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## **INVITATION TO SIGN THE MAGNA CHARTA UNIVERSITATUM**

### **Forslag til vedtak:**

The University Board fully supports the application to sign the Magna Charta Universitatum. The university president will proceed with the application process.

### **Saksfremstilling**

The Magna Charta Universitatum (<http://www.magna-charta.org/magna-charta-universitatum/>) contains principles of academic freedom and institutional autonomy that serve as guidelines for good governance and development.

Originally founded in 1988 by the University of Bologna and the European Rectors' Conference, the Magna Charta Universitatum now numbers over 800 universities from 86 countries. In Norway, NTNU, University of Bergen and University of Oslo are among the signatory universities.

In 2015, President Curt Rice confirmed that Oslo and Akershus University College supported the principles outlined in the Magna Charta. OsloMet has now received an invitation to become a formal signatory to the Magna Charta.

Applying to join the Magna Charta Universitatum will mean that in addition to declaring adherence to the principles, the university will gain access to the network and activities organized by the Magna Charta Observatory. Signatory universities must commit to:

- notifying all staff and spreading information about the acceptance to the Universitatum on the university's website.
- engage with the Magna Charta Observatory through participation in self-evaluation, periodic surveys, studies, conferences, workshops, etc. The full admissions policy can be found here: <http://www.magnacharta.org/resources/files/2016PolicyforWebsite.pdf>

Along with the application form and statement of support from three other universities, the application must include an official endorsement from the university board signaling its support for the application. We therefore request that the board formally endorse our decision to move forward with this application.

The application deadline for Spring 2018 is March 17.