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§ 1 Legal Status

(1) Bucerius Law School is a state-recognised academic institution of higher education under private sponsorship pursuant to § 114 of the Hamburg Higher Education Act (HmbHG).

(2) The University bears the name

Bucerius Law School
– Hochschule für Rechtswissenschaft –.

(3) The seat of Bucerius Law School is in the Free and Hanseatic City of Hamburg.

§ 2 Sponsorship

The sponsoring body of Bucerius Law School is

Bucerius Law School
Hochschule für Rechtswissenschaft
non-profit limited liability company (gGmbH),

whose sole shareholder is the ZEIT-Stiftung Ebelin and Gerd Bucerius
(ZEIT STIFTUNG BUCERIUS).

§ 3 Objectives and Responsibilities

(1) Bucerius Law School serves the cultivation and development of legal scholarship in research, teaching and study.

(2) [1]Bucerius Law School offers the degree programme in Law, which concludes with the First Examination and the award of the degree Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.), the continuing Master's degree programme "Law and Business", which concludes with

the award of the degree Master of Law and Business (MLB) or Master of Laws (LL.M.), as well as a doctoral programme in law. [2]Subject to the corresponding approval of the competent authority, it may establish further graduate programmes and award certificates for the acquisition of special qualifications in particular areas of legal scholarship or related disciplines. [3]The education is characterised by internationality, practical relevance and performance orientation.

(3) Bucerius Law School cooperates with domestic and foreign universities, academic higher education institutions and institutions in research and teaching and, for this purpose, also establishes university partnerships.

(4) With the consent of the sponsoring body, Bucerius Law School may assume further tasks, in particular in the field of continuing and further education and offer advanced and supplementary study programmes.

(5) [1]Bucerius Law School promotes early-career researchers. [2]It holds the right to confer doctoral degrees and the right to conduct habilitation procedures in accordance with the notice of recognition issued by the Senate of the Free and Hanseatic City of Hamburg.

§ 4 Right of Self-Governance

[1]Without prejudice to the rights of the sponsoring body, Bucerius Law School has the right of self-governance. [2]This includes in particular

a) the education and the university examinations,
b) the training of early-career researchers including doctorate and habilitation,
c) the decision on appointment proposals,
d) the subject-specific and didactic further education of the academic staff,
e) the decision on enrolment and deregistration of students,
f) the regulation of the rights and duties arising from membership of the University,
g) the conferral of the authorisation to teach as well as academic degrees and honours,
h) the determination of the foundations of the evaluation of teaching and research.

§ 5 Public Access

(1) [1]Unless otherwise provided in these Statutes, bodies of the University meet in non-public session. [2]For members of the University, public access may be granted for individual meetings or agenda items by a majority of two thirds of the voting members of the body, insofar as no legal reasons oppose this.

(2) Personnel matters and decisions in examination matters are dealt with in non-public session.

§ 6 Freedom of Teaching and Research

(1) [1]Insofar as the independent conduct of teaching events forms part of the official duties of a member of the academic staff, the freedom of teaching includes in particular the conduct of teaching events and their design in terms of content and methodology as well as the right to express academic teaching opinions. [2]The study and examination regulations adopted by the Senate are to be observed. Where necessary, the University management shall ensure by instruction that these regulations are complied with and that proper teaching operations take place.

(2) [1]The freedom of research includes in particular the identification of academic questions and problems, the methodology of their treatment, the evaluation of the research result and its dissemination. [2]Resolutions of the Senate concerning questions of research are permissible insofar as they concern the organisation of research operations, the promotion and coordination of research projects and the formation of research priorities.

§ 7 Membership

Members of Bucerius Law School are

a) the President,
b) the Vice-President,
c) the Managing Director,
d) the full-time academic staff, which includes the following groups of persons:
   - the Professors, subdivided into
     - the University Professors and
     - the Junior Professors,
   - the research associates and assistants,
   - the academic directors of the graduate programmes,
e) the *Privatdozenten* pursuant to § 22,
f) the members of the University management,
g) the enrolled students as well as doctoral candidates pursuant to § 23,

h) the Professors pursuant to § 17 para. 1 Hamburg Higher Education Act,
i) the University Professors in retirement as well as the Lecturers in retirement pursuant to § 19a,
j) the habilitation candidates pursuant to § 21.

§ 8 Right of Participation

(1) [1]The members of Bucerius Law School are entitled to participate in self-governance and, with the exception of the University Professors in retirement as well as the Lecturers in retirement, are also obliged to do so. [2]The assumption of a function in self-governance may be refused only for good cause. [3]The Senate shall decide on the existence of good cause.

(2) [1]The members of self-governance bodies are subject neither to instructions nor to mandates. [2]No one may be disadvantaged because of his or her activity in self-governance.

(3) [1]Women and men shall be represented in every body of the University, in particular in search committees, appointment committees and examination committees, by at least 40 per cent; in bodies with three members at least by one member. [2]Persons who belong neither to the female nor to the male gender shall be appropriately taken into account.

(4) Self-governance bodies are entitled to adopt their own rules of procedure.

§ 9 Excluded Persons, Conflict of Interest

The exclusion of persons from participation in proceedings of a self-governance body of the University shall be determined by corresponding application of §§ 20 and 21 of the Hamburg Administrative Procedure Act.

§ 10 Termination and Continuation of Offices

(1) An office ends with

a) the expiry of the term of office,
b) the resignation from office,
c) removal from office or revocation of appointment,
d) the loss of eligibility according to the provisions of criminal law,
e) the termination of membership of the University,
f) the change of affiliation to a group referred to in § 16 para. 2.

(2) [1]If, upon expiry of the term of office, a decision regarding the successor has not yet been made, the office shall be continued on an acting basis; the successor shall be determined without delay. [2]Whoever has resigned from his or her office shall, at the request of the President, continue to conduct the official business until a successor is determined, insofar as this can reasonably be expected of him or her.

§ 11 Establishment and Termination of Employment Relationships

(1) [1]The sponsoring body establishes and terminates the service or employment relationships with the President and the Managing Director, insofar as he or she is not also entrusted with the management of the sponsoring body, the Professors and the other persons teaching at the University in a full-time or part-time employment relationship. [2]If the Managing Director of the University is at the same time Managing Director of the sponsoring body, he or she shall be appointed in accordance with the provisions of the articles of association of the sponsoring body.

(2) Prior to the conclusion of employment contracts with Professors employed full-time at the University, it shall be demonstrated to the competent authority that the persons to be appointed fulfil the appointment requirements required for activities at academic institutions of higher education.

(3) The conclusion of employment relationships with academic and non-academic staff shall, insofar as they are assigned to a Professor, be effected by the University upon his or her proposal on the basis of the staffing plan of the sponsoring body.

(4) [1]The superior of the Managing Director of the University, of the Professors and of the other full-time teaching staff is the Managing Director of the sponsoring body. [2]The President is authorised to issue instructions to the lecturers. [3]Professors are superiors of the academic and non-academic staff assigned to them. [4]The superior of the administrative staff is the Managing Director of the University.

§ 12 Leadership of the University

[1]The President and the Managing Director of the University lead it jointly in accordance with the following provisions. [2]They form the University management and bear responsibility for ensuring that the tasks of the University are properly carried out and that its objectives as well as the quality of research and teaching are safeguarded. [3]The University management reports regularly to the Senate on the safeguarding of the quality of research and teaching. [4]It is obliged to conduct regular consultations with the sponsoring body regarding significant developments and planning.

§ 13 Election of the President

(1) [1]The President shall be elected by the Senate and the Board of Trustees of the sponsoring body from the list of proposals prepared in the procedure pursuant to paragraph 2 or in the shortened procedure pursuant to paragraph 3. [2]Elected is the person who receives the majority of the votes in each of these bodies. [3]If the person does not receive the majority in one or both bodies, he or she shall be deemed not elected. [4]Each of the two bodies is equally entitled to submit a further personal proposal. [5]The term of office is six years; re-election is possible.

(2) [1]The Board of Trustees of the sponsoring body shall, in agreement with the Senate, establish a search committee no later than one year before the expiry of the term of office of the President. [2]The Senate shall delegate six persons from among its members to the search committee, including in each case one representative of the students and of the academic staff. [3]The Board of Trustees of the sponsoring body shall appoint six persons. [4]A further voting member of the search committee is the Equal Opportunities Officer; a further non-voting member is a representative of Bucerius Alumni e.V. [5]The President shall not be a member of the search committee. [6]The search committee shall elect a chair from among the persons appointed by the Board of Trustees and shall determine the details of the advertisement and selection procedure. [7]It may establish committees to which it transfers individual procedural steps. [8]From the applications, the search committee shall prepare a list of proposals which as a rule contains at least three and at most five persons. [9]The Supervisory Board shall be heard.

(3) [1]If the President declares to the Chair of the Board of Trustees no later than 18 months before the expiry of the term of office that he or she is available for a further term of office, the Senate and the Board of Trustees of the sponsoring body may each resolve to dispense with the establishment of a search committee and with an advertisement and to propose the incumbent for re-election. [2]Paragraph 2 sentence 9 shall apply accordingly. [3]For the procedure pursuant to sentence 1, paragraph 1 sentences 2 and 3 shall apply accordingly.

(4) [1]Requirements for appointment as President are

- a completed university education,
- special aptitude for the academic leadership of an internationally and interdisciplinary oriented law school as well as
- several years of professional experience in academia or in business, public administration or the administration of justice.

[2]The President should fulfil the appointment requirements for University Professors pursuant to the Hamburg Higher Education Act.

(5) [1]The Senate may resolve the removal of the President by a majority of two thirds of its members. [2]The removal shall become effective unless within three weeks two thirds of the members of the Board of Trustees of the sponsoring body object to it. [3]If the President is removed, his or her functions shall be exercised by the Vice-President until the appointment of a successor.

§ 13a Functions of the President

(1) [1]All tasks connected with the academic leadership of the University are incumbent upon the President. [2]In this respect he or she represents the University internally and externally and maintains relations with universities and higher education institutions and academic institutions domestically and abroad.

(2) The President chairs the meetings of the Senate.

(3) [1]In urgent matters in which prior consideration by the Senate is not possible, the President may take decisions and measures in place of the Senate. [2]This does not apply to resolutions pursuant to § 16 paragraph 1 letters a, f, i, j and n. [3]The President shall inform the Senate without delay of his or her decision. [4]The Senate may rescind the decision; rights of third parties already arisen shall remain unaffected.

(4) In the event of a tie of votes in a Senate meeting or in committees established by the Senate, the vote of the President shall decide, unless these Statutes provide otherwise.

§ 14 Appointment and Functions of the Vice-President

(1) [1]Upon proposal of the President, the Senate and the Board of Trustees of the sponsoring body elect the Vice-President from among the University Professors employed full-time at the University. [2]Elected is the person who receives the majority of the votes in each of these bodies. [3]If the person does not receive the

required majority in one or both bodies, he or she is not elected. [4]The term of office is three years with the possibility of one re-election. [5]Removal shall take place by resolution of the Senate or of the Board of Trustees of the sponsoring body, each by majority of the votes. [6]In the event of removal, the President shall without delay submit a proposal pursuant to sentence 1.

(2) [1]The Vice-President performs his or her duties in agreement with the President. [2]He or she represents the President. [3]With the nomination for election, the President assigns to the Vice-President substantive responsibility for and independent performance of a substantively delimited portfolio, such as International Affairs, Research and early-career researchers, societal impact, teaching and studies. [4]In this respect the President has the authority to issue guidelines. [5]The University management shall ensure that the Vice-President is provided with adequate material resources, supported by the persons responsible for his or her portfolio in the University administration and that his or her teaching load is appropriately reduced and that sufficient time remains for his or her own research.

§ 15 Appointment and Functions of the Managing Director (Chancellor)

(1) [1]The Managing Director of the University shall be appointed by the sponsoring body for a term of office of generally five years. 2Reappointment is possible. [3]As Managing Director of the University, a Managing Director of the sponsoring body should be appointed, unless objective reasons speak in favour of the appointment of another person. [4]The entrusting of several persons with managing director functions is possible

(2) A person may be appointed as Managing Director who, on the basis of his or her education as well as responsible professional activity, can be expected to be suitable for the fulfilment of his or her duties.

(3) [1]The Senate may submit its own personnel proposals to the sponsoring body. [2]It shall be heard prior to the intended appointment of a Managing Director.

(4) [1]The Managing Director directs the administration of the University. [2]He or she is responsible for the legal, budgetary, financial, construction and personnel matters of the University and for other administrative tasks.

(5) The Managing Director is responsible for maintaining order at the University and exercises domiciliary authority.

§ 16 Functions and Composition of the Senate

(1) [1]The Senate is responsible for all matters of self-governance of fundamental importance affecting the entire University. [2]These matters include in particular

a) the election and removal of the President as well as the election and removal of the Vice-President,
b) decisions and fundamental questions concerning teaching and study operations,
c) decisions concerning the training and promotion of early-career researchers,
d) decisions on questions of University development including the academic library,
e) proposals for the introduction of new study programmes, fields of study, diplomas and certificates,
f) the adoption of these Statutes, study and examination regulations, doctoral, habilitation, appointment and enrolment regulations as well as regulations concerning study abroad,
g) the principles of academic cooperation with universities and higher education institutions and academic institutions domestically and abroad,
h) the establishment of appointment committees,
i) resolutions on the advertisement of professorships and appointment proposals,
j) resolutions on proposals for the appointment of Professors pursuant to § 17 para. 1 Hamburg Higher Education Act,
k) the establishment of self-governance bodies with special functions, in particular examination, doctoral and habilitation committees,
l) the election of the academic leadership of graduate programmes, the appointment of the leadership of the foreign language programme and of the Studium generale, of the programme officer for economics, of the Director of the Centre for Legal Learning,
m) the awarding of teaching assignments,
n) the granting of academic honours,
o) the adoption of academic codes and procedures for the safeguarding of the quality of research and teaching,
p) the discussion of reports of the University management,
q) decisions concerning continuing and further education,
r) the election of the Equal Opportunities Officer and the adoption of equal opportunities plans.

(2) [1]The following shall be members of the Senate with voting rights

a) the President,
b) all University Professors and Junior Professors employed full-time at the University,

c) the academic leadership of a graduate programme; if this is exercised by several persons, the Senate shall decide which of them shall belong to it as member,
d) the General Secretary of the student body,
e) one representative of the enrolled students of the first to fifth year of study respectively,
f) one representative of the further years of study,
g) one representative of the doctoral candidates and habilitation candidates not employed by the University,
h) three representatives of the research associates and assistants,
i) one representative of the non-academic staff,
j) one representative of the Professors pursuant to § 17 para. 1 HmbHG,
k) one representative of the participants enrolled at the University for each graduate programme,
l) the Equal Opportunities Officer.

[2]In the cases of letters d to l a deputy may be determined. [3]The deputy is entitled to participate in meetings only in place of the respective Senate member. [4]In the cases of letters d to k the election of the Senate members shall take place by the groups represented. [5]In personnel decisions and amendments to these Statutes the University shall ensure that the Professors pursuant to letter b constitute the majority of the voting members of the Senate. 6§ 17 paras. 4 and 5 remain unaffected.

(3) [1]The following shall belong to the Senate without voting rights

a) the Managing Director,
b) the leadership of the foreign language programme,
c) the leadership of the Studium generale,
d) the Director of the Centre for Legal Learning,
e) one member of "Bucerius Alumni e.V.", provided that this member belongs to the University, and
f) the Honorary President of the University.

[2]If management is entrusted to several persons, each of them shall be deemed Managing Director within the meaning of sentence 1 letter a. [3]The Managing Director may not participate in the Senate meeting or in the consideration of individual agenda items if a voting member of the Senate so requests. [4]The right of the Managing Director to submit a written statement to the Senate on the respective agenda item remains unaffected.

(4) [1]The President may, if required in individual cases, invite further persons to Senate meetings. [2]If these are not members of the University, they may participate in the meeting only with the consent of the Senate.

(5) [1]The term of office of the representatives of the students is one year, that of the representatives of the other groups two years. [2]Re-election is possible.

§ 17 Adoption of Resolutions

(1) [1]The Senate has a quorum if, at the time of the resolution, more than half of its voting members are present and the meeting has been duly convened. [2]The number of members present shall be irrelevant for the adoption of a resolution if, due to lack of quorum, a second invitation has been issued to consider the same matter. [3]The second invitation shall expressly draw attention to this. [4]The Senate shall be deemed to have a quorum unless a voting member present requests that the lack of quorum be determined. [5]In this case, the members present shall decide on the quorum by vote; § 17 para. 2 sentences 2 to 4 shall apply accordingly. [6]Transfers of voting rights pursuant to paragraph 7 shall be taken into account when determining the presence and voting rights of members.

(2) [1]If no decision is taken by circulation procedure, the resolution shall be adopted within the framework of the Senate meeting. [2]The adoption of a resolution requires the majority of the voting members present, unless these Statutes provide otherwise. [3]Abstentions shall not be counted in determining majorities.

(3) [1]Upon proposal of the President, resolutions may also be adopted by circulation procedure by electronic means. [2]The resolution shall be adopted by corresponding application of § 17 para. 2 sentences 2 to 4. [3]The circulation procedure shall not apply to resolutions pursuant to § 16 para. 1 letters a, i, j and n or if at least one third of the voting members object to a decision by circulation procedure.

(4) Unless otherwise resolved in the individual case by majority, decisions shall be adopted openly by show of hands. Decisions pursuant to § 16 para. 1 letters a, i and j shall always be adopted by secret ballot.

(5) [1]Resolutions which directly affect research and teaching require, in addition to the majority of votes in the Senate, the majority of the University Professors employed full-time at the University within the meaning of § 16 para. 2 letter b who are present. [2]This applies in particular to resolutions pursuant to § 16 para. 1 letters a to o. If fewer than half of the voting Professors are present, the Senate may not adopt a resolution on such items. [3]Decisions pursuant to § 16 para. 1 letters a, e, h, i and j as well as amendments to these Statutes require a majority of the Professors belonging to the Senate.

(6) For decisions on appointment committees and appointment proposals, a majority of the University Professors employed at the University is required.

(7) [1]A voting member (transferor of voting rights) of the Senate may transfer his or her vote in text form to another voting member of the Senate of the same status group (recipient of voting rights) (transfer of voting rights). [2]In this case, the recipient of voting rights may vote with two votes, which may only be cast uniformly. [3]The recipient of voting rights is not bound by agreements and instructions of the transferor of voting rights.

(8) Voting on teaching assignments and on the composition of bodies may take place in electronic form, provided that a discussion is not to be expected; paragraph 7 sentences 2 to 4 shall apply accordingly.

(9) Paragraphs 4 and 5 shall also apply to qualified majorities where these Statutes require them.

(10) For procedures in other self-governance bodies, paragraph 1 and paragraph 2 sentence 1 shall apply accordingly.

(11) The Senate shall adopt its own rules of procedure.

§ 18 Full-Time Professors

(1) [1]Only a person who fulfils the requirements applicable to the appointment of Professors at universities pursuant to the Hamburg Higher Education Act (§ 15 HmbHG) may be appointed as University Professor. [2]For Junior Professors, the appointment requirements of § 18 HmbHG apply.

(2) [1]For the appointment of University Professors and also Junior Professors, an appointment committee shall be formed by the Senate of the University. [2]The composition of the appointment committee and the procedure to be followed by it shall be determined by the Senate in an appointment regulation.

§ 19 Leave of Absence of University Professors

(1) [1]If there is an important reason, the Managing Director may, in agreement with the President, grant a University Professor unpaid leave of absence (leave of absence). [2]The duration of the leave of absence should as a rule not exceed three years. [3]In justified exceptional cases, a longer period of leave may be granted.

(2) [1]During the period of leave of absence, membership of the University as well as the mutual rights and duties arising from the employment contract concluded between

the sponsoring body and the University Professor shall be suspended. [2]Details shall be regulated by a written agreement.

(3) The University Professor may, during the period of leave of absence, supervise doctorates and habilitations and conduct individual teaching events.

(4) The University Professor is entitled to use the title also during the period of leave of absence.

§ 19a Departure of University Professors

(1) [1]If the employment relationship of a University Professor ends upon reaching the age limit for receiving the statutory retirement pension (retirement), the person shall belong to the University as Lecturer in retirement and, if the requirements of paragraph 2 are fulfilled, as University Professor in retirement. [2]The University Professor in retirement may supervise doctorates and habilitations and conduct individual teaching events. [3]For this purpose, material and personnel resources of the University may be used in agreement with the University management.

(2) If a University Professor enters retirement, he or she shall continue to be entitled to use the title if he or she:

a) has been employed at the University for at least ten years without interruption, or

b) has been employed at the University for at least five years and previously has also been employed for at least five years at one or more academic institutions of higher education as University Professor.

(3) [1]If the employment relationship of a University Professor ends for a reason other than retirement, the continued use of the title requires an application by the departing person. [2]The University may grant permission only if the requirements of paragraph 2 no. 1 or 2 are fulfilled. [3]The permission shall be subject to the condition that the person who has departed teaches courses to the extent of at least 5 trimester weekly hours per year until reaching the statutory retirement age. [4]§ 20 para. 3 shall apply accordingly. [5]Permission shall be refused if the employment relationship was terminated by the University without notice.

§ 20 Professors pursuant to § 17 para. 1 HmbHG

(1) The Senate may resolve, with official approval, to confer upon persons who fulfil the requirements of § 17 para. 1 of the Hamburg Higher Education Act the academic designation “Professorin”, “Professor” or “Professor:in”.

(2) The rights and duties shall result from the regulations of the University.

(3) The Senate may revoke the conferment if the Professor, before reaching the age of 65, does not engage in teaching activity for an unreasonably long period without sufficient reason.

§ 21 Habilitation Candidates

[1]Habilitation candidates, insofar as they are not Junior Professors or Assistants, become members of the University by entry into the list of habilitation candidates. [2]Further details shall be regulated by the habilitation regulation.

§ 22 *Privatdozent:innen*

[1]Whoever, after completion of a habilitation procedure at this University, has the right to use the academic designation "Privatdozent", "Privatdozentin" or "Privatdozent:in" shall become a member of the University. [2]The rights and duties shall result from the regulations of the University.

§ 23 Doctoral Candidates

(1) [1]Doctoral candidates shall become members of the University by enrolment as doctoral students or by virtue of the conclusion of a supervision agreement with a Professor. [2]Further details shall be regulated by the doctoral regulation.

(2) For doctoral candidates, § 29 para. 4 and § 31 paras. 2 and 3 shall apply accordingly.

§ 24 Research Associates

(1) [1]Persons who have successfully completed a degree in law may be employed as research associate. [2]The University management shall decide on their employment relationship upon proposal of the Professor to whom they are assigned.

(2) [1]The research associate shall be assigned to a Professor and shall perform his or her work under the academic responsibility of that Professor, and shall carry out his or her own academic work under his or her academic supervision. [2]He or she shall support the Professor in the fulfilment of his or her duties. [3]The tasks assigned to the research associates shall at the same time serve their own education and further training.

§ 25 Academic Assistants

(1) Doctoral research associates may be appointed as academic assistants by the sponsoring body.

(2) Academic assistants shall as a rule have the task of producing, in research and teaching, the academic achievements required for a habilitation or equivalent academic achievements.

(3) [1]Academic assistants are entitled to teach independently, insofar as they possess the corresponding qualification according to the assessment of the Senate. [2]Otherwise § 24 para. 2 shall apply.

§ 26 Lecturers

[1]The awarding of teaching assignments for independent teaching events shall take place upon resolution of the Senate by the President. [2]Lecturers should fulfil the requirements of § 15 para. 1 nos. 1 to 3 and para. 3 HmbHG. [3]The Senate may, by resolution, dispense with the requirement of § 15 para. 1 no. 3 HmbHG in justified exceptional cases. [4]Teaching assignments for persons who teach in the foreign language curriculum and in the Studium generale and Studium personale shall be awarded by the respective programme leadership; it shall report at least once per year to the Senate on the teaching assignments awarded. [5]Lecturers shall perform the tasks assigned to them in coordination with the University management.

§ 27 University Management

[1]The employees of the University management are the employees of the administration employed full-time at the University, in particular also in the chair secretariats. [2]Their employment relationship shall be regulated by the Managing Director in agreement with the President. [3]The available positions shall be indicated in the budget plan.

§ 28 Equal Opportunities Officer

(1) The Senate shall elect, upon proposal of the University management, an Equal Opportunities Officer from among the following persons:

a) Professors employed full-time,
b) academic assistants,

c) research associates,
d) employees in the University management.

(2) [1]The Equal Opportunities Officer has the task of ensuring compliance with the constitutionally required equal treatment at the University and of participating in the decision-making process in the Senate of the University and in the University management through advice, proposals and appropriate initiatives. [2]The Equal Opportunities Officer may participate in meetings of working groups established by the Senate in an advisory capacity.

(3) [1]For specific objectives, the Equal Opportunities Officer may, in cooperation with the University management, draw up an equal opportunities plan for the University. [2]It shall contain, for example,

a) information on the proportion of female students, female academic assistants and research associates, female lecturers and female Professors,
b) equal opportunities objectives for female persons in the academic field at the University with specific time limits.

[3]The same shall apply to members of other underrepresented groups in the academic and non-academic field. [4]The Senate shall adopt the equal opportunities plan.

(4) [1]The election of a deputy Equal Opportunities Officer is possible. [2]The Equal Opportunities Officer and his or her deputy shall be elected for three years with the possibility of re-election. 3The Senate may remove the Equal Opportunities Officer and his or her deputy by a majority of two thirds of its members.

(5) [1]If the employment relationship of the Equal Opportunities Officer with the sponsoring body of the University ends, the appointment as Equal Opportunities Officer shall also end. [2]In this case the Senate shall elect a new Equal Opportunities Officer within a period of three months.

(6) [1]The Equal Opportunities Officer shall be released from his or her other duties insofar as required for the performance of his or her office. 2Further details shall be regulated by agreement between the Equal Opportunities Officer and the Managing Director.

§ 29 Students

(1) [1]Students become members of the University by enrolment. [2]Enrolment is connected with the conclusion of a study contract with the sponsoring body.

(2) The students shall elect a General Secretary for a term of office of one year; re-election is possible.

(3) [1]The student representation has the task of safeguarding the interests of the students and of participating in the realisation of the objectives and tasks of the University. [2]This includes in particular

a) the representation of the academic, economic and social interests of the students, in particular in the Senate,
b) statements on higher education policy questions,
c) advice and assistance in the conduct of studies,
d) the promotion of cultural concerns of the students,
e) the maintenance of student sports.

(4) [1]Students lose membership of the University by deregistration. [2]Further details concerning the establishment and termination of membership shall be regulated by an enrolment regulation.

§ 30 Admission to Study and Junior Study

(1) Admission to study may be granted to persons who

- provide proof of general qualification for university entrance or an equivalent recognised prior education, and
- have successfully participated in a selection procedure.

(2) The selection procedure serves to determine the academic ability and willingness to perform as well as the professional and personal suitability of the applicants.

(3) There is no legal entitlement to admission to study.

(4) The President shall report regularly to the Senate on the content and outcome of the selection procedure.

(5) [1]The University may permit pupils of the upper secondary level who have been assessed by school and University in agreement as particularly gifted and therefore admitted to "Junior Study" to participate in certain teaching events and examinations. [2]Further details shall be regulated in regulations to be adopted by the Senate.

§ 31 Rights and Duties of Students

(1) Students have the right, without prejudice to the study and examination regulations, to choose teaching and University events freely.

(2) Students have the right to receive advice accompanying their studies from the University and its members active in teaching.

(3) Students shall conduct themselves in such a manner that the reputation of the University is preserved and enhanced.

§ 32 Alumni

The University maintains contact with former students (alumni) and expects that they promote the objectives and tasks of the University.

§ 33 Standards of Conduct

[1]All members of the University contribute to ensuring that the University can fulfil its tasks and its objectives. [2]They have the duty to maintain order at the University and at its events. [3]The University may regulate further details by codes of conduct.

§ 34 Library

(1) The University maintains a library which is available for research, teaching and study.

(2) The use of the library shall be regulated by the Senate in a library regulation.

§ 35 Academic Honours

(1) With the consent of the sponsoring body, the University may appoint as Honorary Senators of the University persons who have rendered outstanding services to it and who do not belong to the University or to the bodies of the sponsoring body.

(2) With the consent of the Senate of the University, the sponsoring body may appoint a particularly meritorious person in the field of scholarship as Doctor honoris causa or as Honorary President.

(3) The number of Honorary Senators shall not exceed five; the number of Honorary Presidents shall not exceed one person.

(4) The appointment as Doctor iuris honoris causa and its requirements shall be regulated in the doctoral regulation.

(5) The appointment as Honorary Senator as well as the appointment as Doctor iuris honoris causa shall be carried out by the President, the appointment as Honorary President by the Chair of the Board of Trustees of the sponsoring body before the entire University in ceremonial form by presentation of a certificate of honour.

§ 36 Amendments to these Statutes

These Statutes shall be adopted and amended by the Senate in agreement with the sponsoring body.

§ 37 Entry into Force

[1]These Statutes enter into force on 8 February 2018. [2]At the same time, the University Statutes of 28 August 2000, in force since 1 October 2000 and last amended on 17 January 2018, shall cease to have effect.