REGULATIONS FOR THE UNIVERSITY COUNCIL

(as referred to in Article 9.34, paragraph 1, WHW)

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Chapter 1: General provisions

Article 1 – Definitions

- 1. In these regulations and all provisions made pursuant thereto, the following definitions apply:
 - a. the WHW: the Higher Education and Research Act;
 - b. EUR: the Erasmus University Rotterdam;
 - c. BBR: the EUR Administration and Management Regulations, as referred to in Article 9.4 of the WHW;
 - d. *university council*: the university council of the EUR, as referred to in Article 9.31 of the WHW;
 - e. *executive board*: the executive board of the EUR, as referred to in Article 9.2 of the WHW;
 - f. *supervisory board*: the supervisory board of the EUR, as referred to in Article 9.7 of the WHW;
 - g. *dean*: the dean of a faculty of the EUR, as referred to in Article 9.12, paragraph 1 of the WHW;
 - h. *faculty council*: the faculty council of a faculty of the EUR, as referred to in Article 9.37 of the WHW;
 - i. *programme committee*: the programme committee of a programme or group of programmes of the EUR, as referred to in Article 9.18 of the WHW;
 - j. EUROPA: the EUR human resources consultation body, as referred to in Article 4.5, paragraph 5 of the WHW;
 - k. *university community*: the staff and students together, as referred to in Article 43, paragraph 1 of the BBR;
 - l. *staff:* persons employed by the EUR on the basis of a permanent or temporary employment relationship, regardless of its scope;
 - m. *staff section:* the part of the university council that consists of staff members and was elected by staff members;
 - n. *student:* a person who is registered as a student at the EUR and who is not an external candidate;
 - o. *student section:* the part of the university council that consists of students and was elected by students;
 - p. *presidium:* the presidium of the university council, consisting of the chair and vice chairs of the university council;
 - q. *consultation meeting*: a meeting at which the university council and the executive board consult together;
 - r. *university council meeting*: a meeting of the university council other than a consultation meeting;
 - s. *disputes committee*: the disputes committee on participation in higher education decision-making, as referred to in Article 9.39 of the WHW;
- 2. The remaining terms appearing in these regulations have the same meaning as that given to them in the WHW, where such terms also appear in the WHW.

Chapter 2: Composition and term of office

Article 2 - Composition

- 1. The university council consists of 24 members.
- 2. The election of the members of the university council is governed by the Election Rules for the EUR University Council, which is annexed to and constitutes part of these regulations and requires the approval of two-thirds of the members of the university council (Article 9.34, paragraph 3 (d) of the WHW).

Article 3 – Term of office

- 1. The university council's term of office commences on 1 September and ends on 31 August of the following year.
- 2. Members of the staff section are elected for a term of two years, and members of the student section for a term of one year.
- **3.** After the completion of a term of office, until such time as the outcome of new elections has been established beyond dispute, the outgoing members shall retain their membership.
- 4. For members who take up a seat which has fallen vacant mid-term, these terms are reduced by the time in office completed by the replaced member.
- 5. The membership of a member of the university council is terminated by:
 - a. death;
 - b. completion of term of office;
 - c. termination of membership in writing; or
 - d. abandonment of the section, as referred to in the Election Rules for the EUR University Council, within which the member concerned has been elected;
 - e. a decision to this effect by the university council, as referred to in Article 4, paragraph 2 of these regulations.
- 6. Outgoing members may be re-elected immediately.

Article 4 - Chair and clerk

- 1. The university council has the option of electing a chair from among its members (Article 9.31, paragraph 8 of the WHW). The university council shall, in its rules of procedure, determine the maximum duration of the chair's term of office. The chair may be re-elected immediately after the completion of his or her term of office. The chair may be re-elected twice.
- 2. If the university council elects a chair from among its members, once elected the chair shall ask the university council to decide whether his or her membership of the university council is terminated.
- **3.** The university council shall elect from among its members two or more vice chairs for a term to be determined at the time of such election.
- 4. At the end of his or her term of office, the outgoing chair shall continue to act as chair until the university council has elected a new chair.
- 5. The chair, or in his or her absence, one of the vice chairs, shall represent the university council in judicial proceedings (Article 9.31, paragraph 8 of the WHW).
- 6. After consultation with the chair, the executive board shall appoint a clerk to assist the university council.
- 7. The clerk shall follow the instructions of the chair in the performance of his or her duties.

Chapter 3: Powers

Article 5 – General powers

- 1. The university council is empowered to submit proposals to the executive board and to state its views regarding all matters concerning the EUR (Article 9.32, paragraph 2 of the WHW).
- 2. The executive board shall give the university council a written and reasoned response to the proposals referred to in the first paragraph in the form of a proposal within eight weeks.
- **3.** Before issuing a response as referred to in the previous paragraph, the executive board shall give the university council the opportunity at least once to consult with it about its proposal (Article 9.3, paragraph 2 of the WHW).

Article 6 – Appointment powers

- 1. The university council shall be given the opportunity to give advice to the supervisory board on the profiles drawn up for the appointment of the members of the executive board, as referred to in Article 9.7, paragraph 4 of the WHW (Article 9.33a, paragraph 3 (b) of the WHW).
- 2. One member of the student section and one member of the staff section shall be given the opportunity to participate in the appointments committee set up by the supervisory board to recruit a member of the executive board (Article 9.3, paragraph 3 of the WHW).
- 3. The university council shall be heard confidentially by the supervisory board and given the opportunity to give advice to the supervisory board on a proposed decision to appoint or dismiss a member of the executive board (Article 9.3, paragraph 3 of the WHW).
- **4.** The university council shall be given the opportunity to give advice to the supervisory board on the profiles drawn up for the appointment of the members of the supervisory board, as referred to in Article 9.7, paragraph 4 of the WHW (Article 9.33a, paragraph 3 (a) of the WHW).
- 5. The university council has the right of proposal regarding one member of the supervisory board. The proposal shall contain at least two names (Article 9.7, paragraph 2 of the WHW).
- 6. With regard to the other members of the supervisory board, the university council shall be heard in confidence with regard to the proposal to be put forward to the Minister of Education, Culture and Science concerning appointment or dismissal.
- 7. The university council shall be heard by the executive board with regard to the proposed decision to appoint a member of the standing complaints committee on sexual harassment, aggression, violence, bullying and discrimination (SIAG Committee).
- **8.** The university council shall designate the board member referred to in Article 6, paragraph 1 of the articles of association of the Erasmus Sport Foundation.

Article 7 – Approval powers (Article 9.33 of the WHW)

- 1. The executive board requires the prior written approval of the university council for any proposed decision by the executive board regarding the determination or modification of:
 - a. the strategic plan, i.e. the institutional plan, as referred to in Article 2.2 of the WHW or the forward-looking section of the annual report, as referred to in Article 2.9, paragraph 2, second sentence of the WHW;
 - b. the design of the quality assurance system in accordance with Article 1.18, paragraph 1 of the WHW, as well as the proposed policy in the light of the outcomes of the quality assessment, as referred to in Article 2.9, paragraph 2, second sentence of the WHW;
 - c. the students' charter, as referred to in Article 7.59 of the WHW;
 - d. the BBR, including the EUR legal protection facility for students;
 - e. the rules on working conditions, including those relating to sexual harassment, aggression, violence, bullying and discrimination;

- f. the choice of participation systems referred to in Article 9.30, paragraph 1 of the WHW;
- g. the policy of the executive board regarding the profiling fund referred to in Article 7.51 of the WHW, and the rules referred to in paragraph 4 of that article;
- h. the appointment of the members and alternate members of the Central Electoral Committee, referred to in the Election Rules for the EUR University Council;
- i. the main elements of the budget of the EUR, as referred to in Article 8, paragraph 1(b) of these regulations. The following shall be considered main elements of the budget in all cases:

- changes to the internal allocation of resources or the allocation model regulating the allocation of direct funding in the policy areas of teaching, research, support, central costs and strategic policy-making. The right of approval relates to principles and functioning and not to outcomes; and

- changes to investments and divestments in teaching, research, operational management and housing.

Further details on the right of approval relating to the main elements of the budget are included in the annex, which constitutes part of these regulations.

- j. the reorganisation plan in the event of a reorganisation relating to more than an organisational unit and the application of the abridged procedure.
- 2. The university council's right of approval regarding the matters referred to in paragraph 1 under l is specified in more detail in the EUR Reorganisation Code and the EUR Reorganisation Code Abridged Procedure scheme.

Article 8 – Advisory powers (Article 9.33a of the WHW)

- 1. The executive board shall submit to the university council for its advice any proposed decision by the executive board relating to:
 - a. matters concerning the continued existence and proper conduct of activities within the EUR.
 - b. the budget of the EUR, as referred to in Article 2.8 of the WHW, indicating among other things the level of the institution tuition fees and the tuition fees referred to in Article 6.7, paragraph 1 of the WHW, **insofar as these are not the main elements of the budget referred to in Article 7, paragraph 1 (k) of these regulations;**
 - c. the termination or reduction of activities of organisational components of the EUR and the commencement of new activities, insofar as these result in significant changes in the structure and staff of the EUR;
 - d. a proposed reorganisation within one faculty or central service or in the event of a reorganisation relating to more than an organisational unit;
 - e. the definition of binding study advice for an EUR programme;
 - f. the definition of an intake restriction for an EUR programme;
 - g. the policy on student facilities;
 - h. the articles of association of Stichting Erasmus Sport;
 - i. the rules on the recognition of student organisations;
 - j. the rules of procedure of the advisory committee for notices of objection (ACB) of the EUR, referred to in Article 51 of the BBR;
 - k. the rules on the use of languages within the EUR;
 - l. the rules relating to integrity within the university community;
 - m. the application for a new EUR programme to the Accreditation Organisation of the Netherlands and Flanders (NVAO), or the request to include the new programme in the Central Register of Higher Education Study Programmes (CROHO), as well as the proposal to discontinue an existing programme at the EUR, without prejudice to the provisions of Article 24, paragraph 3 of these regulations.
- 2. The university council is also authorised to give advice on decisions regarding working conditions in the EUR deriving from a source other than the executive board.
- **3.** The university council's advisory powers regarding the matters referred to in paragraph 1 (c) and (d) are further specified in the EUR Reorganisation Code.

Article 9 – Powers regarding the Budgetary Framework

The university council shall be heard by the executive board regarding the EUR's Budgetary Framework.

Article 10 – Special powers of staff section (Article 9.36 of the WHW)

- 1. The executive board requires the prior approval of the staff section for:
 - a. any proposed decision by the executive board relating to matters of general interest for the special legal status of the staff;
 - b. action plans formulated by the executive board following a risk inventory and evaluation (RIE).
- 2. The right of approval in matters referred to in paragraph 1 (a) shall not be exercised insofar as the matter has already been substantively regulated for the EUR in a provision prescribed by or pursuant to the law or a collective labour agreement or is otherwise exercised.
- **3.** The staff section shall exercise the powers relating to working conditions granted to the university council pursuant to the Working Conditions Act and the order in council pursuant to Article 16 of that Act.

Article 11 – Special powers of student section (Article 9.33 of the WHW)

- 1. The executive board shall submit to the student section for its advice any proposed decision by the executive board relating to:
 - a. the general staff and appointment policy, unless Article 9.36, paragraph 2 of the WHW applies;
 - b. the institution tuition fees policy referred to in Article 7.46 of the WHW and the tuition fees referred to in Article 6.7, paragraph 1 of the WHW;
 - c. the institutional board's rules on the reimbursement of statutory tuition fees referred to in Article 7.48, paragraph 4 of the WHW;
 - d. the rules adopted by the institutional board on the selection criteria and selection procedure referred to in Article 6.7a, paragraph 1 (b) of the WHW;
 - e. the rules adopted by the institutional board on the criteria and procedure for dispensation from payment of higher tuition fees referred to in Article 6.7a, paragraph 1 (c) of the WHW;
 - f. the rules adopted by the institutional board on selection referred to in Article 7.9b, paragraph 1 of the WHW;
 - g. The rules adopted by the institutional board on study options advice and study choice activities referred to in Article 7.31b, paragraph 4 of the WHW.
- 2. Where the provisions of Article 10, paragraph 1 (a) of these regulations apply, the student section shall be given the opportunity to give advice on the proposed decision of the executive board, unless the situation referred to in Article 10, paragraph 2 of these regulations applies.

Article 12 (no longer applicable)

Chapter 4: Consultation meeting

Article 13 - Consultation meeting

- 1. The executive board and the university council shall, in consultation with one another, set up a meeting schedule for joint consultation between the executive board and the university council. This schedule shall include at least six consultation meetings per year.
- 2. Moreover, the executive board and the university council shall meet within a reasonable time, if such a meeting is requested by the executive board or the university council or a section thereof, indicating the reasons for such a meeting.
- **3.** The consultation meeting shall be chaired by the chair of the university council or his or her deputy.
- 4. The consultation shall be conducted on behalf of the executive board by the chair of the executive board or his or her deputy. He or she may be assisted by one or more staff members.
- 5. The clerk shall act as secretary of the consultation meeting, unless the executive board and the university council together designate another person as secretary.
- 6. The agenda of the consultation meeting shall be prepared by the presidium after consultation between the chair of the university council and the chair of the executive board, and shall include the matters submitted to the clerk by the board or the university council or a section thereof at least seven days before the consultation.
- 7. Minutes of each consultation meeting shall be drawn up.
- 8. The consultation meeting shall be held publicly, unless the nature of the business rules this out in the judgement of the chair of the consultation meeting, the executive board or the university council. A closed (part of the) consultation meeting shall not be minuted, unless the consultation meeting decides otherwise.
- 9. The business dealt with in a closed (part of the) consultation meeting shall be kept confidential by all those present.
- **10.** Unless otherwise specified, the provisions of the rules of procedure of the university council relating to university council meetings shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to the consultation meeting.

Chapter 5: Working method

Article 14 - Procedure concerning right of approval

- 1. Concerning a proposed decision of the executive board requiring the approval of the university council or a section thereof, the university council or section shall in principle take its decision at the next meeting, but in any case within eight weeks of receipt of the proposed decision, on whether to approve or withhold approval, unless alternative timing is agreed with the executive board. The executive board shall give the university council the opportunity to consult with it within a period of eight weeks concerning the proposed decision. After approval has been received, the executive board shall notify the university council of its final decision in writing as soon as possible.
- 2. If the university council or section thereof has not taken a decision as referred to in the first paragraph within the stipulated period, the university council or section shall be deemed to have approved the executive board's proposed decision.
- **3.** If a proposed decision of the executive board has not obtained the required approval of the university council or section, the executive board shall consult with the university council concerning the situation that has arisen.
- 4. After this consultation, the executive board shall decide:
 - a. to maintain the proposal;
 - b. to present the proposal in modified form to the university council; or
 - c. to withdraw the proposal.
- 5. The executive board shall inform the university council of its decision within eight weeks. If this communication has not taken place within the time limit specified in the previous sentence, the proposal shall lapse.

Article 15 – Procedure concerning right to be consulted (Article 9.35 of the WHW)

- 1. Concerning a decision to be taken by the executive board that is submitted to the university council or a section thereof for advice, the executive board shall, if desired, consult with the university council or section before the advice is given, unless otherwise agreed with the executive board.
- 2. The executive board shall submit a request for advice to the university council at a time when the advice can have a material influence on the decision to be taken.
- **3.** The university council or section thereof shall issue advice to the executive board concerning a proposed decision of the executive board at the next meeting , but in any case within eight weeks of receipt of the request for advice, unless alternative timing is agreed with the executive board.
- 4. If the university council or section thereof has not taken a decision within the stipulated period, the university council or section shall be deemed to have issued positive advice about the executive board's proposal.
- 5. If the executive board does not wish to follow part or all of the advice, it shall inform the university council in writing within four weeks and, if desired, the executive board shall consult with the university council or section before the decision is taken definitively. The university council or section thereof shall then inform the executive board within eight weeks whether, having reconsidered all interests, it is adhering to its original advice. If the university council or section adheres to its original advice, the executive board shall state in its decision that it has deviated from this advice.

Article 16 - Rules of procedure

The university council shall set out its working method and order of agenda in rules of procedure as referred to in Article 9.31, paragraph 7 of the WHW, in accordance with the provisions of these regulations. The rules of procedure shall at least contain rules on the holding of meetings, the setting of the agenda, the voting procedure, decision making, the establishment of advisory committees and reporting.

Chapter 6: Rights and duties

Article 17 - Promotion of openness, transparency and mutual consultation

The university council shall promote openness, transparency and mutual consultation within the EUR.

Article 18 – Equal treatment of men and women; engagement of disabled people and Dutch nationals with a migration background

- 1. The university council shall maintain a general vigilance against discrimination of any kind within the EUR (Article 9.32, paragraph 4 of the WHW).
- 2. The university council shall promote, in particular, equal treatment of men and women, as well as the engagement of disabled people and Dutch nationals with a migration background (Article 9.32, paragraph 4 of the WHW).
- **3.** The university council may submit a request to the Human Rights Committee as referred to in Article 10, paragraph 2, preamble and subsection d of the Human Rights Committee Act, to conduct an investigation into discrimination as referred to in the Equal Treatment Act, the Equal Treatment of Men and Women Act, and Article 7.646 of the Civil Code (on employment contracts and employees' working conditions) (Article 9.34, paragraph 3 (j) of the WHW).

Article 19 - Information obligation (Article 9.32, paragraphs 5 and 6 of the WHW)

- 1. The executive board shall at the beginning of the academic year provide the university council with basic information in writing regarding the composition of the executive board, the supervisory board, the organisational structure within the EUR and the main points of the policies already established.
- 2. The executive board shall inform the university council once a year in writing of the policy it has conducted over the past year and of the planned policy for the coming year in respect of the EUR in the financial, organisational and educational areas.
- **3.** The executive board shall immediately notify the university council of its intentions regarding matters described in the institutional plan.
- 4. The executive board shall provide the university council with timely information, whether by request or on its own initiative, concerning any matters that the university council might reasonably need for the performance of its duties. Such information shall include in any case, at least once a year, data about the scope and content of the employment conditions-related rules and agreements per group of persons working at the EUR, of members of the executive board and of the supervisory board.
- 5. The executive board shall provide the information as soon as possible, and no later than eight weeks after the request of the university council has reached the executive board. The university council must be informed if this deadline will not be met before the eight weeks have expired; the reasons for this failure to meet the deadline must be stated.

Article 20 – Annual reporting (Article 9.32, paragraph 8 of the WHW)

- 1. The university council shall provide a written annual report on its activities and ensure that all parties concerned at the EUR are able to view this report.
- 2. The university council shall ensure that the agendas and minutes of the university council meetings are available in digital form to the executive board, the deans, the faculty councils and any committees referred to in Article 9.47 of the WHW.
- **3.** The university council shall ensure that the agendas and minutes of the university council meetings are available in digital form to interested parties.
- 4. The university council shall, at least once a year, provide an opportunity to a committee as referred to in paragraph 2 to consult with it about matters of particular relevance to that committee.

Article 21 - Legal protection (Article 9.32, paragraphs 9 and 10 of the WHW)

- 1. The executive board shall ensure that the members of the university council are not put at a disadvantage in their position with respect to the EUR as a result of their membership. This concern shall also extend to candidate members and former members of the university council.
- 2. The provisions of paragraph 1 shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to the members of the faculty councils, with the proviso that the duty of care referred to in the preceding paragraph lies in particular with the dean of the relevant faculty.
- **3.** The termination of the employment relationship of a member of staff other than at his or her own request may not be related to the prospective, current or former membership of the university council of the person concerned.

Article 22 - Facilities and training (Article 9.48 of the WHW)

- 1. The executive board shall provide the university council with facilities that it can use and that it may reasonably need for the performance of its task. Such facilities shall at least include administrative and legal support, provision of information/training and the necessary financial support.
- 2. The executive board shall give the members of the university council the opportunity to receive the training required by the latter for the performance of their duties for a period of time to be determined jointly by the executive board and the university council. Staff members shall be given the opportunity to receive this training in working hours and with payment of salary.
- **3.** The executive board shall make further arrangements regarding the facilities of the university council, which must at least include provisions regarding:
 - a. for staff members, exemption from employment duties;
 - b. for staff and student members, fixed fees;
 - c. training;
 - d. support and meeting space.

The provisions of the preceding paragraphs apply *mutatis mutandis* to the faculty councils and the degree programme committees, with the proviso that the dean replaces the executive board.

Chapter 7: Faculty councils

Article 23 – General powers (Article 9.37 of the WHW)

- 1. The dean shall give the faculty council the opportunity at least twice a year to discuss the general state of affairs within the faculty with him or her. The dean and the faculty council shall meet if a request for such a meeting is made by the dean or the faculty council or a section thereof, indicating the reasons for such a meeting.
- 2. The faculty council is authorised to submit proposals and to state its positions to the dean regarding all matters concerning the faculty. The dean shall give a written and substantiated response to a proposal of the faculty council within eight weeks, in the form of a proposal. Before issuing a response, the dean shall give the faculty council the opportunity at least once to consult with him or her about its proposal.
- **3.** The dean shall at the beginning of the academic year provide the faculty council with basic information in writing regarding the composition of the faculty board, the organisational structure within the faculty and the main points of the policies already established. The dean shall inform the faculty council once a year in writing of the policy he or she has conducted over the past year and of the planned policy for the coming year in respect of the faculty in the financial, organisational and educational areas.
- 4. The dean shall provide the faculty council with timely information, whether by request or on his or her own initiative, about any matter that the faculty council might reasonably need for the performance of its duties. Such information shall include in any case, at least once a year, data about the scope and content of the employment conditions-related rules and agreements per group of persons working within the faculty and of the dean, insofar as the dean has the power to determine such rules and make such agreements.
- 5. The dean and the faculty council shall, in consultation with one another, set up a meeting schedule for joint consultation between the dean and the faculty council. This schedule shall include at least four meetings per year.
- 6. The faculty council shall provide a written annual report on its activities and ensure that all parties concerned at the faculty are able to view this report. The faculty council shall ensure that the agendas and minutes of the faculty council meetings are sent to the dean, the executive board, the university council and any committees referred to in Article 9.47 of the WHW and available for inspection by interested parties in a generally accessible location.

Article 24 – Special powers (Article 9.38 of the WHW)

- **1.** The dean requires the prior written approval of the faculty council for each decision to be taken by him or her regarding the adoption or modification of:
 - a. the faculty regulations, as referred to in Article 9.14 of the WHW;
 - b. the course and examination regulations, referred to in Article 7.13 of the WHW, with the exception of the subjects listed in paragraph 2 (a) to (g), with the exception of the appointment referred in the third paragraph, and with the exception of the requirements referred to in Articles 7.30(a), paragraph 3, third sentence, and 7.30b, paragraph 1, third sentence.
 - c. the main elements of the faculty budget plan. The following shall be considered main elements of the faculty budget plan in all cases:

- the allocation of the faculty's direct funding to the components teaching, research and support.

- changes to the faculty's allocation model; and

- an increase or decrease of budgeted spending on the components teaching, research and support.

Further details on the right of approval relating to the main elements of the budget are included in the annex, which constitutes part of these regulations.

2. The dean shall ask the faculty council to give advice on the faculty budget plan insofar as this does not concern the main elements of the budget referred to in Article 1,

paragraph 1 (c) of this article, and shall add the advice of the faculty council to the faculty budget plan to be submitted to the executive board.

- **3.** The dean shall hear the faculty council before submitting a proposal to the executive board for the establishment or termination of a programme as referred to in Article 1.1 (m) of the WHW. He or she shall add the report of this hearing to his or her proposal as referred to in the first sentence of this paragraph.
- 4. Before appointing or dismissing the dean, the executive board shall confidentially hear the faculty council of the relevant faculty regarding the proposed appointment or dismissal decision. The hearing shall take place at a time when it can have a material influence on the decision to be taken.

Article 25 - Powers of the staff section (Article 9.34, paragraph 3 (h) in conjunction with 9.37 in conjunction with 9.50 of the WHW)

- 1. The dean shall ensure that the staff section of the faculty council is given the timely opportunity to give its advice and to consult about proposed measures regarding:
 - a. the way in which the employment and service conditions are applied in a faculty;
 - b. the way in which the general staff policy is implemented in a faculty;
 - c. matters relating to working conditions in connection with employment in a faculty;
 - d. the organisational structure and working method within a faculty;
 - e. the technical and economic services at a faculty;
 - f. the reorganisations within a faculty.
- 2. The staff section of the faculty council is authorised to make proposals to the dean with regard to the matters referred to in the first paragraph.
- **3.** The dean requires the prior approval of the staff section of the faculty council for any measure that he or she has the power to take and concerning which the staff section has given advice on the grounds of the first paragraph. In such cases, the student section of the faculty council is authorised to advise the dean.
- **4.** This article applies *mutatis mutandis* to the service committee referred to in Article 9.50 of the WHW.

Chapter 8: Disputes

Article 26 - Disputes about the power of approval

- If the executive board wishes to maintain a proposal as referred to in Article 14, paragraph 4

 (a) of these regulations, the executive board or university council shall note the existence of
 a dispute.
- 2. If the university council or a section thereof expresses the view that the executive board should have submitted a decision to it for approval, it shall notify the executive board of this view, stating its reasons. If, after consultation with the university council or section thereof, the executive board still refrains from submitting the decision to it for approval and informs the university council or section that it is maintaining its position, the disputed decision shall be noted by the executive board as a proposed decision that has not obtained the agreement of the university council or section thereof, and the executive board or university council shall note the existence of a dispute.
- 3. The executive board shall report the dispute to the supervisory board.

Article 27 - Disputes about the advisory powers (Article 9.32, paragraphs 5 and 6 of the WHW)

- 1. The executive board shall report to the supervisory board any dispute concerning noncompliance or incomplete compliance with advice given by the university council as referred to in Article 15, paragraph 5 of these regulations.
- 2. If the university council or a section thereof expresses the view that the executive board should have submitted a subject to it for advice, it shall notify the executive board of this view, stating its reasons. If, after consultation with the university council or section thereof, the executive board still refrains from submitting the subject to it for advice and informs the university council or section that it is maintaining its position, the executive board or university council shall note the existence of a dispute and the executive board shall notify the supervisory board of this dispute.
- 3. The supervisory board or the university council shall report to the executive board any dispute concerning non-compliance or incomplete compliance with advice given by the university council as referred to in Article 6, paragraph 1 or 4 of these regulations.
- 4. The execution of the decision shall be suspended for four weeks unless the university council or section thereof has no objections to the immediate execution of the decision.

Article 28 - Other disputes

If there is a dispute between the executive board and the university council or a section thereof about the interpretation of or compliance with these regulations or Chapter 9, title 2 of the WHW, the executive board shall report this dispute to the supervisory board within four weeks.

Article 29 – Procedure after notification of dispute (Article 9.40 of the WHW)

- 1. If there is a dispute between the executive board and the university council, the supervisory board shall investigate whether an amicable settlement can be reached between the parties. If an amicable settlement cannot be reached, the executive board or university council shall submit the dispute to the disputes committee.
- 2. If there is a dispute between the supervisory board and the university council, the executive board shall investigate whether an amicable settlement can be reached between the parties. If an amicable settlement cannot be reached, the supervisory board or university council shall submit the dispute to the disputes committee.
- **3.** The disputes committee is empowered to establish an amicable settlement between the parties. If no amicable settlement is reached, the disputes committee shall resolve a dispute brought before it by making a binding ruling.
- 4. If the executive board has not received the approval of the university council, the executive board may ask the disputes committee for permission to take the decision.

5. Within a month of the date of its pronouncement, an appeal may be brought against a ruling of the disputes committee to the business chamber of the Amsterdam court.

Article 30 – Dispute settlement for faculty councils (Article 9.40 of the WHW)

- 1. If there is a dispute between the dean and a faculty council or section thereof, the dean or faculty council shall report this dispute to the executive board.
- 2. The executive board shall investigate whether an amicable settlement can be reached between the parties. If an amicable settlement cannot be reached, the executive board or faculty council shall submit the dispute to the disputes committee.
- **3.** If the dispute relates to the failure to follow, or follow completely, advice of the faculty council, the execution of the decision shall be suspended for four weeks unless the faculty council has no objections to the immediate execution of the decision.
- 4. If the dean has not received the approval of the faculty council for the proposed decision, the dean may ask the disputes committee for permission to take the decision.
- 5. Regarding the referral of a dispute, the faculty council may assume the advisory powers of the programme committee, insofar as this is consistent with the advice of the programme committee.
- 6. Within a month of the date of its pronouncement, an appeal may be brought against a ruling of the disputes committee to the business chamber of the Amsterdam court. The first sentence shall not apply if the previous paragraph is acted upon.

Chapter 9: Final provisions

Article 31 – Evaluation

- 1. The executive board shall report to the university council on the functioning of these regulations at least every five years after their entry into force.
- 2. The executive board shall inform the university council of amendments of the WHW which may affect these regulations.

Article 32 - Amendment (Article 9.34 paragraph 2 of the WHW)

Amendments to these regulations by the executive board require the approval of two-thirds of the members of the university council.

Article 33 - Unforeseen circumstances

If the executive board or university council finds that cases occur which have not been provided for in the regulations, the executive board shall make a proposal to the university council for a suitable provision. The university council shall decide on the proposal by a simple majority.

Article 34 - Entry into force

- 1. These amended regulations shall take effect on 1 September 2017.
- 2. Earlier versions of these regulations are repealed.

Article 35 - Short title

- These regulations shall be cited as: Regulations for the university council of the EUR.
 The short title shall be abbreviated as: URR.
- 3. These regulations shall be published on the EUR website.
- 4. These regulations shall be translated into English. In the event of conflict, the Dutch text prevails.