



UArctic Assembly Meeting / Inari, Finland / June 2025

Agenda item: 6.3

Proposal – Election of Board Student Representative

Proposal: The UArctic Nominations Committee proposes that the Assembly makes the following decisions:

*The Assembly accepts the nomination and elects **Bárður Clementsen** as the Board Student Representative for a three-year term (2025-2028).*

References: [UArctic Constitution](#) / Article 5 – Governance and Administration
[UArctic Bylaws](#) / Sections 4 – UArctic Board; and 4.2 – Election of the Board
[Bárður Clementsen – Nomination letter](#)

Background:

The student representation on the Board consists of three individuals, each appointed for a 3-year non-renewable term. Over a 3-year cycle, each student in their 1st year of appointment will serve as **representative elect**; in the 2nd year will serve as the **representative**; and in the final year, serve as the **outgoing student representative**.

At the moment UArctic has two Board student representatives: **Viljo Vuorimäki**, who is serving for his second year, and **Linda Lyberth Kristiansen**, who is serving for her second year. The third student representative (whose term would end in the Assembly meeting 2025) resigned in 2024 due to personal reasons. After the Assembly meeting, Vuorimäki becomes the outgoing student representative and Kristiansen becomes the primary representative.

In April 2025, the Nominations Committee opened an open call for Board student representative, inviting UArctic Higher Education Institution members to nominate candidates for the position. During the call, four nominations were submitted. The Nominations Committee evaluated the nomination documents and decided to propose the election of the following candidate as the Board Student Representative.

Nominated Candidate:

Bárður Clementsen Master's degree student, focusing on Politics and Public Administration at [Roskilde University](#)

Current Student Representatives on the Board of UArctic:

Viljo Vuorimäki (Representative)	University of Lapland , Finland Fixed term 2023-26
Linda Lyberth Kristiansen (Student Representative Elect)	Ilisimatusarfik / University of Greenland , Greenland Fixed term 2024-27



Rationale:

UArctic Constitution, Article 5 – Governance and administration:

The annual Assembly of the association shall elect the Board.

The Board consists of a Chair and the number of other members confirmed by the annual Assembly, with at least eight and at most fourteen members. In addition, the Assembly elects one student and two alternates to the Board from among the association's members.

UArctic Bylaws, section 4 – UArctic Board

The student representation within the Board shall consist of three individuals, each appointed for a three-year / non-renewable term.

Over a 3-year cycle each student would, in the 1st year of appointment serve as representative elect, in the 2nd year serve as the representative, and in the 3rd year serve as the outgoing representative.

Each representative has the opportunity to attend a meeting of the Board, with the voting member receiving financial support from UArctic. With only one vote allowed at meetings of the Board, a recorded vote shall be made by the student representative or either the representative elect or outgoing representative when the student representative is unable to be present.

UArctic Bylaws, section 4.2 – Election of the Board

The election of Board Chair, members and student representative by the Assembly requires support by more than half the votes cast. If votes are equal, election is resolved by the casting of lots.