Fachschaft, Fachschaftsrat, Fachrat, Studierendenrat …what?

We know this is all too much information. However, it is important. This is why we have prepared this little information sheet for you that tells you what you can do, when you can do it and why you should do it.

In the Studierendenrat (StuRa), the student council, representatives from students’ initiatives and the Fachschaften at the university of Heidelberg come together to decide on matters concerning the students in general. They meet twice a month.

Elections take place in summerterm.

All students of a Fach such as physics or transcultural studies constitute their Fachschaft - including doctoral students. Every member of the Fachschaft may candidate for the Fachschaftsrat - a group of students representing the Fachschaft. They take an intermediate position between the students and the staff. They meet regularly, organize events, communicate news relevant for the students, give feedback and articulate students’ concerns to the staff.

The Fachrat consists of students, professors, teaching staff (“Mittelbau”) and members of administration. They meet at least once a semester to discuss departmental matters in detail, such as module structures, admission criteria and opening hours of the library.

Vote for your representatives in Fachschaftsrat and Fachrat usually in winterterm.

RUN for a seat in Fachrat and/or Fachschaftsrat:
- via online platform
  https://www.stura.uni-heidelberg.de/wahlen

“For Fachschaft” is the German word referring to all students of the subject/programmes, of all semesters, i.e. the whole student body of a “Fach”.

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