



StuPa-Newsletter

– May 2024 –

Dear fellow students,

Here comes the newsletter of the student parliament for the winter semester 2023/24. In the following, we would like to give you an insight into how we are currently working for student interests.

The Student Parliament (StuPa for short) is the elected student representative body at Kiel University and decides on many matters relating to studying and campus life. In the StuPa newsletter, the Executive Board provides information about the work of the StuPa and the resolutions of the monthly meetings.

If you have any questions or suggestions regarding the newsletter or the StuPa in general, please contact praesidium@stupa.uni-kiel.de.

We are looking for members for the administrative board of the Studentenwerk Schleswig-Holstein and the election review committee:

The Administrative Board decides on the annual business plan, the purchase of new plots of land for the construction of canteens or halls of residence, the assumption of new tasks and monitors the work of the Executive Board and the Managing Director of Studentenwerk Schleswig-Holstein.

The election review committee is responsible for reviewing the election process and determining the final election result.

If you are interested, please send us an email at praesidium@stupa.uni-kiel.de.

How-To-Stupa:

How do your topics come to the StuPa?

The StuPa adopts the statutes of the student body, elects the AStA and decides on the student body's budget. The StuPa also discusses how the CAU student body positions itself on university policy issues.

An issue is not getting the attention it deserves and the student representatives should deal with it?

Any CAU student can submit motions to the StuPa. This can be done simply by sending an email to praesidium@stupa.uni-kiel.de. If you have a cool project or a great idea that could benefit many students, you can submit a financial application to the StuPa's budget committee so that your project

is financially supported. This can also be done simply by sending an email to haushaltsausschuss@stupa.uni-kiel.de.

Would you like to submit an application but don't know how to do it?

Then you can also contact the Presidium and we will help you with the application.

Good-To-Know-Fact:

Who can submit financial applications to StuPa?

Every student at the CAU can submit financial applications to the StuPa. A distinction is made between different financial applications. In addition to applications for subsidies for events or activities that serve or benefit the student body, it is also possible to apply for reimbursement of travel expenses for trips that promote the tasks of the student body in accordance with § 72 para. 2 HSG. The application must be accompanied by all receipts and, in the case of travel expenses, authorisation of the trip by the respective committee.

The application forms can be found on the StuPa homepage at <https://www.stupa.uni-kiel.de/formulare/>.

Applications must be submitted either by post or by email to the Budget Committee at haushaltsausschuss@stupa.uni-kiel.de. The postal address is

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And where does the StuPa get its money from?

The StuPa's money comes from the student body's funds, i.e. from part of the semester fee. There is a separate expenditure item in the student body budget for this purpose, from which the approved financial applications are fed.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact the Presidential Board or the Budget Committee.

Resolutions of the current semester:

The Campus Festival

After several years and a pandemic, the time has come again and the AStA is once again inviting you to a campus festival.

After the StuPa set the course at its constituent meeting on 3rd July 2023 with the creation of two project positions to take care of the planning, the rough financial framework was decided at the meeting on 18th September 2023 and the concrete budget plan and the creation of ten additional positions for the extended organisation team at the meeting on 18th December 2023.

The Campus Festival will take place on the Audimax forecourt. Two stages and various catering options are planned, as well as workshops and other opportunities to fill the day in addition to the music.

The Campus Festival is scheduled to take place **on 8th June 2024**. Admission is free. So make a note of the date and let everyone know.

Free menstrual products

At its meeting on 20th November 2023, the StuPa adopted the following statement:

Periods are still taboo in society. The shame that is promoted by the taboo is a major obstacle to equal rights for menstruating and non-menstruating people. At the CAU, 54.3% of students identify as female (as of 2022/23), but this is exactly how non-binary and trans* people can menstruate, meaning that at least half of students are dependent on period products. This means that menstruation is part of everyday life for these people every month and therefore also monthly costs. Period poverty is a reality for many. This also affects students who receive BAföG, for example. Additional costs due to the purchase of menstrual products further burden an already strained budget. In the worst case scenario, this can lead to hygiene products not being changed regularly, which poses health risks.

The shame associated with periods often leads to people withdrawing from courses or leisure activities. It is therefore important to break down the taboo. The provision of free menstrual products can counteract this taboo.

Menstruating people do not have a choice as to whether and when they menstruate, so it is important to offer the relevant items in as many places as possible. Providing free period products in all toilets also makes it easier to attend lectures, as menstruation cannot be planned and can often catch students unawares.

The city of Kiel has already recognised the social value of free menstrual products and has stipulated their general availability in all public toilets in the Kiel cooperation agreement between the Greens and the SPD. The university should follow the city's example and enable general availability on campus.

Educational equity must not suffer from the tabooing of the period, we must ensure more education and improved availability and demand this from the University Board.

Demands against antisemitism

At the meeting on 18th September 2023, the StuPa approved the fee for a lecture on the topic of "Anti-Semitism in everyday life" as part of the nationwide Anti-Semitism Weeks. Since then, the situation in Israel has worsened, leading to an increase in anti-Semitic attacks in Germany. There have also been an increasing number of incidents with an anti-Semitic background against Jewish students at Kiel University.

In order to address this, the StuPa adopted a catalogue with corresponding demands on 18th December 2023 and a statement at its meeting on 22nd January 2024.

Among other things, the StuPa expresses its deepest sympathy and solidarity with all Jewish and Israeli students throughout the country. The StuPa recognises that Jewish life is an essential part of

this country and calls on the CAU to establish the IHRA definition and the 3D rules as the universally valid working definition of antisemitism.

The International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) definition is as follows:

"Anti-Semitism is a particular perception of Jews that can be expressed as hatred towards Jews. Anti-Semitism is directed in word or deed against Jewish or non-Jewish individuals and/or their property, as well as against Jewish communal institutions or religious organisations."

The website of the Federal Government Commissioner for Jewish Life and the Fight against Anti-Semitism states:

"The so-called 3D rule can be used to determine whether a statement is merely criticising Israel's policies or whether it crosses the line into anti-Semitism: This is the case when double standards, delegitimisation or demonisation of Israel are involved."

This 3D rule is also taken into account in the examples of the IHRA definition.

The StuPa calls for an Israeli partner university for the CAU in order to promote and deepen cultural and academic-scientific exchange across disciplines.

The StuPa demands that no examinations be written on (Jewish) holidays. If an examination does take place on a public holiday, an alternative date must be offered. The relevant study regulations must be amended to take this into account.

The StuPa recognises that anti-Semitism is a deeply rooted problem for society as a whole. Therefore, universities and research are not free from anti-Semitism. In the fight against all forms of anti-Semitism, it is therefore essential that there is a representative for Jewish life and against anti-Semitism at the CAU in the future.

Change to the Germany semester ticket

At a special meeting on 23rd February 2024, the StuPa decided to switch from the nationwide semester ticket to the Germany semester ticket (DE semester ticket) for the winter semester 2024/25.

In concrete terms, this means that from October 2024, all students nationwide will be entitled to use public transport. To this end, the semester ticket fee will rise from 171.10 euros to 176.40 euros in the winter semester 2024/25. This corresponds to a monthly increase of approx. 0.88 euros.

The basic conditions for eligibility and reimbursement options are not expected to change with the switch. The DE semester ticket will also only be available as a mobile phone ticket as standard.

In the coming summer semester, the nationwide semester ticket including the upgrade option to the regular Deutschlandticket will remain in place. A student survey will be held in summer semester 2024 to decide whether the DE ticket contract should remain in place beyond winter semester 2024/25. Further information on this will follow.

You can find these and other StuPa resolutions on our homepage at <https://www.stupa.uni-kiel.de/dokumente/beschluesse/>.

Presentation of the AStA:

"AStA" is the abbreviation for "Allgemeiner Studierendenausschuss" (General Students' Committee). The AStA is the executive body of the student body and is elected and controlled by the student parliament. The student parliament, or "StuPa" for short, is in turn elected by all students every year. Some areas of responsibility are anchored in the Schleswig-Holstein Higher Education Act and must be part of the AStA, while others depend on the respective coalition of university groups in the StuPa and can change in terms of both the area of responsibility and the name.

The AStA is the elected body for the realisation of student interests. We see the AStA as a team that represents the students of the CAU and implements the resolutions of the student parliament. To this end, we develop our own proposals for solutions, negotiate with state politicians and the CAU Executive Board, carry out public relations work and also support all students individually.

We are the central point of contact for students who have problems with everyday student life, who need advice and for anyone who wants to play an active role in shaping the university, be it politically, culturally or in relation to various events. Our professional, but of course free, counselling services will help you with general questions about your studies, problems with BAföG, legal issues, queer topics, if you are studying with a child or with disabilities and/or chronic illnesses and if you are affected by right-wing motivated attacks.

We are committed to an emancipatory and diverse concept of education. That is why we in the AStA also bring topics to the university that are socially relevant and topical. We firmly oppose sexism, racism and other forms of discrimination and leave no room for them within our own structures.

The next StuPa meeting will take place in hybrid form on Monday, 27th May 2024 at 18:30 in LMS 8 - R.EG.007 and via Zoom. The meetings are open to the public. Registration is not required.

Further meeting dates of the StuPa and its committees as well as the invitations, access links and minutes of the meetings can be found on our homepage at <https://www.stupa.uni-kiel.de/>.

If you have any questions about the work of the StuPa, suggestions for the newsletter or individual topics, please send us an e-mail to praesidium@stupa.uni-kiel.de.

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