

The Student Parliament's election meeting

Here you will find an overview of the different committees and boards that the Student Parliament will elect student representatives for on their election meeting 8th of May 2021. The Student Parliament's internal committees will be explained first followed by OsloMet's boards and committees on university level.

1.0 SPs internal committees

The executive committee

The EC (AU in Norwegian) consists of a president, a vice-president, a Head of research and educational policies and a Study and learning environment manager. All four have their area of expertise and together fill all the subjects of higher education, both organizational and political. The four students in the EC take a year off from their studies to work full time to maintain the daily operations of the Student Parliament.

Control committee

The control committee consists of three students, or former students, who oversee that the work of SP and AU is in accordance with decided politics, rules and regulations. Two of the members are elected during the autumn semester and only one will be elected during the spring semester. As there are two spots open from the autumn semester, one will be elected for a year and two for half a year.

Election committee

Candidates for the EC, the Control Committee, the University board, the Suitability committee and the Appeals Committee will need to go through a process with the election committee. The Election Committee's job is to evaluate the candidates and bring forth a recommendation to SP of which candidates they consider to be best suited for the different positions. The SP elects five students, or former students, including a leader for the Election Committee.

2.0 OsloMet's committees on university level

The University Board

The Board is the top decision-making body of OsloMet and is responsible for overseeing its operations and strategic direction. The workload is quite heavy, and it requires good political and organizational knowledge as well as good prioritization skills. Two student representatives and two deputies will be elected for the University Board.

Appeals committee

The Appeals committee have monthly meetings where they look at student cases involving cheating and complaints. This might be a very emotional position to have, since the cases might be very personal and emotional for the students involved. Two student representatives and two deputies will be elected for the Appeals committee.

Suitability committee

The Act relating to universities and university colleges and the regulation on suitability assessments in higher education state that students in selected courses must be submitted to continual assessments on their suitability. All students in teacher education programs and health and social care programs are assessed on a continuous basis throughout the study program.

A suitability assessment is a comprehensive assessment of the student's academic and personal qualifications for work as a teacher or as a health or social care worker. A student posing a potential danger to the lives, physical and mental health, rights and safety of kindergarten children and pupils or patients, clients and users is not suitable for the profession.

Should there be doubt to whether a student is suitable or not, the teaching staff, such as practice supervisors and subject teachers, as well as students and administrative personnel can submit a notification of doubt. A special suitability assessment is carried out if there are grounds to doubt that a student is suitable, based on a notification of doubt.

The Suitability committee consists of a leader (typically the course administrator) and two employee representatives from relevant programs as well as two external representatives from relevant fields, an external attorney and two student representatives. Two student representatives will be elected for the Suitability committee.

Representatives are elected from July 1st 2021 till June 30th 2022 and both legal genders must be represented. Due to the nature of the cases brought to this committee, members will be subject to a strict non-disclosure agreement and will not have substitutes. The position is compensated.

The EC recommends that candidates should be from relevant programs e.g. those subject to the regulation. The election committee will present their recommendations during the election meeting.

Learning environment committee

As this is the only committee that has an equal number of student and employee representatives, the learning environment committee has a unique opportunity to make changes on behalf of the students. They report to the University board and bring forth suggestions or answers to cases concerning aspects regarding student life. Five student representatives and six deputies will be elected for the Learning Environment Committee.

Educational Committee

This is the board that decides changes, closure and start up for all the different courses at OsloMet. Two student representatives and three deputies will be elected for the Educational Committee.

Science and Development Committee

The committee advises the University Board on issues related to research and development at OsloMet. The committee combines education and science and the student representatives have the possibility to include the students in the ongoing the development work. Two student representatives and three deputies will be elected for the Science and Development Committee.

Employment Committee

There are two committees. One for educators and science positions and one for professors and scientists.

Two student representatives will be elected for the Employment Committee, and these representatives will function as deputies for each other.

Board of INTERACT

INTERACT is a project that brings the studies of health care and children/pupils together in an interdisciplinary cooperation. This committee is the producers of an obligatory subject for several studies. Two student representatives will be elected. Two student representatives will be elected to the board of INTERACT.

Culture committee

The Culture committee is in charge of OsloMet's culture calendar each year. The representatives are also given the opportunity to add ideas and participate in the events. Three student representatives will be elected for the Culture Committee.

If there are any questions about any of the elections, don't hesitate to contact the Student Parliament on studentparlamentet@oslomet.no.