STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

Student representative in AU’s occupational health and safety organisation

The study environment and the university’s work environment affect your time at AU, and there are several ways in which you can influence the physical environment on campus. AU wants to further develop an attractive study environment, and one of the university’s goals is to develop the physical surroundings to create a good study environment in step with changing needs. The students are therefore a natural part of AU’s occupational health and safety organisation. If you are elected as a student representative, you must look after the interests of the students and help to improve the study environment.

AU works with the work environment at three levels: At department/school level, at faculty level and at the uppermost coordinating level in the Main Occupational Health and Safety Committee (HAMU). Students can be represented at all levels.

How to become a student representative:

Occupational health and safety group: Students can be represented in the local occupational health and safety group. The election to the occupational health and safety group generally takes place through the students’ local degree programme councils. Student participation in the occupational health and safety organisation is regulated by the Act on the Educational Environment for Students (Lov om elevers og studerendes undervisningsmiljø).

Local Occupational Health and Safety Committee (LAMU) Here, the student representatives are elected by and from among the students in the occupational health and safety groups.

Faculty Occupational Health and Safety Committee (FAMU): Here, the student representatives are elected by and from among the student members of the occupational health and safety committees/groups at the faculty’s departments/schools. If there are no student members on the local committees, the student representatives can be elected by the student councils at the individual faculties.

Main Occupational Health and Safety Committee (HAMU): Here, the student representatives are elected by and from among the student members of the faculty occupational health and safety committees. If there are no student members on these committees, the Student Council at AU elects representatives to the committee. At least one representative is elected.

As a student representative, you are typically elected for the same period as the rest of AU’s occupational health and safety organisation at all levels of the occupational health and safety organisation. The election period is three years.

The tasks of the student representative include:

- including the occupational health and safety problems of students in the work of the occupational health and safety organisation
- participating in the work surrounding the educational environment assessments (UMV), which take place every three years
- contributing input from students on the physical teaching environment in connection with construction projects, for example the interior design of classrooms, communal areas, canteens
- helping to create a good working relationship in the occupational health and safety group and with the rest of the occupational health and safety organisation.

Occupational health and safety training

If you are elected as a student representative, you are entitled to participate free of charge in the occupational health and safety training course which is mandatory for all management representatives and occupational health and safety representatives. The course lasts three days, and will give you thorough insights into the occupational health and safety rules and AU’s work environment.