

Instructions for Elections to the Student Democracy

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These instructions are to be read as a supplementary document to the “Statutes for the Student Democracy at NMBU” and “Election Regulations at NMBU”.

General

- Election Committee is responsible for conducting elections, along with the organizational secretary during Student Parliament meetings.
- The Election Committee are responsible for finding candidates to run for positions.
- Student Parliament meetings in which candidates for the Student Parliament’s Student Board (AU), the University Board (US), and the Faculty Board (FS) are to present themselves should be specially promoted to the student body.
- Students elected are obligated to fulfill their position until the end, unless special personal reasons prevent them from doing so.
- A representative can hold several positions as long as it is in accordance with other instructions within the organization. The faculty board and University Board are not included in this provision. (cf. § 12.3 in the Election Regulations at NMBU.)
- Equal representation in the Student Democracy at NMBU from multiple genders and different lines of study should be strived after.
- Candidates cannot take on more than one position in the Student Parliament’s Student Board.

Specifics on presentations for elections at Student Parliament:

- Candidates are to present themselves at the Student Parliament before the voting.
- If a candidate is unable to meet, they can have their presentation read by a representative from the election committee, or they can choose to make a video presentation.
- Only the candidate can answer questions about their candidacy.
- The amount of time allowed for question rounds can be decided by the moderator in each case.
- The candidates are to be presented alphabetically.

- Candidates for the Student Parliament's Student Board, University Board and Faculty Board have three minutes of speaking time to present themselves.
- The length of presentation time for other positions, the number of questions allowed and other guidelines for presentations can be decided by the meeting leadership of the student parliament.

Elections to the Student Parliament's Student Board (AU)

The three positions in the Student Board are elected via electronic ballot voting during the spring. The positions you can run for is the president position and/or one of the two Student Board member positions. If you're running for president and board member and are elected as president, you will no longer be eligible for election as board member and your votes in that election are rejected. The votes are weighted, in accordance with NMBU's election rules. This is done by dividing the number of votes on nr. 1 by 1, votes on placement nr. 2 is divided by 3, votes on placement nr. 3 is divided by 5, votes on placement nr. 4 is divided by 7, etc..

Candidate presentations are to be sent to the election committee or directly to the organizational secretary, as they are responsible for these elections.

Candidates, if they are elected, cannot hold the following positions:

- Faculty Board
- Student Parliament Representative
- Student Council
- Moderator
- Control Committee

It is highly recommended that the candidates, if they are chosen, do not hold the following positions:

- The University Board
- The Student Welfare Association of Ås Board (SiÅs)

See the statutes for more complete information.

Elections for the University Board and Faculty Board

Elections for the University Board and the Faculty Board happen via electronic ballot voting in April/May in the spring, and in November in the fall. In each election the goal is to elect 1 main

and 1 deputy for each board, the representatives shall be evenly split by gender. See the statutes for more complete information.

For elections of members for the University Board and Faculty Board, the election regulations at NMBU must be considered in conjunction with these instructions.

Elections at the Student Parliament

Elections for the central Consideration Committee for the election of University Dean, vice-dean, faculty deans etc. will in principle be decided by a unanimous Student Board in each case. As well as being informed about on the coming Student Parliament. If the Student Board does not agree, the student representative for the central Consideration Committee is decided by the Student Parliament.

Elections for the following positions follow the «framework of the working year» for the Student Democracy:

- 1 president and 2 other members of the Control Committee
- 1 representative and 2 deputies to the University's Research Committee (UFU).
- 2 representatives and 3 deputy representatives to the University's Education Committee (USU).
- 2 representative and 2 deputy for the Research Ethics Committee.
- 2 representatives to the committee for the distribution of welfare funds.
- 4 representatives to the committee for the semester's best lecturer.
- Buddy general.
- 2 main and 2 deputies to the Central Admissions Committee.
- 2 main and 2 deputies to the Board of Complaints.
- 2 main and 2 deputy Chairmen
- 2 representatives (2-year long positions) and 2 deputy representatives (1-year long positions) to the Student Welfare Association of Ås (SiÅs) Board.