

# Statutes of StuKo

## GENERAL

### § 1 Definitions

- (1) The student body is made up of all students enrolled at Bauhaus-Universität and research students working at the university.
- (2) The student body is a sub-corporation of the university with legal capacity.
- (3) The student body is divided into student councils. The student councils represent the direct subject-related and university-political concerns that affect the study programs and departments of their members. They promote subject-specific student initiatives. Membership of the student council depends on the study program attended. If inter-faculty study programs are taken, the student body in which the right to vote and stand for election is exercised must be stated when enrolling or re-registering.

### § 2 Rights and duties of members

- (1) Every member of the student body in accordance with § 1 para. 1 of these statutes has the right to vote and stand for election in their student body to the student council. Elections are held on the basis of the student body's election regulations.
- (2) Members of the student body have the right to request ballots and general assemblies of the student body in accordance with these statutes.
- (3) Every member of the student body has the right to submit written questions and motions to the StudierendenKonvent and the bodies of the student councils. The exercise of this right is regulated by the rules of procedure of the StudierendenKonvent and by the regulations of the student councils.
- (4) Every member of the student body is obliged to pay fees in accordance with the contribution regulations.
- (5) These statutes and their supplementary regulations are binding for the members of the student body.

### § 3 Bodies

- (1) The bodies of the student body are
  - the student body by ballot,
  - the Student Assembly of the Bauhaus-Universität Weimar,
  - the StudierendenKonvent (StuKo),
  - the Speaker's Council of the StudierendenKonvent and
  - the student councils.
- (2) The respective body of the student body is liable for damages caused by a member or representative of the StudierendenKonvent or a student council in the exercise of their function and will oblige them to pay compensation.
- (3) Resolutions of the bodies must be published.

## § 4 Tasks

- (1) The student body represents all student members of the Bauhaus-Universität Weimar through its bodies in accordance with § 80 ThürHG.
- (2) The student body has the following tasks in accordance with § 80 (1) ThürHG:
  - Representation of all students at the university within the scope of its legal powers,
  - Representing the higher education policy interests of the students,
  - Representing the professional, social and cultural interests of students,
  - promoting political education and civic responsibility among students,
  - promoting voluntary student sports, insofar as the university is not responsible for this,
  - promoting the integration of foreign students,
  - promoting supra-regional and international student relations.
- (3) The student body may, by decision of the StuKo, join associations and federations in order to fulfill its tasks.
- (4) The student body shall promote student initiatives within the scope of its statutory duties. Further details are regulated by the rules of procedure.
- (5) Particular attention shall be paid to the needs of women, foreigners and members of minorities in society.

## BODIES

### § 5 Student body in ballot vote

- (1) Ballots can be held to decide on fundamental issues affecting the student body.
- (2) The ballot takes place during the lecture period by secret ballot. A simple majority of the votes cast is decisive.
- (3) A ballot shall be conducted by resolution of the StudierendenKonvent with a two-thirds majority of the votes of its members, by resolution of the Student General Assembly or if a request is submitted to the StudierendenKonvent by at least six percent (6%) of the members of the student body.
- (4) The ballot shall be held within four weeks of the resolution or the submission of a petition in accordance with paragraph 3 during the lecture period.
- (5) The subject matter on which the ballot is based must be publicly announced at least one week before the ballot is held, stating the exact subject matter of the ballot.
- (6) The StudierendenKonvent is responsible for conducting the ballot. Further details are regulated by the rules of procedure of the StudierendenKonvention.
- (7) The results of the ballot are binding for all other bodies of the student body and must be implemented by them.

### § 6 Student General Assembly

- (1) The Student General Assembly discusses issues concerning the student body. It can make recommendations to the StudierendenKonvent and decide to hold a ballot. Requests and/or resolutions must be submitted to the StudierendenKonvent. The Student General Assembly is convened by the StudierendenKonvent

- by resolution of the StuKo,
  - at the request of at least three percent (3%) of the members of the student body.
- (2) The StuKo is responsible for organizing the Student General Assembly. If the time at which the request is submitted and/or the resolution is passed is during the lecture period, the plenary assembly should be held within two weeks.
  - (3) The StuKo shall provide information about its activities once within two semesters before the Student General Assembly.
  - (4) The Student General Assembly shall constitute a quorum if at least three percent (3%) of the members of the student body are present. A resolution to hold a ballot requires the approval of six percent (6%) of the members of the student body.
  - (5) These regulations apply accordingly to general assemblies at faculty level.

## § 7 StudierendenKonvent (StuKo)

- (1) The StuKo represents the interests of all students at the Bauhaus-Universität Weimar. It exercises their right of co-determination and co-decision vis-à-vis the management and committees of the university as well as in public decisions that affect students.
- (2) The StuKo shall adopt its own rules of procedure. These must be published.
- (3) The StuKo has the following tasks in particular:
  - to pass fundamental resolutions on the fulfillment of the tasks arising from § 4 of these statutes,
  - to decide on amendments to the statutes of the constituted student body as well as the supplementary regulations to these statutes and their amendment,
  - elect the StuKo Spokesperson's Council and decide on its discharge
  - elect the members of the office and decide on their discharge,
  - to decide on the establishment of departments, to elect the consultants and to decide on their discharge,
  - elect the representatives of the student body to other bodies and committees that affect the overall interests of the student body, provided that this does not conflict with other provisions,
  - to conduct ballots.

### Convening of the StuKo

- (4) The StuKo meets for the first time within 4 weeks of the conclusion of the election for the student councils and the direct candidates.
- (5) The StuKo meets regularly. The notice period is 2 days. The invitation must include the provisional agenda and must be published.

### Term of office of the StuKo

- (6) The term of office of the StuKo is one year and begins with its constitution after the election of the student councils and the direct candidates.
- (7) The term of office ends with the constitution of the newly elected StuKo.

### Accountability of the StudierendenKonvent

- (8) The StuKo is accountable to the student body.

#### Members of the StudierendenKonvent

- (9) Any member of the student body may be elected to the StuKo in accordance with paragraphs 11 and 12.
- (10) Membership of the StuKo ends
- at the end of the term of office,
  - by resignation of the mandate,
  - in the case of dismissal, with the resolution on the appointment of a new member from the respective student council,
  - upon leaving the Bauhaus-Universität Weimar,
  - upon death.

#### Delegation and composition of the StudierendenKonvent

- (11) Each Student Council sends two members who are entitled to vote in the Student Council to the StudierendenKonvent. These members are entitled to vote in the StudierendenKonvent. Representation by other voting members of the respective student council is possible.
- (12) The faculty student councils also elect two of their members directly to the StuKo. These are voting members of the StudierendenKonvent.
- (13) The StuKo meets after the election of the student councils and the direct candidates in accordance with § 6.
- (14) The StuKo has sixteen (16) voting members. All StuKo representatives also have an advisory vote.
- (15) For a voting member who leaves before the end of the regular term of office, their deputy/successor shall assume the mandate in accordance with §§ 11 and 12.

#### Rights and duties of the members of the StuKo

- (16) The members are obliged to attend the meetings of the StuKo and to participate in the implementation of its resolutions.
- (17) The members of the StuKo are obliged to fulfill their duties to the best of their knowledge and belief.
- The members of the StuKo have the right to inspect all documents relating to the student body. This does not include personal documents. The members of the StuKo can request information from the Spokesperson's Council and the StuKo's representatives at any time. At StuKo meetings, StuKo members have the right to speak and make motions; members with voting rights have the right to vote.
- (18) The members of the StuKo have the right to request that a meeting of the StuKo be convened. The rules of procedure of the StuKo regulate further details.
- (19) The members of the StuKo are obliged to provide information about their activities at the request of their faculty student councils.

#### Publicity of the meetings of the StuKo

- (20) The StuKo shall hold its meetings in public for members of the student body.
- (21) In exceptional cases, the StuKo may decide to hold part of the meeting in private.

## Budget Audit Committee

- (22) The Budget Audit Committee is elected by the StuKo. It consists of four StuKo members, each of whom should belong to a different faculty student council. They are obliged to provide information and accountability to the StuKo.
- (23) The task of the budget audit committee is to check that expenditure is in line with the budget and has been used correctly. They also have an overview of the StuKo's finances.

## Supplementary regulations

- (24) Everything else is regulated by the rules of procedure of the StuKo and the election regulations of the student body.

## § 8 Spokesperson Council of the StuKo

- (1) The Spokesperson's Council of the StuKo is formed by four (4) members of the StuKo, who should each belong to a different faculty student council and are elected at the constituent meeting. The Spokesperson's Council is the representative body of the student body. At least two spokespersons of the Spokespersons' Council shall jointly represent the student body in matters concerning the student body in accordance with Section 80 (1) ThürHG.
- (2) The term of office of the Spokesperson's Council corresponds to the term of office of the StuKo and ends with the constitution of the new StuKo.
- (3) The Spokesperson's Council has the following tasks in particular:
- Coordinating the activities of the StuKo for the purpose of representing the interests of the student body in accordance with Section 80 (1) ThürHG
  - Coordination of the delegates of the StuKo
  - Representation of the StuKo
  - Coordination of the external representation of the StuKo
  - Preparation and follow-up of StuKo meetings.
- The Spokesperson's Council is accountable to the StuKo and bound by its resolutions.
- Decisions of the Spokesperson's Council must be confirmed by the StuKo.
- (4) The Spokesperson's Council has the right to convene meetings of the StuKo.
- (5) The Spokesperson's Council and individual members (spokespersons) can be voted out of office at any time by a two-thirds majority of the StuKo members. A new spokesperson council or a successor to the voted-out spokesperson must be elected within 14 days at the latest. If more than two spokespersons are voted out of office, a provisional committee appointed by the StuKo takes over the tasks of the Spokespersons' Council.
- (6) The rules of procedure of the StuKo regulate further details.

## § 9 Student representative councils

- (1) The student councils represent the interests of the faculty student councils and see themselves as their bodies. They exercise the right of co-determination and co-decision vis-à-vis the management and committees of the University as well as in decisions of public bodies that affect the students.

- (2) The student councils consist of a maximum of 12 voting members and additional non-voting members.
- (3) The student councils each delegate:
  - two voting members to the StudierendenKonvent
  - one member to the Student & Academic Affairs Committee
- (4) Further details are regulated by the respective regulations of the student councils.

## REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STUKO

### § 10 Representatives of the StuKo

- (1) Representatives of the StuKo are individuals or groups of people from the student body who support the StuKo in fulfilling its tasks in accordance with § 4. Representatives are bound by the resolutions of the StuKo and are obliged to provide information and be accountable to it. They must carry out their tasks as required by the StuKo or the student body.
- (2) All representatives are members of the StuKo in an advisory capacity. Representatives are in particular:
  - the office and management of the StuKo (§ 11)
  - units of the StuKo (§ 12)
  - Supporters from the student councils, working groups, etc.
  - Delegates of the StuKo
- (3) For the fulfillment of the tasks according to § 4, the StuKo can call in non-elected students as supporters, these are representatives in the sense of § 10 (1).
- (4) The StuKo may delegate students to represent the StuKo in other committees; these are representatives within the meaning of § 10 (1).
- (5) The appointment ends with the end of the term of office, incapacity to hold office, resignation, deselection with a two-thirds majority of all StuKo members, exmatriculation or death.
- (6) Further details are regulated by the rules of procedure.

### § 11 Office and management

- (1) The office of the StuKo is formed by four students of the Bauhaus-Universität Weimar. The members of the office are elected by the StuKo for a term of one year.
- (2) The office is bound by the resolutions of the StuKo and is obliged to provide information and be accountable to the StuKo.
- (3) The office of the StuKo has to fulfill the following tasks in particular:
  - coordination and supervision of the units
  - Coordination and support of the StuKo initiatives.The office offers advice and assistance with organizational questions regarding applications and accountability. It supports the initiatives in their work.
- (4) The office is responsible for organizing events for initiatives. This includes, in particular, the initiative meetings of the StuKo and the presentation of the initiatives during the fresher's week.

- (5) The office and individual members can be voted out of office at any time by a two-thirds majority of the StuKo members. A new office or a successor to the member voted out of office must be elected within 14 days at the latest. If more than two members of the office are voted out of office, a provisional committee appointed by the StuKo shall assume the duties of the office.
- (6) The management shall be staffed by a person who does not have to be a member or affiliate of the Bauhaus-Universität Weimar. The management has administrative tasks. They should also provide the StuKo members with long-term references and background knowledge.
- (7) Further details are regulated by the rules of procedure.

## § 12 Units of the StuKo

- (1) The StuKo can delegate the fulfillment of its tasks to units. Units are responsible for coordinating the fulfillment of the student body's permanent tasks.
- (2) Units are representatives of the StuKo. They are bound by the resolutions of the StuKo and are obliged to provide information and be accountable to it.
- (3) The units organize their work independently. As a rule, they are open to all students.
- (4) A unit consists of one or more consultants elected by the StuKo. They must be members of the student body. They are responsible for the work of their unit.
- (5) Consultants manage and are responsible for the units of the StuKo. They are responsible for the implementation of their tasks. They may call in external persons to work on their tasks. They must be members of the University.
- (6) Consultants can be voted out of office at any time by a two-thirds majority of StuKo members. A successor must be elected within 14 days at the latest.
- (7) The StuKo may, by resolution, grant a unit the right to vote in the deliberations of the StuKo for the unit's area.
- (8) Units can be set up and dissolved by the StuKo at its discretion. Their tasks are recorded in the resolution on their establishment. The units must be listed by name with their area of responsibility in the rules of procedure.
- (9) The rules of procedure of the StuKo regulate further details.

## BUDGET AND FINANCES

### § 13 Finances of the student body

- (1) The student body collects fees from its members in accordance with § 81 of the Thuringian Higher Education Act. Further details are regulated by the contribution regulations.
- (2) The student body is financed by
  - the contributions of its members in accordance with the contribution regulations,
  - grants from public bodies and the Bauhaus-Universität Weimar,
  - donations,
  - funds that are generated internally.
- (3) The StudierendenKonvent shall adopt contribution regulations that regulate the details of budgetary and economic management.

## § 14 Budget

- (1) All revenue and expenditure must be estimated for the financial year and included in the budget. Expenditure and income must be balanced for the financial year.
- (2) The budget as well as additions and amendments must be approved by the StuKo with a two-thirds majority of votes.
- (3) The budget includes allocations to the student councils. When determining the allocations, the number of members of the individual student councils must be taken into account.
- (4) Further details are regulated by the student body's financial regulations.

## PROCEDURE FOR DISPUTES WITH THE ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

### § 15 Statute disputes

- (1) In the event of disputes regarding the statutes, mediation shall be brought about by the legal supervisory authority.

## TRANSITIONAL AND FINAL PROVISIONS

### § 16 Amendments to the Statutes

- (1) The statutes can be amended by a ballot of the student body with a simple majority of votes or by a resolution of the StuKo with a two-thirds majority of its members.
- (2) §§ 1-9 and §§15-16 can only be amended by ballot vote.

### § 17 Acting bodies

- (1) The StudierendenKonvent in office at the time these statutes come into force and the student councils in office shall remain in office until they are re-elected in accordance with these Statutes.

### § 18 Entry into force

- (1) The statutes shall enter into force following a resolution by ballot on the day of publication in the Bauhaus-Universität Weimar's bulletins.