

## **THE ROLE OF STUDENT SELF-GOVERNMENT (SG) IN THE LIFE OF THE FACULTY**

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Summary: The role of student self-government (SG) in the functioning of the faculty is presented. The main areas of activities and activities are described. An important role is also the contact between students and school youth and students beginning their studies.

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The Faculty of Power and Aeronautical Engineering (FPAE) is one of the largest faculties at the Warsaw University of Technology. The Faculty is a leader in student activity through its Student Government (SG) and Student Academic Research Groups (17). Approximately 550 students of the FPAE faculty operate in student scientific research groups. These units maintain contact between students and students in numerous activities [1]. The main organization representing the interests of students at the FPAE Faculty is the Faculty Council of Local Government, which has 15 members each year. It is responsible for delegating 16 full members of the Faculty Council. During the term of office of 2019, 6 seats were allocated to delegates from the largest students scientific research groups operating at the Faculty, namely: The Scientific Research Group of Aviators, the Student Astronautics Group, the Student Aerodynamics of Vehicles Group, the Research Group of Robotics and the Power Engineering Academic Study Group, the remaining 10 persons are representatives of the Faculty Council of Local Government.

Representatives of the student government also take an active part in the meetings of the Dean's College and in the work of the Faculty Committees. In addition, the Faculty Council of Student Government has its representatives in the bodies of the Warsaw University of Technology. It delegates its representatives to the Warsaw University of Technology Students' Self-Government Parliament, Social, Didactic, Financial and Economic, Foreign, Cultural, Sports and Tourism, Student Houses, Accommodation and External Promotion and Cooperation

(formerly Information and Promotion). A delegate for the scientific groups has been reappointed to support the flow of information between the groups, WRS and the Faculty Authorities. Moreover, the Faculty Student Ombudsman has been appointed to whom students could report any problems. Attempts were also made to provide support for events important to the Faculty, such as the Faculty's Open Days and the inauguration of the academic year.

The SG prepared a collection of information for newly enrolled students and took care of their integration before the beginning of the academic year, thus facilitating their entry into student duties and implementation into academic life.

The SG's tasks include providing opinions on the schedule of classes and sessions, as well as conducting information meetings with first year students and all assistance to the faculty students. Thanks to good cooperation with the faculty's authorities, it is possible to quickly settle matters important for students.

In addition, SG is involved in international exchanges, as well as taking care of the cultural development of students. The projects organized by the unit are, among others: theater trips, integration events, picnics, sporting events, Christmas meetings (Christmas and Easter). One of the most important projects is: Camp of the Year "0". (for students enrolled in the faculty) and the shakedown, combined with the Miss & Mister faculty elections, as this allows newly enrolled students to find themselves more easily in the university. For this purpose, there was also a weekend integration trip at the beginning of the academic year. It is also worth noting the active participation of the SG representatives in the organization of the university-wide projects such as Juwenalia, Central Otrzesiny, the Warsaw University of Technology Cup or the Half-ball. A series of events entitled "The Cycle of Events. The series of events entitled "MELANS" organized together with the Faculty Council of Self-Government of the Faculty of Administration and Social Sciences was initiated in previous terms and still enjoys great interest among students. Once again, the Mayday sailing trips for students were organized together with the Faculty of Chemistry, Civil Engineering and Mathematics and Information Sciences. Also ski trip to Slovakia, organized together with SG Faculty of Mathematics and Information Sciences, was a success. Many students of our Faculty took part in both trips. Canoeing was also reactivated, which was organized together with

the Faculty of Mechatronics and Management at the beginning of the vacation.

SG represents and advertises the Faculty at events such as the WUT Open Door. The Departmental Self-Government is responsible for the organization and coordination of the Faculty's Open Doors and answers all questions from potential candidates.

The SG also contributes to the promotion of the Faculty by organizing actions of selling the Faculty's gadgets - sweatshirts, caps, socks, as well as T-shirts with a print advertising the Faculty.

The "Golden Cretaceous" competition is also held on a regular basis, the aim of which is to select the best lecturers and teachers of other didactic activities. The selection is made by Internet voting.

It is the responsibility of the SG to select the Faculty Board of Accommodation, which deals with accommodation of Faculty students in student houses. Members of the SG also actively participate in the work of the Faculty Scholarship Committee.

Students (members of Student Scientific Groups) take very active part in the research work carried out at the Faculty, and through their achievements also in promoting the dissemination of scientific and research activities of the Faculty. The activity of Student Scientific Groups, and especially students' achievements in various competitions, is of great importance for the popularization of knowledge (technology), as well as for the dissemination of scientific achievements of the Faculty's employees.

Students working in Scientific Groups, as well as members of the SG, took part in such events as [2]:

- Polish Radio Scientific Picnic and Copernicus Science Center,
- Science Festival,
- KONIK Scientific Groups Fair,
- IXth edition of the "Robert Bosch Academy of Inventors" educational project addressed to students of Warsaw junior high schools,
- University of Children and the Junior Programme at the Warsaw University of Technology (including demonstrations and laboratory exercises for children and young people),
- The "Strings for Take-Off" program for children and young people aimed, among others, at promoting aviation,
- Scientific Picnic "From micro to macro"
- Museums' Night on WUT,

- IXth Night at the Institute of Aviation, promotion of the aviation and space sector in Poland,
- Museums Night at the Patent Office
- Warsaw Motor Show,
- Automotive Industry Job Fair,
- Radio and television programs devoted to science and technology.

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