

# UPARTICIPATE

## PARTICIPATION OPPORTUNITIES



### YOU HAVE THE CHOICE(S)

Students can elect various offices annually in the central university elections: StuPa, Equal Opportunity Officers as well as student members of the Senate and the respective Faculty Council. In addition, all students are members of at least one student council and can therefore elect a student council (FSR) each year. Students can also run for all positions they elect. So, UP into the committee?!

**Uni Elections**  
this year:  
**21. - 23.06.22**

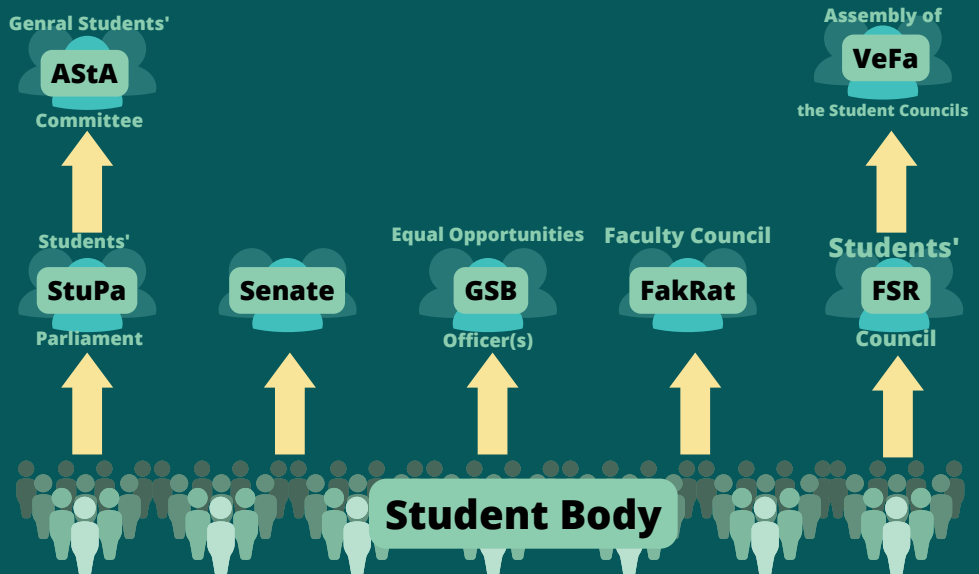
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the StuPa  
election:

More about  
other  
elections:



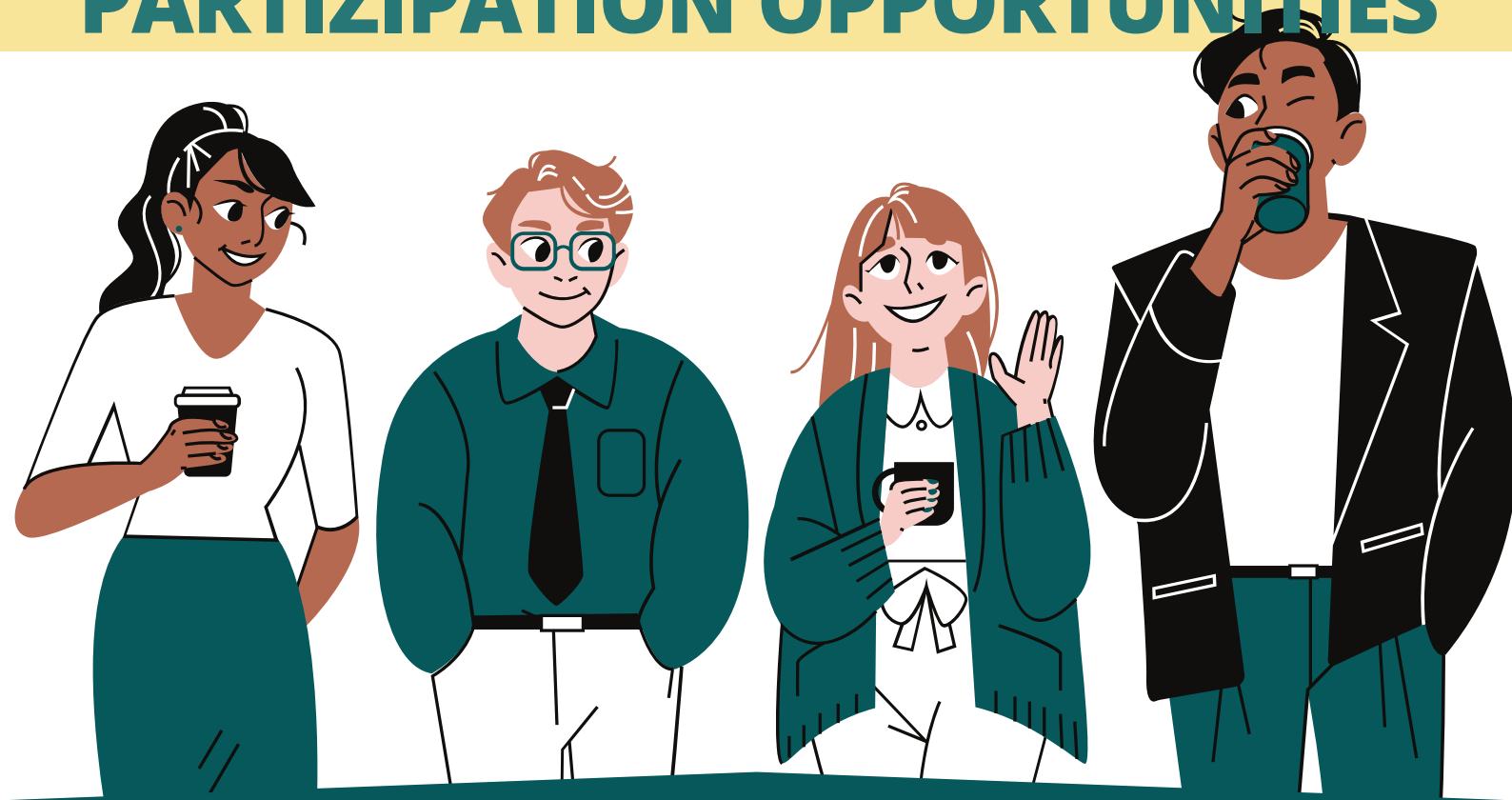
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### Where can I participate?

First of all, there should be various forms of involvement and feedback for students in the teaching itself (at least course evaluations). However, looking beyond your own studies can decisively enrich your study life with life experiences.

1) At the university locations you can discover different spaces for creative and recreational activities - e.g. in Golm the **Lesecafé** and the student garden (**StuGa**), at Neues Palais the StudentInnenkeller (**Nil**), at Campus Griebnitzsee the **Café Eselsohr** and not far away some **FSR** rooms.

2) There are also student places in the city. An important project of our student body here is the student cultural center [**KuZe**] with numerous participation opportunities such as **music workshop, tutoring for children from migrant families, UPlug, Amnesty International**.

3) There are numerous university groups (HSG) and projects for various interests and target groups, e.g. the student telephone counselling **Nightline**. Examples of active HSGs can be found on the left. In addition, there are various projects and campaigns at the university and beyond.



# Students' Councils

A Students' Council (FSR, short for Fachschaftsrat) is a **student representation for one or more study programs** - also towards the teaching staff, when student needs are assessed. Hence, there are more than 30 FSRs.

FSRs are often particularly present during the **introductory weeks** at the University of Potsdam. Here, as well as throughout the year, FSRs offer various formats, which we try to systematize briefly here. FSRs create offers ...

to **support the studies/start of studies**

(e.g. campus tour, schedule building consultation),

for **education** beyond the subject study

(e.g. museum visit, movie night),

to build the **sense of community** in the student body

(e.g. barbecue, pub tour, party).



The election of an FSR does not take place in the context of the university elections (but possibly at the same time), but at a separate date, sometimes in the context of an FSR event. **FSRs can always use your support** and certainly like to hear from you.

## Assembly of Students' Councils

This assembly (German Versammlung der Fachschaften, short VeFa) usually takes place monthly and serves the **exchange of information** between the FSRs and with the StuPa and AStA. In addition, there is also an own fund for which **project motions** can be accepted.

On the website of the VeFa you can find an **overview of all students' councils** at the University of Potsdam, mostly with links and corresponding subjects. Apart from that, this website is mainly a service for the work of the FSR.



vefa.uni-potsdam.de/  
fsr/fachschaften/



What are  
the FSRs?.

# Students' Parliament

The StuPa consists of **27 students** who are elected in the university elections and usually belong to different lists (cf. parties). Some of these lists are related to political parties in the federal government, others are not.

The StuPa elects different committees such as the General Students' Committee (**AStA**, short for Allgemeiner Studierendenausschuss) as the executive of the student body, the Student Election Committee (**StWA**, short for Studentischer Wahlausschuss) to organize the election of the StuPa or a ballot of all students, the Audit Committee (**RPA**, short for Rechnungsprüfungsausschuss) to check the correctness of the expenditure of funds, because the StuPa as the highest student body decides on the use of your **student body contribution** and also accepts **project motions**.

## General Students' Committee

The AStA consists of various **departments** elected and established by the StuPa (e.g. Department for University Policy). It also serves as the employer of the **employees** who are employed by our student body and thus enable many to make use of services (e.g. BAföG, social, rent and university law advice).

The AStA can also decide on **project motions** (incl. finances). In addition, the AStA team organizes their own **campaigns and events** and **represents the student body publicly**.

**Service offers** of the AStA can be found on the left. In addition, we have linked the university's **counseling services** on the right, e.g. psychological counseling and studying with disabilities.



[astaup.de/service/](https://astaup.de/service/)



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What are  
Stupa & AStA?