Pursuant to Article 6 of the Higher Education Act (Official Gazette of RS, Nos. 32/12 - official consolidated text, 40/12 - ZUJF, 57/12 - ZPCP-2D, 109/12, 85/14, 75/16, 61/17 - UPS, 65/17, 175/20 - ZIUOPDVE and 57/21 - CC decision) and Article 21 of the Statute of the EMUNI University (hereinafter: Statute), the Senate of the EMUNI University adopted at its 42nd session on 2 March 2022, the following:

RULES ON THE ADJUSTMENT OF STUDY OBLIGATIONS FOR SPECIAL STATUS STUDENTS AT THE EURO-MEDITERRANEAN UNIVERSITY

I. GENERAL AND COMMON PROVISIONS

Article 1 (Subject of regulation)

- (1) These Rules regulate:
- the procedure for obtaining special student status,
- conditions for obtaining special student status,
- possible ways of adapting the environment and the way of conducting studies for students with special status,
- coordination of activities for monitoring and support of students with special status
- (2) The rules apply to all students at EMUNI University, regardless of the level of study.

Article 2 (Purpose)

- (1) The main purpose is to ensure help for students with special statuses and to improve their study conditions.
- (2) Special status students are students who demonstrate significant achievements in sports, arts and cultural activities, student parents or students with special needs, including also students in an emergency social situation. In the study process at the EMUNI University, these students can acquire a special status and obtain information regarding their status.
- (3) The special statuses are:
- student status of a top athlete with visible results,

- student status of a recognized artist,
- status of a student participating in international competitions,
- student status of the parent,
- status of a student with special needs.

Article 3 (Objectives)

In the field of Special Status Students (SSS), EMUNI University carries out various activities aimed at:

- monitoring and development of the field at the strategic level of the university;
- recording problems, especially when working with SSSs and finding optimal solutions;
- improving study conditions for SSSs by implementing innovative approaches;
- planning and implementation of projects that promote the inclusion of SSSs in the study process;
- careful planning of operational policy in the field and development of guidelines, which are to ensure consistent consideration of changes and their transparency;
- cooperating with the university SSSs, various services/commissions of the university, other members of the universities, and external institutions (state institutions, institutes, associations, centres, organizations) and individual experts in the field of special needs in Slovenia and the international arena;
- raising awareness of higher education teachers and associates and other employees at the university about the work and cooperation with SSSs;
- encouraging activities for the promotion of equal opportunities and inclusive education (round tables, consultations, trainings, days of equal study opportunities, etc.).

Article 4 (Special status acquisition)

- (1) Upon enrolment, each student can apply for a special status by submitting an individual application, which includes an explanation of special needs and the interest in the selected study programme to the Education Department.
- (2) The application for special status acquisition can be submitted on the prescribed form published on EMUNI website.
- (3) In the application, the student is to define his/her disability and reasonable adjustments in the study programme implementation.

- (4) The student with special status is to inform (immediately after receiving the decision on special status granting) the course holder of the necessary adjustments and agree on the manner of their implementation in due course.
- (5) The Education Department and course holders will individually adapt the study process to students according to their needs and necessities.
- (6) The status is granted for one academic year. The duration of the special status shall be decided and approved by the Commission for Student and Study Affairs (CSSA).

II. CONDITIONS FOR OBTAINING SPECIAL STUDENT STATUS

Article 5

(Conditions for obtaining the status of a student - recognized artist)

A student acquires the status of a student of a recognized artist if he/she meets one of the following two conditions:

- membership of a national or international institution in the field of art, evidenced by a certificate of membership of the relevant institution (art, music, film, dance, theatre, literature, photography or other) or the status of independent artist or cultural worker or,
- authorship or participation in the performance of a public work of art, which is proved by the received awards or recognitions for outstanding achievements in the field of art awarded by relevant institutions at the national or international level.

Article 6

(Conditions for obtaining the status of a student - athlete)

A student acquires the status of a student-athlete if he meets one of the following conditions:

- categorization in the title of the athlete confirmed by the Olympic Committee (hereinafter OC) or,
- top achievements at the national or international level in sports.

Article 7

(Conditions for obtaining the status of a student with special needs)

- (1) A student acquires the status of a student with special needs if he/she encloses evidence of extraordinary social conditions affecting his/her studies and performance of obligations.
- (2) Evidence of extraordinary social conditions, based on the diagnostic findings of health institutions (hospitals, rehabilitation centres, counselling centres etc.), including chronic or long-term illness, impairment or disorder, deficit, decision on the status of a disabled person, opinions of the disability commission, or the commission for guiding children, adolescents or young adults with physical and mental health disorders or a decision on the status of a child with special needs.

Article 8

(Conditions for obtaining the status of a student parent)

- (1) A student acquires the status of a parent with the birth of a child at the time of enrolment in the study program and year.
- (2) The status of a parent shall be proved by the birth certificate of a live-born child.

Article 9

(Conditions for obtaining the status of a student participating in (field) international competitions)

A student acquires the status of a student who participates in (field) international competitions, if he meets the following condition:

- during studies, he/she is proven to participate in at least two international competitions in the field related to the study program that he/she is enrolled in.

Article 10

(Validity of the Rules)

These rules shall enter into force on the day of the adoption of the Senate of EMUNI University and will be published on the EMUNI bulletin board and EMUNI website.

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