

Instruction for the Living Environment Committee (BMU)

What is the Living Environment Committee?

The Living Environment Committee is a meeting place for SiÅs and the tenants. BMU contributes to a successful living environment and student welfare at the SiÅs apartments. MBU discuss current and future renovating projects and other housing problems from the students.

Who are representatives in the Living Environment Committee?

The Living Environment Committee consists of:

- Member of the Student Board (leader and secretary)
- Housing director from SiÅs
- House responsible at Pentagon (Hankattloftet/tomb cats, Hunkattloftet/She cats and Bohemen)
- Representative from Palisaden 1
- Representative from Palisaden 2
- Representative from Eplehagen/Pomona
- Representative from the collectives in Skogveien
- Representative from the family units in Skogveien
- Representative from Kajaveien
- Representative from Samfunnsveien 4 (IVARinn choir)
- Representative from Utveien
- Representative from Fougnerbakken
- Representative from Rådhusplassen
- President of ISU

What are the responsibilities for the Living Environment Committee?

The Living Environment Committee is a binding between the tenants and SiÅs. The committee will meet ca. 2 times every semester. BMU presents suggestions to projects, like renovation of student houses. Complaints about the living environment should be presented through the committee representatives or SiÅs. The complaints can be about neighbour disturbances, pets, smoking or other. SiÅs try to solve complaints themselves, before they are presented to the committee.

What are the individual tasks for the representatives of the committee?

The representatives are elected from their living area/house and function as a contact person and speaker. The representatives should have their contact information available to all the other tenants in their area as well as being available in person. Before a BMU meeting, the representatives will get in contact with the other tenants through meetings, email or knock on doors to get input about the living environment situation. SiÅs utleie (Renting) will help by sending out an email. The representatives will have contact with the operations manager in their housing area. It is preferred that the students have the position in the committee as long as possible.

Responsibilities for the Welfare Officer of the Student Board.

The Welfare Officer will send out summons for the BMU meetings, set the agenda and encourage the representatives to present cases and issues. The Welfare Officer is the leader of the meeting and will write the minutes. The Welfare Officer will secure a high attendance by contacting the house responsables and the representatives in good time before the meeting. The Welfare Officer will make a "package" for new representatives, including reports from the last meeting and this instruction.

Responsibilities for the Housing Director of SiÅs.

The Housing Director of SiÅs is the representatives' contact person. He/She will participate in dialog with the representatives about problems and challenges. He/She will contribute with cases to the agenda and inform about current and future renovations. He/She will have contact with the operating managers at each housing area. He/She will ensure that the representatives receive laminated information posters that they can have in their housing area.

How can I become a member of the Living Environment Committee?

The house responsibles at Pentagon are representatives from the fraternity «Hunkatten», «Hannkattforeningen st.1902» and the choir «lærken». The representatives from Eplehagen, Skogveien, Kajaveien, Samfunnsveien 4, Rådhusplassen and Utveien can have their position in the committee as long as they like, but minimum one year. The representatives have to find a successor themselves, but can receive help from the Welfare Officer. Representatives from Palisaden 1 and 2 and Skoggården have the position for one school year. The Welfare Officer will find representatives for Palisaden 1 and 2, and Skoggården.