

SAKARYA UNIVERSITY STUDENT SENATE DIRECTIVE
(Updated by University Senate Decision No. 06, dated 20.09.2019, No. 537)

Purpose

ARTICLE 1) The purpose of this directive is to regulate the procedures and principles regarding the formation and operation of the Sakarya University Student Senate.

Scope

ARTICLE 2) This directive covers the establishment principles and operational regulations of the Student Senate formed within Sakarya University.

Basis

ARTICLE 3) This directive has been prepared as an extension of the governance approach by ensuring student participation in Quality and Accreditation Evaluation processes.

Formation of the Student Senate

ARTICLE 4) The Sakarya University Student Senate consists of members selected from the following groups:

Group	Number of Members	Distribution (%)
Student Council Representatives	14	32%
Student Club Representatives	8	18%
International Student Representatives	7	16%
Successful Students	14	32%
Disabled Student	1	2%
TOTAL	44	100%

ARTICLE 5) Member selection:

- a) The Student Council President and the representative of each faculty automatically become members of the Student Senate.
- b) Eight representatives from different student clubs are selected as Student Senate members.
- c) Considering geographical distribution, seven international students are selected as Senate members.
- d) The most successful student from each faculty becomes a Senate member. The most successful student is determined from those transitioning from the second to the third year, based on the highest GPA.
- e) One disabled student is selected.

ARTICLE 6) Membership in the Senate is terminated in the following cases:

- a) Resignation,
- b) Absence from meetings twice consecutively without an excuse or a total of three times within a year,

- c) Conviction of any crime or receiving disciplinary punishment,
- d) Serving as a successful student representative for two years in the Senate.

Convening of the Student Senate

ARTICLE 7)

a) The Student Senate convenes regularly once every two months during the academic term with the following participants. Extraordinary meetings can be held when necessary:

1. Members,
2. Rector,
3. Vice Rectors,
4. Student Dean,
5. University General Secretary or relevant Deputy General Secretary,
6. Attending members sign the attendance sheet, and students participating in the Student Senate meeting are considered excused for that day,
7. Sakarya Metropolitan Municipality City Council Youth Assembly: One representative from the Sakarya Metropolitan Municipality City Council Youth Assembly becomes a Senate member. Their term is one year, and if the term ends or membership is terminated for any reason, a new member is selected through the same process.

b) The Rector, Vice Rector, or Student Dean presides over the meeting.

c) The meeting agenda is prepared by the Student Dean's Office. Student Senate members can propose agenda items at least two days before the meeting.

d) Discussions and decisions taken during the meeting are recorded in minutes.

Enforcement

ARTICLE 8) This directive enters into force as of the date it is approved by the Senate.

Execution

ARTICLE 9) This directive is executed by the Rector of Sakarya University.