

**RAUF DENKTAS UNIVERSITY**  
*"For International Employment"*



**STUDENT COUNCIL CODE**

**No. 3d**

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(Under Rauf Denktaş University Establishment and Operation Regulation, Art.10 and Art.59)

Rauf Denktaş University Senate adopts the following Code based on the authority given to it by the Rauf Denktaş University Establishment and Operation Bylaw.

### PART ONE General Provisions

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| <b>Short Name</b>                                         | 1. This Code shall be referred to as the "Student Council Code".                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Purpose</b>                                            | 2. The purpose of this Code is to identify and take into account the opinions of students enrolled in the Rauf Denktaş University Preparatory, Associate and Undergraduate Programs on their educational, health, sport and cultural needs, to communicate these opinions to administrative bodies and to establish a communication route between administrative bodies and students.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Scope</b>                                              | 3. The principles set out in this Code apply to the preparatory, associate and undergraduate students of Rauf Denktaş University.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Definitions</b>                                        | 4. Unless otherwise specified in this Code, the concepts and definitions in this Code shall be as follows. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a) The "Department / Program Student Representative" is a student representative elected by electronic voting method on an election day determined by the Rectorate, by students who are full time students in a program in the University.</li><li>b) The 'Faculty / School / College Student Representative' shall be chosen by the student representatives of the departments / programs of each faculty by an absolute majority of votes. In the English Preparatory School, the person chosen by an absolute majority shall act as the school's representative. The term of office for student representatives shall be one (1) year.</li><li>c) The "Department Student Representatives Board" is a board composed of student representatives elected for each department in the Faculties and Schools. This Board shall convene at least twice in each academic semester and submit its recommendations to the Student Council.</li><li>d) The 'University Student Council' is a board of Faculty, School and College Student Representatives. The term of office in the Council shall be one (one) year.</li><li>e) 'Student Council Executive Board' shall be composed of a President, a Vice-President, a General Secretary and a Financial Affairs Officer. They shall be elected from among the Student Representatives of the Faculties and Schools by the University Student Council. The election shall be based on an absolute majority and for a period of one year.</li><li>f) The "Council President" is the President of the Executive Board of the University Student Council. The Council President is elected by the University Student Council and is authorized to represent the University Student Council. The term of office shall be one (1) year.</li></ul> |
| <b>Requirements for Student Representative Candidates</b> | 5. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a) To be a registered student in the relevant Faculty, School or College.</li><li>b) A CGPA of more than 2.00 and/or a minimum of 2.00 in the preceding semester (no GPA is required for the candidate of the Preparatory School. The summer semester averages are also not taken into account).</li><li>c) No disciplinary action,</li><li>d) The duration of university studies (excluding preparatory education) does not exceed the normal period of education,</li><li>e) Sabıka kaydının bulunmaması,</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |

f) Siyasi parti organlarında üye veya görevli olmaması.

## **Election Dates**

6. a) The election date is determined and announced by the Rectorate at the beginning of the academic year.
- b) Elections are completed within 21 days from the date determined. If no result is obtained in the elections held in any unit within this period, the election for that period is deemed to have been canceled.
- c) Candidate students announce their candidacy at least one week before the election date and can run a campaign within this period.
- d) A representative who cancels his registration after being elected, goes on leave or receives disciplinary punishment loses his / her representational status and related duties. The second candidate with the highest votes in the elections becomes the new representative. However, the method specified in Article 4 (e) is followed for the vacant membership from the Executive Board of the Student Council.
- e) Student representative elections are held once every academic year (preferably in October). The duties of representation continue until the election results are announced in the next academic year.

## **Faculty / School Student Representative Selection**

7. a) The elected Student Representatives of the Department shall meet on the day specified in the election calendar and elect Faculty / School Student Representatives by secret ballot under the supervision of the appropriate Dean / School Director or the person appointed by him or her. In faculties, schools and colleges which do not have a department, the candidate selected will become directly the representative of the faculty.
- b) Faculty / School student representatives gather under the supervision of the relevant Vice Rector or the person to be appointed on the date determined in the election calendar, and by secret ballot and absolute majority, choose the Executive Board of the Student Council consisting of a President, a Vice President, a General Secretary and a financial affairs officer.
- c) These elections are held by absolute majority and secret ballot. If no result is obtained in the first voting, the second voting is held in the same session: If no result is obtained in the second voting, the third vote is held between the two candidates with the highest number of votes. If no result is obtained in the third round, a draw is drawn between the two candidates with the highest number of votes.

## **Meetings**

8. a) The President of the Student Council calls the Student Council Executive Board to convene at least once a month. In order to start the meeting, more than half of the total number of members must be present. The board takes its decisions with the absolute majority of the participants and the decisions are signed by the members. In cases where the president is on leave, this task is carried out by his assistant.
- b) Department / Program student representatives are invited to the Department Board to participate in the relevant board without voting right during the discussion of the issues related to the students deemed appropriate by the Department Chair.
- c) Faculty / School student representatives are invited to the Faculty / School / Board to participate in the relevant board without voting rights during the discussion of related issues by the Dean / School / School Director.
- d) The President of the Executive Board of the Student Council is invited by the Rector to the Senate and the University Executive Board without voting right during the discussion of student-related issues.

## **Duties of the Student Council**

9. a) To convey the problems, opinions and thoughts of the students to the University administrative bodies, especially the Rector,

- b) Being represented by the Chair or the Vice-Chair without the right to vote in the Senate or University Executive Board meetings during the discussion of student-related matters upon the Rector's invitation,
- c) The University Council Executive Board and all student representatives are obliged to coordinate their work and activities with the University and, when necessary, obtain the approval of the University, in accordance with the TRNC Constitution and other applicable legislation.
- Duties of the Faculty / School Representative** 10. a) To carry out the duties assigned to her on behalf of the Student Council in the Faculty or School,
- b) To announce and monitor the decisions taken by the bodies of the Student Council of the Faculties and Schools and to monitor their application.
- c) To identify and resolve student problems in the Faculty, School, College that she represents, to the relevant administrative bodies of the Student Council and the University,
- d) To represent students at the Faculty and School activities,
- e) To take an active role in the coordination of student activities in the Faculty or School that she represents,
- f) Participating in the meetings of the administrative board and / or academic board in the Faculty or School in which she represents, during the discussion of the matters related to the students.
- Responsibilities of the Faculty and School Representative** 11. a) Representing Rauf Denктаş University students in national and international student events and / or meetings,
- b) To determine the agenda of the Student Council Executive Board meetings and to chair these meetings,
- c) To announce the decisions taken by the Student Council Executive Board and to monitor their implementation,
- d) Preparing annual activity reports and presenting them to the Rectorate, sharing them with all students,
- e) Participating in the Senate and University Executive Board meetings while discussing the issues regarding students (In cases where the chairman does not attend, the vice chairman or a board member determined by the chairman attends the meetings.
- Duties of Student Council Representatives and Termination of Representation Rights** a) In case of graduation or leaving the University for any reason,
- b) In the event of any activity considered to be a disciplinary offense requiring disciplinary punishment, the provisions of the Student Disciplinary Code shall be applied.
- Appointment of the Executive Board of the Student Council** 13. The Chairperson and the members of the Executive Board of the Student Council shall live in dormitories in accordance with the principles of this Code and within the scope of the budget. The Rectorate shall be responsible for internal and international assignments. Expenditures and participation fees, if any, shall be covered by the budget of the Student Activity Fund with the approval of the Rectorate.
- Supervision of Student Council Activities** 14. The Vice-Rector is responsible for overseeing the work of the Student Council through the Social and Cultural Activities Unit under the Social and Cultural Activities Directorate.
- Coming into Force** 15. This Code shall come into force from the date it is approved by the Senate of Rauf Denктаş University.
- Execution** 16. This Code shall be executed by the Rectorate of Rauf Denктаş University.