



# **Beni-Suef University**

# **Student Representation in University Governance**

# [1] Legal Framework for Student Representation

# [1.1] Statutory Basis

- Governing Law: Universities Organization Law No. 49 of 1972, Chapter 8 (Student Unions)
- Key Provisions:

Article	Student Governance Authority
128	Legally mandates Student Unions as official representatives
219	Defines 14 statutory objectives for student participation
220	Establishes multi-level union structure
349	Guarantees representation for students with disabilities

## [1.2] Institutional Recognition

- Student Unions are formally recognized in BSU's governance policies
- Union leadership participates in:
  - Faculty Council meetings
  - University Senate sessions (for university-wide matters)
  - Strategic planning committees

## [2] Governance Structure & Representation

#### [2.1] Organizational Hierarchy

#### **Three-Tier Representation System:**

- 1. University-Level Council
  - o Composed of elected representatives from all faculties
  - Voting rights on student affairs policies





# 2. Faculty/Institute Committees

- 7 specialized committees per faculty (Cultural, Sports, Academic, etc.)
- Direct input into faculty-level decisions

## 3. **Departmental Delegates**

• Represent student interests in curriculum reviews

## [2.2] Election & Appointment Protocols

- Eligibility Criteria (Article 224):
  - Egyptian nationality
  - Academic good standing (≤2 failed courses)
  - Clean disciplinary record
- Selection Process:
  - Annual democratic elections
  - Faculty advisor oversight
  - Results ratified by University Administration

## [3] Documented Participation in Governance

#### [3.1] Policy Influence

Initiative	Student Union Role	Outcome
Academic Calendar Reform	Led consultation process	Implemented 15% more study breaks
Campus Accessibility	Proposed infrastructure changes	8 new wheelchair ramps installed
Exam Regulations	Co-drafted grievance procedures	Reduced appeal processing time by 30%

## [3.2] Representation Metrics (2022-2023)

- 82% of faculty councils included student representatives
- 45 policy proposals submitted by Student Union
- **100%** of student activity budgets reviewed by union committees

## [4] Verification of Active Participation





# [4.1] Official Meeting Records

- <u>Faculty Council Minutes, 2023</u> showing student delegate votes
- University Senate attendance logs

## [4.2] Public Documentation

- <u>Student Union Facebook</u> with meeting updates
- Published annual reports on governance participation

## [4.3] Media Coverage

- <u>Al-Ahram Article</u> on student role in sustainability policies
- University press releases citing student contributions

## [5] Special Provisions for Inclusive Representation

## [5.1] Students with Disabilities

- Guaranteed seats on all union councils (Article 349)
- Dedicated accessibility committee

## [5.2] Academic Accommodations

• Protected participation rights during official activities (Article 353)

## [6] Institutional Endorsement

## Certification:

"The Student Union at Beni-Suef University holds formal decision-making authority as documented in our governance policies and meeting records. Their representation is integral to university operations."

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