

Statutes of the Student Body

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I The Student Body

§ 1 Definition and Legal Status

1. All enrolled students at RWTH Aachen University form the student body. Foreign and stateless applicants who have been granted the legal status of RWTH students for a limited period until they pass or fail the language test or the assessment test are treated as enrolled students within the framework of these statutes.
2. The student body is a legal entity of the university.
3. It manages its affairs independently within the framework of the statutory provisions and these statutes.
4. The student body is divided into student councils.
5. It has the right to cooperate with student bodies at other universities.

§ 2 Tasks

The student body has the following duties:

1. to represent the interests of its members at the university and in society,
2. to represent the interests of its members,
3. to contribute to the fulfilment of the tasks of the universities, in particular by issuing statements on university or science policy issues,
4. to promote political education, civic responsibility and willingness to actively practise tolerance among its members on the basis of the constitutional order,
5. to represent professional, economic and social interests,
6. to represent the cultural interests of its members,
7. to promote student sports, and
8. to cultivate supra-local and international student relations.

§ 3 Rights and obligations of members

1. Every member of the student body shall, regardless of whether they hold office, work within their means to promote the interests of the student body.
2. In accordance with these statutes, every member of the student body has the right to vote and stand for election to the student parliament, as well as the right to stand for election to the General Student Committee. In accordance with the student council framework regulations, they have the right to vote and stand for election to the bodies of their student council.
3. No one may be given preferential treatment or disadvantaged because of their activities in self-government.
4. Every member of the student body has the right to submit written inquiries to the student parliament and the general student committee. These inquiries must be answered in writing by the general student committee within three weeks and by the student parliament within four weeks of the meeting.
5. Every member of the student body has the right to submit written motions to the student parliament. Further details are regulated by the rules of procedure of the student parliament.
Every member of the student body has the right to speak at public meetings of the student parliament and at public meetings of the committees. Further details are regulated by the rules of procedure of the student parliament.
6. Every member of the student body is obliged to pay contributions in accordance with the contribution regulations.
7. These statutes and all supplementary regulations are binding on the members of the student body.
8. Secondary and guest students have the rights set out in paragraphs 4, 5 and 5a.

§ 4 Student Body Organisations

The student body bodies are:

1. Student Parliament (SP)
2. the General Student Committee (AStA)

§ 4a Sustainability

The work of the student body shall strive for sustainability in accordance with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

II The Student Parliament

§ 5 Tasks

1. The student parliament is the highest decision-making body of the student body. It expresses the will of the student body.
2. It has the following tasks:
 - (a) To decide on guidelines for the fulfilment of the tasks of the student body
 - (b) to decide on fundamental matters concerning the student body,
 - (c) to adopt the statutes of the student body and its supplementary regulations,
 - (d) to approve the budget and monitor its implementation,
 - (e) Electing the members of the AStA in accordance with § 19,
 - (f) to decide on the discharge of the members of the AStA.
3. If the student parliament is called upon to elect representatives for other institutions and committees within or outside the student body, § 15 (3) shall apply.

§ 6 Composition and election

1. The members and deputy members of the student parliament shall be elected in a general, direct, free, equal and secret ballot.
2. The election shall be conducted in accordance with the principles of personalised proportional representation based on electoral lists. Individual candidacies are possible. The student body shall form one constituency.
3. The student parliament has forty-one (41) members and an unlimited number of deputy members.
4. Elections shall be held together with the elections to the academic self-governing bodies in the summer semester.
5. The student parliament is responsible for verifying the election results. It also decides whether a member has lost their membership.
6. Further details are regulated by the election regulations.

§ 7 Convening and term of office

1. The student parliament is elected for a term of one year. Its term of office ends when the new student parliament convenes. New elections take place no earlier than eleven and no later than thirteen months after the start of the term of office. In the event of the dissolution of the student parliament, new elections shall take place in the ninth week of lectures after the dissolution. If this date is excluded under the provisions of the electoral regulations, new elections shall take place on the next possible date.
2. The student parliament shall convene no later than the twenty-first day after the election and shall constitute itself in this manner.
3. The first official act of the student parliament is the election of the presidium. No other elections may be held or resolutions passed before this.
4. Further details are regulated by the rules of procedure.

§ 8 Resignation and replacement of members of the student parliament

1. A member or deputy member shall resign from the student parliament before the end of the election period
 - (a) by resigning from office,
 - (b) by de-registration,
 - (c) by death.
2. In the event of a member leaving, the election regulations govern the filling of the vacant seat.

§ 9 Position of the members of the student parliament

1. The members of the student parliament are representatives of the entire student body. They are not bound by orders or instructions.
2. The members of the student parliament are obliged to perform their duties on a voluntary basis to the best of their knowledge and belief. In particular, they are obliged to attend the meetings of the student parliament.
3. A member of the student parliament may be represented by an elected substitute member from the same electoral list. The substitution only extends to the duration of the meeting and does not allow the exercise of any further rights.
4. Each member of the student parliament may request access to the following documents of the AStA in particular:
 - (a) minutes, resolutions and draft resolutions of the AStA, as well as documents necessary for their understanding
 - (b) financial documents,
 - (c) correspondence.

The AStA must comply with the request within six working days by presenting the documents to the person requesting access in the AStA's offices. Access to personnel matters requires the consent of the person concerned. Documents whose confidentiality is necessary for the protection of third parties may only be accessed with an obligation of confidentiality.

§ 10 Chair of the Student Parliament

1. The Chair consists of the chairperson, one or two deputy chairpersons and up to three secretaries and/or technicians. The Presidium consists of a maximum of five persons.
2. The student parliament elects the members of the presidium individually and by secret ballot for the duration of the electoral term. The members of the presidium must be members of the student body. The chairperson and deputy chairperson must be elected by an absolute majority, while the secretaries and technician are elected by a simple majority.
3. Members shall resign from the Presidium prematurely
 - (a) upon loss of passive voting rights for the student parliament,
 - (b) upon resignation from office. This shall take effect for the chair and deputy chair upon the election of a successor. For the secretaries and the technician, the resignation shall take effect at the beginning of the next meeting.
 - (c) upon the election of a successor in accordance with paragraph 2.
4. The chairperson and deputy chairperson of the student parliament may not be members of the AStA. The titles of president and vice-president of the student parliament are equivalent to the titles of chairperson and vice-chairperson.
5. The Chair is responsible for carrying out the tasks of the student parliament.
6. The chairperson shall convene the student parliament in simple written form by e-mail to the address provided to the presidium, stating the agenda and observing the notice period. The chairperson shall chair the proceedings and communicate the decisions to those concerned.
7. Further details are regulated by the rules of procedure of the student parliament (Geschäftsordnung).

§ 11 Meeting procedures

1. The student parliament generally meets on working days during the lecture period, except Saturdays. It does not meet during the Christmas holidays or during the excursion week. The constituent meeting may also be held during the lecture-free period.
2. The student parliament decides on the dates of its meetings, which take place at least every four weeks during the session and at least once within the first two weeks after the start of lectures. Periods during which the student parliament does not meet in accordance with paragraph 1 are not to be taken into account.
3. The chairperson may convene further meetings in compliance with the notice period. He or she must convene a meeting without delay:
 - (a) at the request of eight members of the student parliament;
 - (b) at the request of the AStA.
4. The chairperson may also convene meetings requested in accordance with paragraph 3, sentence 2 outside the meeting period if there are important reasons for doing so. In this case, only those items that justify the urgency shall be dealt with at the meeting. The quorum shall then be subject to a notice period

of at least fourteen days and the presence of at least two-thirds of the members of the student parliament or their deputies in accordance with Section 9 (3); this shall also apply in the event of an adjournment.

5. If the election of an AStA chairperson is not successful at the constituent meeting, the student parliament may, notwithstanding paragraphs 1, 3 and 4, decide to hold another meeting during the lecture-free period, which shall take place within five weeks. The sole purpose of this meeting shall be to hold elections.
6. With the exception of the meeting of the student parliament, the meetings of committees, commissions and subcommittees may take place via electronic communication and resolutions may be passed via electronic communication or by circular resolution. Further details are regulated in the rules of procedure.

§ 12 Quorum

1. The quorum of the student parliament is subject to compliance with the notice period and other requirements in accordance with the rules of procedure of the student parliament.
2. The quorum shall be checked
 - (a) at the beginning of each meeting of the student parliament,
 - (b) before elections and votes, and at the request of a member of the Student Parliament.
3. If the student parliament loses its quorum before completing the agenda, the meeting shall be closed. The next meeting shall have a quorum with regard to the unfinished items, regardless of the number of members of the student parliament present, provided that the notice period has been observed. § 11 (4) remains unaffected by this.

§ 13 Resolutions and elections

1. Each member of the student parliament has one vote, which is non-transferable.
2. A simple majority is required for resolutions and elections, unless these statutes and their supplementary regulations stipulate otherwise.
3. Resolutions of the student parliament shall be recorded in the minutes.
4. Unless otherwise specified by the Student Parliament, resolutions passed by the Student Parliament shall take effect upon adoption. Unless otherwise specified, they shall be published on the Student Parliament website by the Chair of the Student Parliament no later than the twenty-eighth (28th) day after adoption.
5. The repeal or amendment of resolutions requires a more qualified majority than was necessary for the adoption of the resolution, unless other provisions of these statutes preclude this. The majority required for the adoption of resolutions is sufficient for the repeal or amendment of resolutions from previous election periods. The following majority levels exist:
 - (a) simple majority, which is given if the number of yes votes exceeds the number of no votes and no more than half of the votes cast are abstentions,
 - (b) votes of the majority of the statutory members of the student parliament (absolute majority of members),
 - (c) votes of two-thirds of the statutory members of the student parliament.

§ 14 Public

1. The student parliament shall conduct its business in public sessions.
2. At the request of a member of the student body, the student parliament may decide, with a two-thirds majority of its members present, to exclude the public for the duration of an agenda item.
3. The rules of procedure of the student parliament may stipulate that certain items on the agenda are to be dealt with in closed session. This presupposes that the privacy of the persons concerned outweighs the public interest in their presence. Privacy prevails if the agenda item deals with relevant information of a personal nature.

§ 15 Committees

1. The student parliament may establish committees to prepare and support its work.
2. The committees shall consist of at least three and at most seven members and, depending on the actual number of members, twice as many deputy members. Members and deputy members of committees must be members of the student body.
3. The student parliament elects the members and deputy members of the committees by a simple majority, unless otherwise specified. The electoral lists have the right to propose candidates in accordance with

their relative strength according to the Sainte Laguë/Schepers maximum number method based on the distribution of votes for the electoral lists in the last election. Each list has the right to propose one member and two deputy members. In the event of a tie, the chairperson shall draw lots to decide. If a list is not considered in the distribution of seats in accordance with sentence 2, it shall have the right to nominate one advisory member and one deputy advisory member without voting rights. The social committee is excluded from this. These are not taken into account when checking the quorum and determining the majorities.

4. If an electoral list does not exercise its right to propose a candidate for a member's seat at two consecutive meetings at which the relevant agenda item was discussed, this right shall pass directly to the electoral list that would be entitled to the next additional seat on the committee. In this case, the right to propose candidates for deputy members pursuant to paragraph 3, sentence 2 shall also pass to this electoral list.
5. Unless otherwise specified, the term of office of the committee members shall commence upon their election and end with the term of office of the student parliament. It shall end prematurely
 - (a) upon the election of a successor in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 3,
 - (b) by resignation,
 - (c) by absence from three regular committee meetings, except for those meetings in which the committee member was represented by a substitute in accordance with paragraph 7,
 - (d) upon de-registration,
 - (e) upon death.

In cases 2 to 5, a successor shall be elected without delay in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 3. A substitute member shall not automatically take over.

6. Notwithstanding paragraph 5, the term of office of the members of a selection committee shall only end upon the appointment of the persons proposed by the selection committee. Persons who apply for the position advertised by the selection committee may not participate in the meetings of the selection committee. If a member of a selection committee applies for the position advertised by the committee, the term of office shall end prematurely upon submission of the application documents. The other provisions on the premature end of a term of office remain unaffected. Representatives who do not apply for the advertised position and whose successor is not sought on the basis of a constructive vote of no confidence pursuant to Section 40 (4) shall be invited to discuss the application documents and attend interviews. However, they shall not be part of the meeting to vote on a nomination (selection meeting).
7. A deputy member may represent an absent member who was nominated from the same election list.
8. Further details are regulated by the rules of procedure of the student parliament.
9. The Budget Committee is a standing committee of the Student Parliament. It consists of seven members of the student body who may not belong to the AStA. Further details are regulated by the Financial Regulations.
10. The Election Committee is a committee of the Student Parliament. Further details are regulated by the election regulations.
11. The Social Affairs Committee is a standing committee of the Student Parliament. It consists of five members. Further details are regulated by the Social Affairs Regulations.
12. The Mobility Committee is a standing committee of the Student Parliament. It consists of seven members. The chairperson and the finance officer of the AStA also belong to the committee as advisory members. The Mobility Committee deals with all issues and questions relating to student mobility to and at the university location. In particular, it is involved in the preparation and follow-up of negotiations on the semester ticket and regular discussions with transport operators. The chair of the committee or his or her deputy participates in the negotiations on the semester ticket. The Mobility Committee issues a statement before the student parliament passes a resolution on a semester ticket agreement. A reasonable period of time must be allowed for the statement to be issued. The committee usually meets in public.
13. The Student Equality Commission is a standing committee of the student parliament. It consists of seven members. The members of the equality project also belong to the Equality Commission as advisory members. The Equality Commission advises the student body on equality issues and comments on all equality-related motions at the meetings of the student parliament. The committee usually meets in public.
14. The Statutes Committee is a standing committee of the Student Parliament. It consists of seven members of the student body. The chairperson of the Student Parliament, the chairperson of the AStA and the financial officer of the AStA also belong to the committee as advisory members. The Statutes Committee comments on all motions that propose an amendment to the statutes or the introduction or amendment of regulations. In addition, the Statutes Committee comments on contracts submitted to the Student Parliament. A reasonable period of time must be allowed for the committee to prepare its comments. Individual members may submit dissenting opinions. The dissenting opinions shall be brought to the attention of the student parliament. The committee usually meets in public.
15. The Session Committee is a standing committee of the Student Parliament. It consists of seven members of the student body. The chairperson of the Student Parliament and the chairperson of the AStA also belong to the committee as advisory members. After the invitations to the Student Parliament meetings have been sent out, the Session Committee discusses the agenda and decides on a proposal for the order of

business. The Session Committee also offers the opportunity to submit positions on content and requests for amendments to individual motions in advance of the Student Parliament meetings. In addition, the meeting committee discusses the meetings of the student parliament retrospectively in order to increase the productivity of the student parliament and promote cross-list cooperation. This also includes providing feedback to the chair and the lists on their work.

§ 16 Dissolution of the student parliament

1. The chairperson of the student parliament must dissolve the student parliament if
 - (a) the student parliament decides to do so with the votes of two-thirds of its statutory members;
 - (b) the number of members of the student parliament is less than half the number at the beginning of the session;
 - (c) the required majority is not achieved in the first seven weeks of lectures after an election to the student parliament or in the first four weeks of lectures after the resignation of the chairperson of the AStA for the election of a chairperson of the AStA.
2. In the event of the dissolution of the student parliament, it shall remain capable of acting until a new student parliament is constituted and may continue to meet and pass resolutions. This shall also apply to the committees established by the parliament.

§ 17 Rules of procedure of the student parliament

The student parliament shall adopt rules of procedure by a two-thirds majority vote of its statutory members. In particular, these rules shall regulate deadlines and the form of invitations, the setting of the agenda, the tasks of the presidium, the procedure for meetings, the quorum of the student parliament and the minutes.

III The General Student Committee (AStA)

§ 18 Tasks

1. The AStA represents the student body. It implements the decisions of the student parliament and is accountable to it.
2. The AStA manages the day-to-day business of the student body on its own responsibility within the guidelines of the student parliament.

§ 19 Members and affiliates

1. The AStA consists of:
 - (a) the chairperson,
 - (b) the Vice-Chair in accordance with the rules of procedure of the AStA,
 - (c) the finance officer,
 - (d) up to seven other officers in accordance with the AStA's rules of procedure,
 - (e) the project managers,
 - (f) the specialist staff for the budget.
2. The student parliament elects one of the officers as deputy chairperson of the AStA, unless the rules of procedure of the AStA provide for a second chairperson.
3. Relatives as defined in paragraph 1, items 1 to 4, are members of the AStA. They must have full legal capacity within the meaning of the German Civil Code (BGB).
4. Project managers are to be classified as members in accordance with paragraph 3. Appointment and dismissal are governed by the rules of procedure of the AStA.
5. (omitted)
6. Further details regarding specialist staff for the budget are governed by the financial regulations and the rules of procedure of the AStA.
7. The rules of procedure of the AStA assign the area of social affairs to one of the members referred to in paragraph 1, items 1 to 2 and 4.

§ 20 Election of members

1. At the beginning of its term of office, the student parliament elects the chairperson of the AStA.
2. On the recommendation of the newly elected chairperson of the AStA, the student parliament decides on any amendments to the rules of procedure of the AStA by an absolute majority of its members.
3. The student parliament then elects the AStA representatives individually and, finally, if applicable, the deputy chairperson.
4. Those who receive an absolute majority of the votes cast in a secret ballot are elected.
5. Further details are regulated by the election rules.

§ 21 Term of office

1. The term of office of the members of the AStA begins at 12:00 noon on the sixth working day after the day on which the meeting of the student parliament at which the elections were held began. The term of office of the project managers begins with their appointment.
2. The term of office of the members ends
 - (a) when their successor takes office,
 - (b) upon the commencement of the term of office of the new chairperson,
 - (c) upon resignation,
 - (d) upon dissolution of the department due to a change in the rules of procedure of the AStA,
 - (e) through de-registration,
 - (f) by death.

The student parliament shall include the re-election of members of the AStA in the agenda of the next meeting. In cases 2 and 3, the members of the AStA are obliged to continue to perform their duties until the start of the term of office of a successor (provisional administration).

3. The term of office of the project managers ends
 - (a) upon dismissal,
 - (b) resignation,
 - (c) at the end of the term of office of the member of the AStA to whom they are assigned in accordance with § 19 (4),
 - (d) upon de-registration,
 - (e) upon death.

In cases of provisional office-holding pursuant to paragraph 2 sentence 3 of the member of the AStA to whom the project manager is assigned pursuant to § 19 (4), the term of office of the project managers shall, in deviation from clause 3, only end with the end of the provisional office-holding of the member of the AStA.

§ 22 Status of AStA members

1. The chairperson represents the AStA. The deputy chairperson or second chairperson represents the chairperson.
2. Within the guidelines set by the chairperson, the officers conduct their business independently and are accountable to the student parliament.
3. The AStA shall meet in public. Exceptions are regulated by the rules of procedure of the AStA. Resolutions of the AStA shall be published on the AStA website no later than the twenty-first (21st) day after they have been passed.
4. The members of the AStA are obliged to attend meetings of the student parliament.
5. The members of the AStA are obliged to provide comprehensive information to the student parliament and its members, its committees and their members upon request.
6. Legal declarations that are binding on the student body must be made in writing. They must be signed by at least two members of the AStA, including the chairperson or the deputy chairperson or second chairperson.

§ 23 Rules of procedure of the AStA

The student parliament shall adopt the rules of procedure of the AStA by an absolute majority of its members on the proposal of the chairperson of the AStA. The rules of procedure shall, in particular, regulate the number, areas of responsibility and official titles of the officers, as well as the decision-making process of the AStA.

Notwithstanding sentence 1, a newly elected chairperson of the AStA may also propose amendments to the rules of procedure of the AStA within the meaning of § 20 (2) before the start of his or her term of office.

IV Ballot vote and university general assembly

§ 24 Strike Ballot

1. The student parliament shall conduct a general, direct, free, equal and secret ballot among all members of the student body in matters pursuant to § 5 (2) nos. 1 and 2 if at least five per cent of the members of the student body have requested this in writing or if this is decided by a two-thirds majority of the statutory members of the student parliament. In the event that a ballot is to coincide with the elections for the next student parliament, this may be decided by a majority vote of the statutory members.
2. The question to be put to the ballot shall be specified in the request or resolution. It must be self-explanatory and answerable with "yes" or "no".
3. Resolutions passed by a majority in a ballot are binding on the student body's organs if at least 20 per cent of the members of the student body have voted in favour of a response in accordance with paragraph 2.
4. (omitted)
5. Further details are regulated by the election regulations.

§ 25 University general assembly

1. The student parliament may, by an absolute majority, decide to convene a meeting of all members of the student body (general assembly).
2. A plenary meeting shall also be held if requested in writing by five per cent of the student body or by at least ten student councils through the highest decision-making body.
3. The resolution or request must specify the issues to be discussed at the plenary assembly and the procedure for any votes.
4. The chairperson of the student parliament is responsible for preparing the plenary assembly and opens it. At the beginning of the meeting, the plenary assembly elects a chairperson. He or she proceeds in accordance with the rules of procedure of the student parliament, insofar as these are applicable. Paragraph 3 remains unaffected.
5. Resolutions of the plenary assembly are recommendations to the organs of the student body.

V The Student Councils (Fachschaften)

§ 26 Definition and tasks

1. Enrolled students of certain degree programmes form a student council.
2. The student council represents the interests of its members within the framework of § 2.
3. The student council manages its affairs independently within the framework of these statutes and its supplementary regulations. It adopts its own student council regulations.
4. The student council has the right to cooperate with other student councils.

§ 27 Structure of the Student Body

1. The student body is divided into the following student councils:
 - Mathematics, Physics, Computer Science (1/1),
 - Chemistry (1/2),
 - Biological Sciences (1/3),
 - Architecture (2),
 - Civil Engineering (3),
 - Mechanical Engineering (4),
 - Mining, Energy and Recycling (5/1),
 - Materials Science and Engineering (5/2),

- Geosciences and Resource Management (5/3),
 - Geography and Economic Geography (5/4),
 - Electrical Engineering and Information Technology (6),
 - Philosophy (7/1),
 - Teaching (7/2),
 - Communication Studies and Psychology (7/3),
 - Economics (8),
 - Medicine (10/1),
 - Dentistry (10/2),
 - Speech Therapy (10/3).
2. The assignment of students to student councils is regulated by the Student Council Assignment Regulations, which are decided by the student parliament.

§ 28 Organs of the student council

1. The following bodies of the student council must be provided for as a minimum:
 - (a) the student council and, in accordance with the student council regulations, as the highest decision making body
 - (b) the student council representative (FSV) or
 - (c) the student council general assembly (FSVV).
2. Further details are regulated by the student council framework regulations.

§ 29 Allocation of funds

1. Of the self-managed funds (student council funds) allocated in the budget for the student councils, two-thirds of the total amount is allocated to the individual student councils according to the number of members (per capita amount). The remaining third is allocated in equal parts (base amount) to all student councils.
2. The allocation takes place on the first day after the end of the registration deadlines for the respective semester and is forwarded to the student council immediately after the student body's budget comes into effect and after the request has been made by the person responsible for finances in the student council, as soon as the AStA has received the necessary data from the university. They are then considered settled for the student body in terms of accounting.
3. If the request is not made within one year of the allocation, the allocated amount will be added back to the total student council funds in the following period and redistributed.

§ 30 Student Council Framework Regulations

The student parliament shall adopt student council framework regulations. The student council framework regulations shall determine the basic principles of the student council structure and the management of funds by the student council.

VI Representation of Foreign and Stateless Students

§ 31 Definiton

In order to represent the special interests of foreign and stateless students within the framework of § 2, there is a Foreign Students' Representative Council and an independent department for foreign students. The overall responsibility of the AStA for representing the interests of all students remains unaffected by this.

§ 32 Representation of foreign nationals

1. The Foreign Students' Representative Council has the following tasks:
 - (a) to support foreign students in exercising their rights and fulfilling their obligations;

- (b) to maintain and promote relations and communication between foreign and German students, including by organising cultural events;
- (c) to support all foreign students as needed in dealing with public offices, authorities and the city, and to help them with problems relating to residence permits, work permits, finding accommodation and similar issues;
- (d) to elect the members of the Department for Foreign Students;
- (e) to decide on guidelines for the independent department for foreign students;
- (f) Deciding on the discharge of the independent department for foreign students;
- (g) advising the AStA on relevant matters.

The tasks under Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 7 may be performed by the independent department for foreign students.

2. The Foreign Students' Council has eleven members. They are elected by foreign and stateless students in a general, direct, free, equal and secret ballot in accordance with the principles of the student body's election regulations. The elections are conducted by the election committee of the student parliament together with the elections to the student parliament. The election is verified by the student parliament in accordance with § 25 of the student body election regulations.
3. The Foreign Students' Council shall adopt rules of procedure which must regulate at least the following points:
 - (a) the exercise of presidential duties;
 - (b) questions of quorum;
 - (c) election and decision-making procedures;
 - (d) the public nature of the meeting;
 - (e) the position and duties of the independent department for foreign students;
 - (f) Guidelines for cooperation with university institutions and associations of foreign students.

The rules of procedure shall be based on the rules of procedure of the student parliament. They shall be adopted by a two-thirds majority of the members of the student parliament as defined in the statutes.

4. The tasks of the student parliament pursuant to § 5 remain unaffected by the tasks of the foreign students' representation. In particular, the foreign students' representation shall not pass any resolutions that go beyond its remit.
5. The members of the Foreign Students' Council are not bound by orders or instructions in the exercise of their mandate. They are obliged to perform their duties on a voluntary basis to the best of their knowledge and belief. In particular, they are obliged to attend the meetings of the Foreign Students' Council.
6. The members of the Foreign Students' Council have the right to inspect the written documents of the Independent Office for Foreign Students and any documents of the AStA necessary for their understanding. Likewise, the members of the student body's organs have the right to inspect the written documents of the Independent Office for Foreign Students.
7. A member of the Foreign Students' Representative Council may be represented by a member of the same electoral list. The substitution takes place in the order of the number of votes obtained. It only extends to the duration of the meeting and does not allow the exercise of any further rights.
8. The representative and the deputy representative for foreign students shall chair the Foreign Students' Representative Council. The AStA shall assist them in their official duties to the best of its ability. This includes, in particular, the provision of the appropriate infrastructure of the AStA.

§ 33 Convening and term of office of the Foreigners' Representative Council; resignation and replacement of members

1. The term of office of the Foreign Students' Council coincides with that of the Student Parliament. The term of office of the Foreign Students' Council ends when the new Foreign Students' Council convenes.
2. The Foreign Students' Representative Council shall convene no later than fifteen days after the election and shall constitute itself in this manner. Until a new representative for foreign students is elected, the chair of the student parliament shall perform the presidential duties.
3. The first official act of the Foreign Students' Representative Council shall be to elect the representative for foreign students. No other elections may be held or resolutions passed before this has taken place.
4. A member shall resign from the Foreign Students' Representative Council before the end of their term of office:
 - (a) by resigning from office,
 - (b) by de-registration,
 - (c) by death.
5. The vacant seat shall be filled in accordance with the regulations governing the student parliament.

§ 34 Independent department for foreign students

1. The independent department for foreign students comprises the representative for foreign students, the deputy representative for foreign students and project managers.
2. The independent department for foreign students implements the decisions of the foreign students' representative body and is accountable to it. The representative for foreign students makes statements on behalf of the foreign students' representative body. The independent department for international students is also accountable to the student parliament. The representative for international students is required to attend meetings of the International Students' Council and the student parliament.
3. The independent department for foreign students is responsible in particular for addressing study-related problems faced by foreign students and offering advice on these issues.
4. The representative for foreign students has the right to be heard by the AStA on all matters concerning the specific interests of foreign and stateless students. His or her recommendations must be taken into account. The AStA chairperson is obliged to inform them about activities relating to the above-mentioned issues and to support them within the scope of their possibilities. The representative for foreign students is obliged to inform the AStA about all matters affecting the entire student body.
5. The representative and the deputy representative for foreign students, as well as project managers in the independent department for foreign students, receive an expense allowance for the performance of their duties. Further details are regulated by the financial regulations.
6. Members of the department for international students are bound by the instructions of the student parliament. In the event of conflicting instructions from the student parliament and the international student representative, agreement shall be sought. In case of doubt, the instructions of the student parliament shall apply.

§ 34a Term of office of the independent department for foreign students

1. The term of office of the representative and the deputy representative for foreign students shall commence upon their election. The term of office of the project managers of the independent department for foreign students shall commence upon their appointment.
2. The term of office of the representative and deputy representative for international students ends
 - (a) upon the election of a successor,
 - (b) upon resignation,
 - (c) through de-registration,
 - (d) by death.

The Foreign Students' Representative Committee shall include the election of the representative and the deputy representative for foreign students in the agenda of the next meeting. In the case of § 34a (2) No. 2, the representative and the deputy representative for foreign students are obliged to continue to perform their duties until a successor is elected (acting office).

3. The term of office of the project managers ends
 - (a) upon dismissal,
 - (b) resignation,
 - (c) at the end of the term of office of the advisor for international students,
 - (d) upon de-registration,
 - (e) upon death.

VII The Sports Department

§ 35 Sports Department

1. The Sports Department exists to support the sporting interests of students.
2. The Sports Department is responsible for representing the interests of students in matters relating to university sports. It does not represent the student body.

§ 36 Sports Committee

The student parliament forms a Sports Committee to deal with general issues relating to student sports, to elect the Sports Department and to act as a coordinating body with the student bodies of other universities in

Aachen. If contractual provisions provide for the participation of other student bodies in the Sports Committee or the Sports Department, thereby limiting the responsibility of the Student Parliament, this requires the approval of two thirds of the statutory members of the Student Parliament.

§ 37 Regulations for the Sports Department

Further details are regulated by the rules for the Sports Department to be decided by the Student Parliament. In particular, these rules contain provisions for the composition and election of the Sports Department and the principles of its budget management.

VIII Equal Opportunities Project

§ 38 Equality Project

1. The student body is setting up an equality project.
2. The equality project consists of two equality project officers (of whom at most one may identify as male) and two anti-racism officers. The officers must be members of the student body. They are members of the equality project and thus belong to the equality project.
3. The officers may appoint additional staff to support their work. These staff members are members of the equality project.
4. The AStA provides the equality project with funds to carry out its work.

§ 39 Tasks of the equality project

1. Without prejudice to the tasks of the AStA as a whole, the equality project has the following tasks:
 - (a) Advising students, independent initiatives and student bodies on equality and gender-specific issues
 - (b) Representing the specific interests of students in equality issues vis-à-vis the university and, in this context, promoting internal university debate on equality issues.
 - (c) Maintaining a website and conducting internal public relations work at the university
2. The members of the equality project are obliged to attend the respective meetings of the student parliament during their reporting and accountability to the student parliament.

§ 40 Election and position of the equality project officers

1. The student parliament usually forms a selection committee at its constituent meeting, but no later than three months before the end of the term of office of a member of the equality project. The task of the selection committee is to find members for the equality project. This is done by pre-selecting and finally proposing a suitable candidate to the student parliament. The continuous appointment of members of the equality project shall be ensured. The selection committee shall commence its work either six months before the end of the term of office of a member of the equality project or if two-thirds of the statutory members of the student parliament so request.
2. The selection committee advertises the vacancy for a new member of the equality project internally within the university. The selection committee makes a preliminary selection based on the application documents submitted and proposes a candidate it considers suitable to the student parliament. The preliminary selection takes place during the selection committee's meetings. With the exception of agenda items in which application documents are discussed, the selection committee's meetings are open to the public. The selection committee must consider at least two candidates for each member of the equality project to be replaced.
3. (omitted)
4. The person who receives the absolute majority of votes from the statutory members of the student parliament is elected as a member of the equality project.
5. The appointment of additional employees of the Equality Project in accordance with § 38 (3) shall be made by mutual agreement by the members of the Equality Project. The appointment shall be recorded in the files.
6. The members of the equality project are free from the instructions of the AStA.

7. The members of the equality project shall receive an expense allowance. Further details are regulated by the financial regulations. The other employees of the equality project in accordance with § 38 (3) may receive an expense allowance. Further details are regulated by the financial regulations.
8. The AStA and the equality project should coordinate their equality-related activities.
9. Members of the equality project are not permitted to be members of the AStA during their term of office.

§ 41 Term of office

1. The term of office of the members of the Equality Project shall commence upon election. The term of office of the other employees of the Equality Project shall commence upon their appointment.
2. The term of office of the members of the Equality Project ends
 - (a) upon the election of a successor,
 - (b) upon resignation,
 - (c) upon de-registration,
 - (d) upon death,
 - (e) 15 months after the election.

The resignation of members of the equality project shall take effect upon written notification to the chairperson of the student parliament.
3. The term of office of the other employees of the equality project ends
 - (a) by mutual agreement of the members of the equality project, which shall be recorded in the files,
 - (b) by resignation,
 - (c) by de-registration,
 - (d) by death,
 - (e) upon expiry of the term of office of the members of the equality project.

§ 41a Rules of procedure for the equality project

The student parliament may adopt rules of procedure by an absolute majority upon the proposal of a member of the equality project or, in exceptional cases, the equality commission. The rules of procedure shall, in particular, lay down provisions governing the work of the equality project and its members.

IX Representatives for Student Assistants

§ 41b Representatives for student assistants

1. In accordance with its constitution, the university appoints two persons to represent the interests of student assistants as representatives.
2. The duties and powers of the representative for student assistants are set out in § 46a HG.

§ 41c Election Proposal

1. The term of office for the representatives for student assistants is two years. The representatives may be elected at different times so that their terms of office overlap.
2. The student parliament proposes two persons from the student body to the university senate for election as representatives for student assistants.
3. No later than six months before the end of the term of office of the representative for student assistants, or in the event of premature termination of the term of office, the student parliament shall form a selection committee consisting of five members in accordance with § 15 of the statutes and two persons delegated by the student members of the senate. The members of the selection committee should have experience in the field of student assistants at RWTH.
4. The task of the selection committee is to propose suitable candidates for the office of student assistant representative to the student parliament at least three months before the end of the regular term of office of the student assistant representative or, in the event of premature termination of the term of office, at the earliest possible date as a nomination for election to the university senate.
5. The selection committee may be convened early if two-thirds of the statutory members of the student parliament so request.

6. A simple majority is required for the Student Parliament to approve the nomination.

§ 41d Accountability, place of work and expense allowances of the representatives for student assistants

1. The representatives for student assistants are accountable to the student parliament.
2. The AStA shall provide the representatives for student assistants with suitable workplaces free of charge for the performance of their duties and shall ensure that the representatives for student assistants have access to their workplaces at all times.
3. The representatives for student assistants receive an expense allowance for their work. Further details are regulated by the financial regulations.

X Representative for students with disabilities or chronic illnesses

§ 41e Representative for students with disabilities or chronic illnesses (BIS)

1. In accordance with its basic regulations, the university shall appoint a person to act as representative for students with disabilities or chronic illnesses to represent their interests, as well as a further person to act as deputy to the representative for students with disabilities or chronic illnesses.
2. The duties and powers of the representative for students with disabilities or chronic illnesses are set out in § 62b HG.

§ 41f Nomination

1. The university senate shall elect one person from among the group of university lecturers, research assistants, technical and administrative staff or students to serve as the representative for students with disabilities or chronic illnesses, and one person from among the group of students to serve as the deputy representative for students with disabilities or chronic illnesses.
2. The representative for students with disabilities or chronic illnesses shall be elected on the basis of a joint proposal by the Rectorate and the Student Parliament. Both the Rectorate and the Student Parliament may submit proposals.
3. The deputy representative for students with disabilities or chronic illnesses is elected on the recommendation of the student parliament. To this end, the student parliament shall form a selection committee consisting of five members in accordance with § 15 of the statutes and two persons delegated by the student senate members, each with one deputy, no later than six months before the end of the regular term of office of the deputy representative for students with disabilities or chronic illnesses or, in the event of premature termination of the term of office, at the next possible date. The selection committee shall have the task of submitting a proposal for the election of the deputy representative for students with disabilities or chronic illnesses to the student parliament at least three months before the end of the regular term of office of the deputy representative for students with disabilities or chronic illnesses or, in the event of premature termination of the term of office, at the next possible date.
4. The task of the selection committee is to propose suitable candidates for the office of deputy representative for students with disabilities or chronic illnesses to the student parliament no later than three months before the end of the regular term of office of the deputy representative for students with disabilities or chronic illnesses, or at the earliest possible date in the event of premature termination of the term of office. The selection committee for the deputy representative for students with disabilities or chronic illnesses may be convened prematurely if two-thirds of the members of the selection committee are unable to attend the meeting.
5. The selection committee for the deputy representative for students with disabilities or chronic illnesses may be convened early if two-thirds of the statutory members of the student parliament so request.
6. A simple majority is required for the decision on the nominations pursuant to paragraphs 2 and 3 in the student parliament.

§ 41g Reporting obligations and expense allowances of the representative for students with disabilities or chronic illnesses

1. The representatives for students with disabilities or chronic illnesses should report regularly (at least once per semester) to the student parliament on their work.
2. If the representative for students with disabilities or chronic illnesses comes from the student body, he or she shall receive an expense allowance for his or her work. Further details are regulated by the financial regulations.
3. The deputy representative for students with disabilities or chronic illnesses shall receive an expense allowance for their work. Further details are regulated by the financial regulations.

XI Finances

§ 42 Assets

The student body has its own assets.

§ 43 Semester Fees

1. In order to carry out its tasks, the student body shall collect fees from its members.
2. The fee regulations to be decided by the student parliament must contain, in particular, provisions on the obligation to pay fees and the amount of the fees.

§ 44 Financial Year

The financial year of the student body begins on 1 May of each year.

§ 45 (deleted)

§ 46 (deleted)

§ 47 (deleted)

§ 48 Liability, discharge

1. If a member of a student body or student council violates his or her duties through wilful misconduct or gross negligence, he or she shall compensate the student body or student council for any resulting damage.
2. Claims by the student body shall be enforced using all appropriate legal means.
3. By passing a resolution to discharge a member of the AStA, the student parliament confirms that the budget has been properly executed within the respective area of responsibility. The resolution is preceded by a careful cash audit. Discharge generally constitutes an exemption from liability; this does not apply in the case of criminal offences.

§ 49 Financial Regulations

The student parliament shall adopt financial regulations governing the details of budgetary and economic management and the review by the student parliament.

XII Final Clauses

§ 50 Supplementary Regulations

1. To supplement these statutes, the student parliament shall adopt the following supplementary regulations with the votes of two-thirds of the members in accordance with the statutes:
 - (a) Election regulations,
 - (b) Financial regulations,
 - (c) Contribution regulations,
 - (d) Framework regulations for student councils,
 - (e) Regulations for the Sports Department,
 - (f) Social regulations,
 - (g) Student Council Assignment Regulations.

Amendments to the supplementary regulations must be carried out with the same majority.

2. If individual passages of other student body regulations contradict these statutes in matters of cash management, budget planning or other provisions laid down in the financial regulations, the provisions of the financial regulations shall apply. This applies in particular to the framework regulations for student councils, the sports regulations, the social regulations and the contribution regulations.

§ 51 Amendment to the Statutes

1. An amendment to the statutes shall be deemed to be both a change in the wording thereof and the addition or repeal of provisions.
2. Amendments to the statutes can only be made by resolution of the student parliament.
3. Amendments to the statutes must be dealt with at two different meetings of the student parliament. They must be decided by a two-thirds majority of the members of the student parliament in accordance with the statutes.

§ 52 Approval and publication

1. The statutes of the student body and its supplementary regulations, as well as amendments to the statutes, must be submitted to the Rectorate of RWTH for approval after their adoption and then announced in the official announcements of RWTH and publicly within the student body.
2. Upon request, each member of the student body shall be provided with a copy of the statutes and their supplementary regulations, as well as the rules of procedure.

§ 53 Transitional provisions

1. Existing supplementary regulations shall continue to apply, with the exception of provisions that contradict these statutes.
2. The change in the financial year shall take effect on 1 May 2022. This means that the period from 1 November 2021 to 30 April 2022 shall constitute a separate financial year.

§ 54 Entry into Force

The statutes shall be published in the official announcements of RWTH Aachen University and shall enter into force on the day after publication.

The Statutes were issued on the basis of the resolutions of the Student Parliament of 19 June 2020, 24 July

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15 January 2025, 14 May 2025, 18 June 2025, 27 August 2025 and 19 November 2025 and the approval of the Rectorate on 23 January 2024, 31 January 2025, 7 October 2025 and 3 February 2026.