*Election to the Faculty Boards at NMBU 2019*

Presentation of the candidate. Highlights.

**Name: Sheona Noemi Innes**

**Work location (Faculty): Biosciences**

**Position: Researcher**

**Education:**

* **Bachelor of Science in marine biology and zoology, University of Cape Town**
* **Bachelor of Science (Honours) in botany, University of Cape Town**
* **Master of Science in plant science, NMBU**
* **PhD in plant science, NMBU**

**Work Experience:**

* **Researcher (2021 – present)**
* **Research assistant (2015-2016)**
* **Guest lecturer (2016-present)**
* **Laboratory course teacher (2017, 2018, present)**
* **Teaching assistant (2009-2010 UCT)**
* **Ecological advisor (2010-2011)**

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

* **Biosciences Research Committee: full member 2017/2018, deputy member 2018-2020**
* **Biosciences Faculty Board: deputy member 2017/2018**
* **UCT Gymnastics: Deputy Head (2010), Committee member (2009)**

**Why I want to be a member of the board: I have been studying/working at NMBU for almost 10 years - I started my masters here in 2013 – and have therefore witnessed the development of the university from when it was still called UMB. As I am wishing to continue my career here, I would like to add my voice to those influencing our further development as an organization, and especially to represent the views of early career scientists. The implementation of the new strategy is going to be an exciting challenge in the years to come, one in which I want to take an active part.**

**What I see as the main challenges for the board: Implementing sustainability across the entire university, living up to the standards set out in the new strategy and making it viable on every level – from student to professor. Can we help change some of the “we’ve always done it this way” views? Can we implement the new strategy in such a way that the benefits are seen across all departments and faculties?**