

Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports registered the Statute of Silesian University in Opava in accordance with § 36 para. 2 of the Act No. 111/1998 Coll., on higher education institutions and on changes and amendments to other Acts (the Higher Education Act) on 28 March 2017 under ref. MSMT-7574/2017.

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PART ONE FUNDAMENTAL PROVISIONS

Article 1

Introductory provisions

- 1) Silesian University in Opava (hereinafter referred to as the "University") is a university type of institution under Act No. 111/1998 Coll., on higher education institutions and on changes and amendments to other Acts (the Higher Education Act), as amended, (hereinafter referred to as the "Act").
- 2) The University is the legal successor of the Silesian University established on 28 September 1991 by Act of the Czech National Council no. 314/1991 Coll., on the establishment of the Silesian University, University of South Bohemia, University of West Bohemia, University of Jan Evangelista Purkyně and University of Ostrava, dated 9 July 1991. The Mission of the University is given by § 1 of the Act.
- 3) The name of the University is "Slezská univerzita v Opavě", in English "Silesian University in Opava".
- 4) The seat of the University is "Na Rybníčku st. 626/1, 746 01, Opava".
- 5) The University is a center of education, independent learning and creative activities and it serves an independent and free cultivation and development of sciences and arts through research, teaching and studying.

Article 2

The legal status of the University

- 1) The University is a legal entity.
- 2) The University is a university type of institution.

- 3) The University is a public university.

Article 3

The Academic Community of the University

- 1) Academic staff and students of the University comprise the Academic Community of the University.
- 2) The right to convene an Assembly of the Academic Community belongs only to the Rector or the President of the Academic Senate of the University.

Article 4

Academic Freedoms and Academic Rights

The University guarantees academic freedoms and academic rights pursuant to § 4 of the Act.

P A R T T W O

THE UNIVERSITY AND ITS CONSTITUENT PARTS

CHAPTER I

THE UNIVERSITY BODIES

Article 5

The autonomous academic bodies of the University are the bodies referred to in § 7 para. 1 of the Act and other bodies of the University are the bodies referred to in § 7 para. 2 of the Act.

Article 6

The Academic Senate of the University

- 1) The legal status of the Academic Senate of the University (hereinafter referred to as the "Senate") is regulated in § 8 and § 9 of the Act.
- 2) The Senate has twenty-two members.
- 3) Senate is subdivided into two chambers - Chamber of Academic Staff and Student Chamber.
- 4) The Senate is elected by the Academic Community of the University so that each faculty is represented by the same number of members.

- 5) Constituent parts of the University, pursuant to § 22 para. 1 point b) and c) of the Act, and students of a study programs undertaken by the University are jointly represented by one member.
- 6) Membership in the Senate is incompatible with the office of Rector, Vice-Rector, Bursar, Dean, Vice-Dean, Secretary of the faculty and Director of Higher Education Institute.
- 7) The term of office of the Senate is three years.
- 8) The method of electing and dismissing members of the Senate, method of electing the Chairman of the Senate, Bodies of the Senate and their establishing, reasons for termination of membership in the Senate are determined by the Electoral Regulations of the Senate as an internal regulation of the University.
- 9) Course of action of the Senate, method of electing a candidate for Rector office and adoption of the draft of their removal from office are determined by the Rules of Procedure of the Senate as an internal regulation of the University.

Article 7

The Rector

- 1) The legal status of the Rector is determined by the Act, this Statute and internal regulations of the University.
- 2) The Rector submits to the Senate the following in particular:
 - a) proposals for the establishment, merger, amalgamation, division or dissolution of constituent parts of the University,
 - b) proposals for the approval of the internal regulations of the University with the exception of the Rules of Procedure of the Senate, which is proposed solely by a member of the Senate,
 - c) draft budget of the University,
 - d) annual report on the activities of the University,
 - e) annual report on the management of the University,
 - f) proposals for the appointment and dismissal of members of the Scientific Board of the University and of the Disciplinary Committee of the University,
 - g) strategic plan of educational and scientific activities, research, developmental and innovative, artistic or other creative activities (hereinafter referred to as "creative activities") of the University (hereinafter referred to as "strategic plan of the University"),
 - h) proposals for the abolition of internal regulations, decisions or other acts of the University's constituent part's body or the suspension of its effectiveness if this internal regulation, decision or act is in contradiction to the specific provisions or internal regulations of the University.
- 3) The Rector submits to the Scientific Board of the University the following in particular:
 - a) proposal of strategic plan of the University,

- b) intention to submit an application for institutional accreditation for an area/s of education and extension of institutional accreditation to additional area/s of education,
 - c) intention to give up institutional accreditation, intention to cancel a study program and intention to give up an accreditation of habilitation procedure or procedure for the appointment of professors,
 - d) draft rules of quality assurance system in educational, creative and to them related activities and internal evaluation of the quality of educational, creative and to them related activities of the University,
 - e) draft report on the internal evaluation of the quality of educational, creative and to them related activities of the University,
 - f) draft annual report on the activities of the University,
 - g) other drafts according to the internal regulations of the University.
- 4) The Rector particularly submits to the Board for Internal Evaluation of the University a draft rules of quality assurance system in educational, creative and to them related activities and of internal evaluation of the quality of educational, creative and to them related activities of the University; other drafts according to internal regulations of the University.
- 5) The Rector submits to the Board of Trustees of the University the following in particular:
- a) report on the internal evaluation of the quality of educational, creative and to them related activities of the University,
 - b) strategic plan of the University,
 - c) budget of the University,
 - d) annual report on the activities of the University,
 - e) annual report on the management of the University,
 - f) other documents requiring consultation or approval of the Board of Trustees of the University.
- 6) An advisory body of the Rector is Rector's Collegium (hereinafter referred to as the "Collegium"). Its permanent members are Vice-Rectors, Bursar, Chairman of the Senate, Deans and Director of Higher Education Institute. The Rector may appoint additional members according to Rector's sole discretion. The Collegium shall be convened by the Rector as needed.
- 7) The Rector appoints additional advisory bodies through internal norm and the Rector sets their scope of action, rules on conducting meetings and ways of communication.

Article 8

Vice-Rectors

- 1) The legal status of Vice-Rectors is determined by § 10 para. 4 of the Act, this Statute and internal regulations of the University.
- 2) The Rector appoints three Vice-Rectors with the following competence:

- a) Vice-Rector for Study and Social Affairs,
 - b) Vice-Rector for Science and Foreign Affairs,
 - c) Vice-Rector for Development.
- 3) Vice-Rectors are subordinated to the Rector and are accountable to the Rector for their activities in their entrusted areas. The Rector's Directive sets out specific competencies of each Vice-Rector for a section that is determined by the Rector.
 - 4) The Rector shall determine which of the Vice-Rectors will fully represent the Rector in one's absence.

Article 9

The Scientific Board of the University

- 1) The legal status of the Scientific Board of the University (hereinafter referred to as the "Scientific Board") is regulated in § 11 and 12 of the Act, this Statute and internal regulations of the University. The activity of the Scientific Board referred to in § 12 para. 1 point b), c) and e) of the Act shall be entrusted to the Scientific Board of the Faculty concerned.
- 2) The Scientific Board's activities are governed by the Act and it expresses an opinion on:
 - a) granting honorary doctorates of the University,
 - b) awarding a Gold Medal of the University.
- 3) The Scientific Board is governed at its meetings by the Rules of Procedure of the Scientific Board.

Article 10

The Board for Internal Evaluation of the University

- 1) The legal status of the Board for Internal Evaluation of the University (hereinafter referred to as the "Board for Internal Evaluation") is regulated in § 12a of the Act, this Statute and internal regulations of the University.
- 2) In addition to the existing scope of the Board for Internal Evaluation referred to in § 12a para. 4 point b) to d) of the Act, there are additional competencies of the Board for Internal Evaluation as follows:
 - a) granting approval to pursue degree programs, presented by the Rector on the proposal of a faculty or Higher Education Institute, in the framework of institutional accreditation,
 - b) approving remedial actions to the shortcomings in implementation of a study program to which a consent has been granted pursuant to point a), which are:
 1. appeal to the appropriate faculty or Higher Education Institute for remedial action to be taken within reasonable time,
 2. prohibition to accept another applicants to study into such study program,

3. withdrawal of consent pursuant to point a); proposal for approval of the remedial action is only provided by the Rector,
 - c) managing preparation of application for institutional accreditation or for extension of the institutional accreditation,
 - d) monitoring compliance with relevant legislation and internal regulations of the University in implementation of the degree programs.
- 3) The Board for Internal Evaluation is governed at its meetings by the Rules of Procedure of the Board for Internal Evaluation.

Article 11

The Disciplinary Committee of the University

- 1) The legal status of the Disciplinary Committee of the University (hereinafter referred to as "the Disciplinary Committee") is regulated in § 13 of the Act.
- 2) The term of office of members of the Disciplinary Committee is two years.
- 3) The Disciplinary Committee is governed at its meetings by the Act and the Disciplinary Code for Students of the University.

Article 12

The Board of Trustees of the University

- 1) The legal status of the Board of Trustees of the University (hereinafter referred to as "the Board of Trustees") is regulated in § 14 and 15 of the Act.
- 2) Members of the Board of Trustees are appointed and dismissed by the Minister of Education, Youth and Sports (hereinafter referred to as "the Minister").
- 3) The Board has fifteen members.
- 4) The manner of election of the Chair and the Deputy Chairs and the course of action of the Board of Trustees are set out in its Statute, which is subject to approval by the Minister.

Article 13

The Bursar of the University

- 1) The legal status of the Bursar of the University (hereinafter referred to as "the Bursar") is regulated in § 16 of the Act, this Statute and internal regulations of the University.
- 2) The Bursar is responsible for management, asset management and internal administration of the University as a whole, and acts on its behalf in matters of business, economy and law, administrative and civil law, to the extent that is determined by the Rector's Directive.

- 3) The Bursar methodically manages constituent parts of the University in matters specified in point 2.
- 4) The Bursar is appointed and dismissed by the Rector, to whom the Bursar is directly subordinated and accountable for their actions.

CHAPTER II

THE MANAGEMENT OF THE UNIVERSITY

Article 14

The assets of the University

- 1) The University can entrust its assets to the care of constituent parts of the University, through the Rector's Directive. The Dean of faculty is accountable to the Rector for efficient utilization and management of the property entrusted to the faculty. Directors or managers of other constituent parts of the University are accountable to the Rector for efficient utilization and management of the property entrusted to their department.
- 2) Constituent parts of the University must use the entrusted property to carry out tasks in educational and creative activities. They may also use the assets to carry out supplementary activities in compliance with the Act, this Statute, internal regulations of the University and Rector's Directives.

Article 15

The Financial Management of the University

- 1) The University manages mainly the funds received pursuant to § 18 para. 2 of the Act.
- 2) The management of the University is regulated by the Rules of Management and Accounting of the University.
- 3) The University compiles a budget for a calendar year and manages its finances in compliance with this budget. The budget must not be compiled such that it foresees a deficit.
- 4) The University and its constituent parts manage with allocated funds based on budget approved by the Senate and the Board of Trustees.
- 5) In case the Senate doesn't approve the budget submitted by the Rector, the Rector shall submit a new budget proposal within 30 days. Until there is a new budget approval given by the Senate and the Board of Trustees, the management proceeds according to original Rector's proposal reduced by 20%. The investment part of the budget will only cover the costs of actions agreed in previously concluded contracts.
- 6) Constituent parts of the University manage financial resources based on their budgets which are compiled as settled.

- 7) The Faculty Dean is accountable to the Rector for efficient utilization of funds.
- 8) Directors or managers of other constituent parts of the University are accountable to the Rector for efficient utilization of funds.
- 9) The Bursar is accountable to the Rector for efficient utilization of funds allocated to the Rectorate.
- 10) The University is not empowered to take over the liability for the pecuniary debt of another person and to establish a lien on real estate. The University is not empowered to become partners in a public business enterprise or general partners in a limited partnership. Nor is the University empowered to invest in business enterprises or cooperatives property acquired from the state, a block grant pursuant to § 18 para. 3 of the Act or a subsidy pursuant to subsection § 18 para. 4 of the Act. Financial and non-financial investments in legal entities are subject to the Rules of Management and Accounting of the University.

CHAPTER III

ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE OF THE UNIVERSITY

Article 16

Constituent parts of the University

- 1) Legal status of the constituent parts of the University is regulated by the Act.
- 2) The following faculties are the constituent parts of the University:
 - a) Faculty of Philosophy and Science in Opava,
 - b) School of Business Administration in Karviná,
 - c) Faculty of Public Policies in Opava.
- 3) The following Institute is the constituent part of the University: Mathematical Institute in Opava.
- 4) The following units (hereinafter referred to as "Units") are the constituent parts of the University within the meaning of § 22 para. 1 point c) of the Act:
 - a) University Library of the Silesian University in Opava,
 - b) Center of Information Technologies.
- 5) The following specialized unit (hereinafter referred to as "Specialized Unit") is the constituent part of the University within the meaning of § 22 para. 1 point d) of the Act: Chamber Choir of Silesian University in Opava.
- 6) The Rectorate is the administrative and managing body of the University.

Article 17

Faculty

- 1) The legal status of a Faculty, its rights and its bodies are regulated in § 23 to 33 of the Act.
- 2) Bodies of a Faculty shall be entitled, unless the Act provides otherwise, to make decisions or act on behalf of the University in full and in line with the strategic plan of the University and with the Rules of Management and Accounting of the University in matters pursuant to § 24 para. 2 point a) to d) of the Act.
- 3) A Scientific Board of a Faculty carries out the scope of the Scientific Board of the University in matters pursuant to § 12 para. 1 point b), c) and e) of the Act.
- 4) Dean of a Faculty decides on the rights and obligations of students registered in study programs implemented at the Faculty in matters specified in § 68 para. 1 of the Act.

Article 18

Higher Education Institute

- 1) The legal status of the Higher Education Institute is regulated in § 34 of the Act.
- 2) The term of office of the Director of the Higher Education Institute is four years. The Director of the Higher Education Institute can perform the office for no more than two consecutive terms.
- 3) The Director of the Higher Education Institute is entitled to all legal acts in accordance with the Act and acts on behalf of the University against third parties to the extent that is determined by Rector's Directive.
- 4) The Director of the Higher Education Institute decides on admission to study in those study programs, which the Higher Education Institute implements together with the University.
- 5) The Director of the Higher Education Institute decides on the rights and obligations of students registered in those study programs, which the Higher Education Institute implements together with the University, in matters referred to in § 68 para. 1 of the Act and in internal regulations of the University.

Article 19

Units

- 1) Establishment, merger, amalgamation or dissolution of a Unit is regulated in § 9 para 1 point a) of the Act.
- 2) A Unit is led by Head of Department, who is accountable to the Rector for their activities.
- 3) The Head of Department is appointed and dismissed by the Rector.
- 4) The Head of Department is entitled to all legal acts in accordance with the Act and acts on behalf of the University against third parties to the extent that is determined by Rector's Directive.

Article 20

Specialized Unit

- 1) The establishment, merger, amalgamation, division or dissolution of Specialized Unit is regulated in § 9 para. 1 point a) of the Act.
- 2) A Specialized Unit is led by Head of Specialized Unit, who is accountable to the Rector for their activities.
- 3) The Head of Specialized Unit is appointed and dismissed by the Rector.

CHAPTER IV

INTERNAL REGULATIONS AND INTERNAL NORMS OF THE UNIVERSITY

Article 21

Internal regulations

Internal regulations of the University are the internal regulations referred to in § 17 para. 1 point a) to j) of the Act and pursuant to § 17 para. 1 point k) there are the following additional regulations:

- a) Rules of Management and Accounting of the University,
- b) Lifelong Learning Code of the University,
- c) Rules on the manner of publication of theses at the University,
- d) Rules of drawing the Social Fund of the University,
- e) Admission Procedure Code of the University,
- f) Study and Examination Code for students in doctoral degree programs implemented by the University, together with the Higher Education Institute,
- g) Rules of Procedure of the Board for Internal Evaluation,
- h) Rules of Habilitation Procedures and Procedures for the Appointment of Professors at the University,
- i) Code of Rigorous Procedure of the University.

Article 22

Internal Norms

- 1) Internal norms, which are not subject to registration by the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports (hereinafter referred to as "the Ministry") are in addition to the internal regulations of faculties as follows:

- a) Directives related in particular to crucial matters of the University or its constituent parts,
 - b) Directives related in particular to methodological and organizational issues,
 - c) Instructions and orders related to partial or operational matters,
 - d) Other Internal norms governing the management processes in all areas of action of the University and its constituent parts.
- 2) Internal norms shall be issued by the Rector, Bursar, Dean of a faculty and Director of Higher Education Institute, within the scope of their competencies as defined by the Act and the Statute of the University. Form of issuing internal norms and their disclosure is given by the internal norms of the Rector.

P A R T T H R E E

S T U D Y A T T H E U N I V E R S I T Y

Article 23

Study program

- 1) Higher education is acquired at the University by studying within the framework of an accredited program of study according to the curriculum set by the form of study.
- 2) The University discloses - in public part of its website - the list of accredited study programs, which are implemented by the University, including their type, profile, form of study and their standard study period, their availability for persons with disabilities; with an indication of a faculty, if the study program is accredited at the faculty.

Article 24

The framework conditions for admission to study, the method of administration of applications

- 1) Conditions of admission to study in the Bachelor's, Master's and Doctoral degree programs are generally defined in § 48 to 50 of the Act and in Admission Procedure Code of the University.
- 2) Knowledge, skills or abilities of applicants to study are generally tested through an entrance examination.
- 3) In case the entrance examination consists of multiple parts, their order has to be determined. Participation in each part is subject to meeting the conditions of the previous part.
- 4) Entrance examination of an applicant can be waived following the previous results of their study and in accordance with the published conditions of admission.
- 5) The entrance examination can be modified in an individual way for a candidate with special needs (in particular for the one with serious mobility or sensory disability, serious chronic or psychiatric

health condition or with specific learning disorders) based on an application form provided in writing, which includes a medical report issued by a provider specified in § 49 para. 1 of the Act or a specialist. Individual adjustments must result from a disability of an applicant; determining the scope of adjustment and content is fully in the competence of a person deciding on admission to study.

- 6) Application form to study shall be submitted in electronic form via the e-application in an information system of study administration, to the University or its constituent part which carries out the relevant study program.

Article 25

Method of delivery

- 1) Documents are served to students by the University via public data network to a data deposit box reported by a student according to § 63 para. 3 point b) of the Act, if a student owns such data deposit box.
- 2) Document that is being delivered via public data network is considered delivered upon logging into the data deposit box by the authorized person. Should the authorized person doesn't log into their data deposit box into which the University inserted the document, the delivery of such document is considered completed on the 10th day following the date the document has been inserted into the data deposit box.
- 3) If there is no possibility of delivering documents to students or applicants via public data network (data deposit box), the documents shall be delivered by standard mail service.
- 4) Documents to students and applicants to study will be sent via recorded personal delivery to the addressee to an address specified by a student or an applicant as a delivery address. In the case of addressees permanently residing outside the territory of the Czech Republic, the shipment will be sent to the address of permanent residence.
- 5) Should the addressee doesn't accept the shipment, such shipment will be saved by the mail service provider. The 10th day of saving the shipment at mail service provider is considered as delivery date, where the first day of saving the shipment doesn't count into storage period.
- 6) In the case of the shipment being returned back to the University as undeliverable due to unknown addressee, the University will deliver the document by exposing it in form of public notice on the Official board of the University for a period of 15 days, with the 15th day from exposing the public notice on the Official board of the University, being the day of delivery. The University, on the basis of § 69a para. 2 of the Act, is not obliged to appoint a guardian for deliveries to a student.
- 7) Decisions in matters referred to in § 68 para 1 point a), b) and d) of the Act, granting student's request and Decisions in matters referred to in § 68 para 1 point e) of the Act, shall be delivered via electronic information system of the University. The first day following the disclosure of the Decision to a student in the electronic information system is considered the day of delivery as well as the day of notification of the Decision.
- 8) Appeal for expression regarding the supportive materials can also be delivered to a student via electronic information system of the University.

- 9) If the application to study is granted pursuant to § 50 of the Act, the Decision on Admission to study shall be delivered to an applicant via electronic information system of the University in case the applicant priorly agreed upon this method of delivery on the application form. The first day following the disclosure of the Decision to a student in the electronic information system is considered the day of delivery as well as the day of notification of the Decision.
- 10) If a student prefers receiving documents of the University in form of Decision by personal collection, it can be arranged by prior agreement with relevant Study officer (authorized official).
- 11) Receipt Confirmation Form will be attached to all documents of the University which shall be held for personal collection. At the moment of personal collection, the document is considered delivered.
- 12) All other legal relations arising in the area of delivery service between the University and students or applicants to study shall be governed in particular by § 69a of the Act and § 19 and additionally by Act No. 500/2004 Coll., of the Administrative Procedure Code as amended.

Article 26

Study-related fees

- 1) The amount of fees related to work associated with the admission to the University is based on § 58 of the Act. The amount shall not exceed 20% of the base determined by the Ministry pursuant to § 58 para. 2 of the Act (rounded down to the whole 10 CZK):
 - a) 10% of the base determined by the Ministry pursuant to § 58 para. 2 of the Act (rounded down to the whole 10 CZK) for work associated with admission process, the parts of which are not the entrance examinations organized by the University or its faculty.
 - b) 17% of the base established by the Ministry pursuant to § 58 para. 2 of the Act (rounded down to the whole 10 CZK) for work associated with admission process, the parts of which are the entrance examinations.
- 2) Should a student's enrollment in a degree program exceed the standard length of studies in a Bachelor's or Master's degree program by more than one year pursuant to § 58 para. 3 of the Act, makes each commenced six months of study three times the base determined by the Ministry pursuant to § 58 para. 2 of the Act (rounded down to the whole 100 CZK). The length of studies also includes the length of all preceding studies in Bachelor's or Master's degree programs that have not been completed pursuant to subsections § 45 para. 3 or § 46 para. 3 of the Act; if it's not the case of preceding study, after which the student properly completed the study program of the same type. The length of time in which the student was enrolled in these study programs, or in these study programs and concurrently in the current program is calculated into the length of study only once. A recognized period of parenting shall first be deducted from the total length of study pursuant to this paragraph.
- 3) The amount of fees connected to studying a study program that is carried out in foreign language pursuant to § 58 para. 4 of the Act, for a particular constituent part of the University shall be determined by the Head of the part in question, taking into account, in particular, the economic performance of the study, the cost of quality assurance of the study and its administration in regards to current situation in a similar area of education.

- 4) The University shall determine and publish the amount of the fees connected to studying for the next academic year. The disclosure of the fees shall be done via public part of the University website no later than on the last day of the period set for submission of applications to study.
- 5) Study-related fees may only be covered by non-cash payment.
- 6) The maturity of the study-related fees is set as follows:
 - a) The fee for the work associated with the admission must be paid no later than on the day set by the appropriate constituent part as the deadline for filing an application to study,
 - b) Study-related fee pursuant to § 58 para. 3 and 4 of the Act, must be paid no later than within 90 days from the date of issue of the decision on the fee assessment, or within 90 days from the issue of the decision on appeal against the decision on the fee assessment (appeal against the decision on the fee assessment has a suspensory effect on maturity of the fee).

The date of the payment order for a transfer from one's account is crucial for a fulfillment of obligation laid down in points a) and b).

- 7) The Rector can – within the framework of decision-making on appeals against the decision on the fee assessment pursuant to § 58 para. 3 of the Act - reduce the assessed fee, waive the fee or defer its maturity in accordance with the following principles:
 - a) the fee is halved (rounded down to the whole 100 CZK) when a student reached the average grade of 1.8 at the most during the previous academic year;
 - b) the fee is reduced to one-third (rounded down to the whole 100 CZK) when a student reached the average grade of 1.5 at the most during the previous academic year;
 - c) the fee is waived when a student reached the average grade of 1.2 at the most during the previous academic year and fulfilled all their study obligations;
 - d) the fee is waived in case a student meets the conditions of § 54a para. 2 of the Act;
 - e) the fee shall be reduced on a pro-rata basis in case a student completes the study in accordance with § 55 para. 1 of the Act within the period for which the fee has been assessed;
 - f) the maturity of the study-related fee is postponed based on the Rector's own assessment of the appeal application;
 - g) the fee shall be reduced or waived in the case of difficult social circumstances of a student where such circumstances can be evidenced;
 - h) in cases worthy of special attention.

The principles referred to in points a) to h) can not be combined.

Article 27

The Terms of Study

The terms of study in accredited Bachelor's and Master's degree programs are determined in the Study and Examination Code for students in Bachelor's and Master's degree programs of the University; the terms of study in accredited Doctoral degree programs implemented by the University, together with the Higher Education Institute are determined in the Study and Examination Code for students in Doctoral

degree programs implemented by the University, together with the Higher Education Institute. Studying in accredited Doctoral degree programs implemented by faculties is carried out on the basis of internal rules of the faculties.

Article 28

The Terms of Study for Foreigners

- 1) Terms of study for foreigners must make it possible for them to fulfill the obligations arising out of international agreements that are binding on the Czech Republic to be met.
- 2) Foreigners who are applying to study in the degree programs implemented by faculties of the University within the framework of the mobility of students, or on the basis of international agreements or treaties and agreements that allow short-term study visits of foreign students at the University or its constituent parts, shall be accepted without entrance examinations on the basis of the signed contracts.
- 3) In cases that are not listed in para. 1, the foreigners shall be accepted to study in degree programs in the Czech language under the same terms as citizens of the Czech Republic. The condition for acceptance is a proof of Czech language proficiency, which a foreigner proves by successful execution of a Czech language test at a designated department of a public University, which conducts an accredited study program that focuses on teaching the Czech language or accredited study program of Lifelong Learning that focuses on teaching the Czech language. Proof of language proficiency is not required:
 - a) from citizens of the Slovak Republic;
 - b) from foreigners who have attained secondary education with Leaving exam in the area of fine arts, and those who have attained higher vocational education in conservatories in the Czech republic.
- 4) Foreigners can study in degree program in a foreign language under terms laid down in the Study and Examination Code of the University; in the case of accredited Doctoral degree programs implemented by the University together with the Higher Education Institute by the Study and Examination Code for students of Doctoral degree programs of Mathematical Institute in Opava; in the case of accredited Doctoral degree programs implemented by faculties on the basis of internal rules of the faculties.

Article 29

Lifelong learning

The University provides – either free of charge, or subject to payment – lifelong learning programs within the framework of their educational activities in accordance with § 60 of the Act. Lifelong learning may be either profession-oriented or interest-oriented. Detailed conditions pertaining to lifelong learning are stipulated in the Lifelong Learning Code of the University.

Article 30

Education in an Internationally Recognized Course

- 1) The University provides education through internationally recognized courses (hereinafter referred to as the “course”) focused on enhancing the expertise of students or graduates of universities and colleges, pursuant to § 60a of the Act.
- 2) The University issues certificates or internationally recognized title (if appropriate) to successful graduates.
- 3) In the case a successful graduate is about to receive an internationally recognized title, the Rector shall decide on its implementation after consultation with the Scientific Board of the University. The proposal shall be submitted to the Rector by the Head of the constituent part in question, after consultation with the respective Scientific Board.
- 4) The Rector's Directive determines the following: minimum requirements for conduct and evaluation of studies in the course, details on submission of intentions to carry out the course, their terms and conditions together with the manner of proceedings, disclosure of information about courses, admission of applicants to the courses, amount of payment and its method - if applicable, issuing certificates and granting internationally recognized titles to successful graduates of the courses.
- 5) The Rector's Directive pursuant to para. 4 and other information about the courses implemented by the University shall be disclosed in public part of the University website; these must be provided to the course applicants in advance.

PART FOUR

SCIENCE AND RESEARCH

Article 31

Scientific research at the University focuses on the following areas in particular:

- a) Czech literature after 1945,
- b) History of Czech photography,
- c) History of Silesia,
- d) Dramatic activities of English and German provenance in Euro-region Silesia since the 17th century until today,
- e) Contrastive analysis of the lexical and pragmalinguistic aspects of utterances in English, German, Czech and Italian languages,
- f) Physics: relativity and particle physics and its Astrophysical applications,
- g) Mathematics,
- h) Theoretical Computer Science: Models of decentralized computing,

- i) Museum and society,
- j) Archaeology of Silesia,
- k) Cultural history and cultural heritage of Central Europe,
- l) Public economy and administration,
- m) Socio-economic aspects of regions,
- n) Issues of a labor market, employment and socio-occupational groups of population,
- o) The impact of globalization and integration on changes in tax and accounting systems and in financial management of companies and banks,
- p) Development of information systems to support decision making, mathematical and statistical methods in economics,
- q) Small and medium-sized entrepreneurship, issues of management, marketing and information security in relation to development of small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs),
- r) Issues of service market, innovation and management in tourism,
- s) Research on quality of life in children, adolescents and seniors,
- t) New social risks and prevention of risk behavior,
- u) Demographic trends and inequalities in the Czech Republic,
- v) Social services in the Czech Republic,
- w) Nursing care in Pediatrics and Internal medicine,
- x) Modern history and historical sociology of Central and Eastern Europe,
- y) Political regimes, parties, and movements in Central Europe after 1989.

PART FIVE

ACADEMIC STAFF

Article 32

Academic staff

- 1) The academic staff comprises professors, associate professors, need-based professors, vocational assistants, assistants, lecturers and scientific researchers and developers who are employees of the University and who carry out pedagogical and creative activities according to their contracts.
- 2) Other experts shall participate in teaching at the University on the basis of work agreements contracted outside an employment relationship.
- 3) Academics are in the employment relationship to the University, where - in accordance with § 24 para. 1 point e) of the Act - the authorities of the respective faculty have the right to make

decisions or act on behalf of the University in labor-law relationships of academic staff acting at the faculty.

- 4) For meeting the qualification requirements of employees that are needed for the security of teaching, a senior employee is responsible, particularly the Head of Higher Education Institute, Head of Institute that is established at the Faculty or Head of Department.
- 5) The University allows acting of Visiting Professors and Professors Emeritus.

Article 33

Visiting Professors

- 1) The designation "Visiting Professor at the Silesian University in Opava" (hereinafter referred to as "Visiting Professor") may be used for the duration of the tenure at the University by a tutor of another university, especially foreign one, who was granted this designation by the Rector after consulting the Scientific Board. Proof of granting the designation "Visiting Professor" is a Letter of Appointment, defining the mission of the Visiting Professor, which corresponds with activities of a professor or an associate professor, and the term of their tenure at the University. This tenure shall last at least one semester up to three academic years at most.
- 2) Visiting Professor is an academic employee of the University. Visiting Professor has the right to test at the State Exam only if the requirements given in § 53 of the Act are met.

Article 34

Professors Emeritus

- 1) The honorary title "Professor Emeritus of the Silesian University in Opava" (hereinafter referred to as "Professor Emeritus") may use the professor who is a former employee of the University and to whom such designation has been granted by the Rector, after consulting the Scientific Board. Proof of granting the designation "Professor Emeritus" is a Letter of Appointment.
- 2) The honorary title of Professor Emeritus does not establish a membership in the Academic Community of the University or any entitlement to financial claims against the University. Professors Emeritus have the right to participate in scientific research and creative activities of the University and use the equipment and information technologies of the University for these reasons. They are also entitled to be given a word at the Assembly of the Academic Community of the University.

Article 35

Competitive Selection Procedures

Academic posts at the University must be filled through competitive selection procedures. Details of the competitive selection procedures are determined in the Rules of Recruitment of Silesian University in Opava.

Article 36

Habilitation Procedures and Procedures for the Appointment of Professors

- 1) The habilitation procedures and procedures for the appointment of professors, in areas in which the University is entitled to these proceedings, are subject to § 71 to 75 of the Act.
- 2) If the accreditation of the habilitation procedure or procedure for the appointment of professors is granted to a Higher Education Institute, the habilitation procedures and appointment procedures are initiated before the Scientific Board of the Higher Education Institute.
- 3) The University discloses - in public part of its website - the list of the fields in which it is entitled to carry out habilitation procedures or procedures for the appointment of professors; a faculty is indicated in case the field in which the faculty is entitled to carry out the proceedings, is accredited at the faculty.
- 4) Details on the above proceedings are determined by the Rules of Habilitation Procedures and Procedures for the Appointment of Professors at the University.

P A R T S I X

SCHOLARSHIPS

Article 37

Scholarships

Scholarships may be granted to students of the University. Conditions for granting scholarships are determined by the Bursary and Scholarship Code of the University.

P A R T S E V E N

RECOGNITION OF HIGHER EDUCATION ACQUIRED ABROAD

Article 38

Recognition of Higher Education and Qualifications Acquired Abroad

Decisions pertaining to the recognition of higher education and qualification acquired abroad, are made by the Rector pursuant to § 89 to 90a of the Act. When applying for the recognition of foreign higher education and qualification, it is required to pay a fee for the work associated with the proceedings of the application, in the amount of 3000 CZK. The fee is the income of the University.

PART EIGHT
ACADEMIC INSIGNIA AND ACADEMIC CEREMONIES

Article 39

The Insignias, gowns and the seal of the University

- 1) Insignias of the University are external symbols of powers and responsibilities of the Rector, Vice-Rectors and academic traditions of the University.
- 2) Gowns of the University can be used on ceremonial occasions by:
 - a) the Rector and Vice-Rectors,
 - b) members of the Scientific Board, members of the Senate, professors and associate professors, and other members of Academic Community defined by Rector's Directive, particularly graduating students,
 - c) distinguished guests of the University according to the Rector's Directive,
 - d) the Bursar,
 - e) the Beadle.
- 3) The seal of the University is used to indicate the ceremonial university diplomas issued to granted honorary doctorates and medals of the University.
- 4) The way of using insignias, gowns and the seal is determined by the Rector. The way of using insignias and gowns of faculties is determined by Deans.
- 5) Documentation of insignias, gowns and the seal of the University is deposited in the Archive of the University.

Article 40

Academic ceremonies, Medal of the University

- 1) A matriculation is a ceremonial act of admitting students into the Academic Community of the University.
- 2) A graduation is a ceremonial act, at which the Rector, Vice-Rector, Dean or Vice-Dean solemnly hand over a Higher Education Diploma or the Diploma Supplement to students of all kinds of studies.
- 3) A matriculation and graduation ceremonies are organized by faculties or the Higher Education Institute. Part of these ceremonial acts is an Academic matriculation oath, Bachelor's, Master's and Doctoral graduation oath, the text of which is set out in the Appendix to the Statute.
- 4) During the ceremonial act, the Letters of Appointment are solemnly handed over to Associate professors who successfully completed the habilitation at the University.

- 5) The program of the events of matriculation and graduation is determined by the Rector.
- 6) Awarding the degree of Doctor Honoris Causa and the graduation of Doctor Honoris Causa is regulated by the Rector's Directive.
- 7) Employees of the University or other persons who have significantly contributed to the development of the University and to the development of science and general education are awarded a medal of the University. The awarding of medals of the University is governed by the Rector's Directive.
- 8) Documentation of the medals of the University and diplomas issued to them is deposited in the Archive of the University.

PART NINE

TRANSITIONAL AND CONCLUDING PROVISIONS

Article 41

- 1) The Statute of Silesian University in Opava, registered by the Ministry on 30 March 2006 under ref. 9 003/2006-30, as amended, with the exception of article 23, 24 and 26, para. 1 and 7 shall be repealed; articles 23, 24 and 26, para. 1 and 7 are hereby repealed on 31 August 2017.
- 2) This Statute has been approved pursuant to § 9 para. 1 point b) section 3 of the Act by the Senate on 7 March 2017.
- 3) This Statute shall come into force pursuant to § 36 para. 4 of the Act on the date of registration by Ministry.
- 4) This statute shall become effective on the day of registration by Ministry with the exception of Article 24 and 26 para. 1 and 5, which will become effective on 1 September 2017.

The amendments to the Statute of Silesian University in Opava were approved pursuant to § 9 para. 1 point b) of point 3 of the Act No. 111/1998 Coll., on higher education institutions and on changes and amendments to other Acts, by the Academic Senate of Silesian University in Opava on 8 August 2017.

The amendments of the Statute of Silesian University in Opava shall come into force pursuant to § 36 para. 4 of the Higher Education Act on the day of registration by Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports.

The amendments to the Statute of Silesian University in Opava shall become effective on the day of registration by Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports.

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Rector

Appendix No. 1
to the Statute of the University

ACADEMIC MATRICULATION OATH AND GRADUATION OATHS

1) Academic Matriculation Oath

I promise in full awareness of responsibility that I will fulfill all obligations of a student of the Silesian University as stipulated by the Statute of the University and my study program.

In my actions and demeanor, I will do the honor to the Silesian University.

2) Bachelor's Graduation Oath

I promise that I will apply the education that I received for the benefit of society, in the interest of truth, and in accordance with the principles of ethics and the principles of humanity and democracy.

I will keep the Silesian University, which grants me the title, in permanent memory.

3) Master's Graduation Oath

I promise that I will develop and apply the education that I received for the benefit of society, in the interest of truth, and in accordance with the principles of ethics and the principles of humanity and democracy.

I will keep the Silesian University, which grants me the title, in permanent memory.

4) Graduation Oath of a Graduate of the State Rigorous Exam

I promise that I will develop and apply the education that I received for the benefit of society, in the interest of truth and development of scientific knowledge, in accordance with the principles of ethics and the principles of humanity and democracy.

I will keep the Silesian University, which grants me the title, in permanent memory.

5) Doctoral Graduation Oath

I promise that I will strive to deepen scientific knowledge and its application for the benefit of society, in the interest of truth, in accordance with the principles of ethics and the principles of humanity and democracy.

I will keep the Silesian University, which grants me the title, in permanent memory.