

Statute of the Faculty of Law of Masaryk University

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The Academic Senate of the Faculty of Law of Masaryk University proposed, the Academic Senate of Masaryk University approved, the Dean and the President of the Senate of the Faculty of Law promulgate the text of the Statute and other internal regulations of the Faculty of Law:

Part One Introductory provisions

Article 1

The Faculty of Law (hereinafter referred to as "the Faculty") is a part of Masaryk University (hereinafter referred to as "the University") for educational and scientific activities in the field of law. The Faculty was established by Government Decree No. 35/1969 Coll., on the establishment of the Faculty of Law at the J. E. Purkyně University in Brno and the Faculty of Technology at the Brno University of Technology.

Article 2

- [1] The Faculty, as a part of the University, develops education, guarantees freedom of teaching, independent scientific knowledge, research, development and other creative activities, complementary activities, and creates conditions for these activities.
- [2] The position of the Faculty and its relations to the University are defined by Act No.111/1998 Coll. on Higher Education and on Amendments and Supplements to Other Acts (the Higher Education Act), as amended (hereinafter referred to as "the Act"), the internal regulations of the University and the internal regulations of the Faculty.

- [1] The faculty provides higher education in accredited study programmes in the fields of law and related social sciences on the basis of creative scientific research; the faculty also provides education in internationally recognised course programmes (§ 60a of the Act).
- [2] The faculty proposes that the university admit graduate students:
 - a) in a bachelor's degree programme, the academic degree "Bachelor" (abbreviated "Bc." before the name),
 - b) in a Master's degree programme, the academic degree "Master" (abbreviated as "Mgr." before the name),
 - c) in a doctoral degree programme, the academic title "doctor" (abbreviated "Ph.D." after the name),
 - d) internationally recognized degrees in internationally recognized course training programs, in particular Master of Law (abbreviated "LL.M." after the name), Master of Public Administration (abbreviated "MPA" after the name).
- [3] The faculty conducts rigorosum proceedings and proposes to the University to award the academic degree "Doctor of Law" (abbreviated "JUDr." before the name) to graduates of the Master's degree programme who have passed the state rigorosum examination in the field of law, which includes the defence of the rigorosum thesis.

- [1] The faculty bodies have the right to decide or act on behalf of the University in matters concerning the faculty referred to in Section 24(I) of the Act and to decide on other University matters entrusted to them by the University Statutes (Article 15(4) of the MU Statutes).
- [2] The dean acts and decides in the affairs of the faculty, unless otherwise provided by law.

Part Two Faculty activities

Article 5 Educational activities

- [1] The educational activities of the Faculty are:
 - a) in individual accredited study programmes of Bachelor's degree,
 - b) in individual accredited master's degree programmes,
 - c) in individual accredited doctoral study programmes,
 - d) in lifelong learning programmes.
- e) in individual validated training programmes in an internationally recognised course.
- [2] The faculty carries out its educational activities in accordance with the study (educational) plans announced by the dean of the faculty.
- [3] The Faculty implements lifelong learning courses according to its own accredited degree programs, accredited educational programs, as well as educational courses for the public. Furthermore, the faculty, according to validated programmes, implements education in internationally recognised courses independently or in cooperation with other domestic or foreign institutions.

Article 6 Scientific activities and foreign relations

- [1] An integral part of the job description of an academic, scientific, research and development worker of the faculty is scientific activity as a prerequisite for teaching on the basis of freedom of scientific research, research, development and other creative activities, and publication of their results.
- [2] The faculty carries out scientific, research, development and other creative activities in the field of legal and state science and related areas.
- [3] The basis for the development of scientific, research, development and other creative activities is the focus of the departments and institutes, which are also based on contacts with foreign institutions and participate in joint international projects.
- [4] The Faculty creates conditions for foreign relations, supports the active activities of academic staff, scientific, research and development workers and departments in scientific and non-governmental organizations, as well as the publication of the results of scientific, research, development and other creative activities abroad, or in foreign language publications.
- [5] The faculty also creates conditions for scientific activities and foreign relations of students.

Article 7
Additional activities of the faculty

In connection with the fulfilment of its basic task, the faculty carries out complementary activities, in particular:

- a) provides consultancy and expertise,
- b) other educational activities,
- c) editorial and publishing activities.

Part Three Organisation of the Faculty

Article 8

- [1] The faculty is divided into departments, which are:
 - a) of the department,
 - b) of the Constitution,
 - c) purpose-built facilities,
 - d) the dean's office.
- [2] Heads of departments, heads of institutes and special-purpose facilities are responsible to the dean for the fulfilment of their duties arising from the provisions of the internal regulations of the faculties.
- [3] Departments may be divided into departments and other units (hereinafter referred to as "departments"), which are established by the head of the department with the prior approval of the dean. The head of the department is responsible to the head of the department. The head of the department shall be appointed by the head of the department with the prior approval of the dean.

Article 9 **Departments**

- [1] The Department is the basic organizational unit for the management and development of educational, scientific, research, development and other creative activities. The Department, which provides these activities in several areas, is further subdivided into departments. It shall comprise at least 3 members of staff. The following departments operate at the faculty:
 - a) History of State and Law
 - b) legal theories
 - c) civil law
 - d) commercial law
 - e) Constitutional Law and Political Science
 - f) administrative science and administrative law
 - g) criminal law
 - h) international and European law
 - i) financial law and national economy
 - j) environmental and land law
 - k) civil procedural law.
- [2] The faculty also has a department of the university's Language Learning Centre.

Article 10

Educational focus of departments

[1] Departments provide teaching of compulsory, compulsory elective and elective courses and modules in individual study programmes and in other educational programmes.

[2] The composition and scope of these courses and modules correspond to the approved and annually published study and further education plans of the Faculty.

Article 11

- [1] The Department consists of academic staff (Section 70(1) of the Act):
 - a) professors, associate professors, associate professors, assistant professors and lecturers,
 - b) scientific, research and development staff involved in teaching and further education.
- [2] Internal doctoral students may work at the Department and may be granted lecturer status by the Dean upon the proposal of the Head of the Department.
- [3] The department also employs non-academic staff.
- [4] The following can continue to work at the department:
 - a) external experts and trainees,
 - b) external doctoral students,
 - c) Faculty students, especially as student workers and members of research teams,
 - d) foreign guests.

Article 12 **Head of Department**

- [1] The Department is headed by its head, who is appointed mainly from among professors and associate professors by the Dean on the basis of a selection procedure, after discussion by the Department and the Academic Senate. The Head of the Department is responsible to the Dean for the teaching, scientific, research, development and other creative activities of the Department, the management of the Department and its administration. The term of office of the Head of Department is three years. The Head of the Department is dismissed by the Dean after discussion in the Academic Senate. In exceptional cases, the head of the department may also be entrusted to an academic staff member who is not a professor or associate professor with the title CSc., Dr., or Ph.D., or another head of another department may be entrusted with the head of the department.
- [2] The Head of Department submits proposals to the Dean concerning:
 - a) the activities of the department and the faculty according to Articles I, 5, 6 and 7,
 - b) the material and financial security of this activity,
 - c) the staffing of this activity, including personnel, salary and qualification matters of the department's staff (Article 11),
 - d) organization of the department.
- [3] Matters of principle are discussed by the head of the department in advance with the members of the department.
- [4] The Head of the Department is represented by a deputy designated by the Head of the Department, to the extent determined by the Head of the Department, in his/her absence in all matters that cannot be delayed. The prior approval of the Dean is required for the appointment of a deputy. If no deputy is designated, the senior most professor, associate professor, or other academic staff member shall act in the absence.
- [5] The Secretary of the Department, who is appointed by the Head of the Department, assists the Head of the Department in his/her management and organizational activities.

Article 12a

Constitutions

- [1] The institute is a special department of the faculty, which carries out scientific, research, development and other creative activities in a defined field of expertise. The Institute, together with the departments, participates in the implementation of accredited study and educational programmes or parts thereof.
- [2] The Academic Senate decides on the establishment, merger, amalgamation, division or dissolution of the Institute on the proposal of the Dean. An institute may be established for a fixed period of time.
- [3] The institutes operating at the Faculty are listed in the Organizational Regulations.
- [4] The head of the Institute is the Head of the Institute, who is appointed and dismissed by the Dean after discussion in the Academic Senate.
- [5] The provisions of the Statute on Chairs shall also apply mutatis mutandis to Institutes.

Purpose-built facilities Article 13 Central Library

- [1] The Central Library serves primarily the development of educational, scientific, research, development and other creative activities of the faculty and members of the academic community. It develops professional library, bibliographic and information activities.
- [2] The Central Library is a scientific library. It manages all library and scientific information collections stored centrally, as well as those used by the departments, and organises their acquisition, exchange and lending services, both national and international. It manages methodically the processing and administration of scientific information within the faculty, participates in the preparation of university students and PhD students in the methodology of creative activity.
- [3] The Central Library is managed by a head who is appointed by the Dean on the basis of a selection procedure and after discussion in the Academic Senate. The Head of the Central Library is subordinate to the Dean and cooperates with the Secretary of the Faculty in economic and administrative matters.
- [4] Further details on the organisation, management and activities of the Central Library are laid down in the Rules of Organisation. The rights and obligations of the users of the Central Library shall be regulated by the Library Rules. The dean issues the organisational and library regulations.

Article 14 Information Technology Centre

- [1] The Information Technology Center serves the educational, scientific, research, development and other creative educational development of faculty and members of the academic community.
- [2] The activities of the Information Technology Centre are managed by its head appointed by the Dean on the basis of a selection procedure and after discussion in the Academic Senate. The Head of the Information Technology Centre is subordinate to the Secretary of the Faculty.

Article 15
Centre for Further Education

- [1] The Centre for Continuing Education serves to develop and support the continuing education and practice of members of the academic community and the public, particularly in:
 - a) organisation of educational programmes to deepen knowledge of the law and to acquaint the public with the latest scientific and applied knowledge, as well as consultancy, expertise and expertise,
 - b) organisation of training in internationally recognised course programmes,
 - c) skills training and legal clinics,
 - d) interdisciplinary and interfaculty studies,
 - e) professional and practical competences.
- [2] The Centre for Continuing Education participates in the implementation of accredited study programmes or parts thereof in the areas referred to in paragraph [1](b) to (e), together with departments or independently.
- [3] Academic and other staff of the faculty collaborate in the activities in the areas referred to in paragraph [1](a) and (b) on a paid basis; teachers and researchers from other universities and experts from practice may also participate.
- [4] The activities of the Centre are managed by its head appointed by the Dean on the basis of a selection procedure and after discussion in the Academic Senate. The head is subordinate to the dean and cooperates with the secretary of the faculty in economic and administrative matters.

Part Four Faculty self-government

Article 16 **Academia**

- [1] The academic community of the faculty consists of academic staff working at the faculty and students enrolled at the faculty.
- [2] Academic staff are professors, associate professors, extraordinary professors, assistant professors, assistant lecturers, lecturers, researchers and research and development workers who are employees of the University carrying out teaching, scientific, research, development and other creative activities in an employment relationship according to the agreed type of work (Section 70(1) of the Act). Academic staff are obliged to respect the reputation of Masaryk University and the Faculty of Law.
- [3] Every member of the academic community enjoys academic freedoms and academic rights.
- [4] Each member of the academic community is obliged to abide by the Faculty Statutes and the MU Statutes.

Article 17 Self-governing academic bodies

The self-governing academic bodies of the Faculty are:

- a) Academic Senate,
- b) Dean,
- c) Scientific Council,
- d) Disciplinary Committee.

Article 18 Academic Senate

The Academic Senate of the Faculty (hereinafter referred to as the "Senate") is its self-governing representative academic body.

Article 19

The costs of the activities of the Senate and its bodies are covered by the financial resources of the Faculty.

Article 20

Composition and organs of the Senate

- [1] The Senate has 20 members elected by the academic community from among its members and representing its interests.
- [2] Ten members of the Senate are elected from among the academic staff of the Faculty (Article 16(2)) to form the Academic Staff Chamber, and ten members are elected from among the students enrolled at the Faculty to form the Student Chamber.
- [3] The constituent meeting of the chamber shall be convened by its current chairman within three months of the beginning of the chamber's term of office.
- [4] Membership of the Senate is an honorary position. Membership in the Senate is incompatible with the office of rector, vice-rector, bursar, dean, vice-dean, secretary of the faculty and director of a university institute. A member of the Senate shall be accountable for the performance of his/her duties to the academic community and may be removed from office at its discretion.
- [5] Elections to the individual chambers shall be called by their presidents so that they take place before the end of the term of office of the current chamber. In the event that the term of office expires pursuant to Section 26(3) of the Act, the Dean shall call the elections within 30 days.
- [6] A candidate for a member of the Senate is obliged to disclose his membership in the statutory or supervisory body of a legal person authorised to act as a private higher education institution pursuant to section 39 of the Act, or ownership of a share in such a legal person, within the deadline for the submission of nominations specified in the notice of the announcement of elections to the relevant chamber. This fact must also be disclosed without delay by an elected member of the Senate if it occurs during his or her membership of the Senate.
- [7] A member of the Academic Senate becomes a member of the Academic Senate on the day on which the term of office of the chamber to which he or she was elected begins.
- [8] Membership in the Senate shall cease:
 - a) on expiry of the term of office of the chamber of which he is a member [Article 29(a)],
 - b) loss of eligibility for the Senate,
- c) by resignation of membership in the hands of the President of the Senate,
- d) by appeal,
- e) by appointment to an office incompatible with membership of the Senate.
- [9] The procedure for the election and removal of members of the Senate, the procedure in the event of a vacancy during the term of office, as well as the control of the proper conduct of the elections and the election results, are laid down in the Electoral Regulations (Internal Regulation No.)

- [1] A regular meeting of the Senate shall be held at least twice a semester.
- [2] An extraordinary session of the Senate shall be convened by the President of the Senate or, in his absence, by any Vice-President of the Senate upon a reasoned request:
 - a) at least a guarter of all members of the Senate,
 - b) some of the chambers,
 - c) the dean of the faculty or
- d) at least one fiftieth of the members of the academic community.
- [3] Sessions of the Board are public. The minutes of the proceedings shall be published in a manner allowing remote access.
- [4] The Senate may open its deliberations in the presence of at least one third of all Senators. It shall be able to deliberate in the presence of a majority of all Senators.
- [5] Unless otherwise specified, a supermajority of the members of the Board present shall be sufficient to approve a resolution of the Board.
- [6] A proposal for the appointment of a dean is accepted if a supermajority of all members of the Senate vote in favour of it. A motion to remove a dean shall be adopted if at least three-fifths of all members of the Senate vote in favour of the motion.
- [7] Approval of the draft Statutes of the Faculty and the Election Regulations of the Senate requires a three-fifths majority of the Senators present, but at least an absolute majority of all Senators.
- [8] In the other cases referred to in Article 24(1)(a), (b) and (c), a motion shall be approved if a majority of all members of the Senate vote in favour of it.
- [9] In the cases referred to in Article 24(1)(d), (e), (f) and (h), a motion shall be approved if a majority of the members of the Senate present vote in favour of it.

- [1] The President of the Senate (hereinafter referred to as "the President") is the head of the Senate, who directs and organises its activities, represents the Senate externally and ensures the execution of its decisions. The President shall also convene, preside over, adjourn, terminate and adjourn the meetings of the Board.
- [2] The Vice-Chairman of the Chamber shall exercise the powers delegated to him by the President and shall deputise for the President in his absence.
- [3] The Vice-Chairman of the Chamber shall be, by virtue of his office, the President of the Chamber. The President of the Chamber may not at the same time be the President of the Senate.
- [4] If the President does not delegate any Vice-Presidents under paragraph 2, then in his absence they shall act for him in the following order:
- 1st President of the Chamber of Academic Staff,
- 2. president of the Student Chamber.
- [5] The member of the Senate who obtains a supermajority of the votes of all members of the Senate in a secret ballot shall be elected President. A vote of no confidence in the President may be passed by a majority of all the members of the Senate.

- [6] The texts of the documents originating from the Senate and signed by the President shall be deposited in the archives of the Senate and shall be kept there in the official text. The archives are accessible to all members of the academic community and extracts and copies may be made from them.
- [7] The archives shall be kept and maintained by the President of the Senate.

- [1] A Senator is obliged to attend the meetings of the Senate and its bodies to which he or she has been elected. This also applies to members of Senate committees who are not Senators.
- [2] The dean, vice-deans of the faculty and faculty representatives in the Academic Senate of the University, as well as guests invited by the Senate, may participate in its meetings with an advisory vote.
- [3] Every member of the academic community shall be obliged to attend a meeting of the Senate, its committee or the chamber to which he or she is an elector when summoned. This obligation shall also apply to University employees serving on the faculty.
- [4] The initiative to propose resolutions and amendments to them belongs to the Dean, the chambers, the Senate committees and each Senator.
- [5] Every Senator shall have the right to submit his or her proposals, suggestions and comments on matters within the competence of the Senate and to request their resolution.
- [6] Every senator has the right to ask questions of academic officials, whose duty it is to answer them appropriately. If requested by the questioner, the answer must be given in writing within 15 days. The Senate may decide that it considers this response insufficient and request a new response.

Article 24 Powers of the Senate

[1] Senate:

- a) on the proposal of the dean, decide on the establishment, merger, amalgamation, division or dissolution of the faculty departments referred to in Article 8(I)(a), (b), (c),
- b) approves draft internal regulations of the faculty, on the proposal of the dean or, in the case of the rules of procedure of the senate, on the proposal of a member of the senate, on which the senate has requested the opinion of the dean, and forwards them through the chair of the academic senate of the university to the academic senate of the university for approval,
- c) approves the distribution of the faculty's financial resources submitted by the Dean and controls their use,
- d) approves the annual activity report and the annual report on the Faculty's management submitted by the Dean,
- e) approves, on the proposal of the Dean, the conditions for admission to study in study programmes implemented at the Faculty,
- f) gives prior approval to the Dean for the appointment and removal of members of the Faculty's Scientific Board and members of the Faculty's Disciplinary Committee
- g) decides on the proposal for the appointment of the Dean or proposes his/her removal from office,

- h) approves the strategic plan for the educational and scientific, research, development and other creative activities of the Faculty, drawn up in accordance with the strategic plan of the University after discussion in the Faculty's Scientific Council.
- [2] The Senate expresses its views in particular:
 - a) on proposals for study programmes and curricula implemented at the faculty,
 - b) on the Dean's intention to appoint Heads of Departments, Heads of Institutes, Faculty Secretary and Heads of Special Purpose Facilities,
 - c) on the dean's intention to appoint or dismiss vice-deans.

[3] The Senate further:

- a) shall set up its committees, which shall be responsible to it for their activities, and shall elect its representatives to other bodies,
- b) discusses the reports of vice-deans, heads of departments, heads of institutes, the secretary of the faculty and other senior staff,
- c) discusses other issues of importance to the Faculty as a whole and to the exercise of academic freedom in its context,
- d) Exercise other powers conferred on him/her by law and by the internal regulations of the University and the Faculty.

Article 25 **Dean**

- [1] The head of the faculty is the dean, who is appointed and dismissed by the rector on the proposal of the senate. The proposal for the appointment of the dean shall be submitted by the chair of the senate to the rector no later than one month before the end of the term of office of the current dean. The President of the Senate shall notify the Rector, who is entitled to attend the meeting, of the announcement of the election, the acceptance of the candidates and the date of the meeting of the Senate to discuss and deliberate on the Dean's proposal, including the presentation of the candidates and their programme statements. The rector may remove a dean on his or her own initiative, only after the prior opinion of the senate and with the consent of the academic senate of the university, in the event that the dean seriously fails to fulfil his or her duties or seriously harms the interests of the university or the faculty.
- [2] The term of office of the dean is four years. The same person may hold the office of dean for a maximum of two consecutive terms.
- [3] The dean manages the faculty in accordance with the law, the internal regulations of the university and the internal regulations of the faculty. He/she decides and acts on behalf of the University in matters concerning the Faculty, unless the law and the Statutes of the University provide otherwise. To this extent, he is authorised to issue internal acts of management, i.e. the Faculty's organisational regulations, Faculty directives, measures and instructions.
- [4] In addition to the competence and authority under paragraph 3, the dean shall in particular:
 - a) submits to the Senate a proposal for the establishment, merger, amalgamation, division or abolition of faculty departments,
 - b) proposes to the Senate the allocation of funds and allows scrutiny of their use,
 - c) submits to the Senate an annual report on the activities and an annual report on the management of the Faculty,
 - d) submits to the Senate a proposal for prior approval for the appointment and removal of members of the Scientific Board and the Disciplinary Board,

- e) submits to the Senate a proposal for approval of the conditions for admission to study in study programmes implemented at the Faculty,
- f) submits proposals for study programmes implemented at the Faculty to the Senate for its opinion,
- g) submits to the Senate for its opinion its intention to appoint or dismiss vice-deans,
- h) submits to the Senate for its opinion its intention to appoint or dismiss heads of departments, heads of institutes, the Faculty Secretary and heads of special-purpose establishments,
- i) appoints and dismisses vice-deans, heads of departments, heads of institutes, and the secretary of the faculty, the head of the faculty's special-purpose facility, after prior discussion in the Senate; it imposes tasks on them and controls their activities,
- j) appoint and dismiss other senior staff,
- k) concludes employment contracts with university employees working at the faculty on behalf of the university and decides on the creative leave of academic staff (Section 76 of the Act),
- proposes to the Rector of the University the chairpersons of committees for state final examinations and committees for state doctoral examinations and state rigorosum examinations, and appoints their members, unless a generally binding legal regulation provides otherwise,
- m) chairs the Faculty's Scientific Council,
- n) Printed from
- o) Printed from
- p) Printed from
- q) Printed from
- r) Printed from
- s) decides on admission to study (§ 50 (2), first sentence of the Act, Art.25 and Art.26 (2) of the MU Statutes), on the rights and obligations of students (§ 67 and § 68 of the Act, Art.33 of the MU Statutes), submits a proposal to initiate disciplinary proceedings against a student of the faculty, and imposes a sanction on the proposal of the disciplinary committee (§ 65 and § 69 of the Act),
- t) announces scholarship programmes and decides on scholarships,
- u) determines by measure the fees for the admissions procedure pursuant to Section 58(1) of the Act and the fees for the admissions procedure for foreign language studies pursuant to Section 58(4) of the Act, no later than 15 February of the calendar year in which the admissions procedure is to be initiated (Article 1(2)(a) and (b), Article 3 and Article 5 of Annex 2 to the MU Statutes),
- v) determines by measure the fees for study in a study programme conducted in a foreign language pursuant to section 58(4) of the Act, no later than 15 February of the preceding academic year (Article 1(2)(d), Article 12 and Article 13 of Appendix 2 to the MU Statutes).
- [5] The dean is responsible to the Rector of the University in particular for:
 - a) compliance with legal regulations and internal regulations of the University and the Faculty,
 - b) for the organisation of pedagogical, scientific, research, development and other activities and for the creation of conditions for these activities.
 - c) managing funds in accordance with the approved budget.
- [6] The Dean's College is a permanent advisory body to the Dean. Its members are the dean, vice-deans, the secretary of the faculty and other members appointed by the dean.

[1] Vice-deans are appointed by the dean after the opinion of the senate, who also decides on their number and the scope of their activities.

- [2] Vice-deans are responsible to the dean and are subordinate to him.
- [3] Vice-deans represent the dean in their assigned area of activity and act in management and other relations to the extent stipulated by the internal regulations of the faculty.
- [4] Vice-deans represent each other in a manner determined by the dean. In his/her absence, the vice-dean designated by the dean shall represent the dean in full in matters that cannot be postponed. If he or she fails to do so, the oldest of the vice-deans shall be deemed to be the vice-dean.

Article 27 Scientific Council

- [1] The members of the Scientific Board are appointed and dismissed by the dean from among prominent representatives of the fields in which the faculty carries out educational, scientific, research and other creative activities, with the prior approval of the Senate. At least one third of the members shall be persons other than members of the academic community of Masaryk University.
- [2] The dean is the chairman of the scientific council.
- [3] The Scientific Council in particular:
 - a) discusses the draft strategic plan for the educational, scientific, research, development and other creative activities of the Faculty, drawn up in accordance with the strategic plan of the University,
 - b) approves proposals for study programmes to be implemented at the faculty and forwards them to the University's Scientific Council for approval through the Rector,
 - c) approves training programmes in an internationally recognised course,
 - d) proposes to the Rector the intention to submit an application for accreditation, extension of accreditation or extension of the period of validity of the accreditation of study programmes that are carried out at the faculty (Section 30 (1) (c) of the Act),
 - e) proposes to the Rector the intention to submit an application for accreditation of the habilitation procedure and the procedure for appointment as a professor, in the case of procedures carried out at the faculty (Section 30(1)(d) of the Act),
 - f) performs its functions in the habilitation procedure and in the procedure for appointment as professor to the extent provided for by law (§ 72 et seq. of the Act),
 - g) approves the Dean's proposal for the award of the medal for scientific and pedagogical work.
- [4] The dean convenes and chairs meetings of the scientific council at least once per semester. He/she is obliged to convene a meeting if at least one third of the members of the Scientific Board or the Senate so request.
- [5] A quorum of the Scientific Council shall be present if an absolute majority of all members is present. A majority of the members of the Scientific Council present must be in favour of the adoption of the proposal. The Scientific Council shall decide on the outcome of the habilitation of associate professors and on proposals for the appointment of professors by secret ballot. The presence of at least two-thirds of all members of the Scientific Council is required for the resolution to be valid. A majority of all members of the Scientific Council must vote in favour of the proposal.
- [6] Membership in the Scientific Board ceases mainly upon expiry of the term of office of the Scientific Board, removal by the Dean, or resignation from office.

Article 28 **Disciplinary Commission**

- [1] The members of the Disciplinary Board are appointed by the Dean from among the members of the academic community of the Faculty with the consent of the Senate. Half of the members of the Disciplinary Board shall be students.
- [2] The Disciplinary Board shall elect and dismiss its chairman from among its members.
- [3] The Disciplinary Committee considers disciplinary offences committed by students enrolled at the Faculty and submits a proposal for a decision to the Dean. Further details are regulated by the Disciplinary Regulations (Internal Regulation No. 8).

Terms of office of other self-governing academic bodies

Term of office:

- a) of both Chambers of the Senate shall begin on the day following the day on which the term of office of the preceding Chamber ended and shall last for two years. The term of office of all members of the Senate shall expire if the Senate fails to act in accordance with section 27 of the Act for a period of six months,
- b) of the Scientific Council shall be three years and shall begin on 1 September of the year in which the term has expired,
- c) of the Disciplinary Board shall be for a maximum of two years and shall be specified directly in the decrees appointing the members.

Part Five Faculty Administration

Article 30 Secretary of the Faculty

- [1] The secretary of the faculty manages the economic and internal administration of the faculty within the scope established by the internal regulations, organisational regulations and internal acts of management of the dean; he/she is responsible to the dean for the economic use of the faculty's financial resources according to their approved annual allocation.
- [2] The Secretary of the Faculty is appointed by the Dean on the basis of a selection procedure and after the opinion of the Senate; he/she is dismissed by the Dean.
- [3] The Secretary of the Faculty is authorised to issue faculty directives, measures and instructions in the area of his/her competence.
- [4] The Secretary of the Faculty cooperates with Vice-Deans, Heads of Departments and Units.

Article 31 **Dean's Office**

- [1] The dean's office is the administrative executive unit of the faculty.
- [2] The Dean's Office administratively ensures management, legal, personnel, study, economic and financial activities, scientific research and development activities and their project support, foreign and external relations, marketing, editorial, material and other operational activities of the Faculty.
- [3] It prepares documents for the activities and decisions of the self-governing academic bodies of the faculty, the dean and vice-deans, the secretary and the heads of the faculty departments.

[4] It ensures and carries out in particular the organisational and technical aspects of the admission procedure, the management of student records, the implementation of study programmes, the rigorosum procedure, study documents and fees associated with studies, the selection and qualification procedure at the faculty, science, research, development and other creative activities and foreign relations.

Article 32

The faculty uses:

- a) a round official stamp on decisions and other documents certifying important facts, on which a small state emblem is depicted inside a circle and on the perimeter of which is the text "Masaryk University Faculty of Law" and a serial number,
- b) in other cases, a stamp including the same text without the national emblem.

Part Six **Students, academic staff**

Article 33 **Students**

- [1] A student of the faculty means a student of bachelor's, master's and doctoral studies. The rights and obligations of students are laid down in Sections 62 and 63 of the Act.
- [2] The conditions for the admission of applicants to study in a bachelor's degree programme, a master's degree programme, a continuing master's degree programme and a doctoral degree programme are regulated by Sections 48 and 49 of the Act. The conditions for admission to study in these programmes, approved by the Senate and announced by the Dean within the time limit set by law, apply for the academic year in question. Details are regulated by the provisions of Section 6 of Act No. 352/2001 Coll., on the use of the state symbols of the Czech Republic and on the amendment of certain acts, as amended.
- [3] The dean decides on admission. Representation of the applicant during the entire admission procedure is inadmissible.
- [4] An admitted applicant becomes a student on the date of enrolment, and only within the time limit set by the faculty. He/she ceases to be a student upon interruption of studies, upon regular completion of studies (Article 40), or in the cases and within the time limits specified in Article 41.
- [5] The obligations of students are defined in more detail in the MU Study and Examination Regulations and related internal regulations of the faculty.

Article 34 **Academic commendation**

The Dean may award a student an academic commendation for particularly exemplary performance of academic duties. The commendation may be accompanied by a monetary or in-kind award from the faculty's own funds.

Article 35
Academic staff

- [1] The faculty has academic and non-academic staff.
- [2] Academic staff are professors, associate professors, associate professors, assistant professors, assistant lecturers, scientific, research and development staff who are employees of the University (Section 70(1) of the Act and Article 16(2) of the Statute of the Faculty).

- [3] An academic staff member of the faculty shall be granted, at his/her request, a creative leave of six months once every seven years, unless serious circumstances relating to the fulfilment of the educational tasks of the faculty prevent this. During the period of sabbatical leave, the academic staff member is entitled to a salary (Section 76 of the Act).
- [4] The dean determines the conditions under which academic staff working at other faculties of the University or other universities and other experts may participate in teaching activities on the basis of agreements on work performed outside the employment relationship.
- [5] The status of visiting professors and professors emeritus is set out in Articles 42 and 43 of the MU Statutes.

Part Seven Basic principles of study at the faculty

Article 36

Upon notification of the decision on admission to study, the admitted applicant becomes entitled to enrol in studies only within the time limit set by the faculty. On that date he/she becomes a student with all rights and obligations.

Article 37

Bachelor's degree programmes are implemented as three-year programmes and run according to approved study plans. Bachelor studies are duly completed by a state final examination, which includes the defence of the bachelor thesis. Graduates are awarded the academic degree of "Bachelor" (abbreviated as "Bc." before the name).

Article 38

The Master's degree programme in Law and Legal Studies is implemented as a five-year programme. The other Master's degree programmes, which follow the Bachelor's degree, are implemented as two-year programmes. All Master's degree programmes follow approved curricula. Master's studies are duly completed by a state final examination, which includes the defence of the diploma thesis. Graduates are awarded the academic degree of "Master" (abbreviated "Mgr." in front of the name).

Article 39

Doctoral study programmes are implemented as four-year programmes and follow individual study plans under the guidance of supervisors. Doctoral studies are duly completed by a state doctoral examination and a public defence of the dissertation. Graduates are awarded the academic degree of "Doctor" (abbreviated "Ph.D." after their name).

Article 40

- [1] The study is duly completed by graduating from the relevant study programme. The date of completion of studies shall be the date of passing the state final examination prescribed at the end of the study programme or the last part thereof; in the case of a doctoral study programme, the passing of the state doctoral examination and the public defence of the dissertation (Sections 55(I) and 47(4) of the Act).
- [2] The diploma and diploma supplement are proof of graduation and of the award of the relevant academic degree. These documents are usually issued at the academic ceremony (Section 57(7) of the Act).

Article 41

[1] The study is further terminated (Section 56 (I) and (2) of the Act):

- a) the date of withdrawal, i.e. the date on which the faculty receives a written declaration of withdrawal from its enrolled student,
- b) if the student fails to fulfil the requirements resulting from the study programme according to the Study and Examination Regulations, i.e. on the date specified in the Study and Examination Regulations,
- c) by withdrawing the accreditation of the study programme, i.e. no later than the date on which the deadline set out in the Ministry's decision has expired,
- d) the termination of the accreditation of the study programme pursuant to section 80(5) of the Act, i.e. the date on which the university announced the termination of the study programme or the date on which the accreditation granted expired,
- e) the termination of the study programme for the reasons referred to in Section 81b(3) of the Act, i.e. on the last day of the three-year period referred to in the first sentence of Section 81b(3) of the Act,
- f) the expiry of the authorisation to implement the study programme (Section 86(3) and (4) of the Act), i.e. the date on which the authorisation to implement the study programme on the basis of institutional accreditation ceased,
- g) by exclusion from studies pursuant to Section 47e(3) of the Act, i.e. the date on which a decision pursuant to Sections 47c to 47e of the Act on the invalidity of the state examination prescribed for the completion of studies in the study programme or its component parts or the defence of the dissertation becomes effective,
- h) by expulsion from studies pursuant to Section 65(I)(c) or Section 67 of the Act, i.e. the date on which the decision to expel from studies became final.
- [2] A person who has completed his or her studies in a study programme pursuant to paragraph [1] shall receive proof of having passed the examinations.

Part Eight Management principles

Article 42

- [1] The faculty ensures educational, scientific, research, development and other creative activities and foreign relations from the allocated financial resources and from the resources obtained through the faculty's complementary activities.
- [2] The management of the faculty must comply with the internal regulations of the university and the faculty.
- [3] The faculty bodies also act on behalf of the University in the disposal of University property to the extent specified in Article 15(4) and Article 48 of the MU Statutes.
- [4] The faculty helps members of the academic community in solving their social problems within its capabilities.

Part Nine **Documents**

Article 43

Activity evaluation and strategic plan

[1] The Faculty provides complete and objective data for the evaluation of the University's activities and for the preparation of its strategic plan, including its annual update, within the time limit set by the Rector of the University.

[2] More detailed conditions of the faculty's activities in connection with the procedure referred to in paragraph [1] and in the preparation of the faculty's strategic plan shall be determined by a measure of the dean of the faculty, as appropriate.

Article 44 Matriculation of students

- [1] The University maintains a student register, which is used to keep records of students and for budgetary and statistical purposes (Article 34(1) of the MU Statutes and Section 88(2) to (4) of the Act).
- [2] At the faculty, the student register is maintained by the staff of the study department on the basis of a special mandate from the dean (Article 34(2) of the MU Statutes).

Part Ten

Article 45 **Scholarships**

In accordance with the law and Article 35 of the MU Statutes, the principles for providing scholarships to University students are set out in the MU Scholarship Regulations, which are internal regulations of the University.

Part Eleven **Academic insignia and ceremonies**

Article 46

- [1] The external expression of the authority and responsibility of the dean and vice-deans of the faculty and academic traditions are the academic insignia of the faculty (academic scepters and chains) and gowns.
- [2] The rules for the use of academic insignia and gowns and for the performance of academic ceremonies at the University and the Faculty are set out in Annex 4 to the MU Statutes.

- [1] In accordance with academic traditions, the dean may announce the holding of a matriculation ceremony for the relevant study programme. The matriculation oath shall be administered by the Master's student, with the prior approval of the Rector, in the hands of the Dean. The oath reads:
- "I promise to properly fulfill my duties as a student of the Faculty of Law of Masaryk University, to preserve its glorious humanistic and democratic tradition forever, to respect the decisions of the Rector of the University, the Dean of the Faculty, the Academic Senate and other academic dignitaries. I promise to study in such a way that my activities will bring all-round benefit to the nation and humanity."
- [2] Bachelor's, master's and doctoral graduation ceremonies are usually held in the presence of the rector, dean, promoter and, where appropriate, the guarantor of the bachelor's degree programme. The oath reads:
 - a) at bachelor's and master's graduation:

- "I solemnly promise that I will always strive to use the knowledge I have acquired at the University for the benefit of justice and the rule of law. I declare that I will continue to deepen and improve my education. I will keep Masaryk University, where I successfully completed my studies, in my eternal memory."
- b) b. at the graduation ceremony for the award of the degree of Doctor of Laws (JUDr.): "I do solemnly promise to pursue the ideas of justice and the rule of law in all my activities and to maintain my love and gratitude to our University, where I have attained the degree of Doctor of Laws, I declare that I will develop the knowledge and expertise I have acquired through further study and transfer the results of my activities into practice for the general benefit. I promise that by my honest conduct and public-spirited efforts I will bear the title which I have now received for life."
- c) at doctoral graduation (Ph.D.):

 "I do solemnly promise to pursue the ideas of justice and the rule of law in all my activities and to maintain my love and gratitude to our University, where I have attained the degree of Doctor, I declare that I will further develop the knowledge and expertise I have acquired and transfer the results of my activities to practice for the general benefit. I promise to bear the title which I have now received throughout
- [3] Graduation ceremonies for graduates of internationally recognised course programmes are usually held in the presence of the Rector, Dean and Promoter; graduates do not take the graduation oath.

my life by my honest conduct and by my public-spirited efforts."

[4] Graduation when conferring honorary academic rank and the further use of insignia and gowns at academic ceremonies and festivities are regulated in Annex 9 of the MU Statutes.

Article 48

The historical seal is used by the faculty to mark bachelor's, master's and doctoral diplomas, certificates, publications, printed materials and letters from academic bodies and the dean's office.

Article 49

- [1] The faculty may award medals to employees, students and other persons who have contributed to the development of the faculty, science, education and academic freedoms in accordance with a special statute.
- [2] Medals are awarded by the Dean on behalf of the Faculty after approval by the Scientific Council.

Part Twelve Common, transitional and final provisions

Article 50

Official notice board, public part of the website and delivery of documents

- [1] The faculty establishes an official board and a public part of its website. In accordance with the law and the MU Statutes, documents concerning the faculty or the university are posted on the website.
- [2] Delivery of documents to students and applicants for study is regulated by Section 69a of the Act, Article 27 and Article 36 of the MU Statutes.

Article 51 **Transitional provisions**

The provisions of this Statute shall also govern legal relations arising before its entry into force.

Article 52 Final provisions

- [1] In addition to the Faculty Statute, the following regulations are internal regulations of the Faculty:
- 1. deleted
- 2. deleted
- 3. deleted
- 4. deleted
- 5. deleted
- 6. deleted
- 7. deleted
- 8. Disciplinary Regulations
- 9. Rules of Procedure of the PrF MU Academic Senate
- 10. Election Rules of the Academic Senate of the PrF MU
- 11. deleted
- 12. Rules of Procedure of the Scientific Council of the MU Faculty of Science
- 13. deleted
- 14. deleted.
- [2] The Faculty Statutes and other internal regulations of the Faculty are deposited at the MU Rector's Office and the Faculty Dean's Office.

- [1] The Statutes of the Faculty of 29 April 1991, as amended and supplemented, are hereby repealed.
- [2] According to the mouth. § 27 (1) (b) of the Act, the Academic Senate of the Faculty approved this Statute on 6 December 1999.
- [3] According to the mouth. § 9 (I) (b) of the Act, the Academic Senate of the University approved this Statute on 19. 12. 1999.
- [4] According to the above-mentioned provisions of the Act, the Academic Senate of the Faculty will approve the amendments to this Statute on
- 10 May 2001 and the Academic Senate of the University on 26 November 2001.
- [5] According to the above-mentioned provisions of the Act, the Academic Senate of the Faculty approved the amendments to this Statute on 27 November 2001 and the Academic Senate of the University on 25 March 2002.
- [6] According to the above-mentioned provisions of the Act, the Academic Senate of the Faculty approved the amendments to this Statute on 11 March 2003 and the Academic Senate of the University on 2 June 2003.
- [7] According to the above-mentioned provisions of the Act, the Academic Senate of the Faculty approved the amendments to this Statute on 27 June 2006 and the Academic Senate of the University on 2 October 2006.
- [8] The term of office of the members of the Academic Senate who were members of the Senate on 21 November 2006 expires on 31 December 2006.

- [9] According to the above-mentioned provisions of the Act, the Academic Senate of the Faculty approved the amendments to this Statute on 15 May 2007 and the Academic Senate of the University on 4 June 2007.
- [10] According to the above-mentioned provisions of the Act, the Academic Senate of the Faculty approved the amendments to this Statute on 22 April 2008 and the Academic Senate of the University on 2 June 2008. This amendment comes into force on 1 September 2008.
- [11] According to the above-mentioned provisions of the Act, the Academic Senate of the Faculty approved the amendments to this Statute on 12 November 2009 and the Academic Senate of the University on 7 December 2009.
- [12] According to the above-mentioned provisions of the Act, the Academic Senate of the Faculty approved the amendments to this Statute on 1 June 2011 and the Academic Senate of the University on 19 September 2011.
- [13] According to the above-mentioned provisions of the Act, the Academic Senate of the Faculty approved the amendments to the Statute on 18 March 2015 and the Academic Senate of the University on 30 March 2015.
- [14] According to the above-mentioned provisions of the Act, the Academic Senate of the Faculty approved the amendments to the Statute on 5 October 2015 and the Academic Senate of the University on 14 December 2015.
- [15] According to the above-mentioned provisions of the Act, the Academic Senate of the Faculty approved the amendments to the Statute on 7 December 2016 and the Academic Senate of the University on 9 January 2017.
- [16] According to the above-mentioned provisions of the Act, the Academic Senate of the Faculty approved the amendments to this Statute on 19 September 2018 and the Academic Senate of the University on 5 November 2018.
- [17] According to the above-mentioned provisions of the Act, the Academic Senate of the Faculty approved the amendments to this Statute on 10 June 2019 and the Academic Senate of the University on 7 October 2019.
- [18] According to the above-mentioned provisions of the Act, the Academic Senate of the Faculty approved the amendments to this Statute on 13 December 2021 and the Academic Senate of the University on 21 February 2022.

[19] According to the above-mentioned provisions of the Act, amendments to this Statute were approved by the Academic Senate of the Faculty on 13 June 2022 and by the Academic Senate of the University on 3 October 2022.

Brno, October 3, 2022

doc. JUDr. Mgr. Martin Škop, Ph.D. Dean

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