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On the basis of Article 253(1)(2) and Article 139a(3) of the Statute of the University of Maribor (Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia, no. 32/08), the Senate of the University of Maribor adopted, at its 5 extraordinary meeting of 18 March 2009, the following

RULES ON MINIMUM RESEARCH PERFORMANCE CRITERIA IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 139a OF THE STATUTE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MARIBOR NO. _____

(1) University members may adopt more stringent criteria for the appointment of faculty ranks for university instructors, taking into account the nature and characteristics of scientific disciplines and thus ensuring fair performance evaluation.

(2) In accordance with the Direct Teaching Load Act, university instructors have the right to act as thesis advisors (an indirect form of teaching load).

(3) The research performance of university instructors (assistant professors, associate professors, full professors) is already evaluated in the appointment procedure. A re-evaluation may cause incompatibility of decisions.

(4) In comparison with former programmes, third-cycle Bologna programmes introducing an organized form of studies shall be available to a larger number of students. Doctoral programmes require careful supervision of research work. In order to enable students to complete their studies within the envisaged period and ensure their contribution to scientific advancement, more thesis advisors are required.

For this purpose, minimum criteria for scientific activity in accordance with Article 139a of the Statute of the University of Maribor are laid down as follows.

I.

Advisors appointed to the rank of Assistant Professor, Associate Professor or Full Professor are considered active in the scientific discipline related to the PhD thesis provided they hold an appointment in this field.

Irrespective of paragraph 1 of this Article, scientific activity is evaluated for:

- full professors (if more than 10 years have passed since their last appointment)
- all university instructors not holding an appointment at the University of Maribor

II.

Full professors appointed more than 10 years ago and university instructors not holding an appointment at the University of Maribor are considered active in the relevant scientific discipline provided they have satisfied the following criteria in the past 5 years:

- at least 7.5 points in accordance with the Criteria for the Appointment of Faculty Ranks for University Instructors, Researchers and Other Employees in Higher Education (UM Announcements XXIII-1-2005);

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- internationally recognized publications in the relevant scientific field, i.e.:
 - 2 articles in international peer-reviewed journals indexed by Journal Citation Reports (JCR – Institute for Scientific Information, SCI Expanded, SSCI in A&HCI), or
 - 2 articles in journals with an international review board indexed in international secondary databases approved by the Senate of the University of Maribor, or
 - 1 article from first or second indent as well as 2 written papers in edited volumes of conference proceedings (conferences, symposia or meetings organized by international organizations) or 1 article from first or second indent as well as or 2 written papers in edited volumes of conference proceedings with an international review board; conference proceedings must be published in a world language and listed in international secondary databases, or
 - a book or at least two book chapters published by an internationally renowned specialist publisher, or
 - at least 2 international patents awarded by the USA, EU or Japan
- citations (self-citations excluded) in primary databases (JCR – SCI, SSCI, A&HCI) or other international databases approved by the Senate of the University of Maribor on a proposal of a university member's senate on the basis of the Criteria for the Appointment of Faculty Ranks for University Instructors, Researchers and Other Employees in Higher Education. If no such database exists, proof of citations in international scientific literature must be presented.

Irrespective of paragraph 1 of this Article, minimum criteria are considered satisfied if instructors meet a university member's more stringent criteria for the appointment of faculty ranks on the basis of which instructors are eligible to conduct lectures at doctoral level.

University instructors are also considered active in the relevant scientific discipline if they have acted as advisors to early-stage researchers in the last 5 years.

III.

If advisors claim their eligibility in a scientific field related to national identity, relevant criteria adopted by the Senate of the University of Maribor shall be taken into account.

IV.

Candidates for thesis advisors must present relevant supporting documents.

V.

The advisor must not be:

- a relative of the PhD student in the direct line of descent or in the collateral line up to and including the fourth degree of consanguinity
- a relative of the PhD student by marriage or affinity up to and including the second degree, even where such marital relationship terminated
- the unmarried partner of the PhD student (current or former)
- the guardian or adoptive/foster parent of the PhD student

VI.

These criteria shall apply mutatis mutandis to co-advisors.

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VII.

These Rules shall come into effect the day after being published in the Announcements of the University of Maribor.

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