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For the new vision that "SLU is a driving force for a sustainable living world", my background fits well with the participation at the SLU board. I have long experience of research, education and collaboration within and outside SLU with a focus on multidisciplinary perspectives on sustainability issues with a profile regarding social sustainability, health and working life development in the green industries. Commitment and interest in rural development and the interaction between rural and urban areas.

If I am given the opportunity to work on SLU's board, it will be with great interest and commitment to continue to develop our proud national university. We are successful, but we need to take on more and toughen ourselves - doubling the number of students is a good start, but we can also broaden and deepen our business, become even more multidisciplinary, where the connection to the agricultural industries and the Ministry gives us unique opportunities.

We are at the forefront of work on sustainability issues, nationally and internationally - we have the opportunity to lead the development of systematic sustainable development from a holistic view of, for example, food production with care of people, animals, the environment and other resources. An approach that can be applied whether it concerns these issues or the resources of the forest, the green environments of the cities or the enterprises in agriculture and horticulture.

Challenges that are both national and global, such as water, food and energy supply, animal and human health issues including problems with zoonoses and other diseases, antibiotic resistance, climate change and weather-related fires, drought, floods, storms, etc. SLU is already working with these issues and is likely to become increasingly important for us.

For the tensions and contradictions that currently exist between rural and urban areas, SLU can become the force that turns this into collaboration and common development - no other university has this power and expertise if increased focus is given on these issues.

SLU has all the prerequisites to continue to develop as an attractive study environment with new and new exciting education and a lifelong learning for students, an evolving workplace for employees and an exciting partner in research and collaboration for the benefit of society, business and global development. In order for SLU's resources to be utilized optimally internally, we need to invest in new up-dated digital technology and solutions that enable students, teachers and researchers to collaborate, lecture and study without any problem - no matter what SLU location one is at !

However, board work is not just a business idea and a vision, but a great deal about strategic university issues, university policy, economics and other government issues - as well so important to get involved in for SLU's future!