

Gisma University of Applied Sciences

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE POLICY



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Introduction

The Gisma University of Applied Sciences considers students' involvement in University's decision-making processes in different layers an especially important mission. With the help of students' constant feedback, it becomes possible to shape a student friendly campus life, each feedback is taken for a voice of a change. Students voluntarily commit to the improvement of each aspect of their studies. This entire process becomes possible due to the Student Representatives. At Gisma University of Applied Sciences the Student Council is the Student Representative at a subject level. With the help of the Student Representatives, all the students get the opportunity to speak up about different issues, participate in discussions and share ideas, and suggest solutions.

The objectives of the Policy

- To provide a transparent communication channel between students and the staff.
- To deliver constructive feedback from students to management.
- To consider students' opinions and voice in any decision-making process.
- To make sure that wider ranges of students are informed about ongoing events.
- To promote students' independence in raising their voices and approaches for any kind of situation.

Election of Student Representatives

Gisma university Registry team is usually in charge of the organization of elections. Elections normally take place in the 6th week of each term via an online nomination and voting process and Student Representatives usually serve for one calendar year, or until their course ends (whichever is sooner). All Student Reps are elected by the cohort of students that they will represent. All Student Representatives are elected to post by secret ballot. Usually, an online voting system is used. ***The representative from the Gisma Registry team sums up the results of the elections and informs all participants about it.*** If Student Representative's positions remain unfilled after online elections have taken place, Gisma's management will select students to those positions.

Student–Staff Liaison Committees

Student–Staff Liaison Committees (SSLCs) are meetings at which student representatives and staff that support teaching and learning discuss the student’s experience which may include issues and activities in modules and programs. All Student Representatives participate in SSLCs which are held at program level, every term. SSLCs provide a formal mechanism for communication and discussion between academic and administrative staff and representatives of the student body, relating to all matters connected with improving the degree programs (at all levels of study) and the student experience on Campus. Before the meeting, the Student Representatives gather information from their cohorts, it can be anything that bothers them, or they would like to be suggested to be discussed or changed.

Student Representatives’ participation in University Committees

Any formal committee of the University which has direct relevance to the student experience should have appropriate student representation. Elected representatives hold the power to choose among their ranks the students (and their deputies) who sit on Senate, Examination Boards, and other committees at the highest level of University’s governance. Student representatives have attendance at the Senate and in the Examination Board and are entitled to speak and vote. In the Examination Board the student member does not participate in the deliberation and decision-making on matters concerning the determination of examination tasks. Student representatives can also be members of relevant subcommittees of the Senate.

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