

Faculty Committees

Faculty Council

The Faculty Council is the faculty's highest governing body and makes decisions on faculty matters of fundamental importance and strategic significance with the participation of all stakeholder groups. The other faculty committees, such as the Study Committee or the F-HPK, prepare draft resolutions on which the members of the Faculty Council then vote. For example, the Faculty Council regularly approves all examination, study, and admission regulations for the geoscience and geography programs. In addition, the members decide on financial and personnel matters. The latter may include, for example, so-called appointment lists with the selected candidates for professorships to be filled at the faculty.

The Faculty Council consists of 13 members with voting rights. The term of office is two years, one year for the student group. In addition to seven university faculty members, two research associates, and two members of the MTV group, two student representatives are also part of the Faculty Council. The Faculty Council typically meets three times during the lecture period.

Study Commission

The Study Commission is the central body responsible for advising on and helping to shape academic programs and teaching within the faculty. It is consulted by the Faculty Council prior to decisions in these areas and may also be delegated specific decision-making powers by the Faculty Council. Its regular tasks include, in particular, advising on and deciding regarding the allocation of the faculty's decentralized study quality funds, discussing and overseeing changes to modules and examination regulations, and addressing current and evolving issues related to studies and teaching. The goal of the Study Committee is to continuously improve the quality of studies and teaching and to incorporate diverse perspectives into decision-making processes.

Students hold four of the eight voting seats on this committee, ensuring that students have an equal say in decision-making. Two faculty members and two research associates also have voting rights. The committee is chaired by the faculty's Dean of studies, who does not have a vote. The Study Committee typically meets two to three times during the lecture period.

Faculty Budget and Planning Committee (F-HPK)

In addition to the Dean's Office, the Faculty Council, and the Study Committee, the Faculty Budget and Planning Committee (F-HPK) is also involved in coordinating the budget and personnel matters. The committee prepares financial decisions for the Faculty Council and drafts resolutions regarding the faculty's financial regulations. Voting members include: three faculty members, one research associate, one member of the staff union group, and one member of the student group. The F-HPK meets at least once per semester during the lecture period. The chair is the managing director, who does not have voting rights.

Research Commission

The Research Commission advises on and develops draft resolutions concerning research at the faculty. Two faculty members, one research associate, and one member of the student group participate in these decisions. The Research Commission is chaired by the Dean of Research. The Research Committee meets at least once per semester during the lecture period.

Examination Boards

The two examination boards of the Faculty of Earth Sciences and Geography are responsible for overseeing the examination process for i) geography and ii) earth science degree programs (including Ecosystem Management). This includes, among other things, decisions on hardship appeals in various contexts related to examinations, decisions on the final failure of students, and applications for accommodations. The examination committees are composed of three faculty members, one research associate, and one student representative.

Admissions Committees

The faculty's admissions committees are established for the MSc in Geography: Resource Analysis and Management, the MSc in Earth and Environmental Sciences, the BSc in Geography + Earth Science (2-Subject BA/Teacher Education), and the BSc in Ecosystem Management. The committees typically consist of a faculty member, a research associate, and a student representative. The task of the selection committees is to admit qualified students to the respective degree programs in accordance with the applicable admission regulations. The selection committees meet once per semester.

Habilitation Committee

The Habilitation Committee conducts habilitation procedures as well as tenure and interim evaluation procedures. It consists of faculty members who have completed their habilitation and is chaired by the Dean.