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Amendment 3 to Internal Regulation No. 8/2013 Scholarship Regulations of the Slovak University of Technology in Bratislava

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In accordance with § 9 (1) (b) in conjunction with § 15 (1) (j) of Act No. 131/2002 Coll. on Higher Education Institutions, and on amendments and supplements to certain acts, as amended (hereinafter referred to as "The Act") and in accordance with Article 13 (7) of the Internal Regulation of the Slovak University of Technology in Bratislava No. 8/2013 of October 29, 2013 "Scholarship Regulations of the Slovak University of Technology in Bratislava", at its session held on October 26, 2020 the Academic Senate of the Slovak University of Technology in Bratislava (hereinafter referred to as "STU") approved the following Internal Regulation of STU:

Amendment 3 to the Internal Regulation of the Slovak University of Technology in Bratislava No. 8/2013 of October 29, 2013 SCHOLARSHIP REGULATIONS OF THE SLOVAK UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY IN BRATISLAVA

Article 1

Internal Regulation of the Slovak University of Technology in Bratislava No. 8/2013 of October 29, 2013 "Scholarship Regulations of the Slovak University of Technology in Bratislava" shall be amended as follows:

1. A new paragraph (4) shall be inserted <u>after paragraph (3) in Article 1</u> and it shall read as follows:

"(4) For the purpose of granting and providing scholarships from STU's own resources as referred to in Articles 7 and 8 below, provisions applicable to students shall also apply to those graduates accordingly who completed their studies not earlier than 90 days ago (Article 7 (1) below).".

The current paragraphs (4) to (11) shall be numbered (5) to (12).

- 2. <u>In Article 1 (5)</u>, the first sentence, "the Scholarship Regulations" shall be replaced with "this Article".
- 3. <u>Article 1 (7) and (8)</u> shall read as follows:

"(7) The Rector or a Dean of the Faculty, depending on the scholarship type, shall decide on the awarding of a scholarship pursuant to paragraph 3 of this Article. Any decision on awarding a scholarship shall contain the amount and the due date of the scholarship and the justification for it being awarded. The decision to award a scholarship and the decision to provide or not a loan under these Scholarship Regulations is final, and no application for a review against it may be submitted. This does not apply for decisions on the awarding of a social scholarship under Article 2 below. All decisions must be made in writing.



(8) Unless provided otherwise herein, provisions about service under Article 50 (4), (5) and (7) of Internal Regulation No. 4/2013 "Study Regulations of the Slovak University of Technology in Bratislava", as amended, shall apply to service of decisions as referred to in paragraph (7) above. This shall be without prejudice to the provisions of Act No. 305/2013 Coll. on Electronic exercising of the scope of powers vested in public amendments authorities, and on and supplements to some acts (The e-Government Act), as amended, governing official electronic communications.".

- 4. <u>In Article 1 (9)</u>, first sentence, "and loans" shall be added after "scholarships".
- 5. <u>Article 1 (10)</u> shall read as follows:

"(10) Unless stipulated otherwise, scholarships awarded pursuant to these Scholarship Regulations shall be provided in a cashless form by a wire transfer to a bank account kept in the Slovak Republic while the due date shall be 30 calendar days after the date of delivery of a decision on awarding the scholarship to the student.".

6. A new paragraph (11) shall be inserted <u>after paragraph (10) in Article 1</u> and it shall read as follows:

"(11) For the purposes specified in paragraph (10) above, the student shall register the number of the bank account where the scholarship is to be sent in the Academic Information System (hereinafter referred to as "AIS") while the student shall be liable for the correctness and timeliness of any data registered in AIS.".

The current paragraphs (11) and (12) shall be numbered (12) and (13).

- 7. <u>In Article 1 (12)</u> "second sentence of para. 9" shall be replaced with "paragraph (11)"; "and" after "not be awarded" shall be replaced with "or".
- 8. <u>In Article 1 (13)</u> "provision" shall be replaced with "form of provision" and "7" shall be replaced with "8".
- Paragraph (14) shall be added to <u>Article 1</u> and it shall read as follows:
 "(14) The provisions of Article 8a below shall apply to the provision of company scholarships as referred to in § 97a of the Act.".
- 10. <u>In Article 2</u> footnote "¹" shall be inserted after "statute" and the footnote text shall read as follows:

^{"1} Decree of the Ministry of Education of the Slovak Republic No. 102/2006 Coll. on the awarding of social scholarships to university students, as amended.".

11. <u>Article 3 (3)</u> shall read as follows:

"(3) An Incentive Specialization Scholarship pursuant to paragraph (1) (a) of this Article shall not be awarded to more than fifty per cent of students specified by the methodology of the determined study field of the particular Faculty or a different part of STU out of the total number of students studying the particular study field at the particular Faculty or a different part of STU as of 31 October of the current academic year. The number of students and amount of scholarships relative (as a percentile) to the basic amount provided in paragraph (5) of this Article may be differentiated according to the level of higher education, the study field, the study program or the year of study, also with the aim of motivating students more to study in individual study programs. Details shall be specified by the faculties in their own Scholarship Regulations.".

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- 12. In Article 3 (4) "assessed" shall be replaced with "current":
- 13. Article 3 (5) and (6) shall read as follows:

"(5) The basic amount of the incentive specialization scholarship under paragraph (1) (a) of this Article per student applicable for the particular calendar year is determined from the scholarship fund (Article 11 (4) below) from a part of the state budget funds allocated for the particular calendar year for fifty per cent of the number of students studying the specialization defined by the methodology out of the total number of students studying the particular specialization as of 31 October of the academic year finishing in the calendar year for which the state budget funds have been allocated. The basic amount of the incentive specialization scholarship under paragraph (1) (a) of this Article is rounded up to the nearest ten Euros, and the amount calculated in this way shall be disclosed by a person authorized by the Rector on the STU website after the state budget funds have been allocated.".

(6) The basic amount of the incentive scholarship under paragraph (1) (b) of this Article per student applicable for the particular calendar year is determined from the scholarship fund (Article 11 (5) below) from a part of the state budget funds allocated for the particular calendar year for ten per cent of students out of the total number of all students as of 31 October of the academic year finishing in the calendar year for which the state budget funds have been allocated. The basic amount of the incentive scholarship under paragraph (1) (b) of this Article is rounded up to the nearest ten Euros, and the amount calculated in this way shall be disclosed by a person authorized by the Rector on the STU website after the state budget funds have been allocated.".

- 14. In Article 4 (4) "through 54" shall be replaced with "and 53".
- 15. <u>In Article 4 (7)</u> "52 through" shall be erased.
- 16. <u>In Article 4 (10)</u> "9 and 10" shall be replaced with "10 through 12" and "not later than by the end of the calendar year for which the state budget funds have been allocated" shall be added at the end.
- 17. <u>Article 4 (11)</u> shall read as follows:
 "(11) The Rector or the Dean shall decide whether the Incentive Specialization Scholarship will be awarded in accordance with Article 1 (7) above.".
- Paragraph (12) shall be added to <u>Article 4</u> and it shall read as follows:
 "(12) An Incentive Specialization Scholarship shall be awarded and provided to a student without them submitting an application, if the student meets the criteria under this Article.".
- 19. <u>In Article 5 (2)</u> "through 54" shall be replaced with "and 53" and "in the recommended" shall be replaced with "registered in".
- 20. <u>In Article 5 (3)</u> a comma shall be inserted after "Article". (*applicable only to the Slovak wording*).
- 21. In Article 5 (5) "52 through" shall be erased.
- 22. In Article 5 (6) "especially" shall be replaced with "particularly".
- 23. <u>Article 5 (7)</u> shall read as follows:



"(7) The amount of incentive scholarships for excellent study results for students of bachelor's, engineer's, master's or doctoral degree study programs may not exceed three times the basic amount of the incentive scholarship under Article 3 (6) above.".

- 24. <u>Article 5 (8)</u> shall be erased. The current paragraphs (9) and (10) shall be numbered (8) and (9).
- 25. <u>In Article 5 (8)</u> "9 and 10" shall be replaced with "10 through 12", "in any event" shall be erased and "first term of the academic year" shall be replaced with "calendar year for which the state budget funds have been allocated".
- 26. <u>Article 5 (9)</u> shall read as follows:
 "(9) The Rector or the Dean shall decide whether the Incentive Scholarship for excellent academic performance will be awarded in accordance with Article 1 (7) above.".
- Paragraph (10) shall be added to <u>Article 5</u> and it shall read as follows:
 "(10) The Incentive Scholarship for excellent academic performance shall be awarded and provided to a student without them submitting an application, if the student meets the criteria under this Article.".
- 28. <u>In Article 6 (1)</u> "considering also finances from own resources [Article 11 (1) (b) through (e) below]" shall be erased.
- 29. <u>In Article 6 (3)</u> "In accordance with Article 1 (7) above," shall be added at the beginning of the paragraph and "pursuant to Article 1 paragraph 6 of these Scholarship Regulations" shall be erased.
- 30. <u>In Article 6 (4)</u> "In accordance with Article 1 (7) above," shall be added at the beginning of the paragraph and "pursuant to Article 1 paragraph 6 of these Scholarship Regulations" shall be erased.
- 31. <u>In Article 6 (6)</u> "to the Rector or Dean" shall be inserted after "submitted" and the following sentence shall be added at the end: "The Rector or the Dean may decide to award an Incentive Scholarship for excellent academic performance also on their own initiative.".
- 32. <u>In Article 6 (7)</u> "is paid **in a single payment**, usually awarded and provided" shall be replaced with "shall ordinarily be awarded and provided to students as a **one-off payment** using the procedure as referred to in Article 1 (10) through (12) above".
- 33. <u>In Article 6 (8)</u> "to the extent" shall be erased.
- 34. In Article 6 (9) "6" shall be replaced with "7".
- 35. <u>In Article 7 (2)</u> "In accordance with Article 1 (7) above," shall be added at the beginning of the paragraph and "pursuant to Article 1 paragraph 6 of these Scholarship Regulations" shall be erased.
- 36. <u>In Article 7 (3)</u> "In accordance with Article 1 (7) above," shall be added at the beginning of the paragraph and "pursuant to Article 1 paragraph 6 of these Scholarship Regulations" shall be erased.
- 37. <u>Article 7 (4)</u> shall be erased.
- 38. <u>Article 8 (2)</u> shall read as follows:
 "(2) Special scholarships from STU resources may be awarded:

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- a) for excellent performance of study obligations throughout the studies or throughout the study programme;
- b) for an excellent final thesis;
- c) for an exceptional achievement in the area of research and development;
- d) for successful representation of STU, faculty or other part of STU in sports competitions;
- e) for successful representation of STU, faculty or other part of STU in artistic competitions;
- f) for successful representation of STU, faculty or other part of STU in competitions in the area of studies, research or development;
- g) to support learning within non-university academic mobility of students;
- h) to support foreign students;
- i) to support elite athletes;
- j) to support study at STU;
- k) for exemplary civic attitude, while exemplary civic attitude shall be understood as any expression, approach or act through which a student or graduate has demonstrated a high level of morals or civic awareness and has thus contributed to promoting the good reputation of STU, faculty or other part of STU;
- for active involvement in bodies of academic self-governance of STU, faculty or advisory bodies established by them;
- m) for active involvement in the development, promotion or representation of STU, faculty or other part of STU.".
- 39. A new paragraph (3) shall be inserted <u>after paragraph (2) in Article 8</u> and it shall read as follows:

"(3) For the purpose of awarding special scholarships as referred to in (2) (d) to (f) of this Article, "successful representation" shall be understood as representation of STU, the faculty or other parts of STU, where the student studies, ranking in the first three positions in competitions of a faculty or university character, or of a regional, national, European or global character.".

The current paragraphs (3) to (8) shall be numbered (4) to (9).

- 40. <u>In Article 8 (4)</u> "e" shall be replaced with "i".
- 41. In Article 8 (5) "6" shall be replaced with "7".
- 42. <u>In Article 8 (6)</u> "when" shall be replaced with "during which", "e" shall be replaced with "I", and the following sentence shall be added at the end: "The Rector or the Dean may decide to award a special scholarship from STU resources also on their own initiative.".
- 43. <u>In Article 8 (8)</u> "usually" shall be erased and "using the procedure as referred to in Article 1 (10) through (12) above usually" shall be inserted after "provided".
- 44. A new Article 8a shall be inserted <u>after Article 8</u> with the following wording (including the heading):

"Article 8a Company scholarship

(1) STU or its faculty may conclude a scholarship programme contract with a company for provision of company scholarships in accordance with § 97a of the Act.



(2) The purpose of the company scholarship is to promote studies in selected study programmes or to encourage students to select a particular topic for their thesis. Students have no legal entitlement to company scholarships.

(3) A company scholarship shall not be provided from the STU scholarship fund in accordance with Article 11 below. Details related to the provision of company scholarships are laid down in § 97a of the Act.".

- 45. <u>In Article 10 (2)</u> "6" shall be replaced with "7".
- 46. <u>Article 11 (1)</u> shall read as follows:
 - "(1) The STU scholarship fund is created:
 - a) from a part of a subsidy from the state budget for social support of students, intended for social scholarships and incentive scholarships (§ 96 and § 96a of the Act);
 - b) from STU revenues coming from tuition (§ 92 (20) of the Act), while at least 20% from income coming from tuition as referred to in § 92 (5) and (6) of the Act is income of the STU scholarship fund;
 - c) from funds raised from the positive total profit of STU based on a decision of the Academic Senate of STU;
 - d) from donations, inheritance and income resulting from such;
 - e) from grants, if permitted by the grant scheme;

while (b) to (e) above are sources for the STU scholarship fund.".

- 47. The following sentence shall be added at the end <u>in Article 11 (2)</u>: "Financial resources of the scholarship fund shall be deposited inseparate bank accounts, separately from other financial resources.".
- 48. <u>In Article 11 (6)</u> "from a part of the subsidy" shall be inserted after " special scholarship fund".
- 49. <u>In Article 11 (7)</u> "at least" shall be inserted before "10%"; "a part of" shall be inserted after "scholarship funds from", and "Income" shall be replaced with "Revenues".
- 50. In Article 13 (3) "Study" shall be replaced with "Scholarship".
- 51. <u>In Article 13 (4)</u> "Study" shall be replaced with "Scholarship" and "Article 8 (8)" shall be replaced with "Article 8 (9)".

Article 2

- 1. Amendment 3 to Internal Regulation of STU No. 8/2013 of October 29, 2013 "Scholarship Regulations of the Slovak University of Technology in Bratislava" was approved by the Academic Senate of STU on November 23, 2020.
- Amendment 3 to Internal Regulation of STU No. 8/2013 of October 29, 2013 "Scholarship Regulations of the Slovak University of Technology in Bratislava" shall become valid on the date of its approval by the Academic Senate of STU and effective on January 1, 2021.



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