the
670 rising municipal fees. The student welfare organizations are also continuing the work to make "Norway
671 price" applicable for the student housing organizations as well, so that students do not have to bear higher
672 electricity costs.

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674 There is also steady progress with the construction of new student housing at Pentagon, and we are
675 beginning to see the horizon of the next construction stage where the oldest buildings at Pentagon will
676 be completely renovated and vertically expanded with additional floors. SiÅs has received ENOVA
677 funding in relation to the renovation plans, more concretely for mapping out the potential of the project
678 together with InnoTre, where the goal is to become a reference project for vertical expansions on top of
679 existing buildings.

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681 Towards the summer we will conduct a board seminar, focusing on onboarding of new board members.
682 This includes how the board of a student welfare organization works, as well as how SiÅs works to deliver
683 on our publicly assigned mission: to ensure welfare services for all students at NMBU.

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686 2639.4 Attachment 4: Preliminary accounts for 2026

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Accounts					
Student Parliament	*A-2026	A-2025	A-2024	A-2023	A-2022
Income in 2025 incl 32450 for Christamas brunch reg at 75	28200	49330		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	91 667	1 100 000	1 000 000	1 000 000	1 000 000
Repaid welfare funds from 2021					159 339
Total Income	2 609 867	3 580 330	3 401 000	3 186 100	3 431 983
Salary Student Board	263 360	1 420 919	1 373 922	1 277 785	1 237 573
Remuneration Buddy General/Secretary/ translation	40 188	124 883	122 331	127 695	118 941
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Payroll taxes	37 213	218 396	211 387	198 565	191 547
Employee insurance, retirement	16 442	81 537	79 883	65 553	37 242
Total Cost Employees	357 175	1 845 567	1 787 691	1 669 430	1 585 134
Course, traning and education	16 138	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,		28 749	28 394	41 282	95 046
Travel, representation	23 515	65 358	56 627	57 347	74 492
NSO fee, Campus Ås	259 866	494 176	423 091	387 008	378 944
Student Parliament meetings + SC dinners	7 204	18 002	22 530	23 157	13 368
Organisational expenses plus	20 067	40 478	12 715	37 796	48 374
Green week		- 15 415			
Barbeque Party		15 698	26 870	20 200	21 759
Buddy Week		45 457	83 227		
Total Other Operational Expenses	326 791	728 960	774 977	692 061	902 198
Welfare funds, Campus Ås	592 165	487 274	564 588	555 513	679 352
Inclusion Funds, NMBU	74 280	168 713	140 734	198 451	217 430
ISU NMBU	10 000	20 000	20 000	20 000	15 000
ESN	10 000	20 000	20 000	20 000	25 000
Total Cultural/Social Measures	686 445	695 987	745 322	793 964	936 782
Total Operational Expenses	1 370 411	3 270 514	3 307 990	3 155 455	3 424 114
Annual Result	1 239 456	309 816	93 010	30 645	7 869

689 2639.5 Attachment 5: Instructions Control Committee
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691 **Working instructions for the Control Committee**

692 *Revised at Student Parliament 3, 07.04.2025*

693 **Jurisdiction**

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

698 699 **Composition and duration**

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

704 705 **Tasks**

706 The Control Committee's tasks:

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

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

722 723 **Distrust**

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

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

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732 Overlap

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

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738 Other positions

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

- 742 - Student Board (AU)
- 743 - Student Parliament (representatives and chairmen)
- 744 - The University Board
- 745 - The Election Committee
- 746 - Board member of the SiÅs-Board

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748 Changes to working instructions

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

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757 **2639.6 Attachment 6: Candidacy for Karl Adrian Wuotila for Control**
758 **Committee**

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760 My name is Karl Adrian Wuotila and I am applying for a position in the control committee. I am a first-
761 year student studying climate physics and renewable energy. I have been a member of the control
762 committee for half a year, so I have experience of the position and the corresponding tasks and processes
763 involved.

764
765 Additionally, I have taken a course inn conflict resolution. This course was named street mediation when
766 directly translated. Inn this course I learned how to act inn conflicts and how to reach a favourable
767 resolution. Thanks for listening.

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769 This is me :)

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773 2639.7 Attachment 7: Presentation SiÅs

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775 **University foundation for student life in Ås (SiÅs)**776
777 **What is a university foundation for student life?**

778 A University foundation for student life is an economic collaboration between the state (the Ministry and
779 the learning institution) and the students.

780 This economic collaboration will ensure the basic needs of the students:

781 -A place to live

782 -Food

783 -Books

784 -Fitness facilities

785 -Health care / counseling

786 - Etc.

787 When collaborating to make welfare measures, all parts involved must put something "in the pot":

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789 **From the students;**

790 1. The semester fee. This goes to the university foundation for student life in its entirety. Everyone pays,
791 regardless of the extent to which they use the services.

792 2 Payment of rent, goods, and services

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794 **From the State (The Ministry);**

795 1. Financial contribution to administration (marginal)

796 2. Financial contribution for the construction of student housing

797 3. Affordable loans from the Housing Bank

798 4. VAT exemption for purchases in canteens

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800 **From the State (Learning institution);**

801 1. Free premises for all welfare production - (as an alternative to the students having to pay rent for the
802 premises where there are canteens, bookstores, administration etc.

803 2. Free basic equipment for welfare production (for example equipment in the canteens)

804 3. Cash contribution; some educational institutions provide financial support for canteen operations,
805 sports activities etc.

806 4. Here on Ås: free pieces of land for the construction of student housing.

807

808 In summary, a university foundation for student life is an economical collaboration between the state and
809 generations of students where the parts involved invest finances according to ability and solve common
810 tasks.

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812 **The board of SiÅs**

813 • Board consisting of 7 people, of which the Student Parliament elects five: Four students and a «mentor».

814 • The students have a majority and elect a president of the board from among these five people

815 • Has regulations and instructions for the board and chief executive officer

816 • Has adopted Strategic Plan, which is discussed and updated regularly

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818 **Collaboration with the Student Parliament**

819 • The board always sends all important welfare issues to the Student Parliament for consultation before
820 the board makes a decision (example, construction of new student housing).

821 • The president of the board attends all Student Parliament meetings to "listen" to the student opinion

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823 **The semester fee**

824 • The Act on university foundation for student life states:

825 «All students must pay a semester fee to the university foundation for student life »

826 "Those who do not pay the semester fee will not be admitted to the exam at the educational institution"

827 «The board determines how large the semester fee should be. All resolutions that affect the determination
828 and increase of the semester fee must be approved by the Ministry. "

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830 **The board distributes the use of semester fees. The semester fee is currently used for:**

831 - Student post / planning of development / infrastructure (NOK 1 million)

832 - Student Parliament (covers welfare funds and contingent NSO) (NOK 1 million)

833 - EIKA Sportcenter (depreciation) (NOK 2.5 million)

834 - Student Health (NOK 1.5 million)

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836 **Rights and obligations are formalized in the legislation;**

837 • Act on the university foundation for student life:

838 "All institutions covered by the universities and University Colleges Act must be affiliated with a student
839 organization."

840 "A student organization has the task of taking care of the students' welfare needs at the individual
841 educational institution."

- 842 «The educational institution has the overall responsibility for the students' learning environment. The
843 management of the educational institution shall, in collaboration with the university foundation for
844 student life, create the conditions for a good study environment and work to improve the overall learning
845 environment at the educational institution ».
- 846 • The Companies Act:
- 847 «The management of the company is under responsibility of the board. The board shall ensure proper
848 organization of the business.
- 849 The board shall, to the extent necessary, determine plans and budgets for the company's activities. The
850 board can also decide guidelines for the business.
- 851 The board shall ensure that they are updated about the financial position of the company and is obliged
852 to ensure that its activities, accounting, and asset management are managed in a way that ensure to
853 satisfactory control ».
- 854 • Compensation Act:
- 855 "Board members who intentionally or negligently cause the university foundation for student life a loss,
856 are responsible one for all and all for one, together with the general manager, for the loss."
- 857 • Also, the Accounting Act, the Auditors Act, the VAT legislation, regulations for university foundation for
858 student life, etc
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863 2639.8 Attachment 8: Candidacy for Theo Mølster for the SiÅs Board

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865 *Name: Theo Mølster*866 *Study: 1st year Business, Management and IT*

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868 Dear Student Parliament.

869 My name is Theo Mølster and I am in my first year of the bachelor's program
870 in Economics, Management and IT at the Business School. I am currently the
871 first deputy to the municipal council in Nordre Follo for the Labour Party, and
872 I sit on a political committee there. Through this I have gained good experience
873 reading case documents and participating in meetings with adults. I am also
874 the 2nd alternate to the SiÅs board and attended a board meeting before
875 Christmas.

876

877 I wish to stand as a board member of SiÅs because it is an important organization for us students,
878 providing the conditions for us to live well here in Ås. My main priority as a board member will be to
879 initiate planning for the construction and renovation of student housing. SiÅs is in a solid financial
880 position, and I believe we should be more proactive in our housing development so that both Pentagon
881 and old Skogveien are fully renovated. In addition, we should build more housing so that we reach the
882 goal of 50% coverage — meaning that 50% of campus-based students can rent housing through SiÅs.

883 This is a project that will take several years, but I believe we should begin planning as soon as possible,
884 and this will be my focus during my two years as a board member. I will be open to input and will strive
885 to represent our students well. As a committee member of OV (Stewards) at the Student Society
886 (Samfunnet), it is also important to me that the good collaboration between SiÅs and the Student Society
887 continues. But housing and student housing development is what I am most passionate about. I hope you
888 will give me the trust to represent our students on the SiÅs board, and I promise to put effort into the
889 role.

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893 **2639.9 Attachment 9: Candidacy for Rozalia Anna Ciupka for the University**
894 **Education Committee NMBU-UU**

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896 Hi! My name is Rozalia, and I am running for election as a representative on the University Education
897 Committee (NMBU-UU).

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899 I am running for election because I am passionate about the student voice being the most important
900 catalyst for change at NMBU. For me, course evaluations are the foundation of this work. We spend time
901 giving feedback, and I want to ensure that these do not remain merely statistics in a report, but become
902 a tool that leads to actual, sensible changes in our courses.

903
904 Through my positions, I have seen that the best results come when we have real dialogue with the
905 academic community. As a representative for REALTEK in the Student Parliament and student
906 representative for my class, I have gained valuable insight into student democracy and how we work
907 strategically to achieve results.

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909 I also have experience from the “other side” as a teaching assistant (TA), and through my work on the
910 Appointment Committee (AU) at REALTEK. This has given me a unique understanding of both
911 pedagogical quality and the processes behind our education. And when I am not sitting with a textbook
912 or case papers, you can find me as a photographer at Samfunnet (the Student Society), where I get to meet
913 students from all over campus.

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915 Why vote for me?

916 Because I combine strategic understanding with operational experience. Having seen our education as a
917 student, a TA, and a representative on the AU, I have deep respect for the work that goes into our subjects.
918 I want to ensure that the conversations in UU always take their starting point from our everyday life as
919 students, and I am ready to be a listening and clear voice for all of us in the coming year.

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923 2639.10 Attachment 10: Guidelines for the Appeals Committee// Board of
924 Student Cases
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926 Guidelines for the appeals committee at The Norwegian University of
927 Life Science (NMBU)
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929 **Legal basis**

- 930 a. The guidelines were approved by the board of NMBU on March 15 2017 and are based on section
931 5-1, and sections 9-1 and 9-2 of the Act relating to universities and university colleges.
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- 933 b. The guidelines shall clarify the composition of the appeals board, its areas of authority and
934 working methods. Any amendments to the guidelines must be approved by the board of the
935 university itself.
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937 **The appeals committee's composition, appointment and term in office**

- 938 c. The composition of the appeals committee shall fulfil the requirements set out in section 5-1 of the
939 Act relating to universities and university colleges.
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- 941 d. The chair and deputy chair shall fulfil the legal requirements for court of appeal judges and in
942 addition have experience in working at a university. The chair and deputy chair are appointed by
943 the board of the university itself for a term of four years at a time.
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- 945 e. Two members and up to two deputy members for each of these members shall be per- manently
946 employed in scientific positions at NMBU. These are appointed by the board of the university for a
947 term of one year at a time.
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- 949 f. Two students who are active at NMBU and *no more than* two deputy members for each of these
950 are appointed by the student parliament for a term of one year at a time.
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- 952 g. Two PhD students and no more than two deputy members for each of these are ap- pointed for a
953 term of one year at a time by the Society of Doctoral Candidates at NMBU (SoDoC). These shall act
954 as student members on the appeals committee in cases that ap- ply doctoral students.
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- 956 h. Re-election is permitted. A member or deputy member shall continue to hold office until a new
957 member is appointed, even if the normal term has expired.
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- 959 i. Members of the appeals committee shall master Norwegian.
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- 961 j. The Public Administrations Act's rules regarding impartiality shall apply to members of the
962 appeals committee.
- 963 k. The rector appoints a secretary for the appeals committee. The secretary shall have good legal
964 competence. The appeals committee secretary shall not hold an administrative po- sition in

965 departments that are frequently involved in cases before the appeals commit- tee.
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968 **The duties of the appeals committee**

969 l. The appeals committee makes decisions or makes statements in cases that fall within the remit of
970 the appeals committee pursuant to the Act relating to universities and university colleges, as well
971 as the types of cases that are set out in these guidelines.
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973 m. The appeals committee can make a decision on behalf of NMBU as the first instance in the
974 following types of cases:

- 975 1. cases of potential cheating or other censorious behaviour by a student,
976 2. cases regarding exclusion pursuant to suitability assessments by NMBU's suitability
977 committee,
978 3. cases regarding admissions when there are citations on a police certificate of good conduct.
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980 n. The appeals committee can make decisions as the appeals body in all cases in which the student
981 appeals an individual administrative decision made by a university body and in all instances in
982 the following types of cases:

- 983 1. appeals by applicants who are denied admittance to programs , when the rejection has been
984 decided by NMBU,
985 2. appeals by students regarding formal errors in adaptations and assessments of stu- dent
986 performance,
987 3. appeals by students regarding a lack of compliance with statutory or contractual obli- gations
988 relating to teaching and assessment of student performance/examinations,
989 4. appeals by students regarding deficiencies in the physical learning environment, seen in
990 relation to statutory duties or binding plans stipulated by the board of the univer- sity, unless
991 the case can be administered by NMBU's working environment commit- tee,
992 5. appeals by PhD candidates regarding the forced termination of doctoral studies,
993 6. appeals by PhD candidates regarding the rejection of PhD dissertations or the non- awarding
994 of a PhD degree,
995 7. appeals by DPhil candidates regarding the rejection of DPhil dissertations or the non- awarding
996 of a DPhil degree.
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998 o. The appeals committee shall in addition act as the appeals body in cases regarding com- plaints by
999 employees pursuant to NMBU's election rules regarding election to the univer- sity's governing
1000 bodies.**General rules for administering cases**

1001 p. The work of the appeals committee shall fulfil the rules stipulated by the Act relating to
1002 universities and university colleges in addition to general rules and principles of adminis- trative
1003 law, including the general provisions regarding case administration set out in the Public
1004 Administration Act.
1005

1006 q. The appeals committee shall decide its working methods itself within the framework of the
1007 provisions set out in the Act relating to universities and university colleges.

1008 r. The appeals committee secretary shall normally be authorised to decide issues relating to the
1009 preparation of the appeals committee's cases, but is not authorised to decide cases on their
1010 merits. The appeals committee can revoke the authority.

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1012 s. All documents in the appeals committee's cases shall be recorded in the university's rec- ord-
1013 keeping system.

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1015 t. The appeals committee/appeals committee secretary provides guidance to the parties and others
1016 in accordance with the provisions in the Public Administration Act section 11.

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1018 u. The appeals committee's decisions are normally made during meetings. The appeals committee
1019 has a quorum when the chair or deputy chair and two other members are present. In urgent cases
1020 that must be decided before the appeals committee can meet, a decision can be made via electronic
1021 communications, if the appeals committee chair finds this method justifiable.

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1023 v. The appeals committee shall ensure that appeals for which it is to act as appeals body have been
1024 evaluated by the first instance before the appeals committee makes a deci- sion in the case.

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1026 w. A party that has an interest in a case shall normally be given the opportunity to appear before
1027 the appeals committee and present his or her opinions of the case. The student can appear with
1028 an attorney or other assistant at his or her own expense, or at the ex- pense of the university if
1029 this is stipulated by the Act relating to universities and univer- sity colleges.

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1031 x. The appeals committee shall submit an annual report of its activities to the university board.

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1033 **Cases based on appeals by students**

1034 y. The right of students and applicants for admission to bring a case before the appeals board is
1035 conditional on the appellant having a legal interest in the outcome of the appeal case.

1036 z. Complaints by students or applicants for admission regarding formal errors, deficiencies in the
1037 learning environment or individual decisions regarding other matters shall nor- mally be open to
1038 the public, however they can be exempt from public access when the conditions set out in the
1039 Freedom of Information Act have been fulfilled.

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1041 æ. The appeals committee can overturn decisions that are appealed. The appeals commit- tee can
1042 make new decisions in cases that are not to be decided by the university board itself. In the event
1043 of a deadlock in the vote, the case is decided by the chair having a casting vote.

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1045 ø. In cases regarding formal errors in teaching or the assessment of student performance, the
1046 appeals committee can decide that an examination is to be re-taken , or order reas- sessment, or
1047 decide that the error be remedied in another manner.

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1049 å. In cases regarding deficiencies in the physical working environment, the appeals commit- tee
1050 makes decisions regarding changes to the conditions, unless the case involves signifi- cant budget
1051 allocations.

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1053 aa. Decisions made by the appeals committee cannot be appealed further.

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1055 Cases regarding cheating or other dishonesty

- 1056 bb. Cases in which there is a substantiated suspicion that a student has been guilty of cheating/
1057 attempted cheating or another form of dishonesty or censorious behaviour are brought before the
1058 appeals committee via the rector or a party authorised by the rector. The rector shall submit
1059 information that can shed light on the matter, insofar as the information is known or can
1060 reasonably be collected, and submit a proposed sanction.
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- 1062 cc. *The appeals committee shall ensure that the case is well illuminated prior to the committee making*
1063 *a decision. The appeals committee can ask the rector to submit supplementary information for an*
1064 *individual case if the appeals committee finds it necessary in order to shed light on the case.*
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- 1066 dd. *The appeals committee shall ensure that students who are suspected of cheating or other censorious*
1067 *behaviour have received notice of the case and have been given an opportunity to give a statement*
1068 *prior to the appeals committee assessing the case on its merits.*
1069
- 1070 ee. In cases that the university brings before the appeals committee regarding matters relating to
1071 individual students, including potential cheating or other dishonesty, all personal information
1072 shall normally be exempt from public disclosure. Students who have a protection interest
1073 pursuant to freedom of information legislation can ask the appeals committee to assess the
1074 openness of the case administration.
1075
- 1076 ff. In cases that can lead to exclusion or suspension/expulsion, NMBU shall cover legal assistance by
1077 an attorney for the student in accordance with the compensation rates set out in the Attorney
1078 compensation regulations.
- 1079 gg. Students who are a party in a case before the appeals committee regarding cheating or
1080 dishonesty and who do not master Norwegian can demand to give a statement to the appeals
1081 committee in English and receive the appeals committee's decision in English.
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- 1083 hh. The appeals committee can order sanctions in accordance with the rules set out in the Act relating
1084 to universities and university colleges chapter 4 and 5. Decisions regarding exclusion must be
1085 passed with at least a 2/3 majority. In the event of a deadlock in the vote when ordering sanctions
1086 pursuant to sections 4-7, 4-8 or 4-9 of the Act relating to universities and university colleges, the
1087 result that is most beneficial to the student shall apply.
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- 1089 ii. Individual decisions pursuant to the Act relating to universities and university colleges sections
1090 4-7 to 4-10 that are made by the appeals committee as the first instance can be appealed to a joint
1091 appeals committee, appointed through the Regulation of October 10 2005 no. 1192, cf. the rules
1092 in the Act relating to universities and university colleges chapter 4 and 5. Such appeals are lodged
1093 with the appeals committee for a new assessment, before being forwarded to the joint appeals
1094 committee for a final decision, if relevant.
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- 1096 jj. A student can bring a final decision regarding suspension or exclusion for review before an
1097 ordinary court of law. A lawsuit must be brought within three months of the student being
1098 informed of the final decision.
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1101 2639.11 Attachment 11: Schedule for the Student Democracy for 2027
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Date Plan/ Schedule for the Student Democracy NMBU 2027					
Date	Event	Student Council meeting	SC Dinner	Case Papers out	Case Papers Deadline
Uke 5 eller 6	Faculty FU/UU Seminar				
Uke 5 eller 6	Board Seminar/ exchange of experiences for US/FS				
30.01. - 31.01	Kick Off Conference				
8. feb.	Student Parliament 1	3. feb.	2. feb.	28. jan.	24. jan.
15. mar.	Student Parliament 2	10. mar.	9. mar.	4. mar.	28. feb.
19. apr.	Student Parliament 3	14. apr.	13. apr.	8. apr.	4. apr.
21. apr.	Faculty General Assembly				
21.04.237 - 28.04.27	Electronic Ballot Election (US, FS, AU)				
Juni	Overlaps period for The Student Board				
uke 36 eller 27	Class representative Gathering				
Uke 36 eller 37	Board seminar/ Exchange of experiences for US, FS				
20. sep.	Student parliament 4	15. sep.	14. sep.	9. sep.	5. sep.
25. okt.	Student Parliament 5	20. okt.	19. okt.	14. okt.	9. okt.
22. nov.	Student Parliament 6	17. nov.	16. nov.	11. nov.	6. nov.
24. nov.	Faculty General Asembly				
24.11.27 - 01.12.27	Electronic Ballot Election (US og FS)				
NB: remember Easter Holiday 22.03.27 - 29.03.27					

1106 **2639.12 Attachment 12: Resolution: Reinstate the Free principle in education**
1107 **Resolution on Reinstating the Principle of Free Higher Education in Norway**
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1109 Education should be free for everyone in Norway, including international students. In the autumn of
1110 2023, a tuition fee was introduced for international students from countries outside the EU/EEA and
1111 Switzerland. This meant that public universities and university colleges, including NMBU, were
1112 required to charge at least cost-covering tuition fees to this group. At NMBU, the tuition fee for the
1113 2026/2027 academic year ranges from NOK 80,000 to NOK 275,000 per academic year.
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1115 Since the introduction of the tuition fees, the number of international students from countries outside
1116 the EU/EEA and Switzerland has dropped sharply, estimated at around 80 percent, and several study
1117 programmes are at risk of being weakened or discontinued. Introducing tuition fees for this group of
1118 students is unsolidary, weakens the quality of Norwegian higher education, and undermines the
1119 fundamental principle that education should be free in Norway.
1120

1121 Norwegian higher education depends on international exchange of ideas, collaboration, and diversity.
1122 International students add significant value to Norwegian academia and are important contributors to
1123 student engagement, elected positions, and volunteer work in Norwegian student communities. They
1124 are also central to several study programmes that are important for both research and industry. Tuition
1125 fees for international students create greater inequality and make the ability to pay a deciding factor in
1126 access to higher education in Norway.
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1128 In the national budget for 2026, the government has also proposed phasing out the NORSTIP scheme
1129 (the Norwegian Scholarship Scheme for students from selected partner countries) from the 2026/2027
1130 academic year. NORSTIP was established to compensate for the introduction of tuition fees. At the same
1131 time, there have been no signals that other scholarship schemes, such as NORPART, will be reinstated.
1132 Removing the only remaining scholarship scheme for international students is short-sighted and stands
1133 in stark contrast to the government's stated goal of recruiting more international students to Norway.
1134

1135 The Student Parliament believes that the principle of free higher education must be reinstated by
1136 removing tuition fees for international students from outside the EU/EEA and Switzerland. Until this
1137 happens, measures must be introduced to make it possible for more international students to study at
1138 Norwegian institutions, including through scholarship schemes and other compensatory measures.
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1140 **The Student Parliament believes that:**

- 1141 - The principle of free higher education should be reinstated by removing tuition fees for
1142 international students from outside the EU/EEA/Switzerland, so that all students can study free
1143 of charge in Norway.
- 1144 - Active efforts must be made to establish arrangements that make it possible for international
1145 students to study free of charge in Norway until tuition fees are removed.
- 1146 - NORSTIP or equivalent scholarship schemes must be maintained or replaced with new schemes
1147 that ensure real access to Norwegian higher education for international students.

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1149 **2639.13 Attachment 13 Resolution: Reassessment of HUJI (Israel)'s**
1150 **Membership in the ELLS Alliance**

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1152 **Resolution: Reassessment of HUJI (Israel)'s Membership in the ELLS Alliance**

1153 NMBU is a member of the EuroLeague for Life Sciences (ELLS), an alliance of European universities within
1154 the life sciences that cooperates in education, research, innovation, and exchange. NMBU also has two
1155 student representatives in the ELLS Student Association (ELSA). ELLS consists of ten member
1156 universities and two partner universities, one of which is The Hebrew University of Jerusalem (HUJI) in
1157 Israel.

1158
1159 In light of Israel's invasion of Gaza in 2023 and HUJI's connections to the Israeli military (IDF), questions
1160 have been raised regarding HUJI's membership in ELLS, including within ELSA.

1161 Parts of HUJI's campus are built on occupied Palestinian territory. HUJI offers training programs for the
1162 Israel Defense Forces (IDF) and has stated that it provided logistical equipment to the military following
1163 the invasion of Gaza in 2023. The chair of Israel's largest arms manufacturer is a member of HUJI's Board
1164 of Trustees (EUR, 2025).

1165
1166 Several universities have already severed ties with HUJI, and in 2025 both Erasmus University Rotterdam
1167 (EUR) and Maastricht University, both in the Netherlands, assessed the ethics of cooperation with HUJI.
1168 EUR concluded that there are credible indications that HUJI is involved in structural violations of human
1169 rights and international law, and that continued cooperation may compromise the university's values.

1170 To date, NMBU has not taken a position on the collaboration with HUJI within the ELLS alliance.

1171 The Student Democracy believes that NMBU must set ethical standards for its academic partners. Without
1172 seeking to harm individual students, it must be acknowledged that academic cooperation in this situation
1173 may have serious consequences. NMBU should therefore take the lead in calling for a reassessment of
1174 HUJI's membership in ELLS.

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1176 **The Student Parliament calls for:**

- 1177 • NMBU to take an active position within the ELLS alliance to ensure that HUJI's membership is
1178 reassessed.
- 1179 • NMBU's student representatives in ELSA to work through ELSA to ensure that cooperation with
1180 HUJI is reassessed within ELLS.

1183 2639.14 Attachment 14 Additional information supporting the HUJI resolution.

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1185 **What are ELLS and ELSA?**

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1187 The EuroLeague for Life Sciences (ELLS) is an alliance of European universities committed to life
1188 sciences for sustainability. Rooted in scientific excellence and societal engagement, ELLS drives the
1189 transformation of agri-food systems through collaboration in education, research, and innovation. ELLS
1190 has ten member universities in Europe, including NMBU, and two partner universities outside of
1191 Europe: Lincoln University in New Zealand and the Hebrew University of Jerusalem in Israel (HUJI).

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1193 The ELLS Student Association (ELSA) is made up of two representatives from each member university
1194 (with voting rights) and one observing representative from partner universities. The primary aim of the
1195 ELSA group is to ensure that the student voice is included in decisions made by ELLS and to raise student
1196 issues through the appropriate channels. At present there are representatives in ELSA from all
1197 universities except HUJI.

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1199 **What is the situation?**

1200 Given the invasion of Gaza by the state of Israel, concern has been raised by students from ELLS
1201 universities that a collaboration with HUJI is problematic and unethical. Many also recognize that not all
1202 students or faculties may agree with the views of their government or the actions of their national
1203 military, thus collaboration with individuals is not necessarily in question. However, there are concerns
1204 about this institutional-level collaboration as HUJI is a public university with ties to the national
1205 military, the Israeli Defense Force (IDF).

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1207 **How does HUJI engage in ELLS and by extension with NMBU?**

1208 The Hebrew University of Jerusalem (HUJI) is currently a partner university of the ELLS Alliance. HUJI is
1209 an Israeli public research university based in Jerusalem. As a partner university, HUJI pays for
1210 membership into ELLS. Students from HUJI are able to study abroad at ELLS universities (including
1211 NMBU), enroll in ELLS summer schools, and participate in ELLS conferences. It also opens opportunities
1212 for faculty mobility and joint research. As of now, it appears participation of HUJI is minimal, with a few
1213 students participating in exchanges and conferences, but at this time, we do not have further concrete
1214 statistics.

1215
1216 **Why might this affiliation pose an ethical dilemma?**

1217 Part of HUJI's campus is built on occupied Palestinian territory. HUJI hosts an Israeli Defense Force (IDF,
1218 national military) training programme and has promoted its provision of logistical equipment to military
1219 units after the invasion of Gaza began in 2023. The chairman of the largest Israeli arms manufacturer sits
1220 on HUJI's Board of Trustees.

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1222 Several universities have cut ties with HUJI to date, and in 2025, both the Erasmus University Rotterdam
1223 (EUR) and Maastricht University, both in the Netherlands, assessed the ethics of collaborating with HUJI.
1224 EUR found that:

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1226 “Overall, the committee considers that there are credible indications of Hebrew
1227 University's involvement in structural violations of human rights and/or international
1228 humanitarian law (including war crimes), directly with respect to its physical presence
1229 in Occupied Palestinian Territory (especially on land acquired since the Occupation in
1230 1967) and indirectly with respect to its structural entanglement with the State of Israel
1231 and the IDF through its military programmes. Under these circumstances,

1232 collaboration with Hebrew University puts the EUR in a position in which it may
1233 become indirectly connected to these violations, which would in turn seriously
1234 compromise the fundamental values and academic responsibilities of the EUR.”
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1236 You can read the full assessment from EUR here: [https://www.eur.nl/media/2025-05-20250526-](https://www.eur.nl/media/2025-05-20250526-advice-collaborations-israeli-universities-publication)
1237 [advice-collaborations-israeli-universities-publication](https://www.eur.nl/media/2025-05-20250526-advice-collaborations-israeli-universities-publication) and the assessment from Maastricht University
1238 here: [https://www.maastrichtuniversity.nl/file/c2502557rbmd-annex-1executive-board-reaction-](https://www.maastrichtuniversity.nl/file/c2502557rbmd-annex-1executive-board-reaction-advice-hrac30-oktpdf)
1239 [advice-hrac30-oktpdf](https://www.maastrichtuniversity.nl/file/c2502557rbmd-annex-1executive-board-reaction-advice-hrac30-oktpdf)
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1241 **How has ELLS discussed this to date?**

1242 As student representatives in ELLS, we have little insight into the discussions on this. Our sense is that
1243 there is reluctance in ELLS to take any action and rather to keep engagement at low levels. No public
1244 statements have been made and no official positions have been taken to our knowledge.
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1246 In 2025, ELLS skirted on making the decision on whether HUJI students should be allowed to
1247 participate in the annual Student Scientific Conference and placed it on the host university in Sweden,
1248 Svensk Landbruks University (SLU). As a public institution, SLU opted to follow the national guidelines
1249 and allow HUJI students to participate.
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1252 2639.15 Attachment 15 Resolution on Credits in Integrated Master's
1253 Programmes

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1255 **Resolution on Credits in Integrated Master's Programmes**

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1257 As of today, there is no scheme at NMBU that provides students enrolled in integrated master's
1258 programmes with any form of quality certification after completing 180 credits, which would correspond
1259 to a bachelor's degree. At first glance, this may seem reasonable, but if a student decides to switch to a
1260 two-year master's programme, this becomes a problem. At NMBU, it is currently possible to make such a
1261 transfer internally, but this may not remain the case indefinitely. New national university regulations are
1262 expected to be introduced soon, and the study administration has received indications that these may
1263 restrict the possibility of transferring from an integrated master's programme to other programmes
1264 unless students have some form of formal certification of the credits they have already completed.

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1266 To avoid this challenge, one might argue that the student should have chosen a bachelor's degree rather
1267 than an integrated master's programme. However, when young people are asked to decide what they
1268 want to study and pursue for the rest of their lives, changes in direction can occur along the way. One
1269 does not need to look further than Inland Norway University of Applied Sciences (INN) to see how this
1270 can work in practice. There, a so-called "Composite Bachelor's Degree" is offered, which is a form of
1271 competence certification that students may qualify for once they have, among other things, achieved 180
1272 credits.

1273 If NMBU aims to provide students with flexibility in their education, introducing a scheme similar to a
1274 "composite bachelor's degree" would be a step in the right direction. Students should be able to feel
1275 secure in their study choices, particularly in a labour market that is highly uncertain.

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1277 **The Student Parliament states that:**

- 1278 - NMBU should establish a scheme that provides students with formal certification of their 180
1279 credits and enables opportunities to change programmes of study.

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1282 2639.16 Vedlegg 16 Proposal of Digital Sovereignty at NMBU

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1284 **Proposal of Digital sovereignty at NMBU**

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1286 With the recent political tensions on the global scale, the question of European software independency,
1287 referred to as “Digital Sovereignty”, is increasingly important. Many European countries (notably
1288 Switzerland, Germany, France and Denmark) actively work towards making themselves independent of
1289 Big Tech corporations (Microsoft, Google, Meta, Amazon, etc.), by deploying open source alternatives to
1290 expensive and licensed programs (e.g. Office 365, Windows, Endnote).

1291 Open Source Software is transparent and openly available software, which ensures ownership over
1292 student, employee and scientific data, thus guaranteeing confidentiality and user privacy. Additionally,
1293 open source solutions usually result in significantly reduced software expenses.

1294 NMBU should investigate the possibility of gradually moving away from proprietary and usually costly
1295 software and migrating to open source alternatives. Newly acquired software should only be proprietary
1296 when there are absolutely no viable open alternatives.

1297 Instead of relying on Microsoft for account management, NMBU should adopt broadly utilized open
1298 source solutions, safeguarding sensitive user data and improving user freedom (e.g. using a different
1299 email client than Outlook). In addition, confidential research data should not be stored on Onedrive or
1300 discussed over Teams, as these services fall under US jurisdiction (cf. US CLOUD Act).

1301 Moreover, NMBU should mainly recommend free and open source programs instead of the licensed ones,
1302 which may be not be covered by other universities and institutions (e.g. Zotero instead of Endnote). This
1303 helps to prevent skill sets from not being transferable to a new working and studying environment.

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