Position Paper of the Student Parliament

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Position Paper on Support for Student University Groups

Introduction

The student representation of the FAU (Stuve) can support student groups and initiatives in various ways in their activities at the university. As the opinion-forming body of the student representation, the Student Parliament wants to set out the framework conditions for such support in this position paper. In particular, this paper regulates the following points:

1 General requirements for support
2. Possibilities of support and rules to the individual possibilities
3. Communication between supported university groups and Stuve
4th End of support

General requirements

The support of a student group or initiative by the Stuve can only be decided by the Student Parliament or by the Spokespersons (Sprat) of the Parliament. The support requires a personal presentation of the group/initiative and its activities in one of these bodies by one or more representatives.

If there is a general support for the student group/initiative, it will be called supported university group and listed as such on the Stuve website.

The group must meet all of the criteria listed below. The review of these criteria is carried out by one of the two decisive committees.
- **Student Membership**: The group/initiative must consist mainly of students.

- **Lokalität** The group/initiative must be located at the Friedrich-Alexander-University Erlangen-Nuremberg. The group can be part of a supraregional association.

- **Language Accessibility** Information about the group/initiative and its events must be made linguistically accessible to all FAU students. Linguistic accessibility is guaranteed at least by availability in German and English.

- **Financial Accessibility** No membership fees should be charged that would exclude persons from membership. Voluntary contributions that do not influence membership may be levied.

- **Non-profit Organisation** The group/initiative should act in a non-profit way and may not be profit-oriented as a rule.

- **Unrestricted Openness** The group/initiative may not hold any extremist views and in particular may not discriminate against or favour individuals or groups of individuals because of ethnicity, religion or belief, disability or chronic illness, age, sexual orientation or political opinion. An exception to this is the inclusion of individuals or groups of individuals who are subject to structural discrimination in a group/initiative whose members are affected by such discrimination.

- **Religious Neutrality** The groups/initiatives must not pursue the goal that third parties adopt their religious convictions. Also individual events with this aim represent a reason for the failure of the support.

### Possibilities of support

Supported university groups may be specifically, but not exclusively, supported by the Stuve in the following ways.

### Promotion

Supported university groups can be advertised through all Stuve channels. This can be, for example, a post on the website or via the Stuve’s Facebook, Instagram or Twitter account.

Contributions can be published by the group itself or by the Stuve Public Relations Department (Ref-PR). Contributions on social media platforms can be shared or redistributed from the corresponding Stuve account.

In case of contributions from political active university groups, it should be noted that the number and size is, as far as possible, balanced on all channels of the Stuve.
If the affiliation of a contribution to a group is not immediately apparent from the name of the publishing account, the group must be explicitly named in the contribution.

The use of the Stuve logo or variations thereof in or on a medium of the supported group (e.g. own website, flyer, poster) must be agreed prior to publication. If the publication does not meet Stuve’s requirements, permission to publish may be denied or revision may be required.

Financial support

Supported university groups can apply for financial support from the student representatives. This financial support can, for example, be granted for promotional purposes (flyers, posters, banners), to purchase inventory or materials for events.

Support must be examined on a case-by-case basis. The cost-benefit factor should always be taken into account. In particular, the following guidelines for financial support must be observed.

1. If events are to be financially supported, participation in these events must be open to all FAU students. An exception to this rule are subject-specific courses.

2. The Stuve logo must be used on flyers and posters or similar promotional materials. If the Stuve is also requested to provide the room (see next item), the logo must be placed in such a way that the Stuve is identified as the organiser, not as a sponsor.

3. On flyers and posters or similar promotional material, the university group carrying out the event must be clearly identifiable.

4. Financial support must usually be confirmed before the purchase is made. This requires a timely application so that at least one meeting of the Spokesperson’s Council takes place between the application and the purchase. In exceptional cases, such a confirmation can also be made after the purchase has been made, but only if the application meets all of Stuve’s requirements and claims. If the application was not submitted due date, an application may also be rejected solely on the basis of this failure.

5. Politically active university groups cannot be financially supported for the election campaign in the university elections. The support for room assignments (see next item) is permitted.

Support with room assignments

The premises of the FAU can be booked by internal and external organisers (e.g. for public events or regular meetings). External organizers charge a usage fee/rent. Supported university groups can apply to the Stuve for a room to be made available for use free of charge.

If the Stuve applies for a room assignment, the Stuve automatically becomes the official organiser and the group takes over the organisation of the event. Participation in events at which
Stuve is the official organiser must be open to all FAU students. An exception to this rule are subject-specific events.

Depending on the type and scope of the event, costs may be incurred for a locking and/or security service. The latter, i.e. explicitly and exclusively costs for a security service, can also be requested from the Stuve (see next item).

As a rule, applications for the use of rooms must be submitted six weeks before the planned event. If the application has not been submitted on time, an application can also be rejected on the basis of this failure alone.

Support with security costs

If security costs are incurred at an event, supported university groups can request reimbursement from the Stuve. The available funds can be applied for decentrally at the FSVs or centrally at the Spokesperson Council.

Details on the subsidy can be found in the articles of association on the partial reimbursement of security costs for student events or can be requested from the spokesperson council.

Communication

In order to apply for support, a personal introduction of the student group/initiative is essential (see previous chapter).

Supported university groups should discuss the desired support with the spokesperson council advance of planned activities. In particular, the above-mentioned deadlines for financial support and assistance with room assignments must be observed.

In order to maintain contact with the groups and to ensure that contact persons are up to date, the Council of Spokespersons may invite individual groups to present themselves again. Whether the presentation should take place in person or in digital form (by e-mail) will be determined by the Council of Spokespersons.

As a rule, a personal presentation will take place no more than once a year. Deviations may be made from this rule in the event of special occurrences. If a supported university group does not comply with the invitation to perform, the support expires (see next chapter).
End of support

The Student Convention must decide on the cancellation of any support. In the event of special occurrences, the Council of Speakers may suspend support until the matter has been clarified.

If a supported university group violates the requirements or rules stated here, it will be informed by the Council of Spokespersons and, if necessary, asked to comment at the next session of the Student Convention.