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**Rector's Decision no. 11/2021,
determining the criteria for the selection of habilitation members
and inauguration committee and opponents in habilitation and
inauguration proceedings at Pavol Jozef Šafárik University in
Košice**

Following the ust. § 12 par. 1 letter b) of Act no. 131/2002 Coll. on Higher Education Institutions and on Amendments to Certain Acts, as amended (hereinafter referred to as the "Act"), pursuant to § 23 para. 7 letter e) of Act no. 269/2018 Coll. on Quality Assurance in Higher Education and on Amendments to Act No. 343/2015 Coll. on Public Procurement and on Amendments to Certain Acts, (hereinafter referred to as the "University Quality Assurance Act") and in accordance with the Decree of the Ministry of Education, Science, Research and Sport of the Slovak Republic no. 246/2019 Coll. on the procedure for obtaining scientific-pedagogical titles and artistic-pedagogical titles Associate Professor and Professor (hereinafter referred to as the "Decree") On 14 May 2021, the Scientific Board of Pavel Jozef Šafárik University in Košice habilitation and inauguration committees and opponents in habilitation and inauguration proceedings carried out at Pavol Jozef Šafárik University in Košice in accredited departments of habilitation and inauguration proceedings.

Art. I

**Rules for the selection of members of habilitation committees and opponents in
habilitation proceedings**

1. The proposal of the members of the habilitation committee and opponents in the habilitation procedure is submitted to the Chairman of the Scientific Board of UPJŠ in Košice (hereinafter "Scientific Board") by the Board of the Habilitation and Inauguration Proceeding (hereinafter "ROHIK") takes place. The proposal must be substantiated and indicate that the criteria determined in this Regulation are met.
2. After examining compliance with the selection rules under this regulation, the Chairman of the Scientific Board shall submit to the Scientific Board for approval the proposed members of the habilitation committee and opponents of the habilitation proceeding together with the justification submitted by ROHIK. If the Chairman finds that the rules for selecting members of the habilitation committee and opponents of the habilitation

proceeding under this regulation have not been complied with, ROHIK shall request the proposal of new members or opponents, stating the reasons for the non-compliance with the selection rules under this regulation.

3. The habilitation committee has three members, including the chairman. Three opponents are appointed in the habilitation proceeding. At the same time, within the composition of the habilitation committee and opponents in the habilitation proceedings, at most one member of the habilitation committee and one opponent in the habilitation proceedings may be an employee of Pavol Jozef Šafárik University in Košice.
4. The chairman of the habilitation committee must meet the following requirements:
 - a) at the time of appointment he is acting as a professor and has the title of professor,
 - b) at the time of appointment, he is scientifically or artistically active in the relevant field of the habilitation and inauguration proceeding.
5. Other members of the habilitation committee must meet the following requirements:
 - a) at the time of appointment they work as a professor or as an associate professor and have the title of associate professor,
 - b) at the time of their appointment, they are scientifically or artistically active in the relevant field of the habilitation and inauguration proceeding.
6. Opponents in the habilitation proceeding must meet the following requirements:
 - a) one opponent must act as a professor at the time of appointment and has the title of professor,
 - b) other opponents must work as a professor or associate professor at the time of appointment and have the title of associate professor,
 - c) at the time of appointment, they are scientifically or artistically active in the relevant field of the habilitation and inauguration proceeding.
7. The requirement referred to in point 4 (a) b), v bode 5b) a v bod 6c) of this Article shall be assessed according to the focus of the outputs of the person's publishing or artistic activity during the last five years preceding the appointment as a member of the habilitation committee or an opponent in the habilitation proceedings.
8. The requirement referred to in point 5 (a) a) a v bod 6 (b) this Article is fulfilled in justified cases due to the nature of the habilitation thesis or the scientific or artistic focus of the applicant, even if the member of the habilitation committee or the opponent in the habilitation proceeding is another significant expert with scientific qualification level IIa or I or a similar qualification abroad, or who works in the application practice in the field of study, to which the department of habilitation and inauguration proceedings is assigned, which requires a high degree of expertise.
9. In the case of the specific focus of the applicant's creative activity in the habilitation proceeding (especially in the case of interdisciplinary or multidisciplinary focus), the requirement stated in point 5 letter b) a v bod 6 písm. c) of this article is fulfilled even if the member of the habilitation committee or the opponent works in the field of science, technology or art corresponding to the focus of the applicant's creative activity.
10. An opponent in the habilitation proceeding cannot be a co-author of the applicant's publications in the last 5 years ¹.

¹ However, this does not preclude the situation where the candidate and the opponent are the authors of relatively separate parts within the same publication, while the parts prepared by the applicant were not influenced by the content of the opponent and vice versa.

Art. II Rules for the selection of members of inaugural committees and opponents in inauguration proceedings

1. The proposal of the members of the inauguration committee and opponents in the inauguration proceeding is submitted to the Chairman of the Scientific Board by the Board of the Habilitation and Inauguration Proceeding Department for the habilitation and inauguration proceeding in which the inauguration proceeding takes place. The proposal must be substantiated and indicate that the criteria determined in this Regulation are met.
2. After examining compliance with the selection rules under this Regulation, the Chairman of the Scientific Board shall submit to the Scientific Board for approval the proposed members of the Inauguration Committee and the opponents of the inaugural proceeding, together with the justification submitted by ROHIK. If the Chairman of the Scientific Board finds that the rules for selecting members of the inauguration committee and opponents of the inauguration proceedings under this Regulation have not been complied with, ROHIK shall request a proposal for new members or opponents, stating the reasons for non-compliance with the selection rules under this Regulation.
3. The Inauguration Committee has four members, including a chairman, at least one of whom must be a foreign expert. Three opponents are appointed in the inauguration proceedings. At the same time, within the composition of the inauguration committee and opponents in the inauguration proceedings, no more than one member of the inauguration committee and one opponent in the inauguration proceedings may be an employee of Pavol Jozef Šafárik University in Košice.
4. The chairman of the inauguration committee must meet the following requirements:
 - a) at the time of appointment he is acting as a professor and has the title of professor,
 - b) at the time of appointment, he is scientifically or artistically active in the relevant field of the habilitation and inauguration proceeding.
5. Other members of the inauguration committee must meet the following requirements:
 - a) at the time of appointment they are acting as professors,
 - b) at the time of their appointment, they are scientifically or artistically active in the relevant field of the habilitation and inauguration proceeding.
6. Opponents in the inauguration proceeding must meet the following requirements:
 - a) one opponent must act as a professor at the time of appointment and has the title of professor,
 - b) other opponents must act as professors at the time of appointment,
 - c) at the time of appointment, they are scientifically or artistically active in the relevant field of the habilitation and inauguration proceeding.
7. The requirement referred to in point 4 (a) b), in point 5 . b) and point 6 letter (c) of this Article shall be assessed according to the focus of the publication or artistic activities of the person concerned during the last five years preceding the appointment as a member of the inauguration committee or an opponent in the inauguration proceedings.
8. The requirement referred to in point 5 (a) a) and point 6 letter (b) of this Article is met in justified cases given the nature of the applicant's scientific or artistic orientation, even if the member of the inauguration commission or an opponent in the inauguration procedure is another internationally significant expert holding a scientific qualification level I or a similar qualification obtained abroad, or who works in the application practice in the field of study, to which the field of habilitation and inauguration proceedings is assigned, which requires a high degree of expertise.
9. In the case of the specific focus of the applicant's creative activity in the inauguration proceeding (especially in the case of interdisciplinary or multidisciplinary focus), the

requirement stated in point 5 letter b) and point 6 (c) of this Article is complied with even if the member of the inaugural commission or the opponent is active in a field of science, technology or art corresponding to the direction of the applicant's creative activity.

10. An opponent in the inauguration proceeding cannot be a co-author of the applicant's publications in the last 5 years ².

Art. III Final provisions

1. This Decision shall apply to habilitation and inauguration proceedings initiated after its entry into force.
2. This internal regulation shall enter into force on the day of its signing by the Rector of UPJŠ and shall take effect on September 1, 2021.

This is the English language translation of the original Slovak language version of internal regulation and is not an authorized translation. In the event of inconsistency or discrepancy between the Slovak language version and the English translation of this internal regulation, the original Slovak language version prevails.

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² However, this does not preclude the situation where the candidate and the opponent are the authors of relatively separate parts within the same publication, while the parts prepared by the applicant were not influenced by the content of the opponent and vice versa.