

Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports registered the Amendment to the Statute of Silesian University in Opava from 25 August 2017 in accordance with § 36 para. 2 of the Act No. 111/1998 Coll., on higher education institutions and on the amendment and addition to other Acts (the Higher Education Act) on under ref. MSMT- /2019.

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Article 1

The Statute of the Silesian University in Opava of 25 August 2017 is amended as follows:

1. In Article 1 the paragraph 4) shall be deleted and replaced by the new paragraph 4) which reads as follows:
'4) The seat of the University is Na Rybníčku 626/1, 746 01 Opava.'
2. In Article 6 the paragraphs 2) to 5) shall be deleted and replaced by the new paragraphs 2) to 4) which read as follows:
'2) The Senate consists of two chambers – the Chamber of Academic Staff and the Student Chamber.
3) The Senate is elected by the academic community of the University so that each faculty is represented by four members of the Chamber of Academic Staff and three members of the Student Chamber.
4) Each Higher Education Institute, pursuant to § 22 para. 1b) of the Act and students of study programmes that are carried out by the University together with the Higher Education Institute is represented by one member of the Chamber of Academic Staff and one member of the Student Chamber.'
3. In Article 6 the existing paragraphs 6) to 9) shall be referred to as paragraphs 5) to 8).
4. In Article 7 the paragraphs 2) to 5) shall be deleted.
5. In Article 7 the existing paragraphs 6) and 7) shall be referred to as paragraphs 2) and 3).
6. In Article 8 the paragraphs 2) and 3) shall be deleted and replaced by the new paragraphs 2) and 3) which read as follows:
'2) Vice-Rectors are subordinated to the Rector and are accountable to the Rector for their activities in their entrusted areas. Their number and scope shall be determined by the Rector.
3) Duties and responsibilities arising from the post of Vice-Rector are defined by the Organizational Rules of the Silesian University in Opava. The Rector's Directive sets out specific competencies of each Vice-Rector for a section that is determined by the Rector.'
7. Article 9 shall be deleted and replaced by the new Article 9 which reads as follows:

‘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.
 - 2) The scope of the Scientific Board referred to in § 12 para. 1 point b) and c) of the Act shall be entrusted to the University's Board for Internal Evaluation (hereinafter referred to as the Board for Internal Evaluation).
 - 3) 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.
 - 4) The Scientific Board is governed at its meetings by the Rules of Procedure of the Scientific Board.’
8. In Article 10 the paragraphs 1) and 2) shall be deleted and replaced by the new paragraphs 1) and 2) which read as follows:
- ‘1) The legal status of 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 points a) 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 the intention to apply for accreditation, an extension of accreditation or elongation of the period of accreditation of study programmes submitted by the Rector on a proposal from the Scientific Board of the respective faculty; in the case of study programmes which do not take place at the faculty, on a proposal from the Scientific Board of the relevant Higher Education Institute and after the approval of the Scientific Board of the University,
 - c) approving remedial actions to the shortcomings in the implementation of a study program to which consent has been granted pursuant to point a), which are:
 1. appeal to the respective faculty or Higher Education Institute for remedial action to be taken within a reasonable time,
 2. prohibition on accepting other applicants to study into such a study program,
 3. withdrawal of consent according to point a); the Rector only provides a proposal for approval of the remedial action,
 - d) managing the preparation of an application for institutional accreditation or extension of the institutional accreditation,
 - e) monitoring compliance with relevant legislation and internal regulations of the University in implementation of the degree programs.’

9. In Article 14 the paragraph 2) shall be deleted and replaced by the new paragraph 2) which reads as follows:

‘2) Constituent parts of the University must use the entrusted property to carry out tasks in educational and creative activities. They may also use it to carry out supplementary activities in compliance with the Act, this Statute and internal norms and regulations of the University.’

10. In Article 15 the paragraphs 3) to 6) shall be deleted and replaced by the new paragraphs 3) to 6) which read as follows:

‘3) The University compiles a budget for a calendar year that must not foresee a deficit.

4) The University manages the allocated funds based on the 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. The budget approved by the Senate shall be forwarded by Rector to the Board of Trustees no later than 30 days after the date of publication of the minutes. If the Board of Trustees does not approve the budget, the procedure per § 14 para. 5 of the Act shall be followed.

6) Constituent parts of the University manage the allocated funds based on their cost-benefit plan (sub-budget), which they compile as balanced.’

11. In Article 17 the paragraphs 2) and 3) shall be deleted and replaced by the new paragraph 2) which reads as follows:

‘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 pursuant to § 24 para. 2 points a) to d) of the Act.’

12. In Article 17 the existing paragraph 4) shall be newly referred to as paragraph 3).

13. In Article 18 the paragraphs 4) and 5) shall be deleted.

14. In Article 19 the paragraph 3) shall be deleted.

15. In Article 19 the existing paragraph 4) shall be referred to as paragraph 3).

16. In Article 20 the paragraph 3) shall be deleted.

17. In Article 22 the paragraph 1) shall be deleted and replaced by the new paragraph 1) which reads as follows:

‘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) Organizational Rules of the Silesian University in Opava or its constituent part, Employment Code of the University and Career System of the University,
- b) Written decision - an internal norm with a one-off or limited-time scope relating to operational, organisational or administrative matters, tasks or regulations,
- c) Directive - internal norm with a longer-term character and broader scope, in particular on methodological and organisational matters, the establishment of working procedures, responsibilities, competencies, duties, etc.
- d) Methodological guidelines - internal norm with a longer-term character and a narrower scope relating in particular to methodological procedures and measures aimed at a specific area of activity.’

18. In Article 26 the paragraphs 1), 2) and 6) shall be deleted and replaced by the new paragraphs 1), 2) and 6) which read as follows:

‘1) Fees for the acts related to the admission procedure shall be determined by Rector’s Directive for the relevant academic year as follows:

- a) Fee 0,- CZK for the acts related to admission procedure to the same or similar study programme in case of termination of accreditation of the study programme per § 80 para. 5 of the Act,
 - b) In other cases, a fee up to 20% maximum of the basis determined by the Ministry according to § 58 para. 2 of the Act (rounded down to the whole 10 CZK).
- 2) The amount of the study-related fee for a student who studies longer than the standard period of study increased by one year in a Bachelor's or Master's study program according to § 58 para. 3 of the Act is three times the base set by the Ministry according to § 58 para. 2 of the Act (rounded down to whole 10 CZK so the amount is divisible by 6). The length of studies also includes the length of all previous studies in Bachelor’s or Master’s degree programs that have not been completed according to § 45 para. 3 or § 46 para. 3 of the Act; unless it is the case of the previous 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 such study programs, or has been concurrently in the current program is calculated into the length of study only once. However, according to this paragraph, a recognised period of parenting shall first be deducted from the total length of study.

6) The maturity of the study-related fees is set as follows:

- a) the fee for the acts related to admission must be paid no later than on the day set by the respective constituent part as the deadline for study application,
- b) the tuition fee, according to § 58 para. 3 and 4 of the Act, must be paid no later than within 90 days from the delivery date of the decision on the fee assessment, or within 90 days from the delivery date of the decision on the 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).’

19. Article 27 shall be deleted and replaced by the new Article 27, which reads as follows:

‘Article 27

The Terms of Study at the University

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, along with the Higher Education Institute. Studying in accredited Doctoral degree programs implemented by faculties is carried out based on internal rules of the faculties.’

20. In Article 28 the paragraphs 2) to 4) shall be deleted and replaced by the new paragraphs 2) to 6) which read as follows:

‘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 based on international agreements or treaties and agreements that allow short-term study visits of international students at the

University or its constituent parts, shall be accepted without entrance examinations based on the signed contracts (i.e. "Exchange Students").

- 3) In cases that are not listed in para. 1 and 2, the foreigners shall be accepted to study in degree programs in the Czech language under the same terms as citizens of the Czech Republic. A condition for admission is the demonstration of language skills from the Czech language, which the foreigner demonstrates by successfully passing the Czech language exam at the relevant department of a public higher education institution, which carries out an accredited study programme focused on teaching the Czech language or an accredited Lifelong Learning programme aimed at teaching the Czech language. Proof of language proficiency is not required from:
 - a) citizens of the Slovak Republic;
 - b) foreigners who have achieved high school education with an A-Levels (the school-leaving examination) in the Czech Republic; foreigners who have achieved higher vocational education in art conservatoires in the Czech Republic, or have completed higher education in the Czech or Slovak language.
- 4) Foreigners can study in a degree program in a foreign language under the 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 implemented by the University together with the Higher Education Institute; in the case of accredited Doctoral degree programs implemented by faculties based on internal rules of the faculties.
- 5) The conditions of admission to study and the course of study of foreigners who are not listed in paragraphs 1 to 4 shall be determined by the relevant faculty in accordance with the internal regulations that apply to the study in the following categories of foreigners (i.e. "Visiting Students").
 - a) students above the limits set by the signed contracts referred to in paragraph 2;
 - b) students securing their studies based on an individual application for one semester or academic year (i.e. "Free Movers"),
 - c) participants in Lifelong Learning programme.
- 6) If stipulated by a legal regulation, it shall be verified upon enrollment in the study whether the foreigner has a residence permit in the Czech Republic and whether they meet other conditions according to the legal regulations governing the residence of foreigners in the Czech Republic.¹

21. In Article 30 the paragraph 3) shall be deleted and replaced by the new paragraph 3) which reads as follows:

‘3) In the event that successful graduates of a course are awarded an internationally recognized degree, the Rector decides on the implementation of the course after consulting the Scientific Board of the University. The proposal shall be submitted to the Rector by the head of the respective constituent part of the University after consulting the respective Scientific Board.’

22. Part Four ‘SCIENCE AND RESEARCH’ shall be deleted and replaced by the new Part Four which reads as follows:

¹ Act No. 326/1999 Coll., on the Residence of Foreigners Nationals in the Czech Republic, as amended.

‘PART FOUR

CREATIVE ACTIVITIES

Article 31

At the university, the activities of a scientific research, development and innovation, arts and other activities of a creative nature are mainly focused on the following areas:

- a) philology and literature,
- b) history of Czech photography,
- c) artistic rendition of modern society,
- d) relativist and particle physics and its astrophysical applications,
- e) computer physics and data processing,
- f) mathematics,
- g) theoretical computing,
- h) archaeology of Silesia,
- i) history and cultural heritage of Central Europe with particular attention to Silesia,
- j) public economics, economic policy and governance,
- k) financial economics and financial econometrics,
- l) financial, accounting and tax aspects of businesses and financial institutions,
- m) information systems supporting decision-making at management level,
- n) mathematical and statistical methods in economics,
- o) business economy and management with an emphasis on small and medium-sized enterprises,
- p) tourism
- q) quality of life research,
- r) new social risks and prevention of risky behaviour,
- s) demographic development and inequalities in the Czech Republic,
- t) social services in the Czech Republic,
- u) nursing care,
- v) modern history and historical sociology of Central and Eastern Europe,
- w) political regimes, parties, movements in Central Europe after 1989.’

Article 2

Final provisions

- 1) This amendment to the Statute of the Silesian University in Opava from 25 August 2017 was approved pursuant to § 9 para. 1b point 3 of the Act No. 111/1998 Coll., on higher education institutions and on the amendment and addition to other Acts (The Higher Education Act), as amended, by the Academic Senate of Silesian University in Opava on 16 October 2019.
- 2) This amendment shall come into force pursuant to § 36 para. 4 of Act No. 111/1998 Coll., on higher education institutions and on the amendment and addition to other Acts (The Higher Education Act), as amended, on the date of registration by the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports.
- 3) This amendment shall become effective on the date it comes into force, except for the Article 1 para. 2 and 3 of this amendment, which become effective on 1 December 2019.

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