

Regulation governing the appointment of honorary professors at the University of Göttingen dated 13/07/2005 (Official Announcements 7/2005 P. 425), last amended by a resolution of the Senate on 16/07/2008 (Official Announcements 17/2008 P. 1154)

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on the appointment of honorary professors
at the University of Göttingen

Article 1 Appointment

The Presidential Board of the University of Göttingen (further, the "University") may appoint the following as honorary professors: those who are not members of this University, who have teaching skills and skills in science or the arts, whose achievements in science or the arts meet the requirements made of professors of this University and of whom a significant contribution to the tuition on offer can be expected by their appointment.

Article 2 Appointment procedure

- (1) Proposals for the initiation of a procedure to appoint an honorary professor may be addressed from among members of the body of university teachers to the relevant faculty board.
- (2) Where the faculty board decides to proceed with the proposal it may set up a committee to check the proposed honorary professor's suitability under Article 1. This committee shall consist of four members from the body of university teachers and one member from each of the body of employees, the student body and technical and administrative staff.
- (3) ¹At least two opinions will be obtained from professors at universities or comparable institutions outside Göttingen. ²The opinions must also include details of suitability under Article 1. ³The faculty shall comment on the suitability of the proposed honorary professor in a written report to the faculty board.
- (4) ¹The appointment may be made on the application of a faculty and following a consenting opinion by the Senate. ²It is completed when the certificate of appointment is handed over.

Article 3 Legal consequences of the appointment

(1) ¹The relationship of honorary professors to the University is one governed by public law and the honorary professors are entitled to use the title "Honorary professor". ²The provisions of the Lower Saxony Civil Servants' Law (the *Niedersächsisches Beamtenengesetz*) regarding the impartial performance of one's office, duty of non-disclosure, the acceptance of remuneration and gifts, liability and compensation for damage to property shall therefore in particular apply, *mutatis mutandis*.

(2) ¹The minimum volume of lectures to be given shall be stipulated in the appointment and must amount to at least one lecture unit per week. ²The honorary professors shall adjust their teaching to subject requirements and to the examination and study regulations. ³For the purposes of allocating rooms and equipment, the type of lecture to be held will be determined in consultation with the faculty. ⁴The right to take part in examinations is determined in the examination regulations, the doctoral studies regulations and the University's habilitation regulations (governing post-doctoral qualifications).

(3) The honorary professors may be paid a lecture fee for lectures required to complete the teaching curricula only within the scope of a lectureship provided they continue to give non-remunerated lectures to the stipulated extent.

(4) Honorary professors may be involved in research.

Article 4 Expiry, revocation and withdrawal of the appointment

(1) The appointment as honorary professor expires

- a) upon written resignation which should be addressed to the Presidential Board,
- b) if the honorary professor is sentenced in the course of ordinary criminal proceedings which, in the case of officials, leads to the loss of their rights as officials.

(2) The appointment should be revoked if the honorary professor

- a) is appointed as a reader or as a university professor or has been given comparable legal status at another university or university-status institution; the honorary professor shall inform the Presidential Board accordingly,

- b) is appointed as an honorary professor or has been given comparable legal status at another university or university-status institution; the honorary professor shall inform the Presidential Board accordingly,
 - c) for reasons for which he or she is responsible, prior to the end of his 68th year of life, no longer carries out the minimum set teaching load or announces that he/she no longer wishes to carry out the minimum set teaching load,
 - d) culpably breaches an obligation arising out of the public-law relationship with the University of Göttingen to a material extent or commits an act outside the public-law relationship with the University of Göttingen which is likely, in the specific circumstances, to adversely affect the trust on the part of the University of Göttingen or of the community in the proper exercising of the honorary professor's duties.
- (3) ¹The appointment may be withdrawn if, on the basis of an act of deception, requirements for the appointment were wrongly assumed to have been met. ²The withdrawal shall be governed by the general statutory regulations.
- (4) The Presidential Board shall decide on the revocation or withdrawal of the appointment following an opinion from the faculty board and the Senate.
- (5) No further entitlement to use the title of "honorary professor" exists following the expiry, revocation or withdrawal of the appointment.

Article 5 Entry into effect

This Regulation shall take effect the day after it is published in the Official Announcements of the University of Göttingen.