

THE STATUTES OF BREMENS ERSTER KLUB KULTURINTERESSIERTER STUDIERENDER (BEKKS E.V.)

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In force from 18 April 2026, by resolution of the general meeting of 18 April 2026:

§ 1 Purpose of the association

- (1) The purpose of the association is to foster student life and to promote international understanding, cultural exchange and sociability, both ideally and materially.
- (2) Through the selfless promotion of student culture, the association pursues exclusively and directly charitable purposes within the meaning of the German Fiscal Code (Abgabenordnung). The funds of the association, including any surpluses, may be used only for the purposes set out in these statutes.
- (3) The association is politically non-partisan and non-denominational.
- (4) The purpose of the association is to be achieved by the following means:
 - a) ensuring regular cultural events
 - b) organising social evenings
 - c) procuring and providing sports, leisure and work equipment.

§ 2 Name and registered office of the association, financial year

- (1) The association bears the name "Bremens erster Klub kulturinteressierter Studierender" and has its registered office in Bremen. The association is to be entered in the register of associations. The name will then carry the addition "eingetragener Verein (e. V.)" (registered association).
- (2) The financial year begins on 1 January and ends on 31 December.

§ 3 Membership, rights and duties

- (1) The association consists of active members, supporting members and honorary members.
- (2) Any natural person who can identify with the statutes and in particular with the aims of the association can become an active member.
- (3) Any natural or legal person who supports the aims of the association ideally or financially can become a supporting member.
- (4) Persons who have rendered special services to the association may be appointed honorary members. The appointment is made by resolution of the general meeting by simple majority, on the proposal of the board or of at least one tenth of the members entitled to vote. An honorary member may at the same time be an active member; in that case the rights and duties of an active member take precedence until the active membership ends.

- (5) Any person who can identify with the statutes and in particular with the aims of the association can become a member.
- (6) All members have the right to speak and to take part in all events of the association. Only active members have the right to vote and the right to elect and to be elected.
- (7) All members have the right to submit motions to the board, the association committee and the general meeting. They are entitled to take part in all events of the association.
- (8) Members receive no share of profits and, in their capacity as members, no other payments from the funds of the association. On leaving, or on dissolution or termination of the association, they may not receive back more than their paid-in capital contributions and the fair value of their contributions in kind.
- (9) Members are obliged
 - a) to promote the aims of the association to the best of their ability,
 - b) to treat the property of the association with care,
 - c) to notify the board in writing without delay of any change of address.

§ 4 Beginning and end of membership

- (1) Admission must be applied for in writing. The association committee decides on the application by simple majority. The association committee may reject admission for legitimate reasons. The rejection is communicated to the applicant in writing, with reasons. If the association committee rejects admission, the applicant may appeal to the general meeting, which decides finally by simple majority.
- (2) The amount of the admission fee and of the annual fees for active and supporting members is governed by fee rules adopted by the general meeting. Honorary members are exempt from paying fees.
- (3) Membership is not transferable.
- (4) Membership ends
 - a) by resignation,
 - b) by removal from the list of members because of unpaid fees,
 - c) by expulsion,
 - d) by death,
 - e) in the case of legal persons, by loss of legal capacity.
- (4) Resignation from the association is made in writing, also by e-mail, in each case with signature. Resignation is possible with one month's notice to the end of a month.
- (5) Expulsion takes place
 - a) in the case of a gross or repeated breach of the statutes or of the interests of the association,
 - b) because of dishonourable conduct inside or outside association life,
 - c) for other serious reasons affecting association discipline,
 - d) in the case of inactivity, by resolution of the committee meeting or the general meeting.

- (6) Membership ends by removal from the list of members if membership fees remain unpaid despite two reminders. The association committee decides on the removal.
- (7) The association committee decides on expulsion by simple majority. The expelled person may object in writing, stating reasons, within one month; the objection goes to the general meeting. The member must be given an opportunity to justify themselves in person at the general meeting. The expulsion decision must be communicated to the member in writing, with detailed reasons, within one week.
- (9) With the end of membership, all claims arising from membership lapse.

§ 5 Bodies of the association

The bodies of the association are:

- a) the board
- b) the association committee
- c) the general meeting

§ 6 The board

- (1) The board consists of:
 - a) the 1st chairperson
 - b) the 2nd chairperson
 - c) the treasurer and secretary
- (2) The association is represented in and out of court by at least two board members jointly.
- (3) The board runs the day-to-day business of the association. It is responsible for managing the assets of the association and for carrying out the resolutions of the association and of the association committee.
- (4) Each board member is individually authorised to enter into legal transactions up to €250 on behalf of the association and to procure consumables needed for the purpose of the association, but not beyond the cash balance. For liabilities above €250, service contracts and financing, the consent of the association committee is required.
- (5) The board may commission active members to procure consumables. The authorisation may be given in text form or orally.
- (6) The treasurer is responsible for managing the association's funds and keeping its financial books.
- (7) The board is elected by the general meeting for a term of one year. It remains in office until a new board is elected. Re-election is possible.
- (8) If a board member leaves, the remaining board members have the right to appoint a replacement until the next general meeting, which must be convened within 4 weeks.
- (9) The board may delegate tasks to members, provided they consent.

§ 7 The association committee

- (1) The association committee consists of the board members and all active members. Supporting members and honorary members do not belong to the association committee and have no right to vote.
- (2) The association committee passes its resolutions in committee meetings. These are convened by a board member. The board must convene a meeting if 1/3 of the committee members demand it, stating the purpose and reasons.
- (3) The association committee has a quorum if at least 1/3 of the committee members and at least 2 board members are present.
- (4) If there is no quorum, a board member may within ten days convene a second meeting with the same agenda. This meeting has a quorum regardless of the number of members attending. The invitation to the second meeting must point out this special quorum rule.
- (5) The association committee passes resolutions by simple majority of the votes cast. It is responsible for the tasks laid down in the statutes (§ 4 (1), (5) and § 6 (4)) and for any further tasks assigned to it by the general meeting.
- (6) A motion for honorary membership may be made and decided in the committee.

§ 8 The general meeting

- (1) The ordinary general meeting is convened by the board once a year, if possible in the second quarter of the financial year.
- (2) Members are to be invited in text form, stating the agenda and giving at least two weeks' notice.
- (3) The board may also convene an extraordinary general meeting at any time. It must do so if 1/3 of the active members demand it in writing, stating the purpose and reasons, or if 3/4 of the association committee members demand it at a committee meeting. In this case members are to be invited in text form, stating the agenda and giving one week's notice.
- (4) The general meeting has a quorum if at least 1/3 of the members are present.
- (5) If there is no quorum, the board must within two weeks convene a second meeting with the same agenda. This meeting has a quorum regardless of the number of members attending. The invitation to the second meeting must point out this special quorum rule.

§ 9 Tasks and rights of the general meeting

The general meeting has in particular the following tasks:

- a) electing the board.
- b) receiving the annual and financial report of the board and the audit report of the auditors, and granting discharge.
- c) drawing up the budget.
- d) deciding on amendments to the statutes and on all other matters submitted to it by the board, as well as on matters assigned to it by the statutes.
- e) re-electing the board or parts of it during the term of office if it does not perform its tasks or does so insufficiently.

f) deciding on the dissolution of the association.

§ 10 Decision-making of the general meeting

- (1) A board member chairs the general meeting. If the entire board is prevented, a deputy appointed by the board chairs.
- (2) The general meeting passes its resolutions by simple majority of the votes cast, unless law or statutes require a different majority. Voting by proxy is not permitted. Honorary members have no right to vote.
- (3) Resolutions are passed by open vote unless statutory provisions or the statutes provide otherwise.
- (4) Elections are held by secret ballot on request.
- (5) For the election of the members responsible for auditing and for the election of board members, an absolute majority of the valid votes cast is required. If no candidate achieves an absolute majority, a second round takes place between the two candidates with the most votes. If the second round ends in a tie, the result is decided by lot.

§ 11 Recording of resolutions; minutes

- (1) Resolutions of the board, the association committee and the general meetings must be put in writing.
- (2) Minutes are taken of every general meeting and must be signed by the chair of the meeting and by the secretary.

§ 12 Amendments to the statutes

- (1) The statutes can be amended only by the general meeting.
- (2) The invitation must state in the agenda which section of the statutes is to be amended.
- (3) A resolution amending the statutes requires a majority of 3/4 of the valid votes cast.

§ 13 Assets

- (1) All income and funds of the association are used exclusively to achieve the purposes of the association.
- (2) No one may be favoured by expenditure foreign to the purposes of the association or by disproportionately high remuneration.

§ 14 Dissolution of the association

- (1) The association is dissolved by resolution of the general meeting; 3/4 of the valid votes cast must be in favour of dissolution.
- (2) The general meeting appoints two liquidators to wind up the business.
- (3) On dissolution or termination of the association, or if its previous purposes cease to apply, the assets of the association pass to a charitable organisation, to be named at that time, whose purposes are close to those of the statutes.

It is hereby certified, in accordance with § 71 (1) sentence 3 of the German Civil Code (BGB), that the amended provisions of the above statutes agree with the resolution on the amendment of the statutes of 18 April 2026, and that the changed provisions agree with the complete wording of the statutes most recently submitted to the register of associations.

Bremen, 18 April 2026

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