



FENERBAHÇE UNIVERSITY ADVISORY BOARDS DIRECTIVE

PART ONE

Purpose, Scope, Basis, and Definitions

Purpose

ARTICLE 1 – (1) The purpose of this directive is to ensure cooperation between Fenerbahçe University and its academic units, public and private sector organizations, and other stakeholders, as well as the sustainability of this cooperation. It also aims to establish advisory boards to share expertise and determine the rules governing their functioning.

Scope

ARTICLE 2 – (1) This directive covers the formation of advisory boards, along with the working principles and rules to ensure sustainable cooperation with external stakeholders of Fenerbahçe University and its academic units, improve relations, and share expertise.

Basis

ARTICLE 3 – (1) This directive has been prepared based on clause (f) of Article 44 of the Higher Education Law, dated 04.11.1981 and numbered 2547, and Article 4 of the Regulation on the Establishment of an Advisory Board in Higher Education Institutions, published in the Official Gazette on 08.10.2016 and numbered 29851.

Definitions

ARTICLE 4 - (1) Definitions of the terms in this Directive are as follows;

- Academic Unit Advisory Board: A board that provides insights and recommendations on the activities conducted within faculties, institutes, colleges, and vocational schools,
- Academic Program Advisory Board: A board that assesses activities related to associate, undergraduate, and graduate education, as determined by academic units, in alignment with the conditions recommended by relevant program accreditation institutions. It offers insights and recommendations for programs conducted within these academic units,
- Secretary General: Secretary General of Fenerbahçe University,
- Board of Trustees: The Board of Trustees of Fenerbahçe University,
- Senate: Fenerbahçe University Senate,

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- a) Rector: Fenerbahçe University Rector,
- b) University: Fenerbahçe University,
- c) University Advisory Board: A board that provides insights and recommendations on the activities conducted at Fenerbahçe University and its units.

PART TWO

Formation and Operating Principles of Advisory Boards

Program advisory boards

ARTICLE 5 - (1) Program advisory boards are proposed by the relevant academic unit manager (head of department/program) and approved by the dean/principal.

(2) Program advisory boards consist of department/program instructors, student representatives, graduates, industry and professional organization representatives, and other individuals as deemed appropriate.

Academic unit advisory boards

ARTICLE 6 - (1) Academic unit advisory boards are appointed by the dean/principal from among the representatives of the program advisory board associated with the relevant unit. Academic unit advisory boards consist of sector representatives, representatives from non-governmental and professional organizations, representatives from other higher education institutions, and alumni representatives.

(2) Establishing the committees outlined in the first paragraph of this article is optional for academic units with program advisory boards.

University advisory board

ARTICLE 7 – (1) The University advisory board consists of the following members, including representatives from public and private sector organizations, nominated by the Rector and approved by the Chairman of the Board of Trustees, to strengthen the University's relations with external stakeholders:

- a) Board of Trustees Representative
- b) Rector
- c) Public institution representatives
- ç) Representatives of non-governmental and professional organizations
- d) Alumni representatives
- e) The Rector's proposal and other stakeholders approved by the Chairman of the Board of Trustees

(2) The Board is chaired by the Rector, and the secretariat is managed by the Secretary General.

Appointment of external board members and their terms of office

ARTICLE 8– (1) The term of office for board members is three years. A member whose term has expired may be reappointed.

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(2) The board membership of members appointed on behalf of their institutions is automatically terminated when their duties at those institutions end. The institution is requested to appoint a new member to replace the one whose term has ended. The new member serves the remaining term.

Duties of advisory boards

ARTICLE 9 - (1) The duties of the advisory boards are as follows:

- a) To offer recommendations for enhancing relations and cooperation with public and private sector institutions, organizations, and professional chambers in the areas where university units operate.
- b) To offer recommendations on the knowledge and skills required from graduates to meet the employment needs in both the public and private sectors.
- c) To contribute to the enhancement, development, dissemination, maintenance, and continuous improvement of quality in education, research, and community engagement activities.
- ç) To contribute to the enhancement of the university's educational activities through internships, practical experiences, and other opportunities.
- d) To offer recommendations for strengthening cooperation between the public, university, private sector, and civil society, and for advancing research and innovation activities.
- e) To contribute to the implementation efforts in the relevant field by collaborating with non-university institutions and organizations.
- f) To offer insights and recommendations for enhancing the university's recognition.
- g) Reviewing the requests and recommendations from external stakeholders.

Operating principles and regulations of advisory boards

ARTICLE 10 – (1) The operating procedures of the advisory boards are as follows:

- a) Advisory boards meet at least twice a year.
- b) The Rector prepares the agenda for the university advisory board, while the relevant academic unit manager prepares the agenda for the academic unit advisory boards. The suggestions of the board members are considered during the preparation of the agenda. The agenda is sent to the members electronically at least five working days prior to the meeting date.
- c) Board decisions are advisory in nature. Board decisions are submitted to the relevant units of the University and discussed in the quality commissions.

PART THREE

Effective Date and Implementation

Effective Date

Article 11- (1) This directive takes effect on the date it receives Senate approval.

Implementation

Article 12 – (1) The provisions of this directive are implemented by the Rector.

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