



Program Accreditation at the University of Music in Würzburg

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Outline:

1. Initial Situation
2. Goal Achievement: System Accreditation
3. Internal Accreditation Process
4. Challenges
5. Tips

1. Initial situation



- Bavaria: “Freeze notice” → Suspension of the obligation for program accreditation if system accreditation is sought
- Decision by the HfM Würzburg to pursue system accreditation: 2014; Reason: primarily financial considerations
- Targeted steps: Introduction of a “Regulation for Quality Assurance” (OrQ) and a “Quality Advisory Board” with external expertise
- Initially, some missteps or incorrect/unnecessary prioritizations
- Second “attempt” at the end of 2018; formation of a “QM team”; creation of two half-time positions: one for accreditation and one for evaluation

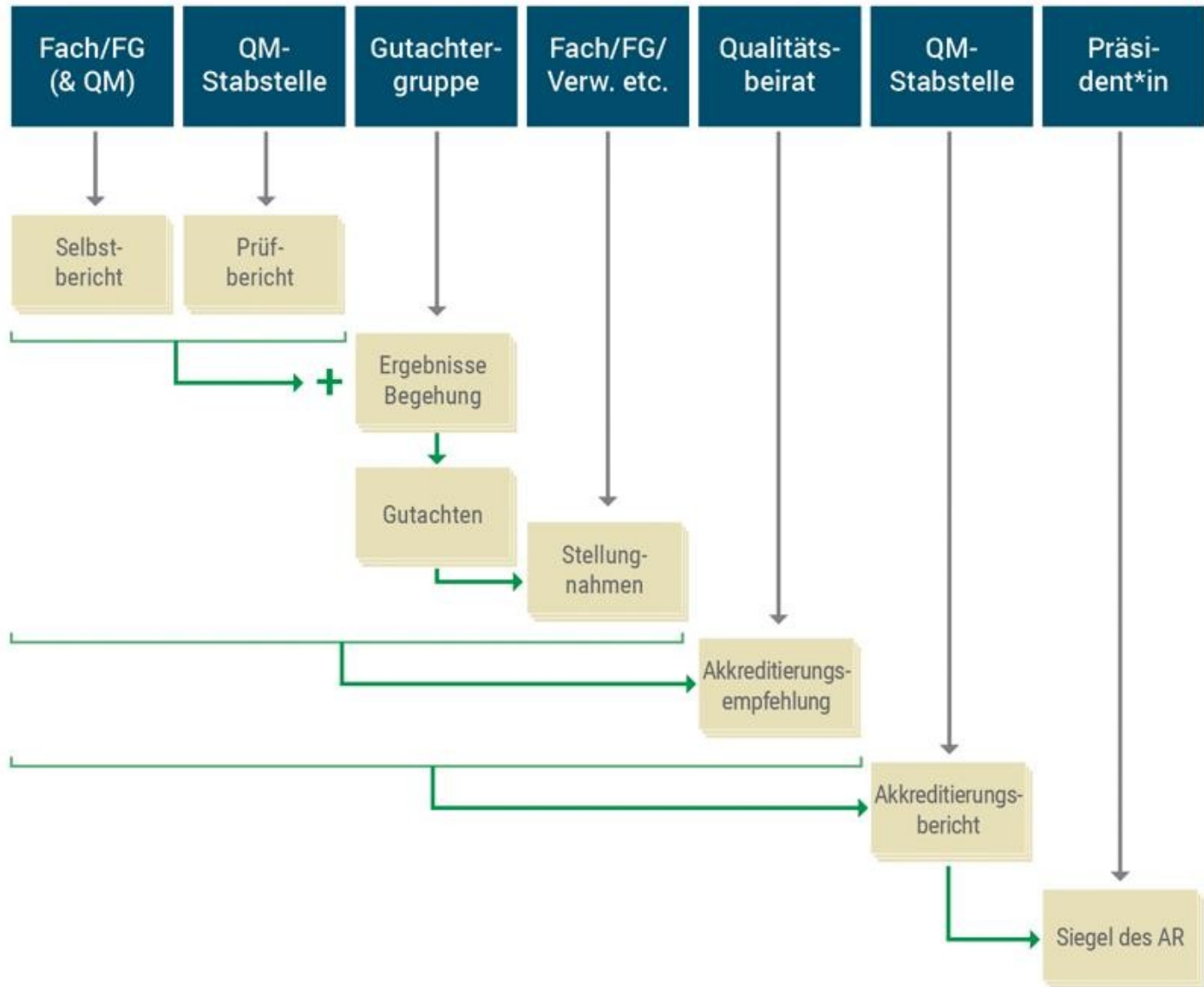
2. Goal achievement

- Self-documentation: May 2021
- 1st on-site visit: July 2021
- 2nd inspection: March 2022
- Application: June 2022
- Board decision: March 2023
- Accreditation period:
October 1, 2022–
September 30, 2030



3.

Interne Akkreditierung (Studiengangaudit) und Verleihung des Siegels (Zertifizierung)



4. Challenges (1)



- Fundamentally: “MRVO exegesis” → Interpreting scope and limits
- Balancing act: Risk conditions or ensure compliance?



4. Challenges (2)



Closing the control loops: e.g., identifying “areas for development” → Deriving measures → Implementing measures → Monitoring:
Evaluation conference, quality conference



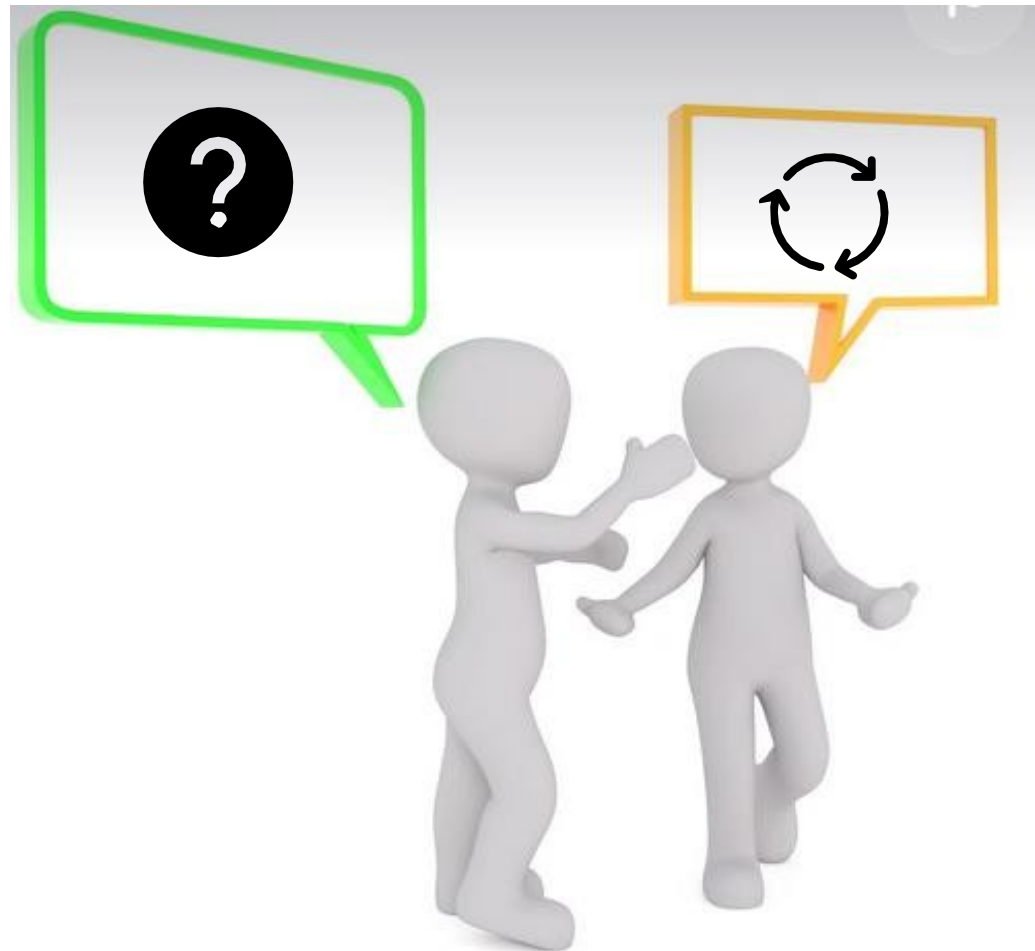
4. Challenges (3)

- Development and description of an internal accreditation procedure
- Procedure description for program development
→ Define: “Significant changes”
- Small university: Independence of committees
- Establishing a complaint management system
- Drafting the self-documentation



5. Tips (1)

The bottom line: Ask, ask, ask = tap into external expertise!



5. Tips (2)

Document everything from the start → minutes, meeting notes...



5. Tips (3)

Collect: working groups, task forces, special features, regulations...

→ Do good and talk about it!



Questions?

**Thank you very much for your
attention!**

