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**TO:** Secretary of the Nominations Committee  
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**FROM:** Professor Antti Syväjärvi, Rector  
University of Lapland, Rovaniemi, Finland

**RE: Student Nominations for the University of the Arctic Board**

Dear Outi,

University of Lapland is pleased to nominate **Mr. Viljo Vuorimäki** as the student representative to the UArctic Board.

Please find his information below, including his statement of interest (also attached as PDF).

a) Preliminary nominees' full name, gender, nationality and cultural background:

Viljo Vuorimäki a Finnish male, raised in a multicultural environment.

b) Preliminary nominees' e-mail address and phone number

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c) Written statement of interest from the preliminary nominee

Mr. Vuorimäki's statement:

"Having been born in France and having lived in a multicultural environment in Belgium Bryssels for 17 years and moving to Rovaniemi to start my studies of political sciences, my interest towards the arctic and international relations has only been growing. I have been an active member of the university community by joining the student union's executive board to handle internationality and responsibility in my first year of studies and applying and becoming chair of the board this year. My knowledge towards international affairs is vast and I believe I can bring valuable input into the decision making of the UArctic. In addition to my understanding, I speak 3 languages (Finnish,

English and French) fluently which enables me to effectively communicate with a majority of people.

Becoming a student representative would be an honour and would give the chance to represent students on an even larger scale. I am motivated and willing to make time when it is necessary to do so.

The importance of the arctic is rapidly evolving, with more questions than answers and that is why networks such as the UArctic play such an important role. These networks are not only valuable for the north but also for the world as they provide precious scientific research, education as well as networking and outreach activities. Especially for education student representation is beneficial to all board members as they bring new perspectives to the table. “

I am confident that Mr. Vuorimäki is an excellent candidate for the position of a student representative at the UArctic Board. He is keenly interested in international relations as well as the arctic, so he will surely make a strong contribution to the board's work.

University of Lapland commits to providing financial support to cover travel and accommodation costs for Viljo Vuorimäki to attend a maximum of two UArctic Board meetings during the three-year term.

Thank you for considering this preliminary nomination and offering this opportunity to UArctic students.

Sincerely,



Antti Syväjärvi