

I.
**MODIFICATIONS TO A
MASARYK UNIVERSITY INTERNAL REGULATION**

**Masaryk University Degree Programme Quality Approval,
Management and Evaluation Regulations**

Section 1

The Masaryk University Degree Programme Quality Approval, Management and Evaluation Regulations have been modified as follows:

a) Section 10, including the title, has been modified to:

"Section 10
Doctoral Board

- (1) *A doctoral board is appointed for each doctoral degree programme (section 47, subsection 6 of the Act), no later than within three months of the beginning of authorization for degree programme implementation or of the expiry of the previous doctoral board's term of office (subsection 3 in conjunction with section 9, subsection 6). The doctoral board is an advisory body to the degree programme guarantor, who is also its chair.*
- (2) *The doctoral board is composed of no fewer than seven members and includes:*
 - a) *at least three MU academic employees active at MU on the basis of an employment relationship, including the degree programme guarantor;*
 - b) *at least two experts in a relevant research area active at MU on a basis other than an employment relationship.*
- (3) *Doctoral board members in accordance with subsection 2, letters a and b other than the degree programme guarantor are appointed and dismissed by the dean on the basis of a proposal submitted by the degree programme guarantor and academic employees with the relevant competences, as determined by the dean. A substantiated proposal for the appointment of doctoral board members must be approved by the faculty SB. A proposal for changes to the membership of an already established doctoral board is submitted to the dean by the degree programme guarantor following approval by the doctoral board, which decides on the proposal by an absolute majority of votes of all members. A proposal for changes to the membership of an already established doctoral board may also be submitted by the dean to the faculty SB on his or her own initiative following a discussion with the degree programme guarantor. Section 9, subsections 5 and 6 apply to the doctoral board's term of office and membership as appropriate.*
- (4) *Subject to a decision issued by the dean and an agreement reached by the relevant doctoral degree programme guarantors, doctoral degree programmes within the same area of studies may share a doctoral board (section 47, subsection 6 of the Act). This does not apply to doctoral degree programmes which include at least one study plan with a specialization. A shared doctoral board chair is appointed by the dean from among the guarantors of the relevant doctoral degree programmes. A shared doctoral board includes:*
 - a) *at least three MU academic employees active at MU on the basis of an employment relationship, including the guarantors of all degree programmes included within the shared doctoral board;*

b) *at least two experts in a relevant research area active at MU on a basis other than an employment relationship.*

(5) *With respect to quality assurance processes associated with doctoral degree programmes, the doctoral board executes the competences of the programme board (section 9). Additional competences of the doctoral board are set out by the MU Study and Examination Regulations.*

(6) *Doctoral board meetings are convened by the chair as required, but no less than once per year. A doctoral board reaches a quorum in case at least half of its members are present; a shared doctoral board reaches a quorum in case at least half of its members and all guarantors of degree programmes included in a shared doctoral board are present. In all matters with the exception of a proposal for changes to the membership of an already established doctoral board (subsection 3), a doctoral board decides by a two-thirds majority of the votes of the present members. In accordance with subsection 4, doctoral board activities are summed up once per year using a structured record, which constitutes part of the documentation located in the IS MU.”.*

b) Section 22, including the title, has been modified to:

“Section 22

Status of Degree Programmes Accredited as of 31 August 2016

(1) *Accredited degree programmes implemented by MU faculties as of 31 August 2016 remain accredited for the duration of the period for which they were granted accreditation, at least until 31 August 2019; for the duration of this interval, the existing division of degree programmes into fields of study remains unchanged.*

(2) *For each field of study implemented on the basis of accreditation of a Bachelor's or Master's degree programme in accordance with subsection 1, a programme board shall be appointed no later than on 1 September 2018. This does not apply to fields of study affected by the transformation to degree programme in accordance with section 23 in case a proposal for the transformation of a field of study into a degree programme, approved by a faculty SB, as stipulated by section 23, subsection 9, is submitted to the Rector by 31 August 2018. The competences of the programme board of a field of study according to the second sentence are executed by the programme board of a degree programme which the field of study has been transformed into.*

(3) *Section 9, subsections 2 to 5 and sections 7 and 9 apply to field of study programme boards, as appropriate.”.*

c) Section 23, including the title, has been modified to:

“Section 23

Transformation of Fields of Study into Degree Programmes

(1) *A field of study or fields of study implemented by faculties on the basis of degree programme accreditation valid as of 31 August 2016 may be transformed into a degree programme which complies with the requirements stipulated by law, the standards regulation and internal MU regulations in order to obtain authorization for its implementation in accordance with section 3, subsection 3. The implementation of the procedure outlined in the previous sentence requires the submission of a transformation proposal to the faculty SB*

no later than on 31 August 2021. After this date, the transformation will no longer be possible and authorization for degree programme implementation may only be obtained after the completion of the full authorization procedure for degree programme implementation in accordance with section 15.

- (2) A faculty which, as the holder of accreditation, intends to continue to implement a degree programme, is obliged to prepare a proposal for field of study transformation to degree programme, structured as prescribed (hereinafter referred to as "proposal for transformation to degree programme").*
- (3) The proposal for transformation to degree programme includes:*
 - a) in the case of a degree programme to be implemented under institutional accreditation:*
 - 1. a structured application for degree programme approval which includes the degree programme specification;*
 - 2. a structured self-assessment report on the fulfilment of requirements arising from MU Degree Programme Quality Standards;*
 - 3. a proposal submitted by the degree programme guarantor;*
 - 4. a structured degree programme development proposal;*
 - b) in the case of a degree programme to be implemented under accreditation granted by the Accreditation Commission:*
 - 1. an application for degree programme accreditation in accordance with section 79, subsection 2 of the Act, including a structured degree programme specification;*
 - 2. a structured self-assessment report in accordance with section 79, subsection 2, letter e including an annex on the fulfilment of requirements arising from MU Degree Programme Quality Standards;*
 - 3. a proposal submitted by the degree programme guarantor;*
 - 4. a structured degree programme development proposal;*
- (4) The proposal for transformation to degree programme is discussed at an evaluation meeting attended by the dean, the proposed degree programme guarantor and an evaluator designated by MUIEB chair. The meeting may also be attended by the head of the unit(s) implementing the degree programme, a dean's or Rector's Council representative, a Quality Office representative and other persons proposed by the faculty or MU management. The proposed guarantor shall provide all participants with the following sufficiently in advance of the meeting:*
 - a) proposal for transformation to degree programme:*
 - b) data attachment generated from the IS MU.*
- (5) On the basis of documents listed in accordance with subsection 4 and the outcome of the evaluation meeting, the proposed degree programme guarantor or a person designated by the dean shall prepare structured meeting minutes and, if necessary, update the proposal for transformation to degree programme.*
- (6) A proposal for transformation to degree programme is submitted by the dean to the faculty AS and, along with this statement, for approval to the faculty SB, which subsequently discusses the proposal with the proposed degree programme guarantor.*

- (7) *The faculty SB shall not approve the proposal for transformation to degree programme and shall return it for overhaul in case it fails to correspond to faculty strategy; the faculty SB must provide a justification for such a decision. Otherwise, the faculty SB approves the proposal, which is thus deemed submitted for approval to MUIEB.*
- (8) *In case the proposal for transformation to degree programme is submitted to the faculty SB after 31 August 2021 (subsection 1), the faculty SB shall instruct the proposer that authorization for degree programme implementation may only be granted following the completion of a procedure granting authorization for degree programme implementation (section 15).*
- (9) *A proposal for transformation to degree programme approved by the faculty SB is subsequently presented to MUIEB by the Rector. In case a proposal is associated with a degree programme whose successful completion directly fulfils the professional prerequisites for the pursuit of a regulated profession, the proposal must also include the position of a body authorizing the exercise of that regulated profession.*
- (10) *A proposal for transformation to degree programme shall be discussed by MUIEB in the presence of a proposed degree programme guarantor and the dean, in accordance with the MUIEB Rules of Procedure.*
- (11) *MUIEB shall not approve the proposal for transformation to degree programme and shall return it for overhaul in case it:*
 - a) *fails to fulfil requirements arising from the MU Degree Programme Quality Standards;*
 - b) *is not consistent with the MU mission and strategy;*
 - c) *does not exhibit sufficient quality facilitating assessment in accordance with letters a and b;**provides a justification for doing so. Otherwise, the proposed degree programme shall be approved by MUIEB.*
- (12) *In case MUIEB approves a proposal for transformation to degree programme,*
 - a) *which MU is authorized to implement within the institutional accreditation framework, it thereby grants authorization for degree programme implementation and simultaneously issues a decision regarding the degree programme accreditation period; authorization for degree programme implementation arises from the approval of the proposal for transformation to degree programme.*
 - b) *which MU is not authorized to implement within the institutional accreditation framework, it thereby approves the intention to submit an application for accreditation (section 12, subsection 1, letter c of the Act) which the Rector then immediately submits to the Accreditation Commission; authorization for degree programme implementation arises once a decision on the proposal for degree programme establishment comes into force.*
- (13) *Authorization to implement a degree programme in accordance with the procedure set out in accordance with subsection 12, letter a may be granted by MUIEB for a period of up to 10 years, taking into account in particular the outcomes of internal degree programme evaluations conducted in the past 5 years.*
- (14) *In case MUIEB approves the proposal for transformation to degree programme, it also establishes a date for internal degree programme evaluation in accordance with section 14, subsection 2, letter a, no later than within 3 years of the approval of the transformation proposal. This provision does not apply in*

case the transformed field of study had been subject to internal evaluation within the past 5 years prior to these Regulations coming into force.

- (15) *Once authorization for degree programme implementation is established, the faculty SB is deemed to have, by virtue of approving a proposal for transformation to degree programme, also:*
- a) approved a degree programme guarantor (section 7, subsection 3);*
 - b) approved doctoral board membership in the case of a doctoral degree programme (section 10, subsection 3);*
- (16) *Following the approval of a proposal for transformation to degree programme, the degree programme guarantor shall announce the degree programme specification in the IS MU.”.*

Section 2

- (1) These I. modifications to the Masaryk University Degree Programme Quality Approval, Management and Evaluation Regulations have been approved in accordance with section 9, subsection 1, letter b, point 3 of Act No. 111/1998 Coll. on Higher Education Institutions and on the Modification and Amendment of Other Acts (the Higher Education Act), as amended, and the Masaryk University Academic Senate on 4 December 2017.
- (2) These I. modifications to the Masaryk University Degree Programme Quality Approval, Management and Evaluation Regulations enter into force in accordance with section 36, subsection 4 of the Higher Education Act on the day of registration with the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports.
- (3) These I. modifications to the Masaryk University Degree Programme Quality Approval, Management and Evaluation Regulations shall apply from the date of publication in the public section of the Masaryk University website.

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