



CUOS Regulations

The Board of the University,

In view of the following

- In accordance with Article 6.2.1 of the University of Groningen's Administrative Regulations (BBR; Bestuurs- en Beheersreglement), the Board of the University has established a Central Executive Board for Student Organizations
- For the implementation of the BBR, this Central Board shall be responsible for:
 - Taking decisions regarding the recognition of student organizations
 - Allocating the budget set by the Board of the University for such organizations
 - Managing the accommodation made available by the Board of the University for student organizations
 - Advising the Board of the University on the re-evaluation and assessment of organizations that are or want to be included in the Graduation Fund Regulations
 - In accordance with Articles 7.51.1 and 7.51.2a of the Higher Education and Research Act (WHW; Wet op het Hoger Onderwijs en Wetenschappelijk Onderzoek), the Board of the University must provide facilities to financially support among others student members of consultative/administrative bodies, and committee members of student organizations of a given size with full legal competence.
- The Central Executive Board for Student Organizations requires regulations, in which the tasks, composition, powers, and procedures are stipulated.

has decided to establish the following Regulations:

Article 1. Definitions

The following definitions apply to these Regulations:

- a. UG: the University of Groningen
- b. The Board: the Board of the University of Groningen
- c. The BBR: the Administrative Regulations (Bestuurs- en Beheersreglement) of the University of Groningen
- d. CUOS: The Central Executive Board for Student Organizations of the University of Groningen
- e. Framework: Framework for the support of Student Organizations and University Bodies
- f. Financial resources: Funds made available to CUOS by the Board of the University
- g. Grant: Funds made available to an organization by CUOS
- h. Accommodation: Accommodation made available to an organization by CUOS
- i. Organization: A student organization that represents the UG student body, works for the benefit of the student body, is open to all UG students and only has students on its Board
- j. Financial year: The financial year of CUOS, running from 1 January until 31 December
- k. Re-evaluation: The re-evaluation of an organization listed in Appendix 1 of the Graduation Fund Regulations
- l. Student: Person who is registered as such with the UG or who is affiliated with the UG as a PhD student
- m. Student party: A student party that is registered with the Central Voting Office and is eligible to participate in elections for the student section of the University Council

Article 2. Tasks of CUOS

1. CUOS is responsible for the following tasks:
 - a. Assessing whether an organization is eligible for grants:
 - i. Assessing and approving organizations' applications for activity grants and accommodation in accordance with these regulations and guidelines, the Guidelines for Activity Grants and Accommodation, and the Regulations for Activity Grants for Cultural Organizations;



- ii. Assessing and approving organizations' applications for the Establishment Grants for International Student Organizations;
 - iii. Assessing and approving organizations' applications for the Internationalization and Inclusion Grants in accordance with the relevant regulations;
 - iv. Assessing and approving the applications of student parties for Campaign Grants in accordance with these regulations;
 - v. Managing and monitoring accommodation for organizations within the frameworks set by the Board.
 - b. Assessing whether an organization is eligible for inclusion in the Graduation Fund Part B.
 - c. Advising the Board with regard to the organizations that have to be included in Appendix 1 of the Graduation Fund Regulations, Part B on the basis of an assessment of their applications for listing or re-listing.
 - d. Every three years; re-evaluating the organizations that are included in Appendix 1 of the Graduation Fund Part B.
 - e. Advising the Board concerning the number of Board membership grant months to be allocated after re-evaluation. CUOS can issue advice to the Strategy Education and Students department concerning policy relating to student organizations and student consultative participation. CUOS can issue advice to the General and Legal Affairs department concerning any changes to be implemented in the assessment framework for the benefit of the evaluation or re-evaluation of student organizations.
 - f. Preparing the CUOS Annual Plan, which comprises in any case the following:
 - i. Annual administrative resolutions and planning
 - ii. A budget of income and expenditure based on the allocation of grants by the Board and an explanation of the budget
 - g. Other tasks that are in keeping with the profile of CUOS.
2. A member of CUOS is the first point of contact for the following student facilities: ACLO, KEI, ESN and Usva.

Article 3. Accountability

1. CUOS is accountable to the Board for the performance of its tasks. To this end, it must provide an annual report outlining in any case the realization of its income and expenditure. It must also provide the Board with any other information on request.
2. Once a year, an administrative meeting takes place with the Board of the University to discuss the annual plan and the performance of CUOS' tasks.

Article 4. Appointment and composition

1. CUOS comprises five members who are appointed by the Board on the recommendation of an Appointment Advisory Committee for the period from 1 September through 31 August of the following year.
2. The Chair is appointed by the CUOS members. The division of duties is determined by CUOS itself, whereby the Appointment Advisory Committee may offer advice as it sees fit.
3. Members of CUOS must be registered as full-time students at the UG.
4. Should a member of CUOS stand down from their position prematurely, the Board will provide a successor for the remaining period of the original term as soon as possible.

Article 5. Work meetings and decision-making meetings

1. CUOS holds a work meeting in principle every week and at least once a month, during which it discusses submitted documents and policy.
2. CUOS also holds decision-making meetings.
3. CUOS ensures decisions taken during the decision-making meetings are published in a timely manner on www.rug.nl/cuos.



Article 6. Plenary meeting

1. At least once a year, CUOS invites all currently listed organizations to a plenary meeting,
2. during which at least the following are discussed:
 - a. The CUOS Annual Plan or CUOS Annual Report, insofar as these have not already been discussed during a plenary meeting held earlier in the same academic year
 - b. Relevant announcements concerning support for student organizations and/or relevant changes in regulations that affect CUOS or student organizations
 - c. The current state of affairs concerning the accommodation of organizations
3. The organizations are given the opportunity to present their views on each agenda item, although they have no voting rights.
4. CUOS makes the relevant documents available to those invited in a timely manner.

Article 7. Student facilities

1. Student facilities comprise the organizations ACLO, ESN, KEI, and Usva.
2. Student facilities receive an activity grant as a fixed amount on an annual basis. They are provided with accommodation by CUOS if they have no other accommodation arrangements. Student facilities do not need to apply to CUOS for an activity grant or accommodation.
3. Student facilities submit the final version of their annual plan, which includes their budget, annual report, and financial report, to CUOS as soon as possible.

Article 8. University Council parties

1. CUOS is responsible for housing the University Council parties if they do not have access to any other accommodation. If CUOS is already providing them with accommodation, the University Council parties need not submit an application to CUOS, unless they consider it necessary to adjust their accommodation (to a larger or smaller accommodation).
2. This article applies to University Council parties that have at least one seat in the University Council.

Article 9. Activity grant and accommodation

1. Organizations must meet all the following conditions in order to be eligible for an activity grant or accommodation:
 - a. The organization has a legal personality and has full legal competence, as demonstrated by:
 - i. Articles of Association certified by a notary
 - ii. A current registration with the Chamber of Commerce.
 - b. The Articles of Association of the organization must state at least the following:
 - i. The objective of the organization
 - ii. The activities of the organization
 - iii. The fact that the organization is a non-profit organization
 - c. In addition, the Articles of Association must state at least the following:
 - i. The organization represents the student body of the UG and/or Hanze UAS
 - ii. The organization's executive board consists of students or scholarship students
 - iii. The organization is in principle open to all students enrolled at the UG and/or Hanze UAS
 - d. The organization draws up a budget, an annual report, and annual accounts every year
 - e. In the opinion of CUOS, the organization contributes to a positive image of the UG and/or Hanze UAS and of Groningen as a student city
 - f. In the opinion of the Introduction Period Advisory Committee (ACI), the organization complies with the agreements made in the UG and Hanze UAS Introduction Period Regulations



2. If an organization is disbanded, its Articles of Association are amended, there is a significant reduction in its range of activities, or if the organization no longer meets one of the conditions stipulated in paragraph 1, this must be reported to CUOS without delay.
3. CUOS may require an audit by an accountant, and the accountant's report may have consequences for the organization.
4. The following student organizations are not eligible for direct CUOS support in the form of an activity grant and/or accommodation:
 - a. Sports organizations
 - b. Social student organizations
 - c. Study- or faculty-related organizations.
5. Cultural organizations that require support in the form of an activity grant can contact the Student Board of Usva, as established in the Activity Grant for Cultural Organizations Regulations.

Article 10. Allocating activity grants and accommodation

1. Organizations that meet the conditions in Article 9 may be eligible for support in the form of an activity grant or accommodation. Organizations must submit an application to this end to CUOS.
2. Support from CUOS is intended to be supplementary: it is only granted insofar as other possibilities are reasonably proven to be insufficient.
3. CUOS assesses the application as referred to in paragraph 1 and reaches a provisional decision within six weeks of receipt thereof.
4. When assessing applications for activity grants, CUOS takes into account the following:
 - a. That the range and scope of activities for students is in accordance with the organization's objectives
 - b. The quality and uniqueness of these activities
 - c. Student turnout and the frequency of the activities
 - d. The actual need for support in relation to the organization's existing financial resources
 - e. The contribution of the activity to the image of the UG and Groningen as a student city
5. When assessing applications for accommodation, CUOS takes into account the following:
 - a. The organization's workload and space requirements
 - b. The actual need for support in relation to the organization's existing material resources
6. CUOS will give the organization concerned the opportunity to examine the provisional decision and express its views on this decision within 10 working days, whereby the organization can indicate whether or not it agrees with the provisional decision and why.
7. If the organization concerned does not make its views known within this period, the provisional decision will automatically become definitive.
8. If the organization concerned does make its views known within this period, CUOS will reach a definitive decision as soon as possible thereafter.
9. After the end of the year for which an organization has received support, it must send an annual report and a copy of the annual accounts to CUOS. CUOS may decide that the annual accounts must be accompanied by an audit certificate.
10. The annual report and annual accounts must include at least the following:
 - a. Justification of the use of the received funding
 - b. A summary and an explanation of the activities undertaken
 - c. An overview of the total number of participants per activity
11. When processing an application, CUOS will assess whether the activity grant awarded to the organization in the previous year was used effectively.
12. If CUOS is of the opinion that not all of the activity grant awarded in the previous year was put to good use, it may reduce the amount of funding accordingly in its decision.



13. If CUOS is of the opinion that the organization undertook additional activities in the previous year that were in the interest of students, the UG and Groningen as a student city, and which involved unforeseen financial expenses, it may increase the amount of funding accordingly in its decision.
14. To ensure efficient decision-making, CUOS expects the organizations that receive support to keep an adequate and sufficiently detailed overview of their finances, workload, and other important matters that may affect the decision to award them a grant.

Article 11. Allocating campaign grants

1. A student party that is registered with the Central Voting Office for the elections of the student section of the University Council may be eligible for a campaign grant.
2. A total of €5000 is available for campaign grants on an annual basis. This amount is distributed among the student parties that meet the conditions for allocation of the grants.
3. The final date for the announcement of candidacy to the Central Voting Office is also the final date for submitting an application for a campaign grant to CUOS.
4. Support from CUOS is intended to be supplementary: it is only granted insofar as other possibilities are reasonably proven to be insufficient.
5. An application for a campaign grant must in any case include:
 - a. A fully completed application form
 - b. A campaign activity plan
 - c. A campaign budget
6. CUOS will assess the application referred to in paragraph 1 and will reach a provisional decision on whether to award the campaign grant within three weeks of receipt, and subsequently order the payment of the grant.
7. When assessing applications for campaign grants, CUOS takes into account the actual need for support in relation to the student party's existing financial resources.
8. At the end of the campaign in question, and by 1 July at the latest, the student party must send a financial statement and administrative justification of how the grant has been spent to CUOS.
9. CUOS may request further information from the relevant student party at any time.
10. CUOS will reach a definitive decision on the campaign grant within ten working days of receipt of the financial statement and justification described in paragraph 8. As part of the decision-making process, CUOS will assess whether the student party used the allocated grant for its intended purpose.
11. If a student party is disbanded, its Articles of Association are amended, or there is a significant change in its campaign activities, it must report this to CUOS immediately.
12. CUOS may require an audit by an accountant, and the accountant's report may have consequences for the organization.
13. If CUOS is of the opinion that the campaign grant has not been used for its intended purpose, it may decide to reduce the definitive grant accordingly and reclaim the difference.

Article 12. Administrative support

CUOS receives administrative support from University Services.

Article 13. Advisory Board

1. The Advisory Board issues advice, both upon request and on its own initiative, to the Board of the CUOS.
2. The Advisory Board is authorized to issue advice on all matters concerning the CUOS.
3. The Advisory Board has three members and consists of former board members of the CUOS. The administrative support of the CUOS appoints the members of the Advisory Board. This appointment runs from 1 September to 31 August of the relevant academic year.
4. The Advisory Board does not have any administrative responsibilities.
5. The Advisory Board does not have access to individual applications and documents of student organizations.



Article 14. Mandates and objections

1. Decisions taken by CUOS following from these Regulations are de facto decisions of the Board.
2. Organizations have the right to lodge an objection against definitive decisions of CUOS with the Board within six weeks after the decision has been announced, pursuant to the General Administrative Law Act (Awb).

Article 15. Citation

These Regulations can be cited as the CUOS Regulations.

Article 16. Commencement

These Regulations enter into force on 1 September 2024 and replace all previously established CUOS Regulations.