



TU Bergakademie Freiberg

Report

General Assembly

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<u>End:</u> 21:47 Uhr	<u>Report management:</u> Dirk Damaschke, Hanna Lehmann

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Chair of the meeting

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0 Information on this document

This document is a record of the results of the General Assembly. It was prepared in German during the meeting and was made available in German and English on the StuRa website on 22 October 2024. All enrolled students are entitled to submit comments on the amendment of this report by email to info@stura.tu-freiberg.de by 25 October 2024

1 Greeting

The StuRa welcomes all students present. The rules during the meeting are briefly explained. The agenda is also presented.

2 Change of the agenda

A request is made to bring forward the vote.

Vote: Should agenda item 6 be moved to item 3?

Yea	No
86	275

The request was rejected.

There is a request to establish a quorum. There are no quorum requirements that must be fulfilled in the General Assembly.

There is an enquiry as to whether the student decision can take place today. This is denied, as the decision can only take place two weeks after the General Assembly.

3 Information on the semester ticket and mobility in Freiberg

The procedure is explained.

3.1 Semester ticket modelled on the Deutschlandticket

The semester ticket includes the conditions of the Deutschlandticket. This covers all local transport in Germany, but does not include bicycle transport, but does include local exceptions and extensions. The ticket is issued as a personalised digital ticket. The cost of the ticket is set as a dynamic price at 60% of the Deutschlandticket. As this will be 58 € per month from 2025, the current monthly price would be 34.80 € and therefore 208.80 € per semester, which would increase the semester contribution to 302.80 €. The ticket runs as a full solidarity model: all enrolled students pay the fee, regardless of how often they use the ticket. Basic exceptions exist, further exceptions for distance learning, holidays and semesters abroad as well as other contractual conditions such as cancellation periods need to be negotiated with a transport company. For Freiberg, the StuRa would commission the Studentenwerk with the negotiations.

3.2 Previous data collection in Freiberg

The previous data surveys of the student body in Freiberg revealed that 41.7 % of 1,211 respondents stated that they used the Deutschlandticket every month at the beginning of 2024. On the other hand, 25.3 % stated that they did not use the ticket at all. In the same data survey, 43.4 % stated that they were prepared to pay more than 30 € per month for the ticket.

Of the 1,431 respondents also surveyed at the beginning of 2024, 14.6 % stated that they currently spend no money at all on public transport during the semester and 60.0 % stated that they spend less than 200 € per semester 25.4 % currently spend more than 200 €.

Of 1,287 respondents in April 2022, 39.3 % stated that they owned a car, motorbike or moped and 60.7 % stated that they did not own any of these things.

4 Summary of arguments

The following summary is presented in two columns. On the left are arguments in favour and on the right against. The arguments include content already collected in advance in a StuRa discussion pad as well as points raised on site.

4.1 Individual aspects

The ticket is of personal benefit if you regularly use public transport, e.g. to visit family or friends. It also relieves the burden on these users, as it provides a cheaper alternative to the Deutschlandticket. It also enables extended mobility for students.

The ticket is of no use to you personally if you rarely use public transport or mainly use car or long-distance transport. The latter, for example, because hometowns are difficult or impossible to reach by public transport. In addition, the ticket represents an additional financial expense for non-users and may not be financially viable for some students.

4.2 Overall benefit

The overall benefit is fulfilled if the majority of students use the ticket and/or students have to spend less money on average.

The overall benefit is not fulfilled if the majority of students do not use the ticket and/or students have to spend more money on average.

4.3 Full solidarity model

The full solidarity model means that everyone pays so that it is cheaper overall. This means that financially disadvantaged students can use public transport.

The full solidarity model means that everyone is forced to pay for everyone else's ticket. As a result, financially weak students could get into greater financial difficulties.

4.4 Practicality Study

The practicality is given for the study to reach internship and excursion locations as well as to commute to the university.

It is not practical for studying, as the entire campus is also within walking distance of residential areas in Freiberg.

4.5 Student recruitment

The ticket is effective for student recruitment as it attracts students.

The ticket is not effective for student recruitment, as students are currently attracted by the low semester fee.

4.6 Other

The ticket acts as a signal to expand public transport and sets an example for environmental and climate protection.

Culture in Freiberg is in danger of dying out if all students travel to neighbouring cities in their free time.

5 Questions about the semester ticket

The following questions were asked during the meeting and sorted thematically afterwards.

5.1 Model and content of the ticket

Q: When does the semester ticket apply?

A: The ticket would be valid from the winter semester 2025/26.

Q: Is the semester ticket equivalent to the Deutschlandticket?

A: Yes.

Q: What will happen if the Deutschlandticket is abolished?

A: The transport company could not fulfil its part of the contract, the contract would therefore be invalid and the students would probably get their money refunded for the months in which the contract was not honoured.

Q: What problems still need to be clarified during the negotiation?

A: How does the data transfer to the transport companies work? How will it be possible to access the ticket? It is also about who does not have to pay for the ticket or what the cancellation periods are like.

Q: Why is there only a full solidarity model to choose from and not a partial solidarity model?

A: This model used to be available as an add-on to the Deutschlandticket, but no longer exists.

Q: Have you spoken to the university management about extending the job ticket to students?

A: Yes, but the university would have to pay the difference, which does not currently fit into the budget.

Q: Are there any plans to link up with Freiberg's public transport system?

A: These attempts have been made by the Rectorate for several years, but it is difficult to change them. However, the Studentenwerk is free to decide with which transport association the contract is concluded.

5.2 Cost of the ticket

Q: Is the monthly contribution still uncertain before the negotiations?

A: No, the contribution of 60% of the Deutschlandticket is fixed, but there may be an increase in the price of the Deutschlandticket.

Q: Is the total contribution to be paid dependent on the number of enrolled students or is it variable, e.g. if students take a semester off?

A: No, it is always 60% of the cost of the Germany ticket.

Q: If the cost of the Deutschlandticket is increased again, will the semester ticket remain in place?

A: The ticket remains valid. However, it can be cancelled by the StuRa subject to the specified notice period. Nevertheless, the StuRa will not make an absolute decision here, but will again seek opinions.

Q: Is it possible to pay the semester fee in instalments?

A: The transport association will request the money as full payment. However, payment in instalments can be arranged with the university administration.

Q: Will there be a support fund if students cannot afford it?

A: As there is currently no basis for this, there has been no way to organise it so far. However, it will probably be possible to set up a fund or something similar.

Q: Do I get money back if I finish my studies in the middle of a semester?

A: Basically no.

Addendum: If you pay for something, you must also be able to use it. If you exmatriculate, the semester ticket can no longer be used. The fees for the semester in question can at least be refunded on application.

5.3 Voting modalities

Q: Is it possible to vote for students who are not present?

A: No.

Q: Can the ticket be cancelled despite a positive decision?

A: The StuRa is bound by the decision. A semester ticket must therefore be set up if the decision is in favour.

Q: Couldn't a price limit be introduced in the resolution on the student decision?

A: Due to current developments, it will not be possible to introduce a sensible price cap in the vote.

Q: During the presentation, 20% participation in the vote was mentioned, what is this all about?

A: In a student referendum, at least 20% of all enrolled students at TUBAF must be in favour and they must make up the majority of the votes cast for the decision to be adopted. This is a matter of democratic security.

Q: To what extent are Ukrainian students included in the semester ticket?

A: SUUUpoRT students are allowed to vote and are also included in the 20% regulation, but are exempt from the obligation to pay. They will also receive an explanatory text for this.

5.4 Others

Q: What percentage of students took part in the data collection at the time?

A: There are no exact figures on how many students were enrolled at the time. Based on the most recent figures from the 'Zahlenspiegel', it was probably more than 30% of the students studying in Freiberg.

Q: How does the university management view the issue?

A: The Rectorate does not have a uniform opinion on this.

Q: Which universities in Saxony have the ticket?

A: All except Freiberg and Mittweida.

Q: How will students be recruited if the semester ticket causes many to leave?

A: The question is categorised by the chair of the meeting as not relevant to the semester ticket.

Q: How quickly can a new General Assembly be convened?

A: In principle, a general assembly can be convened again three months after the decision. However, this is at the discretion of the students. The topic of the semester ticket has come up again and again in recent years.

5.5 Further information provided

It is recommended to have a look at the StuRa website on this topic.

There is the possibility of guest lectureships at universities that have a semester ticket.

Students can contact the StuRa at any time with any issues. In addition, a plenary assembly can be convened with a signature list of 10% of students.

6 Resolution

It was publicly checked by two volunteers from the audience that the ballot boxes were empty before the vote. Pens are distributed. The count takes place outside in public.

Vote: Should a student referendum be held with the question 'Should a semester ticket be introduced at TU Bergakademie Freiberg as soon as possible at the conditions of the Deutschlandticket and at a price of 60% of the Deutschlandticket?'

Yes	No
215	165

The student referendum will be carried out.