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Based on Article 94, Paragraph 1 Item 43 of The Law on Higher Education (“Official Gazette of Republic of North Macedonia” number 82/2018, 154/2019, and 178/2021) and Article 32 of the Statute of the University, the Senate of the International Balkan University, on 29.11.2022, adopted the following

STATUTE OF THE UNIVERSITY STUDENT ASSEMBLY

STUDENT ORGANIZATION

Article 1

The University Student Assembly is a body of the International Balkan University Skopje (hereinafter referred to as the University), in which student representatives are members.

The University provides the University Student Assembly and the Student Ombudsman with conditions and space for work as well as administrative and technical assistance.

FINANCING

Article 2

The work of the University Student Assembly is financed from the financial resources of the University, as well as from other sources.

The University Student Assembly disposes of the finances in a manner determined by the University Budget.

The budget of the Student Assembly is monitored by the Rectors Board. The University Student Assembly is obliged to submit a report to the Rectors Board regularly, at least on a monthly basis, no later than the 15th of the current month, for the previous month.

UNIVERSITY STUDENT ASSEMBLY

Article 3

The student assembly is a body of the University whose members are student representatives, appointed from among the representatives elected in the Faculty Student Assemblies and other units of the University.

Faculty Student Assemblies and Student Assemblies of Vocational Schools appoint two representatives in the University Student Assembly of the university of which they are a member.

The representatives in the Faculty Student Assemblies are elected in direct, fair, and democratic elections by secret ballot.

The University Student Assembly protects the interests of students, participates through its members in the decision-making organs and bodies of the university, and represents students within higher education institutions as members of the academic community.

COMPETENCES

Article 4

The Student Assembly has the authority to:

- To elect student representatives in the Senate and other university bodies;
- To adopt a plan and program for his work;
- To propose a Student Ombudsman;
- To take care of the quality of student life and the quality of the study process, the student standard, the realization of the rights and interests of students, and the cultural, social, and intellectual improvement of students;
- To propose to the governing bodies a plan for financing student activities;
- To encourage stimulating student activities outside the teaching process;
- To perform other activities in the interest of students.

In the Student Assembly, students are represented by at least two members from each unit with a one-year term and have the right to one more election.

The President of the Student Assembly is elected from among the student representatives in the assembly for a one-year term and has the right to another election.

MEMBERSHIP

Article 5

The University Student Assembly pays special attention to equality to ensure that the interests of all students are actively represented.

The Student Assembly elections are organized in accordance with the Student Assembly Election Guidelines.

Candidates who are subject to disciplinary proceedings or are no longer valid students are not eligible to apply.

MANDATE

Article 6

The mandate of the elected representatives is as follows:

- Representatives are elected through annual elections according to needs, in October of each academic year;
- The mandate of the representatives of the University Student Assembly is 1 year, from December 1 to November 30 of the current academic year;
- The mandate of the representatives of the University Student Assembly can be extended until the election of the new student representatives is completed. No student representative whose term is extended to hold elections will receive no compensation.
- The representatives can have a maximum of two mandates.

ASSEMBLY LEADERSHIP

Article 7

The leadership of the University Student Assembly consists of:

- 1 president;
- 1 vice – president.

After the new members of the University Student Assembly are confirmed, the Chairman of the Election Commission initiates the first session of the University Student Assembly and announces an internal call for the leadership positions.

The president and vice-president are elected by the University Student Assembly for a term of 1 year with the right to be elected for another term. All officers should be current members of the University Student Assembly.

The President and Vice-President are from different units of the University with due respect for equality.

The Student Assembly also appoints a Secretary with a one-year term to perform administrative tasks at the University Student Assembly meetings and for the general organizational of activities.

EXTERNAL REPRESENTATIONS AND MEMBERSHIP IN OTHER BODIES

Article 8

The University Student Assembly delegates representatives (who are not necessarily members of the student assembly) to the following external and university bodies:

- Interuniversity conference in which the president of each Student Assembly is included;
- Interuniversity Student Assembly;
- Senate of the University, with a one-year term;
- The Committee for Cooperation and Trust with the Public/Quality Teams of Faculties.

STUDENT OMBUDSMAN

Article 9

In order to protect the rights of students, the Student Ombudsman is elected from among the regular students at the University.

The Student Ombudsman is elected by the Senate of the University, with a majority vote of the members of the Senate of the University, on the proposal of the University Student Assembly from candidates who are not members of the University Student Assembly in a previously announced competition. The competition is announced by the University Student Assembly after the University Student Assembly bodies are elected.

The mandate of the student ombudsman is 2 years, without the possibility of re-election. The procedure for dismissal of the Student Ombudsman can be initiated by the University Student Assembly, while the decision to dismiss is approved by the Senate of the University with a majority vote of the total number of members.

COMPETENCES OF THE STUDENT OMBUDSMAN

Article 10

The powers of the Student Ombudsman are regulated by Law on Higher Official Gazette of the Republic of North Macedonia No. 82/2018, 154/2019, and No. 178/21) Education and the Rulebook on the Student Ombudsman.

COMMISSIONS WITH PAID COORDINATORS

Article 11

The University Student Assembly reserves the right to form appropriate committees that will carry out the work. There may be paid coordinators for specific work areas, which are reviewed annually.

Coordinators organize committees, working groups, and subcommittees with an annual financial plan that is approved by this assembly and then it functions and is evaluated.

Key areas that may have a paid coordinator are:

- Information and promotion with subcommittees for:
 - Newsletter
 - Radio
 - Website
 - Information and publishing materials
- Community work (student services for social concerns, voluntary goals, and community services);
- Entertainment (parties, music, social events, evening activities for students living on Campus);
- Culture and sports (in cooperation with the person in charge of the sports department, students can organize different clubs);
- Student clubs.

STUDENT CLUBS

Article 12



Student clubs are formed by a group of students who work in certain areas within the University that are in the interest of the students of the International Balkan University Skopje and are in accordance with the principles of the Student Assembly and the university.

Student clubs are formed at the request of at least 3 students who are responsible for the way the club works. They have to develop a concrete plan for the club's work and present it to the Student Assembly, which evaluates with a majority vote whether the opening of the club is accepted.

For the financing of club activities, the club makes a detailed request for the relevant activity that they submit to the Student Assembly, which makes a decision on the request.

Clubs can be dissolved in these cases:

- from the members themselves;
- from the University Student Assembly if they determine that the work that was agreed upon has not been completed within the appropriate terms and conditions;
- from the University itself if it considers that it is working against the interests and against the principles of the University.

FINAL PROVISIONS

Article 13

This Statute enters into force on the day of adoption.

**President
of the University Senate**

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