



StuPa-Newsletter

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Dear fellow student,

here comes the Student Parliament newsletter. 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 matters relating to studies 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.

Campusfestival 2025

Do you fancy summer, music and a festival?
And where you are every day anyway?
We have just the thing for you!

The Campusfestival Kiel is back! A free festival by students for everyone. You can expect music on two stages, activities, hands-on offers, workshops and budget-friendly food and drink.

So SAVE THE DATE: June 6, 2025 from 2 to 11 pm on Christian-Albrechts-Platz directly at the Audimax

We are also still looking for helping hands. So if you have the time and desire to help out at the Campus Festival and get access to the after-show party in return, please register at the following link: <https://campusfestival-kiel.de/teamanmeldung/>.

You can find all further information on Instagram at @campusfestival.kiel or on our website <https://campusfestival-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.

A topic is not getting the attention it deserves and the student representatives should deal with it?

Any CAU student can submit proposals 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 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, we will be happy to help you prepare your application.

Good-To-Know-Fact:

What are the student elections?

Student elections are held annually in the summer semester to elect the StuPa, the student representatives and the student members of the Faculty Conventions and the Senate. International students elect the Department for International Students in the General Student Committee.

The elections are organized by the Election Committee, which was elected by the StuPa in January. The election is then checked by the Election Review Committee, which was also elected by the StuPa.

You can find more information about the student elections at www.studiwahlen.uni-kiel.de or on Instagram under "studiwahlcau".

You can vote from June 5 to 18!

Resolutions of the current semester:

Statement on workload during studies

The high demand for psychological counseling from the Studierendenwerk shows that students are confronted with a variety of challenges - cost increases everywhere, exam stress, care work and other psychological burdens. Part-time study may seem like a solution here, but this option is not open to students on all degree courses. In this respect, neither part-time study nor other support services can provide a remedy. In this context, it is important to keep the burden on students as low as possible.

We note that the University's website lists one credit point as 30 hours of work, although the Study Accreditation Ordinance stipulates 25 to 30 hours of work per credit point in Section 8 (1). We therefore call on the university and its lecturers to use their creative leeway for the benefit of the students and to reduce the workload per ECTS credit point from 30 to 25 hours where possible. The fact that this reduction does not lead to a loss of academic quality is shown, for example, by the Republic of Austria, where one credit point corresponds to 25 hours across the board.

In addition to the workload for ECTS degree programs, there must be no unequal treatment of students on ECTS-decoupled degree programs, namely degree programs leading to the state examination. Here, the university should also work towards ensuring that there is a humane and appropriate workload for students on such courses.

Finally, we would like to point out that the planned workload for students on some degree programs is 60 hours per week during lecture periods. It is absolutely reprehensible of the decision-makers to send young academics into burnout before they even enter working life.

We consider these conditions unacceptable!

Plenary session on administrative fees

The StuPa has decided to convene a plenary meeting on the introduction of an administration fee. This is scheduled for Thursday, June 12, 2025 from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Frederick Paulsen lecture hall.

The background to this is that the state government intends to charge administrative fees of 60.00 euros per student per semester from the 2026 summer semester in order to close the funding gaps at universities as a result of reduced state funding.

This is at the expense of an already vulnerable social group. Students are affected by poverty at an above-average rate. The last of the money is now to be taken from this group in order to compensate for the failure of the state of Schleswig-Holstein and the Ministry of Education in terms of university funding and the creation of an academic landscape that is competitive throughout Germany.

DE semester ticket

The StuPa notes that the expected costs for the semester ticket in the winter semester 2025/26 will be significantly higher than those of the Deutschland-Semesterticket (DE-SeTi) if we return to the state-wide semester ticket.

Throughout the year, at least a quarter of students (as of 2022) always use public transport to get to campus. Students who continue to rely on the Deutschlandticket would have to purchase it in addition to the semester fee for 348.00 euros. A semester ticket also increases student mobility beyond this. The semester ticket also incentivizes the use of public transport.

Switching from the DE-SeTi to the local semester ticket (officially: Semesterticket Kiel; only tariff zones 4000 Kiel and 3130 Kiel-Schilksee) in the winter semester 2025/26 is expected to save just under nine percent of costs. Furthermore, in a student survey in 2019, a majority of students voted for the introduction of a state-wide semester ticket over the local semester ticket. The DE-SeTi includes the area of validity of the nationwide semester ticket. Furthermore, an upgrade option from the regular semester ticket to the Deutschlandticket is excluded. This means that all students who are dependent on public transport outside the area of validity of the local semester ticket would have to purchase separate tickets at the regular price.

In view of the low savings potential, the significantly larger area of validity, the lack of an upgrade option and past voting results, the StuPa has decided to remain with the DE-SeTi.

You can find these and other resolutions of the StuPa on our homepage at:

<https://www.stupa.uni-kiel.de/dokumente/beschluesse/>.

Presentation of the AStA:

“AStA” is the abbreviation for ‘Allgemeiner Studierendenausschuss’. 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 both in terms of area of responsibility and name.

The AStA is the elected body for the implementation 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 all those who want to actively shape the university, be it politically, culturally or in relation to various events. Our professional, but of course free, counseling services will help you with general questions about your studies, problems with BAföG, legal issues, queer issues, 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. This 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, June 16, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. in LMS 8 - R.EG.017 and via Zoom. The meetings are open to the public. Registration is not required.

Further meeting dates of the Stupas 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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