

Dear all my fellow students,

My name is Astrid Lunde, and I hereby present my candidature for the female student representative on the University board. I am 22 years old and am currently on my 4th year in my biotechnology studies here at NMBU. During my four years I have had the opportunity to involve myself in Samfunnet I Ås, UKA I Ås and Studentsamskipnaden I Ås, and now I am eager to be a part of the University board.

A common denominator for all the roles I have had is that they have resulted in an increasing interest in the wellbeing of students. Good student welfare for the current student mass and the students that will follow us in the years to come, can not be determined and defined without students present. In my opinion it is crucial with eager and alert students in all the influential boards on campus, so that the student point of view will stay strong in all arguments that involve them.

The university board is the highest placed organ for NMBU and will look after the long-term goals for the university are followed. It is a board that lets the day-to-day operations be, and rather looks ahead and follows up the goals for the university. After two years at the board of SiÅs I have gotten lots of experience with this kind of board and will in my own opinion declare myself as a good candidate for the university board. In light of the fact that you are only chosen for one year at the time, I find it even more helpful to have some experience beforehand. My time at the board of SiÅs have also given me insight into the work of the student parliament, where I have had a given regularly reports as chairman of the board of SiÅs. I have also presented and argued several cases in the student parliament. The experiences have shown me the importance and the usefulness of student involvement, and that it is important that they know what is being planned on their behalf.

NMBU wishes to be Norway's best university based on environment and sustainability. It is clear that this profile stands strongly, but in my opinion, it can only become stronger and clearer for everyone. There is no use in a strong environment and sustainability profile high up in the system if it is not brought down to every classroom in every part of campus. Employees shall not that a student graduated from NMBU has that little extra when it comes to environment and sustainability, and that all students that graduates will be proud for the exact same reason.

If you will give me the honour of electing me to the University board, I wish to give more insight into the work done by the University board, and I am more than happy to have a conversation or a hundred about the cases the students find interesting. I wish to be a collaborator with the student democracy and the other student organisations here at NMBU. I will put a student's point of view in all cases where it is necessary and ask questions on all occasions that demands it. I have never been afraid to speak my mind, and I have never turned my back against a challenge. It will be an honour to be chosen by my fellow students as your female student representative on the University board. I hope you will give me the confidence I need.

Happy election!

