*Election to the Faculty Boards at NMBU 2019*

Presentation of the candidate. Highlights.

**Name:** Olga Mikhailova

**Work location (Faculty):** School of Economics and Business

**Position:** Postdoctoral fellow

**Education:**

08/2009 - 06/11 **Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences (SLU), Uppsala, Sweden**

**MSc in Environmental Economics and Management**

**Major in Business Administration**

**Work Experience:**

08/2012 – 01/19 **BI Norwegian Business School** **| Doctoral Candidate, Oslo, Norway**

**Specialization in Innovation and Entrepreneurship**

**PhD project funded by the Research Council of Norway within VERDIKT program**

08/2016 - 11/18 **BI Norwegian Business School and Kristiania University College, Oslo Lecturer**

05/2012 - 08/12 **Bright Metals | Internship in International Marketing, Jaipur, India** **AIESEC program**

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

I have been a board member of Society of Doctoral Candidates at NMBU (SoDoC) [https://www.nmbu.no/en/research/phd/sodoc] since 2020. The goal of this organization is to secure the interests of PhD candidates as well as postdoctoral researchers at NMBU. I have been actively participating in SoDoc activites in different roles:

2020 – Ethics Committee Representative 2021 – Treasurer 2022 – Postdoc representative

**Why I want to be a member of the board:**

My intention to join the Board is twofold. The primary reason is to contribute to something meaningful by opening up the conversation and encouraging consideration of different perspectives among the Board members. The voice of temporary employees needs to be heard and their appropriate interests needs to be met. At the same time being a Board member will allow something meaningful to contribute to me and help me to stay in a learning mindset. Serving on the board will give me the honor, challenge, and responsibility of understanding how everything needs to work together and accomplish established goals.

**What I see as the main challenges for the board:**

Taking a broader perspective, it is challenging to manage relationships with multiple stakeholders and answer what kind of value the university should aim to create, and for whom, and to what ethical standards. One of the recent challenges is to understand how to adjust to post Covid situation and engage with the potential of technology in pursuit of effective learning. Finally, in light of the global challenges, it is also important to secure attaining global sustainability goals on the university level and actively take bold action and build brave strategies in relation to them.