

**THE STATUTE
OF THE STUDENT PARLIAMENT
OF THE NETWORK – THE FIRST ACADEMY OF VOCATIONAL STUDIES**

1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 1.

This Statute defines activities, election procedures, management and organisation of the Student Parliament of the Network – The First Academy of Vocational Studies (hereinafter Student Parliament).

Article 2.

The status of the Student Parliament within the Network termed The First Serbian Academy of Vocational Studies (hereinafter the Network) has been defined by the decision on forming the Parliament of the Network.

Article 3.

Student Parliament is a type of student organisation within the framework of the Network.

Article 4.

The work of the Student Parliament is public.

Article 5.

The representatives of the Student Parliament are guaranteed the freedom of opinion and expression.

Within the Student Parliament no political, religious or partisan organisation and action is allowed.

Article 6.

The seat of the Student Parliament in the first year of its activity is to be located in Kruševac, Ćirila i Metodija street 22-24 .

Article 7.

The Student Parliament has its own rectangular stamp with a two-line inscription: The Network – The First Serbian Academy of Vocational Studies – Student Parliament, below which is a place for number and date and a denotation of Kruševac.

2. ACTIVITIES OF THE STUDENT PARLIAMENT

Article 8.

Student Parliament advocates the interests of all students of the Network – The First Academy of Vocational Studies

Article 9.

Activities of the Student Parliament secure the following :

- advocating the interests of student in the managing bodies of the Network
- organising and co-ordinating scientific and research activities of students
- organising student sport activities

- issuing student magazines and newspapers
- organising cultural manifestations and projects
- organising student mobility in the field of science and research, as well as all other forms of student co-operation with other institutions
- organising humanitarian and education projects
- organising other activities interesting to the students of the Network

3. STUDENT PARLIAMENT ELECTIONS

Article 10.

Regular elections for the Student Parliament are conducted annually. Direct elections and secret ballot vote are conducted within the Student Parliaments of the members of the Network. All students have the right of voting and running for the Parliament. During the course of elections students vote for individual candidates. Every college-member of the Network delegates three candidates for the Student Parliament of the Network.

Regular elections for the Student Parliament are held every year in April.

Regular elections for the Student Parliament are called by the President of the Student Parliament of the Network.

Article 11.

Early elections for the Student Parliament are called by the President of the Student Parliament of the Network upon the decision of the Student Parliament on the termination of their mandate, or upon the resignation of the deputies of the Student Parliament, or upon the decision on dissolving the Student Parliament by the President.

Elections (regular or early) cannot be held in a period shorter than 15 days or longer than 45 days from the moment they are called for.

Elections for the Student Parliament are held in the course of one day during the time of instructions.

Article 12.

The Election Committee is in charge of election activities comprising delegation of the Parliament members among the student population of the Network. Each vocational college forms its own Committee.

Article 13.

The Election Committee from the previous article of this Statute conducts the following election activities:

- receiving applications from the candidates and establishing the final list of candidates
- organising activities and roles at the polling stations, with at least two students monitoring the process of voting; the polls need to be open for 8 hours.
- counting the votes upon the conclusion of the voting process which is done exclusively by the members of the Election Committee; the presence of the third parties is absolutely excluded
- publishing the preliminary results of the election followed by a 24-hour appeal deadline
- considering the merits of the submitted complaints; in the case of serious breaches of the electoral process the Election Committee is required to institute disciplinary proceedings against the violator, in accordance with the rulebooks of the Network members
- declaring the final results of the elections

Article 14

The Student Parliament comprises 24 students in total – one student from each study year from every vocational college-member of the Network (these also include the students from final years)

Article 15.

Mandate of the Student Parliament of the Network claimed during regular elections is limited to one year.

Mandate and activities of the Student Parliament begin its work with the constitutive session.

Article 16.

One is no longer a member of the Student Parliament of the Network if one resigns from the seat in the Student Parliament, or if one loses the status of a student at a certain college. In that case, the Student Parliament continues to work in a truncated form.

4. THE WORK OF THE STUDENT PARLIAMENT

Article 17.

President of the Student Parliament calls for sessions at least once per semester. President is obliged to call for a session as a response to a written request at least seven days upon receiving the request.

Article 18.

The constitutive session needs to be held at least 21 days upon declaring the official election results and the first item on the agenda needs to be the appointment of the President of the Parliament.

In order to proceed with the session there needs to be at least 11 members present.

Article 19.

Decisions of the Student Parliament of the Network are made by means of public voting, by a simple majority of the present members.

President of the Student Parliament of the Network can require from the members of the Parliament to vote by means of secret ballot. In that case decisions are made by a simple majority of the present members.

In order to conduct a secret ballot a five-member Commission needs to be formed. The Commission comprises members of the Student Parliament. Each member of the Student Parliament can be the member of the Commission in charge of the secret ballot at his/her own request. Decisions of the Student Parliament are valid from the moment of their adoption, unless otherwise regulated.

Article 20.

The session agenda of the Student Parliament is proposed by the President of the Student Parliament.

President is obliged to amend the agenda with every suggestion which had been provided in a written form by the members of the Student Parliament.

Article 21.

Upon the completion of the session the President of the Student Parliament is obliged to compose a written report regarding the session which needs to be adopted in the next session within the first item of the agenda.

5. ORGANISATION OF THE STUDENT PARLIAMENT

Article 22.

Student Parliament performs its duties independently.

Article 23.

The representatives of the Student Parliament can participate in the work of the following Network Centres:

- Quality Assurance Centre
- International Co-operation Centre

Students publish the Students Journal, organise the activities of the Culture Board, Humanitarian Board and the Student ACAS radio.

Article 24.

Activities of the Student Journal are managed by an editor-in-chief.

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Every student of the Network can be appointed president or editor-in-chief of a section.

Mandates of presidents and editors-in-chief lasts for one year.

One student can be appointed president or editor-in-chief of a section of the Student Parliament maximum two times.

Article 25.

At the beginning of their mandate the President and editors-in-chief are obliged to submit the Activity Plan in a written form to the Student Parliament within 30 days.

At the end of their mandate the President and editors-in-chief are obliged to submit a written Report to the Student Parliament within 30 days.

6. STUDENT PARLIAMENT MANAGEMENT

Article 26.

The Student Parliament of the Network is chaired by the President of the Student Parliament who is elected from among the members of the Student Parliament of the Network.

Any member of the Student Parliament can become a candidate for the President of the Student Parliament. The list of candidates is established in the course of a session in which the members elect the President.

The President of the Student Parliament is elected by means of public voting from among the proposed candidates. The decision is made by consensus.

Article 27.

The President of the Student Parliament takes care of the stamp and the archive of the Student Parliament.

Article 28.

The Vicepresident of the Student Parliament is appointed by the President of the Student Parliament from among the members of the Student Parliament.

The Vicepresident of the Student Parliament is also the president of the Executive Board of the Student Parliament.

In the absence of the President or in the case of the President's inability to perform his/her function he/she is rightfully substituted by the Vicepresident.

Article 29.

The Executive Board of the Student Parliament is a body of high efficiency and it has a task of solving everyday student issues and problems occurring at the vocational colleges-members of the Network.

Each member of the Student Parliament can be appointed member of the Executive Board of the Student Parliament.

The Executive Board of the Student Parliament has eight members, i.e. one representative of each college-member of the Network.

The members of the Executive Board are chosen by voting at a session of the Student Parliament.

Article 30.

Each decision of the Executive Board of the Student Parliament can be nullified by the Student Parliament.

The Student Parliament can require a written report to be submitted by the Executive Board of the Student Parliament.

7. FINAL REGULATIONS

Article 31.

In order to perform amendments and changes to the Statute of the Student Parliament it is necessary to obtain the vote of at least 16 members of the Student Parliament.

Article 32

The issues which have not been regulated by this Statute shall be regulated in accordance with the Agreement on the founding of the Network – The First Academy of Vocational Studies.

Article 33.

This Statute enters into force after its adoption at the session of the Student Parliament.

In Kruševac
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