



Administration and User Regulations for the Center for Francophone Worlds (CFW)

On 16 March 2023 the University of Tübingen Senate passed the following statute in accordance with § 19 (1) sentence 2 of the state law governing institutions of higher education (Landeshochschulgesetz, LHG) of 1 April 2014 (GBl. p.99), as amended on 7 February 2023 (GBl. 2023, pp. 26, 43).

§ 1 Tasks and legal status

(1) The Center for Francophone Worlds (ZFW) is an interfaculty academic institution at the University of Tübingen.

(2) The Center for Francophone Worlds is dedicated to coordinating and carrying out of a range of tasks, particularly in the areas described below.

The Center aims to:

- promote research into the Francophone world and the Francophonie;
- make visible and network existing cooperation with Francophone countries in research and teaching in Tübingen;
- step up the exchange of students and researchers with the Francophone world, especially in German-French double diploma programs (B.A., M.A., PhD);
- inspire cooperation in teaching and research and promote the acquisition of third-party funding in this field;
- communicate the results of exchange and research on the Francophone world to the public.

§ 2 Management and Executive Board

(1) The Center for Francophone Worlds is managed by an Executive Board consisting of three full-time members of the University of Tübingen. The majority of Executive Board members must be professors at the University of Tübingen. This number of members may be increased by a resolution of the General Meeting.

(2) The Executive Board is elected from among the members by the General Meeting, for a term of four years. Reelection is permitted. The Executive Board should include representatives from various disciplines who conduct Francophone-related research or cooperate with Francophone partner institutions. Membership of the Executive Board ends upon resignation, upon leaving the Center and/or leaving the University of Tübingen. If an elected Executive Board member withdraws before the end of his/her term of office, a new member is elected for the remainder of the term of office.

(3) The Executive Board elects one of its members as its chairperson and Director of the Center and another member as his/her deputy. The Director and Deputy Director must be drawn from the pool of professors working full-time at the University of Tübingen. The Director and Deputy Director manage the Center's day-to-day business, convene the Executive Board, chair the meetings and implement the resolutions of the Executive Board.

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(4) The Executive Board is supported by a management team in the day-to-day business of the center.

§ 3 The Executive Board's tasks

(1) The Executive Board handles the organizational tasks of the Center for Francophone Worlds. This does not apply to the conclusion of contracts, the acceptance of donations from third parties or civil service and labor law decisions in personnel matters insofar as these responsibilities have not been transferred to the Director by the President's Office.

(2) The Executive Board is responsible for distributing the resources allocated to the Center.

(3) The Executive Board implements the resolutions of the General Meeting on the establishment of new projects and on their termination.

(4) The Executive Board and the International Advisory Board discuss the Center's further developments and new projects.

(5) The Executive Board reports to the General Meeting at least once a year.

(6) The Executive Board may propose rules of procedure to the General Meeting for resolution; such rules may include the regulation of procedural issues.

§ 4 Members and General Meeting

(1) Those who may become members of the Center are: University of Tübingen academics who identify with the joint tasks of the Center in accordance with § 1 (2) and wish to take part. Doctoral candidates who have been admitted to the doctoral process at the University of Tübingen are considered to be "academics" in this context.

(2) The members comprise the General Meeting. Members are admitted by the Executive Board.

(3) Membership of the Center ends by personal declaration, by resolution of the Executive Board or resignation from the University, which is confirmed by the General Meeting. A renewed admission as a member in accordance with (1) is possible.

(4) The participation of non-university (research) institutions in the Center for Francophone Worlds is regulated by cooperation agreements. Members of non-university (research) institutions are admitted as members under the conditions set out in (1).

(5) Other members or external personalities who can help fulfill the tasks of the Center due to their research or in any other way, may be appointed as associate members by the Executive Board. Associate members may attend meetings of the General Assembly in an advisory capacity; they have no voting rights and may neither vote nor be elected.

§ 5 General Meeting's tasks

(1) The General Meeting is convened at least twice a year by the Director. In particular, it supports the Executive Board in the initiation of further research projects. Further tasks of the General Meeting are:

- electing the Executive Board;
- dismissal of Executive Board members with a majority of 2/3 of the members;
- passing resolutions on the rules of procedure as proposed by the Executive Board;
- formulating opinions on the Center's budget and the distribution of resources;
- providing advice on the profiles and establishment of new projects and on the termination of projects;
- participation in the coordination of projects and project areas;
- nomination of members for the International Advisory Board.

§ 6 International Advisory Board

(1) The Center for Francophone Worlds is advised and supported in its work by an International Advisory Board.

(2) The International Advisory Board consists of experts from other universities, research institutes or other institutions active in the field in French-speaking countries and/or in Germany. Appointments are made by the Executive Board at the suggestion of the General Meeting.

(3) The International Advisory Board is convened by the Director at least every two years for a joint meeting with the Executive Board. It advises the Executive Board on the strategic direction of the Center and makes suggestions for the further development of projects. In consultation with the Executive Board, the Director draws up an agenda for this meeting.

§ 7 Effective date

This statute comes into effect on the date of its publication in the University of Tübingen's official bulletin, the Amtliche Bekanntmachungen.

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