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## Communications of the Bauhaus-Universität Weimar

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Pursuant to §3(1) and §21(4) sentence 5 in conjunction with §35(1) no.1 of the Thuringian Higher Education Act (ThürHG) dated 10 May 2018 (Thuringian legal notices – GVBl p.149) last amended by Article 128 of the law dated 18 December 2018 (Thuringian legal notices – GVBl p.731), the Senate of the Bauhaus-Universität Weimar agreed the statutes of the Doctoral Council on 4 March 2020. The President approved the statutes on 25 March 2020.

### § 1 Preamble

The doctoral candidates accepted by the faculties' doctoral candidate admissions boards constitute the postgraduate body at the Bauhaus-Universität Weimar pursuant to §21(4) sentence 1 ThürHG. Their legal status as members or affiliates of the Bauhaus-Universität Weimar remains unaffected by their membership of the postgraduate body.

The postgraduate body at the Bauhaus-Universität Weimar is represented by the Doctoral Council. These statutes regulate the tasks, rights, composition, and election of the Doctoral Council (§ 21(4) sentence 4 ThürHG).

### § 2 Tasks and rights of the Doctoral Council

1) Specifically, the Doctoral Council is tasked with:

- representing the interests of doctoral candidates at the Bauhaus-Universität Weimar both internally and externally;
- advising on matters affecting doctoral candidates and providing recommendations on these matters to the responsible bodies and committees at the Bauhaus-Universität Weimar;
- making statements on the statutes and regulations of the Bauhaus-Universität Weimar affecting doctorates or the postgraduate body;
- assigning members to attend responsible bodies and committees at the Bauhaus-Universität Weimar;
- supporting doctoral candidates in all matters relating to their doctorates.

2) The Doctoral Council shall make recommendations to the responsible bodies and committees at the university in all matters affecting the postgraduate body. A member of the Doctoral Council may attend the meetings of the responsible bodies and committees of the university with the exception of the Presidium and the University Council – they must be invited to these like any other member – and has the right to submit motions and to speak (§21 (4) sentence 4 ThürHG).

### § 3 Composition and term of office of the Doctoral Council

- 1) The Doctoral Council comprises eight members and four deputies.
- 2) The Doctoral Council selects a spokesperson and a deputy spokesperson from among their ranks. The spokesperson (or their deputy) represents the Doctoral Council of the Bauhaus-Universität Weimar and organises the meetings of the Doctoral Council.
- 3) In order to fulfil its tasks, the Doctoral Council may appoint commissions to handle specific subtasks.

- 4) Members of the Doctoral Council and their deputies remain in office for a period of two (2) years. Their term in office begins with the constitutive meeting of the newly elected Doctoral Council.

#### **§ 4 Organisation of the Doctoral Council**

- 1) The Doctoral Council meets at least once every semester upon the invitation of the Doctoral Council spokesperson.
- 2) The Doctoral Council's spokesperson (or their deputy) is responsible for participating in the meetings of the Senate and the University Assembly. The Doctoral Council selects a member from among its ranks to attend the meetings of the other responsible bodies and committees, with the exception of the Presidium and the University Council. The spokesperson can alternatively exercise this right.
- 3) The Doctoral Council sets its own rules of procedure.

#### **§ 5 Election of the Doctoral Council**

- 1) The Bauhaus-Universität Weimar's electoral office shall support the inaugural election for the Doctoral Council. The Managing Director of the Bauhaus Research School is provisionally responsible for ensuring the election takes place.
- 2) The electoral office of the incumbent Doctoral Council shall be responsible for orderly preparation, completion, and follow-up of all subsequent elections. The Managing Director of the Bauhaus Research School shall provide support.
- 3) The electoral board of the Bauhaus-Universität Weimar shall serve as the electoral board.
- 4) Those entered in the electoral register are entitled to vote and to stand for election (active and passive voting rights). The electoral register is based on the Bauhaus-Universität Weimar's database of doctoral candidates on the cut-off date of 1 December of the year preceding the election – so 1 December 2019 for the 2020 election. The responsible offices shall supply the electoral office with the necessary information on the doctoral candidates accepted in a suitable format in order to prepare the electoral register.
- 5) The election is based on individual nominations according to the principles of majority voting.
- 6) The postgraduate body constitutes an electoral group. All those entitled to vote can cast a maximum of eight (8) votes. They do not have to use all of their votes; the cumulation of votes is not permitted.
- 7) Candidates are elected to the Doctoral Council in the order of the number of votes they receive, whereby there must be at least one candidate from each faculty (provided a candidate has been nominated). The remaining seats are allocated in the order of the number of votes regardless of faculty affiliation, beginning with the candidate with the most votes. As per §3(1), candidates not allocated one of the eight seats are named as deputies.
- 8) If a candidate does not accept a seat or withdraws from their doctoral degree program, the candidate with the next most votes (if available) shall take their place.
- 9) Insofar as these statutes do not contain any deviating regulations for election of the Doctoral Council, the electoral regulations of the Bauhaus-Universität Weimar shall also apply.

#### **§ 6 Constitutive meeting**

The constitutive meeting of the first Doctoral Council at the Bauhaus-Universität Weimar elected in accordance with these statutes shall be convened by the Managing Director of the Bauhaus Research School in a timely manner. The previous spokesperson (or their deputy) is responsible for convening the constitutive meeting of subsequent Doctoral Councils and for chairing the constitutive meeting until a new spokesperson is elected.

## **§ 7 Equal opportunity**

The statutes and functions described in these statutes apply equally for all genders.

## **§ 8 Entry into force**

The statutes shall enter into force on the day following their announcement in the communications of the Bauhaus-Universität Weimar.

Resolution of the Senate agreed on 4 March 2020

Prof. Dr. Winfried Speitkamp  
President

The statutes are subject to approval.

Dr. Steffi Heine  
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Approved  
Weimar, 25 March 2020

Prof. Dr. Winfried Speitkamp  
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