

THE STATUTES OF THE STUDENT BODY OF THE ESTONIAN ACADEMY OF MUSIC AND THEATRE

1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

- 1.1. The Statutes of the Student Council of the Estonian Academy of Music and Theatre (hereinafter 'EAMT') (hereinafter the 'Statutes') provide for the definition and main objectives of the Student Council, the procedure for the formation of its representative and executive bodies, and their duties and rules of procedure.
- 1.2. The Student Body of the EAMT (hereinafter 'Student Body') is an institution which exercises the right of EAMT students (hereinafter 'students') to autonomy, including the right to decide on and manage independently, according to the laws and other legislation, issues of student life based on the interests, needs, rights and obligations of the students.
- 1.3. The Student Body comprises all students enrolled at EAMT.
- 1.4. The main objectives of the Student Body include:
 - 1.4.1. advocating for quality education for the students;
 - 1.4.2. supporting the creation of an environment suitable to studying, research and creativity;
 - 1.4.3. ensuring student representation in decisions affecting students;
 - 1.4.4. performing other functions to serve the interests and rights of the Student Body.
- 1.5. The representative body of the Student Body is the democratically elected EAMT Student Council (hereinafter the 'Student Council').
- 1.6. The Student Body has its own symbols: the student cap and the school ring.
- 1.7. The official name of the Student Council at EAMT in Estonian is *Eesti Muusika- ja Teatriakadeemia üliõpilasesindus*.
- 1.8. The executive body of the Student Council is the elected Board of the Student Council.
- 1.9. The primary working language of the Student Council is Estonian. If the Student Council includes foreign students who do not speak Estonian, the secondary working language will be English. The Student Council shall ensure that important decisions and announcements concerning the Student Body and student life are also communicated in English.

1.10. The Student Body is governed by the Higher Education Act, the EAMT Act and Statutes, the Student Council Statutes and Rules of Procedure, and other legislation.

2. STUDENT COUNCIL

2.1. The Student Council consists of three to five members.

2.1.1. The number of members elected to the Student Council shall be determined by the Student Council in office before the elections.

2.2. The term of office of the members of the Student Council starts on 1 July and is expected to last for one calendar year.

2.3. The tasks of the members of the Student Council are:

2.3.1. adopting and amending the procedural rules, rules for election and other regulations of the Student Council;

2.3.2. discussing proposed amendments to the Statutes and submitting them to the EAMT Senate for approval;

2.3.3. electing and removing members of the Board of the Student Council;

2.3.4. formulating an action plan for the Student Council;

2.3.5. submitting proposals to the EAMT Rector's Office for the use of the funds allocated for staff in the Student Council budget;

2.3.6. announcing elections of the Student Council;

2.3.7. deciding on cooperation with other student bodies on the basis and in accordance with the procedures stipulated by law;

2.3.8. deciding on membership of or cooperation with international student organisations;

2.3.9. adopting positions on issues related to the Student Body or EAMT;

2.3.10. deciding on the provision of services to students;

2.3.11. representing the Student Body and making decisions on behalf of the Student Body;

2.3.12. advocating for the intellectual and social interests and rights of the students;

2.3.13. gauging student opinion through surveys and opinion polls;

2.3.14. appointing student representatives to the EAMT Senate, the bodies of the Federation of Estonian Student Unions, and other institutions and decision-making bodies;

2.3.15. organising the events of the EAMT Student Body;

2.3.16. promoting sports and leisure activities for students;

2.3.17. other tasks according to laws and regulations.

2.4. A member of the Student Council has the right to:

2.4.1. vote;

2.4.2. receive compensation for their work;

2.4.3. have a key to the Student Council office and use the room;

2.4.4. use the assets of the Student Council;

2.4.5. be informed about the activities of the Student Council and EAMT;

2.4.6. benefit from membership privileges in accordance with the basic documents of the Student Council.

2.5. A member of the Student Council is obliged to:

2.5.1. participate in Student Council meetings;

2.5.2. be familiar with and act in accordance with these Statutes and other basic documents;

2.5.3. recognise the views of the Student Body as shaped by the Student Council and distinguish between Student Council and personal views;

2.5.4. carry out the tasks assigned to them.

2.6. A member of the Student Council is excluded from its composition in the following circumstances:

2.6.1. they have submitted the relevant application;

2.6.2. they have repeatedly violated these Statutes, and the Student Council has decided to expel them from the Student Council;

2.6.3. they have been deleted from the matriculation register.

2.7. In the event that a member of the Student Council resigns from the Student Council, the Board of the Student Council has the right to appoint a member of the Student Council or the Student Body as a temporary replacement.

2.7.1. An acting member is entitled to remuneration for the work they perform to the extent of the salary of the member they are replacing.

3. PROCEDURAL RULES OF THE STUDENT COUNCIL

- 3.1. The principles of the procedural rules and records management procedures of the Student Council shall be established by these Statutes and the Procedural Rules of the Student Council.
- 3.2. Regular meetings of the Student Council shall be held at least four times in a semester, once a calendar month on average.
- 3.3. A student Council meeting is convened by the Board of the Student Council and chaired by the Chairman of the Student Council or, in the absence of the Chairman, by the Deputy Chairman.
- 3.4. The Student Council has a quorum if more than half of its members are present.
- 3.5. If a meeting is to be held, all members of the Student Council must be given at least seven calendar days' notice.
- 3.6. An extraordinary meeting is convened by the Chairman of the Student Council or, in the absence of the Chairman, by the Deputy Chairman within three calendar days after:
 - 3.6.1. a relevant decision of the Board of the Student Council;
 - 3.6.2. at least three members of the Student Council have requested it.
- 3.7. The Student Council shall generally adopt its decisions by a simple majority. Any exceptions shall be set out in these Statutes and the Procedural Rules of the Student Council.
- 3.8. Minutes shall be taken at all meetings of the Student Council and the Board of the Student Council.
- 3.9. The decisions of the Student Council shall be public. Decisions concerning the student body as a whole must be published on the EAMT website and on the Student Body's social media.
- 3.10. The Student Council shall have the right to annul a decision of the Board of the Student Council if it is in conflict with this Statute or other legislation.
- 3.11. The Student Council shall be deemed incapacitated if:
 - 3.11.1. the Student Council has not convened for a meeting within 60 calendar days of the last meeting or, in the case of a new Student Council, within 30

calendar days of the Rector's approval of the results of the Student Council election;

3.11.2. the Student Council fails to elect the Board of the Student Council within 30 calendar days of the first meeting of the Student Council;

3.11.3. the Student Council has not announced a regular election by 1 May.

3.12. In the case of incapacitation, an extraordinary election of the Student Council shall be organised in accordance with the Statutes and rules for the election of the Student Council.

3.13. The Student Council election process is set out in the Student Council rules for election.

4. THE BOARD OF THE STUDENT COUNCIL

4.1. The Board of the Student Council consists of the Chairman of the Student Council and the Deputy Chairman.

4.2. The Chairman and the Deputy Chairman of the Student Council are elected by the Student Council for a period of one year within 30 calendar days after the Rector's approval of the results.

4.3. The Board of the Student Council shall be responsible for implementing the decisions of the Student Council.

4.4. The Board shall adopt its decisions with a simple majority of votes.

4.4.1. If the votes are equally divided, the Chairman has the deciding vote.

4.5. The tasks of the Board of the Student Council are:

4.5.1. day-to-day management and representation of the Student Council;

4.5.2. making decisions on behalf of the Student Body between Student Council meetings;

4.5.3. presenting the Student Council's development plan to the Student Council;

4.5.4. coordinating the activities of the representatives of the Student Body;

4.5.5. coordinating the implementation of the decisions of the Student Council;

4.5.6. ensuring the coordination of the events of the Student Council;

4.5.7. organising the management and use of assets within the limits provided for in the Statutes and the EAMT Statutes;

4.5.8. Organising the use of the funds allocated in the EAMT budget for the activities of the Student Council;

4.5.9. performing other tasks arising from the Statutes and legislation.

4.6. The work of the Board of the Student Council is coordinated by the Chairman of the Student Council.

4.7. As a rule, the Chairman of the Student Council shall sign any contracts, powers of attorney or other decisions on behalf of the self-government of the Student Body. The Chairman of the Student Council may also authorise other members of the Student Council to carry out these tasks.

4.8. A declaration of no confidence in the Chairman and the Deputy Chairman of the Student Council may be initiated by any member of the Council.

4.8.1. In the case of a vote of no confidence, the person against whom the vote of no confidence is to be taken does not have the right to vote.

4.8.2. A motion of censure requires a majority of Student Council votes in favour.

5. STUDENT COUNCIL ASSETS

5.1. The budget of EAMT provides funds for the exercise of student self-government, which are used at the discretion of the Student Council to carry out its duties under the law and these Statutes.

5.2. The budget of the Student Council is part of the EAMT budget.

5.3. The Student Council shall have the right to provide services for a charge in order to fund its activities specified in the Statutes.

5.4. The assets held by the Student Council shall comprise:

5.4.1. EAMT's budget funds allocated to ensure the functioning of the Student Council;

5.4.2. voluntary donations and targeted support;

5.4.3. revenue from events and activities organised by the Student Body;

5.4.4. other income.

5.4.5. assets allocated by EAMT;

5.4.6. assets acquired by the Student Council itself.

5.5. The Chairman of the Student Council shall be responsible for legitimate use of the assets of the Student Council.

5.6. EAMT provides the necessary facilities and equipment for the Student Council.

5.7. EAMT has the right to supervise the use of the assets allocated to the Student Council.

6. AMENDMENTS TO THE STATUTES

6.1. The right to initiate the amendment of the Statutes rests with the members of the Student Council, the EAMT Senate and the Rector.

6.2. A proposal to amend the Statutes must be submitted to the Student Council. The Student Council shall discuss the proposal at the next meeting of the Student Council.

6.3. The decision to amend the Statutes is adopted if at least three-quarters of the members of the Student Council vote in favour.

6.4. The adopted amendments to the Statutes are submitted to the EAMT Senate for approval.

7. TERMINATION OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THE STUDENT BODY SPECIFIED IN THE STATUTES

7.1. The Student Body shall terminate its activities:

7.1.1. when EAMT ceases to function;

7.1.2. in cases prescribed by law.

7.2. Upon termination of the Student Body, the Student Council shall establish a liquidation committee composed of at least three members.

7.3. Any assets and funds at the disposal of the Student Council shall be transferred to EAMT or the legal successor of EAMT, where the aforementioned assets and funds shall be used for the general needs of the students.

7.4. The term of office of the liquidation committee expires at the end of the liquidation proceedings.

7.5. The proceedings and the activities of the Student Body shall be terminated by the approval of the act and the report of the liquidation committee by the EAMT Senate and the publication of the corresponding notice.

8. IMPLEMENTING PROVISIONS

8.1. The Statutes shall enter into force immediately upon approval by the EAMT Senate.

8.2. After the entry into force of the new statutes, the previous approved statutes will cease to be valid.