

Student participation in the internal quality management of a private university

Students should be extensively involved in the quality management of private universities. In the Berlin Communiqué (2003) the following has been noted: “Students are full partners in higher education governance. Ministers note that national legal measures for ensuring student participation are largely in place throughout the European Higher Education Area. They also call on institutions and student organisations to identify ways of increasing actual student involvement in higher education governance. “

The ÖAR thus assumes that students should be involved in the design, realization, evaluation and implementation of quality management processes. The following process levels of quality management must be taken into account:

- Studying conditions and organization of studies
- Feedback on classes and lectures
- Self-evaluation as a part of evaluation, accreditation and reaccreditation procedures
- Follow-up- measures of the evaluation results
- Compilation of annual reports for the ÖAR

Together with students private universities should develop suitable instruments, as for instance creating an elected student representation.