

Accreditation at TUM

Department Studies and Teaching

Outline

1. Program Accreditation vs. System Accreditation

- Program and/or Cluster Accreditation
- System Accreditation

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- Domains of activities
- Quality management cycle
- Development of new study programs



Accreditation of Study Programmes vs. System Accreditation (I)

Program Accreditation

- ➡ **Object:** study programs for bachelor and master degrees
- ➡ **Method:** peer-review
- ➡ **Procedure:** self-reporting → on-site inspection (expert group) → evaluation report
→ decision of accreditation commission
- ➡ **Result:**
 - accredited → reaccreditation in 5 years required
 - conditional accredited
 - accreditation request denied

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Disadvantages of Programme Accreditation

- ➡ Overload of capacity of the agencies (bottleneck situation)
- ➡ Costly
- ➡ Symptoms of fatigue associated with the numerous evaluation processes
- ➡ Increase of bureaucracy and fixed standardisation
- ➡ Loss of autonomy → competences are shifted to accreditation agencies

Standing conference of the *Länder* ministers responsible for education (*Kultusministerkonferenz*) permits the accreditation of quality management systems for teaching and learning (system accreditation).



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System Accreditation

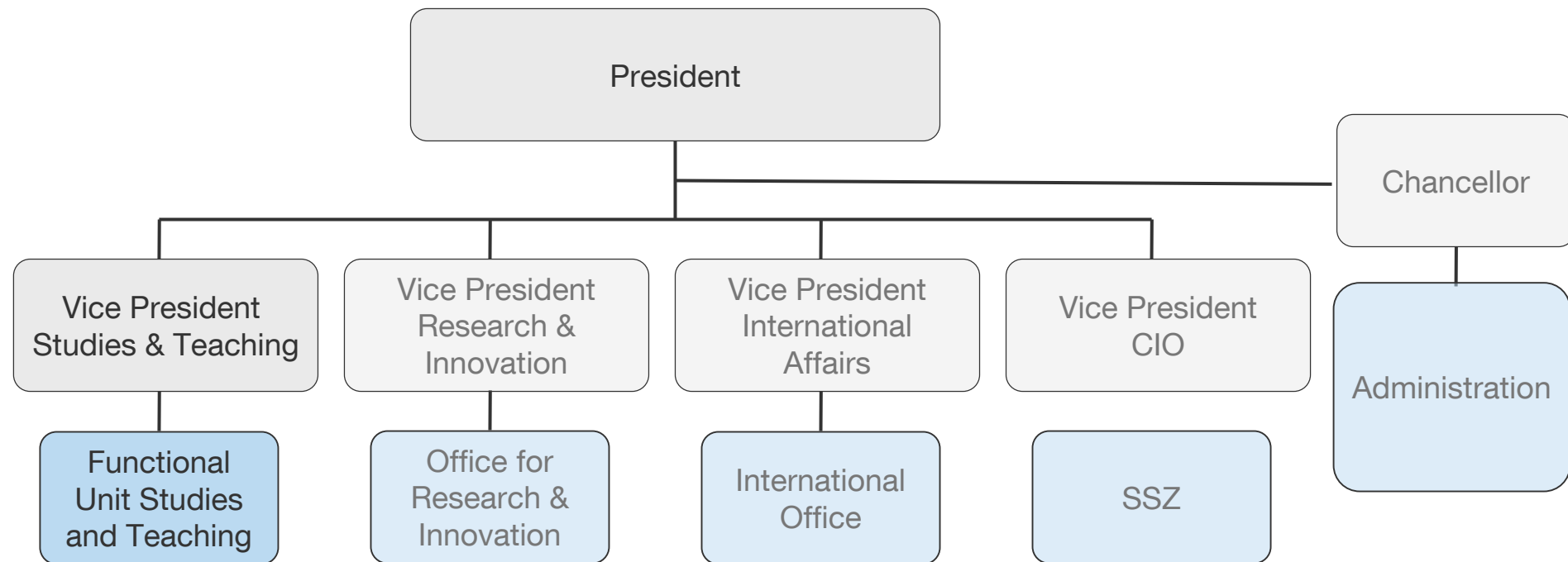
- ➔ **Object:** internal quality assurance system in 'teaching' and 'learning'
- ➔ **Method:** peer-review
- ➔ **Procedure:** self-reporting → on-site inspection (expert group) → evaluation report
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Study programs, which are set up after the system accreditation or have already been subject to internal quality assurance in accordance with the requirements of the accredited system, are accredited.

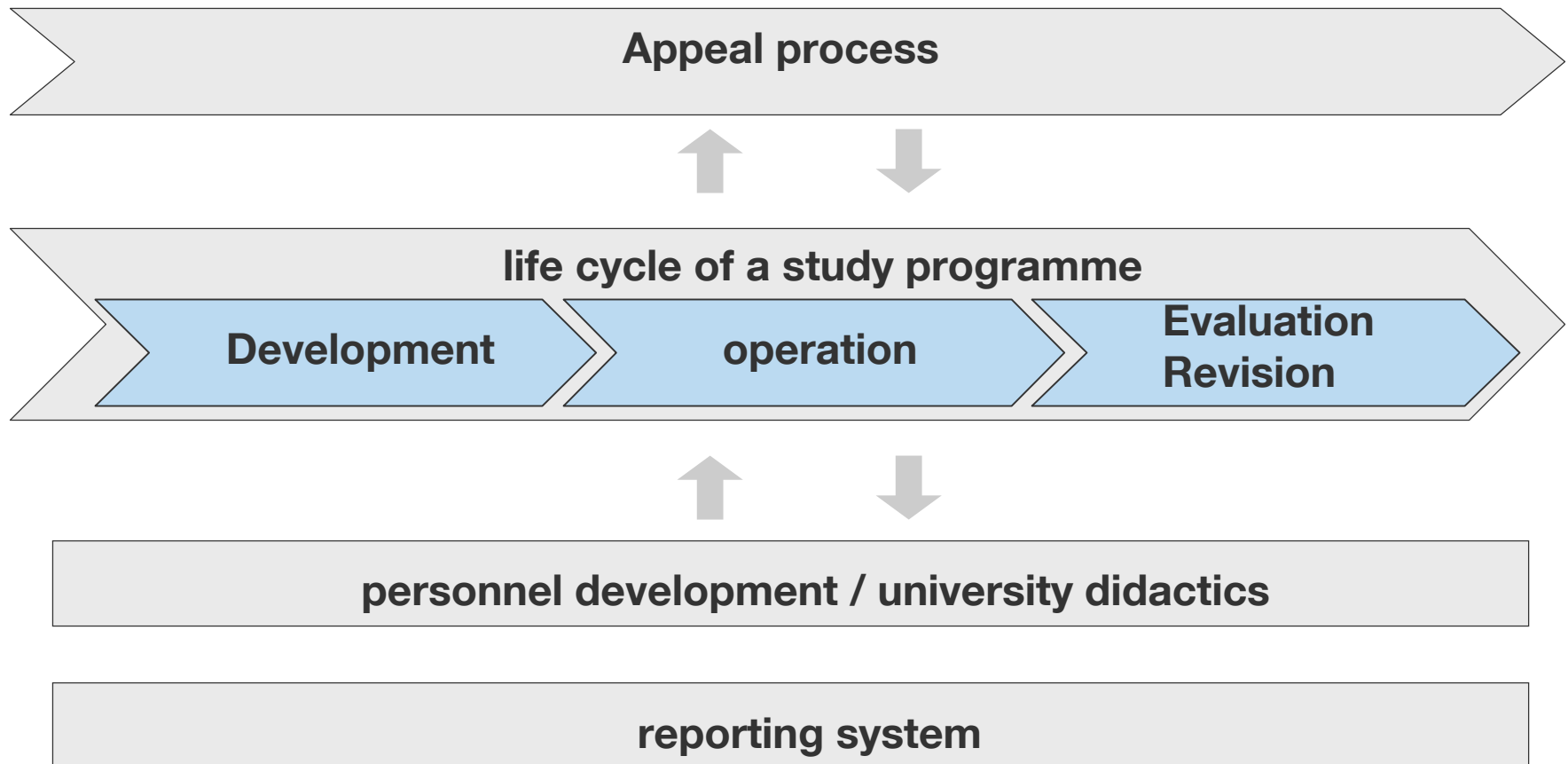
The responsibility for quality assurance in terms of the given criteria is transferred to the university.

2. System Accreditation at TUM

Institutional Integration

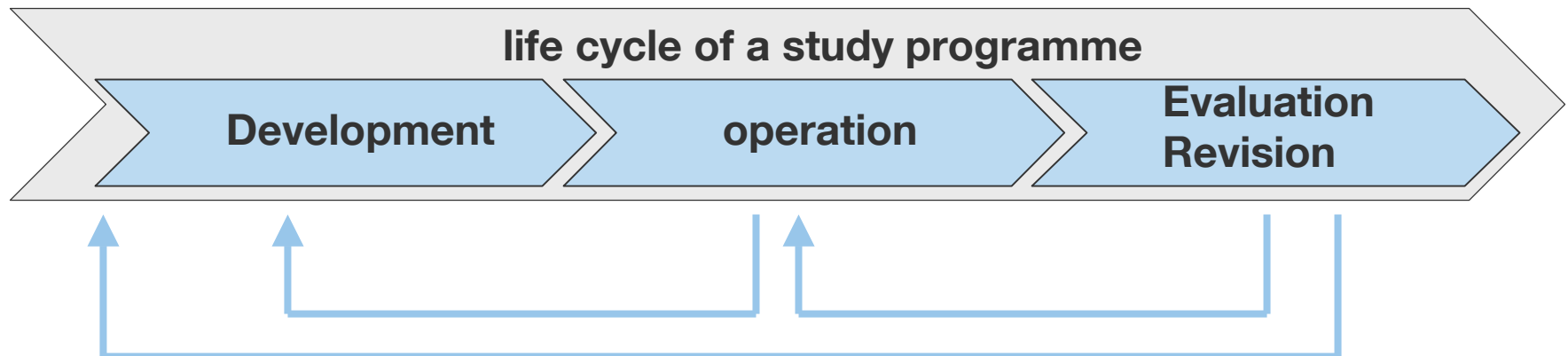
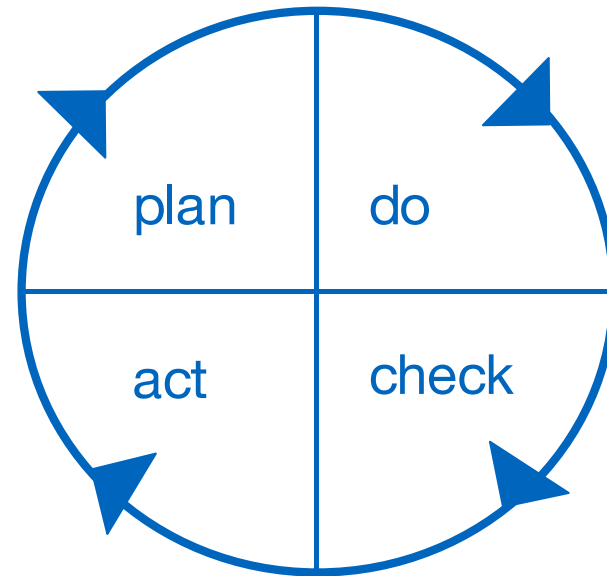


Domains of activity in the quality management system of TUM



Quality management Cycle

plan = preparation
do = carry out
check = ensure
act = evaluate, improve, standardize



Development of a new study program

