Position of the TUM Graduate Council on the Participation of Doctoral Representatives

The participation of the elected doctoral representatives of the different Graduate Centers in the TUM Graduate Council is essential for its capacity to act and its legitimation. In particular, participation in the TUM Graduate Council meetings is an important part of the honorary position of a doctoral representative of a Graduate Center. Hence, for the case of repeated absence of the representatives of a Graduate Center, the following procedure is set out.

The TUM Graduate Council asks the Graduate Centers to install incentives for the respective doctoral representatives to improve the participation in the TUM Graduate Council.

If the doctoral representatives of a Graduate Center are absent from two consequent meetings of the TUM Graduate Council, which have been announced by the deadline laid out in the statutes of the TUM Graduate Council, without convincing reason, i.e. should neither of the elected representatives of the Graduate Center be present, the speakers of the TUM Graduate Council will contact said representatives as well as the coordination of the respective Graduate Center to inquire about the explanations for the repeated absence and to ask for a stronger contribution. Should this intervention not lead to an improvement, the speakers will report the problem to the other members of the TUM Graduate School board which will then address the matter. Moreover, the speakers of the TUM Graduate Council may withhold the certificate on involvement in the TUM Graduate Council from members who have not participated in TUM Graduate Council meetings on a regular basis and inform the respective Graduate Center about this decision.

The points above were decided by the members of the TUM Graduate Council as an official position in the Graduate Council meeting on May 6th, 2019. At the same time, the former position of the TUM Graduate Council on the participation of doctoral representatives from April 29th, 2015, is revoked.