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Methodological Guidelines for the Organization of Studies at the Slovak University of Technology in Bratislava in the Summer Semester of the Academic Year 2019/2020

In accordance with Article 4 (2) of the Statute of the Slovak University of Technology in Bratislava (hereinafter referred to as "STU"), in accordance with Article 2a (4) of STU Rules of Organization, Article 8 (5) of STU Study Regulations and with regard to the extraordinary situation caused by the global outbreak of Covid-19 and to the related limitation of STU's activities and of the attendance method of study at STU, I am issuing the following binding

• **methodological guidelines:**

1. Pursuant to Article 8 (5) of Internal Regulation No 4/2013 Study Regulations of the Slovak University of Technology in Bratislava (hereinafter referred to as "Study Regulations"): "After discussing with the advisory board, the STU Rector announces the binding schedule for the STU academic year, specifying the beginning and end of the teaching in the academic year for each semester, and the beginning and end of the examination periods and holidays." The schedule of the academic year 2019/2020, discussed with the advisory board of the Rector of STU on 16 January 2019, has been disclosed on the STU's web page.
2. Pursuant to Article 8 (6) of the Study Regulations: "Then the dean of the faculty announces the schedule of the academic year for the faculty that complements the STU academic year by the period in which enrolment, state examinations and other academic activities specific to the faculty take place."
3. In order to mitigate the adverse consequences of restricted activities at STU and the attendance method of studies at STU caused by the above-stated extraordinary situation, the published STU schedule for the academic year 2019/2020 has been modified. The modified binding schedule for the academic year 2019/2020 forms Annex 1 hereto.
4. The above-stated change enables the deans of individual faculties to modify the binding schedule of the academic year 2019/2020 contained in Annex 1 hereto by determining the following dates:
 - a) end of the teaching part of the Summer semester;
 - b) start of the examination period of the Summer semester.

5. Such change enables the deans of individual faculties to modify the schedule of the academic year for the faculty by a period in which enrolment, state examinations and other academic activities specific to the faculty take place.
6. **The Rector of STU is authorizing deans to perform the following by 2 April 2020, if necessary:**
 - a) modify the end of the teaching part of the Summer semester;
 - b) modify the start of the examination period of the Summer semester;
 - c) modify the dates for submission of theses and state examinations;
 - d) modify the dates of other economic activities specific for the faculty;
 - e) make changes to schedules of admission procedures;
 - f) make changes to forms or methods of admission procedures with the aim of admitting the planned number of applicants;
 - g) inform the Rector in writing (electronic form) of the measures taken;
 - h) disclose information about the measures taken.
7. STU's mission is to develop a harmonic personality, knowledge, wisdom, goodness, and creativity in a human being, and to contribute to the development of science, culture and health for the well-being of society and thus contribute to the development of a knowledge-based society (STU Statute, Article 2 (1)). The main objective of STU in achieving its mission is to offer, organize, and provide university education and creative scientific research or creative artistic activity (STU Statute, Preamble). Since STU wants to pursue its mission also in the present crisis situation, so far as is possible, the deans shall perform the following in cooperation with the guarantors of study programmes:
 - a) prepare a scenario of studies for the Summer semester 2019/2020 for each study programme in accordance with the modified academic year schedule;
 - b) prepare a scenario for competing courses by a distance method for each study programme, taking into account the fact that parts of the courses were completed by the attendance method;
 - c) provide the possibility to complete courses by the distance method only;
 - d) ensure the option to take course examinations and state examinations by the distance method, if necessary;
 - e) enable modification of conditions for obtaining assessments for individual courses;
 - f) enable supervisors (tutors) of theses to consider and, if necessary, modify the topics of theses;
 - g) enable changes to individual study plans in doctoral study programmes.
8. In cooperation with guarantors of study programmes, the dean shall make sure that the steps taken in accordance with Article 7 hereof are implemented with a focus on students so that the crisis situation does not have an adverse impact on the continuation of their

studies and on the possibility of them completing their studies in the academic year 2019/2020.

9. When modifying the schedule of the academic year as well as other details specified herein, it is particularly necessary to comply with the provisions of § 61 (1) of Act No. 131/2002 Coll. on Higher education institutions, and on amendments and supplements to certain acts, according to which: “The academic year shall start on September 1st of the current year and terminate on August 31st of the following year.” provisions of the Study Regulations as well as conditions resulting from accreditation of the particular study programme, from Course Information Sheets or other applicable legislation.

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Annex 1: Modified schedule of the academic year 2019/2020 at STU

Schedule of the academic year 2019/2020		
23 September 2019 - 15 February 2020		
Winter semester	ceremonious opening of the academic year	23 September 2019
	teaching	23 September 2019 - 21 December 2019
	Winter holidays	23 December 2019 - 4 January 2020
	examination period	7 January 2020 - 15 February 2020
17 February 2020 - 31 August 2020		
Summer semester	teaching	17 February 2020 - 6 June 2020*
	examination period	8 June 2020* - 25 July 2020
	Summer holidays	27 July 2020 - 31 August 2020

* may be modified by faculties, if necessary