



## **House Rules and General Code of Conduct** (Art. 7.57h Higher Education and Research Act) **Regulations concerning the use of University buildings, grounds and other facilities**

### **Article 1 Manner of use**

1. Everyone who uses University buildings, grounds or other facilities, including library and IT facilities, is obliged to do so in accordance with their intended purpose, to comply with the rules set by or on behalf of the Board of the University regarding their use, and to behave at all times in such a way that they:
  - a. cause no direct or indirect damage to the University or third parties making use of University buildings, grounds or other facilities
  - b. do not infringe any rights of the University or third parties making use of University buildings, grounds or other facilities
  - c. do not act in violation of any other legal obligations
  - d. do not act in violation of what is appropriate according to the unwritten laws of society.
2. The rules referred to in 1.1 should be made known to those who use University buildings, grounds or other facilities.
3. The rules referred to in 1.1 can be established on behalf of the Board of the University by the Faculty Board or the director of a University service.

### **Article 2 Instructions**

1. Everyone who uses University buildings, grounds or other facilities is obliged to immediately comply with the instructions given by or on behalf of the Board of the University, bearing in mind the provisions of Article 1.
2. The instructions referred to in 1.1 can be given on behalf of the Board of the University by the Faculty Board or director of a University service or by their appointed staff.

### **Article 3 Temporary denial of access or use**

1. If an immediate denial of access or use is required, the Faculty Board or the director of a University service may deny access to University buildings and grounds or parts thereof belonging to their administrative unit and/or the use of other facilities within their administrative unit for a maximum period of five working days to someone who, despite a warning, acts or continues to act in violation of the provisions of Article 1, and/or who does not immediately comply with the instructions referred to in Article 2.
2. The Faculty Board or the director of a University service will immediately report in writing a denial as referred to in 2.1 to the Board of the University. The Board or director will state their view as to whether a provisional or definitive denial is required and if so, for which period and for which University buildings, grounds and/or other facilities it should apply, together with, in the case of a provisional denial, the conditions that should be imposed.



**Article 4 Request for denial of access or use**

Without prejudice to the provisions of Article 3, the Faculty Board or the director of a University service may request the Board of the University in writing to deny someone provisional or definitive access to University buildings and grounds or parts thereof and/or the use of other facilities, if they believe that the individual concerned has acted in violation of the provisions of Article 1, or in violation of the conditions referred to in 5.2c.

**Article 5 Provisional denial of access or use**

1. The Board of the University will not decide on a provisional denial based on the report as referred to in 3.2 or on a request as referred to in Article 4 until the individual concerned has been heard on the matter, or has at least been given an opportunity to be heard. The individual concerned may request support for this purpose.
2. A provisional denial:
  - a. will apply to all or part of the University buildings, grounds or other facilities
  - b. will apply for a maximum period of twelve months
  - c. will take the form of setting conditions for use. Failure to comply with these conditions will lead to a definitive denial.

**Article 6 Definitive denial of access or use and termination of registration**

1. The Board of the University will not decide on a definitive denial based on the report as referred to in 3.2 or on a request as referred to in Article 4 until the individual concerned has been heard on the matter, or has at least been given an opportunity to be heard. The individual concerned may request support for this purpose.
2. A definitive denial:
  - a. will apply to all or part of the University buildings, grounds or other facilities
  - b. will apply for a maximum period of twelve months, regardless of any period of provisional denial as referred to in Article 5.
3. Apart from a definitive denial for a maximum period of twelve months as referred to in the previous paragraph, the Board of the University may terminate the registration of the individual concerned (the student) for the same period.
4. If the individual concerned cannot be heard or cannot be given an opportunity to be heard in good time and an immediate denial is required, the Board of the University may, pending the decision referred to in 6.1, extend the temporary denial referred to in 3.1, by a maximum of four working days or impose a temporary denial for a maximum of four working days without the individual concerned being heard.
5. Notwithstanding the provisions of 6.2 and 6.3, if the person who violates the rules referred to in Articles 1 and 2 of the University of Groningen House Rules and General Code of Conduct has caused a serious nuisance within the buildings and grounds of the University and has not ceased to do so after a warning from or on behalf of the Board of the University, the Board of the University may also definitively deny the individual concerned access to the University for an indefinite period or definitively terminate their registration.

**Article 7 Ending the denial**

1. If necessary, the Board of the University may end a provisional or definitive denial before expiry of the period for which it is imposed, or limit the scope of the denial.



2. The Board of the University will not decide on a request as referred to in 7.1 until the relevant Faculty Board or director of a University service has been heard and the applicant has been given an opportunity to expound on his or her request in person.
3. The Board of the University may attach further conditions to this termination or limitation.
4. If the Board of the University is of the view that the applicant has not satisfied the further conditions referred to in 7.3, the original provisional or definitive denial will be revived; in such a case, the period that has elapsed since the ending or limitation of the denial will not be deducted from the original period of denial.

**Article 8      Decisions and objections**

1. Reasons must be provided for the decisions as referred to in Articles 3, 5, 6 and 7.
2. The possibility of lodging objections with the Board of the University must also be stated in the decisions as referred to in Articles 5, 6 and 7.

**Article 9      Entry into force**

These regulations will take effect on 1 September 2010.

Adopted by the Board of the University of Groningen at its meeting of 27 July 2010.