

Section 4.

Standing committees and working groups of the FH Upper Austria Academic Board

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1. General

The duties of the committees and working groups include preparing documents for the purpose of decision-making by the FH Upper Austria Academic Board. Committees and working groups are not entitled to take decisions on behalf of the Academic Board.

2. Committees

The Academic Board will establish the following standing committees:

(1) Committee for Degree Programmes and Certificate Programmes

Duties:

1. Processing short applications for new degree programmes
2. Making recommendations regarding the establishment and discontinuation of degree programmes
3. Recommending modifications to accredited degree programmes
4. Making recommendations regarding the establishment, modification and discontinuation of certificate programmes for further education and continuing higher education programmes pursuant to section 9 *Fachhochschulgesetz* (University of Applied Sciences Act)
5. Processing applications for double-degree programmes

(2) Teaching Committee

Duties:

1. Evaluating teaching operations as a whole
2. Coordinating the content of all teaching operations
3. Preparing rules for granting and delegating teaching assignments to programme directors, and for revoking teaching assignments
4. Recommending quality assurance measures in the course of faculty evaluations
5. Making proposals for the internationalisation of teaching

(3) Complaints Committee

Duties:

1. Handling appeals against decisions made by programme directors
2. Dealing with other complaints related to teaching and studying

Pursuant to a resolution of the Academic Board, this Committee (3) is obliged to maintain the highest levels of confidentiality.

(4) Statutes Committee

Duties:

1. Handling proposals for all documents that concern the statutes
2. Handling proposals for general guidelines

(5) R&D Committee

Duties:

1. Drafting proposals for strategic R&D development to ensure provision of university-level studies focused on competences and future skills requirements
2. Developing proposals aimed at safeguarding research quality in combination with teaching
3. Making proposals regarding the design of doctoral programmes
4. Making proposals designed to ensure sufficient numbers of young academics at FH Upper Austria
5. Making proposals for the internationalisation of R&D



In order to ensure close coordination with organisational R&D, the Vice President of F&E GmbH, a representative of each head of the research centres, and a representative of the vice deans for research will be co-opted to this committee as advisors. The committee meets at least once a semester.

3. Working groups

The Academic Board of FH Upper Austria may set up new working groups focused on specific topics at any time.

4. Entry into force

- (1) 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 “Standing committees and working groups of the Academic Board of FH Upper Austria” section of the statutes will enter into force on 1 September 2022.