



Terms of reference for the SLU International Advisory Board

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1. Background

SLU's research evaluation Quality & Impact 2018 resulted in recommendations for various strategic measures that have been analysed and discussed by the SLU leadership. As one consequence of these considerations, the vice-chancellor decided in 2019 to establish an International Advisory Board (IAB).

2. Aim

The purpose of the board is to engage prominent representatives of the international academic community as "critical friends of SLU" who can provide advice to the SLU university management on matters of a strategic nature.

3. Function

The IAB's function is to

- advise the vice-chancellor and university management on strategic issues concerning the continuing development of SLU as one of the leading universities in our field;
- bring an international perspective to SLU's analysis of current and future developments in the academic sector;
- advise SLU concerning measures for quality improvement.

4. Composition

The IAB is made up of a small number of members based outside Sweden. Members are selected by the vice-chancellor after consultations with the university management and the deans.

Members are expected to have a good strategic overview and broad knowledge of the academic sector. They have a university background but may currently be

active in other environments. As a rule, members have personal experience as leaders of academic organisations and of international collaboration. Members are expected to provide strategic advice relating to all aspects of the university's mission and are not selected based on their expertise within specific academic fields. They are appointed for a three-year period.

5. *Meetings*

The IAB is assembled annually for a two-day meeting at SLU, Uppsala (or, in case of travel restrictions, for a shorter video conference).

SLU will carry all costs for travel and accommodation in connection with the board's meetings.

Outside these meetings, the IAB may also be asked to provide written feedback on specific matters.