

# Student Representation



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# STUDENT REPRESENTATION

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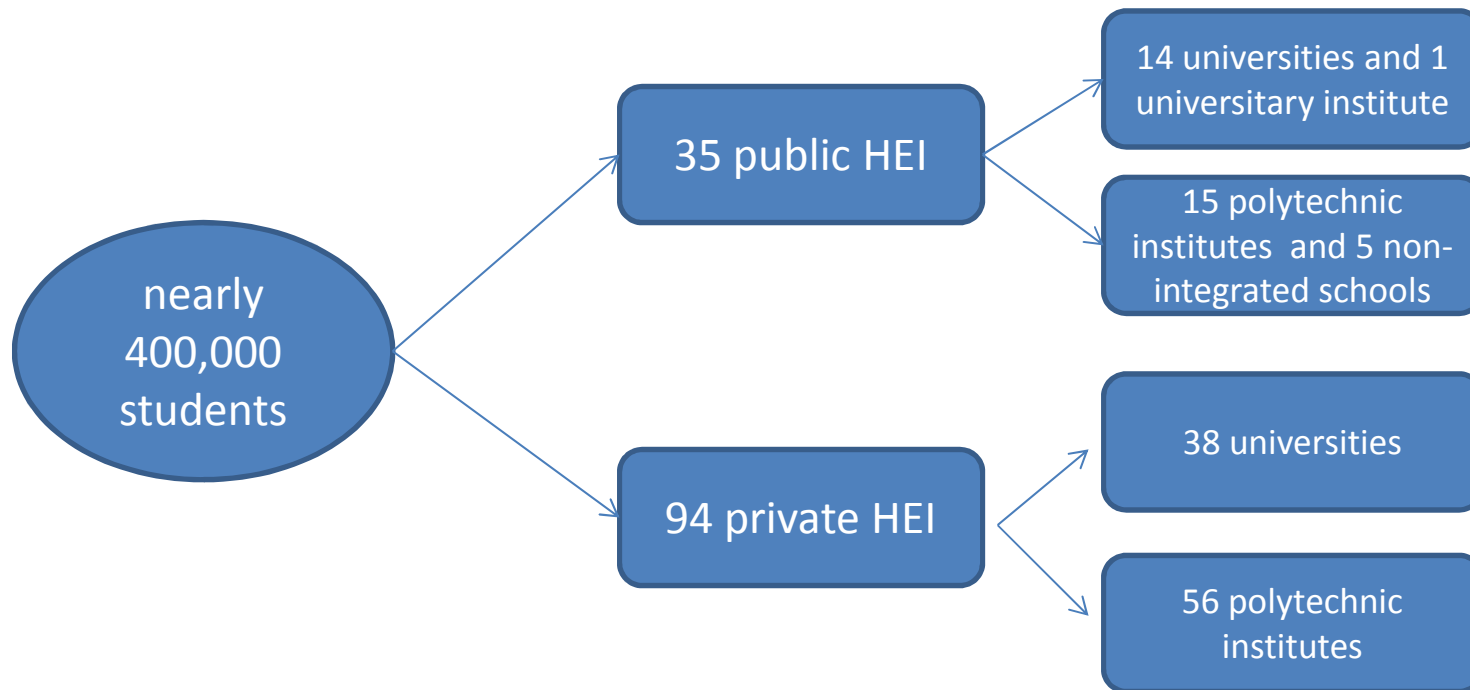
- Are independent from government, political parties, religious organizations or any others.
- Are free of develop their own statues and internal regulations, to elect their governing bodies, to manage and administer their own patrimony and elaborate their own activity plans.
- Have the right to financial support provided by the government to develop its activities in pedagogical, cultural, social and sporting areas.

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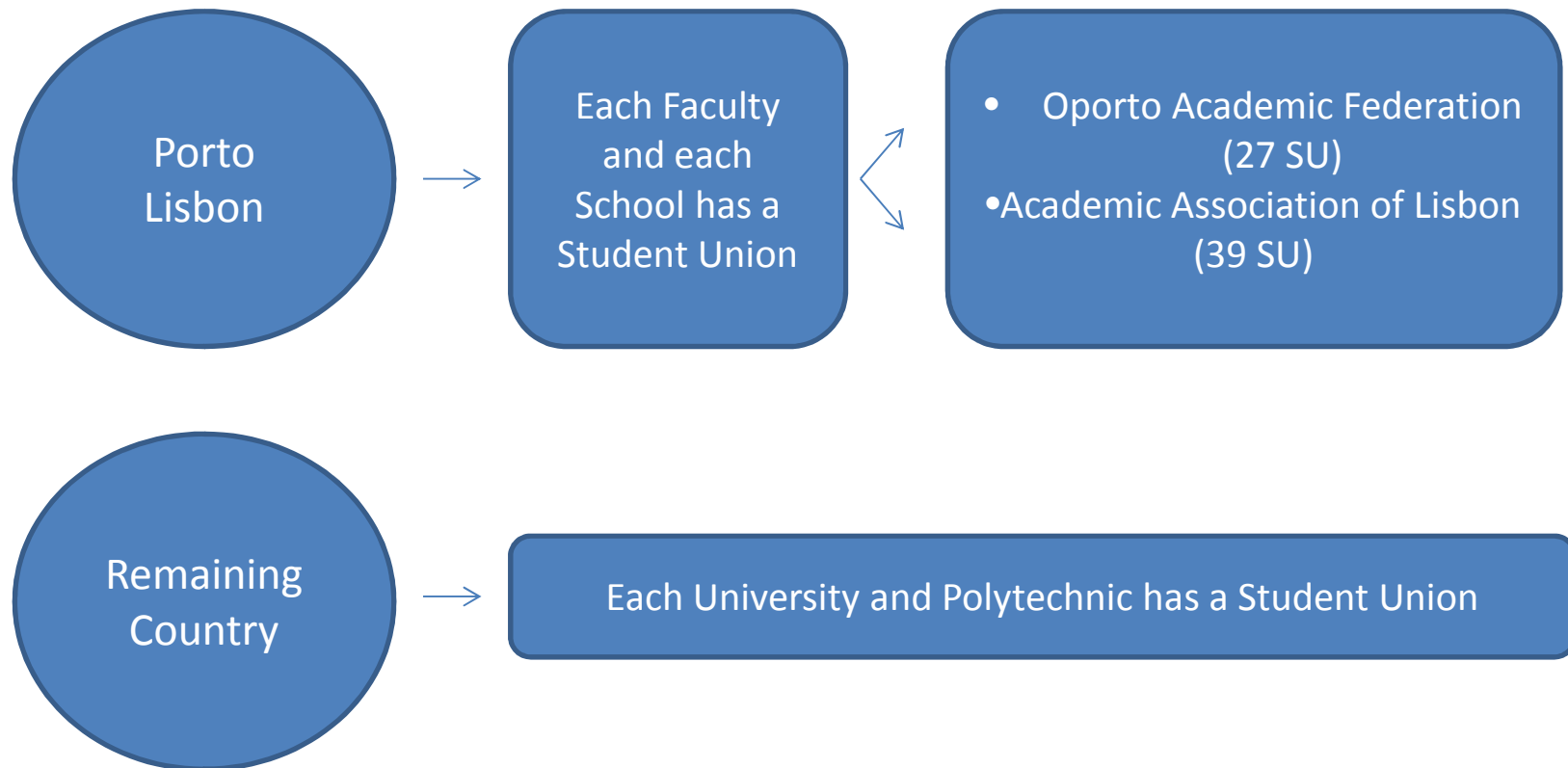
Each Student Union always includes the following bodies:

- General Assembly
- Directorate
- Fiscal Council

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Student Unions assume an important role not only because they **represent students in the management bodies** of the Universities/Faculties/School/College, but also because they **promote activities in various areas**, that goes from social support, to providing services and performing and promoting different cultural, recreational and sports activities.

## 2. Student Representation in IPP

At IPP we may find students representatives at three levels:

A. In the governing bodies

- General Council
- Academic Council

B. In the Student Welfare Services

- Student Welfare Council

C. In the Schools

- Pedagogical Councils
- depending on the School structure and organization students can be represented in several others bodies, as for instance in the Advisory Boards, Evaluation and Quality Commissions/Councils, Study Program Commission, Study Program Self-Evaluation Team, ...
- Students' Unions



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### A. In the governing bodies

#### - General Council

- the General Council is the main governing body of IPP
- with 35 members, where **6 are student** representatives
- the election of the 6 students' representatives takes place by and amongst all students of the 1st and 2nd cycles, in a single constituency and by closed list. Mandates are awarded to the corresponding lists according to the Hondt proportional representation method.
- The mandate of the student representatives in the General Council is for two years.

#### - Academic Council

- the Academic Council is the coordinating body of the scientific and pedagogic activities of the Institute and the advisory body in all other matters. Seeks the cooperation and articulation between the Schools and promotes development and mutual cooperation, synergy and a rational use of resources, within the strategy IPP.
- with the 7 Presidents of the Student Unions

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### B. In the Student Welfare Services

- Student Welfare Council
  - the Student Welfare Council is a superior body of the Student Welfare Services to define and guide the Student Support.
  - with 4 members where 2 are student representatives.

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### C. In the Schools

- Pedagogical Councils
  - the Pedagogical Council is the responsible body for the pedagogical management and aims to ensure the development and implementation of quality criteria for teaching activities as well as coordinate the implementation of the training policy of the Schools.
  - equal number of teacher and student representatives (in a minimum of 10 representatives and a maximum of 24 representatives)
  - the members are elected by list and by body, and the conversion of votes into Mandates is made through the Hondt method of proportional representation.
  - the duration of the mandates for the student representatives normally is one academic year.
  
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### 2.1 Students' Unions

The students are elected among the students of the school by list

#### Organization

- A. General Assembly
- B. Executive board
- C. Fiscal Council

A. The **General Assembly** is directed by a Board which is composed of three elements, which can be:

- President,
- Vowel(s),
- a Secretary.

The General Assembly is the highest organ of the Student Union, and his competences are, amongst others, the approval of the activity plan, the adoption and amendment of the statutes and approval of the annual report.

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B. The **Executive Board** is composed of at least three elements, which can be:

- a President,
- a Secretary.
- a Treasurer.

The main function of this organ is the executive management of the association.

C. The **Fiscal Council** is composed of at least three elements, which can be:

- a President,
- a Secretary,
- a Rapporteur/Comptroller.

To this body lies primarily the control of the Student Union accounts.

The Executive Board and the Fiscal Council are composed of an odd number of elements, one of whom is the President.

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Together with those organs, normally Student Unions are organized in departments/areas concerning the support they offer to his members ensuring at different levels and moments answer to student's needs. For instance in ESTSP the Student Union is organized into 9 departments:

- Social Welfare and Solidarity;
- Academic Activities;
- Pedagogical Affairs;
- Culture;
- Sports;
- Science and Vocational Training;
- Recreation and Leisure;
- Communication and Image;
- Internal Management.

Thank you



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