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Candidacy for the position of: Vice
President of the Student Board

My name is Kristine Ø. Høy, and I hereby present my candidacy for the position of Vice President of Arbeidsutvalget. I started at the Norwegian University of Life Sciences in the autumn of 2015, and completed a bachelor's degree in economics and administration here at NMBU. After that I started a new bachelor in food science, which I am studying today.

The reason I want to hold this position is because I want to work more purposefully towards making the time spent at University the best for more students. I also want the opportunity to get more involved in student politics, and not least the opportunity to make a visible difference for the NMBU students. Previously, I have been involved in several things, but one of relevant experience I want to mention the year in the student council as a member of the recommendation committee, in addition to having sat for half a year as a student representative in the student parliament. This was my first experience with holding a position here in Ås as a new student, and even with zero experience it became natural for me to get involved in the issues on the agenda and take the floor. It was very intriguing to see the great commitment of all the students, and to see what impact we actually have on decisions that are made.

Eventually, I also got the opportunity to be a faddersjef of the business school, a committee chief at Samfunnet i Ås, and in 2018 I was honored with the opportunity to sit as deputy chief of Samfunnsstyret. Here I had the opportunity to work a little more administratively; create work lists, organize workshops, and work actively for a better offer for both new and returning students.



It was especially through the latter position, and the work on the SHOT survey, that the desire to contribute more and engage myself in student politics really emerged.

In addition to my studies, I work as an ambassador for the university. This has helped me give me a unique insight into what motivates future students to apply to study at NMBU and what they want when they come to Ås, as well as the opportunity to see how these expectations are met when they arrive here.

The spring semester of 2018, I was given the opportunity to take the subject AOS234 – student leadership. Here we learned a lot about group dynamics, and how to be a good leader. This is knowledge I have been able to practice, which has made me more confident in the roles of leadership I take and which issues I am passionate about. If I were to be chosen, my focus areas would be to work for a better learning

environment that motivates the students, and which promotes a focus on learning rather than just performance. I also want to focus on what opportunities exist for a new and better evaluation system. I believe that we should be evaluated in a way that gives a more accurate picture of what knowledge the students actually acquire in their study time. I also want to work for the students' well-being, especially when it comes to loneliness amongst students - this is a central theme considering the SHOT results that came in the fall.

The most important thing I will take with me from previous positions is that you solve most things through good communication and through good cooperation, and not least by leading by example. I also think it is useful to recognize my own weaknesses and seek information to develop further. Other skills I think I will benefit from are good structure and a strong sense of justice. In conclusion, I would also like to mention that I have faith in our students, and I hope and believe that I can be a trusted person whom you can lean on and trust in order to fight your cause.

I am extremely motivated for this position and I hope you will give me the honor of embarking on this mission.

Best wishes,
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