

Since the establishment of the Law Faculty in Trnava, particular attention has been paid to self-governance of the faculty as a part of a public university. Throughout the existence of the Faculty, an academic senate has been in place. The Faculty Academic Senate consists of 15 members, 5 of which are students. The employee section members are elected by direct and secret ballot by teachers and researchers. The student section members including doctoral students are elected by faculty students. The members of the Senate are elected for a period of four years. The Law Faculty is represented in the Trnava University Senate, as well, taking an active part in the self-governance of the university. The work of the Academic Senate and of its members is focused not only on the meetings of the Senate as such, but also on involving the entire academia in its decision-making. The Senate meetings are held at least twice a semester and they are public.

The Faculty Senate adopts internal rules proposed by the Dean. The Academic Senate elects a Dean candidate and proposes or approves the Rector's proposals to dismiss the Dean and proposes a person to be charged with the responsibilities of the Dean until a new Dean is appointed. The Faculty Senate is also involved in other important tasks of the Faculty. It approves the Dean's proposals to appoint and dismiss the Vice-Deans, the members of the Scientific Board. It approves the draft faculty budget and monitors the faculty funds. It also approves long-term faculty objectives in the field of education, research and other university activities, as well as important annual reports on faculty activities and management. The Academic Senate pays great attention to examination of draft study programmes and approving admission criteria. It also gives its opinions concerning the Dean's proposals to establish, join, merge, divide or cancel faculty units.

The current Senate was elected in December 2010 and its term started on February 15, 2011. Pursuant to the Faculty Statute, the term of Faculty Senate members is two years. Accordingly, the term of current Senate members will expire on February 14, 2013.

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