



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.

Members wanted for the Election Committee and the Election Audit Committee:

The StuPa is looking for committed students to help organize the student elections in the summer semester. We are also looking for members for the Election Audit Committee.

The **Election Committee** is made up of 5 to 9 members who collect the lists of candidates and, in close cooperation with the university's election office, provide information about the elections and call for votes.

To this end, the election committee is required to motivate as many students as possible to vote through election advertising. How exactly this should look is up to you. In recent years, for example, there have been posters and flyers, panel discussions and election videos. The committee has a budget for these campaigns.

The **Election Audit Committee** is responsible for reviewing the election process and determining the final election result.

The StuPa will elect the members of both committees at its meeting **on Monday, January 20, 2025 from 6 pm**. The meeting will take place **in hybrid form in LMS 8 - R.EG.015 and online via Zoom**. Changes will be announced in good time on the Stupas website.

If you are interested, please send us an e-mail 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.

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 do the StuPa committees do?

The StuPa has a total of five committees. The members of these committees are usually elected at the constituent meeting of the StuPa in July. If not all committees can be fully staffed or if members leave, the vacant places are re-elected at the following meeting.

An exception to this is the **Election Committee** and the **Election Audit Committee**. These are generally elected at the first meetings of the calendar year. The tasks of these committees are already listed above.

In addition, the StuPa has three standing committees.

The **Budget Committee** processes applications for financial support. In particular, grants are paid for first semester trips and student-related events, and travel expenses to federal student council conferences are reimbursed. The Budget Committee decides on applications once a month before the Student Parliament meeting.

The **Legal Committee** edits and maintains the statutes and regulations of the student body. The Legal Committee prepares the necessary documents for the Student Parliament concerning legal issues.

The **University Committee** of the Student Parliament deals with all university issues and prepares resolutions for statements by the Student Parliament.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact the Presidium or one of the committees directly.

Resolutions of the current semester:

Studying must not be a luxury: prevent administrative fees now!

At its second extraordinary meeting on November 5, 2024, the upcoming topic of the introduction of administrative fees was discussed in detail.

The state government is planning to charge administrative fees of 60 euros per student per semester from the 2026 summer semester in order to close the funding gaps at universities due to reduced state funding.

Malte Krüger, education policy spokesperson for the Green parliamentary group in the state parliament, the board of the General Student Committee of Kiel University of Applied Sciences and representatives of Albrecht and Campusradio were among those present.

In addition to discussing this issue, which is very precarious for students and jeopardizes their studies, possible measures that the student bodies throughout Schleswig-Holstein can take to influence the state government were also discussed.

In this regard, the student parliament decided to support a corresponding open letter as well as the recommendation to student representatives and bodies as well as committees of the student body to draw attention to this topic in their respective e-mail signatures. All students are encouraged to support this.

Never again is now!

In the few weeks between mid-January and the end of February 2024, over four million people demonstrated for democracy in Germany (see taz, 01.03.2024). The decisive impetus was provided by the "Potsdam Meeting", at which right-wing extremists discussed deportation plans for parts of the population in the presence of members of the state parliament and members of established parties. The high number of participants suggests that a large proportion of the population has been concerned about the restriction of basic democratic rights for some time. This concern is confirmed by the strengthening of anti-democratic parties and forces in Germany and Europe. On the occasion of the 75th anniversary of the adoption of the Basic Law, the student parliament of Kiel University is firmly committed to democracy and against right-wing extremism. As part of the celebrations for the 75th anniversary of the Basic Law, a statement was published which emphasizes the importance of the Basic Law for democracy and freedom. Particular reference is made to the recent right-wing extremist attacks, which are strongly condemned. A rally and a panel discussion on the threat to democracy also took place on the "CAU for Democracy" day of action.

Over the course of the year, there were further right-wing extremist incidents, in particular the incidents on Sylt, in which mainly young people were involved. Right-wing extremism has no place at our university. In this context, the events are condemned in the strongest possible terms. Our statement emphasizes that it is important to take a clear stance against such incidents and to stand up for the values of the Basic Law. It is time to take active action against racism and fascism. Society as a whole must act decisively to combat such tendencies and stand up together for a diverse and tolerant society.

Another focus was on the renaming of the Professor Hallermann House. A review revealed that Wilhelm Hallermann, after whom the student hall of residence is named, had a troubled Nazi past. In a statement, the student parliament therefore demanded that the hall of residence be renamed without delay.

Furthermore, the parliament has taken a clear stance against the right-wing extremist group the Grey Wolves, whose ideology is anti-democratic and racist. Symbols of this movement, such as the "wolf salute", were used at the CAU. The student body is calling for a ban on these symbols at the university in order to ensure a safe and non-discriminatory space for all students.

A vibrant campus for all students

Following the success of the Campus Festival this summer, it is to be repeated next year and become an annual event in the student calendar. In order to expand the offer for all age groups, the StuPa instructed the AStA at its meeting on September 16, 2024 to check whether a bouncy castle can be rented for the Campus Festival.

However, the StuPa is also committed to making the campus a lively place where students can spend time outside of lectures and seminars.

At the meeting on July 29, 2024, the AStA was also tasked with discussing the installation of swings at the university sports facilities. In addition, at the meeting on September 16, 2024, a motion was passed to approve the purchase of three table tennis tables. These are to be installed behind LMS 8, on the WSP and at the university sports facilities in consultation with the university.

If you have any other suggestions to make the campus more attractive, please get in touch and write to us.

Student Collective Agreement (TVStud)

The StuPa was asked by the Education Committee to submit a statement regarding a student collective agreement. Here, the StuPa agreed with the statement of the TVStud Schleswig-Holstein initiative:

The situation of student employees continues to be precarious and urgently requires action from the state government. As TVStud, we continue to call for all student employees to be covered by collective agreements. We welcome the SPD parliamentary group's motion, as it obliges the state government to address the living situation of young people in the precarious academic system and to remember the goals set out in the coalition agreement.

Around 3500 student employees work in Schleswig-Holstein. They are a mainstay of academic life. Nevertheless, 78.1 % of student employees are considered to be at risk of poverty. Furthermore, 34.2% of student employees in Schleswig-Holstein state that they have had another paid job in the last twelve months in addition to their full-time studies and their work as a student employee. These figures are a clear signal that there is a need for action. Although the CDU and the Greens have set themselves the goal of setting wage rates for student employees in the coalition agreement, they failed to achieve this in the last round of collective bargaining. In our view, it is now time to ensure short-term improvements.

The agreement under the law of obligations, which the parties to the collective agreement reached in December 2024, is an initial compromise, but cannot be the declared goal. Unlike a collective agreement, employees cannot sue for claims arising from the agreement under the law of obligations. In addition, the agreement under the law of obligations leaves a great deal of room for interpretation: it stipulates that contracts will "generally" have a term of twelve months in future. The fact that it has not yet been legally determined in which cases this rule can be deviated from means that the standard contract term is not consistently implemented in practice. For example, contracts are being issued for the coming winter semester that are shorter than the standard contract term of twelve months, resulting in chain contracts and financial uncertainty for employees.

Things cannot go on like this! However, there are possibilities for improvement that could be implemented right now:

- We demand that students who are employed in the academic system and are indispensable for the company earn enough to live on. The TdL has updated its guidelines after the last round of collective bargaining and expressly gives its members the option of paying student employees

higher hourly wages than those stipulated in the agreement under school law and granting them a special annual payment. Schleswig-Holstein should urgently make use of this.

- The implementation of the agreement under the law of obligations is inconsistent and inconsistent. As an employer, the state is called upon to define uniformly for the universities in Schleswig-Holstein which exceptional reasons for falling short of the standard contract term of one year can be considered. In our view, this should be done in close dialog with the employees. We recently set out in a position paper which exceptional reasons we believe should be rejected.
- In order to enable contracts with a term of more than one year, the maximum time limit in Section 69 (3) of the Higher Education Act SH must be deleted.

Since the agreement on the law of obligations came into force, we have received reports that the number of hours in student employees' contracts has been reduced while the workload has remained the same or that contracts have not been extended for financial reasons. Instead of making savings on employees, the state and universities should make an effort to cover the increased personnel costs.

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, November 25, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in LMS 8 - R.EG.015 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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