

The Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports registered pursuant to Section 36(2) of Act No. 111/1998 Coll., on Higher Education Institutions and on Amendments and Supplements to Other Acts (Higher Education Act), under Ref. No. MSMT-15992/2025-4, the Statutes of the Silesian University in Opava on the date of signing the registration.

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PART ONE

BASIC PROVISIONS

Article

Introductory provisions

- 1) The Silesian University in Opava (hereinafter referred to as "the University") is a higher education institution pursuant to Act No. 111/1998 Coll., on Higher Education Institutions and on Amendments and Supplements to Other Acts (the Higher Education Act), as amended (hereinafter referred to as "the Act").
- 2) The University is the legal successor to the Silesian University established on 28 September 1991 by Act No. 314/1991 Coll. of the Czech National Council on the Establishment of the Silesian University, the University of South Bohemia, the University of West Bohemia, Jan Evangelista Purkyně University and Ostrava University, dated 9 July 1991. The mission of the university is set out in Section 1 of the Act.
- 3) The name of the university is "Slezská univerzita v Opavě" in Czech and "Silesian University in Opava" in English.
- 4) The university is located at Na Rybníčku 626/1, 746 01 Opava.
- 5) The university is a centre of education, independent knowledge and creative activity and serves to independently and freely cultivate and develop science and the arts through research, teaching and study.

Article 2

Legal status of the university

- 1) The university is a legal entity.
- 2) The university is a university-type higher education institution.
- 3) The university is a public higher education institution.

Article 3

Academic community of the university

- 1) The academic staff and students of the university form the academic community of the university.
- 2) Only the rector or the chair of the Academic Senate of the university has the right to convene a meeting of the academic community.

Article 4

Academic freedoms and academic rights

Academic freedoms and academic rights are guaranteed at the university in accordance with Section 4 of the Act.

PART TWO

THE UNIVERSITY AND ITS COMPONENTS

CHAPTER I

UNIVERSITY BODIES

Article 5

The self-governing academic bodies of the university are the bodies specified in Section 7(1) of the Act, and the other bodies of the university are the bodies specified in Section 7(2) of the Act.

Article 6

- 1) The legal status of the Academic Senate of the University (hereinafter referred to as the "Senate") is governed by Sections 8 and 9 of the Act.
- 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 institution pursuant to Section 22(1)(b) of the Act and students of study programmes implemented by the university together with this higher education institution are represented by one member of the chamber of academic staff and one member of the student chamber.
- 5) Membership in the Senate is incompatible with the positions of rector, vice-rector, bursar, dean, vice-dean, faculty secretary, and director of a higher education institution.
- 6) The term of office of the Senate is three years.
- 7) Elections to the Senate are governed by the Senate Election Rules. The activities of the Senate and its bodies are governed by the Senate Rules of Procedure.

Article 7

Rector

- 1) The legal status of the rector is defined by law, these statutes, and the internal regulations of the university.
- 2) The advisory body to the Rector is the Rector's Council (hereinafter referred to as the "Council"). Its permanent members are the Vice-Rectors, the Bursar, the Chair of the Senate, the Deans and the Directors of university institutes. The Rector may appoint additional members at his or her discretion. The Council is convened by the Rector as necessary.
- 3) The rector appoints other advisory bodies as necessary by internal regulation and determines their powers, rules of procedure and manner of operation.

Article 8

Vice-Rectors

- 1) The legal status of vice-rectors is governed by Section 10(4) of the Act, these Statutes and the internal regulations of the University.
- 2) Vice-Rectors are subordinate to the Rector and are accountable to him for their activities in their assigned areas. Their number and areas of competence are determined by the Rector.
- 3) The functional duties and responsibilities of the vice-rectors are defined by the Organisational Rules of the Silesian University in Opava. By decision of the rector, specific powers are assigned to individual vice-rectors in the areas designated by him.
- 4) The rector shall determine which of the vice-rectors will fully represent him in his absence.

Article 9

Scientific Council of the University

- 1) The legal status of the Scientific Council of the University (hereinafter referred to as the "Scientific Council") is governed by Sections 11 and 12 of the Act, these Statutes and the internal regulations of the University.
- 2) The powers of the Scientific Council specified in Section 12(1)(b) and (c) of the Act are entrusted to the University Internal Evaluation Council (hereinafter referred to as the "Internal Evaluation Council").
- 3) The Scientific Council shall be governed by the Act in its activities and shall also express its opinion on:
 - a) the awarding of honorary doctorates by the university,
 - b) the awarding of the university's gold medal
 - c) the Rules of Procedure of the Scientific Council and amendments thereto.
- 4) The Scientific Council shall be governed by the Rules of Procedure of the Scientific Council in its proceedings.

Article 10

Internal Evaluation Board of the University

- 1) The legal status of the Internal Evaluation Board is governed by Section 12a of the Act, these Statutes and the internal regulations of the University.
- 2) In addition to the matters specified in Section 12a(4)(a) to (d) of the Act, the Internal Evaluation Board shall also be responsible for:
 - a) granting consent to implement study programmes submitted by the rector at the proposal of a faculty or university institute within the framework of institutional accreditation,
 - b) approving the intention to submit an application for accreditation, extension of accreditation or extension of the validity of accreditation of study programmes submitted by the rector at the proposal of the scientific council of the relevant faculty; in the case of study programmes that are not implemented at the faculty, at the proposal of the scientific council of the relevant university institute and after the approval of the university's scientific council,
 - c) granting consent to implement continuing education programmes culminating in a micro-certificate;

- d) approving corrective measures in the event of shortcomings in the implementation of a study programme for which consent has been granted under point (a), which are:
 1. calling on the relevant faculty or university institute to take corrective action within a reasonable period of time,
 2. prohibiting the admission of further applicants to the study programme in question,
 3. withdrawal of approval under point (a); a proposal for the approval of this corrective measure shall be submitted only by the rector,
 - e) management of the preparation of an application for institutional accreditation or for the extension of institutional accreditation,
 - f) monitoring compliance with relevant legal regulations and internal regulations of the university in the implementation of study programmes.
- 3) The Internal Evaluation Board shall be governed by the Rules of Procedure of the Internal Evaluation Board.
 - 4) The Internal Evaluation Board shall comment on the Rules of Procedure of the Internal Evaluation Board and any amendments thereto.

Article 11 Disciplinary Committee

- 1) The legal status of the University Disciplinary Committee (hereinafter referred to as the "Disciplinary Committee") is governed by in Section 13 of the Act.
- 2) The term of office of the members of the Disciplinary Committee is four years.
- 3) The Disciplinary Committee shall act in accordance with the Act and the Disciplinary Rules for University Students.

Article 12 University Board

- 1) The legal status of the University Board of Trustees (hereinafter referred to as the "Board of Trustees") is governed by Sections 14 and 15 of the Act.
- 2) The members of the Administrative Board are appointed and dismissed by the Minister of Education, Youth and Sports (hereinafter referred to as the "Minister") after consultation with the Rector.
- 3) The Administrative Board has fifteen members.
- 4) The election of the chairperson, vice-chairpersons and the manner of proceedings of the Administrative Board are governed by the Statutes of the Administrative Board approved by the Minister.

Article 13 Bursar

- 1) The legal status of the bursar is governed by Section 16 of the Act, these Statutes and the internal regulations of the University.

- 2) The bursar manages the finances, property and internal administration of the university as a whole and acts on its behalf in commercial, economic, legal, administrative and civil matters, to the extent determined by the rector in his decision.
- 3) The bursar methodically manages the components of the university in matters pursuant to paragraph 2.
- 4) The bursar is appointed and dismissed by the rector, to whom the bursar is directly subordinate and accountable for his or her activities.

CHAPTER II DISTANCE MEETINGS OF COLLECTIVE BODIES

Article 13a

- 1) In justified cases, the collective bodies of the university or its components, where voting is expected, may act and vote by teleconference or videoconference, i.e. using technical means enabling real-time remote communication (hereinafter referred to as "remote proceedings"), or a combination of remote proceedings and face-to-face meetings (hereinafter referred to as "hybrid form"). The decision on remote proceedings or hybrid form shall be made by the person who heads the collective body. remote meetings"), or a combination of remote meetings and face-to-face meetings (hereinafter referred to as "hybrid form"). The decision on remote or hybrid meetings shall be made by the person who heads the collective body of the university or its constituent part.
- 2) For remote or hybrid meetings of a collective body, any technical tool that allows the identification of members of the collective body may be used to ensure that the relevant member is actually participating in the meeting and voting. In cases where a secret ballot is required, this must be ensured.
- 3) A record/minutes shall be taken of remote or hybrid meetings in the same way as for face-to-face meetings. The record/minutes shall state the reasons for the remote or hybrid meeting.
- 4) For the purposes of this article, the collective bodies of the university and its constituent parts shall include, but are not limited to:
 - a) The Academic Senate of the university
 - b) The University Scientific Council
 - c) The University Internal Evaluation Board
 - d) The University Disciplinary Committee
 - e) Habilitation Committee
 - f) Commission for Appointment as Professor
 - g) Examination Committee established in accordance with the Rules of Rigorousum Procedure
 - h) Selection Committee established in accordance with the Rules of Admission Procedure at the University
 - i) Selection Committee established in accordance with the Selection Procedure Regulations
 - j) Faculty Academic Senate

- k) Faculty Scientific Council
 - l) Faculty Disciplinary Committee
 - m) Central Election Committee
 - n) Sub-election committee
 - o) Ethics Committee.
- 5) This article merely supplements the possibility of remote or hybrid meetings for collective bodies and does not change the relevant provisions of the rules of procedure and other internal regulations concerning face-to-face meetings, voting or voting per rollam.

CHAPTER III
RULES OF UNIVERSITY MANAGEMENT

Article 14
University Management

- 1) In the performance of their activities, the University and all its employees shall comply with the rules of transparency, efficiency, economy and effectiveness in the management of public finances. When using funds provided from the state budget, they shall act economically and efficiently and use them in accordance with the law and other special legal regulations, with the decision on the provision of contributions and subsidies, and with their intended purpose.
- 2) The university's financial management is governed by the law, special legal regulations, methodological guidelines of the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports (hereinafter referred to as the "Ministry") or other competent authorities, these Statutes, the university's internal regulations and other internal standards.
- 3) The university's financial management is also governed by decisions on the provision of contributions and subsidies, their purpose, conditions of use and settlement, and contracts concluded with financial providers.
- 4) In its financial management, the University:
 - a) is authorised to make monetary and non-monetary contributions to legal entities only on condition that the rules for this are laid down in internal regulations;
 - b) is authorised to accept credits and loans only if their repayment is secured from its own funds, and their acceptance must not give rise to claims against the state budget;
 - c) it is authorised to provide contributions to other legal entities or natural persons only from after-tax profits in accordance with special legal regulations;
 - d) it is not authorised to assume liability for the monetary debt of another person or to establish a lien on real estate;
 - e) it may only acquire securities issued by the state or securities for which the state has guaranteed repayment, or securities of a commercial corporation in which the university has invested assets.
- 5) The rector is accountable to the Minister of Education, Youth and Sports for the effective use of contributions and subsidies, for the settlement of subsidies with the state budget, and for the proper management of the assets of the public university.
- 6) The rector submits a proposal for the distribution of contributions to the school from the state budget and support for research, experimental development and innovation for the long-term conceptual development of the research organisation to the senate for approval.
- 7) In accordance with internal regulations and standards, each part of the university has the right to decide or act on behalf of the university in the management of funds allocated to that part, in its own main and supplementary activities, and in the management of funds obtained from these activities.
- 8) The dean, director of the university institute or head of the workplace is responsible to the rector for the effective use of the unit's funds, and the bursar is responsible for the effective use of the rector's office funds.

- 9) The rector and bursar are authorised to specify the conditions of management through internal university regulations.
- 10) As part of the implementation of accredited study programmes and lifelong learning programmes and related creative activities (hereinafter referred to as "main activities"), the university also carries out publishing activities – the publication of lecture notes, publications, textbooks and occasional prints, as well as promotional, cultural and sporting activities.
- 11) The university finances the current and capital expenditures of its other activities in the areas of catering, accommodation, further education, libraries, information services and cultural or sports facilities, provided that they serve the employees or students of the university.

Article 14a

Accounting and chart of accounts

- 1) The university acts as a single accounting entity that uses double-entry bookkeeping. Accounting, including asset management and related economic agendas, is maintained in a unified information system. The university's financial statements are always prepared as of 31 December of the relevant year.
- 2) The university is obliged to comply with generally applicable accounting regulations¹⁾. The manner of application of these regulations is further specified by internal standards issued by the rector and bursar.
- 3) The university is obliged to strictly separate costs and revenues related to supplementary activities in its accounting.
- 4) All transactions between individual units are carried out on the basis of internal accounting documents. The units are independently responsible for the factual and formal correctness of accounting documents, in particular for the completion of supporting documents for all accounting cases and for their timely submission for accounting processing.

Article 14b

Application of the Income Tax Act

- 1) For the purposes of the Income Tax Act, the University is a taxpayer that is not established for the purpose of business.
- 2) The University has the right to claim expenses in the tax base if these expenses comply with the special legal regulation on income tax²⁾.
- 3) The University has the right to create reserves on its assets in accordance with the special legal regulation³⁾, provided that the generally applicable conditions are met.

¹⁾ E.g. Act No. 563/1991 Coll., on accounting, as amended; Decree of the Ministry of Finance No. 504/2002 Coll., implementing certain provisions of Act No. 563/1991 Coll., on Accounting, as amended, for accounting entities whose main activity is not business, if they use double-entry accounting, as amended; Czech accounting standards for accounting entities that keep accounts in accordance with Decree No. 504/2002 Coll., as amended.

²⁾ Section 24 of Act No. 586/1992 Coll. of the Czech National Council, on income taxes, as amended.

³⁾ Act of the Czech National Council No. 593/1992 Coll., on reserves for determining the income tax base, as amended.

- 4) For tax purposes, expenses under Section 25 of Act No. 586/1992 Coll., on income tax, as amended, cannot be recognised, including, for example:
- a) entertainment expenses,
 - b) shortages and damages,
 - c) fines and penalties,
 - d) certain social expenses for employees.

Article 14c **University budget**

- 1) The university operates according to a budget, which is compiled for the calendar year and governs the financing of the university's activities. The budget includes a plan of revenues and expenses and must not be compiled as a deficit. In addition, the university compiles a medium-term budget outlook for at least the next two years.
- 2) The basic source of the university's finances are contributions to the school from the state budget for educational and creative activities (hereinafter referred to as "contributions to the school") and subsidies to support research, experimental development and innovation, and other subsidies provided to the university from the state budget in accordance with other special legal regulations⁴.
- 3) The draft budget for a given calendar year is submitted by the rector to the senate and the board of trustees for approval. The budget approved by the senate is forwarded by the rector to the board of trustees no later than 30 days from the date of publication of the minutes.
- 4) If the Senate does not approve the budget submitted by the Rector, the Rector shall submit a new proposal to the Senate within 30 days at the latest. If the budget is not approved by the Board of Trustees, the procedure shall be in accordance with Section 14(5) of the Act.
- 5) Until the university budget for the given calendar year is approved, the university and its constituent parts may only incur expenses that are covered by the contribution provided to the school for the given calendar year or an advance payment for it, from funds provided by subsidies (e.g. for institutional or specific support for research and development, for the implementation of operational programmes, for the financing of programmes with the participation of the state budget, etc.) or from its own resources.
- 6) In the case of a provisional budget pursuant to a special legal regulation⁵, the university shall manage its finances from the first day of the budget year until the date of entry into force of the state budget law in accordance with the provisional budget indicators, under which monthly expenditures may be made up to one twelfth of the amount of the contribution for the school and subsidies from the state budget provided to the university in advance for the relevant calendar year. The rector is authorised to take the necessary measures to ensure budgetary management.

⁴ E.g. Sections 12 to 14 of Act No. 218/2000 Coll., on budgetary rules and on amendments to certain related acts (budgetary rules), as amended; Decree No. 560/2006 Coll., on the participation of the state budget in the financing of asset reproduction programmes; Act No. 130/2002 Coll., on support for research, experimental development and innovation from public funds and on amendments to certain related acts, as amended (Act on Support for Research, Experimental Development and Innovation).

⁵ Section 9 of Act No. 218/2000 Coll., on budgetary rules and on amendments to certain related acts (budgetary rules), as amended

- 7) The university's constituent parts manage the allocated funds on the basis of their own cost and revenue plans (sub-budgets), which they draw up as balanced.

Article 14d Funds

- 1) In accordance with the law, the university establishes the following funds:
 - a) reserve fund,
 - b) investment property reproduction fund,
 - c) scholarship fund,
 - d) a remuneration fund,
 - e) special-purpose fund,
 - f) social fund,
 - g) operating funds fund.
- 2) Fund balances as at 31 December of the current year are carried over to the following budget year.
- 3) The university is obliged to use the funds of the investment property reproduction fund and the operating funds fund created by transferring the balance of the contribution for the school as at 31 December of the current year in accordance with European Union rules on the provision of public support so as not to distort or threaten to distort competition.
- 4) The use of the funds referred to in paragraph 1) and the conditions for the transfer of funds between the funds referred to in paragraph 1(a), (b), (d) and (g) are laid down in internal regulations.

Article 15 Management of assets

- 1) The university owns movable and immovable property (hereinafter referred to as "property") necessary for the activities for which it was established and for the activities it performs in its supplementary activities pursuant to Section 20 of the Act.
- 2) Section 15(1) of the Act specifies the scope of legal acts in the management of assets for which the university's board of trustees must give prior written consent.
- 3) The university is obliged to keep proper records of its property and to comply with the Act and other special legal regulations when disposing of such property. The manner of application of laws and regulations is further specified by internal standards issued by the rector and bursar.
- 4) The university may entrust its property to the care of its constituent parts by decision of the rector. The constituent parts of the university are obliged to use the entrusted property to fulfil their tasks in educational and creative activities. They may also use it for supplementary activities in accordance with the law, these statutes, the internal regulations of the university and the internal standards of the university.
- 5) The dean, director of the university institute or head of the workplace is responsible to the rector for the effective use and management of the property entrusted to the constituent part, and the bursar is responsible to the rector for the effective use and management of the property entrusted to the rector's office.

Article 15a

Management of current financial resources

- 1) In ensuring its activities, the university manages current financial resources obtained mainly from:
 - a) contributions to the school,
 - b) support for research, experimental development and innovation from public funds in accordance with a special legal regulation⁶,
 - c) subsidies from the state budget,
 - d) fees associated with study and payments for study in lifelong learning programmes,
 - e) income from property,
 - f) other income or contributions than those specified in paragraph a) from the state budget, state funds, the National Fund, municipal and regional budgets, and income from abroad (in particular from the European Union budget),
 - g) income from supplementary activities,
 - h) income from donations and inheritances, income from foundations and endowment funds,
 - i) pooling of financial resources,
 - j) creation of own funds,
 - k) loans and credits from financial institutions,
 - l) other own revenues.
- 2) Other current revenues are sources obtained through the university's own activities and may be used to finance its activities. If the revenue is provided contractually for a specific purpose, the university is bound by this contract when drawing on the funds.
- 3) The university may cover the operating costs of its catering facilities providing meals for university employees and students, up to the amount of the actual costs, excluding the value of food. The university may also contribute to meals in the catering facilities of other legal entities on the basis of a contractual relationship, namely:
 - a) university employees under the terms approved in the collective agreement or specified in internal regulations,
 - b) students in accordance with the Rules for the Provision of Contributions and Subsidies to Public Universities by the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports for the given calendar year.
- 4) In its supplementary activities, the university carries out activities related to educational and creative activities for a fee, but these must not jeopardise the quality, scope and accessibility of the activities for which the university was established.
- 5) If the university uses special-purpose facilities jointly with another legal or natural person, it shall contribute to the costs or revenues according to the proportional indicators of use agreed in the

⁶ Act No. 130/2002 Coll., on the support of research, experimental development and innovation from public funds and on amendments to certain related acts

concluded contract. The payment of a proportional part of the use of special-purpose facilities may also be agreed contractually as a lump sum.

Article 15b

Management of capital funds

- 1) The university manages capital funds obtained for the acquisition of long-term tangible and intangible assets, in particular:
 - a) from subsidies or contributions to the school,
 - b) from individual or systemic investment subsidies from the state budget; the funds provided under these subsidies are strictly earmarked,
 - c) from public budgets, state funds and foreign income (in particular from the European Union budget),
 - d) from the fund's own resources for the reproduction of investment assets,
 - e) pooling of funds,
 - f) from credits and loans from financial institutions,
 - g) from earmarked income from donations and inheritances, from income from foundations and endowment funds,
 - h) advance financing of earmarked funds (especially GAČR financing).
- 2) Subsidies or financial donations received for the acquisition of long-term tangible and intangible assets are a source of own capital.

CHAPTER IV

ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE OF THE UNIVERSITY

Article 16

Components of the University

- 1) The legal status of the components of the university is governed by law.
- 2) The following faculties are components of the university:
 - a) Faculty of Arts and Sciences in Opava,
 - b) Faculty of Business and Entrepreneurship in Karviná,
 - c) Faculty of Public Policy in Opava.
- 3) The following higher education institutes are part of the university:
 - a) Institute of Mathematics in Opava
 - b) Institute of Physics in Opava.
- 4) The following workplaces (hereinafter referred to as "workplaces") are part of the university within the meaning of Section 22(1)(c) of the Act:

- a) University Library of Silesian University,
 - b) Centre for Information Technology.
- 5) The following special-purpose facility (hereinafter referred to as the "special-purpose facility") is part of the university within the meaning of Section 22(1)(d) of the Act: Chamber Choir of Silesian University in Opava.
 - 6) The administrative and management unit of the university is the Rector's Office.

Article 17

Faculty

- 1) The legal status of the faculty, the rights of the faculty and its bodies are regulated in Sections 23 to 33 of the Act.
- 2) Unless otherwise provided by law, the bodies of the faculty also have the right to decide or act on behalf of the university in all matters pursuant to Section 24(2)(a) to (e) of the Act.

Article 18

University Institute

- 1) The legal status of a university institute is governed by Section 34 of the Act.
- 2) The term of office of the director of a university institute is four years. The same person may hold the position of director of a university institute for a maximum of two consecutive terms.
- 3) The director of a university institute is authorised to perform all legal acts in accordance with the Act and acts on behalf of the university in matters concerning:
 - 1) accredited study programmes in which the institute participates, in particular the management of all matters related to the provision of study programmes implemented by the institute, with the exception of decisions on admission to study, termination of study or interruption of study pursuant to Section 50(2) and Section 56(3) of the Act;
 - 2) the strategic focus of the institute's creative activities;
 - 3) the institute's foreign relations and activities;
 - 4) the management of funds allocated to the institute in accordance with these Statutes, the Internal Salary Regulations of the Silesian University in Opava and other internal regulations;
 - 5) supplementary activities of the institute and the management of the institute's funds obtained from these activities in accordance with the relevant directive of the rector;
 - 6) labour relations within the institute, after prior consultation with the rector or within the scope of an agreement concluded between the rector and the director of the university institute;
 - 7) internal organisation of the institute.

Article 19

Workplace

- 1) The establishment, merger, amalgamation or dissolution of a workplace is governed by Section 9(1)(a) of the Act.

- 2) The workplace is headed by a manager who is accountable to the rector for his or her activities.
- 3) The head of the workplace is authorised to perform all legal acts in accordance with the law and acts on behalf of the university in relation to third parties to the extent specified by the rector's decision.

Article 20

Special-purpose facilities

- 1) The establishment, merger, amalgamation, division or dissolution of a special-purpose facility is governed by Section 9(1)(a) of the Act.
- 2) The special-purpose facility is headed by a head who is accountable to the rector for his or her activities.

CHAPTER V

INTERNAL REGULATIONS AND INTERNAL STANDARDS OF THE UNIVERSITY

Article 21

's internal regulations

The internal regulations of the university are the internal regulations specified in Section 17(1)(a) to (j) of the Act and, pursuant to Section 17(1)(k) of the Act, the following additional regulations:

- a) Rules and conditions for monetary and non-monetary contributions to legal entities,
- b) University Lifelong Learning Regulations,
- c) Rules for making final theses available to the public at the university,
- d) Rules for the creation and use of university funds,
- e) Rules for the admission procedure at the university,
- f) Study and examination regulations for students of doctoral study programmes at the university,
- g) Rules of Procedure of the University Internal Evaluation Council,
- h) Rules for habilitation proceedings and proceedings for appointment as a professor at the university,
- i) Rules for the rigorous procedure at the university
- j) Rules for ensuring support measures at the university.

Article 22

Internal standards

- 1) Internal standards that are not subject to registration by the Ministry include, in addition to internal faculty regulations:
 - a) Organisational rules of the university or its constituent parts, Work rules of the university and Career rules of the university,

- b) Decisions – internal regulations with one-off or time-limited effect concerning operational, organisational or administrative matters, tasks or orders,
 - c) guidelines – internal regulations of a longer-term nature and broader scope relating in particular to methodological and organisational matters, the establishment of work procedures, responsibilities, competences, duties, etc.,
 - d) methodological guidelines – internal regulations of a longer-term nature and narrower scope relating in particular to methodological procedures and measures focused on a specific area of activity.
- 2) Internal regulations are issued within the scope of their competences defined by law and the statutes by the rector, bursar, dean of the faculty and director of the university institute. The form of issuing internal regulations and their publication is determined by the rector's internal regulations.

PART THREE

STUDYING AT THE UNIVERSITY

Article 23

Study programme

- 1) Higher education is obtained at the university by studying within an accredited study programme in accordance with the study plan in the prescribed form of study.
- 2) The university publishes a list of accredited study programmes it offers on the public section of its website, including their type and profile, form of study and standard duration of study, and their accessibility for persons with disabilities, specifying the faculty if the study programme is accredited at a faculty.

Article 24

General conditions for admission to study, method of submitting applications

- 1) The conditions for admission to bachelor's, master's and doctoral study programmes are set out in general in Sections 48 to 50 of the Act and in the University's Admission Procedure Rules.
- 2) The knowledge, abilities or talents of applicants for study are usually assessed by means of an entrance examination.
- 3) If the entrance examination consists of several parts, their order must be specified. Participation in each part is conditional upon fulfilment of the conditions of the previous part.
- 4) Applicants may be exempted from the entrance examination on the basis of their previous academic results and in accordance with the published admission conditions.
- 5) The entrance examination may be modified on an individual basis for applicants with specific needs.
- 6) Applications for study are submitted in electronic form via an e-application in the information system of the study agenda of the university or its constituent part that implements the relevant study programme.

Article 25

Delivery by the university and submission to the university

- 1) The university delivers documents to applicants, students and persons with interrupted studies in proceedings pursuant to Sections 50, 54b and 68 of the Act via the university's information system. In these cases, the university is not obliged to deliver documents to the data box.
- 2) A document delivered via the university's information system pursuant to paragraph 1) is delivered at the moment when, after the document has been made available to the participant in the proceedings in the university's electronic information system, the participant in the proceedings logs into the said system. If the participant does not log in within 10 days of the date on which the document was made available to them in the electronic information system, the document shall be deemed to have been delivered on the last day of this period.
- 3) In other cases involving decisions on students' rights and obligations, documents are also delivered via the university's information system. Documents are delivered in accordance with the rules set

out in paragraph 2). In these cases, the university is not obliged to deliver documents to the data box.

- 4) In other cases not specified in paragraphs 1) to 3), documents shall be delivered via a postal service provider or data box. Delivery via data box shall take precedence.
- 5) If the addressee does not accept the shipment, it will be stored by the postal service provider. The 10th day after the shipment is stored is considered the date of delivery, with the day of storage not counting towards the storage period.
- 6) If the shipment is returned to the university as undeliverable because the addressee is unknown at the delivery address, the university will deliver the document to the addressee by posting it in the form of a public notice on the official notice board for a period of 15 days, with the 15th day from the date of posting the public notice on the university's official notice board being considered the date of delivery of the shipment. Pursuant to Section 69a(5) of the Act, the university is not obliged to appoint a guardian for the student for the purpose of delivery.
- 7) A document delivered via a public data network is delivered at the moment of valid login of the authorised person to the data box. If the authorised person does not log in to the data box to which the document was delivered by the university, the 10th day following the day of placing the document in the data box is considered valid delivery. the 10th day following the day on which the document was placed in the data box.
- 8) All other legal relationships arising in the area of delivery between the university and students or applicants for study shall be governed in particular by Section 69a of the Act and Section 19 et seq. of Act No. 500/2004 Coll., the Administrative Procedure Code, as amended.
- 9) Applicants for study, students or persons with interrupted studies may submit documents to the university (faculty) only in electronic form via the university's information system. Such submissions shall be considered signed. The submission is made by its confirmation in the university's information system.
- 10) The university (faculty) shall publish information for applicants on how to submit applications in accordance with paragraph 9) together with the information published in accordance with Section 49(5) of the Act.

Article 26

Fees related to study

- 1) Fees for activities related to the admission procedure are set by the rector's decision for the relevant academic year as follows:
 - a) a fee of CZK 0 for activities related to the admission procedure to the same or a similar study programme in the event of the termination of the accreditation of the study programme in accordance with Section 80(5) of the Act,
 - b) a fee of up to 20% of the base amount set by the Ministry pursuant to Section 58(2) of the Act (rounded down to the nearest ten crowns) in other cases.

If an applicant fails to pay the fee for activities related to the admission procedure within the specified period, it shall be deemed that they have withdrawn their application for study.

- 2) The amount of the tuition fee for a student who studies in a university study programme for longer than the standard period of study plus one year in a bachelor's or master's study programme pursuant

to Section 58(3) of the Act shall be three times the base amount set by the Ministry pursuant to Section 58(2) of the Act for each additional six months of study commenced (rounded down to the nearest ten crowns so that it is divisible by 6); the period of study also includes the periods of all previous studies in bachelor's and master's study programmes at public higher education institutions that were completed other than properly pursuant to Section 45(3) or Section 46(3) of the Act, unless it concerns previous studies after which the student duly completed a study programme of the same type at a public, state or private university. The period during which the student studied in such study programmes, or in such study programmes and in the current study programme concurrently, shall be counted only once in the period of study. However, the recognised period of parenthood shall be deducted from the total period of study calculated in accordance with this paragraph. A master's study programme that does not follow on from a bachelor's study programme and a bachelor's study programme shall be considered study programmes of the same type for the purposes of this paragraph.

- 3) The amount of fees associated with study for a study programme conducted in a foreign language pursuant to Section 58(4) of the Act for a specific part of the university shall be determined by the head of the relevant part, taking into account, in particular, the economic demands of the study, the costs of ensuring the quality of the study and its administration, and the current situation in a similar field of education.
- 4) For a study programme conducted in a foreign language, the head of the relevant unit may, in accordance with the principles set out in paragraph 3, determine a fee for activities related to the admission procedure, determine a fee for a bachelor's or master's study programme, and determine a fee for study in a doctoral study programme.
- 5) The fee for study in a bachelor's or master's study programme pursuant to paragraph 4 need not be set
 - a) in the case of studies carried out within the framework of
 1. the implementation of an international treaty to which the Czech Republic is bound, or an act issued on its basis,
 2. the implementation of a European Union programme or other international programme or project, or
 3. cooperation between the university and a foreign institution,
 - b) in the case of studies supported by a scholarship within the framework of the implementation of
 1. programmes for the provision of government development scholarships for study at universities in the Czech Republic, approved by the government on the basis of the Act on Foreign Development Cooperation, or
 2. programmes announced by the Ministry pursuant to Section 91b of the Act.
- 6) The university shall set a fee for activities related to the assessment of fulfilment of the conditions for admission to study pursuant to Section 48(4)(e) and (5)(c) of the Act, which shall not exceed 20% of the base amount set pursuant to Section 58(2) of the Act. The fee shall be the income of the university.
- 7) The university shall determine and publish the amount of fees associated with study for the following academic year in the public section of its website no later than the last day of the deadline for submitting applications for study.
- 8) Study-related fees can only be paid by bank transfer.
- 9) The due dates for fees associated with study are set as follows:

- a) the fee for activities related to the admission procedure must be paid no later than the date set by the relevant department as the deadline for payment of the fee,
- b) the tuition fee pursuant to Section 58(3) of the Act must be paid no later than 90 days from the date of delivery of the decision on the assessment of the fee or 90 days from the date of delivery of the decision appeal against the decision on the assessment of the fee (an appeal against the decision on the assessment of the fee has a suspensive effect on the due date of the fee),
- c) the tuition fee pursuant to Section 58(4) of the Act must be paid no later than 30 days from the date on which the decision on the assessment of the fee becomes final,
- d) the fee for activities related to the assessment of the fulfilment of the conditions for admission to study pursuant to paragraph 6) must be paid no later than on the date set by the relevant department as the deadline for payment of the fee.

The date of submission of the payment order for transfer from the account shall be decisive for the fulfilment of the obligation set out in points a) to d).

- 10) When deciding on an appeal against a decision on the assessment of tuition fees pursuant to Section 58(3) of the Act, the Rector may reduce, waive or defer the due date of the assessed fee in accordance with the following principles:
 - a) the fee shall be reduced by half (rounded down to the nearest hundred crowns) if the student achieved a grade point average of 1.8 or less in the previous academic year;
 - b) the fee shall be reduced to one third (rounded down to the nearest hundred crowns) if the student achieved a grade point average of 1.5 or less in the previous academic year;
 - c) the fee shall be waived if the student achieved a grade point average of 1.2 or less in the previous academic year while fulfilling all study obligations;
 - d) the fee shall be waived if the student meets the conditions of Section 54a(2) of the Act;
 - e) the fee shall be reduced to a proportionate amount if the student terminates their studies in accordance with Section 55(1) of the Act during the period for which the fee was assessed;
 - f) postpone the due date for payment of the tuition fee based on its own assessment of the application;
 - g) reduce or waive the fee if the circumstances of the student's poor social situation are proven in a demonstrable manner;
 - h) in cases worthy of special consideration.

The principles set out in points (a) to (h) cannot be combined.

Article 27

Conditions of study at the university

The conditions for studying in accredited bachelor's and master's degree programmes are set out in the Study and Examination Regulations for students of bachelor's and master's degree programmes at the university; study in accredited doctoral degree programmes is set out in the Study and Examination Regulations for students of doctoral degree programmes.

Article 28

Conditions of study for foreign nationals

- 1) The conditions for foreign students must enable the fulfilment of obligations arising from international treaties to which the Czech Republic is bound.
- 2) Foreigners who apply to study in study programmes offered by faculties or the university within the framework of student mobility, or on the basis of international treaties or treaties and agreements that allow short-term study stays of foreign students at the university or its constituent parts, are admitted without entrance examinations on the basis of signed treaties (so-called "Exchange Students").
- 3) In cases not specified in paragraphs 1 and 2, foreigners are admitted to study programmes in the Czech language under the same conditions as citizens of the Czech Republic. A condition for admission is proof of language proficiency in Czech, which the foreigner demonstrates in one of the following ways:
 - a) a certificate of successful completion of a Czech language exam at the relevant department of a public university that offers an accredited study programme focused on teaching the Czech language or an accredited lifelong learning programme focused on teaching the Czech language;
 - b) proof of successful completion of a Czech language course for foreigners focused on preparation for university study;
 - c) proof of successful completion of a Czech language exam at an accredited institution.

Proof of language proficiency is not required for citizens of the Slovak Republic and foreigners who have completed secondary education with a school-leaving examination, in the field of arts also higher vocational education at conservatories in the Czech Republic, or who have completed higher education in the Czech or Slovak language.

- 4) Foreigners may study in a study programme in a foreign language under the conditions set out in the university's Study and Examination Regulations, and in the case of accredited doctoral study programmes, in the Study and Examination Regulations for Doctoral Students.
- 5) The conditions for admission to study and the course of study for foreign nationals who are not listed in paragraphs 1 to 4 are determined by the relevant faculty in accordance with internal regulations relating to the study for these categories of foreign nationals (so-called "Visiting Students"):
 - a) students beyond the limits set out in the signed agreements referred to in paragraph 2,
 - b) students securing their studies on the basis of an individual application for one semester or academic year (so-called "Free Movers"),
 - c) students in lifelong learning programmes.
- 6) If required by law, upon enrolment, it shall be verified whether the foreigner has a residence permit in the Czech Republic and whether they meet other conditions under the legal regulations governing the residence of foreigners in the Czech Republic.⁷

⁷ Act No. 326/1999 Coll., on the residence of foreigners in the Czech Republic, as amended

Article 29

Lifelong learning

As part of its educational activities, the university provides, free of charge or for a fee, lifelong learning programmes focused on professional or recreational activities or on increasing the expertise of students or graduates of foreign or domestic higher education institutions in accordance with Section 60 of the Act. More detailed conditions are set out in the University's Lifelong Learning Regulations.

PART FOUR

CREATIVE ACTIVITIES

Article 30

At the university, scientific, research, development and innovation, artistic and other creative activities are focused primarily on the following areas:

- a) linguistics and literature,
- b) history of Czech photography,
- c) artistic representation of modern society,
- d) relativistic and particle physics and its astrophysical applications,
- e) computational physics and data processing,
- f) mathematics,
- g) theoretical computer science,
- h) archaeology of Silesia,
- i) history and cultural heritage of Central Europe with special emphasis on Silesia,
- j) public economics, economic policy and administration,
- k) financial economics and financial econometrics,
- l) financial, accounting and tax aspects of businesses and financial institutions,
- m) information systems to support managerial decision-making,
- n) mathematical and statistical methods in economics,
- o) business economics 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, and movements in Central Europe after 1989,
- x) prevention of social segregation of persons with disabilities and disadvantages,
- y) reducing inequalities in education and support in the area of special educational needs.

PART FIVE

ACADEMIC STAFF

Article 31

Academic staff

- 1) Academic staff are professors, associate professors, extraordinary professors, assistant professors, assistants, lecturers, and scientific, research, and development staff who are employees of the university and perform both teaching and creative activities in accordance with their agreed type of work. Academic staff are obliged to uphold the good reputation of the university.
- 2) Other experts also participate in teaching at the university, usually on the basis of agreements on work performed outside of employment.
- 3) Academic staff are employed by the university, and in accordance with Section 24(1) (e) of the Act, the relevant faculty bodies of the university have the right to decide or act on behalf of the university in labour relations with academic staff working at the faculty.
- 4) The relevant senior employee, in particular the director of a university institute, the head of an institute established at a faculty, or the head of a department, is responsible for ensuring that employees meet the qualification requirements necessary to provide teaching.
- 5) Visiting professors and emeritus professors may work at the university.

Article 32

Visiting Professors

- 1) The title "visiting professor of the Silesian University in Opava" (hereinafter referred to as "visiting professor") may be used during their tenure at the university by an academic staff member of another university, in particular a foreign university, who has been awarded this title by the rector after discussion in the scientific council. The proof of the award of the title of visiting professor is an appointment decree defining the mission of the visiting professor, which corresponds to the activities of a professor or associate professor, and the duration of their tenure at the university. This period shall be at least one semester and at most three academic years.
- 2) A visiting professor is an academic employee of the university. He or she has the right to examine in state examinations only if he or she meets the requirements set out in Section 53 of the Act.

Article 33

Emeritus Professors

- 1) The honorary title of "professor emeritus of Silesian University in Opava" (hereinafter referred to as "professor emeritus") may be used by a professor who is a former employee of the university and who has been awarded this title by the rector after discussion in the scientific council. The proof of the award of the title of professor emeritus is the appointment decree.
- 2) The honorary title of professor emeritus does not confer membership in the university's academic community or any property rights vis-à-vis the university. Professors emeritus have the right to participate in scientific research and artistic activities at the university and to use its facilities and

information technology for this purpose. They also have the right to be given the floor at meetings of the university's academic community.

Article 34

Selection procedure

Academic positions at the university are filled on the basis of a selection procedure. Details of the selection procedure are set out in the Selection Procedure Rules of the Silesian University in Opava.

Article 35

Habilitation procedure and procedure for appointment as professor

- 1) Sections 71 to 75 of the Act apply to habilitation procedures and procedures for appointment as professor in fields in which the university is authorised to conduct such procedures.
- 2) If accreditation for habilitation proceedings or proceedings for appointment as a professor is granted to a university institute, habilitation proceedings shall be conducted and appointment proceedings shall be initiated before its scientific council.
- 3) The university shall publish on the public part of its website a list of fields in which it is authorised to conduct habilitation proceedings or proceedings for appointment as a professor, specifying the faculty if the field in which it is authorised to conduct habilitation proceedings or proceedings for appointment as a professor is accredited at the faculty.
- 4) Details of the procedure for habilitation proceedings and proceedings for appointment as a professor are set out in the Rules of Habilitation Proceedings and Proceedings for Appointment as a Professor at the University.

PART SIX

SCHOLARSHIPS

Article 36

Scholarships

Scholarships may be awarded to university students, university graduates, participants in lifelong learning, academic staff and other employees. The conditions for awarding scholarships are set out in the University Scholarship Regulations.

PART SEVEN

RECOGNITION OF FOREIGN HIGHER EDUCATION

Article 37

Recognition of foreign higher education and qualifications

In matters of recognition of foreign higher education and qualifications by the University, the Rector shall decide in accordance with Sections 89 to 90a of the Act. When submitting an application for the recognition

of foreign higher education and qualifications, the applicant is obliged to pay a fee of CZK 3,000 for the procedures associated with the application for the recognition of foreign higher education and qualifications. The fee is the income of the university.

PART EIGHT

ACADEMIC INSIGNIA AND ACADEMIC CEREMONIES

Article 38

Insignia, gowns and seal of the university

- 1) The insignia of the university are an outward expression of the authority and responsibility of the rector and vice-rectors and of academic traditions.
- 2) The following persons are authorised to wear the university gowns on ceremonial occasions:
 - a) the rector and vice-rectors,
 - b) members of the Scientific Council, members of the Senate, professors and associate professors, and, at the Rector's discretion, other members of the academic community, in particular graduating students,
 - c) distinguished guests of the university, as decided by the rector,
 - d) the bursar,
 - e) the pedell.
- 3) The university seal is used by the university to mark ceremonial diplomas issued for honorary doctorates and university medals.
- 4) The manner of use of insignia, gowns and seals is determined by the rector. The manner of use of faculty insignia and gowns is determined by the deans.
- 5) Documentation of the insignia, gowns and seal of the university is stored in the university archives.

Article 39

Academic ceremonies, university medals

- 1) Matriculation is a ceremonial act of admitting students to the academic community of the university.
- 2) Graduation is a ceremonial act in which the rector, vice-rector, dean or vice-dean award university diplomas or diploma supplements to graduates of all types of study programmes.
- 3) Matriculation and graduation ceremonies are organised by faculties or university institutes. These ceremonies include the academic matriculation oath and the bachelor's, master's and doctoral graduation oaths, the wording of which is included in the appendix to the ceremony.
- 4) Associate professors who have successfully completed the habilitation procedure at the university are presented with their appointment decrees during the ceremony.
- 5) The programme of matriculation and graduation ceremonies is determined by the rector.
- 6) The awarding of honorary doctorates and honorary doctorates is governed by the rector's guidelines.
- 7) The university awards university medals to its employees and other persons who have contributed to the development of the university and made a significant contribution to the development of science and general education. The awarding of medals is governed by the rector's directive.

- 8) Documentation of university medals and the diplomas issued with them is stored in the university archives.

PART NINE
TRANSITIONAL AND FINAL PROVISIONS

Article 40

- 1) The current membership of the disciplinary committee shall end upon the entry into force of the Statute.
- 2) The Statutes of the Silesian University in Opava, registered by the Ministry on 28 March 2017 under ref. no. MSMT-7574/2017, as amended, are hereby repealed.
- 3) These Statutes were approved by the Academic Senate of the University on 6 May 2025 pursuant to Section 9(1)(b)(3) of the Act.
- 4) These Statutes shall enter into force pursuant to Section 36(4) of the Act on the date of registration by the Ministry.
- 5) This statute shall take effect on 1 September 2025.

Ing. Lucie Kamrádová, Ph.D.
Chairwoman of the Academic Senate

doc. Mgr. Tomáš Gongol, Ph.D.
Rector

The first amendments to the Statutes of the Silesian University in Opava were approved in accordance with Section 9(1)(b)(3) of the Act by the Academic Senate of the Silesian University in Opava on 16 September 2025.

The amendments shall enter into force pursuant to Section 36(4) of the Act on the date of registration by the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports.

These amendments shall take effect on the date of entry into force.

Ing. Lucie Kamrádová, Ph.D.
Chairwoman of the Academic Senate

doc. Mgr. Tomáš Gongol, Ph.D.
Rector

Appendix No. 1 to the University Statutes

Academic oath Matriculation and graduation oaths

1) Academic Oath of Matriculation

I pledge, with full awareness of my responsibilities, to fulfil all the duties of a student of the University of Silesia, as set out in the University Statutes and my study programme.

I will act and behave in a manner that brings honour to Silesian University.

2) Bachelor's graduation oath

I promise to use the education I have received for the benefit of society, in the interests of truth, in accordance with the principles of ethics, humanity and democracy.

I will keep the Silesian University, which is awarding me this degree, in my memory forever.

3) Master's graduation pledge

I promise to develop and apply the education I have received for the benefit of society, in the interests of truth, in accordance with the principles of ethics, humanity and democracy.

I will keep the Silesian University, which is awarding me this degree, in my memory forever.

4) Graduation oath of a graduate of the state rigorous examination

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

I will always remember the University of Silesia, which is awarding me this degree.

5) Doctoral graduation oath

I promise to strive to deepen scientific knowledge and apply it 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 always remember the University of Silesia, which is awarding me this degree.