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## **REGULATIONS OF THE LIFE SCIENCES CENTER OF VILNIUS UNIVERSITY**

### **I. GENERAL PROVISIONS**

1. Vilnius University (hereinafter, the University) Life Sciences Center (hereinafter, the Center) is an internal organizational facility of the University having the status of a core academic unit and carrying out all types of primary activities of the University. The Center has internal autonomy, the boundaries of which are defined by the present Regulations. The Center shall be established and dissolved, and its Regulations shall be approved by the University Senate (hereinafter, the Senate) at the proposal of the University Rector (hereinafter, the Rector).
2. In its activities, the Center shall follow the University Statute (hereinafter, the Statute), Regulations for Research, Art Activity, and Studies, the present Regulations, other legal acts adopted by the Senate, the University Council, the Rector, and the Center management bodies within their authority, laws of the Republic of Lithuania, and implementing legislation.
3. The Center's activities shall be financed from the state allocations and funds controlled by the University by ownership rights, and other legitimately obtained funds.
4. The Center shall have a flag, letterform, logotype, and stamp approved by the Senate and complying with the University traditions and style. Letterform and stamp of the Center shall be used in the Center activity documents assigned to its competence.
5. Self-governance of the Center shall be implemented by the Center Council (hereinafter, the Council) formed in accordance with the procedure established by the Statute, the Senate, and the present Regulations.
6. The Director of the Center (hereinafter, the Director) shall head the Center and be in charge of its activities. The Director shall be elected and appointed in accordance with the procedure established by the Statute, the Senate, and the present Regulations.
7. The structure of the Center is comprised of its management bodies (the Council and the Director) and internal organizational facilities: branch academic units, branch non-academic units, and internal academic facilities not having the rights of an administrative unit. The list of branch non-academic units of the Center (except for the Life Sciences Doctoral School (hereinafter, the Doctoral School)) shall be approved and amended pursuant to the order of the Rector. For the purpose of implementing the Center's strategic plan, branch academic *sui generis* units may also be established at the Center.

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8. The Center shall be entitled, in accordance with the procedure established by the laws and legal acts of the University, to independently adopt the decisions concerning public procurement and implement the procurement independently, to have a separate budget item for procurement, to conclude the procurement contracts independently and to effect payments under such contracts from its own budget.

## **II. ACTIVITY OBJECTIVES AND TASKS**

9. Activity of the Center shall be based on the University mission entrenched in the Statute, objectives and principles of activity as well as priorities established in the activity plan of the Center.
10. Objectives of the Center's activity shall include the preparation of highly qualified specialists and researchers; pursuing scientific research at a high international level; ensuring the unity of science and studies; ensuring the quality of scientific research and studies; participating in innovation activities and development of high-tech business; and developing active and responsible citizens and society leaders.
11. Tasks of the Center:
  - 11.1. initiation, organization, and carrying out of scientific research in the fields of biomedicine, physics, and technology, as well as interdisciplinary research at an international level; dissemination of scientific and technological achievements in national and international arena;
  - 11.2. initiation, organization, and implementation of all study cycles and non-formal studies, and postdoctoral traineeships; participation in the training of educators and carrying out other educative and teaching activities;
  - 11.3. joining international research networks and structures; introducing progressive practices of other universities in the field of scientific research and study organization;
  - 11.4. participation in national and international science, study and research programs and projects considering their relevance to the trends of activity developed by the Center;
  - 11.5. development of a modern infrastructure for scientific studies, research, social and technological development and innovation activity based on open access principles;
  - 11.6. promotion and development of cooperation between research, business, and public sectors through the transfer of technologies and introduction of innovations; cooperation with Lithuanian and foreign study, science, and business institutions, social partners, and alumni; representing the University in the country and abroad;
  - 11.7. engaging in and developing service provision, consulting and expert activity;
  - 11.8. fostering the University values and long-term traditions; promoting the involvement of the Center community in common University activities, their socially responsible behavior, and volunteering.
12. The Center community shall implement the objectives and tasks of the Center.
13. The Center shall draw up and implement its activity plan, setting the priorities, measures for their implementation, terms, indicators, resources, and persons responsible for the implementation of the measures. The activity plan of the Center shall be drawn up for five years in accordance with the University's strategic plan and objectives and tasks of the Center.

*Amendments of the paragraph:*

### III. THE COUNCIL

14. The Council shall be a collegial self-governance body of the Center formed for four years.
15. Members of the Council, except for the member of the Council by virtue of their position and the Center student representatives of all study cycles delegated in accordance with the procedure established by the University Students' Representation, shall be elected in direct elections by researchers and lecturers of the Center meeting the requirements established in part 4 of article 12 of the Statute (hereinafter, electors).
16. The Council shall be comprised of 15 members:
  - 16.1. three professors and/or research professors working at the Center and meeting the requirements established in part 4 of article 12 of the Statute;
  - 16.2. three associate professors and/or senior researchers working at the Center and meeting the requirements established in part 4 of article 12 of the Statute;
  - 16.3. three other members of the academic and/or non-academic community working at the Center and meeting the requirements established in part 4 of article 12 of the Statute;
  - 16.4. three representatives of the Center students in accordance with the requirements laid down in part 11 of article 21 of the Statute;
  - 16.5. two representatives of the Center's social partners;
  - 16.6. the Director (*ex officio*);
17. General requirements of the procedure for election and revocation of the Council members shall be established in the Procedure for the Election of Council Members of Core Academic Units approved by the Senate. The subject who has elected or appointed a Council member may revoke them due to a crime, criminal offense, administrative offense, disciplinary infraction or breach of duty, serious breach of the Statute or Code of Academic Ethics, or other infringement of legal or moral norms incompatible with the position of the Council member. The University Students' Representation may set additional grounds and procedures for revocation of student representatives from their position as Council members.
18. Each branch academic unit of the Center should be represented by at least one representative specified in each of the subparagraphs 16.1-16.3.
19. Elections to the Council shall be organized, and the candidates shall be registered and their results shall be established by the Center Electoral Commission. Central Electoral Commission shall approve the formation of the Center Electoral Commission proposed by the Director and appoint its Chairperson. Members of the Electoral Commission may not be candidates for the Council members. Members of the Council – representatives of students – shall be appointed (elected) in accordance with the procedure established by the University Students' Representation and in compliance with the requirements of part 11 of article 21 of the Statute.
20. The Council shall elect the Chairperson from its members. The Council shall approve the deputy Chairperson proposed by the chairperson. The Director, their deputy and students' representative may not be elected as the Council Chairperson or deputy. The Council Chairperson and their deputy may not work at the same branch unit. When the Chairperson cannot perform their functions due to an illness or other important reasons, their functions

shall be carried out by the Deputy Chairperson of the Council.

21. The Council shall pursue its activities through meetings. A meeting of the Council shall be valid when at least two-thirds of all members of the Council are present. The Council shall pass resolutions while exercising its powers. Resolutions of the Council shall be adopted by a simple majority of votes of the Council members present in the meeting, except in the cases where the present Regulations or the Council Rules of Procedure require a qualified majority of votes.
  22. The Council shall:
    - 22.1. approve its Rules of Procedure;
    - 22.2. elect the Director and propose them to the Rector for appointment;
    - 22.3. submit a motion of censure in respect of the Director, provided that at least two-thirds of all Council members vote for it, or, by a simple majority of votes, adopt the decision concerning a motion of censure in respect of the Director submitted by the Rector;
    - 22.4. conduct repeat elections of the Director when the Rector does not appoint the Director elected by the Council and justifies such a decision;
    - 22.5. approve the activity plan of the Center proposed by the Director;
    - 22.6. examine and approve the annual reports of the Center submitted by the Director and submit to the Rector the conclusion concerning the implementation of the activity plan of the Center;
    - 22.7. in case the Council does not approve the annual report of the Center, a one-month period shall be granted for the Director to correct and/or revise the report and submit it to the Council for a repeat review; in case the Council again does not approve the annual report of the Center, it shall vote concerning the motion of censure in respect of the Director and inform the Rector immediately thereof; in this case, the Rector may also submit a motion of censure in respect of the Director;
    - 22.8. establish the number of deputies in consideration of the proposal of the Director and approve the candidacies and functions of the Deputy Directors;
    - 22.9. examine and approve the regulations of branch academic units as proposed by the Director;
    - 22.10. establish and dissolve branch academic units as proposed by the Director and propose to the Rector to submit the associated amendments of the Regulations of the Center to the Senate for approval;
    - 22.11. examine the amendments of the Regulations of the Center proposed by the Director and propose to the Rector to submit them to the Senate for approval;
    - 22.12. examine the proposals to the Rector concerning the establishment and dissolution of branch non-academic units (except for the Doctoral School) proposed by the Director; examine and approve the regulations of branch non-academic units proposed by the Director;
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- 22.13. establish proportionate deductions proposed by the Director from the funds of branch academic units for the common needs of the Center;
  - 22.14. approve the annual estimates of revenues and expenses of the Center and their implementation reports proposed by the Director;
  - 22.15. approve the trends of scientific research of the Center and programs for scientific research, experimental, social, and technological development, and innovation

- activities proposed by the Director;
- 22.16. propose to the Rector the makeup of Doctoral Committee(s) and chairperson(s) of the respective field(s) of research;
  - 22.17. examine the study programs and submit them to the Senate for approval in accordance with the procedure established at the University;
  - 22.18. approve the makeup and chairpersons of committees of study programs implemented by the Center as proposed by the Director;
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- 22.19. examine the proposals of the Director concerning the number of study places at the Center and requirements for the entrants;
  - 22.20. approve the rules governing the research work and studies of the Center proposed by the Director;
  - 22.21. assess the results of the scientific research, experimental, social and technological development, and innovation activities as well as studies and the quality and level of the Center performance;
  - 22.22. examine the proposals of the Director to the rector for the announcement of competitions for the position of professor;
  - 22.23. examine and submit to the Rector the candidates who are proposed to be conferred the titles (status) provided by the University Regulations of Emeritus, Affiliation, and Honorary Titles;
  - 22.24. form the Center Academic Ethics Commission and appoint its chairperson according to the proposal of the Council chairperson;
  - 22.25. form the Center Commission for Dispute Resolution and appoint its chairperson according to the proposal of the Council chairperson;
  - 22.26. carry out other functions prescribed in the legal acts of the University as well as exercise the powers not directly specified in the legal acts and associated with the intended purpose of the Council defined in part 3 of article 28 of the Statute and paragraph 6 of the present Regulations.

#### **IV. THE DIRECTOR**

23. An individual meeting the requirements posed in the Statute to a head of a core academic unit may be the Director.
24. The Director shall be accountable to and report to the Council and the Rector. By virtue of the position, the Director shall be a member of the Rectorate and shall participate in the strategic management of the University. On matters of economic and property management of the Center and other issues pertaining to the organization of non-academic activities, the Director shall also report to the Chancellor of the University (hereinafter, the Chancellor).
25. The Director shall be elected for five years in accordance with the Statute and the present Regulations.
26. The Council shall announce the competition for the position of the Director at least four months before the expiry of the mandate of the Director nearing the end of the term of office. The provisions of the present paragraph shall not apply in the cases where the mandate of the Director ceases before the term due to other reasons.

27. Competition for the position of Director and the elections shall be organized (and the candidates shall be registered), and their results shall be established by the Center Electoral Commission. Members of the Electoral Commission may not be candidates for the position of Director.
28. The Council shall elect the Director from the self-nominated candidates by secret ballot in accordance with the procedure established in the Statute and present Regulations, and then the Council shall submit their candidacy to the Rector for approval. A Director shall be deemed to have been elected when more than half of all Council members have voted for them.
29. Where none of the candidates receive more than half of the votes of all the Council members, a repeat secret ballot shall be held where two candidates who received the biggest unequal numbers of votes or all candidates who received the biggest equal numbers of votes in the first round shall participate. Where the Director is not elected after the repeat ballot, the Council shall announce a new competition for the position of the Director.
30. The Center Electoral Commission shall announce the results of the elections to the position of the Director not later than the next working day after the elections on the website of the Center. Results of the elections to the position of the Director may be appealed against not later than within two working days after the announcement to the Central Electoral Commission, which may, after examining the complaint not later than within five working days, leave the election result unchanged or acknowledge the elections as invalid. Should the elections be acknowledged as invalid, a repeat secret ballot shall be conducted in which all candidates shall be included.
31. The Center Electoral Commission shall notify the result of the accomplished elections to the position of the Director to the Rector not later than the next working day. If the Rector does not conclude an employment contract with the elected Director and justifies their decision, the Council shall announce repeat elections to the position of the Director. The Rector shall appoint the Deputy Director whose term of office has expired to temporarily run the unit.
32. The same individual may serve as Director not more than two terms of office in succession. This provision shall also apply in the cases where the individual has held the position of the Director for an incomplete term of office (any of the two).
33. The Director shall have deputies who are subordinate and report to the Director. The Council shall approve the candidacies to and functions of Deputy Directors as proposed by the Director and adopt the decisions concerning the removal of the Deputy Directors.
34. The duration of the mandate of the Deputy Directors shall be linked with that of the Director: after the Director has been elected and appointed, the mandate of the Deputy Directors whose term of office has expired shall end. A newly elected and appointed Director may propose to the Council to temporarily extend the mandate of the Deputy Directors whose term of office has ended until new Deputies have been appointed in accordance with the procedure established herein.
35. The Director shall:
  - 35.1. be in charge of running the Center and implementation of the Center activity plan in accordance with the University Strategic Plan;
  - 35.2. be responsible for the compliance of activities of the Center with the Statute, other laws, implementing legislation, and University legal acts;
  - 35.3. be responsible for the overall effectiveness of study programs and scientific research and quality of development in the primary field of Center activities; ensure the link between the study programs and programs for scientific research, experimental, social, and technological development, and innovation activities as well as interdisciplinary connections of these programs;

- 35.4. draw up the activity plan of the Center and its annual amendments and submit them to the Council for approval; organize the measures, raise the resources and create the incentives necessary for the implementation of the Center activity plan; monitor, control, and adjust the course of the plan implementation and be responsible for the plan implementation quality;
  - 35.5. submit the annual report of the Center's activities to the Council for consideration;
  - 35.6. submit the candidacies of the Deputy Directors and their functions to the Council for approval;
  - 35.7. submit proposals to the Council regarding the establishment and dissolution of branch academic units and, subject to the approval of the Council, propose to the Rector to submit the appropriate amendments of the Center Regulations to the Senate for approval;
  - 35.8. submit proposals to the Council concerning the amendments of the Center Regulations;
  - 35.9. submit the regulations of branch academic units to the Council for consideration and approval;
  - 35.10. submit proposals to the Council concerning the establishment and/or dissolution of branch academic units and approval of their regulations; subject to the approval of the Council, propose to the Rector to establish and/or dissolve such units (except for the Doctoral School);
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- 35.11. submit to the Council the proposals to establish proportionate deductions from the funds of branch academic units for the common needs of the Center;
  - 35.12. submit to the Council to approve the annual estimates of revenues and expenses of the Center and their attainment reports;
  - 35.13. subject to the approval of the Council, submit to the Rector the proposals concerning programs for scientific research, experimental, social, and technological development, and innovation activities;
  - 35.14. subject to the approval of the Council, submit to the Rector the proposals concerning the number of study places at the Center and requirements to the entrants;
  - 35.15. submit to the Rector the proposals concerning the prices of studies organized by the Center, amounts of payments not directly associated with the implementation of study programs, and prices of other services offered by the Center;
  - 35.16. submit to the Council for approval the rules governing the scientific work and studies at the Center;
  - 35.17. subject to the approval of the Council, propose to the Rector to announce competitions for the position of professor;
  - 35.18. pursuant to the proposal of the head of the branch academic unit, propose to the Rector to announce competitions for the position of research professor; propose to the Rector to hire and dismiss the employees of the Center and to assign them incentives and/or impose disciplinary penalties;
  - 35.19. ensure the qualification improvement of the Center employees;
  - 35.20. organize and ensure lawful and prudent use of the Center funds and property assigned to it;
  - 35.21. be responsible for public procurement of the Center;
  - 35.22. be responsible for international relations of the Center;

- 35.23. coordinate the conclusion of contracts necessary for the research and study activities conducted by the Center and ensure the performance of agreements entered into at the initiative of the Center;
- 35.24. perform other functions assigned to the heads of branch academic units in the legal acts of the University and other duties characteristic to the heads of branch academic units.
36. When implementing the Center activity plan, functions assigned, and tasks entrusted to them, the Director shall, within their competence, issue orders and decrees and binding instructions to the members of the Center academic community and other employees.
37. At the Center, a permanent acting Directorate shall be formed to advise the Director on activity organization matters. The Directorate shall necessarily include the Deputy Directors, heads of branch academic units of the Center, head of the Doctoral School, chairperson of the University Students' Representation unit at the Center, and a representative of the doctoral students. The Directorate shall operate through meetings convoked pursuant to the decision of the Director at least once per month. The meetings of the Directorate shall be chaired by the Director or chair of the meeting appointed by them.
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38. The Director may establish units for planning activities, units of international advisers or custodians, and other units to advise them on a temporary or permanent basis.
39. Mandate of the Director shall cease upon the end of their term of office or their resignation. The Director shall be obligated to resign immediately when a motion of censure in respect of them is submitted by the Council by a two-thirds majority of votes of all Council members or where the Council, by a simple majority of votes, seconds the motion of censure submitted by the Rector. Where the Director in respect of whom a motion of censure has been submitted by the Council or Rector resigns immediately upon the adoption of the respective decision by the Council, the employment contract with them shall be terminated due to a breach of this paragraph and part 4 of article 28 of the Statute, which equates to a serious breach of working duties.

## V. STRUCTURAL UNITS

40. Structural units of the Center shall be branch academic units having the rights of an administrative unit (institutes), branch non-academic units having the rights of an administrative unit (units, services, etc.) whose number and purpose shall be determined according to effective management priorities of the Center. Organizational facilities without the rights of an administrative unit may also be formed at the Center.
41. A branch academic unit refers to a structural unit of the Center whose primary activities involve scientific research and studies. The name of the branch academic unit, together with the University name, shall be used in affiliation references of scientific publications and other documents associated with scientific activities. A branch academic unit must employ at least 20 per cent of electors of the Center.
42. A branch academic unit shall have its regulations drawn up in line with the Regulations of the Center. The Council shall approve the regulations of the branch academic unit proposed by the Director. The regulations of the branch academic unit shall establish the procedure for election or appointment of the head of the branch academic unit, term of their office, accountability, their duty to organize and ensure lawful and prudent use of the funds and property assigned to the branch academic unit, grounds for the expiry of mandate, procedure for submitting a motion of censure in respect of the head of the branch academic unit, and procedure for the establishment and dissolution of organizational facilities without the rights of an administrative unit.



43. A branch academic unit shall have its budget that shall be a part of the Center budget.

44. A branch academic unit may have the right, in accordance with the procedure established by the laws and legal acts of the University, to independently adopt the decisions concerning procurement, to have a separate budget item for procurement, to conclude procurement contracts and effect payments under those contracts from its budget.

45. Branch academic units of the Center shall be the following: Institute of Biosciences, Institute of Biotechnology, and Institute of Biochemistry.

46. A branch academic unit shall have a head, who must be an individual with an academic degree and experience in managerial work.

47. Only organizational facilities without the right of an academic unit may function in branch academic units.

48. A branch non-academic unit refers to a structural unit of the Center that provides services ensuring academic activities of the Center and/or performing other non-academic functions of the Center. Branch non-academic units (except for the Doctoral School) shall be established and dissolved by the Rector pursuant to the proposal of the Director.

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49. Heads of branch non-academic units (except for the Doctoral School) shall be appointed by the Rector pursuant to the proposal of the Director.

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49<sup>1</sup>. The Doctoral School is a branch non-academic unit of the Center. The Doctoral School shall be established and dissolved by the Council at the proposal of the Director, subject to the approval of the University Pro-rector for Research.

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49<sup>2</sup>. For the purpose of implementing the strategic plan of the Center, branch academic *sui generis* units may be established, whereas subparagraphs 22.9, 22.10, 22.13, 35.9, 35.11, and 35.18 and paragraphs 37, 40, 42-44, 46, and 47 of these Regulations shall be *mutatis mutandis* applied to their activities. Branch academic *sui generis* units shall be established and dissolved by the Council at the proposal of the Director, and the Council shall also approve the regulations of these units and their activity plans or investment projects, which lay down the activities of these units and specify the financing sources and scopes.

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## **VI. RESEARCH AND STUDIES**

50. The Center shall conduct scientific research at a high international level in the fields of biomedicine, physical and technology sciences, and interdisciplinary research.

51. For the purpose of organizing and conducting scientific research in the unit, organizational facilities without the status of an administrative unit shall be formed (scientific thematic groups, departments, etc.) (hereinafter, the Facilities). Branch academic units or individual researchers shall have the right to initiate the establishment of a new Facility.

52. The organizational facility of scientific research shall be made up of researchers who join to examine and solve relevant scientific and technological tasks of nowadays and to implement projects.

53. The Council shall establish qualitative and quantitative requirements to the establishment of Facility based on the performance results of its manager during the last five years: relevance and recognition of the topics of scientific works by the number of top-level scientific publications,

additional funding obtained by projects implemented, scientific infrastructure, and possibilities to maintain and develop it.

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54. The Council shall incorporate the Facility pursuant to the proposal of the head of the branch academic unit designating its manager and members. Facilities shall use funds for implementing their functions. The responsibilities of the Facility manager shall not be treated as a position. A premium may be paid for pursuing these responsibilities in accordance with the procedure established by the University legal acts.

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55. The Center shall organize full-time, part-time and non-formal studies. Three study cycles - first (Bachelor's), second (Master's and special professional) and third (doctoral) – shall be organized in accordance with the procedure established by the laws and University legal acts.

56. The first and second study cycles shall be coordinated and administered by the Deputy Director and Study Department subordinate to the Director, Study Collegium, and study program committees. Principles for the organization of studies at the Center shall be set in the Study Organization Regulations approved by the Council. These shall lay down the division of study organization, administering, and strategic planning functions between the study program committees, Study Department, and Study Collegium.

57. First and second study cycle programs shall be run by the study program committees, which shall report and give the accounts of their activities to the Council. Study program committees shall be formed and operate in accordance with the procedure prescribed by the University's legal acts. A study program committee shall be headed by a chairperson who may be paid an established premium on top of the remuneration for their service. Study program committees shall use the study funds specified in the revenue and expense estimate of the Center approved by the Council that are necessary to implement the study programs.

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58. The Study Collegium shall be comprised of the chairpersons of the Center study programs, the head of the Study Department, and a student delegated by the University Students' Representation unit at the Center to advise the Deputy Director on study process management issues. The Study Collegium shall be headed by the Deputy Director for Studies. The Study Collegium shall organize study quality assurance measures, plan the pedagogic workload of the lecturers in accordance with the procedure established at the University, and coordinate the positions of the Center study program committees on the effectiveness and quality of studies. Together with the Study Department, the Study Collegium shall be in charge of study publicity and work with school pupils. Moreover, the Study Collegium shall perform other functions assigned to it in Study Organization Regulations and other legal acts.

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59. The Study Department, run by the head of the Study Department, shall be in charge of study process organization and operational management. Objectives, tasks, functions, and responsibilities of the Study Department shall be regulated by the Study Department Regulations approved by the Council.

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60. The third study cycle shall be coordinated and administered by the Doctoral School. The scientific level of the Doctoral School shall be ensured by the Doctoral Committee(s) and chairperson(s) of the respective field(s) of research formed in accordance with the procedure established by the legal acts and approved by the Rector. Doctoral Committees of the respective fields

of research within the Doctoral School, doctoral students, and administrator(s) of doctoral studies shall all participate in the activities of the Doctoral School; representatives of other institutions may also be invited. The activities of the Doctoral School shall be run by the head who shall be appointed by the Rector or a person authorized by them for a four-year term pursuant to the proposal of the University Pro-rector for Research.

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## **VII. CENTER FUNDS AND OTHER PROPERTY**

61. Center funds shall consist of the funds controlled and used independently by branch academic units and funds allocated for common needs and controlled and used by the Center as well as funds for studies.

62. A branch academic unit shall use the funds listed under paragraph 63 hereof independently in accordance with the procedure established by the University legal acts, less the deductions established by the University for common needs of the University and proportionate deductions established by the Council for common needs of the Center.

63. Funds controlled and used independently by an academic branch division shall be comprised of the following:

63.1. research funds of the branch academic unit (state allocations for research, funds allocated to doctoral studies, and own and transferred funds received for scientific research, innovation activities, and technological development carried out);

63.2. funds received as an aid to the branch academic unit and other funds lawfully acquired by the branch academic unit;

63.3. funds allocated for studies by the Council.

64. Funds controlled and used by the Center shall be comprised of the following:

64.1. deductions for common needs of the Center from funds used independently by branch academic units and listed under subparagraphs 63.1-63.2 hereof;

64.2. portion of state budget allocations intended for financing of the first and second study cycles implemented by the Center; own and transferred funds received for studies conducted and teaching services;

64.3. funds for administering and economic needs allocated in accordance with the procedure established by the University.

65. Deductions from the funds of branch academic units established by the Council may be used for common needs of Center administration and Center activity plan implementation only.

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66. The Center property shall refer to the part of the University property that has been allocated to ensure the activities laid down in the present Regulations in accordance with the procedure established by the University's legal acts. The Center property shall be subject to registration, and its funds shall be recorded in accounting books in accordance with the procedure established by the University.

## **VIII. INTERNAL ADMINISTRATION CONTROL OF THE CENTER**

67. Control of the financial and economic activities of the Center shall be carried out by the Chancellor or employees authorized by them in accordance with the procedure established by the University.

68. Control of the Center activity plan implementation shall be carried out by the Rector based on the conclusion submitted to the Rector by the Council.

## **IX. FINAL PROVISIONS**

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