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Pursuant to Article 10 of Law no. 04/L-135 of the Republic of Kosovo for Scientific Research Activities and Article 48 paragraph 1.4 of the Statute of University of Applied Sciences in Ferizaj (UASF), UASF Senate, on the meeting held on 10.09.2021, approves:

REGULATION FOR SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

General Provisions

Article 1

The regulation for scientific research activities (hereinafter referred to as "the Regulation") at the University of Applied Sciences in Ferizaj (hereinafter: the "University") defines the rules, procedures, and other accompanying documents for the organization of scientific research activities for the academic staff, researchers, and students in accordance with the Statute of the University of Applied Sciences in Ferizaj (hereinafter: the "Statute")

Specifically, this Regulation regulates:

1. Scientific research and applicative activities at the University;
2. Organization of scientific research and applicative activities;
3. The rights and obligations of university bodies and academic and research staff as well as students participating in research;
4. Office responsibilities for supporting scientific and applicative research;
5. Research activity;
6. Committee for Research and Science;
7. Financing scientific research and applicative work;
8. Application procedures for supporting research activities;

9. The procedure for reimbursing payments for publications in journals and conferences;
10. Application procedure for supporting participation in scientific conferences.

Article 2

University conducts scientific research, artistic and applicative work for the purpose of:

1. Continuous development of the educational process;
2. Aligning students with scientific research and artistic work;
3. Continuing the scientific-professional and artistic development of teachers;
4. Solving industry problems.

Activities of scientific research and applicative pursuit

Scientific research and applicative activities, under this Regulation, include scientific research and applicative work, publication of work results, staff training for scientific research work as well as professional development of academic and scientific staff, but also of students.

Article 3

Scientific research and applicative activities

Scientific research and applicative activities include fundamental scientific and applicative research in accordance with Law no. 04 /L-135 for scientific research activities.

Article 4

Scientific research and applicative activities are based on: creative freedom and autonomy; competitiveness of programs and scientific projects; application of international quality standards in the field of science; publishing the results of works that are subject to scientific and professional criticism; ethics; cooperation of local and international institutions in the field of science and research related to the higher education system for encouraging and evaluating specific national content.

Article 5

Scientific research and applicative activities at the university are carried out at the Institute of Applied Sciences (hereinafter: the "Institute").

Article 6

Scientific research and applicative activities include the following activities:

- Conducting basic and advanced scientific and applicative research for the purpose of advancing scientific research and its application in the fields where the University operates.
- Organizing local, regional, and international scientific conferences; workshops and seminars; scientific research and cooperation with other research institutions domestically and abroad;
- Cooperation with economic enterprises and industry;
- Preparation of studies and laboratory analysis in the areas of the University;
- Preparation of expertise and quality control of products and their adaptability for use;
- Organizing seminars for the professional development of academic staff relevant to the University's scientific fields;
- Other scientific-research activities in the fields covered by the University curriculum.

Article 7

In accordance with the Statute of the University, the Vice-Rector for teaching, science, and student affairs in cooperation with the Office for the support of scientific research, are responsible for:

- Conduct research activities at the University in accordance with the mission and strategic plan;
- International scientific cooperation;
- Drafting the annual plan of the University for scientific research along with the annual budget for scientific research;
- Allocation of necessary financial means for carrying out research activities;
- Coordination and priorities of the proposed scientific research plan and activities.

Article 8

Office for supporting scientific research

University research activities are coordinated by the Office for supporting scientific research and the Vice-Rector for teaching, science, and Student Affairs.

The Office for supporting scientific research is responsible for:

- Organizing conferences, workshops, seminars, or scientific forums;
- Publishing of scientific journals;
- Supporting the scientific development of academic staff;
- Coordination and monitoring of research projects;
- Supporting applications for various local and international research projects;
- Maintenance and updating of the research section of the University Web page and internal information and document exchange portal, USHARE;
- Coordination of the research database;
- Managing and organizing the "Best Researcher of the Year" award

Article 9

Responsibilities of the academic staff

Every lecturer of the University is obliged to publish their scientific activities in international journals, an average of one paper per year for the last three years. Publications should be made in individual journals and in those that are indexed on platforms approved by the University Senate. Academic staff is responsible for individual scientific research and applicative activities and for their achievements are obliged to notify the Office for supporting scientific research and report to the Teaching/Scientific Council.

Article 10

At the level of the academic units, the persons in charge of research and applicative activities are the deans of the academic units and the University Teaching/Scientific Council.

Article 11

Committee for Research and Science

Committee for Research and Science is the responsible body for managing and supporting research activities at the University and consists of:

- Vice-Rector for teaching, science, and student affairs (chair-person),
- Three academic staff members with the qualification of assistant professor and above, with proven experience in the field of scientific research,
- One student's representative delegated by the Student Parliament of the University
- Scientific research support officer.

The Vice-Rector for teaching, science, and student affairs in cooperation with the Office for supporting scientific research support is responsible for the University's publishing activities: scientific journals and other publications.

Article 12

Duties of the Committee for research and science

The Committee for research and science has these duties:

- Propose to the Senate individual journals and scientific journal platforms (databases) for academic staff publications;
- Propose to the Senate amendments for the scientific research Regulation;
- Approve or reject requests to support the scientific activities of academic staff;
- Approve or reject to cover the costs of scientific publishing for the academic staff in international scientific journals;
- Approve or reject requests by academic staff to cover participation in international conferences, symposiums, workshops, or scientific forums;
- Organization of conferences, symposiums, workshops, and scientific forums at the University.

Article 13

Researcher of the year

Based on Law no. 04 / L-135 for scientific research activities, the best researcher can be stimulated up to 50% of his/her monthly salary.

The Senate annually announces the call for the University's Researcher of the Year and sets the criteria that must be met to compete for Researcher of the Year. The Research and Science Committee analyzes all applications and selects the candidate and proposes it to the Senate for approval. The Senate at its first meeting announces the Researcher of the Year.

Article 14

Financing scientific research work

Financing of scientific research activities is done by the University's research budget as well as the participation of external partners and external donors in joint projects. From the budget for scientific research is covered

- Research projects from academic units;
- Participation in international scientific conferences;
- Publishing scientific works in international scientific journals;
- Co-financing costs for participation in regional and international research projects, etc.

The amount of funds for research activities is determined by the University budget, approved by the Steering Council.

Article 15

The procedure for reimbursing payments for publications;

For paperworks that have successfully completed its publication process, the author submits a request for reimbursement to the committee for research and science. The reimbursement request is submitted no later than 30 days after publication. The Committee for Research and Science takes a decision on financial approval within the budgetary framework, then the decision is sent to the author within 30 days of the submission of the request.

Article 16

Application procedure for participation in scientific conferences.

Academic staff that is interested in attending any conference, symposium, workshop, or congress of a scientific nature should apply to the Committee for research and science for prior approval. Only applications with prior approval can be reimbursed by the University.

Article 17

Application procedures for supporting research activities

The Vice Rector for teaching, science and student affairs manages the publications fund and can allocate allowable financial means for publications within the year, foreseen by the University's budget planning.

The Office for scientific research support in cooperation with the Vice-Rector for teaching provides administrative and managerial support to the publications fund.

The Research Committee approves funding requests for university textbooks.

Article 18

Final Provisions

1. Amendments to this Regulation shall be made similar to the provisions for its approval.
2. This Regulation enters into force on the day of its approval by the University Senate.
3. With the entrance into force of this regulation, the Regulation for scientific research no. 45/ 20, date 09.11.2020 no longer applies.

Chairperson of the UASF Senate,
Prof. Dr. Agron Bajraktari, Rector
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