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## **ARBITRATION COURT REGULATIONS**

### ***1. General terms and conditions***

- 1.1. The Academic Arbitration Court is an academic and representative body for students established by the Constitutional Council for 3 years. It consists of three members: two members from the faculty and one member from the Student Council.
- 1.2. Members of the Academic Arbitration Court shall elect a Chairperson and a Secretary.
- 1.3. The Chairperson of the Academic Arbitration Court shall:
  - Be in charge of meetings of the Academic Arbitration Court.
  - Ensure that decisions of the Academic Arbitration Court are enforced.
  - Have a right to request documents and statements from university officials to decide on disputes.
  - Submit reports about the operation of the Academic Arbitration Court to the Constitutional Council.
- 1.4. The Secretary of the Academic Arbitration Court shall be responsible for its documentation procedures, shall prepare its minutes and decisions, and send them to parties.
- 1.5. Each member of the Academic Arbitration Court shall have a right to resign by duly notifying the Chairperson of the Constitutional Council. New members shall be elected by the Constitutional Council.

### ***2. Mandate of the Academic Arbitration Court***

- 2.1. The Academic Arbitration Court shall consider:
  - 2.1.1. Submissions from students about restrictions and violations of academic freedoms and rights, i.e.:
    - the right to freely choose an academic programme, and to freely change a programme;
    - the right to freely choose the form of learning (full-time; evening; weekend day; distance learning);
    - the right to attend lectures in other universities;
    - the right to choose elements of the elective part of individual studies and complete them;
    - the right to engage in scientific and research activities.
  - 2.1.2. Submissions from the faculty about restrictions and violations of academic freedoms and rights, i.e.:
    - the right to choose teaching methods;
    - the right to choose topics and the direction of scientific cooperation.
  - 2.1.3. Disputes between university officials, as well as government bodies of structural units in subordinate relationships.
- 2.2. The Academic Arbitration Court shall not hear disputes arising from employment relationships.

### ***3. Procedure for reviewing submissions***

- 3.1. The Academic Arbitration Court shall receive submissions from any employee of the university. One or several employees may act as an applicant.
- 3.2. A submission to the Academic Arbitration Court may be made only in writing.
- 3.3. The Academic Arbitration Court shall review submissions within two weeks; in complicated cases, the Academic Arbitration Court may prolong this period to one month by notifying the applicant.
- 3.4. Upon receipt of a submission, the Academic Arbitration Court shall notify the person whose conduct has been challenged and offer to provide explanations to the Court within one week and shall inform both parties about the date when the submission will be considered.
- 3.5. The Academic Arbitration Court shall inform both parties about all applications and other information that it has received, and shall give both parties an equal opportunity to present their case and defend their rights.
- 3.6. All submissions to the Academic Arbitration Court are reviewed openly, and any member of university personnel may participate in its proceedings.
- 3.7. The Academic Arbitration Court shall have a right to consider an application and make a decision if at least two members of the Court are present during the proceedings.
- 3.8. The Academic Arbitration Court shall have a right to decide in the absence of the applicant and the person whose conduct has been challenged.
- 3.9. Minutes of proceedings of the Academic Arbitration Court shall be prepared only at a reasonable request of any party.
- 3.10. The Academic Arbitration Court shall decide by a simple majority, with the Chairperson of the Court having the decisive vote.
- 3.11. Decisions of the Academic Arbitration Court shall be approved by the Senate and implemented by the administration.

