

STUDENTERRÅDET I VIA

Bylaws for The Student Council at VIA

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Name and place

§1. The name of the organisation is the Student Council at VIA.

§2. The organisation belongs to VIA University College.

Purpose

§3. The Student Council at VIA represents, and takes care of the students' interests of both academic, student political, and social matter.

2. This includes, but is not limited to, formation of local Student's Council (De Studerendes Råd - DSR), finding representatives to various committees at VIA, function as a sparring partner for students, Studieliv (study life) and other relevant.

Members

§4. The Student Council at VIA's board consists of; the student elected representatives for VIA's board, the chairmanship, and the student elected board members from the individual campuses.

§5. Each campus has a maximum of two seats in the board.

2. Each board member needs to be active locally; either in DSR, social committees or the like.

3. The campuses send and withdraw their own board members.

4. A new member of the board from a campus, needs to send a summary from the concerned meeting, in which it has to be stated, how many participants were at the meeting, the result of the election, along with the bylaws from Campus-DSR, before the member can be accepted into the board.

5. If a campus-DSR does not exist at the concerned campus, the chairmanship can summon all students at the concerned campus, to elect board members to the Student Council at VIA.

§6. If a campus has one or more associated satellites, then they need to offer 1 of the 3 seats in the board, provided that they find it desirable.

§7. In the absence of 3 consecutive meetings, without a notified reasoning to the chairmanship or the student coordinator, the chairmanship can withdraw the concerned board member.

2. This withdrawal needs to appear as a point in the agenda in the forthcoming meeting.

General Assembly

§8. The Student Council at VIA's highest authority is the General Assembly.

§9. All present students from VIA University college's undergraduate programmes, have the right to vote and run at the General Assembly.

2. If a student is on maternity leave, or is not an active student in any other way, the person concerned cannot possess any positions of trust at the Student Council at VIA, or in VIA's board.

§10. The General Assembly needs to be held once a year in the first quarter of the year.

§11. Summoning to the General Assembly, needs to happen 2 weeks prior to the arrangement of the General Assembly.

2. The summoning needs to be send out to all students via their mail, and needs to be put on Studienet and adhere to §26. stk. 2.

3. The General Assembly needs to be notified 4 weeks in advance of the arrangement by mail to DSR-mailboxes, and all students at VIA, and needs to be put on Studienet.

§12. The agenda needs to at least include the following:

1. Approval of the agenda.
2. Election of moderator, referee and 2 counters of votes.
3. The annual report of the chairmanship.
4. Financial records.
5. The budget frame for the next period.
6. Amendments to the bylaws.
7. Election of the chairmanship.
8. Election of representatives to the board.
9. Potential topics.

§13. Amendments of the bylaws can only happen at the General Assembly, of proposals which have been received by the chairmanship at least 2 weeks prior to the General Assembly.

§14. Amendments of the bylaws can only be approved by a 2/3 majority.

§15. All decisions made at the General Assembly have immediate effect.

§16. A summary of decisions taken at the General Assembly, is published on Studienet at least 14 days after the General Assembly.

§17. At a parity of votes, §28, 2 is followed.

§18. Extraordinary General Assembly can be held, if there is a 2/3 majority for this among the board members in the Student Council at VIA.

Stk. 2. Extraordinary General Assembly in not subordinated to §24, 2.

Positions of Trust

§19. The chairmanship consists of 1 chairman and 1 vice chairman.

2. At a withdrawal of the chairman and/or the vice chairman, the board can elect a new student to the concerned position, or summon to a General Assembly cf. §18.

§20. The chairmanship makes up for the everyday management of the Student Council at VIA.

§21. The student's representatives in VIA's board, consist of two students, who are elected at the annual General Assembly.

2. At the withdrawal of a representative, the Student Council at VIA elects a new representative.

3. Student elected at VIA's board, are at the same time elected as board member in the Student Council at VIA, with the same rights and duties as the remaining members, and participate actively at the Student Council's meetings.

Meeting Arrangement

§22. The Student Council at VIA arrange at least 6 meetings per year.

2. The series of meetings are presented at the General Assembly.

3. The series of meetings are determined by the chairmanship.

§23. Meetings at the Student Council at VIA are open to all students at VIA University College.

2. It is not allowed to be influenced by alcohol and euphoriant drugs at the meetings, or behave in a way that is not compatible with good meeting culture.

§24. The summoning to the meeting needs to be send out to the board along with all DSR-mailboxes, and needs to be submitted to Studienet, at least 7 days before the arrangement of the meeting.

2. All kinds of summons to meetings need to include; a temporary agenda, related appendixes and other relevant material.

3. The agenda is approved at the meeting.

§25. The summary is submitted at least 5 days after the meeting, after which the participants of the meeting have 5 days to submit their corrections. Afterwards, the summary will be available on Studienet.

Decision-making authority

§26. It is only the members of the board, who have the right to vote in the Student Council at VIA.

2. Each person has one vote.

§27. The Student Council at VIA is quorate, if half or more of the quorate board members are present.

2. At an uneven number of members, the number will be rounded down, when the quorum has to be determined.

§28. Decisions are made at a simple majority.

2. At a parity of votes, a new round of debate will be carried out, followed by another vote. At a continuous parity of votes, the chairmanship will decide upon this.

§29. At a simple majority, the board members can choose to close points at the meeting.

2. At closed points, only the board members and the student coordinator can participate, unless the board approves the presence of another person.

§30. Only points evident at the agenda are quorate.

Vote of no confidence

§31. The board members of the Student Council at VIA can, with a 2/3 majority, put down a vote of no confidence against one, or more members of the board, with a reasoned documentation about the motive of this.

2.A member who has a vote of no confidence against him/her, cannot at any time possess any positions or occupations in the board.

§32. In the case of a vote of no confidence to the chairmanship, a summoning to an extraordinary General Assembly has to happen at least two weeks afterwards.

Economy

§33. The fortune of the Student Council at VIA is managed by the chairmanship.

§34. Board members of the Student Council at VIA are not personally held responsible for any economic obligations, the Student Council has made.

§35. The Student Council at VIA's fund is managed by the chairman of the Student Council at VIA.

2. The Student Council at VIA's fund works separately from the Student Council at VIA's meetings and bylaws.