

Englische Version

Simon:

Hello,

dear all,

we are the executive committee of the StuKo of the four faculties.

We are (I'm addressing them by their first names only now):

Alina - she represents the Faculty of Media

Julia represents the Faculty of Architecture and Urbanism

Rebecca; she represents the Faculty of Civil Engineering-

I am **Simon**, I represent the Faculty of Art and Design.

We would like to welcome you all. Let's welcome each other together with a round of applause!

How do you feel!? New territory? Is it all too big or too small at first?

I found the following noted in my diary about my first week:

"I am exposed to these circumstances. I wanted this one place of my imagination - but I can't give reasons what is wrong with the current one. "

It will probably take a while until you know your way around and the feeling "I am right here" sets in.

David Foster-Wallace appropriately tells the following story:

Two young fish are swimming along and happen to meet an older fish heading in the opposite direction.

He nods to them and says, "Morning, boys. How's the water?"

The two young fish swim on for a while, and finally one takes one look at the other and says, "What the heck is water?"

During the studies, intimidating experiences also occur. But... I can only ask you to ask a lot and to see this as a productive situation; be fresh, creative and smart, keep moving. And keep daring new encounters... Encouragement comes from many, from teachers, from friends, from role models that you - let's say it frankly - love.

After this big word, something more specific: I have a small but direct request regarding a small piece of paper that you had in your freshman bag.

Brief description:

Yesterday I got the news: The printing plates are ready. So I went to the print shop this morning. And... the C/Compass is finally printed. You all should have had it in your freshers bags. It's a calendar with important information and places to go. You can also find important academic dates and deadlines in the calendar.

[See picture] You all had a bookmark like this in your freshman bags.

[Picture] And at the bottom there was this QR code on it with the inscription: "GET YOUR C/KOMPASS". This bookmark is your coupon for the C/Compass. You can redeem it next week.

And where?

At the M18!

[See picture]

Speaking of the M18...this is an important place. We still need to talk about that now.

Julia:

In the past week, you've probably already gotten to know our home, the M18 - the House of Students.

The M18 is an important meeting point for students to drink coffee at Café s140, buy new material at the Kontor&Stift store, play foosball, or drop in on the numerous other active initiatives, such as the Maschinenraum and the Tonraum. In addition, you will find our meeting room and the StuKo office, where you can meet student representatives during their meetings almost every day. You can also meet your friends in the M18 garden and try out the resonance bench. And if you haven't been to the M18 yet, it's about time you take a look!

And so that the M18 continues to run smoothly, it is important that you participate at least minimally by voting. With our votes, we have the opportunity to participate in higher education policy, to help shape the university, and to be involved in many issues such as research and academia. Perhaps we should explain this briefly: Once a year, usually in June, you can elect representatives for the student and also the university committees. Each faculty elects the Faculty Student Council, which consists of 12 people and then sends 4 members to the StuKo. You also elect one representative per faculty to the highest university committee we have here, the Senate.

Alina:

In addition to the student councils, another big part of the work of student self-government is the initiatives, where you can do almost anything you feel like. Whether it's a weekly radio show at Bauhaus.fm or regular Dungeons and Dragons rounds with Diemensions, a bit of gardening at Campus.Garten - the possibilities are open to you. (And if there is really no initiative that appeals to you or you have a great idea for a new initiative that absolutely has to exist, then just found your own).

Take an active part in university life by, for example, joining an ini, supporting a department in its work or taking on a shift in the café. And if none of this appeals to you, found your own initiative and bring to Weimar what has been missing up to now. Because the initiatives and units, or the work of the committees in general, are based on voluntary commitment. So drop by! All are welcome and we are always happy to see new faces.

We also realize that the whole structure behind how everything works and how you can get involved is not so easy to understand and explain in a hurry. So please approach us, you are all welcome and we are happy to welcome you in our M18 family :-)

Rebecca:

And whatever your volunteer commitment will be - we hope now to have won many of you for the committees and initiatives, there will be a lot of exciting things coming up in the next years anyway.

It doesn't matter whether you have studied before, are just out of school or have already completed training, whether this study is your second or third study, or you are in the Bachelor or Master. Either way, your studies are a time of personal and intellectual growth. We want to encourage you to take on this challenge and grow beyond yourself.

We would also like to encourage you to be curious, to ask questions and to question the given. Be curious not only about the subject matter, but also about your environment. And as you saw at the beginning of Simon's anecdote about the C-Kompass, volunteer work is an ongoing process in which things sometimes go wrong, so we need your active support so that next year's CKompass will arrive on time, so that all faculties can distribute their freshman bags during freshman week, and so that the café will be open more regularly than this week and parties can take place every week. So take the chance to shape the university and our everyday life together with us.

And until we hopefully all meet again at the M18, we wish all the students from Faculty B that they don't fall asleep despite their events at 7:30 a.m. and continue to calculate statically correctly, all the architecture students good luck with their night shifts and the media students among us a lot of fun on the long way to the Schwannseestraße. And Simon - what does KG actually do?

[Simon shrugs]

Thank you very much.