

Senior Management and Decision-making Bodies

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RISEBA decision-making body	Powers	Academic staff (%)	General staff (%)	Student (%)	RISEBA regulatory documents
STRATEGIC GOVERNANCE					
Founder (Board)	The University’s highest management body and decision-making body for strategic, financial and commercial matters.	Legal entity			NL001-06 Constitution of RISEBA University of Applied Sciences (21.11.2025.)
RISEBA Constitutional Council	The Constitutional Council is the supreme collegial body of representation and management and the decision-making body in academic and scientific matters. Constitutional Council: • adopts and amends the Constitution, • elects and dismisses the Rector, • hears the Rector's annual report, • elects the Senate, • elects the Academic Arbitration Court, • approves the By-laws on the Constitutional Council, the Senate and the Academic Arbitration Court.	It consists of 30 representatives, 18 of whom are academic staff members, 6 are students, 6 are general staff members			NL001-06 Constitution of RISEBA University of Applied Sciences (21.11.2025.)
		60%	20%	20%	
INSTITUTIONAL GOVERNANCE					
RISEBA Senate	The Senate is the collegial management and decision-making institution of the academic staff responsible for the excellence, development, and compliance with the internationally recognized quality standards of the University. The Senate: • regulates the university's academic, creative, and scientific activities and approves the relevant documents - The Senate develops the draft of the Constitution of the University and its amendments as well as responsible for the compliance of the Constitution of the University with the development needs of the University and regulatory enactments, • the Senate determines the requirements for election to academic positions and evaluation criteria for academic staff, approves the regulations on academic positions and the procedure for their election, decides on the opening, • development and closure of study directions, as well as on the opening, development and closure of study programs, • elect docents, lecturers, assistants, leading researchers and researchers, as well as nominates professors and associate professors for election to the Board of Professors, • decides on significant issues of academic and scientific activity of the University and their structural units, approves the regulations and policies of the University, • decides other issues which, in accordance with Article 15.1 of the Law on Higher Education Institutions, fall within the competence of the Senate, • the Senate may establish commissions for the coordination and resolution of certain issues.	The composition is recommended by the Rector and the Student Council. 75 % must be academic staff and not less than 20% of the students			NL0002-04 Senate regulations (15.12.2022)
		75%	5%	20%	
RISEBA Rector	The Rector is the senior official of the University who implements the overall administrative management of the University and represents the University without special authorization. Rector: • is responsible for the compliance of the University’s operations to laws and other regulations, as well as to the University’s Constitution; • is responsible for the education obtainable at the University, the quality of scientific research conducted and artistic creativity executed at the University; • ensures the lawful, economic and targeted use of the University’s property, and is responsible for the University’s financial operations; • promotes and is responsible for the development of the University’s staff members and ensures the academic freedom of academic staff members and students; • is responsible for the implementation of the University’s strategy and preparation of the University’s budget; • fulfils other duties, which are stipulated in laws, other laws and regulations and in the decisions of the University’s management bodies; • The Rector is entitled to issue compulsory decrees to the University’s staff members regarding all matters related to the University’s management, which do not fall within the competence of other management bodies.				NL001-06 Constitution of RISEBA University of Applied Sciences (21.11.2025.)
		0%	100%	0%	
Management Group	The Management Group is an operational management body of the RISEBA that reviews, discusses and makes decisions on matters related to: • RISEBA management; • financial matters; • organisational matters.	The Management Group consists of: Rector, the Vice-Rector for Research and Development, the Director of Finance, Head of Quality, Head of Real Estate Development Department, Head of HR and University Office			PR0054 – 01 Budget management procedure (20.02.2024.); RG03 RISEBA Quality Manual 2026.
		0%	100%	0%	

Student Council	The Student Council is a voluntary and independent institution representing the rights and interests of students at the RISEBA. The aim of the Student Council is to represent students' interests in academic, research, social, cultural and everyday matters at RISEBA, as well as to participate in improving the university's academic, scientific and organisational work. Student Council's tasks: • to establish and maintain its own organisational and administrative structure; • to develop the main directions of its activities; • to represent RISEBA students in Latvia and internationally; • to promote cooperation between Student Councils of educational institutions in the Republic of Latvia and abroad in the fields of culture, science, and other areas; • to promote student involvement in the development and improvement of the Study process and Science at RISEBA; • to contribute to the improvement of study and social conditions at RISEBA; • to organise activities and support RISEBA students outside of study hours; • to inform RISEBA students about the Student Council's work and activities; • to encourage feedback from students regarding opportunities to improve the Study process and academic development at RISEBA.				NL0010-12 Student Council Regulation (10.06.2026.)
		0%	0%	100%	
QUALITY ASSURANCE AND CONTROL					
Quality Council	The aim of the Quality Council is to promote continuous quality improvement and development of RISEBA. The Quality Council: • determine the goals and objectives of quality management, monitor their implementation and assess compliance with the current situation of the university; • develop and implement quality policies and procedures; • monitor and analyse quality; • identify the areas to be improved and draw up an action plan; • review internal and external changes that could affect the functioning of the quality assurance system; • assess the adequacy of the allocated resources, infrastructure, working environment and internal communication system; • take decisions on necessary improvements in the operation of the quality assurance system; • take decisions on the improvement of study programmes in accordance with student requirements and necessary resources; • analyse the causes of problems that have arisen or are expected, and evaluate the possibilities for taking corrective or preventive actions; • determine the responsible person and deadline for each action to be carried out.	The composition of the Quality Council is coordinated and renewed by the Rector's order. The Quality Council consists of at least eight (8) members: Head of Quality Assurance; faculty deans; Head of the Study Department; at least two (2) representatives of the Student Council; and other members involved in resolving specific issues; Secretary of the Quality Council.			PR0055-01 Operation of the RISEBA Quality Council (12.06.2024)
		0%	75%	25%	
Ethics Committee	Supervision of compliance with the Code of Ethics is performed by RISEBA Ethics Committee. The Ethics Committee: • supervises application of Code of Ethics, periodically checking its suitability, adequacy and efficiency in all spheres of the RISEBA, and, if necessary, improves it; • reviews ethical violations; • entitled to apply sanctions for violation of ethical norms; • counts and records all notifications received on violations of ethical norms	The composition of the Ethics Committee is determined and approved by the Senate.			NL0004-03 Code of Ethics (11.09.2024.)
		13%	63%	25%	
Academic Arbitration Court	The Academic Arbitration Court is an academic and representative body for students established by the Constitutional Council. The Academic Arbitration Court: • shall consider submissions from students and academic staff regarding restrictions or violations of the academic freedom and rights established in the Constitution of the University, • disputes between university officials, as well as government bodies of structural units in subordinate relationships.	It is created in accordance with the Constitution Council. Three members: 2 academic staff members or members from the faculty, 1 member from the Student Council			NL00012-02 Regulation for Academic Arbitration Court (09.02.2022.)
		67%	0%	33%	
ACADEMIC DECISION-MAKING BODIES					
Methodological Council	The main objective of the Methodological Council is improvement of study content implementation. Methodological Council is a collegial body that: • reviews and makes decisions regarding methodological issues related to the implementation of study content; • organizes the work of methodological seminars; • reviews general issues on studies and approves the relevant normative documentation.	The membership and the Chairman of Methodological Council is appointed and updated by an order of the rector. Representatives of academic staff and administration are appointed in the membership of the Methodological Council, as well as one representative must be selected from the Student Council. The total number of members is determined by the rector.			NL0011-04 Methodological Council regulations (12.02.2025)
		45%	45%	10%	
Council of the Study Programme	The Council of the Study Programme is tasked with assessing and updating the contents of the study programme depending on sectorial trends, public needs, the academic load of students, the progress of studies and graduation, the efficiency of assessing student performance, student satisfaction with the respective study programme, the support provided by RISEBA during studies, the academic environment, and its suitability for the objective of the academic programme, as well as with compiling proposals for RISEBA quality policy. It's is tasked with solving issued related to:: • implementation of the study programme, • organising the academic process, • inclusion/exclusion of courses in/from the content of the study programme, • alignment of course content (topics), • solving matters/problems topical for students, • preparation and revision of accreditation, re-accreditation and self-assessment reports, • other matters directly related to the study programme. The Council of the Study Programme has a right to recommend changes to the content of the	Director of the study programme; head of the respective study field; at least 1 representative from the administration of RISEBA; at least 1 faculty member involved in the study programme; at least 2 representatives from the respective professional area (22%) at least 2 representatives of students; at least 1 graduate of the respective study programme (11%).			NL0039-04 Regulation for Committee Council of the Study Programme (08.05.2024)

	study programme pursuant to the procedures of the University.	11%	33%	22%	
Scientific Committee	The Scientific Committee is a collegiate institution of RISEBA scientists and researchers, and manages and coordinates scientific research activity at the RISEBA. Its responsibilities include: • defining RISEBA's priority areas of scientific research and planning and coordinating the scientific research activities of academic staff and students; • promoting international scientific cooperation; • evaluating and compiling research results.	The Committee consists of the Rector of RISEBA, the Vice-Rector for Research and Development, full-time elected faculty members/professors, heads of academic fields and lead researchers.	NL0037-03 Scientific Committee regulations (12.05.2025)		
		70%	30%	0%	
Professor's Council	Professor's Council shall ensure the election of professors and associate professors, as well as the evaluation of the scientific and teaching qualifications or artistic creative work of a professor or an associate professor holding the position at RISEBA University of Applied Sciences, Stockholm School of Economics in Riga or Ventspils University of Applied Sciences or other Latvian universities in economics and business, including management sciences. The Council of Professors shall perform the following functions: • evaluate the qualifications and competence of candidates for the positions of professor or associate professor in economics and business in accordance with the regulatory enactments of the Republic of Latvia; • elect persons to the positions of professor and associate professor in economics and business, including management sciences; • evaluate the scientific and teaching qualifications or the results of artistic creative work of professors or associate professors holding office; • decide whether the performance results of professors or associate professors holding office comply with the assessment of their scientific and teaching qualifications or the results of artistic creative work; • organise an independent international evaluation of each candidate applying for the position of professor; • organise interviews with each candidate for a position.	At least 5 Professors of business management branch and at least 5 Professors of Economics	NL059-03 RISEBA University of Applied Sciences, Stockholm School of Economics in Riga and Ventspils University of Applied Sciences Joint Regulations of the Council of Professors in Economics and Business, including Management Sciences (18.02.2026.)		
		100%	0%	0%	
Promotion Council	Promotion Council: • has the right to accept theses for defence from candidates from the Republic of Latvia and other countries; • determines the correspondence of the thesis to the profile of council; • decides on whether to accept the Promotion Thesis for public defence; • designates the reviewers, sets the time of the promotion meeting and performs other activities related to accepting the Promotion Thesis for defence; • Listens to and discusses the reviewers' references and the candidate's academic discussion with the reviewers, and listens to the supervisor's (consultant's) reference on the candidate's academic activity; • decides to award or not award the degree.	The Rector approves the composition of the Promotion Council in the branch or sub-branch of science in which the promotion rights have been delegated to RISEBA. The Council includes at least five scientists who have Latvian Council of Science expert status in the branch of management science.	NL0055-02 Promotion Council regulation (25.03.2020)		
		100%	0%	0%	
State Examination Commission (SEC)	•Assesses the knowledge of academic degree, professional degree and/or professional qualification candidates in the whole extent of the study programme, as well as the quality of the Final Paper and its compatibility with the requirements of the programme. •SEC members ask questions after the student has responded to the reviewer's questions. •Takes the decision on the final assessment of the Graduation Examination, as well as on assigning a degree and/or qualification. •Provides proposals to further improve the quality of students' Final Papers.	The members of the SEC are approved by the Rector's order. The composition of the SEC includes representatives/Academics, representatives of the employers and industry professionals. SEC is comprised of a commission president, 4 commission members, and a commission secretary. Commission president, and at least half of the members, are professionals or employer representatives (50%).	NL0075-01 Regulations on graduation examinations (28.10.2015.)		
		33%	17%	0%	
Admission Committee	The University Admissions Committee is a collegial body, whose competence it is: • to organize the admission process for their basic studies and higher-level studies in the RISEBA; • to make decisions related to registration and enrolment of students at the RISEBA • to review students' appeals and proposals.	Admission Committee is established by the Rector's order at the University, in the following composition: Committee Chair, Committee Secretary, Committee members.	NL0036-03 Regulations for Admission Commission (12.02.2025)		
		0%	100%	0%	
Commission for Recognition of Competences Acquired Beyond Formal Education or As a Part of Professional Experience, as well as Learning Outcomes Achieved during Previous Education	It reviews the achieved learning outcomes and makes a decision to recognise or to refuse to recognise them, abide by external normative acts and internal university rules and regulations in everything they do.	The commission is established in those thematic areas of the Latvian classification of education, where study programmes are implemented. The Commission shall consist of a Chairperson, three members and a Secretary, and its composition shall be approved by a Rector's order.	NL 0060-03 Regulation on recognition of previous education or professional experience achieved learning outcomes (14.12.2022.)		
		0%	100%	0%	
Academic Positions Compliance Committee	The Compliance Commission: • assessed submitted documents by candidates in accordance with applicable laws and regulations, as well as the university requirements set for the respective position candidates; • The Compliance Committee's opinions are advisory, The RISEBA Senate makes decision.	The Compliance Commission is established by the Rector's order at the RISEBA. The committee is composed of five members	NL016-05 Regulations on Election of Academic positions (09.07.2025)		
		0%	100%	0%	
Appeals Committee	The Appeals Committee examines student appeals for violations of State Examination Commission work procedure or ethical violations.	Appeals Committee is established by order of the Rector	NL0075-01 Regulations on graduation examinations (28.10.2015.) Regulations for the Preparation		
		0%	100%	0%	