

Proposals

Proposals to the legislator

Research integrity and good scientific practice

- * Formulation and revision of a legal basis in the substantive laws (UG/HG/FHG/PrivHG)
- * Mandatory supervision agreements
- * Establish a single point of contact for students
- * Compulsory courses on research integrity in every curriculum
- * Raising awareness among new and existing employees
- * Provide statistics on proceedings related to scientific misconduct

Universities Act 2002 / Teacher Education Act 2005

- * Clarifying of the deadline for the recognition of scientific and artistic work
- * Clarification of what constitutes a lasting or serious threat under § 68 (1) lit. 8 Universities Act

University of Applied Sciences Act

- * Aligning deadlines for awarding academic degrees
- * Obligation to state reasons for refusal of applications for recognitions
- * Adjustment of the rules for recognition

Private Higher Education Act

- * Inspection of passed exams
- * Revocation of academic degrees
- * Adjustment of the rules for recognition

Other

- * Act on Quality Assurance in Higher Education
- * University Entrance Qualification Examination according to the School Organization Act (Schulorganisationsgesetz)

Proposals from previous Annual Activity Reports

- * Determination of tuition-free time - taking into account the semesters in which leave of absence is taken
- * Obligation to retain degree certificates after termination of legal status as an institution of higher education
- * Limitation of potential penalties in case of late non-acceptance of a study place
- * Waiving of fees for arbitration according to § 18 StudFG
- * Obligation to publish student housing contracts on the respective website
- * Expansion of the extension criteria according to § 5a (8) StudHG
- * Clarifying whether financial emergencies are social emergencies according to § 12 (3) StudHG
- * Recovery of the deposit in a non-contentious proceeding (Außerstreitverfahren)
- * Review of the amount of the accommodation fee for non-profit student housing in non-contentious proceedings

Proposals to higher education institutions

- * Early issuing of admission documents for third-country nationals
- * Procedure for assigning a supervisor for academic theses
- * Ensure anonymity in course evaluations
- * Continuing education programs in cooperation with legal entities outside the higher education area
- * Define which AI tools are allowed and which are not
- * Possibilities for the improvement of the applications for recognition academic achievements at Universities of Applied Sciences
- * Transparent information about merit scholarships according to StudFG for students who start their studies during the academic year