

## **PART V Provision of Additional Support and tuition fee waiver**

The General Section shall apply unless specifically waived in this section.

A one-time choice must be made from the provisions in this part of the regulation. It is not possible to use both facilities.

### **Article 1 Procedure Provision of Additional Support**

1. A member of the USR or a board member of a student organization engaged in full-time or nearly full-time activities, may be eligible for a provision for additional support on a one-time basis and for a period not exceeding one academic year, provided that the conditions set by the Executive Board for this purpose are met.
2. The USR member or student organization board member must be enrolled at the VU as a full-time student and have paid tuition at the VU.
3. The two members of the daily board of the USR and up to three committee coordinators are eligible for additional support.
4. Up to eight student organization board members are eligible for the additional support if:
  - the student organization has more than 750 VU members and the student organization has at least 150 VU members per board member. VU members are only those members enrolled at the VU as of January 1 of the academic year in which it is decided whether the organization's board members are eligible for the Provision of Additional Support.
5. The Executive Board adopts at least every three years:
  - a which boards and how many student organization board members qualify for the additional support based on the criteria in this regulation;
  - b the number of units.
6. The amount of the provision is included in the Statement of Allocation of the Student Support Regulation.
7. Student associations of any size but with just under 750 VU members may also apply to be considered for the provision of additional support. In that case, they must demonstrate that they govern full-time. The application must be supported by the relevant faculty board.
8. If a member of the USR or a member of the board of a student organization terminates their enrollment during the academic year, or terminates their activities as a member of the USR or as a member of the board of a student organization, that person is only entitled to a proportional part of this compensation.
9. Deadline request disbursement: no later than October 31 of the calendar year regardless of when the official board year ends.

### **Article 2 Conditions of tuition fee waiver**

1. Eligible for the tuition fee waiver are students who:
  - a are enrolled in an degree program at the VU, and
  - b receive a board grant for their board position within a recognized student organization or the USR, and
  - c hold a full-time board position. This means that the student spends at least 1,680 hours of the academic year in one or more board positions or receives a total of at least 9 scholarship months, and
  - d is willing to sign a statement in which the student waives the right to attend classes, take examinations, take exams and receive supervision in study and research activities at the institution or another funded institution during the entire academic year that the student serves on the board.

### **Article 3 Application procedure tuition fee waiver**

1. The student applies for the tuition fee waiver by September 1 of the respective academic year using an application form.
2. The student agrees to waive attendance at instruction, taking examinations, taking exams, and receiving supervision in study and research activities at the institution or another funded institution during the entire college year that the student serves on the board.
3. The application form is signed by the student and the head of student administration.

### **Article 4 Commencement and duration of the tuition fee waiver**

1. Tuition fee waiver for enrolled students begins in the September of the academic year in which the student is a full-time board member.
2. Students are entitled to be exempted from paying the tuition fee once and for the period of a full academic year, despite their enrollment.
3. The tuition fee waiver application is valid for a full academic year and may not be interrupted or extended mid-term.
4. At the end of the academic year in which the enrolled student was a full-time student, a check will be made to see if student meets the conditions as stated in article 3, paragraph 2. Should a check reveal that the student has not met these requirements, the student will still be required to pay the tuition for this academic year.

### **Article 5 Process and decision**

1. The director of SOZ will, on behalf of the Executive Board, decide on the request for financial assistance within eight weeks of receipt.
2. The decision shall be communicated to the applicant in writing, with a (brief) statement. The decision includes:
  - a. The granting of the facility, or;
  - b. the rejection of the application.
3. Against a decision, or the failure to make a decision within eight weeks after submitting a complete request for financial assistance, the student may submit an objection to the Executive Board in accordance with the objection procedure established by the Executive Board. The objection period is six weeks.
4. Against decisions of the Executive Board on the objection, the student may appeal to the Council of State, upon payment of court fees. The appeal period is six weeks.