

## **Regulations of the Doctoral Students' Council of the University of National Education Commission, Krakow**

### **I. General provisions**

#### **§ 1.**

All persons who are members of the Doctoral School of the University of the Commission for National Education, Krakow form the Doctoral Students' Council of the University of the Commission for National Education, Krakow, hereinafter referred to as the Doctoral Students' Council.

#### **§ 2.**

The Doctoral Students' Council operates in accordance with the law in force in the Republic of Poland, the Law on Higher Education, the Statute of the University, the Regulations of the Doctoral School and these Regulations.

#### **§ 3.**

The Doctoral Students' Council represents the interests of the doctoral students' community towards the University Authorities and other authorities and institutions, if necessary.

#### **§ 4.**

The Doctoral Students' Council is a member of the national and Cracow representation of doctoral students' Councils and participates in its works.

#### **§ 5.**

The bodies of the Doctoral Students' Council cooperate with the University's Authorities in the implementation of the University's tasks to the extent specified in the acts of generally applicable law and the University's Statut

§ 6.

The Doctoral Students' Council operates through its electoral bodies.

- a) The term of office of the bodies of the Doctoral Students' Council lasts 2 years, unless these Regulations provide otherwise.
- b) Elective bodies of the Doctoral Students' Council are democratic and the only representation of all doctoral students of the University.

§ 7.

The University bodies provide the necessary material resources for the functioning of the bodies of the Doctoral Students' Council.

- a) The bodies of the Doctoral Students' Council manage the material resources allocated by the University Authorities for the activity and functioning of the bodies of the Doctoral Students' Council.
- b) The bodies of the Doctoral Students' Council have the right to use the documentation and information held by the University's bodies and its administration necessary for the proper functioning of the Doctoral Students' Council.

## **II. Tasks of the Doctoral Students' Council**

§ 8.

The tasks of the bodies of the Doctoral Students' Council are in particular:

- a) guard the rights of the participants of the Doctoral School;
- b) initiation of self-help and self-education activities;
- c) striving for the proper conditions of education and life of doctoral students;
- d) representing doctoral students before the University Authorities and beyond;
- e) expressing the opinion of the doctoral students;
- f) co-decision on the organization of the didactic process and the content of the regulations for doctoral studies;
- g) co-decision on the distribution of the financial assistance fund for students and doctoral students;
- h) distribution of funds allocated by the University's bodies for the purposes of doctoral students;
- i) taking care of the scientific, cultural, tourist and sports movement;
- j) informing the community of doctoral students about adopted resolutions and actions.

§ 9.

The Doctoral Students' Council selects and delegates its representatives to the collegiate bodies of the University.

§ 10.

The Doctoral Students' Council may – in support of its demands, when they are the subject of a collective dispute and concern important matters or interests of doctoral students – take a protest action, not violating the provisions of law, including the provisions in force at the University, in accordance with art. 206 of the Act on Higher Education of 27.07.2005 (Journal U no. 164, no. 1365, as amended ).

### **III. Structure and rules of operation of the Doctoral Students' Council**

#### **§ 11.**

The bodies of the Doctoral Students' Council are:

- a) The legislative collegial body is the Parliament of Doctoral Students of the University of the Commission of National Education, Krakow, hereinafter referred to as the Doctoral Students' Parliament;
- b) The executive body is the Management Board of the Doctoral Students' Council of the University of the Commission of National Education, Krakow, hereinafter referred to as the Management Board of the Doctoral Students' Council headed by the Chairman.
- c) The control body is the Audit Committee of the Doctoral Students' Council of the University of National Education Commission, Krakow, hereinafter referred to as the Audit Committee;
- d) The Doctoral Students' Council is represented by the Chairman of the Management Board of the Doctoral Students' Council;
- e) The Peer Courts of the first and second instance are elected by the Parliament of Doctoral Students.

#### **§ 12.**

1. The term of office of the bodies of the Doctoral Students' Council, listed in §11, begins on January 1 and lasts two years.
2. The bodies of the Doctoral Students' Council come from the elections.
3. The executive and control bodies are selected by the collegiate bodies.
4. The procedure for elections to the bodies of the Doctoral Students' Council and the competences and scope of activities of the Electoral Commission of the Doctoral Students' Council, hereinafter referred to as KWSD, are specified in the Electoral Ordinance to the Doctoral Students' Council Bodies.
5. In emergency situations, it is provided for the possibility of extending the term of office of the Parliament and the Organs of the Doctoral Students' Council. Emergency situations include in particular:
  - a. natural disasters – fortuitous events such as floods, earthquakes, hurricanes that prevent the normal functioning of the institution;
  - b. pandemics or epidemics – health situations requiring contact reduction, such as COVID-19;
  - c. IT system failures – long-term and irreparable technical problems preventing the conduct of elections carried out using the above-mentioned systems within the planned period;
  - d. lack of candidates for positions – failure to apply for the required number of people to organize the next elections;
  - e. suspension of the university's activities – as a result of institutional conflict, strikes or other reasons.

#### **§ 13.**

1. In their activities, all bodies of the Doctoral Students' Council
  - a. ensure the openness of their proceedings;
  - b. adopt resolutions and decisions by a simple majority of votes in the presence of at least half of their members or by acclamation, unless specific provisions provide otherwise;
2. The chairman of the relevant body of the Doctoral Students' Council is obliged to convene a meeting at the request of at least 1/3 of the members of a given body, within 14 days of submitting the application. The request should contain a justification explaining the purpose of convening the meeting.

§ 14.

1. Resolutions and decisions of the bodies of the Doctoral Students' Council of a higher degree are binding on the bodies of lower degrees;
2. Resolutions are adopted at the request of a member of the body adopting the resolution;
3. Resolutions on personnel matters are adopted by secret ballot;
4. The Rector repeals the resolution of the body of the Doctoral Students' Council that is inconsistent with the statutory provisions, the Statute of the University, the Regulations of the Doctoral School or the Regulations of the Doctoral Students' Council.

§ 15.

1. The Doctoral Students' Parliament is the highest resolving body of the Doctoral Students' Council;
2. The Doctoral Students' Parliament consists of:
  - a. delegates selected by doctoral students of the Doctoral School;
  - b. the Doctoral Students' Parliament consists of: the Chairman of the Board of the Doctoral Students' Council, members of the Board, members of the Audit Committee and other delegates to the Doctoral Students' Parliament;
  - c. in order to ensure the possibility of appointing at least one representative for each of the disciplines, the maximum number of persons in the composition of the Doctoral Students' Parliament's term of office corresponds to the number of disciplines open for recruitment to the Doctoral School in the year in which the elections are organized. The maximum number of persons is an absolute limit during the parliamentary term.
  - d. if the indicated limit is not reached during the current parliamentary term, it is allowed to hold additional by-elections at the request of the President or 1/3 of the delegates. The term of office of the delegates elected in the supplementary procedure shall end at the end of the parliamentary term. The Select Electoral Commission appointed by the Parliament is responsible for conducting by-elections, which determines the details of the by-election procedure. Persons from disciplines not represented in the current parliamentary term shall have priority to stand as candidates in by-elections.
3. The Doctoral Students' Parliament may shorten its term of office by way of a resolution at the request of the Chairman of the Management Board of the Doctoral Students' Council;
4. The competences of the Doctoral Students' Parliament include:
  - a. adopting the Regulations of the Doctoral Students' Council and its amendments;
  - b. approving the regulations of all bodies of the Doctoral Students' Council;
  - c. adopting the Electoral Ordinance to the bodies of the Doctoral Students' Council;
  - d. election of the Chairman of the Board of the Doctoral Students' Council and, at his request, members of the Board of the Doctoral Students' Council, including Plenipotentiaries and Chairs of the Council Problem Committees. The Regulations of the Doctoral Students' Council distinguishes between:
    - i. Standing Senate and Rector's Committees;
    - ii. Select Senate and Rector's Committees;
    - iii. Council problem committees – established by the Doctoral Students' Council Parliament for the duration of the term of office in order to coordinate activities in the agreed area.
  - e. defining the directions of activity of the Doctoral Students' Council;
  - f. in justified cases, at the request of the Management Board of the Doctoral Students' Council, appointing problem-solving committees consisting of doctoral students and adopting regulations of problem-solving committees;
  - g. election and dismissal of: Chairman and members of the Board of the Doctoral Students' Council, members of the Revision Committee of the Doctoral Students' Council, members of problem committees of the Doctoral Students' Council, representatives of doctoral students in standing senate and rector committees, members of the KWSD and delegates to congresses of the nationwide representation of doctoral students' Councils;
  - h. election and dismissal of representatives of doctoral students in the Senate;

- i. dismissal of Members of Parliament in justified cases. The appeal procedure may be initiated at the request of the President or 1/3 of the Members of Parliament. The application must be submitted in writing and include a detailed justification along with a description of the circumstances.
  - i. Members of Parliament may be dismissed in the event of:
    - o absence from at least two consecutive sittings of Parliament without giving a reason;
    - o acting to the detriment of the interests of doctoral students or the Council;
    - o gross violation of the regulations of the Doctoral Students' Council;
    - o unethical activities or activities contrary to the good of the academic community and the Code of Ethics for Doctoral Students of the University of the National Education Commission, Krakow.
  - ii. The course of the appeal procedure:
    - o A request for the dismissal of a Member of Parliament shall be considered at the next sitting of Parliament;
    - o The requested Member shall have the right to provide explanations before the vote;
    - o Voting takes place in secret;
    - o The dismissal of a Member of Parliament requires a 2/3 majority of votes.
  - iii. Consequences of the appeal procedure:
    - o The dismissal of a Member of Parliament shall result in the immediate vacancy of a seat in Parliament;
    - o In the event of an appeal, it is allowed to hold by-elections.
- j. delegating representatives of doctoral students to disciplinary committees for participants of the Doctoral School;
- k. giving opinions on changes in the Regulations of the Doctoral School and the Regulations of Material Assistance for Doctoral Students;
- l. approving the division of the Financial Assistance Fund for Students and Doctoral Students for each calendar year;
- m. making decisions on the university-wide protest action;
- n. performing other tasks resulting from acts of generally applicable law, the Statute of the University, resolutions of the Senate, agreements concluded by the University.

#### § 16.

- 1. The Parliament of Doctoral Students deliberates at ordinary and extraordinary meetings;
- 2. Ordinary meetings are convened by the Chairman of the Board of the Doctoral Students' Council or, under his authorization, by one of the members of the Board of the Doctoral Students' Council, at least once a semester, with the exception of holiday breaks, examination sessions and days off from teaching classes;
- 3. Extraordinary meetings are convened by the Chairman of the Management Board of the Doctoral Students' Council or under his authority by one of the members of the Management Board of the Doctoral Students' Council upon a written request:
  - a. His Magnificence Rector of the University of the National Education Commission, Krakow,
  - b. 1/3 of delegates to the Doctoral Students' Parliament,
  - c. The Revision Committee of the Doctoral Students' Council, within 14 days from the date of receipt of the written application, with the exception of holiday breaks, examination sessions and days off from teaching classes.
- 4. The Chairman of the Management Board of the Doctoral Students' Council is obliged to notify all delegates to the Doctoral Students' Parliament of the date, place and proposed agenda, no later than 7 days before the date of the meeting. The notification is made by posting a notice on the notice boards of doctoral studies operating at the University or, especially in the case of remote meetings, by e-mail, directly to the addresses in the university domain.

§ 17.

1. The Management Board of the Doctoral Students' Council is composed of the Chairman of the Management Board of the Doctoral Students' Council and 2 to 4 members of the Management Board.
2. At the request of the Management Board, Parliament may appoint problem committees, specifying each time their Chairman, composition and scope of action.
3. The work of all committees is coordinated and supervised by the Chairman of the Management Board of the Doctoral Students' Council. The chairman of the problem committee is responsible for the work of the committee subordinate to him.
4. The Chairman of the Management Board of the Doctoral Students' Council, hereinafter referred to as the Chairman, is elected by Parliament at the first meeting by an absolute majority of votes in the presence of at least half of the statutory number of members.
5. The members of the Management Board shall be elected by an absolute majority of votes on the proposal of the President of Parliament in the presence of at least half of the statutory number of members.

§ 18.

1. The scope of Management Board's competence includes in particular:
  - a. implementation of resolutions of Parliament;
  - b. organization and coordination of the work of Council bodies;
  - c. cooperation with the University Authorities in matters falling within the scope of the Council;
  - d. co-decision with the University's Authorities in matters concerning doctoral students;
  - e. taking actions for positive changes in the situation of doctoral students and compliance with their rights;
  - f. election and dismissal of: representatives of doctoral students in the Councils of Institutes;
  - g. undertaking initiatives conducive to the integration of the doctoral students and the development of peer cooperation;
  - h. co-decision on the distribution of material assistance;
  - i. managing cultural and scientific activities carried out by the Council;
2. The Management Board may adopt resolutions.

§ 19.

1. The Chairman is responsible for:
  - a. representing the Council before the University Authorities and other entities;
  - b. representing Council in Select Committees appointed by the Senate, or delegating other representatives to these Select Committees;
  - c. representing the Council in Porozumieniu Samorządów Uczelni Krakowskich and other inter-university bodies, or delegating representatives to them;
  - d. convening and conducting meetings of Parliament;
  - e. coordinating the activities of the Management Board and managing its work.
2. The Chairman may delegate specific competences for a specified period to another member of the Management Board.

3. In exceptional and justified situations, the Chairman may appoint his/her deputy, selected from among other members of the Management Board. The Deputy Chairman, by authority, shares the duties and competences specified in the Regulations. The function of a Deputy Chairman may be performed for a definite or indefinite period, but not longer than until the end of the current parliamentary term of the Council.
4. The Chairman is an ex officio representative of the Council in the Senate, subject to section 5.
5. The Chairman may also appoint other representatives of doctoral students in the Senate of the University, who are approved by Parliament.

#### § 20.

1. Loss of the mandate of the Chairman or a member of the Management Board before the expiry of the term of office may occur due to:
  - a. granting her/him a vote of no confidence by Parliament;
  - b. loss of passive electoral rights to the bodies of the Council.
2. The loss of the mandate by the Chairman is tantamount to a vote on the dismissal of the Management Board of the Doctoral Students' Council.
3. If the Chairman cannot perform her/his function, and less than 6 months remain until the end of the term of office of the Doctoral Students' Parliament, in order to maintain the continuity of the work of the Doctoral Students' Council, his/her duties are taken over by a member of the Management Board of the Doctoral Students' Council. The person performing the duties of the Chairman takes the place of the Chairman in the collegial bodies.

#### § 21.

1. Parliament may pass a vote of no confidence against the Chairman or a member of the Management Board by an absolute majority of votes, with at least half of the members present.
2. A motion of no confidence against the President may be submitted by at least  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the members of Parliament or the Audit Committee and put to the vote not earlier than 7 days after the date of its submission. When adopting a vote of no confidence, Parliament must simultaneously elect a new President.
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#### § 22

1. The Audit Committee is the control body of the Doctoral Students' Council.
2. The Audit Committee consists of a maximum of 3 persons elected from among all Doctoral Students having the passive right to vote to the bodies of the Council, by the Parliament by an absolute majority of votes, in the presence of at least half of the members.
3. None of the members of the Audit Committee may serve on the Management Board of the Doctoral Students' Council.
4. The Audit Committee adjudicates in a 3-member composition.
5. The term of office of the members of the Audit Committee is two years.
  - a. The Audit Committee is elected at the first session of the Council.
  - b. The term of office of the members of the Audit Committee is directly related to the length of the term of office of the Doctoral Students' Council. In the event of premature termination of the term of office of the Council, the term of office of the Audit Committee shall also be terminated.



6. The competences of the Audit Committee include:
  - a. ensuring compliance with these regulations and acts of law generally applicable by Council bodies;
  - b. examination of the compliance of Parliament's resolutions with the Regulations of Council and acts of generally applicable law;
  - c. examination of the compliance of resolutions of other bodies of the Council with resolutions of the Parliament, the Regulations of the Council and acts of law generally applicable; examination of the reliability of the activities of the Management Board and other bodies of the Council;
  - d. resolving conflicts of competence between Council bodies;
7. In the event of a violation of a generally applicable law, the Regulations of the Local Government or a resolution by a body of the Council, Parliament, the Audit Committee requests that this body amend the contested resolution, setting an appropriate deadline for this purpose. After the ineffective expiry of the deadline, he requests the Rector to repeal the challenged resolution under supervision.
8. In the event of a finding of gross misconduct in the activities of the Management Board, the Audit Committee may apply for a vote of no confidence against the Chairman or a member of the Management Board.
9. During the term of office, a member of the Audit Committee may lose her/his mandate as a result of:
  - a. losing their passive voting rights to the bodies of the Council;
  - b. submitting a resignation;
  - c. a final disciplinary sentence against her/him by the disciplinary committee for doctoral students;
  - d. dismissal by the Rector at the request of Parliament voted by a majority of 2/3 of votes in the presence of half of the number of members.
10. The members of the Audit Committee elect the Chairman of the Audit Committee from among their members, who directs its work and represents it externally.
11. Appeals against the decision of the Audit Committee shall be made to the relevant article of the Vice-Rector's doctoral students.
12. The Rector repeals the final decision of the Audit Committee issued in violation of the law.

#### § 23.

1. Members of the Peer Court for doctoral students are elected by Parliament.
2. Any participant of the Doctoral School who has a passive right to vote to the bodies of the Council, with an impeccable moral attitude, may become a member of the Peer Court.
3. The term of office of the Peer Court lasts 1 year, begins on 1 January and ends on 31 December.
4. Cases initiated and not completed before the end of the term of office are considered by the Peer Court in its current composition.
5. Members of the Peer Court elect a Chairman from among themselves, who directs the work of the Court.
6. During the term of office, a member of the Peer Court may lose her/his mandate as a result of:
  - a. losing of passive electoral rights to the bodies of the Council;
  - b. submitting a resignation;
  - c. a final disciplinary sentence against her/him by the disciplinary committee for doctoral students;
  - d. dismissal by the Rector at the request of Parliament voted by a majority of 2/3 of votes in the presence of half of the number of members.

#### § 24.

The Doctoral Students' Council is obliged to develop and promote the doctoral student's code of ethics. The Code of Ethics of the Doctoral Student should be adopted in the form of a resolution of the Management Board of the Doctoral Students' Council.



#### **IV. The role of the Doctoral Students' Council in the election of Rectors**

##### **§ 24a.**

1. The electors on behalf of the Doctoral Students' Council for the election of the Rector are the only representatives of doctoral students in the Electoral College for the election of the Rector.
2. The number of electors on behalf of the Doctoral Students' Council for the election of the Rector is determined by the Statute of the University.
3. Representatives of doctoral students in the Electoral College for the election of the Rector, hereinafter referred to as electors, may be doctoral students having an active and passive right to vote for the bodies of the Doctoral Students' Council, and meeting the requirements set out in § 24a sec. 5 of these Regulations.
4. The composition of the Electoral College at a public university and the procedure for electing its members are determined by the statute, with not less than 20% of the composition being made up of students and doctoral students. The number of students and doctoral students is determined in proportion to the size of both groups at the university, except that each of these groups is represented by at least one representative. The procedure for selecting doctoral students for the Electoral College is specified in the Regulations of the Doctoral Students' Council.
5. A member of the Electoral College may be a person who meets the following requirements:
  - a. has full legal capacity;
  - b. enjoys full public rights;
  - c. has not been validly convicted of intentional crime or intentional fiscal crime;
  - d. has not been punished with a disciplinary penalty;
  - e. did not work for the State security authorities, in the period from 22 July 1944 to 31 July 1990 within the meaning of Art. 2 of the Act of 18 October 2006 on the disclosure of information about documents of the State security bodies from the years 1944-1990 and the content of these documents (Journal of Laws of 2023 item 342), did not serve in them or cooperate with these authorities – in the case of persons born before August 1, 1972, an appropriate vetting declaration is required;
  - f. has not reached the age of 70 by the date of commencement of the term of office.
  - g. is not a member of the Scrutiny Committee in elections for electors to elect a Rector on behalf of the Doctoral Students' Council;
  - h. is not a member of the Electoral Commission of the Doctoral Students' Council;
6. In the elections for electors on behalf of the Doctoral Students' Council, each doctoral student has one vote.
7. Doctoral students who are simultaneously employed at University have passive and active electoral rights only in one electoral group. The decision on the electoral group on behalf of which a given doctoral student/ employee is a candidate and in which she/he votes is made by the candidate independently entering the relevant electoral group on the candidate's application and/or informing the relevant Electoral Commission about the election. In the case of doctoral students employed at University at the same time, entry on the list of voters entitled to vote is made by informing the relevant Electoral Commission before the electoral lists are announced.
8. Voting takes place on a voting card (according to the template constituting Annex 1 to these Regulations), which contains the names and surnames of the candidates and the option to abstain from voting. There is a grid on the left next to each name and surname, as well as the option "I abstain". To cast a valid vote, enter the X sign in the box to the left of the name of the selected candidate (indicating support for this candidate) or in the box next to the option "I abstain" (these must be two intersecting lines within the box) if no support is given to any of the listed candidates. The list of names and surnames is on the ballot paper in alphabetical order, voting for "yes" to the selected candidate is tantamount to voting against, regarding the remaining candidates.

9. The vote is invalid if more than one candidate is supported, the X sign is not entered in any box, the X sign is entered on the card next to the selected candidate and at the same time the X sign next to the option "I abstain" or if the will of the elector cannot be read.
10. The voting card template is attached as Annex 1 to these Regulations.
11. The constituency is the Doctoral School.

#### § 25b

The electors are elected for a 2-year term.

#### § 25c

1. Election activities are carried out by the Electoral Commission of the Doctoral Students' Council (hereinafter referred to as KWSD) in connection with the announcement of the electoral calendar for the election of the Rector by the University Electoral Commission.
2. The Electoral Commission of the Doctoral Students' Council announces the electoral calendar of electors on behalf of the Doctoral Students' Council for the election of the Rector.
3. Voting, with the exception of the appointment of a voting committee, shall be carried out according to the following rules:
  - a. secrecy;
  - b. the ballot paper is sealed and downloaded immediately before the voting act;
  - c. deletion on the cards is made in person in designated places, ensuring the secrecy of elections;
  - d. the vote is valid regardless of the number of voters, and the positive result of the vote is decided by an absolute majority of valid votes cast in support of the candidate. By an absolute majority of votes, it should be understood that there are more votes for "yes" than the sum of votes against and abstentions.

#### § 25d

1. KWSD prepares a list of candidates for electors on behalf of the Doctoral Students' Council to elect the Rector from among the submitted members of the doctoral community.
2. The candidate may be submitted by any participant of the Doctoral School (the candidate may submit herself/himself).
3. The application is made by submitting the application form to the University's Chancellery (the date of receipt of the print by the University is decisive) together with a written consent to stand for election.
4. The period for submitting candidates for electors on behalf of the Doctoral Students' Council for the election of the Rector is determined by the electoral calendar referred to in §24c sec. 2 of these Regulations.

#### § 24e.

If all electoral mandates are not fulfilled in the first round of voting, additional rounds of voting are carried out until all seats are filled, and the list of candidates in these rounds is created taking into account the following rules:

- a. when the mandate(s) has (have) not been filled due to the candidates obtaining the same number of votes, only those candidates (mentioned by name and surname) are on the voting list
- and

- b. when mandate seats have not been filled due to the candidate(s) obtaining a smaller number of votes than required (in accordance with § 24a sec. 2 of these Regulations), the candidates for vacant seats are those who were not elected in the previous vote and obtained the largest number of votes. The number of candidates may not exceed twice the number of seats to be filled in a given election round, counting the seats filled, except in the case where the last places are occupied by candidates with the same number of votes obtained.

#### § 24f.

1. The elector's mandate may be lost due to:
  - a. resignation by the elector;
  - b. losing active or passive electoral rights;
  - c. death;
  - d. failure to submit the declaration referred to in art. 7 section 1 of the Act of 18 October 2006 on disclosure of information about documents of state security authorities from 1944-1990 and the content of these documents, hereinafter referred to as "lustration declaration", the information referred to in art. 7 section 3a of this Act, hereinafter referred to as "lustration information" – concerning persons born before August 1, 1972;
  - e. ceasing to meet the requirements set out in § 24a sec. 5 of these Regulations.
2. A person who has lost the electoral mandate is obliged to notify KWSD without undue delay. Loss of mandate is confirmed by the Chairman of KWSD.
3. In the cases referred to in sections 1 of this paragraph, the electoral mandate is obtained by the person who obtained the next largest number of votes in the election for the elector on behalf of the Doctoral Students' Council to elect the Rector.

#### § 24g.

1. The Parliament of Doctoral Students, while maintaining a quorum, appoints a minimum of 3 members of the Scrutiny Committee from among the University's doctoral community, of which it draws up a protocol. The report should be submitted immediately to the Chairman of KWSD.
2. The Scrutiny Committee elects the Chairman of the Scrutiny Committee from among its members.
3. The Scrutiny Committee draws up a record of the voting process in the electoral district referred to in § 24a sec. 11 above, is also considered as informing about such a decision;
4. A sample Protocol is attached as Appendix.

#### § 24h.

1. An electoral protest may be submitted by a group of 5 doctoral students, each of whom has an active right to vote. The protesters should formulate allegations regarding the conduct of the election and present or indicate the evidence on which they base their allegations.
2. Election protests are filed within 2 working days from the date of announcement of the official election results. The official results of the elections shall be announced by the KWSD immediately, after submitting to the KWSD the voting report drawn up by the voting committee.

3. KWSD considers the protests within 7 working days of their notification. The decision of the KWSD may be appealed to the University Electoral Commission. The appeal shall be submitted via KWSD within 2 working days of KWSD informing about the resolution of the protest.
4. KWSD within 7 days from the examination of the appeal by the University Electoral Commission or the expiry of the period referred to in section 2 of this paragraph, decides on the validity of elections.
5. The decision on the validity of the elections together with the justification shall be signed by all members of the KWSD participating in the meeting for which the minutes are drawn up.
6. The decision together with the official results of the elections shall be delivered to: the Chairman of the University Electoral Commission, the Vice-Rector appropriate for the scope of duties, the Chairman of the Doctoral Students' Council, and shall be made public.
7. In the event of a decision on the invalidity of elections in whole or in part or a decision on the invalidity of certain electoral activities, re-elections shall be carried out to the appropriate extent.

#### § 24i.

The lists of doctoral students entitled to vote in the elections of electors on behalf of the Doctoral Students' Council for the election of the Rector are prepared by the Doctoral School Office as of the last day of submitting candidatures in accordance with the election calendar announced by the KWSD and are issued in writing to the Chairman of the KWSD.

#### § 24j.

1. KWSD is obliged to cooperate closely with the University Electoral Commission.
2. In matters related to the election of electors on behalf of the Doctoral Students' Council to elect the Rector, which have not been regulated in these Regulations, decisions are made collectively by the KWSD at the meeting for which the minutes are drawn up, in cooperation with the University Electoral Commission.

### **V. Final provisions**

#### § 25

1. At the last sitting of the Parliament of a given term of office, the Chairman of the Board of the Doctoral Students' Council shall present a report on the activities of the Council.
2. This report should contain a description of the most important activities undertaken by the Council in a given term of office and a detailed report on the financial activities of the Council.
3. Parliament decides by secret ballot on granting discharge to the Chairman of the Management Board of the Doctoral Students' Council and individual members of the Management Board, including the Chairmen of the Standing Committees.
4. Failure to obtain a discharge shall result in depriving the person concerned of the right to be elected the Chairman of the Management Board and a member of the Management Board and a member of the Electoral Commission of the Doctoral Students' Council, the Peer Court and the Audit Committee.

§ 26.

Decisions in matters not included in the Regulations are made sovereignly by the Parliament or the Council Management Board in accordance with applicable legal provisions.

§ 27.

Amendments to the Regulations and changes of the Regulations shall be adopted by Parliament, acting by a qualified majority, in the presence of at least half of its Members, in accordance with the procedure laid down for their approval.