

Statutes

The University of Valencia Senate, at its meeting on 23 October 2003, approved the proposal of the University Statutes.

On 2 April 2004, the Council of the Valencian Government sent the agreement by which objections to the legality of the proposed University Statutes were lodged.

At its meeting on 27 May 2004, the Senate approved the addition of a part of the objections and the non-acceptance of others.

By Decree 128/2004, of 30 July, the Council of the Valencian Government approved the University of Valencia (General Study) Statutes, which were published in the Official Journal of the Government of Valencia [2004/8213], dated 3 August 2004, in which several amendments were introduced to the text sent by the Senate and against which our University submitted contentious-administrative appeals.

Judgment of the High Court of Justice of the Valencian Community dated 18 October 2005, by which the appeal against the Council's Decree 128/2004 approving the Statutes is partially admitted.

A cassation appeal against the said judgment of the High Court of Justice of the Valencian Community is filed on 9 November 2005.

Judgement of the Supreme Court dated 13 October 2008 dismissing the cassation appeal against the judgment of the High Court of Justice of the Valencian Community dated 18 October 2005.

The University of Valencia-General Study Statutes, approved by Decree 128/2004 of the Council, of 30 July, are amended by Decree 45/2013 of the Council, of 28 March. A new wording is given to articles 14, 15, 16, 17, 19, 21, 25, 28, 30, 31, 32, 36, 38, 43, 47, 48, 53, 58, 59, 60, 61, 65, 69, 81, 82, 83, 88, 101, 106, 108, 109, 110, 111, 114, 121, 123, 124, 126, 131, 134, 137, 138, 140, 141, 143, 149, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 160, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 174, 179, 184, 190, 196, 199, 201, 205, 206 and 240; articles 241 bis and 241 ter are included; the following headings are modified: second chapter of the first title, first section of the second chapter of the first title, fourth section of the second chapter of the first title, second section of the first chapter of the third title, second section of the first chapter of the fourth title, third section of the first chapter of the fourth title, fourth section of the first chapter of the fourth title, fifth chapter of the sixth title, first section of the fifth chapter of the sixth title and second section of the fifth chapter of the sixth title; amendments are made of additional provisions fifth, eighth, tenth and eleventh, of fourth transitional provision and of final provision; and fourteenth and fifteenth additional provisions and sixteenth and seventeenth transitional provisions are included.

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UNIVERSITY OF VALENCIA
(GENERAL STUDY OF VALENCIA)
STATUTES

Preamble

In the early 15th century, the Jurors of Valencia gathered the studies dependent on the city and the Church, but in 1416 they separated again. The foundation of the University of Valencia had to wait: on 30 April 1499, the Constitutions appeared, written at the request of the Council of the capital of the Kingdom of Valencia. The 1501 papal bull of Pope Alexander VI from Xàtiva together with the royal privilege of Ferdinand II, dated 1502, led to the official inauguration of the General Study of Valencia, with the same prerogatives and distinctions as the universities of Rome, Bologna, Salamanca and Lleida, on 13 October 1502.

When almost five centuries of history had passed, and after a period of agitated provisionality, without a reference text that assisted the resolution of one serious and difficult predicament, the University of Valencia found itself in circumstances propitious for a renovation of structures that allowed it to develop functions that are its own and that the society demanded: the cult of the critical spirit, the contribution to the free movement of the ideas, the participation in the universal advance of science, the rise of the cultural level of the population..., all this framed in a transformative action of the society that, while stimulating objectives of justice, freedom and peace, would solve real problems of the Valencian Country and would contribute to the maintenance of its linguistic and cultural identity.

The 9 March 1984 elections of representatives of the various groups at the Constituent Senate, carried out under the University Reform Law, were the initial milestone of a process that was guessed long and not at all easy. The University of Valencia had the challenge of responding to diverse scope expectations and only with the achievement of the widest autonomy was able to start doing it.

The 1985 Statutes constitute the starting point to exercise this necessary autonomy. Successive subsequent reforms, the validity of which as well as that of some precepts of the original text had to be, sometimes, confirmed by judicial pronouncements, led to a statutory text that, except for the adjustments recommended by a critical spirit attentive to social development, had been assumed by the university community as the immediate reference of the regulation of its activity.

Today, when almost two decades of validity of the 1985 Statutes have passed, and under the imperative of a new legislation in matters of universities, a reform is necessary, not only for its adaptation but also to face the new challenges ahead.

The present Statutes should be a tool that allows us to consolidate a high-quality University, immersed in the European Higher Education Area as a solid and prestigious institution. In order to achieve this goal, it is essential to delve into the improvement of education, research and services, as well as into the training of professionals, into the insertion in society, into the development and promotion of culture, into the critical spirit and into the defense of the rights of our people, both individually and collectively.

Therefore, taking into account the character of our University we pass the following

STATUTES

PRELIMINARY TITLE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF VALENCIA

Article 1

Universitat de València (Estudi General) is the name adopted by the institution governed by the present Statutes, notwithstanding the official general validity of the abbreviated name *Universitat de València*.

Article 2

The University of Valencia is a public law institution with its own legal personality and assets and with the rights recognised in the Spanish Constitution and in other current laws.

Article 3

The University of Valencia, as a public service, is responsible for providing students with the teachings needed for their education, their preparation for professional practice or artistic activities and their obtaining, if appropriate, of the relevant academic qualifications, and for updating the knowledge and skills of its staff and lecturers at all levels of education. The University of Valencia encourages research, both basic and applied, and the scientific and technological development. Likewise, with its own guarantees of rationality and universality, it is an institution that spreads culture within society. The University of Valencia offers, stimulates and hosts intellectual and critical activities in all fields of culture and knowledge.

In carrying out these functions, the University of Valencia will bear in mind the harmony of knowledge arising from the development of human thought and aimed at improving people and their coexistence in a plural and democratic society.

Article 4

The University of Valencia is at the service of the intellectual and material development of the peoples, of the progress of knowledge, of peace, of equality between men and women, and of the ecological defence of the environment. University activities must not be influenced by any social, political, economic or religious power.

Article 5

The University of Valencia, linked to the historical, social and economic context of the Valencian Community, pays special attention to the study and development of the culture of its nationality, and is actively involved in the problems of the region through specific teaching, research and dissemination programmes.

Article 6

1. The official languages of the University of Valencia are those recognised as such by the Statute of Autonomy of the Valencian Community.

2. As a public institution, the native language of the University of Valencia is the native language of the Valencian Community. For the purposes of the present Statutes, we accept both its academic name, Catalan, and the name used in the Statute of Autonomy, i.e., Valencian.

3. It is a fundamental goal of the University of Valencia to achieve a standardised use of its native language, that is, the development of all its sociolinguistic functions as a language of modern culture. In pursuit of this object, the University of Valencia shall be provided with a language policy service.

4. The official languages of the University of Valencia are normal means of expression for any university governing and representative body, as well as for teaching and for academic, administrative and cultural activities.

Article 7

1. The University of Valencia enjoys teaching, research, administrative and financial autonomy, in accordance with the provisions of the current laws and as developed in the present Statutes.

2. The University of Valencia guarantees academic freedom, which is embodied in teaching, research and study freedom.

3. The University of Valencia is free to decide the fields of education and research that it wishes to promote; prepares and develops the respective curricula and training, research and university extension plans; determines admission and assessment procedures, and decides the criteria to be applied in the different qualifications in the European education area.

4. The University of Valencia promotes initiatives and plans to improve its management and the quality of the activities and the services that it provides to society.

Article 8

To properly fulfill its social mission, the University of Valencia provides access to and continuation in university studies through an adequate policy of financial aid, in collaboration with public and private entities that contribute to support it.

Article 9

The University of Valencia fosters cooperation with other universities and scientific and cultural institutions, as well as participation in public research plans. In particular, it coordinates its work with other Valencian universities and cooperates with universities within the Catalan linguistic area, mainly through participation in the current Joan Lluís Vives Network.

Also, it can enter into agreements with public and private entities, subject to the guarantee established by the present Statutes regarding the ownership of research results.

Article 10

1. In addition to the rights recognised by law and by other articles of the present Statutes, the members of the university community are entitled to the following rights:

a) Non-discrimination on the grounds of gender, ethnic origin, birth, language, religion, ideology or sexual orientation.

b) Freedom of speech.

c) Creation of and integration into associations, unions and other organisations, and conducting of relevant activities.

d) Participation in the governing, representative and management bodies in accordance with the provisions of the present Statutes.

e) Promotion and implementation of cultural, sporting and recreational activities.

f) Appropriate use of the facilities, assets and resources of the University of Valencia.

2. In addition to the duties established by law and by other articles of the present Statutes, the members of the university community are bound by the following obligations:

a) To contribute to the improvement of the purposes and the operation of the University of Valencia as a public service.

b) To promote the prestige of the University of Valencia and its relationship with society.

c) To comply with the University of Valencia Statutes, with its enforcement rules and with the agreements and resolutions of the governing bodies.

d) To respect and preserve the assets of the University of Valencia.

3. The University shall promote and establish positive action measures to ensure real equality between women and men.

4. The University shall promote and establish positive action measures for the members of the university community with disabilities to be able to perform their university activities fully and effectively.

Article 11

1. The emblem of the University of Valencia is formed by:

a) A background delimited by two concentric white circles, the radii of which keep a 1:1.25 ratio.

b) The legend: ALEXANDER PP VI VALENTINVS FERDINANDVS DEI GRA REX ARAGONVM, written in black capital roman letters within the outer ring resulting in the background, starting in the common segment between the upper left and right sectors.

c) The inner circle displays the following layout:

I. In the center of the top semicircle, the royal coat of arms of the city of Valencia, on a lozenge: gold, four pallets gules. Ensigned with a crown on the top.

II. In the lower left sector, the shield of Pope Alexander VI, pointed and divided in two: first (Borja), or, a statant gules bull on vert land, gules bordure with eight beams of straw in or; second (Oms), barry of six or and sable. Ensigned with papal tiara on the top.

III. In the lower right sector, the shield of King Ferdinand II the Catholic, pointed and divided in four: first and fourth, Castile and León redivided in four, that is, gules, an or castle and, argent, a gules salient lion with golden crown; second and third, Catalonia and Aragon and Aragon and Sicile divisions, that is, barry of four or and gules, and divided in four per saltire, first and fourth barry of four or and gules, and second and third, argent, a sable eagle. On the lower center sector, argent, an open gules pomegranate, with vert stem and leaves. Ensigned with open royal crown.

2. The seal of the University of Valencia reproduces its emblem, but with the legend ·UNIVERSITAT·DE·VALÈNCIA written in roman capital letters, the word UNIVERSITAT occupying the upper half of the ring and DE·VALÈNCIA, the lower half.

3. The medal, instituted by the University of Valencia for honorary purposes, is circular and bronze.

The front consists of:

a) Two concentric circles, the radii of which keep a 1:1.25 ratio.

b) The legend: ALEXANDER PP VI VALENTINVS FERDINANDVS DEI GRA REX ARAGONVM, written in roman capital letters within the outer ring resulting in the background, starting in the common segment between the upper left and right sectors.

c) The inner circle displays the following layout:

I. On the left sector, the shield of Pope Alexander VI, with a chevron and ensigned with the papal tiara on the top.

II. On the lower center sector, the shield with royal arms of the city of Valencia, lozengy and ensigned with a crown on the top.

III. Over the crown that ensignes the shield of Valencia on the top, and in the middle center section, the image of the divine maternity of Mary.

IV. On the right sector, the shield of King Ferdinand II the Catholic, with a chevron and ensigned with open royal crown on the top.

On the reverse side, it has an image of the Senate of the building at Carrer de la Nau, in the city of Valencia, the historical headquarters of the University of Valencia.

4. The emblem, the seal, the medal and the brands are the property of the University of Valencia, which reserves the right to authorise their use and to prevent misuse.

Article 12

The cultural heritage of the University of Valencia consists of the movable and immovable properties of historical, artistic, architectural, archaeological, paleontological, ethnological, documentary, bibliographic, scientific, technical or other cultural nature existing in the University of Valencia.

The University is committed to preserving and disseminating the various values of this heritage, particularly its historical library.

Article 13

1. The official names of the departments, faculties, schools and services of the University of Valencia must be written in its native language.

2. The seals of the University of Valencia departments, faculties, schools and services shall be the same as the University seal, except for the legend, because the legend UNIVERSITAT DE VALÈNCIA must be accompanied by the respective name.

TITLE ONE STRUCTURE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF VALENCIA

Article 14¹

The University of Valencia is organised, according to its purposes, into departments, faculties, schools, research institutes, doctoral schools, colleges, university halls of residence and all other faculties and schools, services and specific structures needed for the fulfillment of its functions.

¹Article drafted in accordance with the Decree 45/2013, of March 28, of the Council.

CHAPTER ONE

Departments

*Article 15*²

1. The departments are the teaching and research units in charge of coordinating education according to the University's programme and of promoting research and other academic activities related to one or more disciplines.

2. The departments consist of an area of knowledge or a set of areas, the affinity or relation of which justifies their grouping from an academic point of view and on the basis of effectiveness and efficiency criteria.

The University of Valencia can not have more than one department per area of knowledge, except as provided in article 19.3. However, and for academic reasons, the University may create its own areas of knowledge by agreement of the Governing Council.

*Article 16*³

1. The departments are assigned and develop, in one or more faculties or schools, the teachings contained in the various curricula, the contents of which are specific to their area or areas of knowledge.

If the teachings can be considered typical of areas assigned to various departments, the Governing Council shall determine the appropriate assignment and duration. Prior to this agreement, and having heard the departments, the academic committees for qualifications and the faculties and schools affected, the corresponding office of the vice-rector shall issue the relevant report.

2. For the purposes of the present Statutes, each department must be affiliated to that faculty or school where it teaches most of its core and compulsory subject areas in the different qualifications, notwithstanding that, for reasons of scientific and academic affinity, the Governing Council can change this assignment after the report of the corresponding vice-rector.

*Article 17*⁴

The Governing Council is responsible for the creation, modification and abolition of departments, notwithstanding the powers of the Board of Trustees on the budgetary matters. The proceedings shall be initiated by the rector, ex officio or on the motion of a faculty or school board or a department council. Once the proceedings are initiated, the rector shall ask the faculties or schools and departments concerned to provide a report, as well as any other reports that he/she deems appropriate. Also, there must be a one-month period of public information in the university community and, if appropriate, it shall be subject to the report of the Board of Trustees.

Article 18

1. The proceedings for the creation or modification of departments shall include a report mentioning at least the following aspects:

- a) Name.
- b) Area or areas of knowledge concerned and teachings proposed.
- c) School or faculty affiliation.
- d) Research lines.
- e) Personal resources.
- f) Financial and material resources.

2. The abolition proposal shall specify the future situation of its staff, of the material resources attached to it and, if applicable, of teaching obligations.

*Article 19*⁵

1. The minimum conditions for the creation of a department are:

- a) Having not less than 18 lecturers with a permanent position at the University with a full-time practice.

For the purpose of calculating the aforementioned minimum, two part-time positions are considered as equivalent to a full-time one. The health care personnel referred to in the eleventh additional provision shall not be counted.

b) In any case, each department shall have at least eight publicly contracted university teaching staff members with a full-time practice.

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3Article drafted in accordance with the Decree 45/2013, of March 28, of the Council.

4Article drafted in accordance with the Decree 45/2013, of March 28, of the Council.

5Article drafted in accordance with the Decree 45/2013, of March 28, of the Council.

2. When a department remains below the minimum required for a period of four years, the department will be deemed extinguished. The Governing Council, following the report of the corresponding vice-rector and having heard the parties affected, shall decide to merge it into one or more other departments.

3. When a department consists of a single area of knowledge and the number of teaching and research staff members allocated to it exceeds 50, the department council, on the motion of a third of the teaching and research staff and of the administrative and service staff allocated to the department, may request the rector to create a new department by segregation.

Also, when a department teaches in faculties or schools or clusters of them in distant locations, the Governing Council, following the report of the corresponding vice-rector, may authorise its segregation into two departments, provided they are attached to different faculties or schools.

4. When a department consists of more than one area of knowledge and the number of teaching and research staff members allocated to one of the areas exceeds the minimum established by this article, the department council may request the rector to create a new department by segregation.

5. In the cases mentioned in sections 3 and 4, the resulting departments shall respect the minimum established. Also, the proceedings for the creation shall explicitly state the academic and scientific consistency of the proposal, as well as the new allocation of all the teaching and research staff and administrative and service staff.

Article 20

Each department can be organised into teaching units, in accordance with criteria of functionality for the best development of teaching. At the forefront of each teaching unit there shall be a coordinator elected by the department council. The term of office is three years and only one further consecutive re-appointment is possible. The agreements made at the meetings of the teaching units shall be recorded in writing.

Article 21 ⁶

1. When a department has teaching responsibilities at a faculty or school geographically distant from the faculty or school to which it is affiliated, and the fulfillment of these responsibilities requires the presence of six or more full-time lecturers at the faculty or school in question, the department council may propose the Governing Council to create the corresponding departmental section in each faculty or school where this situation occurs. Once the departmental section has been created, and in the case that it integrates all lecturers of an area of knowledge different from the rest of the department, the aforementioned section shall become part, for academic purposes, of the faculty or school where it teaches most core and compulsory subject areas.

2. Each faculty or school departmental section shall be led by a permanent lecturer teaching there. The term of office is three years and only one further consecutive re-appointment is possible. The agreements made at the meetings of the departmental sections shall be recorded in writing.

Article 22

The functions of departments shall be:

a) To assign and coordinate the teachings entrusted to them, in accordance with the programme of the faculties or schools where these are taught, and to formulate proposals for the preparation of this programme.

b) To ensure compliance with the obligations of the department staff.

c) To promote and coordinate the development of research projects.

d) To support the teaching and research activities and initiatives of its members, as well as all those intended to improve the quality of the services offered by the department.

e) To organise and develop postgraduate studies and specialist courses in the area or areas of knowledge under its competence.

f) To ensure compliance with the provisions of teaching in Valencian established in the academic course offerings.

g) To manage the budget allocation.

h) To promote and carry out activities of collaboration between the University of Valencia and public or private organisations within its field of competence.

i) To participate in the process for the selection of the staff who will develop their work in the department, under the terms established by the current legislation and by the present Statutes.

j) Any other that can be attributed to them by the present Statutes and by other current provisions.

Article 23

Each department shall prepare an annual report of all its activities. This report shall be sent to the faculty or school to which it is attached and to the Office of the Rector.

⁶Article drafted in accordance with the Decree 45/2013, of March 28, of the Council.

Article 24

Each department shall have the following bodies: council, head and permanent board.

*Article 25*⁷

1. The council is the governing body of the department. It shall consist of:

- a) All the teaching and research staff members attached to the department who hold a doctoral degree.
- b) A representative part of the rest of the teaching and research staff, as follows:
 - I. All full-time staff members.
 - II. 50% of part-time staff members.

c) 50% of trainee researchers affiliated to the department.

d) A representative part of the students who attend lessons taught by the department, equal to half of the total members of sections a) and b).

e) A representative part of the administrative and service staff affiliated to the department, equal to a fifth of the total members of sections a) and b).

f) A representative part, if applicable, of adjunct professors from health institutions, in accordance with the provisions of the eleventh additional provision of the present Statutes.

2. The department council shall be renewed every three years, except student representatives, who will hold office for the period stated in the General Electoral Regulations as defined in the present Statutes. Vacancies during this period shall be covered for the time remaining.

Article 26

1. Competences of the department council include:

a) To formulate, pass and amend departmental internal regulations.

b) To elect the director and the members of the department permanent board.

c) To elect the department representatives in faculty or university committees.

d) To create, where appropriate, the department teaching units and to elect their coordinators.

e) To submit proposals to the Governing Council to create faculty or school departmental sections and to elect their directors.

f) To demand responsibilities from officials and chosen representatives and, where appropriate, dismiss them from office.

g) To report on the proposed curricula on any matters referred to the teachings assigned to the department, as well as to apply for their modification.

h) To implement the guidelines of the University of Valencia regarding language policy.

i) To report on the proposals drawn up by the faculties or schools regarding the organisation of the academic year.

j) To assign teaching responsibilities to lecturers each academic year.

k) To request the University of Valencia any human and material resources needed to implement the department's programme of activities.

l) To supervise, with due respect for academic freedom, that teaching programmes taught by the department are suited to the provisions of the respective curricula.

m) To allocate the department's budget.

n) To prepare the department's annual report.

o) To resolve any conflicts that may arise within the department, subject to further resources.

p) To appoint department committees considered necessary for assistance for the department's best exercise of functions.

q) Any others required by the present Statutes.

2. Approval of the provisions established in paragraphs a) and f) requires the favourable vote of the absolute majority of the department council. Approval of the provisions established in paragraphs j) and l) requires the majority of votes, provided that this majority exceeds 25% of council members.

The department council shall meet at least twice during the academic year.

Article 27

1. The permanent board is the body responsible for the ordinary management of the department and exercises the functions delegated to it by the department council. It shall consist of the director, who acts as chair, and of representatives of the teaching and research staff, of the students and of the administrative and service staff chosen by the department for this purpose. The permanent board shall be renewed during the month after the date of appointment of the head of the department. Vacancies shall be covered for the time remaining.

⁷Article drafted in accordance with the Decree 45/2013, of March 28, of the Council.

2. From among the members of the department, the head shall appoint the secretary, who shall also be the secretary of the council and of the permanent board. If the person had not been elected to the permanent board, he/she shall act as secretary with voice but no vote.

Article 28⁸

1. The head of the department shall be chosen by the department council and appointed by the rector. Candidates must meet the following conditions:

- a) Being a PhD professor with a permanent position at University.
 - b) Not having been dismissed from such post in the six months preceding the election.
 - c) Having the support of 10% of the members of the department council.
- Compliance with these requirements shall be verified by the department council.

2. The candidate with a number of votes greater than half the number of members of the department council shall be elected in the first round. In the second round, the candidate of the two most voted in the first round with the highest number of votes shall be elected, provided that the number of blank ballot papers is exceeded.

If no candidate achieves this majority, the rector shall appoint a provisional head and a new electoral process shall be initiated within three months.

At the second round of this new election, the candidate of the two most voted in the first round with the highest number of votes shall be elected.

3. The term of office is three years and only one further consecutive re-appointment is possible.

Article 29

Competences of the head of the department include:

- a) To represent the department.
- b) To ensure, with the assistance of the permanent board, the effective management of the department.
- c) To coordinate and supervise the teaching, management and services of the department, and to implement and enforce the resolutions of the council and, if applicable, of the permanent board.
- d) To convene the council when it is deemed appropriate and, in any case, when requested by at least 20% of its members.
- e) To represent the University of Valencia, through delegation from the rector, in any type of legal acts concerning departmental activities.
- f) In general, all the competences derived from article 22 of the present Statutes, except those expressly reserved to the council or, if applicable, to the permanent board.

Article 30⁹

1. Within six months from the date of establishment of a department, it must submit a draft internal regulation to the Governing Council. The draft shall comply with the framework regulation approved by the Governing Council on the motion of the Statutes Committee. This framework regulation shall provisionally regulate the operation of the department from its establishment and until the approval of its own internal regulations.

2. In any case, the department's internal regulations should include:

- a) [Deleted.]
- b) The composition, powers and operation rules of the permanent board.
- c) The voting basis for adopting agreements.
- d) Objective criteria for the distribution of educational activities planned.
- e) The powers and operation rules of departmental sections and teaching units, if any.

⁸Article drafted in accordance with the Decree 45/2013, of March 28, of the Council.

⁹Article drafted in accordance with the Decree 45/2013, of March 28, of the Council.

CHAPTER TWO ¹⁰
Faculties and schools

SECTION ONE ¹¹
UV-specific faculties and schools

Article 31 ¹²

Faculties and schools are in charge of organising teaching as well as the academic, administrative and management processes leading to the award of degrees. They can also organise courses leading to the award of other qualifications, as well as extracurricular and cultural dissemination activities.

Article 32 ¹³

The creation, modification or abolition of faculties and/or schools must be agreed upon by the Valencian Government, either on its own initiative, with the agreement of the Governing Council, or on the initiative of the University, through a proposal by the Governing Council, in both cases after a favourable report from the Board of Trustees.

Article 33

1. The Rector, upon receiving a proposal promoted as established in the previous article, shall initiate appropriate proceedings.

2. In case of creation or modification of a faculty or school, the proceedings shall include the following documentation:

- a) Scientific, cultural and social justification of the need for the faculty or school and its name.
- b) Proposal of assignment, modification or creation of new curricula and, where applicable, of the provisions on qualifications to be taught in the medium and long term.
- c) Possible impacts on existing faculties and schools.
- d) Perspectives regarding the estimated number of students.
- e) Impact on the departments' structure and teaching load.
- f) Estimate of the budgetary needs relating to material and human resources required for proper operation of the new faculty or school.

3. In case of abolition, the proceedings shall include the following documentation:

- a) Justification of the proposed abolition of the faculty or school.
- b) Proposal of assignment, modification or abolition of existing courses.
- c) Possible impact on other university faculties or schools.
- d) Reallocation of personnel and material resources associated to the faculty or school, as well as future assignment of the departments attached to it.

4. Proceedings shall be made public to the university community for one month. After this period of public information, the Governing Council shall issue a mandatory report in accordance with the general criteria approved by the Senate.

Article 34

The functions of these faculties and schools shall be:

- a) To propose the introduction of new qualifications.
- b) To report on the proposed curricula leading to the award of the different qualifications.
- c) To organise, coordinate and supervise the courses according to the curricula through degree academic committees.
- d) To apply the guidelines of the University of Valencia on language policy, especially that related to the preparation of proposals for the organisation of the academic year.
- e) To promote cultural and university extension activities.
- f) To promote initiatives and implement measures to improve the quality of education and services provided by the faculty or school.
- g) To elect the faculty or school representatives in university committees.
- h) To provide the necessary material resources to train the staff associated to the faculty or school.

¹⁰Heading drafted in accordance with the Decree 45/2013, of March 28, of the Council.

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¹²Article drafted in accordance with the Decree 45/2013, of March 28, of the Council.

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- i) To carry out collaborative activities between the University of Valencia and public or private organisations for anything concerning the faculty or school.
- j) To manage the budget allocation of the faculty or school and control its own services.
- k) To perform the administrative functions necessary for the proper discharge of the functions above.
- l) Any others that can be attributed to them by the present Statutes and by other provisions in force.

Article 35

Each faculty or school shall have at least the following bodies: board and dean or director. Likewise, they shall include degree academic committees.

Article 36¹⁴

1. The board is the school's or faculty's highest governing body in which its members are represented. It shall consist of the dean or the director, who shall be chair, and of a maximum of 60 members distributed as follows:

- a) 51% representing permanent teaching staff.
- b) 6% representing non-permanent teaching staff.
- c) 3% representing trainee research staff associated to the departments or departmental sections within the faculty or school.
- d) 30% representing students.
- e) 10% representing administrative and service staff.

2. The following members shall attend the meetings of the board with voice but no vote, unless they are representatives of the board:

- a) Vice-deans or assistant directors.
- b) The secretary of the school or faculty, who shall also be secretary of the board.
- c) The heads of the departments attached to the faculty or school.
- d) The heads of the departmental sections attached to the faculty or school.
- e) The heads of departments with a high teaching load in that faculty or school, even if these departments are not attached to that faculty or school or do not form departmental sections.
- f) The chairs of the degree academic committees.
- g) The administrator.
- h) One student from each degree with no student representatives elected, appointed by the Student Council Branch.

3. The faculty or school board shall be completely renewed every three years, except student representatives, who shall hold office for the period stated in the General Electoral Regulations as defined in the present Statutes. If at the time of renewal there are no trainee researchers registered at the faculty or school, the percentage for this group will be added to that allocated to non-permanent teaching staff. Vacancies during this period shall be covered for the time remaining.

4. The school or faculty board shall meet at least once every term and, in any case, when requested by at least 10% of the members.

Article 37

The powers of the faculty or school board are:

- a) To elect the dean or director.
- b) To propose the internal regulations of the faculty or school to the Governing Council.
- c) To formulate a motion of censure against the dean or director, the approval of which will involve his or her dismissal.
- d) To elect and, if appropriate, dismiss the faculty representatives in the University bodies.
- e) To formulate proposals for the preparation of the budget and to approve the faculty's budgetary allocation.
- f) To report on the proposed curricula.
- g) To propose the introduction of new qualifications.
- h) To propose the creation of UV-specific qualifications and diplomas.
- i) To prepare a proposal for the allocation of areas.
- j) To create and approve the composition of degree academic committees and of all committees considered necessary for the fulfillment of functions.
- k) To request the staff needed to fulfill the functions of the faculty or school.
- l) To pass the proposals for the organisation of the academic year made by the relevant degree academic committees, which shall be forwarded to the Governing Council.
- m) To approve the annual report of activities in order to facilitate their evaluation, which shall be sent to the Office of the Rector.

¹⁴Article drafted in accordance with the Decree 45/2013, of March 28, of the Council.

- n) To resolve conflicts that may arise in the faculty or school.
- o) To propose the granting of awards and honours.
- p) Any others required by the present Statutes and by existing legislation.

Article 38¹⁵

1. The dean or the director of the faculty or school is elected by the faculty or school board and appointed by the rector. Candidates are required to meet the following conditions:

- a) Being a lecturer with a permanent position at University.
 - b) Not having been dismissed from such post in the six months preceding the election.
 - c) Having the support of 10% of the members of the faculty or school board.
- Compliance with these requirements shall be verified by the faculty or school electoral commission.

2. The candidate who polls a number of votes greater than half the number of members of the faculty or school board shall be elected in a single ballot. At the second ballot, the candidate of the two most voted in the first round who polls the highest number of votes shall be elected, provided that the number of blank ballot papers is exceeded.

If no candidate achieves this majority, the rector shall appoint a provisional dean or director and a new electoral process shall be initiated within three months.

At the second ballot of this new election, the candidate of the two most voted in the first round who polls the highest number of votes shall be elected.

3. The term of office of the dean or director of the faculty or school is three years and only one further consecutive re-appointment is possible.

Article 39

1. The dean or the director shall designate, from among the faculty or school members, the vice-deans or faculty or school assistant directors, as well as a secretary and, if applicable, a vice-secretary, all of whom must be appointed by the rector. All of them make up the office of the dean or of the faculty director.

2. At the end of the period of office of the dean or director, or in case of dismissal or revocation, all holders of other positions shall serve the acting dean or director.

Article 40

The dean or the director of the faculty or school, with the assistance of the decanal or directorial team is responsible for the management of the faculty or school and has the following functions:

- a) To represent the faculty or school.
- b) To convene the faculty or school board.
- c) To implement the resolutions of the faculty or school board.
- d) To supervise the operation of the services and the ordinary management of the faculty or school.
- e) To prepare a proposal of schedules.
- f) To propose to open disciplinary proceedings against any member of the faculty or school.
- g) To propose any initiative deemed appropriate to the faculty or school board.
- h) In general, all the powers derived from article 34 of the present Statutes, except those expressly reserved to the faculty or school board.

Article 41

1. Degree academic committees collaborate in the organisation of teaching and ensure the academic consistency of the relevant qualification.

The functions of the degree academic committees shall be:

- a) To prepare the proposal of organisation of the academic year, taking into account the criteria stated by the Governing Council and the proposals by the departments. This proposal must specify the teaching language.
- b) To coordinate and supervise the teaching programme of the departments involved.
- c) To prepare and disseminate the documents required to advice and inform students on curricular pathways and optional and free-elective subject areas.
- d) To report on the proposed timetables and allocation of areas.
- e) To prepare an annual report of the teaching activity developed during the academic year, in reference to the goals of the qualifications, which shall be submitted to the dean or director and to the members of the faculty or school board.
- f) To propose the resolution of applications for partial validation of studies, after the report of the competent departments.

2. Degree academic committees, chaired by the dean or the director of the faculty or school or through delegation, shall be governed by the regulations approved by the Governing Council.

¹⁵Article drafted in accordance with the Decree 45/2013, of March 28, of the Council.

These regulations shall ensure, at least:

- a) The presence of all the departments responsible for the teaching of core and compulsory subject areas in the qualification.
 - b) The say of all the areas of knowledge with teaching functions in core and compulsory subject areas in the qualification.
 - c) A representative part of the departments with teaching functions in only optional subjects.
 - d) A representative part of the students in the qualification as proposed by the faculty or school Student Council Branch.
 - e) Attendance, with voice but no voting rights, of the faculty or school administrator or the person designated.
3. The Governing Council shall approve, if appropriate, on the motion of the faculty or school board, that the same degree academic committee may be in charge of more than one qualification.

Article 42

Each faculty or school administrator, under the functional dependence of the dean or the director, directs the management of the economic services, implements the decisions of the faculty or school bodies within its remit, is responsible for the operation of such services and assumes management of the administrative and service staff in the faculty or school.

The administrator, under the functional dependence of the head of the department, directs the administrative and service staff in the departments attached to the faculty or school.

*Article 43*¹⁶

1. Within six months from the date of creation of a faculty or school, it must submit a draft internal regulation to the Governing Council. The draft shall comply with the framework regulation approved by the Governing Council on the motion of the Statutes Committee. This framework regulation shall provisionally regulate the operation of the faculty or school from its establishment and until the approval of its own internal regulations.

2. The faculty or school internal regulations must include, at least:

- a) The total number of members of the faculty or school board.
- b) [Deleted.]
- c) The rules, regulations and frequency of meetings of the faculty or school board.
- d) The regulation of relationships, responsibilities and distribution of shared resources between the faculty or school and the departments and departmental sections affiliated to the faculty or school.
- e) The voting rules and voting basis for adopting agreements.
- f) The minimum percentages required to include items on the agenda and to convene board meetings.
- g) The composition and operation procedures of degree academic committees.
- h) The rules for the establishment and operation of faculty or school committees.
- i) The provisions in the event of dismissal or revocation.
- j) [Deleted.]
- k) In general, all matters relating to the operation and organisation of the faculty or school.

SECTION TWO

Faculty or school clusters

Article 44

1. The Senate, on the motion of the Governing Council, shall adopt regulations to control the clustering of faculties and schools taking account of academic coherence, affinity of the qualifications under their management, number of users of the academic services provided by each faculty or school and any other factor concerning the efficiency of the higher education public service.

2. Clusters may have the following functions:

- a) Planning and organisation of courses not leading to the award of qualifications that are official and valid throughout the country.
- b) Attention to students in international and interuniversity exchange programmes.
- c) Organisation of the teaching of free-elective subjects.
- d) Studies and reports that analyse and enhance the cross-disciplinarity and integration into the European Higher Education Area of the courses taught in each of the faculties or schools that make up the cluster, notwithstanding their powers.
- e) Promotion and organisation of extra-academic events.

¹⁶Article drafted in accordance with the Decree 45/2013, of March 28, of the Council.

f) Proposal to the Governing Council to establish agreements with other public or private entities that may be of common interest for the faculties or schools clustered.

g) Any others that can be entrusted to it by the rector, the Governing Council or the boards of the faculties or schools clustered.

3. Clusters shall have at least a cluster council, a chairperson and a secretary.

The cluster council will consist of:

a) The deans and faculty or school directors.

b) A maximum of 40 members, to be determined by regulation, elected jointly by faculty or school boards, reflecting their composition and ensuring, in any case, the presence of all sectors of the university community.

Faculty or school administrators shall also assist the council, with voice but no vote unless they have been elected.

The chairperson shall be elected by the cluster council from among deans and directors, for a maximum period of three years and with no possibility of consecutive re-appointment. The chairperson shall appoint a secretary from among the members of the cluster council and, if appropriate, a vice-chairperson.

4. For the development of their functions, and without prejudice to the provisions of article 45 of the present Statutes, the cluster bodies shall be supported by the economic and administrative services of the clustered faculties or schools.

5. The regulations shall determine the cases in which the faculties or schools representatives, provided for in the present Statutes as various university bodies and committees, shall be attributed to the cluster taking account, mainly, of the number of students, affiliated faculty members and courses organised in these faculties or schools, and of the aims of the body or committee concerned.

6. The adoption of the regulations referred to in this article requires the majority of the votes cast, provided that this majority exceeds 40% of the total number of members of the Senate.

Article 45

1. The powers of the central bodies of the University may be deconcentrated in faculty or school bodies or cluster bodies based on effectiveness and efficiency criteria.

2. Deconcentration shall be agreed upon or resolved by the body holding the power, as stated to form its acts.

3. Deconcentration of powers shall include the agreements and resolutions appropriate for the reallocation of administrative and service staff to the faculties, schools and services concerned, as well as for the creation, if necessary, of administrative units to support specific management bodies of clusters.

SECTION THREE

Faculties or schools coordination

Article 46

1. The Governing Council shall regulate the coordination between the faculties and schools in each campus by means of regulations.

2. These regulations shall establish:

a) The affiliation of faculties and schools to a campus.

b) The campus committee, which is the coordinating body made up of, at least, the deans and directors of the faculties and schools, as well as of the faculty or school administrators, with voice, the directors of the campus libraries and the head of the management unit.

c) The matters subject to coordination, which shall be as follows:

I. Use and management of areas and other material resources that are not specifically aimed at developing the activities of a faculty, school or cluster.

II. Use and management of non-central structures to support research that are not specifically linked to a faculty, school or cluster, or to one or more departments.

III. Use and management of resources to support teaching that are not specifically associated to a faculty, school or cluster.

IV. Maintenance of campus spaces and material resources not specifically associated to a faculty, school or cluster.

V. Any others that may be entrusted by the Governing Council.

3. Each campus shall have a management unit.

SECTION FOUR¹⁷

Affiliated higher education faculties or schools

*Article 47*¹⁸

1. Requests for affiliation of state-owned or private educational institutions to teach courses leading to obtain official qualifications valid throughout Spain and UV-specific qualifications, which shall be subject to the academic supervision of the University of Valencia, must include:

a) A report explaining the proposed affiliation in accordance with article 33.2 herein, as applicable, and which necessarily includes the draft budget, with the resources planned for the operation of the school and, in particular, the amounts to be paid by students.

b) The list of teaching and research staff, accompanied by the relevant academic and professional CVs.

c) A draft agreement setting the foundations for interaction and collaboration between the University of Valencia and the promoter entity or entities and its period of validity.

2. The dossier must be available to the university community for two months, after which period the Governing Council shall formulate its proposal respecting the general criteria approved by the Senate.

3. The proposal by the Governing Council, having obtained the mandatory favourable report from the Board of Trustees, shall be submitted to the Valencian Government for approval of the affiliation.

4. Affiliation does not imply financial subsidies from the University of Valencia.

*Article 48*¹⁹

The director of an affiliated school is appointed by the rector, as agreed with the school, from among the University's permanent lecturers who comply with the requirements of current legislation, having heard the Governing Council.

Article 49

1. In order to teach in affiliated schools, *venia docendi* must be obtained from the Governing Council, as well as the report from the departments concerned. This permission must be renewed every five academic years, bearing in mind the results of the teaching assessments of those who request it.

2. Before the start of each academic year, the affiliated school must submit the list of teaching and research staff.

Article 50

The Governing Council must approve the curricula of the affiliated faculties or schools. The school's teaching activity is to be supervised by the University in order to verify its compliance with the law and with the affiliation agreement.

CHAPTER THREE

University research institutes

Article 51

1. University research institutes are centres intended for scientific and technical research or for artistic creation. They may organise and carry out educational activities in doctoral and postgraduate studies in general, and provide technical advice in their area of responsibility.

2. The University of Valencia research institutes have interdisciplinary or multidisciplinary fields of study. Research institutes cannot cover the same area or areas of knowledge as a University department.

Article 52

Research institutes may be:

a) UV-specific.

b) Interuniversity.

c) Joint or subsidised by public or private institutions.

d) Affiliated.

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¹⁸Article drafted in accordance with the Decree 45/2013, of March 28, of the Council.

¹⁹Article drafted in accordance with the Decree 45/2013, of March 28, of the Council.

*Article 53*²⁰

1. The procedure for the creation or abolition of a UV-specific research institute is governed by article 32 herein. The Governing Council must respect the general criteria approved by the Senate.

2. [Deleted.]

3. The dossier for creating an institute must include the following information:

- a) Name and purpose of the institute.
- b) Justification for its creation at the University of Valencia.
- c) Programme of activities in the medium and long term.
- d) List of human and material resources initially assigned to the institute.
- e) Economic, financial and material requirements for its operation.
- f) [Deleted.]
- g) Any other information of interest to assess the legitimacy of the action to be performed.

4. The dossier for eliminating an institute must include the following information:

- a) Justification of the legitimacy of its abolition.
- b) Destination of the staff and material resources assigned to the institute being abolished.

5. The dossier must include the report from an official agency for the assessment of universities and be disclosed to the university community over a one-month period.

6. [Deleted.]

7. Within six months from the date of creation of a university research institute, it must submit its internal regulations draft to the Governing Council. The draft shall comply with the framework regulation approved by the Governing Council on the motion of the Statutes Committee. This framework regulation shall provisionally regulate the operation of the university research institute from its establishment and until the approval of its own internal regulations.

Article 54

1. In the case of creation or abolition of an interuniversity research institute, the procedure at the University of Valencia shall be governed by the provisions of the preceding article.

2. In the case of creation, the report of the Governing Council shall be issued taking into account not only the relevant academic criteria but also the interests of the University of Valencia, mainly in the following aspects:

- a) Location of facilities for the activity of the institute.
- b) Funding scheme.
- c) Infrastructure to be assigned to the institute.
- d) Staff who may be assigned to the institute, as well as their work regime.

3. In the case of abolition, the report of the Governing Council shall be issued taking into account both the relevant academic criteria and the interests of the University of Valencia in liquidation transactions.

Article 55

1. For the creation of a joint institute or an institute subsidised by another public or private institution, in addition to complying with the provisions of article 53, the Governing Council must pass an agreement between the University of Valencia and the co-holder institution. In the preparation of this agreement, the University must ensure that the principles established in the preliminary title of the Statutes are observed, in particular the principle of university community participation in the governance of its institutions.

2. The agreement shall establish the arrangements regarding the job or administrative status and the work regime of the staff associated to the institute, the contribution of infrastructure by co-holders, funding, participation in the results rendered by the institute and the liquidation conditions in case of abolition.

Article 56

1. For the creation of interuniversity institutes, either joint or subsidised by public or private institutions, a joint committee must be created for the resolution of conflicts that can arise during the institute's operation or liquidation.

2. The composition and operation scheme of the joint committee shall be regulated in the institute's internal regulations, in the case of interuniversity institutes, and in the agreement, in the case of joint or subsidised institutes.

Article 57

1. For the affiliation of research or artistic institutions or centres, either public or private, to the University of Valencia, as university research institutes, the procedure stated in article 53 must be followed.

2. This affiliation does not imply financial subsidies from the University of Valencia.

²⁰Article drafted in accordance with the Decree 45/2013, of March 28, of the Council.

*Article 58*²¹

1. The procedure for the modification of a UV-specific university research institute is governed by article 32 herein.
2. Modification of an interuniversity institute must be made in accordance with the provisions of its internal regulations notwithstanding the powers of the Board of Trustees.
3. Modification of a joint or subsidised institute must be made in accordance with the provisions of the agreement for its creation.
4. Modification of an affiliated institute must be made in accordance with the provisions of the agreement for its affiliation.

*Article 59*²²

1. UV-specific university research institutes must have the following bodies: scientific committee, council and director. The creation of a permanent board and the secretary position may be considered.

2. The scientific committee is responsible for proposing the general guidelines of the activities of the institute, monitoring their development and evaluating their results.

The committee is made up of seven members, as a maximum, who are renowned specialists in the field of activity of the institute. It is designated by the Governing Council, on the motion of the institute council and with the report from the corresponding vice-rector. At least half of the committee members must be from outside the University of Valencia.

3. The institute council is made up of a maximum of 40 members including, in compliance with the provisions of its internal regulations, teaching and research staff belonging to the institute, trainee research staff, administrative and service staff associated to the institute, and students, where appropriate, distributed as follows:

- a) 55% representing permanent teaching staff.
- b) 15% representing non-permanent teaching staff.
- c) 15% representing trainee research staff.
- d) 5% representing students.
- e) 10% representing administrative and service staff.

The institute council shall be completely renewed every three years, except student representatives, who will hold office for the period established in the General Electoral Regulations as stated in the present Statutes. Vacancies during this period shall be covered for the time remaining.

4. The council has the following powers:

- a) To propose to the Governing Council the internal regulations and their amendments, which must at all times respect the framework regulation approved by the Governing Council.
- b) To propose the doctoral programmes and other postgraduate and specialisation studies that the institute must teach.
- c) To decide on the admission and exclusion of members to and from the institute.
- d) To distribute the budgetary allocation for the institute.
- e) To approve institute research plans and take appropriate measures to coordinate research projects by members of the institute, in accordance with the guidelines approved by the scientific committee.
- f) Approve the annual report of activities.

5. The director of the institute, who is appointed by the vice-rector, is elected by the institute council from among the teaching and research staff belonging to the institute who hold a doctoral degree and a full-time position, who have been proposed as candidates by 20% of the institute council members and who have not been dismissed from office during the six months prior to the election. Compliance with these requirements shall be verified by the institute council.

The candidate with a number of votes greater than half the number of members of the institute council shall be elected in the first round. In the second round, in which the candidates shall be the most voted two in the first round, the candidate with more votes shall be elected, provided that the number of blank ballot papers is exceeded.

If no candidate achieves this majority, the rector shall appoint a provisional director and a new electoral process shall be initiated within three months. In the second round of this new election, in which the candidates shall be the most voted two in the first round, the candidate with more votes shall be elected.

The term of office is three years and only one further consecutive re-appointment is possible.

The director is in charge of representing the institute, of its direction and of its ordinary management, as well as of any other powers not conferred to other institute bodies.

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22Article drafted in accordance with the Decree 45/2013, of March 28, of the Council.

*Article 60*²³

1. The institute internal regulations must include, at least:
 - a) The name, nature and purpose of the institute.
 - b) The work scheme of its teaching and research staff and the nature of their relationship to the institute, and also the scientific criteria governing the procedure for the admission and exclusion of members.
 - c) The organic and functional structure of the institute and the criteria for its modification.
 - d) The composition and functions of its governing bodies.
 - e) The forecast for its dismissal or revocation.
 - f) The rules for distributing the corresponding budgetary allocations.
 - g) The voting rules and voting basis for adopting agreements.
 - h) The regulation of relations with departments, faculties, schools and services of the University of Valencia.
2. The internal regulations of UV-specific research institutes and amendments to them must be approved by the Governing Council.
3. The internal regulations of interuniversity research institutes and amendments to them must be approved by the Governing Council of the University of Valencia and by the competent authority from the partner university.
4. In the case of joint, subsidised or affiliated research institutes, the internal regulations must be part of the agreement. Amendments must be approved in accordance with the provisions of the agreement.

*Article 61*²⁴

1. Members of a university research institute are teaching and research staff who fall within any of the following situations:
 - a) Being a teaching and research staff member at the University of Valencia and having been admitted as a member of the institute. The institute council must decide on the applications for admission, having heard the department to which the institute is affiliated and taking account of the applicant's curriculum. Both the applicant and the department may appeal against the decision to the Governing Council, which shall resolve after the relevant report of the corresponding vice-rector.
 - b) Having gained a position affiliated to the institute or having been hired to fill it.
2. Admission as an institute member of the staff referred to in paragraph 1.a) of the present article shall not modify by itself his or her teaching duties, which he/she must meet at the department to which his or her position is affiliated, except for teaching doctoral programmes, which is possible for institute-specific programmes. His or her research functions must be developed mainly in the field of the institute.
3. The teaching duties of the staff referred to in paragraph 1.b) of the present article shall be primarily met at the institute and, should that not be possible, at the department established by the Governing Council, after the relevant report of the corresponding vice-rector, having heard the department involved.
4. Members of an institute are administrative and service staff who occupy the positions affiliated to it.
5. Members of an institute are the research trainees affiliated to it according to the research trainees regulations approved by the Governing Council.
6. For each institute, in cases not provided for in other articles of the present Statutes, the Governing Council shall determine the faculties or sectors through which the corresponding staff can participate in the electoral processes of the central bodies of the University.

Article 62

1. The composition, appointment, election and powers of the bodies of interuniversity research institutes are to be established by internal regulations, which must be approved by the Governing Council of the University of Valencia and by the competent authority of the other university. In order to make the agreement, the Governing Council must be aware of the criteria that inform the regulation provided in article 59 herein.
2. The composition, appointment and powers of the bodies of joint or subsidised and affiliated research institutes are to be established by creation and affiliation agreements, respectively.
3. In the cases of the two preceding paragraphs, such agreement shall expressly determine the regime of election or appointment of the director which must ensure a degree of intervention by the University of Valencia that is proportional to its contribution to the creation and operation of the school. Furthermore, it must establish the requirements for taking office for a person who is not a member of the teaching and research staff of the University of Valencia.

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²⁴Article drafted in accordance with the Decree 45/2013, of March 28, of the Council.

CHAPTER FOUR
University halls of residence and dormitories

Article 63

University halls of residence and dormitories may be:

- a) owned by the University of Valencia
- b) affiliated to the University of Valencia.

SECTION ONE

UV-owned halls of residence

Article 64

1. Halls of residence are university-based facilities integrated into the University of Valencia that provide residence, first and foremost, to members of the University of Valencia and promote the human, cultural and scientific education of those who live there. Their activity, designed to serve the university community, must conform to the general principles contained in the preliminary title of the present Statutes.

2. The creation, modification or abolition of a hall of residence shall be decided by the Governing Council, after a favourable report from the Board of Trustees.

*Article 65*²⁵

1. The operation of halls of residence is governed by the present Statutes and by their own. Approval or modification of their own Statutes is the responsibility of the Governing Council on the motion of halls of residence themselves.

2. The halls of residence Statutes must comply with the provisions of the University Statutes and a framework statute approved by the Governing Council. They shall regulate, at least, the following:

- a) Principles that inspire and define the activity of the hall of residence.
- b) Rules of organisation and operation.
- c) Operation of the governing bodies.
- d) Admission and continuance standards based on objective criteria, which must necessarily include academic progress and personal economic situation.

Article 66

Halls of residence are governed by a director assisted by a board of directors elected by and from among the residents. The director is appointed by the rector, having heard the Governing Council and the board of directors. If a lecturer is appointed, full-time practice shall be mandatory, and if an administrative and service staff member is appointed, dedication shall be exclusive.

SECTION TWO

Affiliated halls of residence

Article 67

Halls of residence associated to the University of Valencia are those funded by any public or private entity other than the University of Valencia which have been recognised as affiliated by the University of Valencia in accordance with the provisions of the law and the rules formulated by the Governing Council and approved by the Senate. The aims and operation of these halls of residence shall be governed by the provisions of articles 64, 65 and 66 herein. The director must be appointed by the rector on the motion of the holder of the hall of residence, having heard the Governing Council and the board of directors.

Article 68

1. For the affiliation of a hall of residence to the University of Valencia, the entity must submit a report explaining the proposal for affiliation and a draft agreement in line with the stated rules and which determines the period of validity of affiliation.

2. The recognition of affiliation of a hall of residence to the University of Valencia successively requires:

- a) The report of the Governing Council on the adoption of the agreement.

²⁵Article drafted in accordance with the Decree 45/2013, of March 28, of the Council.

- b) The signing of the agreement, which formalises the affiliation.
- c) The entry in the Register of faculties and schools affiliated to the University of Valencia.
- 3. The affiliation does not imply financial subsidies from the University of Valencia.

SECTION THREE
University dormitories

*Article 69*²⁶

1. The University of Valencia can create, modify or abolish university dormitories, by agreement of the Governing Council, after a favourable report from the Board of Trustees. Furthermore, the Governing Council may urge the Board of Trustees to carry out the proposal of affiliation of a dormitory by signing the corresponding agreement with the entity. In the case of dormitories owned by the University of Valencia, the rector shall appoint its director and inform the Governing Council.

2. The operation of UV-owned dormitories is governed by the present Statutes and by their own. The Governing Council is responsible for approving or modifying their own Statutes on the motion of dormitories themselves.

3. The dormitories Statutes must comply with the provisions of the University Statutes and a framework statute approved by the Governing Council.

CHAPTER FIVE
Other faculties and schools

SECTION ONE
Botanical Garden

Article 70

The University of Valencia Botanical Garden, part of the historical heritage of the institution, is a centre where research, teaching and cultural dissemination activities are conducted in collaboration with the departments, faculties, schools or services related to it by virtue of their nature.

Article 71

The Botanical Garden Advisory Council, the composition and functions of which are determined by the Governing Council, draws the proposal for its internal regulations and proposes collaboration with other organisations, which can be represented within the Advisory Council.

Article 72

The staff members and the director of the Botanical Garden are subject to articles 78 and 79 herein, respectively.

SECTION TWO
Astronomical Observatory

Article 73

The University of Valencia Astronomical Observatory is a centre where research, teaching and cultural dissemination activities are conducted in collaboration with the departments, faculties, schools or services related to it by virtue of their nature.

Article 74

The Astronomical Observatory Advisory Council, the composition and functions of which are determined by the Governing Council, draws the proposal for its internal regulations and proposes collaboration with other organisations, which can be represented within the Advisory Council.

Article 75

The staff members and the director of the Astronomical Observatory are subject to articles 78 and 79 herein, respectively.

²⁶Article drafted in accordance with the Decree 45/2013, of March 28, of the Council.

CHAPTER SIX
Hospital Clínic and UV-owned and subsidised
health institutions

Article 76

1. The Hospital Clínic Universitari, part of the historical heritage of the University of Valencia, conducts clinical, healthcare, teaching and research activities in the health field.

2. The University of Valencia may sign agreements with healthcare providers and institutions to carry out teaching and research activities in them in order as part of the teachings in health studies. With the signing of these agreements, these providers and institutions may hold the status of university centres.

In accordance with the general rules approved by the Government, the University of Valencia must ensure that agreements coordinate the teaching and research activities with the healthcare activities in a suitable manner.

3. Should the entity be privately owned, the corresponding agreement must conform to the rules drawn up by the Governing Council and approved by the Senate.

4. The University of Valencia may establish specialised healthcare clinics in order to carry out in them the teaching, research and cultural activities in the area of its competence. A regulation of the Governing Council shall rule its governing bodies and operation.

CHAPTER SEVEN
General services

Article 77

1. General services are functional units within the administrative structure of the University of Valencia designed to perform activities that are necessary for the fulfillment of its purposes and which are not specific of departments, faculties or schools.

2. The Governing Council shall be responsible for creating and modifying the general services. The creation of a general service must be reported to the Senate. The abolition of a general service requires a favourable agreement of the Senate.

3. The Governing Council shall regulate the structure and functions of the general services by means of regulations.

Article 78

1. Each service must have the technical staff and the administrative staff necessary to fulfil its purposes, in accordance with the list of positions.

2. For each service, in cases not provided in other articles of the present Statutes, the Governing Council, on the motion of the Electoral Commission, shall determine the electoral college where the staff in the central bodies of the University can vote.

Article 79

1. Each service must have a director, appointed by the rector, who is a member of the teaching and research staff or of the administrative and service staff. If a teaching and research staff member is appointed, full-time practice shall be mandatory, and an administrative and service staff member is appointed, dedication shall be exclusive.

2. The duties of the director of the service are as follows:

a) To carry out the day-to-day management, according to the guidelines issued by the governing bodies of the University, and ensure the proper operation of the service.

b) To propose the action plan of the service to the Governing Council for its approval.

c) To prepare and submit the proposals for personnel and material needs to the appropriate body.

d) To make proposals for reforms of the service's organisation and infrastructure.

e) To prepare the service's annual report of activities.

CHAPTER EIGHT
Administrative and Economic
Central Services

Article 80

The Administrative and Economic Central Services shall be the centralised management and advisory bodies needed to carry out the administrative and economic functions of the University of Valencia. Under the organic and functional authority of the Office of the General Manager, and in coordination with other management units listed in the university organisational chart, these services ensure compliance with the agreements of the governing bodies, the decisions of the rector and of the government team and the regular operation of the institution. The Governing Council shall regulate their structure and functions by means of regulations.

SECOND TITLE
UNIVERSITY CENTRAL BODIES

CHAPTER ONE
Senate

Article 81 ²⁷

1. The Senate is the highest representative body in the university community. It is to be responsible for regulations, resolutions and control as provided by law and by the present Statutes.

2. The Senate shall consist of the rector, who shall serve as chair; the general secretary, who is the Senate's secretary; the general manager, and three hundred members elected in accordance with the following distribution:

a) One hundred and fifty-three faculty members with a PhD and a permanent position in the University, and thirty-eight faculty members without a PhD or without a permanent position, elected by all the teaching and research staff.

b) Seventy-five members elected by students from among themselves.

c) Thirty members elected by administrative and service staff from among themselves.

d) Four members elected by trainee research staff from among themselves.

The vicerectors and general vice-secretaries are part of the Senate, with voice but no vote, unless they hold the status of representatives in the Senate.

3. The Senate shall be completely renewed every four years, except student representatives, who will hold office for the period stated in the General Electoral Regulations as defined in the present Statutes. Vacancies during these periods shall be covered for the time remaining. Elections for the renewal of the Senate must be made during the first term of the academic year.

4. The Senate shall also be completely renewed in the event of resignation of the rector by virtue of revocation approved by the Senate.

Article 82 ²⁸

The elections for the representatives stated in the preceding article shall be governed by the following rules:

a) Representatives of teaching and research staff shall be proportionally distributed to each faculty or school, depending on the number of teaching and research staff members assigned to each one. In each of these faculties or schools, these representatives shall be distributed according to the number of faculty members with a PhD and a permanent position and those without a PhD or without a permanent position in the faculty or school. The percentage of participation in the Senate of adjunct professors from health care institutions shall be that established in the eleventh additional provision of the present Statutes.

b) Students representatives shall be proportionally distributed to each faculty or school depending on the number of students registered in each.

c) The representatives of administrative and service staff shall be proportionally distributed according to the electoral roll of each electoral college so that participation of all administrative and service staff is guaranteed.

²⁷Article drafted in accordance with the Decree 45/2013, of March 28, of the Council.

²⁸Article drafted in accordance with the Decree 45/2013, of March 28, of the Council.

- d) The representatives of trainee research staff shall be elected in single electoral college.
- e) The Senate shall elect an Electoral Commission to compile the electoral roll of each electoral college, determine the number of members who shall be elected and resolve complaints and appeals lodged in the electoral process, according to the criteria outlined in the previous sections.

*Article 83*²⁹

The powers of the Senate are:

- a) To defend the personality and the principles of the University of Valencia stated in the preliminary title of the present Statutes.
- b) To write the Statutes and amendments thereto, as well as reformulate, if applicable, initially approved texts.
- c) To approve and amend the regulations of the University of Valencia on those matters established by the Statutes and, in particular, the General Electoral Regulations.
- d) [Deleted.]
- e) To establish the general criteria that the Governing Council must bear in mind to issue a report on the creation, modification and abolition of faculties, schools and research institutes of the University of Valencia, and on their affiliation to the institution.
- f) To discuss and, if appropriate, approve the general goals of university policy that the rector must submit every second quarter of the calendar year.
- g) To discuss and, if appropriate, approve the general budget proposal that the rector must submit the second quarter of every calendar year, in coordination with the goals referred to in paragraph f) above.
- h) To discuss the management report that the rector must submit the second quarter of every calendar year regarding the general objectives adopted for an academic year and budget year, and in accordance, where appropriate, with the budgets approved.
- i) To approve, where appropriate, the management of the rector, once the report referred to in paragraph h) has been discussed, as well as the management of the rest of governing bodies of the University.
- j) To convene extraordinary elections to appoint a new rector in accordance with article 104 herein and with the effects established therein.
- k) To demand responsibilities from officials or chosen representatives and, if applicable, dismiss them from office.
- l) To deliberate and agree on any proposals received and, if appropriate, transfer these to the relevant institutions.
- m) Any others required by the present Statutes and by application regulations.

Article 84

The condition of Senate member shall be lost by revocation, resignation, unauthorised absence from three meetings, and by termination of the relationship of the member with the electoral college by which he/she was elected. In all these cases, vacancies must be filled.

Article 85

The Senate is convened by the rector at least once a year and whenever requested by 10% of the members of the Senate.

The Senate shall be convened at least 15 calendar days in advance. In case of urgency it may be convened at least 24 hours in advance. In this latter case, to adopt resolutions, the Senate must previously vote whether the urgency exists, and if voted against, the meeting shall be adjourned.

The agenda is prepared by the rector and must include the items suggested by the Governing Council, the Board of Trustees, any faculty or school board, the Student Council or 10% of the members of the Senate.

The call of the Senate must include the agenda, which shall be accompanied by a sufficient documentary appendix.

The resolutions of the Senate shall be tentatively published on the university's electronic information media. Likewise, once approved the minutes shall be published.

Article 86

The Senate shall have internal regulations which, in accordance with the present Statutes, must regulate, inter alia, the following matters:

- a) Composition, method of election and functions of the Senate Executive Committee.
- b) System for convening meetings and preparation of the agenda.
- c) Rules on quorum and interventions.
- d) Submission of proposals, decision-making process and voting system.

²⁹Article drafted in accordance with the Decree 45/2013, of March 28, of the Council.

- e) Composition, method of election and functions of the Electoral Commission and of Senate committees.
 - f) Publication and custody of the minutes and documents of the Senate.
- For the approval and amendment of its internal regulations an absolute majority vote of the Senate is required.

CHAPTER TWO Governing Council

Article 87

The Governing Council is the collective governing body of the University of Valencia and, as such, it develops the general university policy approved by the Senate, it exercises regulatory powers not reserved to other university bodies as well as the powers to propose, report and resolve as assigned to it by the present Statutes and other applicable provisions, and it assists the rector in all matters within its competence.

*Article 88*³⁰

The Governing Council consists of:

1. The rector, who shall be chair, the general secretary, who is also the Council's, and the general manager.
2. Fifteen members of the university community appointed by the rector which must necessarily include the vice-rectors.
3. Twenty Senate members elected by the Senate from among the representatives of its various sectors in the following numbers:
 - a) Nine representatives of permanent teaching staff holding a PhD.
 - b) Two representatives of non-permanent teaching staff or not holding a PhD.
 - c) One representative of trainee research staff.
 - d) Three representatives of administrative and service staff.
 - e) Five representatives of students.
4. Fifteen representatives of deans and directors of faculties or schools, university research institutes and departments, distributed as follows:
 - a) Eleven representatives of deans and faculty or school directors.
 - b) Three representatives of department directors.
 - c) One representative of research institute directors.
5. Three members of the Board of Trustees from outside the university community.
6. The members referred to in paragraphs 3 and 4 shall hold office for two years, except in the case of students, whose term of office shall last for the period stated in the General Electoral Regulations as defined in the present Statutes.
7. Faculty or school deans and directors who are not members of the Governing Council have the right to attend meetings, with voice but no vote, and must be convened under the same terms as Council members.

Article 89

1. The number of representatives of faculty or school deans and directors is distributed by means of a regulation approved by the Senate from among faculties, schools or their clusters, considering mainly the number of students, of lecturers and of qualifications assigned to it.
2. The representatives of department directors are elected by and from among themselves. To this end, the Governing Council shall distribute the number of representatives to be elected into three groups of departments according to their scientific and academic affinity. During two consecutive terms of office, one department shall not have its director as a member of the Governing Council.
3. The representative of research institute directors are elected by and from among themselves by a single electoral college. During two consecutive terms of office, one research institute shall not have its director as a member of the Governing Council.
4. The representatives of the teaching and research staff are elected by and from among the relevant members of the Senate.
5. Student representatives are elected by and from among those students who are members of the Senate.
6. The representatives of the administrative and service staff are elected by and from among the relevant members of the Senate.

Article 90

Powers of the Governing Council include:

³⁰Article drafted in accordance with the Decree 45/2013, of March 28, of the Council.

1. To call for a rector election, except when the Senate has that power.
2. To call for an election for the complete renewal of the Senate.
3. To approve and amend the framework, organisational and operation regulations of the University, unless the present Statutes or other applicable provisions explicitly attribute this power to other bodies.
4. To issue all the reports required by the current legislation and the present Statutes.
5. To approve and terminate all the agreements necessary to fulfil the aims of the University of Valencia.
6. To create, modify and abolish departments, faculties, schools or bodies not reserved for other institutions by the legislation in force.
7. To create and to modify general services, as well as to suggest its abolition to the Senate.
8. To agree on the creation by the University of companies, foundations or other legal persons in collaboration or not with other public or private institutions, notwithstanding the powers of the Board of Trustees, as well as the participation in companies or foundations already established. The Senate shall be informed of these agreements at the following session.
9. To approve or amend the curricula of the official university qualifications valid throughout the state, as well as to determine the UV-specific faculty or school which will be in charge of the organisation of the studies.
10. To approve the UV-specific qualifications and their curricula.
11. To approve the academic calendar and the academic year offerings every academic year.
12. To approve new degrees and extension courses.
13. To approve specific plans to promote and develop research and to train researchers, as well as teaching innovation plans.
14. To establish the general criteria for the configuration and updating of the teaching and research staff and the administrative and service staff.
15. To approve the list of teaching and research staff positions and their modifications, and to propose for approval, if appropriate, the list of administrative and service staff positions and their modifications.
16. To approve the regulations regarding the access competitions and selection processes of hired teaching and research staff.
17. To agree to the teaching staff vacancies that must be provided through the access competition among skills, as well as the call for pertinent access competitions.
18. To agree to call for tenders to select hired teaching and research staff with ongoing contract.
19. To appoint emerit professors and agree on the recruitment and extensions thereof.
20. To approve the regulations to confer a doctorate *honoris causa* and the university medal, and to confer these honours.
21. To approve the selection processes and the supply of positions, as well as to agree the publicly contracted positions offer and the supply of positions for the administrative and service staff.
22. To propose to the Board of Trustees the acknowledgement of situations that, in addition to those established by the regulations of the Valencian Government, may entitle the remuneration for merits of dedication to University management.
23. To approve the regulations for admission procedures of students, for enrolment and academic records paperwork procedures, for marks revisions and for conferral of special awards.
24. To propose, when preparing the budget, a scholarship and grants policy.
25. To approve the special bases of the University's special agreements with health institutions in which university education has to be imparted.
26. To approve the language policy general guidelines and the regulations developing them.
27. To demand responsibilities from officials or chosen representatives and, if applicable, to dismiss them from office.
28. In general, all the responsibilities attributed to it by law and by the present Statutes.

Article 91

Any member of the university community or person other than him/her, with the prior invitation from the rector, may attend meetings of the Governing Council and participate in its deliberations. The presidents of the Teaching and Research Staff Board, of the Administrative and Service Staff Board, and of the Workers' Committee will be invited to participate in the Governing Council reunions.

Members of the university community have the obligation to attend it if so stated by resolution of the rector.

Article 92

1. The Senate, on the motion of the Governing Council, approves its operation regulations.
2. The regulation may determine that the Governing Council may function in plenary or in commissions and, if suitable, the composition of the commissions in proportion to the groups of designated or elected members that are part of the plenary.

The plenary of the Governing Council may delegate to the commissions, by favorable agreement of the absolute

majority of its members, the decision of those matters that are not reserved to it by law or by the present Statutes. In any case, and by the same majority, it may decide its claim.

3. The plenary session of the Governing Council must meet, at least once every two months and whenever the rector decides or 10% of its members request it, indicating the matters that it requests to include in the agenda.

4. For the valid constitution of the plenary and of the commissions, the presence of the rector, the general secretary, or whoever must replace them, and, at least, half of the members of the organ. In the second call, which can be set 30 minutes after the first one, the presence of a third of the members, in addition to the rector, the general secretary, or of whoever must replace them will suffice.

5. The call, signed by the general secretary and with the approval of the rector, must be accompanied by the agenda and a sufficient documentary annex and must be sent 72 hours in advance. In case of urgency, the period may be shorter and, in order to be able to adopt agreements, the existence or not of the urgency will be put to the vote beforehand and, if it is not approved, the session will stand adjourned.

6. The deliberation and adoption of agreements on matters not included in the agenda will not be valid, unless, as long as all the members of the Council are present, they decide by majority to deal with the matter.

7. The agreements will be adopted by the majority of votes, if applicable, established by the laws, the present Statutes and other applicable provisions. Unless otherwise disposed, it is understood that:

a) The majority is determined taking into account the members of the body present at the time of voting.

b) There are a majority of votes in favour of a proposal if more votes have been cast in favour than against. If different contradictory proposals are approved on the same matter, a vote shall be held in which the members of the body may only choose one of the proposals approved at the first vote or none of them.

8. Ties are governed by the vote of the presidency.

CHAPTER THREE

Rector

Article 93

The rector is the highest authority of the University of Valencia. He/she holds its representation, governs it, manages it, and is responsible for it before the Senate, in accordance with the law and the present Statutes.

Article 94

1. The rector powers are as follows:

a) To represent the University, notwithstanding its duty to request authorisation if the competence corresponds to another body of the University.

b) To preside all the acts of the University of Valencia he/she attends, notwithstanding the legal stated precedents.

c) To invest doctors *honoris causa* and to award the University medal.

d) To subscribe and denounce collaboration and cooperation agreements with other universities, administrations, natural or legal persons, public or private.

e) To agree and give approval to the convocation of the Senate, of the Governing Council and the Advisory Board, to approve the agenda and to chair the meetings.

f) To execute the agreements of the bodies mentioned in the previous section and of the Board of Trustees, and to order them and supervise its execution in case it corresponds to other bodies of the University, with claim of the powers if necessary to guarantee the fulfillment of the agreements.

g) To determine the number, the denomination and the powers of the vice-rectorates.

h) To designate, to name and to dismiss the vice-rectors, the general secretaries, the vice-secretaries and deputy general managers, if any, and in general all the free designation positions.

i) To appoint and to revoke the manager, according to the current legislation.

j) To appoint the holders of the unipersonal organs of the University and those of the collegiate bodies that he/she must designate.

k) To call the access and supply of University staff positions selection processes and to appoint the members of the corresponding courts and selection commissions.

l) To agree on the call for public tenders for the selection of fixed-term contract hired teaching and research staff.

m) To appoint the civil servants and to subscribe the staff contracts that will provide services at the University.

n) To be a senior manager over all the staff providing services at the University.

o) To issue the academic degrees and all those to be responsibility of the University of Valencia.

p) To authorise and to order the expenditure according to the budget.

q) To approve the budgetary modifications that do not correspond to other bodies.

r) To exercise disciplinary authority over all members of the University community.

s) To file claims and resources via administrative action and legal actions on behalf of the University and in defense of their legitimate rights and interests.

t) To exercise all the competences attributed to it by law and the present Statutes, as well as those that are not attributed to other bodies.

2. The rector may adopt, in an urgent and temporary manner, the provisions and acts that, being the responsibility of the University and not attributed by law to other bodies of the University, are necessary for the fulfillment of its purposes. Simultaneously, he/she must agree to call the usually competent body and to include the matter in the agenda. This power is not delegable.

Article 95

The powers referred to in the previous article may be, unless prohibited by law or the present Statutes, subject to deconcentration and delegation, and also by claim and revocation at any time.

Article 96

The rector is elected by the University community, through the voting system stated in article 101, for a period of four years and with the possibility of only one consecutive re-election, among the professors on active duty of the University of Valencia. He/she is appointed by the competent body of the Valencian Government.

Article 97

Notwithstanding the provisions of articles 103 and 104, the Governing Council, once the election for the full renewal of the Senate has been convened, must convene the election of the rector at least two months in advance and so it takes place in the second quarter of the same academic year.

Article 98

The candidacies for the Office of the Rector must be presented at least 40 days before the date of the election. The Electoral Commission will make the provisional proclamation of candidates on the next business day following the end of the deadline for the submission of candidacies. Five days after the provisional proclamation, the Electoral Commission will make the final proclamation of the candidatures.

Article 99

Within seven days of the definitive proclamation, candidates may submit to the Electoral Commission their program and the names of the members of their team for dissemination to the university community by the means it deems appropriate, among which, at least, the distribution of copies to the Senate members will be listed.

Article 100

1. The University, at the request of the Electoral Commission and under its supervision, must make available to male and female candidates equally enough material means for the dissemination of the electoral programs and candidates among the university community. Candidates must be provided with the necessary premises for electoral meetings.

2. Prior to the election, a Senate must be convened, as the highest representative body of the University, for the candidates to present their programs and the governing teams and to respond to the interventions of the Senate members.

Article 101³¹

1. The election of rector is made by direct vote and by universal, free and secret suffrage. The vote is weighted by sectors of the university community as follows:

a) The vote of permanent professors with a PhD is 51% of the total votes to candidates validly issued by the university community.

b) The vote of professors without a PhD or non-permanent is 12.67%.

c) The vote of students is 25%.

d) The vote of administrative and service staff is 10%.

e) The vote of trainee researchers is 1.33%.

2. In the first round of voting, the candidate who obtains the absolute majority of votes weighted for candidacies will be proclaimed rector.

3. If none of the candidates obtains the majority indicated in the previous section, there will be a second round of voting between the two candidates who have obtained more weighed votes in the first round. The second round of voting shall be held on a day between the sixth and the fifteenth following the date of the first round. In the second round of voting, the candidate who obtains the simple majority of weighed votes will be proclaimed rector.

³¹Article drafted in accordance with the Decree 45/2013, of March 28, of the Council.

4. The Senate must approve the regulation of the electoral procedure.

Article 102

The rector will be replaced, in case of vacancy, absence, illness, abstention or recusal, by the vice-rector previously determined by him/her. If it had not been determined, he/she will be replaced by the vice-rector with the highest academic category, seniority in the category at the University of Valencia and age, following that order.

Article 103

1. If the rector ceases for a reason other than the end of the period for which he/she was elected, unless adopted by motion of no confidence, the process will be as follows:

a) If two years had not elapsed since the election, the Governing Council will call for elections to the Rectorate at least two months in advance. The rector will remain elect for the remainder of the period established in article 96.

b) If two years had elapsed since the election, the Governing Council will call for an election to the Rectorate. In this case, the provisions of articles 81.3 and 97 herein.

2. In the cases regulated by the present article, the rector will remain in office until the inauguration of the new rector. If it is not possible to remain in office, the vice-rector replacing the rector will take over according to article 102.

Article 104

1. The Senate can agree to the revocation of the rector approving, by two thirds of its members, a motion of no confidence and to call for an election to the Rectorate.

2. The motion must be included as a single item on the agenda in a signed Senate call request, at least by one third of its members. The Senate shall be convened one day between the seventh and the fifteenth following the one in which the motion and the application have been submitted.

3. If the Senate does not approve the motion, none of the signatories may submit another one until one year has elapsed since the voting of the previous one.

4. If the motion is approved, the rector will cease from office and will temporarily remain in office until the inauguration of the new rector. The temporarily position in office will only allow, in this case, to day-to-day management powers.

5. The dismissal must be communicated to the Valencian Government, as well as to the Governing Council and the Electoral Commission to initiate the Rector Election Procedure according to the call agreed by the Senate. When receiving this communication, the Governing Council will also convene elections for the full renovation of the Senate.

CHAPTER FOUR

Executive Council

Article 105

1. Vice-rectors are appointed by the rector among the members of the University of Valencia who meet the legal requirements. Vice-rectors help the rector in his/her tasks and exercise the powers attributed to them to ensure the operation of the University of Valencia. The rector coordinates the functions assigned to the vice-rectors, notwithstanding their powers and responsibilities.

2. The rector has the power to determine the names of the vice-rectors and to define the matters of their powers.

*Article 106*³²

The general secretary is appointed by the rector among the members of the University of Valencia who meet the legal requirements. The general secretary acts as such in the Senate and the Governing Council, is the guardian of the university documentation, the founder of the University of Valencia and must guarantee the access of the members of the university community to the knowledge of the agreements of the Senate and of the Governing Council.

Article 107

The General Manager is responsible for the economic and administrative services of the University of Valencia and, according to the provisions of the rector, acts as the head of the administrative and service staff. To exercise the manager position a higher degree is mandatory and it is incompatible with teaching and must be fulfilled on a non-exclusive basis.

³²Article drafted in accordance with the Decree 45/2013, of March 28, of the Council.

CHAPTER FIVE
Advisory Board

*Article 108*³³
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*Article 109*³⁴
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*Article 111*³⁶
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CHAPTER SIX
Advisory Committees
of the central bodies of the University

Article 112

In order to contribute to the most successful exercise of the powers of the central bodies of the University, representative committees of the sectors of the university community will participate in the corresponding procedures.

Article 113

1. Creation and abolition of permanent commissions is responsibility of the Governing Council.

2. At least, the following permanent commissions must be constituted:

a) Statutes Committee.

b) Language Policy Committee.

c) Research Committee.

d) Teaching Committee.

e) University Services Quality Assessment Committee.

3. The approval and modification of the organisation and operation regulations of the Statutes Committee are responsibility of the Senate. The approval and modification of the regulations of the other committees mentioned in section 2 are responsibility of the Governing Council, except for their composition, which must be approved by the Senate.

*Article 114*³⁷

1. The organisation and operation regulations of the commissions have to determine, at least, their:

a) Powers, which may consist of the formulation of proposals and the issuance of reports; in any case, the decision-making powers of the bodies that have them conferred shall be respected.

b) Composition, in which the sectors of the university community affected by the subject that is responsibility of the commission must be represented, respecting the provisions of the following points.

2. If the representation is conferred to the faculties or schools, or if the representatives have to be elected in these centres, the number of representatives will be established, first, according to the number of students and members of the teaching and research staff of each centre, which will be weighed, if applicable, taking into account the matter that is responsibility of the commission. For this purpose, regulations may confer the representation to centres or groupings of centres.

3. The members of the commissions have to resign every time the body which, if applicable, has elected them is fully renewed. The representatives of the students are renewed with the periodicity established in the applicable regulations.

33Article with no content in accordance with the Decree 45/2013, of March 28, of the Council.

34Article with no content in accordance with the Decree 45/2013, of March 28, of the Council.

35Article with no content in accordance with the Decree 45/2013, of March 28, of the Council.

36Article with no content in accordance with the Decree 45/2013, of March 28, of the Council.

37Article drafted in accordance with the Decree 45/2013, of March 28, of the Council.

4. The presidency of the Statutes Committee will be held by its one member elected by the Commission by absolute majority. The presidency of the rest of the commissions will be held by the vice-rector who is assigned the functions on the matter that is responsibility of the commission.

5. To perform their duties, commissions can request advice from experts.

Article 115

To consider a specific issue, the Senate, the Governing Council and the rector can agree on the creation of non-permanent commissions. Their powers, composition and operating rules will be stated in their regulations, that have to be approved by the body creating them and that have to respect the provisions of the previous article. In any case, the Governing Council must be informed of the regulations.

CHAPTER SEVEN
Board of Trustees

Article 116

The Board of Trustees is the collegiate body of participation of the valencian society in the University of Valencia.

Article 117

The university community is integrated into the Board of Trustees through a representation of the Governing Council, comprising the rector, the secretary, the general secretary, the manager and a group of members of the Governing Council in the amount determined by law, elected by absolute majority. In this representation, it is necessary to ensure the presence of members of the teaching and research staff, students and administrative and service staff.

Members of this representation who are not so due to their position are renewed every two years and, in any case, when they lose the status of members of the Governing Council.

Article 118

The Board of Trustees functions are:

- a) To supervise the economic and administrative activities of the University of Valencia.
- b) To promote the society contribution of financing resources for the University of Valencia.
- c) To make suggestions and proposals to the Governing Council aimed at improving the quality of the university activity and the University's responses to the requirements of its cultural, professional, economic and social environment.
- d) To receive suggestions and proposals from the Government Council for the purposes mentioned in the previous section, and exercise, if deemed appropriate taking into account the Governing Council initiatives, the powers attributed to it by law.
- e) To develop their own operating rules.
- f) Any other attributed to it by the laws and the present Statutes.

Article 119

The Board of Trustees is headquartered in the University of Valencia and to exercise its functions it can use its administrative services.

It is the responsibility of the rector to execute the agreements of the Board of Trustees.

TITLE THREE
STUDIES AND RESEARCH

CHAPTER ONE
Studies

Article 120

The University of Valencia offers studies aimed at obtaining official and valid throughout the State degrees, as well as studies aimed at obtaining other degrees, diplomas or certificates of the University of Valencia and

permanent training studies. These studies can be taught both in the face-to-face and non-attendance modality.

*Article 121*³⁸

1. The official degrees, under the name established by law, are granted by the rector on behalf of the head of the State.
2. The degrees, diplomas or certificates of the University of Valencia are granted by the rector and can be at least:
 - a) Any of those that do not appear in the Register of universities, faculties and schools, and degrees.
 - b) Those corresponding to postgraduate studies and those of professional specialisation.
 - c) Those corresponding to the University Extension Studies.

Article 122

1. The University of Valencia must adopt the necessary measures for the integration of the studies taught in the European Higher Education Area.
2. The University of Valencia should promote the mobility of students both at European level and in other international cooperation university areas.

SECTION ONE

Official bachelor's degree studies and their regulation

*Article 123*³⁹

1. The initiative to request the implantation, modification or suppression of studies to obtain official and valid throughout the State degrees corresponds to:
 - a) The Governing Council, of their own accord or on the motion of the committee responsible for undergraduate studies or on the motion of a centre.
 - b) The Valencian Government, with the agreement of the Governing Council in accordance with the current legislation.
2. Likewise, if applicable, the Governing Council will determine the faculty or school to which the new studies must be assigned, once the commission responsible for undergraduate studies is heard.

*Article 124*⁴⁰

1. The curricula proposals to obtain official and valid throughout the State degrees and their modifications are elaborated by the commissions appointed for this purpose by the Governing Council. Before the proposal, the possibility of being heard will be offered to the professional and social organisations interested in the plan.
2. Once the proposal is made, for one month, the documentation will have to be submitted to public information of the centre where the degree is taught, of the rest of the university community and, where appropriate, of the interested professional and social organisations in the programme. After the deadline, the commission responsible for undergraduate studies will have to issue a report about this proposal and to submit such proposal to the Governing Council for approval.
3. Once approved, the programme shall be submitted to the Valencian Government so the Board of Trustees, after a favorable report, authorises it and subsequently to the Universities Council to verify the guidelines.

Article 125

- In the curricula proposals referred to in the previous article, at least the following aspects must be taken into account:
- a) Scientific, cultural and social justification of the plan, as well as the knowledge, skills and abilities that future graduates must acquire.
 - b) Structure and teaching goals.
 - c) Number of credits, list of subjects, practices and papers, class hours and minimum conditions to obtain a degree as well as periods of schooling.
 - d) General regime of incompatibilities and revalidation, especially regarding the previous plans substituted or modified by the proposed plan.
 - e) Departments responsible for its teaching.
 - f) Report in which the necessary human and material resources must be described, as well as the possible repercussions on the departments, faculties, schools and services of the University of Valencia.

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39Article drafted in accordance with the Decree 45/2013, of March 28, of the Council.

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*Article 126*⁴¹

The Governing Council, after the report from the commission responsible for undergraduate studies, must approve a regulation on the performance of the University of Valencia in terms of revalidations, adaptations, experience validation and equivalence of studies pursued in other university centres for further education.

Article 127

The governing bodies are obligated to facilitate students access to the public service of university education through a teaching organisation that guarantees the existence of suitable and sufficient groups and schedules, while encouraging respect for the linguistic option of students.

Article 128

The teaching will be conducted according to the academic calendar approved by the Governing Council.

Article 129

The teaching staff responsible for each course must provide a programme together with an exposition of the objectives, bibliography and evaluation system or, if appropriate, a teaching guide so that the department and the centre, through the academic committee of the corresponding degree, verify the adaptation to the contents set for the subject in the curricula. Programmes must be made public before the start of the enrollment for each academic year.

Article 130

1. In the evaluation systems of subjects the following aspects must be taken into account:

- a) Final and partial exams that, eventually, will be taken.
- b) Established papers regarding the subject content.
- c) Participation in theory and practice classes or in seminars, if any.
- d) Other complementary activities determined by the teacher.

2. Any document submitted to a teacher for assessment and qualification must be kept in the department at least until the claims resolution deadline and, at least, until a year has passed since the qualification.

*Article 131*⁴²

Students have the right to have their marks revised in accordance with the regulations approved, for this purpose, by the Governing Council, once the committee responsible for undergraduate studies is heard and after the report of the Statutes Committee. This regulation has to foresee that the result of the revision may, if applicable, lead to a positive modification of the mark or, if it is the case, to the cancellation and re-examination. The resolution will have all the retroactive effects that are favorable to the student.

Article 132

At the end of each academic year, the department council has to critically analyse the development of the course. For this purpose, it must take into account the reports teachers and students may submit. The result of the analysis, together with the submitted reports, must be included in the annual report.

SECTION TWO⁴³

Official master's degree and doctorate studies and their organisation

Article 133

1. The aim of official undergraduate studies is to deepen the students academic, professional and research training, within the sphere of scientific, technical, humanistic and artistic knowledge.

2. These studies are organised in the form of programmes, in the terms indicated by the current legislation, and lead to the obtention of the official master's degree and doctorate degree or, where appropriate, those that replace them.

⁴¹Article drafted in accordance with the Decree 45/2013, of March 28, of the Council.

⁴²Article drafted in accordance with the Decree 45/2013, of March 28, of the Council.

⁴³Heading drafted in accordance with the Decree 45/2013, of March 28, of the Council.

*Article 134*⁴⁴

1. The Governing Council, after the report of the relevant office of the vice-rector and under the current provisions, will establish the regulation of the official master's degree and doctorate degree in the University of Valencia. Such regulation must delimit the composition, powers and areas of action of the relevant body or committee for postgraduate studies at the University.

2. The approval of the official master's degree and doctorate degree programmes corresponds to the Governing Council.

Article 135

1. Postgraduate programmes leading to the master's degree must be developed under the direction and academic responsibility of a faculty, school, a department, a university research institute or a specific structure created for this purpose. They must have a part of advanced academic training and another part of professional specialisation or initiation to research.

2. Shared programmes can be established between the bodies mentioned in the previous point and also interuniversity or mixed with other public or private entities.

Article 136

The aim of the doctorate is the writing and defense of a doctoral thesis in a department or university research institute authorised by the Governing Council for this purpose.

Students can request admission to the doctorate under the conditions established by the regulations of official postgraduate studies.

The University has to guarantee the transparency of the thesis reading and defense process by establishing a period of public exposure, so that the members of the university community can analyse it.

SECTION THREE

UV-specific graduate and postgraduate studies and their organisation

*Article 137*⁴⁵

1. The University of Valencia, by agreement with the Governing Council, may establish studies aimed at obtaining their own degrees in subjects not included in the Register of universities, centers and degrees.

2. Studies leading to obtain their own degrees have to follow the same procedure as those leading to official and valid throughout the State degrees, except for verification and authorisation.

*Article 138*⁴⁶

The University of Valencia, by agreement with the Governing Council, may establish studies aimed at obtaining their own postgraduate degrees. Such studies will be aimed at the professional application of knowledge, the recycling of university graduates and the lifelong learning of the university teaching and research staff. It may also establish studies leading to obtain official professional specialisation degrees, in the terms established by current legislation.

For approval by the Governing Council, such studies may be proposed by the faculties, schools, departments, university research institutes, services or specific structures.

These studies will be approved in accordance with a regulation approved by the Governing Council, after the report from the relevant office of the vice-rector, that must establish the differentiated requirements according to the entity of the proposals.

SECTION FOUR

University extension studies

Article 139

The University of Valencia, by agreement with the Governing Council, may establish university extension studies. Such studies are aimed at the spread and social dissemination of knowledge, science and culture.

The realisation of such studies must be done preferably in collaboration with other public or private entities.

⁴⁴Article drafted in accordance with the Decree 45/2013, of March 28, of the Council.

⁴⁵Article drafted in accordance with the Decree 45/2013, of March 28, of the Council.

⁴⁶Article drafted in accordance with the Decree 45/2013, of March 28, of the Council.

The proposals of such studies may arise from the departments, university research institutes, faculties, schools or services and, for approval of the Governing Council, must be accompanied by a report justifying them in which the necessary means to develop them are listed.

SECTION FIVE
Academic awards and honours

*Article 140*⁴⁷

At the proposal of the relevant office of the vice-rector, the Governing Council must approve the regulation determining the conditions and the procedure to grant extraordinary awards regarding the degrees corresponding to the several studies taught in the University of Valencia.

*Article 141*⁴⁸

1. At the proposal of the rector, the Governing Council of a department, a centre or a university research centre, after the report of the relevant commission responsible for doctorates, may confer a doctorate honoris causa to those who, considering their merits, are judged deserving.

2. At the proposal of the rector or the faculty or school board, the Governing Council may award the University of Valencia medal, in accordance with the provisions of the corresponding regulation.

CHAPTER TWO
Research

Article 142

1. Research is a key role of the University of Valencia, as a foundation of teaching, a means for social progress and support for the transmission of knowledge.

2. To this effect, research carried out has to meet their own requirements of originality and documentation and must be based on:

a) The ethical values of the society in which it is developed and, specifically, those referred to in the preliminary title of the present Statutes.

b) The freedom of the researcher to work in the field of knowledge he/she wants.

c) The development of basic and applied research lines.

3. The goals of the research are:

a) The increase of the basic knowledge and of the welfare of the society, with preferential attention to reality and to the analysis of the needs of the Valencian Community.

b) Researchers training, for their subsequent incorporation to research centres, both public and private, or to the rest of the production system.

c) The development of a critical culture that transforms the social reality that respects cultural diversity and democratic equality.

*Article 143*⁴⁹

The University of Valencia must promote the mobility of its teaching and research staff, as well as of its trainee research staff, in order to improve their training and research activity by granting permits and licenses ruled by the regulations approved by the Governing Council.

Article 144

Research is carried out individually, in research groups or units, departments, university research institutes or in other UV-specific or combined between UV and other bodies faculties or schools, both public or private.

The Governing Council, after the Research Committee report, must establish, by means of a regulation, the minimum requirements to form groups and research units.

Article 145

1. While respecting the rights of researchers granted by the current legislation, the University of Valencia owns the rights of industrial property and other results that are subject to appropriation as an outcome of the research carried out by its teaching and research staff, with their personal, material and knowledge resources, unless it is the

⁴⁷Article drafted in accordance with the Decree 45/2013, of March 28, of the Council.

⁴⁸Article drafted in accordance with the Decree 45/2013, of March 28, of the Council.

⁴⁹Article drafted in accordance with the Decree 45/2013, of March 28, of the Council.

result of participating in contracts, agreements or research plans that establish a destination different from the results obtained.

2. When the patent or other rights of industrial propriety are held by the University, it will fully support the handling costs. In this case, once such expenses have been deducted, 50% of the benefits will be allocated to researchers and 20% to the departments or the university research institutes they are associated with, and the rest will be incorporated into the general budget of the University.

3. In cases where the University transfers its rights and allows researchers to hold its results, it will reserve a free non-transferable and non-exclusive exploitation license, and a participation of the benefits. If the University obtains benefits, 70% will be allocated to researchers and 20% to the departments or the university research institutes they are associated with, and the rest will be incorporated into the general budget of the University.

4. Resources obtained as a result of the participation of the teaching and research staff of the University of Valencia as the main researcher in the various research programmes or plans, contracts and agreements, will be entirely incorporated into the budget of the University and will be managed in accordance with the applicable economic-budgetary regime.

Article 146

The Research Committee has an advisory and consultative role for the Governing Council. It is chaired by the vice-rector, or his/her delegates, with research powers and it consists of representatives of the departments and research institutes, as well as of research grantholders, in accordance with the provisions of the Governing Council regulations.

Article 147

The functions of the Research Committee include:

- a) Advise research responsible bodies.
- b) To propose and coordinate the scientific and research policy of the University.
- c) To propose the distribution of the research budget allocation.
- d) To propose UV-specific scholarship and grants.
- e) To annually monitor the development of the investigations financed by the University of Valencia.
- f) To prepare the research annual report.
- g) All those commissioned by the Governing Council rector.

CHAPTER THREE

University library and archive

Article 148

1. The university library is a resource center for learning, teaching, research and other activities related to the operation and management of the University.

The mission of the library is to ensure the preservation of books, magazines and other kinds of documents, and to facilitate access to them and dissemination of them to the entire university community, as well as to collaborate in the knowledge creation processes to contribute to the achievement of the objectives of the university institution.

Library funds are mainly composed of acquisitions made from the University budget, bequests and donations from public or private entities, or from individuals, and of funds received as an exchange with other institutions.

It is the library's responsibility to manage the different information resources in any type of material support.

2. The university archive consists of the organic sets of documents produced or gathered by the managing and governing bodies at the service of the University of Valencia in the development of their tasks, and of donations or cessions by natural or legal persons, organised and preserved for the administrative management and information, as well as for research and culture.

The functions of the archive are to collect, to organise, to guard and to conserve the documentation that is transmitted to it by the services and the administrative units.

It is responsibility of the archive to manage the documentary transfers of the administrative services and to apply the evaluation and selection of the documentation in accordance with the regulations stated by the University.

3. The University library and archive regulations, approved by the Governing Council, must regulate the operating criteria and the conditions of use, as well as the users participation channels in their management bodies.

TITLE FOUR
THE UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY

CHAPTER ONE
Teaching and research staff

SECTION ONE
Composition and legal status

*Article 149*⁵⁰

The teaching and research staff is composed of:

1. Publicly contracted teaching and research staff:
 - a) Full university professors.
 - b) University senior lecturers.
 - c) Tenured university school professors.
 - d) University school senior lecturers.
2. University contracted teaching and research staff:
 - a) Assistants.
 - b) Tenure-track 1 professors.
 - c) Temporary professors.
 - d) Tenure-track 2 professors.
 - e) Adjunct professors.
 - f) Emeritus and visiting professors.

Article 150

1. Notwithstanding the specific legal regulations, the University of Valencia teaching and research staff have the following rights, besides those established by the laws and other articles of the Statutes:

- a) Academic freedom, that is visible both in teaching and in research.
- b) Participation in the governing bodies and representation of the University of Valencia.
- c) Lifelong learning, in order to guarantee the constant improvement of their teaching and research work.
- d) Participation in the university initiatives of cultural extension.
- e) A hearing when their university activities are assessed and, in general, in the decisions personally concerning them.
- f) Occupational health and safety.
- g) Professional career.
- h) Collective negotiation of the working conditions, strike and trade union elections.

2. Notwithstanding the specific legal regulations, the University of Valencia teaching and research staff have the following obligations, besides those established by the laws and other articles of the present Statutes:

- a) To comply with the obligations inherent in the chosen work regime.
- b) To submit themselves to the incompatibilities regime stated in the present Statutes.
- c) To carry out his/her research duties and to improve his/her teaching.
- d) To know the official languages of the University of Valencia.

*Article 151*⁵¹

The list of positions or other similar organisation means shall establish the teaching and research staff positions in the access to which the knowledge of the native language will constitute a requirement, as well as the level required. In any case, a higher knowledge of the native language than required for the position will be considered a merit.

*Article 152*⁵²

The publicly contracted teaching staff is governed by the current regulations that apply to them and by the present Statutes. The list of positions or other similar organisation means shall establish for each position its work

⁵⁰Article drafted in accordance with the Decree 45/2013, of March 28, of the Council.

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⁵²Article drafted in accordance with the Decree 45/2013, of March 28, of the Council.

regime, which will preferably be full-time, unless in the event of a reasoned petition presented by the interested party the Governing Council shall grant him/her part-time regime.

The teaching tasks of the publicly contracted teaching staff shall be as agreed by the department council, within the framework of the current regulations, in accordance with its regulations.

*Article 153*⁵³

The University of Valencia can specifically hire teaching and research staff in accordance with the specific university hiring modalities or by means of the modalities stated in the current labor regulations that apply.

*Article 154*⁵⁴

[No content.]

*Article 155*⁵⁵

[No content.]

*Article 156*⁵⁶

1. To the effect of the present Statutes, shall be considered trainee research staff:

a) University graduates who carry out their activity in a department, institute or other internal structures of the University of Valencia created under article 144 herein and who benefit from aid programs aimed at the development of pre-doctoral scientific training and specialization activities aimed at the writing and defense of the doctoral thesis, provided these programs fulfill, at least, the minimum conditions required to include them in the General register of research aid programs provided in relation to the trainee research staff by the current legislation.

b) Beneficiaries of research grants awarded by the University of Valencia in charge of research projects, contracts and agreements.

2. The Governing Council, upon the proposal of the Research Committee, shall approve a trainee research staff regulation that, notwithstanding what is provided in the specific regulations that apply to them, will regulate the rights and obligations as well as the collaboration scheme concerning teaching and other university activities. Under no circumstances the collaboration of the trainee research staff in teaching activities will prevent their training.

*Article 157*⁵⁷

The Teaching Staff Committee as an advisory and consultative role for the Governing Council. It consists of the vice-rector responsible for teachers or his/her delegates, that chairs it, and of members of the university community representing the faculties or schools or clusters of faculties or schools, in accordance with the regulations approved by the Governing Council. Such regulations shall guarantee the presence of the majority of full-time teaching and research staff, as well as a representation of the trainee research staff, students and administrative and service staff. Presidents of the Teaching and Research Staff Board and of the Workers' Committee attend, without voting rights, its sessions and, where appropriate, departments or university research institutes shall be invited to inform on specific issues that concern them.

The Teaching Staff Committee functions shall be, besides the ones provided in the present Statutes, to elaborate the proposal of their internal regulations and those that may be entrusted by the rector of the Governing Council.

Article 158

1. The University of Valencia teaching and research staff in accordance with that provided in the regulations approved by the Governing Council, on the joint motion of the teaching committees and the research committees, shall improve or complete their studies in another university or academic or scientific institution.

2. Full-time teaching and research staff have the right to a sabbatical leave in accordance with that provided in the regulations approved by the Governing Council on the joint motion of the teaching committees and the research committees. At the end of the sabbatical leave, the beneficiary shall submit a report of the activity carried out.

Article 159

The University of Valencia, in the terms stated by the law, can hire specific teaching staff, research staff, technical staff or another kind of staff to perform specific scientific or technical research projects.

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Instruments for the organisation of positions and recruitment

Article 160 ⁵⁹

The Governing Council, on the motion of the Teaching Staff Committee, and following the trade union intervention within the stated legal terms, has to annually approve the list of positions or other similar organisation means jointly with the University budget. All the teaching and research staff positions, both publicly and university contracted, shall be included, properly classified. Under no circumstance, the university contracted teaching and research staff, calculated in full-time equivalents, shall exceed the 49% of the university teaching and research staff total.

The temporary teaching and research staff shall not exceed the 40% of the teaching staff.

The Governing Council, once the teaching and research staff committees are heard, and following the trade union intervention within the stated legal terms, is responsible for the modifications concerning the list of positions or other similar organisation means, that must be notified to the Board of Trustees. In cases where the modifications entail an increase in the expense, the authorisation of the Board of Trustees shall be required.

Article 161

When a vacancy in the positions list occurs, the Governing Council, in accordance with the general criteria that it has approved, after the report from the department, or, if applicable, from the university research institute and the Teaching Staff Committee, will agree to the confirmation, reduction or change of the position name, status or nature.

In order to guarantee the renewal of its teaching and research staff, the University of Valencia, to the extent of its budgetary possibilities, should promote the presence of assistant positions and of tenure-track 1 professor positions.

The Governing Council, in accordance with the general criteria that it has approved, will periodically revise the adjunct professors positions.

Staffing and recruitment of teaching and research staff

Article 162 ⁶¹

1. The Governing Council will determine the staff positions, vacancies as well as newly created ones, that must be provided through the various selection processes.

2. Staffing and call for the staff positions will take place as follows:

a) Positions for permanent lecturers are agreed by the rector, on the motion of the Governing Council, in the terms provided in the regulations for the selection of the teaching and research staff.

b) Positions for non-permanent lecturers are agreed by the rector in the terms provided in the regulations for the selection of the teaching and research staff.

Article 163 ⁶²

The calls, approved by the rector, shall include, at least, the following specifications:

a) The open positions defined by category, knowledge area, work regime and teaching activities that shall be carried out by those proposed to hold such positions. The call has to specify the department, or if applicable, the university research institute to which that position is attached.

b) The application forms indicating the rules and regulations to access the open positions.

c) The composition of the committee judging the contest.

d) The objective and general criteria to evaluate the process of awarding positions.

Article 164 ⁶³

1. The committees judging the university teaching staff access processes are made of five members, with voice and vote, and their substitutes. All of them shall meet all the requirements stated in the relevant legislation to be able to become a member of these committees. Committee members, incumbents and substitutes, have to be members of the full university professors staff.

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2. The members of these committees are appointed by the rector on the motion of the Governing Council among the publicly contracted teachers of the corresponding teaching staff belonging to the area of knowledge relative to the open position or related areas, if applicable. At least three committee members have to be from outside the department to which that open position is attached. The composition shall match the principles of impartiality and of professionalism of its members, and shall ensure a balanced participation of men and women. In due form and, through a collective negotiation, the forms of participation of the trade union organisations in the selection processes shall be decided.

3. In the committees responsible for resolving the access competitions to teaching staff positions linked to healthcare positions of subsidised health institutions, two more members must be added who must be doctors and have a specialist degree which will be required to access the position. They are appointed by the rector and designated by the relevant health institution, in accordance with the legally stated mechanism.

4. The membership status of a selection committee is inalienable, except in cases of concurrence of the legal suppositions of abstention or recusal, or of justified cause that prevents the action of the member of the committee. The rector is responsible for resolving the events of abstention or recusal and acceptance, if applicable, of the resignations.

Article 165 ⁶⁴

1. The Governing Council, after the Teaching Staff Committee report, shall approve the teaching and research staff selection regulations, in which the composition and operation of the committees responsible for resolving the competitions, as well as the criteria and the selection process, shall be necessarily determined.

2. The criteria shall be applied in the selection process may vary depending on the category of the open position.

a) In the case of permanent lecturers, they must take into account, among other merits, the adaptation of their training to the needs of the University of Valencia, the teaching and research academic record of the candidate appropriate to the profile of the position and taking into account the quality of their work in the field of their specialty, their teaching and research project, as well as contrast their capacities for the exhibition and the debate in the subject or specialty corresponding in session public, all in the terms established by the Regulation of selection of teaching and research staff.

b) In the case of non-permanent teachers, they must take into account, among other merits, the academic record or work experience, the teaching and research activity of the candidates, appropriate to the profile and nature of the position and the quality of their work in the field of their specialty, all in the terms established by the Regulation of selection of teaching and research staff.

Article 166 ⁶⁵

1. Against the proposal of the commission to access competitions for the university teaching staff members, the candidates will be able to lodge a claim before the rector, within the legal timeframe. Once the claim is admitted, there shall be no more appointments until it is settled.

2. Such complaint must be assessed by a Claims Committee, made up of composed of seven full university professors, with a teaching and research recognition equal to or greater than what is necessary to be a member of the access commissions and belonging to different areas of knowledge, so that all the major academic areas of the University are represented, of which:

a) One member shall be freely appointed and removed by the rector and will be dismissed when the rector is also dismissed.

b) Six members shall be elected by the Governing Council, on the motion of the Governing Council or of the 15% of the Senate.

Their election by the Senate shall require the obtention of the majority of the votes cast, provided this majority exceeds 1/3 of the total number of its members. For this purpose, the provisions of article 240.2.b).I will not apply.

The term of office shall last four years, extendable only once. Renewal shall be carried out by halves every two years. Should a vacancy arise, it shall be filled for the time remaining.

3. The decision of the rector, after the previous binding proposal of the Claims Committee, exhausts the administrative channel and can be challenged before the contentious-administrative jurisdiction.

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Article 167 ⁶⁷

The admission of the teaching staff belonging to the university teaching staff members that have been in voluntary leave of absence will be carried out in accordance with the provisional affiliation or re-entry procedure

64Article drafted in accordance with the Decree 45/2013, of March 28, of the Council.

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67Article drafted in accordance with the Decree 45/2013, of March 28, of the Council.

approved by the Governing Council or by any other system provided in the current law. Re-entry will be automatic and definitive as long as at least two years and not more than five years in a situation of leave have passed, provided there is a vacancy of the same position and area of knowledge. Provisional affiliation will require a report from the involved department and from the Teaching Staff Committee, and shall be approved by the Governing Council. Seniority as a University of Valencia professor will be one of the criteria that shall be evaluated on case there is more than one application for re-entry.

Article 168 ⁶⁸

[No content.]

Article 169 ⁶⁹

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CHAPTER TWO

Students

Article 170

Those who study to obtain undergraduate degrees and official postgraduate degrees are University of Valencia students.

Article 171

1. University of Valencia students have the following rights, besides those established by the laws and the present Statutes:

- a) Free studies choice and free language choice thereof.
- b) To receive a proper education and to have the necessary means for their training.
- c) To actively and critically participate in teaching, as well as in its planning and organisation.
- d) To participate in education and teaching quality control.
- e) To participate in the curricula design and to freely choose their own with the necessary advise and in accordance with the current curricula.
- f) To the budgetary allocations and the material means necessary to exercise the rights recognised in sections 1.d) and 1.e) of article 10 herein.
- g) To the suspension of the participation in academic activities, collectively decided.
- h) To an objective assessment of their academic performance and that such assessment is justified, as well as to exercise the corresponding contesting measures against any action they deem unjustified or arbitrary.
- i) To benefit from grants, aids and the exemptions the University of Valencia provides in their favour and to participate in the committees that shall award them, always respecting equal opportunities.
- j) To receive appropriate information of their rights and obligations as members of the university community, as well as of the general operation of the University of Valencia.
- k) To the social security coverage, in the terms and conditions established by the legal dispositions that regulate it.

Students, in addition to the obligations provided by the present Statutes, have the right to perform the intellectual work specific of their university student status and, in particular, to study successfully.

The rights and obligations of students will be developed in a rights and obligations letter approved by the Governing Council on the motion of the Student Council.

2. The Governing Council will regulate the rights and obligations regime of those in studies that do not lead to the obtention of an undergraduate degree or an official postgraduate degree. This regulation shall include, at least, the recognition of the rights included in sections b) d) g) h) i) and j) of the previous item.

Article 172

University of Valencia students can participate in the decision making process on the subjects that concern them, through the university, group, faculty or school students assembly, which are the highest participation bodies in the University, in their respective areas.

⁶⁸Article with no content in accordance with the Decree 45/2013, of March 28, of the Council.

⁶⁹Article with no content in accordance with the Decree 45/2013, of March 28, of the Council.

Article 173

The faculty or school highest students representation body is the faculty or school Student Council Branch. This Student Council Branch must have budgetary allocations, meeting points and enough means of dissemination and participation to fulfill its tasks.

*Article 174*⁷⁰

The Student Council Branch is composed of:

a) The representation chosen by undergraduate students and of the representation chosen by the students enrolled in each of the official master's and doctoral programs of the faculty or school and of the departments that it has assigned, in accordance with a proportional criterion and so that the number of these representatives is greater than 25 and less than 100. The dean or the director is responsible for the call of these elections that will conform to the provisions of the General Election Regulations provided in the present Statutes.

b) Senate members elected by the faculty or school students.

c) Students members of the faculty or school board.

All the members of the Student Council Branch hold accountable for their actions in the governing and representative bodies before the faculty or school students assembly.

Article 175

The functions of the faculty or school Student Council Branch shall be:

a) To agree and propose the measures it deems appropriate for the best defense of the students rights and interests.

b) To agree to call the faculty or school students assembly with the periodicity stated in the regulations.

c) To propose to the Governing Council, for its approval, a regulations project that rules its constitution and operation.

d) To choose the Coordination Board that, in accordance with the regulations, shall ensure the enforcement of the agreements of the assembly.

e) To coordinate the initiatives that arise from the faculty or school assemblies.

f) To propose the distribution of the budget allocation that, at the University of Valencia, is devoted to students sports and cultural activities.

g) To choose and, if appropriate, dismiss the representatives of faculty or school committees and of those university committees where each faculty or school has a system of representation.

h) To choose among its members and, if applicable, revoke the persons that will be part of the Student Council representing the faculty or school representatives assembly.

i) To be heard in the disciplinary proceedings open to students in the respective faculty or school.

j) To elaborate and raise proposals to the faculty or school board and, through the Student Council, to the Governing Council and to the Senate.

k) To fulfill all tasks entrusted to them by the faculty or school board and, in general, those derived from the present Statutes.

Article 176

The highest representative body of the University of Valencia students is the Student Council. This Student Council shall have the budget allocations, meeting points and appropriate means of dissemination and participation in order to perform its task.

Article 177

A maximum of 200 representatives are members of the Student Council distributed as follows:

a) A representation of each faculty or school, chosen by their Student Council Branch, in accordance with that provided in the Student Council Regulations.

b) Students members of the Senate.

Article 178

1. The functions of the Student Council shall be:

a) To agree and to propose the measures it deems appropriate to better defend the students rights and interests.

b) To propose to the Governing Council, for its approval, a regulations project that rules its constitution and operation.

c) To choose the Coordination Board that, in accordance with the regulations, shall ensure the enforcement of the agreements of the Assembly.

⁷⁰Article drafted in accordance with the Decree 45/2013, of March 28, of the Council.

- d) To coordinate the initiatives that arise from the faculty or school assemblies.
 - e) To propose the distribution of the budget allocation that, at the University of Valencia, is devoted to students sports and cultural activities.
 - f) To choose and, if appropriate, dismiss the students representatives in the university committees.
 - g) To elaborate and raise proposals to the Governing Council and to the Senate.
 - h) To participate in the committees responsible for the distribution of scholarships, grants and loans for University of Valencia students, as well as in setting the criteria for their concession.
 - i) To fulfill all tasks entrusted to them by the Senate or the Governing Council and, in general, those derived from the present Statutes.
2. Functions of the Coordination Board shall be:
- a) To convene and chair the meetings in accordance with the regulations of the Assembly.
 - b) To execute the Student Council agreements.
 - c) To submit the Student Council proposals to the Governing Council and to the Senate.
 - d) To represent the University of Valencia students.
 - e) To speak on behalf of the Student Council.
 - f) All those entrusted to them by the present Statutes and by the Assembly regulations.

CHAPTER THREE

Administrative and service staff

SECTION ONE

Composition and legal status

*Article 179*⁷¹

1. The University of Valencia administrative and service staff consists of the publicly contracted staff of the corresponding categories, of the university contracted staff and of the publicly contracted of other public administrations, the latter while providing services to the University of Valencia in the administrative situations established by the current legislation.

2. The administrative and service staff in the performance of their specific activities, in accordance with the provisions of the current legislation, is responsible for:

a) Support, counselling and assistance to the governing bodies of the institution and to the rest of the university community.

b) The management and administration and the technical support for the deployment of the functions of the University, in accordance with its competencies.

3. The publicly contracted administrative and service staff is ruled by the provisions of the current legislation that apply to them and by the present Statutes.

4. The university contracted administrative and service staff is ruled, besides by the labour legislation and the rest of the conventionally applicable regulations, by the precepts of the basic Statutes of the publicly contracted personnel that so provide, and by the present Statutes.

Article 180

1. The University of Valencia administrative and service staff have the following rights, besides those established by the laws and the present Statutes:

a) Respect and preservation of the dignity in the fulfillment of their tasks and functions.

b) Collective negotiation of the working conditions, strike and trade union elections.

c) Attendance to the training, professional improvement and recycling activities organized by the University of Valencia and other bodies and institutions, and that the University of Valencia provides them with appropriate means.

d) A hearing when their university activities are assessed and, in general, in the decisions personally concerning them.

e) Participation in the governing and representative bodies of the University of Valencia.

f) Professional career.

g) Horizontal mobility, in accordance with the publicly contracted positions offer.

h) Health and safety at work.

⁷¹Article drafted in accordance with the Decree 45/2013, of March 28, of the Council.

2. The University of Valencia administrative and service staff have the following rights, besides those established by the laws and the present Statutes.

- a) To comply with the obligations related to their position and with those inherent in the chosen work regime.
- b) To subscribe to the stated incompatibility regime.
- c) To improve their vocational training.
- d) To know the official languages of the University of Valencia.

Article 181

The University of Valencia, in duly justified cases of urgency and necessity, may hire temporary administrative and service staff and temporary services under any of the procedures established by the current legislation.

Article 182

The rector is responsible for the decisions regarding the administrative situations of the publicly contracted and university contracted administrative and service staff, including those that derive from the incompatibilities regime.

Article 183

The University of Valencia can establish agreements with other public administrations in order to achieve the reciprocal mobility of the respective administrative and service staff, after trade union negotiation and respecting the promotion and professional career rights of the university contracted staff.

*Article 184*⁷²

1. The publicly contracted administrative and service staff of the University of Valencia is structured into groups and subgroups according to the degree required to access it in accordance with the current legislation.

2. The Governing Council, after the trade union negotiation and in accordance with the current legislation, shall establish the corresponding administrative and service staff categories needed for the proper operation of the University of Valencia.

3. The levels, categories and functions of the administrative and service staff shall be defined by the corresponding collective agreement.

Article 185

The University of Valencia shall boost and encourage the administration and service staff learning and permanent updating of the knowledge of the native language, regardless of the level required for their position. For that matter, it must promote the necessary measures so that the training offer includes the different existing levels.

SECTION TWO

List of positions

and recruitment, staffing and promotion procedures

Article 186

The Governing Council, after the trade union intervention according to the stated legal terms, must annually propose to the Board of Trustees, for approval, the administrative and service staff list of positions that will accompany the University budget. In the list of positions, the position category and subcategory must be established, with the specification of its denomination, the essential characteristics, the complementary remuneration and the requirements demanded for its occupation and modality of provision.

The Governing Council, after the trade union intervention in accordance with the stated legal terms, is responsible for proposing to the Board of Trustees the modifications of the list of positions.

Article 187

The University of Valencia administrative and service staff organically depends on the staff senior manager, and operationally, of the sole governing body or the management of the administrative unit they are affiliated to.

Article 188

In accordance with the current legislation, due to duly justified and reasoned institutional needs, after hearing the interested parties and the Administrative and Service Staff Board or the Workers' Committee, the rector can transfer the administrative and service staff to places of the same classification and categorisation.

⁷²Article drafted in accordance with the Decree 45/2013, of March 28, of the Council.

Article 189

In accordance with the linguistic level stated for each position in the list, both in the transfers and in the calls for access to administrative and service staff positions, the knowledge of the native language in levels superior to the one stated for each position in the list should be considered as merit.

*Article 190*⁷³

1. The University of Valencia selects its administrative and service staff in accordance with its annual publicly contracted positions offer, through public announcement, according to the principles of publicity, equality, capacity and merit, through the competition, public examination or public competitive examination systems, paying special attention to equal treatment and non-discrimination.

2. The publicly contracted positions offer will be subject to trade union negotiation and, before doing so, the University will have to convene an internal competition to fill vacancies.

3. In due form and, through a collective negotiation, the forms of participation of trade union organisations in the selection processes shall be decided.

4. The University of Valencia, in accordance with the current legislation, must save a part of its publicly contracted positions offer for people with disabilities.

Article 191

1. When vacancies occur, the internal provision shall be made through the normal system of provision, that is, a merit competition among the staff.

2. For the positions that in the list are defined as free designation positions, the rector shall be able to proceed to their provision by means of free designation with a public call.

3. In the event that vacancies are not filled through the systems included in points 1 and 2, they shall be included in the annual publicly contracted positions offer of the University of Valencia.

4. Publicly contracted staff from other public administrations shall be able to participate, in one of the following situations:

a) When it comes to positions in which, exceptionally, the positions list provides that possibility.

b) When there is an agreement with the public institution to which its body or category belongs, subscribed after the trade union negotiation that, based on reciprocity criteria, admits this possibility, and that shall take effect after its official publication.

Article 192

1. The University of Valencia must save at least 50% of its vacancies on the categories and sub-categories of the administrative and service staff positions list for the internal promotion of their own staff. If there is only one vacancy, internal promotion shall be offered first, and if it remains unfilled, it shall become part of the annual publicly contracted positions offer of the University of Valencia.

2. The promotion of publicly contracted staff shall be done through the integration on equal or higher categories of the University of Valencia, of the same or different specialty, as determined by regulations. In case of promotion to different specialties categories, the system used shall be public competitive examination.

3. The Governing Council is responsible for, after the trade union negotiation, approving regulations on access and internal promotion calls for administrative and service staff of the University, in accordance with the current legislation.

Article 193

Transfer, selection or promotion calls for administrative and service staff shall specify:

a) The number of positions or, if applicable, unfilled positions and their characteristics:

b) The degree required in each case.

c) Staffing system.

d) The standards through which the merits accredited by the applicants shall be valued.

e) The description of the type of exercises and the program of the access tests.

f) The composition of the Board of Examiners.

g) The exams deadlines.

Article 194

The members of the administrative and service staff who meet the requirements established by the current regulations shall be, totally or partially, responsible for administrative activity training and improvement courses, and the rector may authorize exemption from their obligations while performing these tasks.

⁷³Article drafted in accordance with the Decree 45/2013, of March 28, of the Council.

CHAPTER FOUR
Representative bodies and trade union action
of the publicly contracted and university contracted University staff

Article 195

1. The Teaching and Research Staff Board is the representative body of the publicly contracted teaching and research staff. Its functions and form of election are established by the current regulations that apply to them and to the present Statutes.

2. The Workers' Committee is the representative body of the university contracted staff. Its functions and form of election are established by the current regulations that apply to them and to the present Statutes.

3. The Administrative and Service Staff Board is the representative body of the publicly contracted administrative and service staff. Its functions and form of election are established by the current regulations that apply to them and to the present Statutes.

4. The University of Valencia recognises all these bodies and must provide them with the necessary premises and means for their activities.

5. As for the election of these bodies, the University of Valencia is a single workplace.

6. The university of Valencia recognises trade union sections and must provide them with the necessary premises and means for their operation.

*Article 196*⁷⁴

1. The Negotiating Table is the body of collective negotiation and participation to determine the working conditions within the University of Valencia.

2. The administration of the University of Valencia and the representative trade union organisations are represented in the Negotiating Table.

3. The subjects stated in the current legislation on collective negotiation, representative bodies, decision of the working conditions and participation of the staff at the service of the public administrations are subject to negotiation in the field of the University of Valencia in relation to their competences.

CHAPTER FIVE
Incompatibilities

Article 197

The University of Valencia staff subscribe to the incompatibilities regime stated by the laws. Full-time work is incompatible with the development of any other remunerated stable employment and with professional activity. The Governing Council is responsible for making the decisions on the fulfillment of this precept.

Article 198

All single-person positions involving supplementary remuneration shall be full-time. Nobody can simultaneously hold two of these positions.

The Governing Council must state, for those holding any of the previous positions, the compliance regime on their obligations in the University of Valencia.

*Article 199*⁷⁵

During the same academic year, no member of the university community can simultaneously be a part of electoral colleges belonging to groups of teaching and research staff, trainee research staff, students and administrative and service staff.

Article 200

[No content.]

⁷⁴Article drafted in accordance with the Decree 45/2013, of March 28, of the Council.

⁷⁵Article drafted in accordance with the Decree 45/2013, of March 28, of the Council.

Article 201 ⁷⁶

Being an ombuds officer or vice-ombuds officer of the University Ombuds Office is, in any case, incompatible with being one of the following:

- a) Rector, vice-rector, general secretary, vice-general secretary, general manager and deputy general manager.
- b) Faculty, school or service dean, director, vice-dean, assistant director, secretary or vice-secretary.
- c) Department or institute director and secretary.
- d) Member of the Governing Council.
- e) Member of any committee of the central bodies of the University.
- f) Member of the Staff Boards or the Workers' Committee.
- g) Chief of service, section, centre administrator or equivalent.

Article 202

The University Electoral Commission membership status and the status of any electoral process control bodies in the University is incompatible with candidacy in the elections with respect to which said bodies operate.

CHAPTER SIX
Disciplinary measures

Article 203

The staff and students of the University of Valencia are subject to the disciplinary regime stated in the laws.

Article 204

1. The rector is the disciplinary authority, except in the case of publicly contracted staff separation from service, which can only be agreed upon by the competent body according to the publicly contracted staff legislation.
2. The rector is the disciplinary authority in accordance with the procedures stated by the laws.
3. The Governing Council must govern, by means of regulations, the function of internal inspection to supervise the correct operation of the centres, services and other structures of the University, and the fulfillment of the duties of the members of the university community.

TITLE FIVE
ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL FRAMEWORK

CHAPTER ONE
Assets and budget

Article 205 ⁷⁷

1. The University of Valencia, to fulfill its purposes and to carry out its activities, must have the necessary assets and financial resources.
2. To promote and to develop its purposes, the University of Valencia, with the Board of Trustees approval, may create, alone or in collaboration with other public or private entities, companies, foundations or other legal entities in accordance with the applicable general legislation, which may be done directly or indirectly through legal entities created by it.
3. The University of Valencia, directly or through any of the legal entities referred to in the previous section, may create technology-based companies or based on university intellectual knowledge in the terms provided in the current legislation and in the development regulations of the present Statutes approved by the Governing Council.

⁷⁶Article drafted in accordance with the Decree 45/2013, of March 28, of the Council.

⁷⁷Article drafted in accordance with the Decree 45/2013, of March 28, of the Council.

*Article 206*⁷⁸

1. The assets of the University of Valencia are constituted by the set of goods, rights and obligations of economic content it holds, and of all those that may receive in the future from people or public or private entities.

Likewise, participations and rights that directly or indirectly the University may have in the technology-based companies referred to in the previous article are also part of the assets of the University of Valencia.

The University of Valencia must establish a maintenance of the assets policy and its permanent adaptation to its purposes and activities, in accordance with criteria of rationality, efficiency and sufficiency.

2. The industrial property rights obtained by research financed by funds from the University of Valencia budget, except for the one that, if applicable, has been agreed in the contract to undertake the research, is exclusively held by the University, that may decide on its economic exploitation and its transmission, notwithstanding the rights recognised to the authors in the present Statutes and in the current legislation.

3. The University of Valencia can appeal to official and private credit, in accordance with the current legislation, and enjoy tax relief and other tax benefits that the legislation attributes to non-profit entities.

Article 207

The Governing Council, with the approval of the Board of Trustees, is responsible for adopting resolutions that refer to the availability of immovable and movable properties of extraordinary value.

Likewise, the Governing Council is responsible for the reversal of public domain.

The reversal of public domain goods the holder of which is the University of Valencia in accordance with the current legislation will imply their consideration as assets of the University of Valencia or the corresponding one in each case corresponds.

The office of the General Manager is responsible for the University assets inventory updating.

Article 208

The University of Valencia shall be able to develop a strategic plan that will prioritise its needs in the medium and long term.

Within the framework of the Valencian Government, the University of Valencia shall be able to develop a multiannual program in accordance with the provisions of the current legislation and, if applicable, its strategic plan.

Article 209

The economic and financial activity of the University of Valencia is developed in accordance with the revenue and expenditure budget, which is annual, public, unique and balanced.

The budget draft is prepared by the manager based on the objectives and priorities established by the bodies of the University, taking into account the requests of the departments, university research institutes, faculties and schools, services and other structures, in accordance with their needs.

The budget draft must include the multiannual program provisions for the financial year.

The Governing Council must submit to the Board of Trustees the agreement on the draft budget, for its approval. The effective authorisation of the credits takes place by means of the approval of the budget, with the exceptions provided by the law.

If the budget is not approved before the first day of the corresponding financial year, the budget for the previous year will be automatically extended until the approval of the new one.

Article 210

The income budget must contain the detail of the resources of the University of Valencia for the fulfillment of its purposes, according to the following breakdown:

1. Transfers

a) Transfers for current and capital expenses set annually by the Valencian Government.

b) The budget lines that, allocated to the University of Valencia, record in their budgets local corporations and other public or private institutions.

2. Public prices, fees and rights:

a) Public prices for academic services for studies leading to obtain official titles, set by the Valencian Government.

b) Public prices for academic services for studies not included in the previous section, set by the Board of Trustees.

c) The fees and the rights related to certificates, titles and diplomas issued by the University of Valencia, approved by the Board of Trustees.

3. Incomes for university activities:

a) The product of its publications and other valuable activities.

⁷⁸Article drafted in accordance with the Decree 45/2013, of March 28, of the Council.

- b) Income derived from the contracts regulated by the second chapter of the fifth title.
- c) Income derived from the services provided, according to the economic regime established by the Governing Council, in accordance with the current legislation.
- 4. Other income:
 - a) Incomes, permanent or not, that are still produced by the goods, titles and other rights that the University of Valencia holds.
 - b) The product of the sale of goods and the compensation caused by the disposal of fixed assets.
 - c) Income from the credit operations carried out by the University of Valencia for the fulfillment of its purposes.
 - d) Subsidies, donations, bequests and aids of all kinds the University of Valencia receives.
 - e) Any other type of deposit not specifically determined in the previous points.
- 5. The treasury remnant and the compensations for exemptions and deductions in terms of public prices and other rights.

Article 211

The state of expenditure of the budget must be classified taking into account the separation between current expenses and investments. It must include:

- a) The amount of enforceable debts.
- b) Patrimony expenditure.
- c) Indebted interests.
- d) Compensations and the resulting costs.
- e) The increment of their own assets instruments.
- f) The works and facilities which may be carried out with this budget.
- g) The acquisition of scientific material and equipment in general.
- h) The funding of teaching, research, general, assistance and community services.
- i) Staff costs. All costs of the teaching and research staff and the administrative and service staff of the University of Valencia authorised by the Valencian Government must be included.
- j) Transfers and helps of the institution to foundations, trusts and other legal and commercial entities in which the University participates.

Article 212

The Governing Council regulations must establish a committee of its members in charge of preparing the resolutions of the plenary of the Council on economic matters.

The sessions of this committee may be called upon by those responsible for the administrative units responsible for economic management to inform and advise the members of the committee. They can also attend, with voice, but no vote unless they are members of the committee, the deans and, the faculties and schools directors.

Article 213

1. Credits shall be expandable in the cases established by the law.
2. Transfers of capital expenditure to any other chapter must be agreed upon by the Board of Trustees, on the motion of the Governing Council.

Article 214

The rector is responsible for authorising the expense, recognising the obligation and arranging the payment.

The deans, and the directors of faculties and schools, departments and university research and service institutes may have an amount as an advance they must justify, to manage it in accordance with the corresponding administrative rules.

Article 215

1. The accounting system of the University of Valencia must adapt, for the purpose of the accounting normalization established by the legislation, to the norms dictated by the Valencian Government and, if any, to the general norms for the public sector. The accounting system must be organised in accordance with the principles of budgetary, patrimonial and analytical accounting.

2. The accounting system must allow:

- a) To differentiate the general expenses and the direct costs of teaching, research and common services.
- b) To determine the overall cost of each department, university research institute, faculty and school, service and other structures, treating them separately as expense allocation units.

3. The University must establish budget execution rules for each budgetary year in accordance with the provisions of the Valencian Government.

Article 216

1. The report that the rector must present to the Senate, in accordance with the provisions of article 83.h) of the present Statutes must include a detailed analysis on the execution of the University budget and the entities in which it significantly participates.

2. The University of Valencia shall be equipped with a system of supervision and control of financial acts. The internal control of expenses and investments will correspond to a technical body, which will independently perform its duties, using auditing techniques, in accordance with a regulation approved by the Governing Council.

Article 217

The University of Valencia can sign contracts of the categories provided in the legislation of contracts of the public administrations. Likewise, with the prior authorization of the Board of Trustees, it can use the negotiated procedure without publicity in the acquisition of equipment necessary for the development of its research programs.

CHAPTER TWO

Outsourcing of tasks and courses

Article 218

The departments, university research institutes, other structures created by the University, research groups and professors can sign contracts to provide services and to carry out scientific, technical and artistic works and specialisation courses or other training activities, in accordance with the provisions of the present Statutes and the current legislation.

Article 219

1. The authorisation of the Governing Council is required on contracts in which the transfer to public or private entities of rights over the ownership or license of use on inventions, drawings or models, computer programs and other results susceptible of appropriation derived from research developed with means of the University.

2. The authorisation of the rector or the director is required on contracts that:

a) Have as contractors, by the University, more than one department or university institute of research or teaching and research staff affiliated to more than one department or institute.

b) Need, to provide the contracted service, the use of equipment or facilities of the University that, for the entity of the former and the type of use of the latter, advise the imposition of this requirement.

c) Exceed 60,000 euros. This amount shall be annually amended by the Governing Council in accordance with the variations of the CPI.

d) Foresee the hiring of staff not publicly contracted nor university contracted.

3. Contracts not included in the two preceding sections must be authorised by the department council or the university research institute council to formalise the corresponding contract or the council of those to which the research groups or the contracting professors are affiliated to. This authorisation must be communicated to the central services of the University and can only be denied by any of the assumptions set forth in the current legislation.

Article 220

1. The director of the department, the university research institute and the structures mentioned in article 218, the head of the research group and the professors who intend to sign a contract have to request and obtain, prior to its signature, the authorisation referred to in the previous article.

2. The request must be accompanied by an explanatory report and the documents that allow to appreciate the elements of the contract that may be relevant to the authorisation. The Governing Council regulations must govern the content of the report and the documents to be submitted. Likewise, it must establish the confidentiality conditions that may arise related to the procedure to obtain the authorisation, the formalisation and execution of certain contracts, and a simplified regime of the report and the documents for the cases in which it is appropriate for the smallest amount of the contract or for another justification.

Article 221

1. The amount to which it is entitled because of the contracts regulated in this chapter must be incorporated in its entirety to the budget of the University of Valencia.

2. Of the total amount of the contract mentioned in the previous section, a percentage not exceeding 20% will be deducted, unless the same contract or agreement specifies a higher deduction. The amount deducted will be used for general expenses, in the department, university research institute or corresponding structure, if appropriate, to

which the signers of the contract are affiliated to, and to the departments or institutes that have not signed a contract the previous year.

3. The amount resulting from the deduction indicated in the previous section must be allocated to the execution expenses of the contract, including the remuneration of the University staff involved in its performance.

4. The teacher carrying out the activity contracted by the University is authorised to fulfill the requirements that for the performance of tasks and the provision of certain services impose the effective dispositions.

CHAPTER THREE Bonus payments

Article 222

1. The University of Valencia, under the conditions established by the applicable general legislation, can grant its staff individual and extraordinary bonuses, attending to teaching, research, administrative and university participation requirements or other relevant merits. The Governing Council is responsible for proposing to the Social Council the approval of these bonuses, after the report of the proposing body.

2. The University of Valencia may establish, if not precluded by the current legislation, other general remunerative concepts, meeting teaching, research or administrative and university participation requirements or other relevant merits. The Board of Trustees, on the motion of the Governing Council, is responsible for the approval of these remunerations.

3. The University of Valencia can reward the collaboration of the administrative and service staff in projects, programs, agreements or research contracts out of their specific financing and on the motion of those responsible, provided that the general norms regarding incompatibilities related to remuneration and schedules are met.

Article 223

The members of the university community who, with their research work, have contributed to the acquisition of industrial property rights, of which the University of Valencia is the holder, will have the right to participate in the results obtained as established by article 145.3 herein.

TITLE SIX THE LEGAL SYSTEM OF THE UNIVERSITY AND INTERNAL GUARANTEES OF RIGHTS AND INTERESTS

CHAPTER ONE The prerogatives of the University as a public administration

Article 224

1. The University is invested with the following prerogatives and powers, without prejudice to other ones attributed to it by the laws:

- a) The regulatory authority related to its activity, its own operation and organisation.
- b) The authority to program and plan.
- c) The authority to the research, delimitation and ex officio recovery of its assets.
- d) The presumption of legality and the enforceability of its acts.
- e) The sanctioning authority
- f) The authorities of ex officio review of its acts and agreements and declaration of their harmfulness.
- g) The unseizability of their assets and rights as established by the laws, priorities and preferences recognised in the public finance for their loans, notwithstanding those corresponding to the treasuries of the State and of the Valencian Government.

2. The University has full legal capacity to acquire, own, vindicate, exchange, tax or alienate all kinds of property, make contracts, establish and operate works and services, enforce, file established resources and exercise the actions provided in the laws.

CHAPTER TWO

Regulations, agreements, appeals and conflicts of powers

Article 225

1. The resolutions of the single-person bodies and the agreements of the collegiate bodies for which the internal organisation and operation norms of the University are approved are called regulations, preceded by an explanation of the reasons that justify its content and must be disclosed for general knowledge of the university community.

2. The acts of application of the regulations can not infringe what they have, although the competition to dictate the act and to approve the regulation corresponds to the same organ.

Article 226

The administrative acts of the bodies of the University must be formalized in writing and be motivated in the terms established by the law.

The bodies of the University can direct the activities of the hierarchically dependent bodies by means of instructions and orders of service.

All resolutions and agreements of the collegiate bodies and of the committees provided in the present Statutes may be consulted by the members of the university community that have a legitimate interest on them.

Article 227

The members of the university community have the right to know the contents of the files and registers of the University in the cases and in the manner established by the law, respecting the right to privacy of people and guaranteeing security when using computer processes.

Article 228

1. The Registry Office of the University will remain open to the university community and to the general public all working days throughout the hours provided in the applicable legislation.

2. The existence of a single Registry Office is understood notwithstanding its deconcentrated organisation through registrations in the faculties and schools or in other units, which are subject to the regime established by the Governing Council, on the motion of the general secretary.

3. The University may formalise agreements with the administration of the State, with the autonomous administrations and with other universities, in order to facilitate the reciprocal and effective presentation of writings in the respective registers.

Article 229

1. Unless the law, the present Statutes or the internal regulations provide otherwise, in the collegiate bodies it is necessary to proceed in the following way:

a) At the request of 10% of its members, the presidency must include in the agenda the matters proposed by them.

b) The call of the body, accompanied by the agenda and a sufficient documentary attachment, must be made 48 hours in advance. The call will be understood to be made in any case both in the first and the second calls. Between the first and the second call there must be period of 30 minutes.

If, due to urgency, the anticipation is less, for the validity of the call, the urgency estimate must be ratified by the absolute majority of the members of the body.

c) To validly constitute the organ, the presence of the presidency and the secretary's office holders, or their substitutes, is required, as well as the concurrence at the first call of at least half of its members, and in the second call one third of them shall be enough.

d) In order to determine the voting basis, the members of the body present at the moment of voting must be taken into account, as long as an absolute majority of the members of the body is not required.

e) It is understood that there are a majority of votes in favor of a proposal if more votes have been cast in its favor than against it.

f) If, on the same subject, several contradictory proposals are approved, a vote shall be held in which the members of the body may only choose one of the proposals approved in the first vote or for any of them.

2. In any case, the rector, the vice-rectors, the general secretary and the manager, when dealing with matters related to their competencies, may attend the meetings of all the collegiate bodies of the University they are not members of.

3. The members of the governing and representation bodies provided in the present Statutes may request in writing, before the meeting of the body, the reports or clarifications they deem necessary on the matters included in the agenda.

4. Early ballot papers will be accepted in elections to candidates previously submitted in accordance with the

terms established by the corresponding regulations. Under no circumstances will the voting delegation or its early issuance be accepted, except in the case provided in this section.

Article 230

1. Notifications and announcements addressed to University staff can be made to a predetermined place in which they usually carry out their work, with the guarantees established by law.

2. Notifications and announcements addressed to students due to their status as members of collegiate bodies of the University shall be made by deposit of the corresponding documents to the place they have at the faculty or school where they are studying, with the guarantees established by the law.

3. Notifications, announcements and other communications can be done electronically, in accordance with the provisions of the law.

Article 231

Except what the law and the present Statutes state:

1. Against the resolutions and agreements of the bodies of the University an appeal and an appeal for reconsideration can be lodged.

2. The acts and resolutions of the Senate, the rector, the Governing Council and the Board of Trustees, as well as those issued by other bodies by delegation of those, exhaust the administrative channel. Against these acts, unless a resolution is given to appeals, an appeal for reconsideration can be lodged before the same body passing them or, directly, to submit a contentious-administrative appeal.

3. Against the acts and agreements of the rest of the bodies, which do not exhaust the administrative channel, an appeal can be lodged before the rector.

4. In the notification or publication of the resolution or the agreement, it must be stated whether or not it can be appealed on an administrative basis and, if appropriate, by which appeal and before which body and within what time period it can be lodged.

Article 232

[No content.]

CHAPTER THREE

Legal Services

Article 233

1. The legal services of the University have attributed legal counseling functions and representation and defense for its bodies.

2. Lawyers of the Legal Services of the University exercise their representation and legal defense at Court, unless the rector appoints a lawyer or collegiate lawyer representing and defending him/her in specific cases.

3. By means of a regulation of the Governing Council, the operation of the legal services and the collaboration of the professors of the departments of legal areas will be regulated.

CHAPTER FOUR

University Ombuds Office

Article 234

1. The University Ombuds Office is the University of Valencia body constituted to for the exercise of the functions legally attributed to the figure of the university ombudsman. The functions of the Ombuds Office shall be to ensure respect for the rights and freedoms of the members of the university community, before the actions of the different university bodies and services, although there is no law infringement.

2. Its organisation and operation will be governed by a Senate regulation in accordance with the law and the present Statutes, approved by a majority of the votes cast, provided that this majority exceeds a third of the total number of its members.

Article 235

1. The ombuds officer is elected among the members of the university community by the Senate by majority, provided that it exceeds a third of the total number of its members.

2. The ombuds officer is assisted by two vice-ombuds officers, who must necessarily belong to the other two

groups of the university community other than the one the ombuds officer belongs to, and are elected by the Senate on its motion and for the same majority.

3. The term of office of this position is single and lasts four years.

Article 236

1. The ombuds officer performs his or her duties independently, without subjection to any imperative mandate nor to any orders or instructions of any kind.

2. To guarantee their independence, both the ombuds officer as well as his or her vice-ombuds officers are subject to the incompatibilities established by the present Statutes in particular.

3. Both the ombuds officer as well as his or her vice-ombuds officers, must have full-time or exclusive dedication if they are teaching and research staff or administrative and service staff, respectively. In both cases, they will have a reduction of, at least, the third part of their obligations as teaching and research staff or administrative and service staff.

4. The University Ombuds Office must be endowed with material means and the appropriate staff must be affiliated to it to fulfill its function.

Article 237

1. In the operation of the University Ombuds Office, the following rules must be taken into account:

a) It can act on its own initiative or at the request of the interested parties, individually or collectively expressed.

b) Before deeming the claim acceptable or in deeming it acceptable, the ombuds officer must request a report to the body or person to whom the cause of the claim is attributed. If within a period of 15 days from its reception the report is not issued, the procedure shall continue.

c) If the ombuds officer considers the claim, he/she shall address the competent body or the person responsible to establish how to satisfy the claim.

d) If the ombuds officer, taking into account the content of one or several claims, deems that the cause of these is a faulty organisation of the services, he will send a reasoned report to the general secretary and to the manager so that the competent body adopts or urges for the adoption of the necessary measures for the improvement of the service.

e) The Ombuds Office must submit a report of its activity to the Senate each year.

f) The Ombuds Office may propose to the Senate a reprobation motion of the body holder or the responsible ones that, repeatedly uncomply the requirements that, in accordance with the law, could be complied.

2. The university authorities and bodies, and any member of the university community, remain subject to the duty of collaborating with the University Ombuds Office and are obliged to provide, at its request, all kinds of data and information related to the claim.

CHAPTER FIVE ⁷⁹

Guarantees and other general rules of electoral procedures and equality

SECTION ONE ⁸⁰

Guarantees and other general rules of electoral procedures

Article 238

1. The Electoral Commission of the University of Valencia is composed of representatives of all sectors of the university community chosen by the Senate, in the number established by a regulation approved by it, which will also govern the form of election and the duration of their term of office.

2. The Electoral Commission of the University of Valencia acts as electoral administrator in the rector and Senate representatives electoral processes, in accordance with the provisions of the law, the present Statutes and the regulations approved by the Senate.

3. The agreements of the University Electoral Commission in the procedures mentioned in the previous section exhaust the administrative channel and against them an appeal for reconsideration may be lodged.

Article 239

1. The University Electoral Commission supervises the electoral processes related to bodies of the University whose administration has not been attributed to them by the present Statutes.

⁷⁹Heading drafted in accordance with the Decree 45/2013, of March 28, of the Council.

⁸⁰Section added in accordance with the Decree 45/2013, of March 28, of the Council.

2. The acts of the governing bodies related to the electoral processes mentioned in the previous paragraph may be subject to an appeal before the University Electoral Commission. Its resolution exhausts the administrative channel and against it an appeal for reconsideration may be lodged.

Article 240⁸¹

1. Unless the law or the Statutes provide otherwise, in the elections to the bodies provided in the present Statutes the following norms must be observed:

- a) Elections are free and the vote is personal, direct and secret.
- b) The balanced presence of women and men must be favored as established in the current legislation.

2. The electoral processes will be regulated in a general electoral regulations approved by the Senate on the motion of the Electoral Commission, after the report of the Statutes Committee.

This regulations must guarantee, at least, the following general criteria, which must govern in all the electoral processes:

- a) The application of the calculation of percentages must be made to the nearest natural number.
- b) It is necessary to ensure that one of these two systems is used in the elections:
 - I. Open list in which all the candidatures appear. In this case, the electorate may vote for a maximum of 2/3 or the natural one closest to the total of representatives that must be chosen. This system shall be necessarily applied to the election of the teaching and research staff and of administrative and service staff, in which these 2/3 have to be proportionally distributed to the number of representatives of the sectors of this staff set for each election.
 - II. Closed list with a number of people equal, at least, to 50% of the places to be covered. In this case, the electorate may vote only one candidacy and the distribution of seats allocation taking the results into account will be done according to the largest remainder method to achieve a proportional representation.
- c) It must be guaranteed that no person may appear on an election list without proof of his/her personal and direct acceptance of such circumstance.
- d) The balanced presence of women and men in the presented electoral candidacies according to the closed list system must be guaranteed.
- e) All aspects related to the issuance of early voting should be regulated.
- f) The general aspects that must be followed in electoral campaigns should be regulated.
- g) It is necessary to determine the infraction and sanction system on electoral issues.
- h) The election frequency of the students representatives in the different bodies in which this representation is planned should be, in any case, no less than every year.
- i) The electoral colleges shall be set by groups of teaching and research staff, trainee research staff, students and administrative and service staff, and by faculties and schools, departments, university research institutes and services, in accordance with the characteristics of each electoral process.

Article 241

1. For the purpose of their electoral participation in the bodies provided in the present Statutes, for each electoral process, the University Electoral Commission shall register to vote each member of the university community in a single electoral college, according to the following precepts:

a) The teaching and research staff members must be registered to vote, in accordance with the data that the Administrative and Economic Central Services provide to the Electoral Commission, in the corresponding electoral colleges. The staff of health institutions that are subsidised by the University of Valencia, who perform duties as adjunct professor, should be registered to vote at the corresponding electoral colleges.

The Electoral Commission shall annually communicate to each member of the teaching and research staff its census data. Claims may be lodged, with the pertinent justification, that in the case of change of center shall be to prove the teaching and research link with the new faculty or school.

b) Students should be registered to vote, in accordance with the registration data, in the electoral colleges corresponding to the specificity of each electoral process. Claims may be lodged, with the pertinent justification.

c) Research grantholders must be registered, in accordance with the data that the Administrative and Economic Central Services provide to the Electoral Commission, in the corresponding electoral colleges.

The Electoral Commission shall annually communicate to each research grantholder its census data. Claims may be lodged, with the pertinent justification.

d) The administrative and service staff members must be registered to vote, in accordance with the data that the Administrative and Economic Central Services provide to the Electoral Commission, in the corresponding electoral colleges. The administrative and service staff members of a department must be registered to vote in the faculty or school to which the department is affiliated to or, if appropriate, the corresponding departmental section.

⁸¹Article drafted in accordance with the Decree 45/2013, of March 28, of the Council.

The Electoral Commission shall annually communicate to each member of the administrative and service staff its census data. Claims may be lodged, with the pertinent justification.

2. The Electoral Commission, for each electoral process, must provide to the people in charge of each electoral college the corresponding censuses, for their public exposition and the formulation of possible claims.

3. The staff and the students of the affiliated centres cannot participate in the electoral processes of the University of Valencia.

4. The staff contracted by work or service, to develop specific projects of scientific or technical research, can only participate in the rector electoral process.

SECTION TWO ⁸²

Equality

Article 241 bis ⁸³

The University of Valencia has among its key objectives the development of all equality policies between women and men, the promotion of active policies that favor the reconciliation of work, personal and family life, as well as the fight against gender-based violence.

Similarly, it will ensure the use of non-sexist language in administrative, teaching, research, cultural and communication environments.

Article 241 ter ⁸⁴

1. The University will have an Equality Unit for the development of functions related to the principle of equality between women and men.

2. In charge of the Unit there will be a director appointed by the rector.

3. The Equality Unit will assume the following competencies:

a) To prepare and develop the necessary programs to promote equality policies at the University of Valencia.

b) To implement, track and evaluate Equality Plans.

c) To coordinate the specific actions that, in this sense, can set up the different organs, faculties and schools, and services.

d) To advise the University governing bodies and commissions in terms of equality policies.

e) To support the conduct of studies in order to promote the principle of equality.

f) To foster the knowledge in the university community of the scope and meaning of the principle of equality through training actions.

g) All those competences attributed to it by the governing bodies of the University.

TITLE SEVEN

REFORM OF THE STATUTES

Article 242

The total or partial reform of the present Statutes requires the agreement of the Senate and must follow the procedure indicated by the following articles, notwithstanding its development in the regulations of the Senate internal regulations.

Article 243

1. A proposal to modify the present Statutes shall be made by:

a) The rector

b) The Governing Council

c) 10% of Senate members, in case of a partial modification

d) The absolute majority of the members of one group of Senate members of article 81, in case of a partial modification.

e) A third of the Senate members, in case of a total modification.

2. Reform proposals must be submitted by means of a motivated letter addressed to the Senate Executive Committee, together with the text of the proposed reform.

⁸²Section added in accordance with the Decree 45/2013, of March 28, of the Council.

⁸³Article added in accordance with the Decree 45/2013, of March 28, of the Council.

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3. If the Senate rejects the reform proposal, the proposers will not be able to carry out this initiative again during the same academic year.

Article 244

1. If the proposed reform is total, the Statutes Committee will have to decide on its origin. The opinion must be submitted to the Senate so that it decides, by absolute majority, on the origin of the reform.

2. If the agreement of the Senate is favorable, the proposal shall become a preliminary draft of the reform.

3. Once the preliminary draft has been published, all members of the university community may submit amendments. In the Statutes Committee a board shall be constituted to issue a report on the aforementioned amendments, which will be discussed and voted in this committee in order to prepare the project that must be submitted to the Senate.

4. Once the project has been submitted to the Senate, there shall be a period for the Senate members to make amendments.

5. The first session of the Senate to debate the project must be convened with at least a 15 days advance notice.

6. The approval of the reform requires an absolute majority of the members of the Senate in a final vote on the whole project.

7. If the agreement of the Senate is unfavorable to the origin of the reform, the procedure will end.

Article 245

1. If the reform proposal is partial, it must be published for the information of the university community. From the publication, there will be a period of 20 days so that all members of the university community can submit amendments for its discussion in the Statutes Committee.

2. The proposed text must be submitted to the opinion of the Statutes Committee, which will decide by majority on the proposal and the amendments made. The decision of the Committee shall contain, if appropriate, an alternative text. This decision must be issued within the term established by the Governing Council depending on the extension of the proposed reform.

3. The Senate must be convened at least 15 days before the date on which it must be held.

4. To approve the partial reform of the Statutes, the favorable vote of the absolute majority of the members of the Senate is required.

Additional provisions

First

The rector may chair, when appropriate, the committees of the central bodies of the University and, in this case, the vice-rector who acts as chair over him or her, or his/her delegates, may attend with voice but no vote.

Second

At the moment of the approval of the present Statutes by the Senate, the general services of the University of Valencia include:

- a) Bibliographic Information Service.
- b) IT Service.
- c) Lifelong Learning Service.
- d) Language Policy Service.
- e) Publishing Service.
- f) University Extension Service.
- g) Physical Education and Sports Service.
- h) Technical and Maintenance Service.
- i) Analysis and Planning Service.
- j) Spanish Type Culture Collection.
- k) Central Service for Experimental research.
- l) Legal Guidance Service.
- m) Health and Safety and the Environment Service.

Third

In cases where the creation, modification or removal of administrative, teaching or management units implies a new affiliation of teaching and research staff or administrative and service staff, the Governing Council must decide after hearing those affected and after the report of the staff representative bodies.

Fourth

The staff with positions of free disposition will remain in office at the cessation of the person who appointed them until the ratification or assumption of office of the person replacing them or, if appropriate, until the abolition of the position.

*Fifth*⁸⁵

In accordance with the principle of equality between women and men in the government and the management of the University of Valencia, the rector will take into account, in terms of the appointment of positions, the balanced presence between women and men in the terms established by current legislation, both in the configuration of the Board of Directors and in the set of the different single-person positions of designation.

The deans and directors must take the same criterion into account in the proposal of their respective teams.

The same criterion shall also be followed in the composition of the different existing committees at the University of Valencia.

Sixth

To access positions belonging to areas of knowledge that do not satisfy the provisions related to teaching in Valencian established in the offer of the academic year, and especially in the recruitment contests, the Governing Council shall agree to modify the list of positions to include the requirement of the relevant language training.

Seventh

1. In order to guarantee the right to internal information, the University of Valencia will be equipped with an informative bulletin in electronic form to disseminate those regulations, agreements and resolutions that must be published, as well as everything that is considered of interest to the university community. The organisation, content and operation of this bulletin will be determined by regulation.

2. The electronic institutional website will also offer academic, cultural and other information that affects the activities and operation of the University of Valencia. Likewise, the composition of the governing bodies and the advisory committees of the central bodies of the University will be posted there.

*Eighth*⁸⁶

In the votes that must be made in the department councils and university research institutes and in the faculty or school boards, in order to formulate the proposals of members of the access and hiring committees provided in the present Statutes, the provisions of article 240.2.b) I shall apply.

Ninth

The University of Valencia and the Higher Council for Scientific Research jointly maintain mixed research centres in areas of mutual interest, under a framework collaboration agreement. The Governing Council shall regulate, for the purposes of the present Statutes, the operation scheme for these centres.

As long as the faculty or school director is a researcher belonging to the Higher Council for Scientific Research staff and the assistant director is a full-time teacher at the University of Valencia, the University will grant, for internal purposes, the same treatment as the directors of university institutes.

*Tenth*⁸⁷

1. For the purposes provided in the present Statutes, staff hired under programs incorporating doctors are teaching and research staff during the term of this contract.

2. In the scales that should be applied to resolve the recruitment contests to fulfill positions preferably research ones, research merits will be preponderant.

*Eleventh*⁸⁸

The staff of health institutions that are subsidised by the University of Valencia who perform duties as adjunct professor in accordance with the Law 14/1986, of 25 April, of general health, and the provisions that develop it, should not be counted for the purpose of the constitution of a department, nor of the distribution of the number of senate members by faculties or schools.

Their participation in the governing and representative bodies is as follows:

a) In the department boards, a presence equivalent to 10% of the number of teaching and research staff members, in accordance with the procedure determined by the General Electoral Regulation.

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b) In the faculty or school boards, a presence equivalent to 15% of the number of representatives of non-permanent teaching and research staff, and in accordance with the procedure established by the General Electoral Regulation.

c) In the Senate, a presence equivalent to 10% of the number of representatives of the teaching and research staff of the corresponding faculty or school, and according to the process determined by the General Electoral Regulations.

To choose their representatives, the mentioned staff will form the corresponding specific electoral colleges.

Twelfth

In order to comply with the objective of achieving a normalised use of the native language at the University, in accordance with the provisions of article 6.3 of the present Statutes, the Governing Council must approve a plan to increase teaching in Valencian including positive action measures for both teaching and research staff and for departments, faculties and schools.

Thirteenth

[No content.]

*Fourteenth*⁸⁹

The publicly contracted university teaching staff and assistant professors are considered University tenure-track 2 professors.

Publicly contracted teaching staff belonging to bodies of full university school professors and tenured university school professors to be extinct are, for all purposes, also considered temporary professors.

*Fifteenth*⁹⁰

Within a period of one year, the Senate shall approve the general Election Regulations. The Governing Council, ex officio, shall adapt all the internal regulations of the different bodies to the provisions stated in the mentioned General Electoral Regulation.

Transitional provisions

First

1. All the current regulations remain in force, except insofar as they expressly contravene the current legislation and the present Statutes, and in this case, it will be necessary to adjust to that stated by the following paragraph of this provision.

2. Until these regulations are adapted, the Governing Council shall be responsible for setting, if necessary, the rules that remain applicable when those regulations are contrary to the current legislation and to the present Statutes.

Second

The University of Valencia Senate shall remain constituted in accordance with the rules that governed the election until the renewal of its members, which will take place:

a) Regarding teaching and research staff representatives and administrative and service staff representatives, in a date included in the last quarter of 2005.

b) Regarding students representatives, in a date included in the last quarter of each year since 2003.

Third

The term of office of the current rector shall end in four years, counted following to taking office.

*Fourth*⁹¹

Within a period of one month from the entry into force of the present Statutes, the Governing Council shall propose to the Senate the organisation and operation regulations projects of said Council.

Fifth

Within a period of one month from the entry into force of the present Statutes, the Governing Council shall approve the organisation regulations of the Consultative Board.

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Sixth

1. Within a period of three months from the entry into force of the present Statutes, the Governing Council shall approve the framework internal regulation of the departments, university research institutes and faculties and schools.

2. The collegiate bodies of departments, university research institutes, faculties and schools shall be created in accordance with the provisions of the present Statutes and their framework regulations.

3. Within a period of three months from the creation of the corresponding collegiate bodies, departments, university research institutes, faculties and schools shall propose their internal regulations to the Governing Council.

4. Single-person bodies of departments, university research institutes, faculties and schools shall be renewed once the Governing Council approves their internal regulations.

5. If any governing body ends its term of office before the assumptions stated in the previous paragraphs apply, it shall be understood to be extended. In any case, the term of office of single-person bodies not exceeding two years at the moment of the call for renewal, shall not be taken into account for the purpose of the term of office limitation stated in the present Statutes.

Seventh

Within a period of three months from the entry into force of the present Statutes, the members of the Claims Committee shall be elected. Meanwhile, the current incumbents shall remain in office.

Eighth

Within a period of three months from the entry into force of the present Statutes, the rector or his/her delegates shall call the Student Council. For this purpose, the Governing Council shall approve a provisional regulation governing, in whatever is necessary, the procedure for election and operation of the Assembly.

Within a period of three months from its creation, the Assembly shall propose the final organisation and operation regulations to the Governing Council.

Ninth

Within a period of one year from the entry into force of the present Statutes, the Governing Council shall approve the regulations for the organic and functional structure of the central services, the general services and other management units of the University of Valencia. Those regulations shall develop the content of article 45 of the present Statutes.

To this end, and in advance, a report shall be prepared including the analysis of the operation of the different existing administrative units at the University of Valencia and including the proposal of the appropriate measures to improve the organisational and management structure.

Tenth

Within a period of one year from the entry into force of the present Statutes, the Governing Council shall present to the Senate the regulations governing the faculties and schools clustering.

Within a period of one year, the Governing Council shall approve the regulations governing the faculties and schools coordination.

Until these measures are adopted, the Campuses Coordination Boards shall remain constituted with the following functions:

a) To materially organise the teaching of university subjects not belonging to any degree and aimed at the free choice that are taught on campus.

b) To organise the use of the common campus teaching resources.

c) To represent the users interests in the campus services.

d) To coordinate the calendar of extraacademic acts.

Eleventh

1. The teaching and research staff positions of the University of Valencia that, at the moment of entry into force of the present Statutes, are held by assistants hired in accordance with the University Reform Law and by full-time adjunct professors, will be transformed into university contracted or publicly contracted teaching staff positions of the categories provided in the law, when they finish their corresponding contracts and their possible renewal. Except as provided in this section, positions held by teaching staff that, in accordance with the provisions of the teaching career regulations of the University of Valencia, had already led to the creation and call of a university or university school senior lecturer position.

2. When the person holding the position has a doctoral degree, five years of teaching and research experience, three of which shall be after the doctorate, and obtains the corresponding positive assessment of the legally competent assessment agency, the position shall be transformed into a tenure-track 2 professor position or, where

applicable, into a publicly contracted teaching staff.

3. If, when the contract ends, the position holder does not fulfill the three years of postdoctoral teaching and research experience requirement or has not obtained the positive evaluation for tenure-track 2 professor, the position shall be transformed into a tenure-track 1 professor position, provided he/she has obtained the positive evaluation for this category. If, while the contract is in force, the position holder obtained the conditions stated in the previous paragraph, the regime stated there shall be applicable to him or her.

4. If the position belongs to an area of knowledge of those that legally make it possible to be hired as a temporary university school professor or tenured university school professor and, after ending the corresponding contract, those holding that position had four years of teaching experience and had the positive evaluation of the legally competent evaluation agency, the position shall be transformed into a temporary university school professor position or, if applicable, a tenured university school professor position.

5. Once the places have been transformed in accordance with the provisions of the previous points 2 and 4, the tenure-track 2 professors and temporary professors positions will be temporarily provided until the final refilling of the position through the corresponding selection process.

6. In the selection processes to definitely fill these positions, the teaching staff included in this provision will have the preferential merit referred to in the third transitional provision of Decree 174/2002, of 15 October, of the Valencian Government. The full-time services provided to the University shall also be considered a preferential merit.

7. [No content.]

Twelfth

The departments that, as a result of the regime established by the present Statutes, have ceased to meet the minimum requirements for their constitution, will remain constituted for a maximum period of two years from the entry into force of the present Statutes. Once this period has elapsed without the aforementioned requirements being met, the Governing Council, after consulting the Advisory Board's report and hearing the affected parties, will decide on the merger with another or other departments.

Thirteenth

1. From the entry into force of the present Statutes, the Language Normalisation Service will be renamed as Language Policy Service.

2. Within a period of one year from the entry into force of the present Statutes, the Governing Council shall approve a language use regulation.

Fourteenth

When the faculties or schools' affiliation agreements, including halls of residence, and those on the creation of interuniversity or subsidised research institutes may be reported, the University of Valencia will exercise the power to denounce, if necessary, to adjust the regime of said centers to the provisions of the present Statutes.

Fifteenth

Unless the present Statutes provide otherwise, the provided regulations and other norms shall be approved within a period of one year.

Sixteenth ⁹²

As long as there is a temporary professor category, hiring shall be in accordance with that established in the second transitional provision of the Organic Law 4/2007 and in the Regulations for the selection of the teaching and research staff of the University of Valencia.

Seventeenth ⁹³

Until the General Election Regulations are approved, the provisions of the regulations governing the elections to the bodies provided in the present Statutes remain in force.

The Governing Council will be responsible for the establishment, if necessary, the rules that remain applicable when those provisions are in opposition to the current legislation and the present Statutes.

⁹²Provision added in accordance with the Decree 45/2013, of March 28, of the Council.

⁹³Provision added in accordance with the Decree 45/2013, of March 28, of the Council.

Derogatory provision

The University of Valencia Statutes approved by Decree 172/1985, on 28 October, of the Governing Council of the Valencian Government and the modifications approved by Decree 165/1989, on 13 November; by Decree 71/1990, on 26 April; by Decree 43/1993, on 22 March; by Decree 75/1994, on 12 April; by Decree 167/1996, on 10 September; by Decree 48/2000, on 17 April, and by Decree 45/2001, on 27 February, as well as all the regulations and other norms dictated in its development in everything that is contrary to the present Statutes, are abolished.

Final provision ⁹⁴

The present Statutes will enter into force the day following their publication in the *Official Journal of the Valencian Country*.

⁹⁴Provision drafted in accordance with the Decree 45/2013, of March 28, of the Council.

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