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**EDUCATION ACT
CAP. 327**

Statute for the Doctoral School (Amendment)

IN EXERCISE of the powers conferred upon him by articles 74(5) and 75(6) of the Education Act, the Chancellor of the University of Malta has promulgated the following statute made by the Council of the University of Malta in virtue of the powers conferred upon it by articles 72(h), 75(2), 77(c)(d) and 136(3) of the said Act:

Citation

1. This statute may be cited as the Statute for the Doctoral School (Amendment) and shall be read and construed as one with the Statute for the Doctoral School, published as Legal Notice 293 of 2017, hereinafter referred to as “the principal statute.”

Applicability

2. This statute shall be applicable from 1 July 2023 onwards.

Amendment to article 7 of the principal statute

3. For article 7 of the principal statute there shall be substituted the following:

“Governance

7. The School shall be governed by a Board that shall consist of the following:

- (i) Chair: Rector;
- (ii) Vice-Chair: Director of the School;
- (iii) Pro-Rector responsible for academic affairs;
- (iv) Pro-Rector responsible for research and knowledge transfer;
- (v) Deputy Director of the School;
- (vi) Academic Registrar, who shall also act as Secretary to the Board;
- (vii) a person of repute whose work experience is relevant to the scope and functions of the School to be recommended by the Board and approved by Senate;
- (viii) up to two representatives of students registered on doctoral degree programmes.

Amendment to article 10 of the principal statute

4. For sub-paragraph (a) of paragraph 2 of article 10 of the principal there shall be substituted the following:

“(2)(a) The Doctoral Academic Committee shall consist of the following:

- (i) Chair: Pro-Rector responsible for academic affairs;
- (ii) Vice-Chair: Director of the School;
- (iii) Pro-Rector responsible for research and knowledge transfer;
- (iv) three members from the academic staff appointed by Senate;
- (v) Deputy Director of the School;
- (vi) Academic Registrar, who shall also act as secretary;
- (vii) The Dean of the Faculty or the Director of the Institute or Centre or School on an *ad hoc* basis.”

Amendment to article 10 of the principal statute

5. For sub-paragraph (a) of paragraph (3) of article 10 of the principal statute there shall be substituted the following:

“(3)(a) The Professional Development Committee shall consist of the following:

- (i) Chair: Pro-Rector responsible for research and knowledge transfer;
- (ii) Vice-Chair: Director of the School;
- (iii) Pro-Rector responsible for academic affairs;
- (iv) Deputy Director of the School;
- (v) Academic Registrar, who shall also act as secretary;
- (vi) Director responsible for research support services;
- (vii) Director responsible for corporate research and knowledge transfer;
- (viii) two academic members appointed by Senate;
- (ix) a specialist in continuous professional development appointed by Senate;
- (x) up to two representatives of students registered on doctoral degree programmes.”

Amendment to article 11 of the principal statute

6. For article 11 of the principal statute there shall be substituted the following:

“11. All members of the two Committees, other than those appointed *ex officio*, and the representatives of the students, shall be appointed for a period of one year, renewable for up to three years. Senate may re-appoint members for a further three years, subject to yearly approval.”

Amendment to article 13 of the principal statute

7. For article 13 of the principal statute there shall be substituted the following:

“Appointment of Director, Deputy Director and Staff

13. The School shall have a Director and Staff as follows:

(a) the Director of the School shall be appointed according to the procedure for the appointment of Directors of Institutes and Centres as approved by the Council of the University, for a duration of one year, with the possibility of renewal annually subject to established performance criteria, the needs of the School and the needs of the University, for a total period not exceeding two consecutive four-year terms;

(b) The Deputy Director of the School shall be appointed by the Rector for a period of one year in consultation with the Director; and

(c) the staff of the School shall be appointed by the University according to usual practice to assist the Director in the management of the standing committees of the School.”

Amendment to article 15 of the principal statute

8. For paragraph (d) of article 15 of the principal statute there shall be substituted the following:

“(d) is expected to be present on campus or any designated University of Malta site at least during normal office hours from Monday to Friday throughout the year subject to the exigencies of an academic in accordance with the University’s practices and needs and subject to normal leave entitlement and public holidays as provided for at law;”

Addition of article 16 to the principal statute

9. The following article 16 shall be added after article 15 of the principal statute:

“Duties of the Deputy Director

16. The Deputy Director, besides all functions that may be delegated to him by the Director, shall perform the functions of the Director whenever the Director is absent from Malta or on vacation, or is for any reason unable to perform those functions. The Deputy Director may also be required in writing by the Director to perform the duties of the Director whenever the need arises.”

Re-numbering of article 16 of the principal statute

10. Article 16 of the principal statute shall be re-numbered as article 17.