

Student Parliament election meeting – English summary

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 4th of May 2024. The Student Parliament's internal committees will be explained first followed by OsloMet's boards and committees on university level.

1.0 The Student Parliament's internal committees

The Executive Committee

The EC (AU in Norwegian) consists of a president, a vice president, a learning environment manager, and an education and internationalization 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 Committee for student affairs 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.

SASSUM – social committee

SASSUM (Styrking Av Sosialt Samvær Utenfor Møtetid) is the Student Parliament's social committee. The committee's main task is to strengthen the social aspects of the Student Parliament.

2.0 OsloMet's committees on university level

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.

Committee for Student Affairs

The committee for student affairs has 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 committee for student affairs.

Suitability Committee

Some of the studies at OsloMet involves working with vulnerable groups. When practice teachers, educators, or fellow students, sense that a student is unsuitable for the work they are training for, they hand in a form of concern. This form will be evaluated by the suitability committee. Two student representatives will be elected for the suitability committee.

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 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 oversees 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.

The Election Committee at OsloMet

The election board supervises the elections held at OsloMet. As a member of the election committee, you cannot run for election to the university board, faculty board or the SVA board. The student representative for the Election Committee at OsloMet is elected for a period of four years. However, the student representative needs to have student status. Should the representative finish as a student at OsloMet, a new student representative must be elected.

Centre for Welfare and Labour Research Board

The Centre for Welfare and Labour Research Board is the supreme governing body for the centre, and consists of a chairman, external representatives, representatives of staff at the four institutes and student representatives.

As a student representative in the board, you will have 2-3 meetings per semester. These meetings will deal with matters such as quarterly financial reports, hiring of research institute managers and various briefings related to the centre's engagements. One student representative will be elected for the Centre for Welfare and Labour Research Board.

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