

STATUTES OF ANGLO-AMERICAN UNIVERSITY

1. BASIC PROVISIONS

- 1.1 The Czech name of the private university is **Anglo-americká vysoká škola, a. s.** (hereinafter referred to as “AAU”).
- 1.2 AAU is based in Prague and its identification number is 19194951.
- 1.3 According to Act No.111/1998 Coll., on Higher Education Institutions and on Amendments and Supplements to Other Acts (hereinafter referred to as the “Higher Education Act”), AAU is a non-university type private university operating in the Czech Republic based on state approval.
- 1.4 On 11 July 2016, AAU was granted institutional accreditation according to the standards applicable to colleges in the USA by the WASC Senior College and University Commission (WSCUC), 985 Atlantic Avenue, Suite 100, Alameda, Ca 94501, USA (tel. +1 510 748 9001).
- 1.5 The AAU continues the activities of the previous organizations: The Anglo-American College Foundation (AAC), which was established in 1990 and registered on 1 December 1993 under Section 20b of Act No.40/1964 Coll. (Civil Code). Following the adoption of Act No. 248/1995 Coll., on Benefit Corporations, and Act No. 227/1997 Coll., on Foundations and Endowment Funds (Endowment Act), the AAC was registered in March 1997 under the name Anglo-American College in Prague in accordance with the Endowment Act. On 29 June 2000, a public benefit corporation called the Anglo-americký institut liberálních studií (Anglo-American Institute of Liberal Studies – AAILS) was established, which took over all the rights and obligations of the AAC with effect from 25 January 2001. State approval to operate as a university was granted to AAILS by the decision of the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports of the Czech Republic (hereinafter referred to as “the Ministry”) on 29 June 2001. On 30 May 2003, AAILS changed its name to Anglo-americká vysoká škola, a public benefit corporation. The name of Anglo-americká vysoká škola is translated into English, which is the working language of AAU, as “Anglo-American University” with the consent of the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports of the Czech Republic (hereinafter referred to as “the Ministry”) dated 1 April 2009. Based on the decision of the Board of Trustees of 24 August 2016, the Anglo-American University changed its legal form to a registered institute (AAURI) with effect from 11 November 2016 and was entered in the Register of Institutes maintained by the Municipal Court in Prague under file number U 501 as Anglo-americká vysoká škola, z.ú. As of 1 September 2024, AAURI transferred all activities of the university to AAU.

2. AAU MISSION, VISION, AND VALUES

- 2.1 The mission of the AAU is: “As a global and inclusive community, AAU prepares learners for leading a meaningful and prosperous life by cultivating critical thinking, effective communication and responsible action through personalized and transformative learning.”
- 2.2 The vision of the AAU is: “AAU’s vision is to be a leading learning hub connecting study programs, research and real-world experience.”
- 2.3 The core values of the AAU are:
 - a) *Academic Excellence*: Deliver quality programs based on innovative strategies and practical skills of a qualified and diverse faculty.
 - b) *Personal attention to learners*: Instruct in small, dynamic groups using real-world experience, seminar and project-based methodologies that identify and meet individual learner needs and support their continuous development.
 - c) *Diversity, Inclusivity and Multiculturalism*: Encourage diversity of the student body, faculty, and staff; cultivate a multicultural campus in which every individual is treated with dignity and respect.

- d) *Flexibility and Critical Thinking*: Promote open-minded discussion and original thought among students, and faculty, as well as business, individuals, and institutional partners to empower innovative approaches and increase the ability to address new challenges.
- e) *Social Consciousness*: Foster an ethos of social responsibility; provide excellent affordable education and continue to reinvest in the betterment of our community and educational models.
- f) *Shared Governance*: Provide relevant stakeholders at all levels with a voice in matters of curriculum, research, and operations.

3. ACADEMIC FREEDOMS AND RIGHTS

- 3.1 The educational and creative activities of the AAU are rooted in a deep respect for academic freedom. Its essential components are the freedom to learn, to teach, to research and to create artistically. An integral component of academic freedom is freedom of thought and speech and the right to express or challenge an opinion, but also academic and moral responsibility to other members of the AAU academic community and to the AAU as an institution.
- 3.2 Freedom to learn means, subject to the fulfilment of the obligations set out in the Study and Examination Code, above all the freedom to choose the focus of study within the study program and study plan, the freedom to express one's own opinions in class, and the freedom to conceive and publish one's own scientific opinions.
- 3.3 Freedom to teach means, within the framework of the teaching tasks arising from the study programs and study plans and subject to the achievement of the specified learning outcomes, the freedom to decide on the content and methods of teaching, as well as the freedom to conceive and publish one's own scientific opinions.
- 3.4 The freedom of scientific research and artistic creation means, within the limits of the conception of the focus and development of the educational and creative activities of the AAU, primarily the freedom to formulate problems or artistic focus, the freedom to choose the method, as well as the freedom to evaluate, share and publish the results of creative activities.

4. AAU BODIES AND THEIR COMPETENCES

- 4.1 The AAU is headed by a Board of Directors. The Supervisory Board plays a supervisory role. The members of the Board of Directors and the Supervisory Board are elected and dismissed by the supreme body of the AAU, which is the General Meeting.
- 4.2 The self-governing academic bodies of AAU are the President, the Academic Quality Assurance Board, the Disciplinary Committee, the Faculty Senate, the Student Council, the Alumni Council, and the Nomination Committee.
- 4.3 Other academic bodies of AAU are the President's Collegium, Vice Presidents, Deans of schools, and the Chief Financial Officer.

5. GENERAL MEETING

- 5.1 The General Meeting is the supreme body of the AAU. Its powers are defined by the Articles of Association of the AAU joint stock company.
- 5.2 General Meeting:
 - a) approves the AAU Statutes,
 - b) appoints and dismisses members of the Supervisory Board on the proposal of the Nomination Committee.

6. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- 6.1 The Board of Directors is the statutory body of the AAU. Its powers are defined by the Articles of Association of the AAU joint stock company and the AAU Statutes.
- 6.2 Board of Directors:
- a) appoints and dismisses the Chief Financial Officer,
 - b) gives approval to the President to issue policies,
 - c) gives approval to the President to issue the Organizational Regulations,
 - d) approves the budget of the AAU and its amendments.

7. SUPERVISORY BOARD

- 7.1 The Supervisory Board is the supreme controlling body of the AAU. Its powers are defined by the Articles of Association of the AAU joint stock company and the AAU Statutes.
- 7.2 The Supervisory Board is responsible for the quality, integrity, and financial sustainability of the AAU and for ensuring that its mission is fulfilled. The Supervisory Board is guided by the vision, mission and values of the AAU and proves its independence from the owner.
- 7.3 The Supervisory Board appoints and dismisses members of the Board of Directors on the proposal of the Nomination Committee.
- 7.4 The Supervisory Board appoints the President on the proposal of the Nomination Committee, periodically evaluates, and dismisses the President. The principles of the President's evaluation are regulated by the issued rules of the President's evaluation.
- 7.5 At least two members of the Supervisory Board shall be elected from among the academic staff of AAU and at least one member of the Supervisory Board shall be elected from among the other staff of AAU.
- 7.6 The composition of the Supervisory Board reflects the diversity of society. Members of the Supervisory Board must be sufficiently qualified to perform their duties.
- 7.7 Members of the Supervisory Board may be removed before the end of their term of office by the General Meeting only in accordance with the conditions set out in the AAU Bylaws.
- 7.8 The Supervisory Board shall establish expert committees, which are at least an academic affairs committee, a finance and budget committee, and an internal evaluation committee. The rules of procedure of the Supervisory Board and its activities, including the membership of the expert committees, shall be governed by the Rules of Procedure of the Supervisory Board.
- 7.9 The Supervisory Board appoints and dismisses Vice Presidents and Deans of AAU schools on the proposal of the President.
- 7.10 The Supervisory Board approves:
- a) internal and other regulations included in the Academic Codex,
 - b) a strategic plan for the educational and creative activities of the university (hereinafter referred to as the "strategic plan") and an annual plan for the implementation of the strategic plan (hereinafter referred to as the "action plan"),
 - c) the President's intention to appoint or dismiss members of the Academic Quality Assurance Board,
 - d) the regulations of the system of quality assurance and internal evaluation of educational, creative, and related activities (hereinafter referred to as the "academic activities"),
 - e) a report on the internal evaluation of the quality of academic activities (hereinafter referred to as the "academic quality"),

- f) annual report on the activities of the university,
- g) the annual report on the management of the university (if the AAU has received a subsidy from the Ministry),
- h) the establishment, merger, or dissolution of an AAU school.

8. PRESIDENT

8.1 The President is the academic head of the AAU; he/she acts and makes decisions in the affairs of the university unless the Articles of Association of the AAU joint stock company provide otherwise. In the absence of the President, the Vice Presidents shall act in his/her place in the order determined by him/her.

8.2 The President is appointed by the Supervisory Board, on the proposal of the Nomination Committee, usually on the basis of a selection procedure, for a three-year term of office beginning on the date specified in the decision. Any decision to dismiss must be justified in writing.

8.3 President:

- a) directs the activities of Vice Presidents and Deans of schools, assigns them tasks and supervises their activities,
- b) negotiates and concludes employment contracts and agreements with academic staff and other professionals involved in academic activities of the AAU,
- c) sets the conditions for admission to study,
- d) decides on administrative and legal matters of students in accordance with the law and internal regulations of the AAU and other binding documents,
- e) sets the academic year calendar,
- f) submits to the Supervisory Board proposals for the appointment and dismissal of Vice Presidents and Deans of schools,
- g) appoints and dismisses guarantors of study programs,
- h) appoints and dismisses the chair and members of the Disciplinary Committee,
- i) appoints and dismisses the members of the Academic Quality Assurance Board,
- j) appoints and dismisses members of the President's Collegium.

8.4 The President may establish other advisory bodies in addition to the President's Collegium.

8.5 The following matters shall be submitted by the President to the Faculty Senate, the Student Council, and the Alumni Council for consideration before their approval:

- a) draft internal regulations, other regulations, and policies,
- b) draft strategic plan,
- c) intention to appoint or remove members of the Academic Quality Assurance Board,
- d) draft regulations of the system of quality assurance and internal evaluation of academic activities,
- e) draft annual report on the activities of the university,
- f) proposal for the establishment, merger, or dissolution of an AAU school,
- g) proposal of the conception of the focus and development of academic activities of the AAU, including cooperation with practice and international cooperation,
- h) proposal for a degree program or significant changes to it,
- i) intention to apply for accreditation of a degree program, its extension or renewal,

- j) intention to apply for institutional accreditation, its extension or renewal,
- k) intention to apply for accreditation of the habilitation procedure or the procedure for appointment of professors,
- l) intention to renounce institutional accreditation, the intention to cancel a degree program and the intention to renounce the accreditation of the habilitation procedure or the procedure for the appointment of professors,
- m) draft Organizational Regulations or changes to them,
- n) draft academic year calendar or changes to it.

8.6 The President ensures:

- a) publication and regular updating of the AAU organizational chart,
- b) submission of internal regulations to the Ministry for registration,
- c) preparation, consideration, approval, and submission of documents to the Ministry,
- d) preparation, consideration, approval, and submission of documents to accreditation bodies,
- e) publication of documents and facts required by the Higher Education Act in the public part of the AAU website.

9. VICE PRESIDENT

9.1 The Vice President represents the President in the scope determined by the President. The Vice President is appointed and dismissed by the Supervisory Board based on a proposal by the President.

9.2 The performance of the function, powers and responsibilities of the Vice President are set out in the AAU Organizational Regulations.

10. CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

10.1 The Chief Financial Officer ensures and manages the management and administration of the AAU. The Chief Financial Officer is appointed and dismissed by the Board of Directors.

10.2 The performance of the function, powers and responsibilities of the Chief Financial Officer are set out in the AAU Organizational Regulations.

10.3 The Chief Financial Officer in particular:

- a) ensures the management of the funds allocated for the activities of the AAU in accordance with the legal regulations and the internal and other regulations of the AAU, ensures the management of the property and its maintenance, submits proposals to the Board of Directors for the reproduction of the property,
- b) coordinates and evaluates the results of the economic activities of the AAU, evaluates the effectiveness and economy of the implemented strategies of the AAU,
- c) negotiates and concludes employment contracts and agreements with administrative staff,
- d) prepares a draft of the annual report on the management of the university and, after discussion in the President's Collegium, submits it for approval to the Supervisory Board.

10.4 The Chief Financial Officer shall be the senior officer in relation to all administrative staff of the AAU, unless otherwise provided in these Statutes.

11. DEAN OF SCHOOL

11.1 The Dean of school ensures, directs, and supervises the academic activities of an AAU school.

11.2 The Dean of school is appointed and dismissed by the Supervisory Board based on a proposal by the President. The Dean of school is appointed for a three-year term of office beginning on the date specified in the decision. Any decision to dismiss must be justified in writing.

11.3 The performance of the function, powers, and responsibilities of the Dean of school are set out in the AAU Organizational Regulations.

11.4 Dean of school:

- a) submits to the President proposals for the conclusion, termination, and changes to the employment relationships of academic staff assigned to the schools,
- b) decides on admission to study in a study program provided by the school,
- c) decides on the rights and obligations of students in a study program provided by the school, within the scope set out in the Academic Codex,
- d) ensures and coordinates the implementation of the tasks arising from the strategic plan,
- e) ensures and coordinates cooperation with other organizational units of the AAU,
- f) ensures academic quality and internal evaluation of academic quality of the school,
- g) with the approval of the Chief Financial Officer, decides on the establishment, merger, division, or dissolution of departments of the school,
- h) appoints and dismisses the chairs and members of the examination boards for the final state examinations,

11.5 The Dean of school may propose to the President the appointment or dismissal of a Vice Dean. The Vice Dean represents the Dean to the extent determined by the Dean.

12. PRESIDENT'S COLLEGIUM

12.1 The President's Collegium is a permanent advisory body to the President. Members of the Collegium are appointed by the President.

12.2 Members of the President's Collegium are usually Vice Presidents, the Chief Financial Officer, and Deans.

12.3 The President's Collegium discusses strategic and operational issues of the activities and management of the university.

13. ACADEMIC QUALITY ASSURANCE BOARD

13.1 The Academic Quality Assurance Board is the highest collective body responsible for the quality and development of academic activities and cooperation with practice. The Council fulfils the role of the internal accreditation body of the university.

13.2 The Academic Quality Assurance Board shall have at least twelve members.

13.3 Members of the Academic Quality Assurance Board are appointed and dismissed by the President with the prior approval of the Supervisory Board and after the consideration of the Faculty Senate. Prior approval of the Supervisory Board and the consideration of the Faculty Senate is not required for members of the Board who acquire and cease their membership by virtue of the performance of their duties.

13.4 The members of the Academic Quality Assurance Board, by virtue of the performance of their duties, are:

- a) the President, who also chairs the Board,
- b) Vice Presidents,
- c) Deans of schools,
- d) President of the Faculty Senate.

- 13.5 Other members of the Academic Quality Assurance Board shall be appointed by the President so that they include at least:
- a) a member of the Supervisory Board nominated by the Supervisory Board,
 - b) a member of the Faculty Senate nominated by the Faculty Senate,
 - c) a member of the Student Council nominated by the Student Council,
 - d) a member of the Alumni Council nominated by the Alumni Council.
 - e) one academic staff member of AAU who is not a member of the Faculty Senate,
 - f) at least one-third of the distinguished personalities of academic life, preferably with the title of associate professor or professor, who are not members of the academic community of AAU and who are nominated by the Supervisory Board.
- 13.6 The term of office of each member of the Academic Quality Assurance Board shall be three years, except for those who are ex-officio members. A reappointment is possible.
- 13.7 The Vice Chair of the Academic Quality Assurance Board is appointed by the President from among the academic staff of the AAU who are professors or associate professors.
- 13.8 The President convenes the Academic Quality Assurance Board regularly during the autumn and spring semesters at predetermined dates. The agenda of the Board shall be communicated to the members of the Board in writing with the relevant documents at least one week before the day on which the Board meeting is convened.
- 13.9 The quorum of the Academic Quality Assurance Board shall be a majority of its members. A majority of the members present shall be required to approve a resolution of the Board.
- 13.10 The Academic Quality Assurance Board may also take decisions outside the meeting by per rollam on the proposal of the President. A majority vote of all members is required to approve a resolution in this form. However, if more than one-fifth of all members of the Board so request, the President is obliged to convene a plenary session to discuss and approve the document.
- 13.11 The President may call a vote on a resolution of the Academic Quality Assurance Board per rollam by writing or e-mailing a question to all members of the Board with reasons and setting a deadline for comments, which shall not be less than three days. Such a vote shall be valid only if all members of the Board comment on the draft decision by e-mail. A majority vote of all members must approve a resolution in this form. The resolution so approved shall be recorded in the minutes of the next meeting of the Supervisory Board.
- 13.12 The technical means by which voting may be carried out at a meeting shall include, in particular, videoconferencing or Internet communication programs, and the conditions for participation in a Board meeting by technical means shall be determined in such a way as to allow verification of the identity of the Board member concerned.
- 13.13 The Academic Quality Assurance Board shall regulate its proceedings by rules of procedure.
- 13.14 Academic Quality Assurance Board:
- a) considers and approves the fundamental issues of academic activities and cooperation with practice, including the conception of focus and development of academic activities of the AAU,
 - b) develops draft regulations of the system of quality assurance and internal evaluation of academic activities,
 - c) ensures and manages the course of internal quality evaluation of academic activities,
 - d) prepares a report on the internal evaluation of academic quality and supplements to this report,
 - e) maintains ongoing records of internal evaluation of academic quality,
 - f) approves a proposal for a degree program or significant changes to it,

- g) approves the intention to apply for accreditation of a degree program, its extension or renewal,
- h) approves the intention to apply for institutional accreditation, its extension or renewal,
- i) approves the intention to apply for accreditation of the habilitation procedure or the procedure for appointment of professors,
- j) approves the intention to renounce institutional accreditation, the intention to cancel a degree program and the intention to renounce accreditation of the habilitation procedure or the procedure for the appointment of professors,
- k) approves experts with the right to examine in the state examination,
- l) approves the award of honorary academic degrees,
- m) approves the assignment of academic staff to a higher academic rank.

14. FACULTY SENATE

- 14.1 The Faculty Senate is the representative body of academic staff. Members of the Faculty Senate are elected according to the rules set out in the Academic Codex.
- 14.2 The Faculty Senate shall regulate its proceedings by rules of procedure.
- 14.3 The Faculty Senate elects the representatives of the AAU in the Council of Higher Education Institutions of the Czech Republic in accordance with the provisions of Section 92, paragraph 1, letter a) of the Higher Education Act.
- 14.4 The President or his/her designees shall regularly consult with the Faculty Senate on important matters concerning academic staff.

15. STUDENT COUNCIL

- 15.1 The Student Council is the representative body of the students. Members of the Student Council are elected according to the rules set out in the Academic Codex.
- 15.2 The Student Council shall regulate its proceedings by rules of procedure.
- 15.3 The Student Council elects the representatives of the AAU students in the Council of Higher Education Institutions of the Czech Republic in accordance with the provisions of Section 92, paragraph 1, letter a) of the Higher Education Act.
- 15.4 The President or his/her designees shall regularly consult with the Student Council on important matters concerning students.

16. ALUMNI COUNCIL

- 16.1 The Alumni Council is the representative body of the alumni. Members of the Council are elected according to the rules set out in the Academic Codex.
- 16.2 The Alumni Council shall regulate its proceedings by rules of procedure.
- 16.3 The President or his/her designees shall regularly consult with the Alumni Council on important matters concerning alumni.

17. DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE

- 17.1 In the case of students, a disciplinary committee is established to consider disciplinary offences that are repeated or serious.
- 17.2 Details of the Disciplinary Committee's competences, composition and proceedings are set out in the Code of Discipline for Students.

18. NOMINATION COMMITTEE

- 18.1 The Nomination Committee is established to select and nominate members of the Supervisory Board and the President.
- 18.2 The Nomination Committee consists of seven members, four of whom appointed by the Supervisory Board, and one each of whom appointed by the Faculty Senate, the Student Council and the Alumni Council.
- 18.3 The Nomination Committee shall regulate its proceedings and the process for the selection and nomination of members of the Supervisory Board and the President in its Rules of Procedure.

19. AAU STAFF

- 19.1 AAU staff members are:
- a) employees performing both pedagogical and creative activities in the employment relationship according to the agreed type of work, as well as other professionals involved in teaching based on agreements on work performed outside the employment relationship (hereinafter referred to as “academic staff”),
 - b) research fellows,
 - c) other staff providing administration and operation of the AAU (hereinafter referred to as “administrative staff”).
- 19.2 The President, Vice Presidents, Chief Financial Officer, Deans of schools and other employees designated by the Organizational Regulations are the senior staff. Except as otherwise provided in these Statutes, the President appoints and dismisses senior staff with the prior approval of the Board of Directors.

20. ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

- 20.1 The AAU is divided into the President’s Office, AAU schools and other departments.
- 20.2 AAU school is a department that provides at least one accredited degree program.
- 20.3 Educational activities may also be provided by other AAU departments. However, only a school may provide instruction resulting in academic credit.

21. ADMISSION TO STUDY

- 21.1 Completion of secondary education is an essential requirement for admission to an accredited bachelor’s degree program, and completion of higher education is an essential requirement for admission to an accredited master’s degree program following a bachelor’s degree program.
- 21.2 All applicants to an accredited degree program must demonstrate adequate knowledge of the English language.
- 21.3 Unless otherwise specified by AAU regulations, applications for study are accepted electronically throughout the year and may be subject to a fee.
- 21.4 Foreigners are admitted to study at AAU under the same conditions as citizens of the Czech Republic.
- 21.5 Applicants for study at the AAU who are not citizens of the Czech Republic or who do not have a permanent residence permit in the Czech Republic are separately informed during the admission procedure about the conditions they must meet and the documents they must submit to obtain a residence permit in the Czech Republic for the purpose of study.
- 21.6 Applicants for study at AAU who have not completed their previous education in the Czech Republic are separately informed during the admission procedure about the conditions they must meet and the documents they must submit for recognition of their previous education for the

purpose of admission to an accredited degree program in accordance with the Higher Education Act.

21.7 Detailed rules for admission to study are set out in the Admission Policy.

22. STUDY RELATED FEES

22.1 Students must pay the fees associated with their studies, which are tuition fees and other fees in the amount, at the times and under the conditions set out in the relevant AAU regulations and/or the study contract.

22.2 The amount and structure of the study related fees are set by the Board of Directors.

22.3 The Chief Financial Officer decides on the reduction or waiver of fees associated with the study or the postponement of their due dates.

22.4 Only students who are not in arrears can register for courses.

23. USE OF INSIGNIA AND PATRONAGE OF CEREMONIES

23.1 The external expression of the academic tradition, rights and freedoms are the academic insignia, which are the AAU medal, the President's chain and the chains of the Vice Presidents, or other artistically valuable items designated by the President's regulations for use at ceremonial events and academic ceremonies.

23.2 Academic ceremony at the AAU means the annual graduation ceremony of graduates who have successfully completed their studies at the AAU or within the framework of AAU cooperation programs with other universities, or the meeting of the AAU Academic Quality Assurance Board, at which the AAU awards honorary or extraordinary academic degrees.

23.3 During academic ceremonies, the President and other academic staff use the academic insignia of the AAU as follows: The President is entitled to wear the AAU gold medal and gold chain, and the Vice Presidents are entitled to wear the AAU silver chain.

23.4 The graduation ceremony is held under the auspices of the President and with the participation of members of the Board of Directors, members of the Supervisory Board, Vice Presidents, and Deans of schools.

24. INTERNAL REGULATIONS AND RULES OF THE AAU

24.1 The internal regulations governing the organization and activities of the AAU as a private university, which are subject to registration by the Ministry, are:

- a) Statutes,
- b) Study and Examination Code,
- c) Scholarship Code,
- d) Code of Discipline for Students,
- e) Lifelong Learning Code.

24.2 These internal regulations, except the Statutes, are part of a set called the Academic Codex. The Academic Codex also contains other regulations of the AAU which are appropriate or necessary for the smooth functioning of the AAU as an institution of higher education.

24.3 The regulations contained in the Academic Codex are subject to annual review. The President shall initiate this process by appointing a committee no later than the first day of the spring semester. The committee shall solicit suggestions from all members of the academic community and prepare a draft update to the President. The President shall modify the draft, if necessary, and submit it for comment to the President's Collegium, the Faculty Senate, the Student Council, the Alumni Council, the body of which the deans of schools are members (if they are not members of the President's Collegium), or other bodies at his/her discretion. The deadline for submitting comments

shall be at least fifteen working days. The final draft of the update shall then be accompanied by a settlement of the comments.

- 24.4 In accordance with the Statutes and the Academic Codex, the President, with the approval of the Board of Directors, issues other internal regulations (policies). These are subject to annual review. The President shall submit a proposal for updating each policy, or a proposal to leave it unchanged, for comment to the President's Collegium, the Faculty Senate, the Student Council, the Alumni Council, the body of which the deans of schools are members (if they are not members of the President's Collegium) or other bodies at his/her discretion. The deadline for submitting comments shall be at least fifteen working days. The final draft of the update shall then be accompanied by a settlement of the comments.
- 24.5 The President, Vice President, Chief Financial Officer, or Dean of school may issue methodical guidelines within the framework of applicable policies.

25. REGULATIONS OF THE SYSTEM OF ACADEMIC QUALITY ASSURANCE AND INTERNAL EVALUATION OF ACADEMIC QUALITY

- 25.1 The system of the quality assurance of academic activities is based on:
- a) AAU mission, vision, and values,
 - b) strategic plan,
 - c) defining the competences, powers and duties of the AAU bodies, senior staff, and members of the bodies in relation to academic quality,
 - d) financial, personnel and information resources for the execution of academic activities,
 - e) standards and procedures for internal evaluation of academic quality,
 - f) preventive and corrective measures and actions taken to improve the quality,
 - g) internal documents and records relating to the quality assurance of academic activities,
 - h) cooperation and mutual links with other universities, public research institutions and other legal entities engaged in research, experimental development, or innovation, employers of university graduates, entrepreneurs operating in the industrial and commercial sphere, business associations and other persons or bodies carrying out, supporting, or using the educational or creative activities of universities or their results.
- 25.2 The internal evaluation of academic quality consists of:
- a) the application of standards and procedures of internal evaluation of academic quality,
 - b) the preparation of a report on internal evaluation of academic quality,
 - c) making the report on internal evaluation of academic quality and the appendices to this report available to the AAU bodies, the Ministry and external accreditation bodies.
- 25.3 The report on internal evaluation of academic quality describes the qualitative outcomes achieved in the field of academic activities and the measures taken to eliminate any identified shortcomings. The report is produced in accordance with legal requirements at least once every 5 years, with an annual update to include an addendum describing changes in quality and management arrangements.
- 25.4 The quality evaluation covers the following areas:
- a) strategic leadership and planning,
 - b) internationalization and international cooperation,
 - c) study programs,
 - d) teaching staffing,

- e) technical-organizational provision of instruction,
- f) human resource development,
- g) support activities,
- h) learning outcomes and outputs,
- i) outputs of creative activity,
- j) other areas as the President so decides.

26. FINAL PROVISIONS

26.1 These Statutes were considered and approved by the General Meeting of the AAU on 1 September 2024.

26.2 These Statutes shall come into force pursuant to Section 39(3) of the Higher Education Act on the date of registration by the Ministry.