

### **Göttingen Campus:**

The following partners have agreed as follows on the Statutes of the Göttingen Campus (GC):  
Göttingen Academy of Sciences and Humanities, corporation under public law (resolution of the President of 29 September 2017)

German Primate Center – Leibniz Institute for Primate Research (resolution of the Management of 29 September 2017)

German Aerospace Center (Göttingen site), represented by the management of the Braunschweig-Göttingen site (signed on 25 September 2017)

University of Göttingen Public Law Foundation (resolution of the Presidential Board of 19 September 2017; resolution of the Board of the University Medical Centre Göttingen of 24 October 2017; approval of the Senate of 13 September 2017)

Max Planck Society for the Advancement of Science, represented by the Managing Directors of the Max Planck Institute for Biophysical Chemistry, of the Max Planck Institute for Dynamics and Self-Organization, of the Max Planck Institute for Experimental Medicine, of the Max Planck Institute for the Study of Religious and Ethnic Diversity, and of the Max Planck Institute for Solar System Research (approval given by resolution of the President of 4 September 2017).

## **Statutes of the Göttingen Campus (GC)**

### **GC-S**

#### **Preamble**

The University of Göttingen, the University Medical Center Göttingen and eight non-University institutions have been working together since 2006 as the Göttingen Campus (GC).

The unmistakable academic atmosphere in Göttingen is founded on the trust-based, harmonious relationship between the members of the Göttingen Campus, which is characterised by mutual support. All members shall act according to the conviction that the whole is more than the sum of its parts, and shall recognise that their special partnership constitutes an added value for all concerned.

The partners of the Göttingen Campus shall work together to further improve the quality of research and teaching and to acquire and promote talent. Early career researchers shall be supported in particular with regards to attaining their academic and professional goals. The close cooperation between the members of the Campus shall be supported by management, administration and jointly-used infrastructures. Where synergies can be achieved, they shall be utilised. This shall enable the members of the Göttingen Campus to expand their

opportunities in science and research, and to enhance research-oriented teaching. In addition, equality, diversity and family friendliness shall be promoted in order to create ideal working conditions for academic and academic-support staff.

The Statutes of the Göttingen Campus shall be used to provide the necessary governance structure for this cooperation.

### **Section 1 The objective and Partners of the GC; funding**

(1) <sup>1</sup>The objective of the Göttingen Campus (GC) is to work together closely in research and teaching at the Göttingen site. <sup>2</sup>The Partners of the GC (hereinafter GC Partners) are:

- Göttingen Academy of Sciences and Humanities, corporation under public law,
- German Primate Center – Leibniz Institute for Primate Research,
- German Aerospace Center (Göttingen site)
- University of Göttingen (hereinafter: University), including the University Medical Center Göttingen (hereinafter: UMG), as well as

the following five Institutes of the Max Planck Society for the Advancement of Science operating at the Göttingen location (hereinafter: MPG Institutes):

- Max Planck Institute for Biophysical Chemistry,
- Max Planck Institute for Dynamics and Self-Organization,
- Max Planck Institute for Experimental Medicine,
- Max Planck Institute for the Study of Religious and Ethnic Diversity,
- Max Planck Institute for Solar System Research.

<sup>3</sup>Strategic partners of the GC Partners can be added as Associate Partners of the GC by resolution of the Göttingen Campus Council.

(2) <sup>1</sup>Unless separately agreed otherwise, each GC Partner shall itself bear the costs which it incurs as a result of cooperation in the GC. <sup>2</sup>Joint activities that are mutually agreed on shall be funded jointly. <sup>3</sup>The University shall as a rule play the leading role in such activities of all GC Partners.

### **Section 2 Bodies of the GC**

The bodies of the GC shall be the Göttingen Campus Council (GCC) and the Göttingen Campus Executive Board (EB).

### **Section 3 Tasks incumbent on the GCC**

(1) <sup>1</sup>Regardless of the responsibility of other bodies, committees and commissions stipulated by legal provisions, of the internal law of the Partners and of the present Statutes, the GCC is responsible for all and any matters related to the GC. <sup>2</sup>The tasks incumbent on the GCC shall particularly consist of:

- a) deciding on matters related to the GC which are of fundamental significance, in particular the strategic orientation,
- b) developing proposals for new research projects,
- c) advising joint recruitment procedures,
- d) planning the assessment and evaluation of joint research applications of GC Partners, including quality assurance,
- e) drawing up proposals on the development of joint research and information infrastructures,
- f) advising the GC Partners,
- g) developing and safeguarding quality standards,
- h) coordinating international activities of the GC Partners with regard to the GC,
- i) coordinating the public relations work of the GC Partners with regard to the GC,
- j) developing joint standards and programmes to support early career academics, as well as to promote equality, diversity and family friendliness.

<sup>3</sup>The GCC shall furthermore act at the request of a member of the GCC.

(2) <sup>1</sup>For joint projects of all GC Partners, the GCC may hand down resolutions which are proposed to the Partners for implementation. <sup>2</sup>This relates in particular to proposals for the distribution of third-party funds jointly acquired among the GC Partners, unless the distribution of these third-party funds has already been determined in the applications or otherwise.

### **Section 4 Members of the GCC**

(1) <sup>1</sup>The GCC consists of sixteen members, including eight members of the University and one member for each of the other eight GC Partners. <sup>2</sup>The GCC members shall not receive any remuneration for their activities.

(2) <sup>1</sup>The eight University GCC members are:

- a) the Vice President for Research of the University,
- b) the Chair of the Foundation Council of the Foundation University Göttingen,

- c) one voting member of the Senate, nominated by the latter,
- d) the Research Dean of the Medical Center,
- e) one Dean nominated by the Council of Deans,
- f) three members of the University nominated by the Senate, one member each from the humanities, the social sciences, as well as the life science and mathematical science faculties.

<sup>2</sup>The term of office as a GCC member in accordance with sentence 1 (a) to (e) ends on termination of the underlying office; section 9 subsection (1), sentence 2, shall remain unaffected thereby. <sup>3</sup>The duration of the term of office of the GCC members in accordance with sentence 1 (f) is four (4) years.

(3) <sup>1</sup>The further eight GC Partners shall nominate one member each. <sup>2</sup>The duration of the term of office is four (4) years. <sup>3</sup>The person is to be nominated as a member who holds the post of head of the GC Partner at the time of nomination; however, only persons may be nominated whose sole position or main position is in Göttingen.

(4) A deputy member shall be nominated for each GCC member by the parties designated in subsections (2) and (3), by the Presidential Board in the case of the GCC member in accordance with subsection (2) sentence 1 (a), and by the Foundation Council in the case of the GCC member in accordance with subsection (2) sentence 1 (b).

(5) <sup>1</sup>The members of the EB shall attend the meetings of the GCC in an advisory capacity with recurring guest status; the head of the Lower Saxony State and University Library Göttingen, and the head of the Göttingen Society for Scientific Data Processing, may attend the meetings of the GCC in an advisory capacity with recurring guest status. <sup>2</sup>Where teaching and studies are affected, the Vice President for Teaching and Studies of the University, as well as the Dean of Studies of the Medical Center, may attend the meetings in an advisory capacity. <sup>3</sup>The individuals in accordance with sentences 1 and 2 shall be invited as members.

### **Section 5 Chair of the GCC**

(1) The President of the University is Chair with no voting right.

(2) The deputy Chair shall be the deputy of the President designated by the President, as a rule the Vice President for Research of the University; if the deputy is at the same time a voting GCC member, this additional function as deputy Chair shall not affect the voting right.

(3) <sup>1</sup>The Chair shall report once per semester to the Senate of the University, and in other respects when necessary or at the request of the Senate of the University. <sup>2</sup>The Chair shall simultaneously send the report at least in text form to the GC members, as well as to the Foundation Council of the University.

### **Section 6 Joint meeting of GC Partners and Associate Partners**

A joint meeting of the GCC members, as well as of representatives of the Associate Partners of the Göttingen Campus, shall be held once per year in order to inform one another and to coordinate in matters of fundamental significance.

### **Section 7 Executive Board (EB)**

(1) The EB and the Secretariat of the GC (section 8) are responsible for the following matters related to the GC to the degree determined by the EB:

- a) proposals for the strategic orientation of the GC,
- b) preparation of the content of the meetings of the GCC,
- c) implementation of decisions of the GCC,
- d) decision on pending matters,
- e) coordination of the work of the GCC.

(2) <sup>1</sup>The EB consists of the following four members:

- a) the President of the University,
- b) the spokesperson of the Board of the UMG,
- c) a member who shall be nominated in agreement by the management of the five MP Institutes,
- d) a member who shall be nominated in agreement by the management of the three other GC Partners.

<sup>2</sup>The duration of the period of office of the members in accordance with sentence 1 (c) and (d) shall be four (4) years. <sup>3</sup>A reappointment shall be possible. <sup>4</sup>Should they be unable to attend, the members in accordance with sentence 1 (a) and (b) shall be represented by their deputies, and the members in accordance with sentence 1 (c) and (d) shall be represented by the person designated to represent them.

## **Section 8 Secretariat of the GC**

<sup>1</sup>The Secretariat of the GC shall be established at the University. <sup>2</sup>It shall be responsible for the administrative support of the bodies of the GC in accordance with the stipulations of the President of the University.

## **Section 9 General provisions; Code of Procedure**

(1) <sup>1</sup>A person may not be at the same time a member of the EB and a voting member of the GCC. <sup>2</sup>On termination of a term of office, business must continue until the beginning of a new term of office, regardless of whether the term of office in the office or body from which a member must come ends earlier; this does not apply in the case of loss of membership of the University or withdrawal from a GC Partner. <sup>3</sup>Reappointment is possible.

(2) <sup>1</sup>Unless provided otherwise, resolutions shall be passed with the majority of the valid votes (simple majority). <sup>2</sup>Resolutions of the EB shall require the absolute majority of its voting members in all cases. <sup>3</sup>Resolutions of the GCC and of the EB relating to any matters of fundamental importance concerning self-regulation, including the outcome of the ballot, shall be provided confidentially to the following bodies of a GC Partner:

- a) Göttingen Academy of Sciences and Humanities: the member of the Presidential Board responsible for the GC;
- b) German Primate Center – Leibniz Institute for Primate Research: Director and Administrative Manager;
- c) German Aerospace Center (Göttingen site), Göttingen site management;
- d) University: Presidential Board and Senate as well as Board of the UMG and Faculty Council of the Medical Center;
- e) Max Planck Society for the Advancement of Science: Managing Directors of the MP Institutes.

(3) <sup>1</sup>The bodies of the GC shall comply in their activities with the principle of intra-disciplinary assessment and with the principles of good research practice. <sup>2</sup>External advisors and experts are to be appointed in agreement with the Chair of the Research Commission of the Senate of the University of Göttingen. <sup>3</sup>The appointment of experts is to take place in particular with regard to individual issues and in areas for which the necessary expertise is not available in the GC.

(4) Further details, in particular regarding cooperation, meetings and the passing of resolutions of the bodies of the GC, shall be regulated in a Code of Procedure, which shall be adopted by

the GCC with an absolute majority of its voting members and announced in the Official Announcements I (*Amtliche Mitteilungen I*) of the University.

(5) <sup>1</sup>The GC Partners herewith agree that, with these Statutes agreed between them, despite the pursuance of joint objectives, no legal relationship under company law, or under law similar to company law, or otherwise based on independent legal capacity, is to be entered into between them. <sup>2</sup>The Göttingen Campus shall not participate in legal transactions in external relations with its own rights and obligations. <sup>3</sup>The GC Partners shall, rather, cooperate in the Göttingen Campus whilst retaining their legal and economic independence. <sup>4</sup>No GC Partner shall be entitled to enter into legal transactions with effect for another GC Partner without its express prior consent. <sup>5</sup>The statutory provisions on companies under civil law in accordance with sections 705 et seqq. of the German Civil Code (BGB) shall – where legally permissible – not be applicable to cooperation between the GC Partners within these Statutes. <sup>6</sup>The responsibilities incumbent on the bodies of the University and on the funding foundation in accordance with the Lower Saxony Higher Education Act (NHG) and the Bylaws (*Grundordnung*), as well as the rights of the other GC Partners as specified in the Statutes, shall remain unaffected; this shall particularly relate to the competence to pass resolutions on funding.

### **Section 10 Termination of the partnership**

<sup>1</sup>Termination of the GC partnership is possible by giving three (3) months' notice to the end of a calendar year. <sup>2</sup>The written declaration must have been received by the President of the University within the period in accordance with sentence 1. <sup>3</sup>In the case of termination by one or several non-university GC Partners, the GC shall continue to exist with the remaining GC Partners; in this case, the present Statutes are to be adjusted so that the number of University members and members of the remaining GC Partners in the GCC are equal.

### **Section 11 Coming into force**

<sup>1</sup>The present Statutes shall come into force on 1 November 2017, after their publication in the Official Announcements I of the University of Göttingen. <sup>2</sup>The "Statutes of the Göttingen Research Council (GRC)" in the version of the promulgation of 6 May 2011 (Official Announcements 10/2011 p. 576) shall simultaneously cease to apply.