

Student Representation Disclosure

Marmara University has an established regulatory and institutional framework for student representation and participation in university governance.

Under the Regulation on Student Councils of Higher Education Institutions, Article 12(d), the President of the Student Council is entitled to participate in meetings of the University Senate and the University Administrative Board when matters concerning students are discussed. This provision establishes the national regulatory basis for elected student representation in these governing bodies.

Regulation on Student Councils of Higher Education Institutions – Official Gazette

At present, however, Student Council elections are temporarily not being held pursuant to a decision communicated by the Council of Higher Education (YÖK) while work on the relevant national regulations is ongoing. Consequently, Marmara University currently does not have an elected Student Council President exercising the representative function specified in Article 12(d). This is a temporary situation resulting from the suspension of Student Council elections and does not constitute the removal of the regulatory framework for student representation.

In addition to the elected Student Council mechanism provided for under national regulations, student-related representation continues to be reflected in Marmara University's institutional governance structure. The University's current Senate composition includes a Director of Student Representative, as publicly documented on Marmara University's official Senate webpage.

Marmara University – Senate

Students also continue to participate actively in university life through student clubs and their established governance structures. The Marmara University Student Clubs Directive (2025) provides the institutional framework for the establishment, operation and governance of student clubs. Under this framework, student clubs have their own general assemblies, management boards and supervisory boards, providing students with structured opportunities to participate in and contribute to university life.

Marmara University Student Clubs Directive (2025)

Accordingly, Marmara University's framework for student representation should be understood through three complementary elements: the regulatory provision for elected Student Council representation in the Senate and University Administrative Board; the current presence of a Director of Student Representative within the Senate structure; and the institutional mechanisms for student participation through student clubs. While the elected Student Council mechanism is temporarily inactive due to the nationwide suspension of elections during the ongoing regulatory process, the regulatory basis for student representation remains in place and other institutional channels for student participation continue to operate.

Supporting References

1. Regulation on Student Councils of Higher Education Institutions, Article 12(d), Official Gazette, 13 June 2020:

<https://www.resmigazete.gov.tr/eskiler/2020/06/20200613-5.htm>

2. Marmara University Senate – Current Composition, including the Director of Student Representative.

<https://www.marmara.edu.tr/en/university/administration/senate>

3. Marmara University Student Clubs Directive (2025).

https://sks.marmara.edu.tr/dosya/sks/yonerge/Ogrenci_Kulupleri_Yonergesi_2025.pdf