



Amendment No. 1 to the Statute of Pavol Jozef Šafárik University in Košice

In accordance with the provision of Section 9(1)(a)(1) of Act No. 131/2002 Coll. on Higher Education Institutions and on Amendments to Certain Acts, as amended, the Academic Senate of Pavol Jozef Šafárik University in Košice approved on 19 June 2025 Amendment No. 1 to the Statute of Pavol Jozef Šafárik University in Košice. Pursuant to Section 103(6) and (7) of Act No. 131/2002 Coll. on Higher Education Institutions and on Amendments to Certain Acts, as amended, this Amendment No. 1 to the Statute comes into force on the date of its registration at the Ministry of Education, Research, Development, and Youth of the Slovak Republic and takes effect on the date on which the decision on its registration becomes final.

The Statute of Pavol Jozef Šafárik University in Košice dated 19 December 2022, ref. REK000548/2022-UPA/ 5751, is hereby amended as follows:

- **In Part Two – Governance of the University**

Art. 12 – Responsibilities of the Academic Senate of the University – shall read:

Art. 12 – Responsibilities of the Academic Senate of the University

1. The Academic Senate of the University:
 - a) approves, on the basis of a proposal from the Rector, the internal regulations of the University under Section 15(1)(a) by a two-thirds majority of all members of the Academic Senate and (c) to (f) and (k) to (m) of the HEI Act, on the basis of a proposal by the Chair of the Academic Senate of the University, approves the internal regulations of the University under Section 15(1)(g) to (i) of the HEI Act; in the case of the principles governing the election of a candidate for the Rector and the adoption of a proposal for the dismissal of the Rector, it approves them before submitting them to the Board of Trustees of the University for approval,

- b) approves, on the basis of a proposal from the Dean, the internal regulations of the Faculty under Article 37(4)(a), (e) of the Statute, after prior discussion in the Academic Senate of the Faculty under Article 37(5) of the Statute,
- c) approves, prior to submission to the Board of Trustees of the University for approval and on the basis of a proposal from the Rector, the merger, amalgamation, dissolution, division, change of name or change of seat of the University and the establishment, merger, amalgamation, dissolution, division, change of name or change of seat of the parts of the University,
- d) approves, prior to submission to the Board of Trustees of the University for approval and on the basis of a proposal from the Rector, the budget of the University and the methodology for the allocation of subsidy from the state budget from the chapter of the Ministry of Education, Science, Research and Youth of the Slovak Republic (the "Ministry of Education") under Section 89 of the HEI Act to the parts of the University, submitted by the Rector,
- e) approves, prior to submission to the Board of Trustees of the University for approval and on the basis of a proposal from the Rector, the allocation of subsidy from the state budget from the chapter of the Ministry of Education under Section 89 of the HEI Act to the parts of the University,
- f) approves, prior to submission to the Board of Trustees of the University for approval and on the basis of a proposal from the Rector, the Long-term Strategy of the University (Section 2(10) of the HEI Act),
- g) approves the Rector's proposal for the appointment and removal of members of the Scientific Board of the University;
- h) supervises the management of the University's funds and the University's property and reports the results of inspections to the Board of Trustees of the University. In order to fulfil this task, the Academic Senate of the University may request the cooperation of the Quaestor, the Academic Senate of a Faculty or the establishment of a dedicated specific commission, which must include a representative of the inspected entity and may include members of the Academic Senate of the Faculty. The funds and property of the Faculties are also subject to the supervision of management of funds and property under this subparagraph;
- i) approves the conditions of admission to study submitted by the Rector, unless their approval falls within the competence of the Academic Senate of the Faculty;
- j) expresses its opinion on the suggestions and opinions of the Board of Trustees of the University under Section 41(9) of the HEI Act;
- k) elects a representative of the University to the Higher Education Council (Section 107(3) of the HEI Act), its student section elects a representative of the University to the Student Council for Higher Education Institutions (Section 107(4) of the HEI Act);

- l) submits once a year to the academic community of the University a report on its activities and publishes it on the University's website for at least four years;
- m) exercises, for as long as necessary, the competence of the Academic Senate of the Faculty under the conditions and to the extent laid down in paragraph 3 of this Article;
- n) approves the annual report on the activities of the University and the annual management report of the University submitted by the Rector;
- o) approves the Rector's proposals for legal acts under Section 41(3)(a), (b), (d), (e), (f) of the HEI Act before submitting them to the Board of Trustees of the University for approval if the price of the property, the value of the contribution or the amount of the loan exceeds three hundred times the amount from which items are considered tangible assets under the specific law¹; if the Rector's proposals relate to property that serves for the performance of the Faculty's tasks, and the opinion of the Academic Senate of the Faculty on these proposals under section 41(3)(a), (b), (d), (e), (f) of the HEI Act is negative, a qualified majority within the meaning of Article 13 of this Statute is required for approval by the Academic Senate of the University, within which the Faculty whose Academic Senate of the Faculty has delivered an unfavourable opinion on these proposals, must always vote in favour of the proposal,
- p) performs other tasks and approves other documents under the HEI Act and under the Statute of the University,
- q) elects and removes the members of the Board of Trustees of the University filled by the Academic Senate of the University under Article 23(1)(a) of this Statute;
- r) discusses, prior to submission to the Board of Trustees of the University for approval, the Rector's proposals for legal acts under Section 41(3)(c) of the HEI Act;
- s) decides by a qualified majority under Article 13 of this Statute on a proposal from the Rector under Article 28(6) of this Statute;
- t) decides by a qualified majority under Article 13 of this Statute on a proposal from the Rector under Article 28(7) of this Statute;
- u) approves, on the basis of a proposal from the Rector, basic internal regulations governing the internal higher education quality assurance system under the provisions of Article 25(6) of this Statute.

2. The Academic Senate of the University decides by secret ballot on the matters referred to in paragraph 1(g), (k) and (q) of this Article, and also on the other matters referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article if it decides to determine that

¹ Act No. 595/2003 Coll. on Income Tax, as amended

- matter by secret ballot.
3. The competence of the Academic Senate of the Faculty under paragraph 1(m) of this Article is exercised by the Academic Senate of the University only to the extent of approving changes to the internal regulations of the Faculty concerned so that such changes do not conflict with the Act, other generally binding legal regulation or this Statute.
 4. Resolutions of the Academic Senate of the University become final and enforceable on the date of their approval by the Academic Senate of the University, unless this Statute, the HEI Act or the Rules of Procedure of the Academic Senate of the University provide otherwise.

Art. 14 – Rector – shall read:

Art. 14 – Rector

1. Rector is a statutory representative of the University, managing it, acting on its behalf and representing it externally. The Rector is accountable for their activities to the Academic Senate of the University and the Board of Trustees of the University, unless Section 19(7) of the HEI Act provides otherwise.
2. The Rector is represented by Vice-Rectors to the extent determined by the Rector.
3. The Rector is appointed and dismissed by the President of the Slovak Republic (the "President of the Slovak Republic"). A proposal for the appointment or for the dismissal of the Rector is submitted to the President of the Slovak Republic by the Minister of Education (Section 102(3)(a) of the HEI Act), to whom it is submitted by the Academic Senate of the University within 15 days of the adoption of the relevant resolution.
4. The Rector:
 - a) proposes the merger, amalgamation, dissolution, division, change of name or change of seat of the University and the establishment, merger, amalgamation, dissolution, division, change of name or change of seat of a part of the University to the Academic Senate of the University and the Board of Trustees of the University;
 - b) submits to the Ministry of Education for its opinion the Long-term Strategy of the University after its approval by the Academic Senate of the University and the Board of Trustees of the University,
 - c) submits to the Academic Senate of the University and the Board of Trustees of the University the draft methodology for the allocation of the subsidy, including the allocation of the subsidy from the state budget from the chapter of the Ministry of Education under Section 89 of the HEI Act, to the parts of the University;
 - d) awards, on the basis of a decision of the Scientific Board of the University under Section 12(1)(d) of the HEI Act or a decision of the Scientific Board

of the Faculty, the scientific-pedagogical title of "Associate Professor." If, in exercising the powers under this subparagraph d), the Rector has reasonable doubts that the competent body has failed to comply with the University's criteria for evaluating the fulfilment of the conditions for obtaining the scientific-pedagogical title of "associate professor", or there were procedural errors in the course of the habilitation proceedings, the Rector may either refer the proposal back to the competent body for a new proceeding, stating the reasons that have led the Rector to do so, or discontinue the proceedings;

- e) submits to the Minister of Education proposals for the appointment of professors by the President of the Slovak Republic, approved by the Scientific Board of the University. If, in exercising the powers under this subparagraph e), the Rector has reasonable doubts that the competent body has failed to comply with the University's criteria for evaluating the fulfilment of the conditions for obtaining the scientific-pedagogical title of "Professor", or there were procedural errors in the course of the procedure for the appointment of a professor, the Rector may either refer the proposal back to the competent body for a new procedure, stating the reasons that have led the Rector to do so, or discontinue the procedure;
- f) awards, on the basis of a proposal from the Scientific Board of the University, the honorary title of "Professor Emeritus",
- g) after a written statement by the Board of Trustees of the University, determines the salary of the Deans of the Faculties that are part of the University;
- h) ensures the fulfilment of other obligations of the University under Section 20 of the HEI Act;
- i) entrusts a person to perform as acting Dean until a new Dean is elected on the basis of a proposal from the Academic Senate of the Faculty;
- j) appoints and dismisses the Vice-Rectors of the University;
- k) submits to the Academic Senate of the University proposals for approval of:
 - 1) internal regulations of the University, namely this Statute, the Study Regulations, the principles of the selection procedure for filling posts for university teachers, posts for researchers, posts for professors and associate professors and posts for senior employees of the University, the Employment Regulations of the University, the Organizational Rules of the University, the Scholarship Rules of the University, the Disciplinary Rules of the University for Students, the Rules of Procedure of the Disciplinary Board of the University and other regulations, if so determined by this Statute or the HEI Act;
 - 2) the appointment and dismissal of members of the Scientific Board of the University;
 - 3) legal acts under Section 41(3)(a), (b), (d) (e), (f) of the HEI Act before

- submitting them to the Board of Trustees of the University for written consent to these acts, if the price of the property, the value of the contribution, or the amount of the loan exceeds three hundred times the amount from which items are considered tangible assets under a special regulation,
- 4) the conditions of admission to study, unless their approval falls within the competence of the Academic Senate of the Faculty;
 - l) establishes, merges, orders to amalgamate, divides and dissolves parts of the University after approval by the Academic Senate of the University and the Board of Trustees of the University; this also applies in the case of a change of name or seat of a part of the University;
 - m) submits to the Academic Senate of the University a proposal for discussion and to the Board of Trustees of the University for the granting a prior written consent to legal acts under Section 41(3)(c) of the HEI Act;
 - n) submits to the Academic Senate of the University for approval the annual report on the activities of the University and the annual management report of the University;
 - o) issues decrees under Article 29(1)(e) of the Statute;
 - p) issues implementing internal regulations governing the internal higher education quality assurance system under the provisions of Article 25(6) of this Statute, after their approval by the Board for Internal Quality Verification;
 - q) issues other internal regulations under the provisions of Section 15(1)(o) of the HEI Act defined by a special internal regulation,
5. If the University does not have a Rector, the Academic Senate of the University entrusts, pending the appointment of a new Rector and for a maximum of one year, a person whose mandate is agreed by an absolute majority of the total number of members of the Academic Senate of the University and the Board of Trustees of the University to exercise the duties of Rector. This fact is notified without delay by the Academic Senate of the University to the Minister of Education. The person to exercise the duties of Rector on a temporary basis may be nominated by the Academic Senate of the University or by the Board of Trustees of the University. The same person may not be entrusted with the role of acting Rector repeatedly. If the person entrusted renounces the mandate, the first sentence of this paragraph of this Article applies.

Art. 15 – Election of a candidate for Rector

– paragraph 4 is hereby amended and shall read:

Art. 15 - Election of a candidate for Rector

4. The term of office of the Rector is four years. At the University, the same person

may hold the office of Rector of the University for a maximum of three consecutive terms.

Art. 19 – Vice-Rectors

– paragraph 2 is hereby amended and shall read:

Art. 19 – Vice-Rectors

2. The Vice-Rectors are appointed and dismissed by the Rector.

Art. 21 – Responsibilities of the Scientific Council of the University – shall read:

Art. 21 – Responsibilities of the Scientific Council of the University

1. The Scientific Council of the University:
 - a) regularly, at least once a year, assesses the level of the University in educational activity and regarding science, technology or arts,
 - b) approves other experts who have the right to be examiners at state examinations for study programmes delivered at the University (Section 63(3) of the HEI Act); approves supervisors for doctoral studies under Section 54(4) of the HEI Act,
 - c) approves the criteria for obtaining the title of “associate professor” and the criteria for obtaining the title of “professor”,
 - d) discusses proposals for the award of the scientific-pedagogical title of “associate professor” and decides on them in the field of habilitation proceedings and inauguration proceedings, in case of which the University, in the application for accreditation of the habilitation proceedings and accreditation of the inauguration proceedings has indicated a field of study in which the Faculty does not deliver the study programmes,
 - e) approves proposals for the appointment of professors; in the case of the appointment of a professor in the field of habilitation proceedings and inauguration proceedings, in which the University, in the application for accreditation of the habilitation proceedings and the accreditation of the inauguration proceedings, has indicated a field of study in which the Faculty delivers the study programmes, it does so on the basis of a proposal from the Scientific Council of the Faculty, and if it does not approve the proposal, it returns it with a statement to the Scientific Council of the Faculty;
 - f) approves the general criteria for filling the posts of professors and associate

professors and specific conditions for filling the posts of professors; when it comes to filling the posts of professors and associate professors at the Faculty, it does so on the basis of a proposal by the Scientific Council of the Faculty,

- g) awards eminent persons the honorary title of "doctor honoris causa" (abbreviated as "Dr.h.c.");
 - h) awards the scientific ranks of "doctor scientiarum" (abbreviated as "DrSc.");
 - i) approves, on the basis of a proposal from the Chair of the Scientific Board of the University, the Rules of Procedure of the Scientific Board of the University;
 - j) proposes to the Rector to award the honorary title of "professor emeritus";
 - k) performs other tasks and approves other documents under the HEI Act and under the Statute of the University.
2. The Scientific Board of the University discusses the matters referred to it by the Chair of the Scientific Board of the University, or the matters upon which it decides.
 3. Resolutions of the Scientific Board of the University become valid and effective on the date of their approval by the Scientific Board of the University, unless the resolution of the Scientific Board of the University, this Statute, the HEI Act or the Rules of Procedure of the Scientific Board of the University provide otherwise.

Art. 23 – Board of Trustees of the University – shall read:

Art. 23 – Board of Trustees of the University

1. The Board of Trustees of the University has nine (9) members:
 - a) five (5) members of the Board of Trustees of the University are elected and recalled by the Academic Senate of the University, of which one member of the Board of Trustees of the University is elected and recalled only by its student section;
 - b) four (4) members of the Board of Trustees of the University are appointed and dismissed by the Minister of Education.
2. The term of office of the members of the Board of Trustees of the University is five years.
3. The call for nominations for members of the Board of Trustees of the University under paragraph 1(a) of this Article is issued by the Academic Senate of the University and published on the University's website at least three months prior to the end of the term of office of the respective member, indicating a deadline for the submission of nominations for members of the Board of Trustees, being no less than one month. If a membership in the Board of Trustees of the University

terminates before the end of the term of office, or if the number of members of the Board of Trustees of the University increases due to a change in the number of members of the Academic Senate of the University, a call for candidate nominations is published without undue delay; this does not apply to the procedure under Section 40(11)(b) of the HEI Act, in which case the Academic Senate of the University elects a new member of the Board of Trustees of the University without undue delay from among candidates who participated in a public hearing under Section 40(5) of the HEI Act within the period of 12 months preceding the date of the termination of the membership of the respective member of the Board of Trustees of the University or preceding the date of the increase in the number of members of the Board of Trustees of the University. To the extent necessary, the acts connected with the election procedure of the members of the Board of Trustees of the University are performed by the Chair of the Academic Senate of the University, unless the Academic Senate of the University decides otherwise. These acts include, in particular, the proper and immediate notification of the call for nominations for members of the Board of Trustees of the University on the University's website. The Chair of the Academic Senate may inform the persons entitled to submit nominations for members of the Board of Trustees of the University under Section 40(4) of the HEI Act of the call for nominations for members of the Board of Trustees of the University.

4. Nominations for members of the Board of Trustees of the University may be submitted to the Academic Senate of the University by the persons listed in Section 40(4) of the HEI Act. The candidate for membership of the Board of Trustees of the University must meet the conditions defined in Section 40(4) and (6) of the HEI Act.
5. The University organizes a public hearing of candidates and delivers an invitation to a public hearing of candidates to the Ministry of Education. If the Ministry of Education requests so, the public hearing of candidates takes place within 30 days of the date of receipt of the request. The Academic Senate of the University or the Minister of Education may determine that only a selected group of candidates from among those nominated will participate in the public hearing.
6. The Academic Senate of the University and the Ministry of Education may comment on the candidates heard within 15 days from the date of the public hearing.
7. After the comments have been made or after the deadline for comments under the preceding paragraph has expired without response, the Academic Senate of the University elects by secret ballot, and the Minister of Education selects from among the candidates heard, the required number of members of the Board of Trustees of the University.
8. The election of members of the Board of Trustees of the University pursuant to paragraph 1(a) of this Article is conducted by the Academic Senate of the University which elects, by secret ballot, from among the candidates heard, as many members of the Board of Trustees of the University as needed to fill all the posts

of members of the Board of Trustees of the University to be filled by the Academic Senate of the University for which the procedure for filling the post of members of the Board of Trustees of the University has been announced. The election of a member of the Board of Trustees of the University, who is elected and recalled only by the student section of the Academic Senate of the University, is decided only by the student section.

9. The details of the procedure for filling the posts of members of the Board of Trustees of the University are determined by the University's internal regulation approved by the Academic Senate of the University.
10. The Statute of the Board of Trustees of the University is approved by the Board of Trustees of the University on the basis of a proposal from the Chair of the Board of Trustees of the University and is registered by the Ministry of Education in accordance with the procedure laid down in Section 103 of the HEI Act.
11. Meetings of the Board of Trustees of the University are convened by its Chair at least twice a year. The meetings of the Board of Trustees of the University are public. At the request of the Rector or of at least one-third of all members of the Board of Trustees of the University, the Chair of the Board of Trustees of the University convenes a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the University no later than 30 days from the date of receipt of the request. The Rector, or on their behalf, the Vice-Rector or the Quaestor, the Chair of the Academic Senate of the University and a representative of the student section of the academic community of the University have the right to speak at a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the University in accordance with its Statute whenever they request so.
12. The Board of Trustees of the University elects a Chair and a Vice-Chair from among its members. The election of the Chair, the Vice-Chair and the manner in which the Board of Trustees of the University meets are governed by its Statute. If the Board of Trustees of the University does not have a Chair, the Vice-Chair performs duties of a Chair until a new Chair is elected; if the Board of Trustees of the University does not have a Vice-Chair either, the duties are performed by the oldest member of the Board of Trustees until a new Chair of the Board of Trustees of the University is elected.

Art. 24 – Responsibilities of the Board of Trustees of the University – shall read:

Art. 24 – Responsibilities of the Board of Trustees of the University

1. In accordance with Section 41 (3) of the HEI Act, the Board of Trustees of the University grants prior written consent to the Rector's proposal for legal acts by which the University intends to:
 - a) acquire or transfer immovable property the price of which exceeds three hundred times the amount from which items are considered tangible

- assets under a specific regulation². That price is deemed to be the amount for which such or comparable immovable property is usually sold at a certain time and place,
- b) acquire or transfer a movable item the price of which exceeds three hundred times the amount from which the items are treated as tangible assets under a specific regulation ^{1,2},
 - c) establish an easement in respect of the property of the University for a period exceeding five years,
 - d) establish a right of pre-emption in respect of the property of the University, the cost of which exceeds twenty times the amount from which items are treated as tangible assets under a specific regulation,
 - e) establish another legal entity or to make a monetary or non-monetary contribution to it or to other legal entities (Section 19(5) of the HEI Act),
 - f) conclude a loan agreement; The Board of Trustees of the University does not grant approval if the purpose of using the funds received from the loan is not in accordance with the Long-term Strategy of the University, or if it is of the opinion that the repayment of the loan may jeopardise the University's core activities.
2. The approval of the legal act referred to in paragraph 1 (a) to (f) requires the approval by a two-thirds majority of all the members of the Board of Trustees of the University.
 3. The Board of Trustees of the University comments on matters submitted to it for discussion by the Rector or the Chair of the Academic Senate of the University.
 4. The members of the Board of Trustees of the University have the right to propose candidates for the election of the candidate for Rector (Section 40(16) of the HEI Act).
 5. The Board of Trustees of the University approves by an absolute majority of all its members:
 - a) on the basis of a proposal from the Rector, after approval by the Academic Senate of the University, the methodology for the allocation of the subsidy from the state budget from the chapter of the Ministry of Education under section 89 of the HEI Act to the parts of the University,
 - b) on the basis of a proposal from the Rector, after approval by the Academic Senate of the University, the allocation of the subsidy from the state budget from the chapter of the Ministry of Education under section 89 of the HEI Act to the parts of the University,
 - c) on the basis of a proposal from the Rector, after prior approval by the Academic Senate of the University, the merger, amalgamation, dissolution, division, change of name or change of seat of the University,
 - d) on the basis of a proposal from the Rector, after prior approval by the

² Section 22 (2)(a) of Act No. 595/2003 Coll. on Income Tax, as amended.

Academic Senate of the University, the establishment, merger, amalgamation, dissolution, division, change of name or change of seat of a part of the University,

- e) on the basis of a proposal from the Rector, after prior approval by the Academic Senate of the University, the Long-term Strategy of the University,
- f) on the basis of a proposal by the Chair of the Academic Senate of the University, after prior approval by the Academic Senate of the University, the principles of election of a candidate for Rector and adoption of the proposal to dismiss the Rector.

Proposals under (5)(a) to (e) of this Article must be decided upon by the Board of Trustees of the University within 45 days from the date of transmission of the proposal approved by the Academic Senate of the University to the Board of Trustees of the University. If the Board of Trustees of the University does not adopt a decision within this period, it is deemed to have approved the proposal.

- 6. The Board of Trustees of the University approves, on the basis of a proposal from the Rector, the budget of the University, by a two-thirds majority of all its members.
- 7. The Board of Trustees of the University, in accordance with Section 41(7) of the HEI Act, on the basis of a proposal by the Chair of the Board of Trustees of the University, determines the salary of the Rector in accordance with a specific regulation³.
- 8. The Board of Trustees of the University discusses the submissions filed by the Academic Senate of the University or by a Faculty body.
- 9. The Board of Trustees of the University gives suggestions and opinions on the activities of the University and publishes them on the University's website. At least once a year, it draws up a report on its activities and publishes it on the University's website.
- 10. Members of the Board of Trustees of the University are entitled to reimbursement of expenses connected with the performance of their duties under a specific regulation.⁴ The University may provide remuneration to the members of the Board of Trustees. The rules for granting and determining the amount of such remuneration and reimbursement of expenses are established by the Academic Senate of the University on the basis of a proposal from the Rector.
- 11. In particular, the Board of Trustees of the University may request from the bodies of the University draft budgets of the parts of the University, annual reports on the activities of the University and its parts, annual management reports of the University and its parts.

³ Act No. 553/2003 Coll. on the Remuneration of Certain Employees in the Performance of Work in Public Interest and on amendments to certain acts, as amended

⁴ Act No. 283/2002 Coll. on Reimbursement of Travel Expense, as amended

Art. 25 – Internal system of quality assurance and verification at the University

– paragraph 6 is hereby amended and shall read:

6. The internal quality system is governed by the University's internal regulations, the principal regulations in this area being:
 - the Rules for the Internal System for Assuring and Verifying the Quality of Education, Scientific, Research, Developmental, Artistic or Other Creative and Support Activities at the University,
 - the Accreditation Rules of the University, and
 - the Statute of the Board for Internal Quality Verification

approved by the Academic Senate of the University on the basis of a proposal from the Rector, and the implementing regulations issued by the Rector after their approval by the Board for Internal Quality Verification.

- **In Part Three – Scope and organization of Faculties**

Art. 27 – Organization of Faculties – shall read:

Art. 27 - Organization of Faculties

1. Faculties can be divided into organizational units, branches, affiliates or other similar organizational units.
2. The details concerning the internal organization of a given Faculty and the organizational units of the Faculty are regulated by the organizational rules of the Faculty.
3. The division of activities and competences between the University, the Faculties and other parts of the University is determined by this Statute and the Organizational Rules of the University.
4. The branches, affiliates or other similar organizational units of faculties within the territory of the Slovak Republic or abroad, which deliver the accredited study programmes outside the seat of the Faculty or UPJŠ, may be established, merged, ordered to amalgamate, divided, or dissolved, and their name and seat may be changed, only with the prior consent of the Rector of the University.

Art. 30 – Academic Senate of the Faculty

– paragraph 8(p) is hereby amended and shall read:

Art. 30 – Academic Senate of the Faculty

8. The Academic Senate of the Faculty:
p) expresses its opinion on the Dean's proposal for the establishment, merger, amalgamation, division or dissolution of the Faculty's departments; branches, affiliates or other similar organizational units of faculties within the territory of the Slovak Republic or abroad, which deliver the accredited study programmes outside the seat of the faculty or UPJŠ, may be established, merged, amalgamated, divided, or dissolved, and their name and seat may be changed, only with the prior consent of the Rector of the University.

Art. 31 – Dean

– paragraph 2 is hereby amended and shall read:

Art. 31 – Dean

2. The Faculty is headed by a Dean who is appointed and dismissed by the Rector. The term of office of the Dean is four years. In one Faculty, the same person may hold the office of Dean for no more than three consecutive terms.

Art. 33 – Scientific Board of the Faculty

– paragraph 4(f) is hereby amended and shall read:

Art. 33 – Scientific Board of the Faculty

4. The competence of the Scientific Board of the Faculty is as follows, it:
f) discusses and submits to the Scientific Board of the University the general criteria for filling the posts of professors and associate professors at the Faculty and the specific conditions for filling the posts of professors at the Faculty.

Art. 33 – Scientific Board of the Faculty

– in paragraph 4, subparagraph (g) is hereby deleted; subparagraphs (h) and (i) shall be marked as subparagraphs (g) and (h).

• In Part Six – Management of the University

Art. 56 – University budget

– paragraph 3 is hereby amended and shall read:

Art. 56 – University budget

3. The University budget is approved by the Board of Trustees of the University on the basis of a proposal from the Rector. The methodology for the allocation of the subsidy, including the allocation of the subsidy from the state budget from the chapter of the Ministry of Education under section 89 of the HEI Act, to the parts of the University are approved by the Board of Trustees of the University on the basis of a proposal from the Rector after approval by the Academic Senate.

Art. 56 – University budget

– in paragraph 5, the words “by the Academic Senate of the University and” are deleted.

- **In Part Seven – Common, transitional and final provisions**

Art. 58 – Common provisions – new paragraph 9 is hereby added and shall read:

Art. 58 – Common provisions

9. The University issues internal regulations pursuant to Section 15(1)(a) to (n) of the HEI Act and internal regulations pursuant to Section 15(1)(o) of the HEI Act. The University also issues other internal regulations governing its educational, research, and entrepreneurial activities, as well as its economic and administrative operations, all in accordance with the legal regulations applicable to the respective area.

After Art. 59 – Transitional provisions – new Article 59a – Transitional provisions relating to the changes made in connection with the amendment of the HEI Act with the effect from 1 February 2025 is hereby added and shall read:

Art. 59a – Transitional provisions relating to the changes made in connection with the amendment of the HEI Act with the effect from 1 February 2025

1. For the purpose of counting the terms of office of the Rector of the University and the Faculty Dean under the regulations effective from 1 February 2025, the sequence of terms that began before 1 February 2025 shall be preserved. Pursuant to Section 113am(2) of the HEI Act, any term of office of the Rector of the University or Faculty Dean that began before 25 April 2022 shall be considered the first term of office.

2. In view of the amendment to Act No. 131/2002 Coll. on Higher Education Institutions and on the Amendments of Certain Acts, as amended, effective from 1 February 2025, and taking into account the interpretative guidelines published by the Ministry of Education, the following is specified with regard to the Board of Trustees of the University:
 - a) The amendment to the HEI Act effective from 1 February 2025 and the related adjustments to this Statute under Amendment No. 1 to the Statute shall not affect the current membership in the Board of Trustees of the University.
 - b) If the term of office of any current member of the Board of Trustees of the University expires after 1 February 2025, their position shall be filled in accordance with the legislation effective from 1 February 2025, in a manner that reflects the composition of the Board of Trustees of the University.
 - c) If the term of office of a member of the Board of Trustees of the University, whose membership arose under Section 40(2), second sentence, of the previous version of the HEI Act effective until 31 January 2025 (a member elected by the other members of the Board of Trustees of the University), expires, their position shall be filled by an election conducted by the Academic Senate of the University.

Art. 61 – Validity and effectiveness – shall read:

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1. This Statute was approved by the resolution of the Academic Senate of the University No. 291/15.12.2022 dated 15 December 2022 and by resolution dated 19 December 2022.
2. The Statute and its amendments enter into force on the date of their registration and are effective from the date on which the decision of the Ministry of Education, Science, Development and Youth of the Slovak Republic on their registration becomes final.
3. Amendment No. 1 to the Statute was approved at the meeting of the Academic Senate of the University on 19 June 2025.

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