

Student Parliament 4 2020



Monday September 14th 2020
Festsalen in UR, U215
17.15-20.30

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AGENDA

STUDENT PARLIAMENT 4 - 2020, MONDAY 14th OF SEPTEMBER AT 5:15 PM, UR Festsalen U215.
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2041 Constitution

2041.1 Approval of today's agenda and summoning

2041.2 Approval of the previous meeting report

1 Reports are uploaded to our homepage (<http://www.studentdemokratiet.no>) a week after
2 each Student Parliament Meeting. If you need a paper copy of the report please get in touch
3 with the Student Board at their office (The Clock building)
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5 2041.3 Appointment of a Counting Committee

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13 2042 Orientation cases

14 2042.1 Minutes

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16 The minutes shall be made known to the public within 12.00 the Thursday before Student
17 Parliament.

18 This is done to get the most updated minutes, and minimize paper usage. Copies of each
19 minutes will be printed out and kept at the Student Democracy office, together with the case
20 papers from the current Student Parliament. The reports will be sent on email to the Student
21 Parliament representatives on Thursday before Student Parliament.

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

- 23 - The Student Board (AU)
- 24 - The University Board (US)
- 25 - The Education Board (SU)
- 26 - Student Welfare Organization in Ås (SiÅs)
- 27 - Student and Academics international helping fund (SAIH)
- 28 - International Student Union (ISU)
- 29 - The Research Board (FU)
- 30 - The Learning Environment Committee (LMU)
- 31 - Erasmus Student Network (ESN)

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34 2042.2 Measures for bettering the learning environment

35 *Case responsible: The Student Board*

36 **Purpose:**

37 It is stated in « Framework for the Working year for the Student Democracy that the Student
38 Parliament shall make suggest input for LMU measures. These funds have in the past been
39 financed by fees from delayed censorship, however the arrangement with fee at delayed
40 censorship has ceased exist, and this is an orientation into that.

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42 **Background:**

43 The UH-law states strict demands to that censorship deadlines are upheld, and the way the law
44 is formulated today, it is only the board itself that can approve extended censorship deadlines
45 beyond three weeks for topics. NMBU decided in 2008 an arrangement with fees for delayed
46 censorship. Funds from these fees have been earmarked smaller learning environment
47 measures. The students themselves have been active in the application processes for current
48 measures. The introductions of the arrangement in 2008 led to a reduction in number of topics
49 with delayed censorship the first years, but the last years, the number og topics with delayed
50 censorship have been stabile and relatively low.

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52 Even if the means derived from the sanctions have contributed to many fine smaller learning
53 environment measures, the arrangement does not prevent some topics to have delayed
54 censorship every year. Recently there has been a great development in the digitalization of
55 exams, and censorship can now be registered on more platforms and by several different
56 people (both professionals and administrative staff). Different systems and more flexibility are
57 essentially an advantage for the students, but flexibility and different systems have made it
58 more resource-intensive to follow up and quality assure the arrangement. Developed standard
59 reports in a common student system does not take account of increased grade of flexibility, and
60 assumes complete streamlined routines for censorship registration.

61 The arrangement with fees at delayed censorship ceases with effect from today. The Faculties
62 will not be fined for eventual delayed fees from the calendar year 2019 or spring 2020.

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64 In the budget conference it will be posted input to earmark a permanent sum to smaller
65 measures, and our wish is that this can be done on a yearly basis. It will be more predictable
66 which amount can be used each year, and we will as a result of this have a new orientation
67 about the allocation of smaller learning environment measures.

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71 2042.3 Report from the Buddy General about the Buddy Week

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73 Buddy Week 2020 report

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75 The Buddy week 2020 is now over, and we have had arrangements on both our campus in Ås
76 and Adamstuen. The situation has been quite demanding, but the Buddy Board is very pleased
77 to have completed a Buddy week which was safe regarding infections control, and contributed
78 to that people got in a good mood. The cooperation with the university has been good, with
79 support and trust both ways. However, there are some issues worth emphasizing:

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81 **Continuation of last year`s measures:**

82 Last year, a Buddy Board was formed, which consists of the Buddy Leaders, SiT, SiÅs, AU, the
83 person responsible for arrangements at Samfunnet and the head of Security at NMBU.

84 The buddy board has proven to be very beneficial and should absolutely be continued. Another
85 measure that is continued is cloud storage. This has ensure very efficient storage, and can also
86 be used in an even larger scale in the future.

87 A secretary has also this year been appointed, which has been a big contributor to lighten the
88 workload. This is a measure that should be continued, but it can appear insecurities due to the
89 unformal the system is today.

90 The Buddy Board has also introduced systematized Buddy week email, which makes it easier
91 to communicate.

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93 **New measures:**

94 This year, new routines for complaints and notifications within the Buddy Week have been
95 introduced. A result of this will hopefully be that it will be easier to process complaints, the
96 process shall be more see-through, as well as privacy issues shall be maintained. It is important
97 the future Buddy Generals are given a thorough introduction into these routines.

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99 It has been developed a new system for sign up for the Buddy Week in an online form. This has
100 proven to very efficient, as well as keeping in line with the strict privacy regulations within
101 GDPR. It is recommended to continue this arrangement, unless something better is developed.

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103 Several smaller measures were introduced in order to ensure that the infection control
104 measures were followed. Amongst others limited number of alcohol units for buddies, max 4
105 units or 1 unit per hour. We had extra sober security, the university started to dispatch
106 security guards to Pentagon and in order to reduce unwanted attention from neighbors, size
107 limitation for loudspeakers were introduced.

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109 **Cooperation with NMBU**

110 The last case I would like to mention is the cooperation with NMBU. It has been a need for a lot
111 of support from the university, amongst others to distribute the responsibility for the Buddy
112 Week. The university has done a great job, and has been supportive I dialogs with the
113 neighbors and the media. This has not been formalized in any way, and that has led to
114 insecurities. This insecurity has been a relative heavy weight in spite of the good cooperation.

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116 All in all, the Buddy Week has been a success, with a lot of experiences that we can take with us
117 for future Buddy weeks.

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121 **2043 Decision Cases**

122 **2043.1 Revision of the statutes for the Student Parliament**

123 *Case responsible: The Student Board*

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125 Attachment 1 Current Statutes for the Student Parliament

126 Attachment 2 Proposed new Statutes for the Student Parliament

127 Attachment 3 Student Council model

128 Attachement 4 The democracy model

129 Attachment 5 Explanation of the democracy model

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131 **Purpose:**

132 To approve the revision of the Statutes for the Student Parliament at NMBU

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Background:

Because the Student Board now has a new composition, the Student Board suggests that the old composition is removed from the Statutes' §4-2 Composition, as well as § 5-3 Member of the Student Board, which explains how the former members in part time positions were elected.

In this context it is suggested that the Student council model and the democracy model are implemented in the Statutes rather than referring to separate decisions as has been done before.

The student Council model, attachment 3, is to be included in §2-2 Faculty level. Democracy model, attachment 4, is to be included in §3-2 Composition.

In § 3-11 Position resignation the sentence is changed to that the student parliament representatives do not resign from their place in the Student Parliament until they start in their new positions. The paragraph will no longer entail the SiÅs board, as there are very few cases that involves SiÅs that are in conflict with the Student Board. If there are such cases the §6-1 Habitability will apply for the student parliament representatives that also are representatives in the SiÅs board.

In §7-4 Issues of mistrust against the representatives chosen by Electronic Ballot Voting, the sentence will be changed to state that it refers to § 5-2c and not §5-2 b in the Statutes.

Suggestion to be stricken is marked with a strikethrough in attachment 2, like this: ~~suggestion~~. New text is marked in green in attachment 2, like this: **Increase the student aid to fifty thousand a month.**

Suggested changes to the Statutes shall cf. §11-1 be in the hands of the Student Parliament 14 days before the meeting where the changes are to be processed at the latest. They are also to be made known for all students by posting 7 days before the meeting takes place at the latest.

Suggested decision:

The Student Parliament approves the changes.

2043.2 Revision of the Framework for the working year for the Student Parliament

Case responsible: The Student Board

Attachment 6 Current Framework for the working year for the Student Parliament

Attachment 7 Proposed new Framework for the working year for the Student Parliament

Purpose:

Approve a new framework for the working year of the Student Parliament

Background:

Today student representatives to the University Study Committee are elected at Student Parliament 5 in October with start immediately. This leads to difficulties for students who are starting their last year of studies to run for election. If the election is moved to Student Parliament 3, the position will follow the study year, as do similar central positions.

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184 Suggestion to be stricken is marked with a strikethrough in attachment 7, like this: ~~suggestion.~~
185 New text is marked in green in attachment 7, like this: **The principal shall be elected at Student**
186 **parliament 4.**

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188 **Suggested decision:**
189 The Student Parliament approves as stated in attachment 7.

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192 2043.3 Environmental political document

193 *Case responsible: The Student Board*

194 Attachment 8 Environmental political document

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196 **Purpose:**

197 Approve the Environmental Political Document

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199 **Background**

200 In the plan of action for 2020 approved by the Student Parliamen it says that: 3.8 Make a plan
201 and start working som that the Student Parliament can establish political documents or
202 platforms within areas policies are needed.

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204 Political documents shall be processed at two Student Parliaments. Environmental Political
205 Document was discussed at Student Parliament 2 and suggested desicion was pushed from
206 Student Parliament 3 to Student Parliament 4 due to that SP 3 was digital.

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208 The document are valid for five years, so the content shall be timeless enough so that it also
209 will make sense and be current in the future. It is desirable that the document will reflect the
210 entire student body regardless of their study program.

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212 On the 17th of February, the Student Board established a sustainability committee, this
213 committee has been the main contributor to making this proposal. The sustainability
214 committee is an advisory committee, who's purpose is to make suggestions and input to the
215 Student Board, who submits the complete proposal to SP4.

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217 **Proposed desicion:**

218 The Student Parliament approves the Environmental political document for the Student
219 Parliament at NMBU as presented in attachment 8.

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222 2044 Discussion Cases

223 2044.1 Learning Environment document

224 *Case responsible: Tilde Dalberg*

225 **Purpose:**

226 To discuss what the Student Parliament wants to include in the political document about the
227 learning environment. Input to the final document are requested from the Student Parliament.
228 The document is to be approved at SP 5.

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230 **Background:**

231 In the plan of action approved by the Student Parliament it is stated : “ 3.8 Make a plan and
232 start working so that the Student Parliament can establish political documents og platforms
233 within areas policies are needed.

234 We shall therefore introduce political documents, and the learning environment document is
235 an example og that. Political documents are to be processed over two student Parliaments.

236 We will be discussing the content of the learning environment document at this student
237 parliament, and a final draft will be submitted to Student Parliament 5.

238 The document will be valid for five years, so the content shall be timeless enough to stand the
239 test of time int the future.

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241 The student representatives in the learning environment committee have together with the
242 Student Board contributed in the making of the moments for discussion. The student
243 representatives in the learning environment committee will also make suggestions and enter
244 input to the Student Board, who will submit at complete proposal at SP5.

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246 **Moments for discussion:**

- 247 • Which factors does a student need in order to learn well?
- 248 • What does it take to make lecture rooms and study hall places better?
- 249 • Which factors are important in order to improve digital lectures?
- 250 • What can be improved in the everyday life of a student in general?
- 251 • What larger learning environment measures should NMBU focus on?
- 252 • What would it take for students to feel well taken care of both by the university and
253 their fellow students?
- 254 • What should the political document focus on when it comes to universal design?

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257 **2045 Elections and appointments**

258 **2045.1 Election of leader for The Control committee**

259 *Case responsible: Election Committee*

260 **Purpose:**

261 To elect a leader to the control committee. This position lasts one year and goes into effect
262 immediately upon election.

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264 **Background:**

265 The control committee is to be an advisory organ that is required to report to the Student
266 Parliament if there is a breach of the statutes, regulations, or rules of procedure. The
267 committee is required to attend the Student Parliament – at least two members must be
268 present, and one must be a part of the counting committee at the meeting.

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270 **Candidates:**

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272 2045.2 Election of representatives for The Control committee

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274 **Purpose:**

275 To elect 2 members to the control committee. This position lasts one year and goes into effect
276 immediately upon election.

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278 **Background:**

279 The control committee is to be an advisory organ that is required to report to the Student
280 Parliament if there is a breach of the statutes, regulations, or rules of procedure. The
281 committee is required to attend the Student Parliament – at least two members must be
282 present, and one must be a part of the counting committee at the meeting.

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284 **Candidates:**

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287 2045.3 Election to the welfare funds committee

288 *Case responsible: The Election Committee*

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290 **Purpose:**

291 Elect two representatives for The Welfare Funds Committee

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293 **Background:**

294 The Welfare Funds Committee handles applications regarding welfare funds from student
295 unions and makes a proposal for Student Parliament. The committee has one meeting each
296 semester; one in the autumn to approve the remainder (8%) of the welfare funds, and one long
297 one in the spring to approve the ordinary welfare funds (92%).

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299 The committee consists of seven people: the Welfare Officer of the Student Board, the
300 International Officer of the Student Board, the Head of Finance at Samfunnet, one student
301 representative from the SiÅs-Board, one earlier member of the committee and two new
302 representatives elected at Student Parliament. The position is effective immediately upon
303 election and lasts for one year.

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305 **Candidates:**

306 2045.4 Election of representatives for the Research and Ethics committee

307 **Purpose:**

308 To elect two main representatives and two substitute representatives to the Research and
309 Ethics Committee. The positions last 1 year, effective immediately.

310 **Background:**

311 The Research and Ethics Committee is primarily an advisory committee that gives input on
312 ethical questions connected to research, teaching, administration, and a driving force in raising
313 the ethical awareness of all employees at NMBU.

314 The Research and Ethics Committee can be assigned tasks, like approving research projects,
315 and shall contribute to ensuring that research ethics are systematically incorporated in the
316 education of both scientists and candidates in general at NMBU.

317 The committee can treat cases on initiative from students and employees. The position is paid.

318 **Candidates:**

319 Kim Andrè Nielsen

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321 **Substitutes:**

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324 2046 Other Cases

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327 2047 Meeting Evaluation

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330 2048 Attachments

331 2048.1 Attachment 1: Current statutes for the Student Parliament

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333 **Statutes for the Student Democracy at the Norwegian University of Life Sciences**

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335 Approved at the foundational meeting: 27.11.2013. Last revised 10.02.2020

336 **Chapter Overview:**

- 337 1. Purpose and Scope
338 2. Structure of the Student Democracy at NMBU
339 3. The Student Parliament
340 4. The Student Parliament's Student Board
341 5. Elections and Appointments
342 6. Impartiality
343 7. Mistrust
344 8. Instructions
345 9. Dissolution of the Student Democracy at NMBU
346 10. Membership in the Norwegian Student Organization (NSO)
347 11. Amendments to the Statutes
348 12. Definitions
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350 **Chapter 1: Purpose and Scope**

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352 **§ 1-1 Purpose**

353 The Student Democracy at NMBU has the purpose of protecting the students' interests and bringing
354 forward their inputs.

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356 **§ 1-2 Scope**

357 These statutes apply to all organs of the Student Democracy at NMBU and are constructed in
358 accordance with national laws and regulations. Instructions taken up in chapter 8 cannot go against
359 these statutes.

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361 **Chapter 2: Structure of the Student Democracy at NMBU**

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363 **§ 2-1 At a Central Level**

364 The highest democratic organ in the Student Democracy at NMBU is the Student Parliament. The
365 daily operations of the Student Parliament are carried out by the Student Parliament's Student Board.

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367 **§ 2-2 At a Faculty Level**

368 At the Faculty level, the Student Democracy consists of Student Councils. Student Councils are
369 constructed of the committees and positions that come from the model for Student Councils
370 approved of at Student Parliament 6 on 14.11.2016.

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372 The Faculty general assembly is the highest student democracy organ at a faculty level. Between
373 faculty general assemblies the student councils stand for the daily operations and representations of
374 the faculty's student democracy.

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376 The Student Council at Campus Adamstuen is delegated the power of communication and
377 representation over the Welfare Committee in Oslo and Akershus.

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379 **Chapter 3: The Student Parliament**

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381 **§ 3-1 Powers and Functions**

382 The Student Parliament represents all students at NMBU, and decisions made in the Student
383 Parliament are made on the behalf of all students. The Student Parliament has the responsibility to
384 inform about decisions made. Closing of the meeting must follow the provisions in §3-6.

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386 **§ 3-2 Construction**

387 The Faculties at NMBU are constituents of the Student Parliament. The Student Parliament consists
388 of 25 representatives. These representatives are distributed according to the democracy model
389 approved of at Student Parliament 6 in 2016.

390 The division method for the mandatory seat allocation follows this formula:

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$$\frac{V}{2^{s+1}}$$

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394 V= Number of students at the faculty

395 S= Number of student representatives the faculty is allocated

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397 Updated number of students can be found in the Database for Statistics on Higher Education (DBH)
398 every fall. The average of the number of students for the spring semester and fall semester make up
399 the basis for the following year's representative distribution in the Student Parliament.

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401 This calculation basis is presented for orientation before the fall faculty general assemblies.

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403 **§ 3-3 Constituting**

404 The Student Parliament representatives are elected for one year at the time. One should aim for the
405 constituent Student Parliament to be held between the fall faculty general assemblies and the new
406 year.

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408 **§ 3-4 Meetings and Summoning**

409 The Student Parliament must hold at least 3 meetings per semester. The Student Board is responsible
410 for summoning the Student Parliament. Summoning and case papers should be made available to all
411 students at least 7 days before the meeting. Electronic decisions are the exclusion of this statute cf.
412 §3-10.

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414 The provision that the summoning and case papers need to be made available for all students in the
415 first paragraph entails that they need to be translated to English. If there is uncertainty about the
416 translation, the Norwegian version will be the basis for understanding. Further specification is
417 outlined in the instructions for the Student Parliament.

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419 All students with a valid semester registration have the right to send in cases to the Student
420 Parliament. This must be done at the latest 14 days before the meeting if the case is to be handled.
421 This provision does not count for cases to be handled under "other." Further specification is outlined
422 in the instructions for the Student Parliament. Extraordinary Student Parliaments is held if at least 3
423 members of the Student Board, at least 13 representatives from the Student Parliament, or at least 25
424 students desire it. Extraordinary Student Parliament is to be made known to the public at least 7 days
425 before taking place, and should only handle the case(s) that were the reason for its summoning.

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427 **§ 3-5 Representation at the**

428 Representation at the Student Parliament

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430 The following people are required to attend Student Parliament, and are required to give a written
431 notification before the meeting if they cannot attend:
432 - The Student Parliament's Representatives
433 - The Student Parliament's Student Board
434 - The Student Parliament's organizational secretary
435 - The Student Parliament's chairmen

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437 At least one representative from the following organs must attend the meeting:
438 - The Student Representative in the University Board
439 - The Student Representative in the SiÅs board
440 - The International Student Union (ISU)
441 - The Control Committee

442 All students at NMBU have the right to attend the Student Parliament.

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444 **§ 3-6 Closing of a Meeting.**

445 The Student Parliament's meetings are open. The Student Parliament can decide to close a meeting
446 with a qualified majority from the representatives in attendance

447 With the closing of a meeting, separate minutes will be recorded that are withheld from public
448 disclosure.

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450 **§ 3-7 Decision Validity**

451 The Student Parliament can make valid decisions when at least 50% of the representatives are in
452 attendance.

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454 **§ 3-8 Voting rights and Voting**

455 The Student Parliament's representatives have a voting right. If a main representative notifies of an
456 absence, their appointed substitute has a voting right when in attendance. Decisions in the Student
457 Parliament are normally made with a 50% majority. Decisions are made with hand raising, unless
458 one representative asks for a written voting. With a voting tie, the Student Parliament can take a new
459 vote. With a continued tie after a second voting, the case can be handled according to the proposed
460 resolution.

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462 **§3-9 Speaking and Proposal Rights**

463 Everybody has a right to speak at Student parliament meetings. All students at NMBU has the right
464 to propose cases at Student parliament meetings.

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466 **§ 3-10 Electronic Voting**

467 Electronic voting can be used to make decisions about single cases. Electronic voting is carried out
468 in the method described in the instructions for electronic voting. The deadline to vote electronically
469 is within 7 days.

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471 Electronic voting cannot be used to vote on matters concerning the following:

- 472 - Elections
- 473 - Cases of mistrust
- 474 - Changing to the Student Parliament's committee documents and instructions
- 475 - Appointment of the student representatives to councils and committees
- 476 - Other matters of considerable nature

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478 Main Student Parliament Representatives have voting rights with electronic voting.

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480 Electronic voting cannot take place if one or some student parliament representatives wish to handle
481 the case at a normal student parliament before the deadline. The desire must be justified.

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483 **§ 3-11 Position Resignation**

484 The Student Parliament representatives automatically resign from their position in the Student
485 Parliament when they are elected to the following organs:

- 486 - The Student Parliament's Student Board
- 487 - The University Board
- 488 - The SiÅs Board
- 489 - The Student Board of the Norwegian Student Organization
- 490 - The Control Committee

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492 With position resignation, the position holder's deputy representative automatically inherits the
493 position as a main representative.

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495 Position resignation, a supplementary election will be conducted in accordance with § 5-5

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497 **§3-12 Temporary Position Resignation**

498 In the case of partiality, there will be a temporary place resignation. This means that the
499 representative withdraws from their position in cases where it applies. In the case of temporary place
500 resignation the deputy will take over cf. § 6-1

501 **Chapter 4: The Student Parliament's Student Board**

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503 **§ 4-1 Powers and Functions**

504 The Student Board (AU) carries out the Student Parliament's daily operations and represents the
505 Student Parliament between meetings. AU can make decisions in urgent cases, cases that are
506 delegated due to earlier decisions in the Student Parliament, and appoint people to non-decision
507 making committees. AU makes proposals in all cases handled by the Student Parliament, with the
508 exception of Elections.

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510 **§ 4-2 Composition**

511 The Student Parliament's Student Board shall consist of the following members:

- 512 - President
- 513 - Vice President
- 514 - Welfare Officer
- 515 - International Officer
- 516 - Marketing Officer
- 517 - Committee Member

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519 The Student Parliament's Student Board shall consist of the following members from 01.07.2020

- 520 - President
- 521 - Student Board member
- 522 - Student Board member.

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524 The Student Board constitutes their areas of responsibility internally.

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526 Working time and election periods are regulated according to functions § 5-1.

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528 **§ 4-3 Decision Ability and Voting Ties**

529 The Student Board can make valid decisions when at least four members are in attendance. With a
530 voting tie in the Student Board, the president has a double vote.

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532 **Chapter 5: Elections and Appointments**

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§ 5-1 Eligibility for the Student Democracy

The overarching rule is that all Students at NMBU with a valid semester registration can run for positions in the Student Democracy. This applies unless otherwise specified.

§ 5-2 Electronic Ballot Elections

a) Election of the Student Parliament's Student Board

The Student Parliament's Student Board are elected through Electronic Ballot Voting, where all students with a valid semester registration have the right to vote. The elections take place in April every year. They hold their position for 1 year, between 1.7. until 30.6.

b) Election to the University Board

Two student representatives are elected, one of each gender, with a deputy. They are chosen through an electronic ballot vote, where all students with a valid semester registration have the right to vote. The election takes place every year in April/May for female representatives, and in November for male representatives. They hold the position for one year, from 01.07 to 30.06 for the spring election, and 01.01-31.12 for the fall election.

c) Elections to the Faculty Board

Student Representatives are chosen through electronic ballot voting, where all students with a valid semester registration have the right to vote within their respective faculties. They hold the position for one year, from 01.01-31.12 for male representatives (elected in November) and 01.07-30.06 for female representatives (elected in April/May).

§ 5-3 Members of the Student Board

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768 constructed of:

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770 • President and vice president of the student councils

771 • Class representatives

772 • Faculty student representatives in the following committees and positions:

773 - The student Parliament

774 - The Faculty Board

775 - The Education Committee

776 - The Program councils

- The Research Committee
- The Selection Committee
- The Appointment Committee

the committees and positions that come from the model for Student Councils approved of at Student Parliament 6 on 14.11.2016.

The Faculty general assembly is the highest student democracy organ at a faculty level. Between faculty general assemblies the student councils stand for the daily operations and representations of the faculty's student democracy.

The Student Council at Campus Adamstuen is delegated the power of communication and representation over the Welfare Committee in Oslo and Akershus.

Chapter 3: The Student Parliament

§ 3-1 Powers and Functions

The Student Parliament represents all students at NMBU, and decisions made in the Student Parliament are made on the behalf of all students. The Student Parliament has the responsibility to inform about decisions made. Closing of the meeting must follow the provisions in §3-6.

§ 3-2 Construction

The Faculties at NMBU are constituents of the Student Parliament. The Student Parliament consists of 25 representatives. These representatives are distributed according to the democracy model approved of at Student Parliament 6 in 2016.

The division method for the mandatory seat allocation follows this formula:

$$\frac{V}{2^{s+1}}$$

V= Number of students at the faculty
S= Number of student representatives the faculty is allocated

Updated number of students can be found in the Database for Statistics on Higher Education (DBH) every fall. The average of the number of students for the spring semester and fall semester make up the basis for the following year's representative distribution in the Student Parliament.

The democracy model distributes one representative at the time. The largest faculty after the calculation gets awarded a student parliament representative. In the first round the student mass are divided by $2^{(0+1)}$. If the Faculty receives a representative, the student mass will be divided into 4 (ex $2^{(1+1)}$), and after that in 8 (ex $2^{(2+1)}$), 16 (ex $2^{(3+1)}$) etc. This is done until all the student parliament seats are distributed.

This calculation basis is presented for orientation before the fall faculty general assemblies.

§ 3-3 Constituting

The Student Parliament representatives are elected for one year at the time. One should aim for the constituent Student Parliament to be held between the fall faculty general assemblies and the new year.

827 **§ 3-4 Meetings and Summoning**

828 The Student Parliament must hold at least 3 meetings per semester. The Student Board is
829 responsible for summoning the Student Parliament. Summoning and case papers should be
830 made available to all students at least 7 days before the meeting. Electronic decisions are the
831 exclusion of this statute cf. §3-10.
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834 in the first paragraph entails that they need to be translated to English. If there is uncertainty
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841 specification is outlined in the instructions for the Student Parliament. Extraordinary Student
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843 the Student Parliament, or at least 25 students desire it. Extraordinary Student Parliament is to
844 be made known to the public at least 7 days before taking place, and should only handle the
845 case(s) that were the reason for its summoning.
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847 **§ 3-5 Representation at the**

848 Representation at the Student Parliament

849 The following people are required to attend Student Parliament, and are required to give a
850 written notification before the meeting if they cannot attend:

- 851 - The Student Parliament's Representatives
 - 852 - The Student Parliament's Student Board
 - 853 - The Student Parliament's organizational secretary
 - 854 - The Student Parliament's chairmen
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856 At least one representative from the following organs must attend the meeting:

- 857 - The Student Representative in the University Board
- 858 - The Student Representative in the SiÅs board
- 859 - The International Student Union (ISU)
- 860 - The Control Committee

861 All students at NMBU have the right to attend the Student Parliament.
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863 **§ 3-6 Closing of a Meeting.**

864 The Student Parliament's meetings are open. The Student Parliament can decide to close a
865 meeting with a qualified majority from the representatives in attendance

866 With the closing of a meeting, separate minutes will be recorded that are withheld from public
867 disclosure.
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869 **§ 3-7 Decision Validity**

870 The Student Parliament can make valid decisions when at least 50% of the representatives are
871 in attendance.
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873 **§ 3-8 Voting rights and Voting**

874 The Student Parliament's representatives have a voting right. If a main representative notifies
875 of an absence, their appointed substitute has a voting right when in attendance. Decisions in
876 the Student Parliament are normally made with a 50% majority. Decisions are made with hand
877 raising, unless one representative asks for a written voting. With a voting tie, the Student

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879 handled according to the proposed resolution.

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881 **§3-9 Speaking and Proposal Rights**

882 Everybody has a right to speak at Student parliament meetings. All students at NMBU has the
883 right to propose cases at Student parliament meetings.

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885 **§ 3-10 Electronic Voting**

886 Electronic voting can be used to make decisions about single cases. Electronic voting is carried
887 out in the method described in the instructions for electronic voting. The deadline to vote
888 electronically is within 7 days.

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890 Electronic voting cannot be used to vote on matters concerning the following:

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- Elections

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- Cases of mistrust

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- Changing to the Student Parliament's committee documents and instructions

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- Appointment of the student representatives to councils and committees

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- Other matters of considerable nature

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899 Electronic voting cannot take place if one or some student parliament representatives wish to
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901 justified.

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904 The Student Parliament representatives automatically resign from their position in the Student
905 Parliament when they are elected **the position they are elected to starts** in the following
906 organs:

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- The Student Parliament's Student Board

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- The University Board

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- The Student Board of the Norwegian Student Organization

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913 With position resignation, the position holder's deputy representative automatically inherits
914 the position as a main representative.

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916 Position resignation, a supplementary election will be conducted in accordance with § 5-5

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918 **§3-12 Temporary Position Resignation**

919 In the case of partiality, there will be a temporary place resignation. This means that the
920 representative withdraws from their position in cases where it applies. In the case of
921 temporary place resignation the deputy will take over cf. § 6-1

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927 are delegated due to earlier decisions in the Student Parliament, and appoint people to non-

928 decision making committees. AU makes proposals in all cases handled by the Student
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932 ~~The Student Parliament's Student Board shall consist of the following members:~~

933 ~~–President~~

934 ~~–Vice President~~

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937 ~~–Marketing Officer~~

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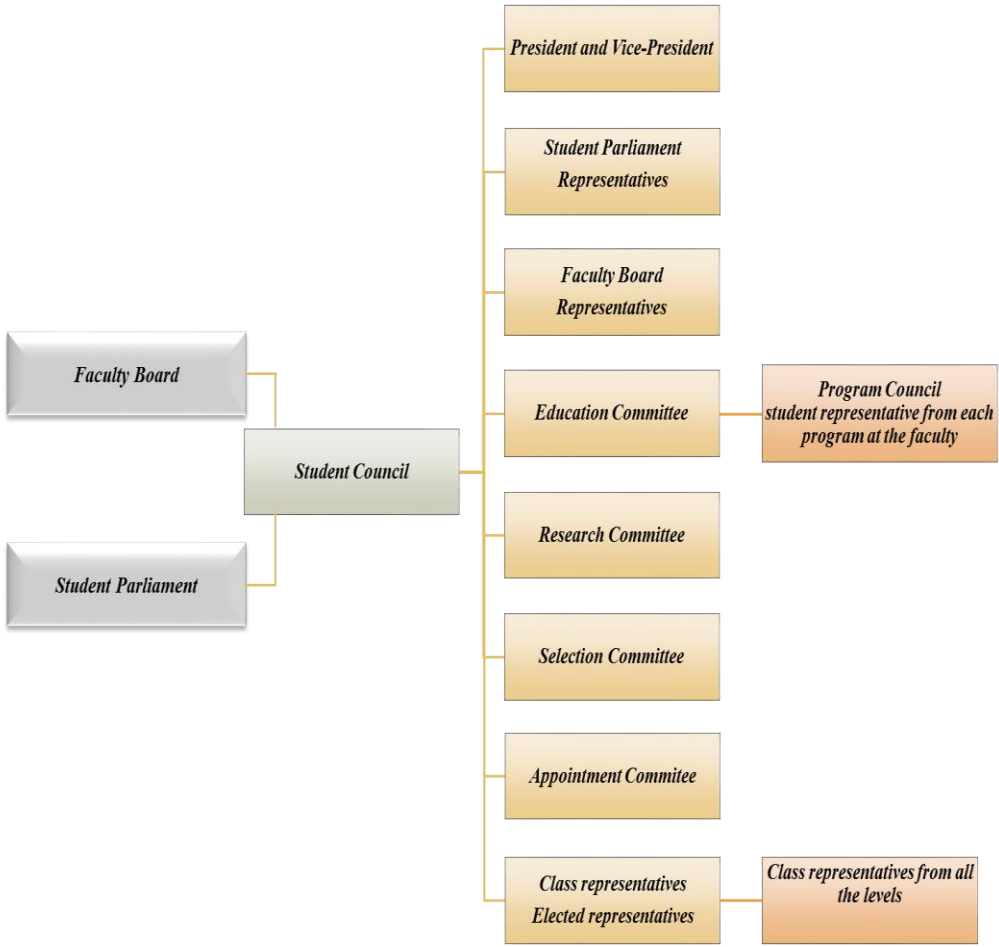
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1161 An updated number of students is retrieved from the Database for Statistics on Higher
1162 Education (DBH) every fall. The average number of student for the spring and fall semesters
1163 forms the basis for the distribution of representatives for the following year’s Student
1164 Parliament.

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1166 **Background**

1167 At the third workshop, the majority of participants wanted a distribution of Student Parliament
1168 seats that reflected the student body’s distribution. The committee has also prioritized this,
1169 and as a result came up with the Democracy Model. The model takes into account both large
1170 and small faculties, and the committee believes that this model has the capability to work well
1171 both now and in the future.

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1173 **The Distribution Based on the Number of Students in 2016:**

1174 The Calculation basis for the distribution plan is found in the Database for Statistics of Higher
1175 Education.

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Landscape and Society	Science and Technology	The Business School	Environmental Science and Nature Management	Chemistry, Biotechnology, and Food Sciences	Veterinary Medicine	Life Sciences
1190	1103	656	609	517	504	471
595	552	328	305	259	252	236
298	276	164	152	129	126	118
149	138	82	76	65	63	59
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1186 2048.5 Attachment 5 Explanation of the democracy model

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1188 Explanation of the democracy model

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1190 The distribution key in the democracy model is based on “ D’Hondts method”, but are
1191 somewhat adjusted for better suit the Student Parliament at NMBU.

1192 The following formula is set as a base for the distribution

$$\frac{V}{2^{s+1}}$$

V = Number of students at the Faculty

1199 S = Number of student parliament representatives the faculty has been
1200 awarded.

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1202 The democracy model distributes one representative at the time. The largest faculty after the
1203 calculation gets awarded a student parliament representative. In the first round the student
1204 mass are divided by 2^(0+1). If the Faculty receives a representative, the student mas will be
1205 divided into 4 (ex 2^(1+1)), and after that in 8 (ex 2^(2+1)), 16 (ex 2^(3+1)) etc. This is done
1206 until all the student parliament seats are distributed.

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1208 This will ensure that the number of representatives at student parliament will remain
1209 proportional to the student mas at the different faculties. Simultaneously it takes a lot for the
1210 small faculties to not get their first 2 representatives.

1211 Example without specific focus on NMBU:

1212 (5 faculties, total 2480 students and they shal only have 16 student parliament
1213 representatives)

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	Fac 1.	Fac 2.	Fac 3.	Fac 4.	Fac 5.
Student mass	1,240	480	300	260	200
Seat 1	1,240	480	300	260	200
Seat 2	620	480	300	260	200
Seat 3	310	480	300	260	200
Seat 4	310	240	300	260	200
Seat 5	155	240	300	260	200
Seat 6	155	240	150	260	200
Seat 7	155	240	150	130	200
Seat 8	155	120	150	130	200
Seat 9	155	120	150	130	100
Seat 10	77.5	120	150	130	100
Seat 11	77.5	120	75	130	100
Seat 12	77.5	120	75	65	100

Seat 13	77.5	60	75	65	100
Seat 14	77.5	60	75	65	50
Seat 15	38.75	60	75	65	50
Seat 16	38.75	60	37.5	65	50
	Fac 1.	Fac 2.	Fac 3.	Fac 4.	Fac 5.
Total number og seats	5	3	3	3	2

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1216 As you can see in the example you get more representatives the larger the faculty is, however
 1217 the small faculties also receives their representatives. Even if fac 1 has half the students at the
 1218 university, they do not get more then 5 of the total 16 representatives. The democracy model
 1219 ensures votes to the diversity, but at the same time ensures that the larger faculties have the
 1220 majority vote.

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1222 The democracy model is adjustable, so even if faculties are merged, faculties grow og more
 1223 faculties are established, this set formula adjust itself. This makes the distribution key last for
 1224 the future as well as today.

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1227 2048.6 Attachment 6 Current Framework for the working year for the
1228 Student Democracy
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1230 **Framework for the Working Year of the Student** 1231 **Parliament**

1232 *Approved at Student Parliament 2, 09.03.2020*
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1234 *SPRING – for elections that happen in the spring period (January 1st – June 30th) the elected*
1235 *student representatives being their positions on July 1st of the same year, unless otherwise*
1236 *specified. The positions last 1 year, with the exception of the SiÅs Board.*
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1238 **At the change of the month January/February:** The Student Parliament’s kickoff conference.
1239 Held for the entire student parliament. (Representatives, moderator, election committee,
1240 control committee) + president and vice president of the student councils.

1241 **February:**

- 1242 • Startup meeting with the Student Councils
- 1243 • Seminar for the student representatives in the program councils and the faculties’
1244 education boards.

1246 **Student Parliament 1**

1247 Candidates for the following positions are to be selected:

- 1248 • The Committee for the semester’s best lecturer, 4 members. 1-year long position that
1249 goes into effect immediately.

1251 **Student Parliament 2**

1252 The following cases are to be handled/approved of:

- 1253 • Distribution of Welfare Funds
- 1254 • Presentation of the positions up for electronic election in April/May (president and two
1255 members of the Student Parliament’s Student Board, as well as female student
1256 representatives for the University Board, 1 main + deputy, as well as female
1257 representatives for each of the faculty boards, 1 main + deputy).

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1259 Candidates for the following positions are to be selected:

- 1260 • Central Admissions Committee, 2 main and 2 deputies.
- 1261 • The Board of Complaints, 2 main and 2 deputies.

1263 **Student Parliament 3**

1264 The following cases are to be handled/approved of:

- 1265 • The Schedule for the Student Parliament for the following year
- 1266 • The Yearly report from SiÅs and University Board representatives. The case should be
1267 included in the case papers, but the report itself can be sent out on electronic platforms.
- 1268 • Informing about the budget since January of this year
- 1269 • Presentation of the candidates for the Student Board, as well as the candidates for the
1270 University Board.
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1272 Candidates for the following positions are to be selected:

- 1273 • The Control Committee, 2 representatives.
- 1274 • The SiÅs Board, 2 main (2-year positions) and 2 deputies (1-year positions)
- 1275 • An external representative to the SiÅs Board. This election is held every other year (odd
1276 numbered years).
- 1277 • The University's Research Board, 1 main representative and 2 deputies.
- 1278 • Chairmen, 1 main + deputy
- 1279 • Learning environment committee (LMU), 3 main + 4 deputies (prioritized).

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1281 **April/May**

1282 Electronic ballot voting for the president and two members of the Student Parliament's Student
1283 Board (AU), as well as 1 main and 1 deputy representative for the University Board.

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1285 *FALL – for elections that take place in the fall period (August 1st – December 31st) the elected*
1286 *student representatives begin their positions on January 1st of the following year, unless*
1287 *otherwise specified. The positions last for 1 year, with the exception of the SiÅs Board.*

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1289 **September**

- 1290 • Startup meeting with the Student Councils
- 1291 • Seminar for student representatives in the program councils and the faculties'
1292 education boards.
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1294 **Student Parliament 4**

1295 The following cases are to be handled/approved of:

- 1296 • The Student Parliament brings forth suggestions for measures for the Learning
1297 Environment Committee to take in the following year.
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1299 Candidates for the following positions are to be selected:

- 1300 • Research Ethics Committee, 2 main and 2 deputy representatives. 1-year position that
- 1301 beings immediately upon election.
- 1302 • Committee for the distribution of welfare funds, 2 members. 1-year position that beings
- 1303 immediately upon election.

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1305 **Student Parliament 5**

1306 The following cases are to be handled/approved of:

- 1307 • Initial processing of the Student Democracy's budget.
- 1308 • Distribution of welfare funds
- 1309 • Information about the positions that are to be elected at the Constituent Student
- 1310 Parliament

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1312 Candidates for the following positions are to be selected:

- 1313 • The University's Education Board (USU), 2 main and 3 deputy representatives, the
- 1314 position being immediately upon election.

1315 **November:**

1316 Electronic ballot voting for the male student representatives in the faculty board of each faculty
1317 (1 main and 1 deputy), as well as male student representatives for the University Board (1
1318 main and 1 deputy)

1319 **Student Parliament 6**

1320 The following cases are to be handled/approved of:

- 1321 • Plan of action for the Student democracy is adopted for the next calendar year
- 1322 • Long-term strategy for the next 3 years. The long-term strategy must be reviewed every
- 1323 third year, last adopted in 2017.
- 1324 • The Budget for the Student Democracy is to be addressed for the second time and
- 1325 approved of.
- 1326 • The Yearly report from the Student Parliament's Student Board (AU), the University's
- 1327 Research Board, (UFU), and the University's Education Board (USU). The case is to be
- 1328 included in the case papers, but the report itself can be sent out on electronic platforms.

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- 1331 • The Control Committee, the president of the committee.
- 1332 • The Buddy General
- 1333 • Participants for the Norwegian Student Organization's (NSO's) national meeting

1334 **Constituent Student Parliament-** held for new student parliament representatives.

1335 Candidates for the following positions are to be selected:

- 1336 • Election of the chairmen, 1 main and 1 deputy.

1337 • Election of the election committee, 4 members.

1338 2048.7 Attachment 7 Proposed new Framework for the working year for
1339 the Student Democracy

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1341 **Proposed new Framework for the Working Year of** 1342 **the Student Parliament**

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Approved at Student Parliament 4, xx.xx.xxxx

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1416 immediately upon election.

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1418 **Student Parliament 5**

1419 The following cases are to be handled/approved of:

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1422 • Information about the positions that are to be elected at the Constituent Student
1423 Parliament

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1456 2048.8 Attachment 8 Environmental Political Document

1457 Environmental Political Document for the Student Parliament at NMBU

1458 The document contains the demands that the students at NMBU have to their environment and
1459 their surroundings.

1460 Approved at Student Parliament 4 xx.xx.xxxx

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1462 **NMBU operations:**

- 1463 • NMBU shall at yearly basis develop a climate accounts and a climate budget, with a goal
1464 for reductions for emissions, allocation of responsibilities and reporting in connection
1465 to other economic reports.
- 1466 • It should at minimum be established a 100% position av environmental advisor at the
1467 university. The advisor shall amongst other things ensure that the Sustainability work
1468 at NMBU are well visible to the student mass.
- 1469 • All NMBU vehicles, with an exception of farming vehicles/machines, shall be fossil free
1470 by the end of 2022.
- 1471 • It shall be a parking fee on campus.
- 1472 • NMBU shall only serve food with a low or a positive climate footprint, hereunder focus
1473 on locally produces food as well as introduce “Vegonorm” at all functions arranged by
1474 the university.
- 1475 • The environment shall be emphasized when purchasing, and it should be made
1476 demands about emissions free transport from suppliers.
- 1477 • In the formulation of ethical guidelines and purchasing agreements climate and
1478 sustainability shall be the deciding factor.
- 1479 • BREEAM-excellent must be the minimum standard for all new buildings at NMBU. Reuse
1480 of materials shall be prioritized, and plus houses should be pursued.
- 1481 • NMBU shall fase out all use of fossil fuels used for heating by the end of 2021, and shall
1482 through amongst other things smart environmental control of buildings, reduce the use
1483 of energy by 10%. All electricity purchased shall have a guarantee of origin.
- 1484 • NMBU funds shall not be invested in fossil energy, and shall be managed in a manner
1485 that stimulates green growth and development.
- 1486 • NMBU shall have a goal of 0% demolition of nature, topsoil and bogs. Biological
1487 diversity must be taken into account in decisions regarding land management.
- 1488 • NMBUS consumption and waste management shall be based on EUs waste management
1489 directive and the waste management pyramid. Waste reduction, reuse and recycling
1490 shall be prioritized.

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1492 **Environment and sustainability in education**

- 1493 • Sustainability shall be implemented as a part of the curriculum in all subjects.
- 1494 • When performing practical tasks as at part of a course, sustainability shall be
1495 emphasized.
- 1496 • The students shall be able to practice interdisciplinarity cooperation to ensure
1497 professional width and quality.
- 1498 • It should be areas on campus that can be used to fix and mend broken objects. Tools for
1499 this purpose shall be provided. NMBU shall promote the areas so that they appear
1500 attractive and available.
- 1501 • NMBU should offer a comprehensive offer of digital curriculum. E-books and e-
1502 compendiums shall be available in all subjects.

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- All exams should be digital, as long as it is appropriate
 - Lecturers should have the competence and tools to exploit digital possibilities, and the use of paper should be limited to a minimum.

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- NMBU should be a leading university at an international level when it comes to research into environment, climate and sustainability.
 - Student-initiated and student-active research should be facilitated, especially with the fields of environment, climate and sustainability.
 - Sustainability should be an overall goal and should be included in all research at NMBU
 - Results from research performed at NMBU should be used on campus and in the teaching process. The research should be available for all students so that it can contribute to the students academic growth.

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Other participators, SiÅs, Ås Municipality, others

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- Exiting student housing must be systematic reviewed with special focus on energy efficiency, post-insulation and necessary rehabilitation, rather than building new constructions,
 - When starting new construction projects the environment should be a deciding factor.
 - Student housing should produce as much of the energy for their own consumption as possible. Plus houses should be pursued.
 - A cycling road should be facilitated between campus and the center of Ås, along the Drøbakroad. There should be enough safe places on campus to park bicycles.
 - Locally produced, short travelled and sustainable food should be served at all functions.
 - Students are a resource, and the university should make full use of their competence.
 - Good charging possibilities for electric cars should be provided.
 - A car sharing pool should be set up or there should be easier to lease cars. This set up should only consist of electric cars.
 - SiÅs should develop a plan of action to reduce food waste and have an arrangement for excess food.
 - It should be at least four train departures in an hour from Ås in both directions.

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