

Section 2.

Academic Board

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1. Academic Board of FH Upper Austria

The FH Upper Austria Academic Board is established in accordance with section 10 University of Applied Sciences Act.

University of Applied Sciences Act section 10

(1) For the purpose of implementing and organising all teaching and examinations, each university of applied sciences shall establish a University of Applied Sciences Board. It shall meet at least twice a year.

(2) The Board shall consist of, in addition to the chairperson of the board and the deputy chairperson, six heads of the degree programmes established at the university of applied sciences, six representatives of the teaching and research staff as well as four representatives of students at the university of applied sciences degree programmes. These representatives on the Board shall, except the representatives of students, be elected by the respective groups of people. The representatives of students shall be delegated according to § 32 para 1 of the Students' Union Act 2014 (Hochschülerinnen- und Hochschülerschaftsgesetz HSG 2014), F. L. G. I No. 45/2014. If fewer than six heads of university of applied sciences degree programmes are available, they shall be supplemented with representatives of the teaching and research staff. When preparing the election proposals for the representatives to be elected, regard shall be given, if possible, to a balanced representation of the sexes in each group.

(3) The tasks of the university of applied sciences board shall be:

1. Electing the chairperson and deputy chairperson on the basis of a proposal of three candidates made by the provider. Subject to approval by the Board, this proposal can be reduced to two persons. The persons proposed shall be internal faculty members. If the Board's chairperson or deputy chairperson in office expresses her/his interest in serving in this function for another term, a re-appointment without advertising the post shall be permissible if the provider accepts and the University of Applied Sciences Board agrees with a two-thirds majority. Consecutive reappointments shall be permissible. The chairperson of the Board shall be designated as "Academic Head" or "Head";
2. making applications addressed to the provider concerning the recall of the chairperson or the deputy chairperson or submitting an opinion on such an intention on the part of the provider in case these bodies have grossly violated or neglected their duties or are no longer able to fulfil their duties;
3. modifying the accredited degree programmes in consultation with the provider;
4. establishing or terminating study programmes and continuing higher education programmes in consultation with the provider;
5. making applications concerning the budget (capital, non-personnel and personnel expenditures) addressed to the provider;
6. strategic development in consultation with the provider of teaching, applied research and internationalisation to ensure competence- and future-oriented studies at a university level;
7. coordinating the content of all teaching and examinations;
8. assuring the quality of teaching and research as well as evaluating all teaching, including examination rules and curricula;
9. awarding academic honours common in the university system in consultation with the provider;
10. adopting rules of procedure and a statute in consultation with the provider. The statute shall, as a minimum, include the curriculum and examination rules, rules for the election of the University of Applied Sciences Board, the establishment of working groups, if any, and their statutes, regulations with regard to presence quorums of the Board, an equal opportunities plan, regulations with regard to the establishment and discontinuation of study programmes and continuing higher education programmes as well as guidelines for the appropriate use of designations as customary in the university system and for the award of academic honours. The statute shall be published in a suitable format;
11. deciding on complaints lodged against decisions taken by the programme director.

(4) The tasks of the chairperson of the university of applied sciences board shall be:

1. If employed on a full-time basis, the commissioning of and giving instructions to members of the teaching and research staff to ensure that teaching is carried out in an orderly manner and to guarantee a high-quality practice-oriented education at university level as well as, within the framework of quality assurance, the commissioning of and giving technical instructions to the programme directors and the heads of the academic organisational units;
2. assignment of lectureships on the basis of proposals by or in consultation with the university of applied sciences board;
3. external representation of the university of applied sciences board as well as the execution of decisions of the university of applied sciences board;
4. awarding academic degrees and revoking them as well as deciding on the nostrification of foreign degrees.
5. submitting proposals for the heads of the academic organisational units and for teaching and research staff to the provider;
6. commissioning of and participating in external quality assurance procedures in consultation with the provider.

2. Adoption and publication of resolutions

- (1) The initial version of the statutes was adopted in its entirety by the Academic Board of the University of Applied Sciences Upper Austria in consultation with the provider on 28 May 2014 and entered into force on the day following adoption of the resolution.
- (2) These statutes are published at <https://www.fh-ooe.at/en/about-us/corporate-structure/fh-upper-austria-statutes/>.
- (3) The various sections of the statutes may be amended individually. An amended section enters into force after adoption of the related resolution by the Academic Board, subject to the agreement of the provider.

3. Entry into force

Pursuant to the Academic Board resolution of 30 March 2022, and following approval by the provider FH OÖ Studienbetriebs GmbH, represented by the University President, the “Academic Board of FH Upper Austria” section of the statutes will enter into force on 1st September 2022.