**Presentation of the candidate**

Name: Hanne Fjerdingby Olsen

Work location: Department of animal and aquacultural sciences

Position: Senior researcher

Education: Cand. Agric. (1999) and Ph.D. (2011)

Work experience:

2010-dd: Researcher
2003-2010: Ph.D. student
1999-2003: Scientific assistant

Organizational experience / advice / controls etc. Relevant appointments and / or management experience:

2015-dd: Chairman of the health and social committee, Rælingen kommune
2011-dd: Local councillor, Rælingen kommune
2009-dd: Chairman of Handikappede Barns Foreldreforening (a national association for parents of disabled children)
2009-2011: Member of the board (representantive for temporary employees), Department of animal and aquacultural sciences
2007-2009: Acting member of the board (representantive for temporary employees), Department of animal and aquacultural sciences
2002-2008: Member of the committee for research education, Department of animal and aquacultural sciences

Why do you want to be member of the Board?

I am engaged in community concerns, interested in politics, and to see things as part of a whole. The university is in an important stage of change and adaption, and it is of great interest to be a part of the system that makes the decisions and set the course for the future.

What do you see as the main challenges for the board?

Develop the faculty as an organization, with robust researcher groups and arrange collaborative research across disciplines. Competence and skills must satisfy future needs, and we must build a conscious strategy for the conditions of employment. The faculty must also consider possibilities for external cooperation. We have to be capable of adaptation and put priority on research within value chains contributing to bio production, and new industries for the future with reduced environmental impact. The faculty must recruit more students, for instance by extending the study programmes and develop several and better programmes for specialization.