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3.1.5 Rules for the Selection of the Director of a Centre of Excellence or Research Unit

Under Regulations 4(1)(c) and 15(1)(c) of the University of Cyprus (Centres of Excellence and Research Units) (General) Regulations 1999 to 2025, R.A.A. 144/1999 to R.A.A. 202/2025.

1. Centres of Excellence

- 1.1 (1) (a) For each new Centre of Excellence, the Director of the Centre shall be appointed by the Senate for a period of five (5) years, with the possibility of renewal.
 - (b) The Director of the Centre shall be selected from among the Professors or Associate Professors of the University, preferably at the rank of Professor.
- (2) For subsequent elections of the Director of a Centre of Excellence, the Academic Council of the Centre of Excellence shall recommend to the Senate that the position be announced within the University.
- 1.2 The candidates' proven ability to develop research programmes and to secure funding from research funding organisations shall be specified as a mandatory qualification in the announcement for the position.
- 1.3 Applications for the position of Director of a Centre of Excellence may be submitted by Professors or Associate Professors of the University (preferably Professors) in the same or a related academic field.
- 1.4 The Senate shall appoint a Selection Committee consisting of five members of the Academic Staff. One of the members shall be appointed by the Senate as Chairperson.
 - (1) The Academic Council of a Centre of Excellence shall submit to the Senate a list of ten members of the academic staff at the rank of Professor who specialise in a related field. From this list, the Senate shall select five members to form the Selection Committee.
 - (2) The Senate shall appoint three external evaluators, whose physical presence in Cyprus is not required. The recommendations of the external evaluators regarding the candidates shall be submitted in writing to the Chairperson of the Committee.

- 1.5 The Selection Committee shall convene and, after considering the candidates' dossiers, personal interviews, and the recommendations of the external evaluators, shall draw up a recommendation to the Senate within ten weeks of the deadline for applications.
- 1.6 The Director of a Centre of Excellence shall be appointed by the Senate, taking into consideration the recommendation of the Committee.
- 1.7 The term of office of the Director of a Centre of Excellence shall be five years, with the possibility of re-election.

2. Research Units

- 2.1 (1) (a) For each new Research Unit, the Senate shall appoint, upon the recommendation of the relevant Department and/or Faculty, the Director of the Unit for a period of five (5) years, with the possibility of renewal.
 - (b) The Director of the Unit shall be selected from among the Professors or Associate Professors of the University, preferably at the rank of Professor.
- (2) For subsequent elections of the Director of a Research Unit, the Council of the Faculty to which the Unit is assigned shall recommend to the Senate that the position be announced within the University.
- 2.2 The candidates' proven ability to develop research programmes and to secure funding from research funding organisations shall be specified as a mandatory qualification in the announcement for the position.
- 2.3 Applications for the position of Director of a Research Unit may be submitted by Professors or Associate Professors of the University (preferably Professors) in the same or a related academic field.
- 2.4 The Senate shall appoint a Selection Committee consisting of five members of the Academic Staff. One of the members shall be appointed by the Senate as Chairperson.
 - (1) In the event that the Research Unit is assigned to a Faculty, the five members of the academic staff shall be selected from a list of ten members of the academic staff at the rank of Professor drawn from the Departments of the Faculty to which the Research Unit is assigned. The list shall be submitted to the Senate by the Faculty. In the event that the Faculty to which the Research Unit is assigned does not include five Professors, the Senate shall supplement the Committee with Professors from other Departments of the University or, if this is not possible, from other universities.

The Board of the Faculty shall appoint three external evaluators, whose physical presence in Cyprus is not required. The recommendations of the external

evaluators regarding the candidates shall be submitted in writing to the Chairperson of the Committee.

- (2) In the event that the Research Unit is assigned to a Department or operates between Departments, the members of the Selection Committee shall be selected from a list of ten persons which shall be submitted to the Senate by the Relevant Faculty. The Senate shall appoint a Selection Committee consisting of five members of the academic staff drawn from all the Faculties participating in the Research Unit.

The three external evaluators shall be appointed by the Senate, taking into consideration the recommendations submitted by the Councils of the participating Faculties.

- 2.5 The Selection Committee shall convene and, after considering the candidates' dossiers, the personal interviews, and the recommendations of the external evaluators, shall draw up a recommendation to the Senate within ten weeks of the deadline for applications.
- 2.6 The Director of a Centre of Excellence/Research Unit shall be appointed by the Senate, taking into consideration the recommendation of the Committee.
- 2.7 The term of office of the Director of a Centre of Excellence/Research Unit shall be five years, with the possibility of re-election.

The present Rules were approved at Meeting No. 29 of the University Council, dated 2.7.1997, and were amended at Meeting No. 71 of the Council, dated 13.7.2000, at Meeting No. 105 of the Council, dated 16.7.2003, at Meeting No. 141 of the Council, dated 31.01.2007, and at meeting No. 16/2017 of the Council, dated 23.10.2017.