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3.3.1. Rules for the Establishment of Special Chairs, 2010

1. The establishment of chairs at the University of Cyprus is provided for in Article 21(2) of the University of Cyprus Law. Specifically, it is provided that:
 - 1.1. Special posts of Professors, designated as “Chairs”, shall be established.
 - 1.2. Chairs shall be established in a specific scientific field and within a specific Department of the University of Cyprus.
 - 1.3. The Chairs may be funded by the private sector.
 - 1.4. The Chairs shall be accepted by the University of Cyprus under conditions that safeguard its independence.

2. Objective

The objective of a Chair shall be to promote scientific research and teaching at the highest possible academic level, in the subject area of the Chair. The objective of each Chair may be determined by the external funder/organisation that announces/funds it.

3. Funding of a Chair

- 3.1. A separate agreement shall be signed for each Chair, which shall determine the method of funding and/or the rights of the contracting parties.
- 3.2. A Chair may be funded by the private sector in Cyprus or by a foreign organisation, to the extent this is provided for in the terms of its funding.
- 3.3. The Council may approve the co-funding of a Chair, following a recommendation by the Senate.
- 3.4. The total budgeted expenditures of a Chair shall include the following:
 - 3.4.1. The gross remuneration of the Holder of the Chair, which shall correspond either to the remuneration of a member of the Academic Staff of the University of Cyprus at an equivalent rank or to the remuneration provided by the funder. In the event that the remuneration provided by the funder is lower than that of an equivalent Academic Staff position, the difference shall be covered through the co-funding provided for in clause “3.5”.
 - 3.4.2. Any special allowance for the Holder of the Chair (up to 10% of the gross remuneration as defined in clause “3.4.1” above), provided that the total contributions of the funder cover both the salary and the special allowance of the Holder of the Chair.
 - 3.4.3. The special fund (indicatively, at least equal to 20% of the gross remuneration of the Holder of the Chair) shall be used to cover other funding needs of the Research

Project/Activities of the Chair, as specified in the agreement between the University of Cyprus and the funder.

3.4.4. Any other expenditures included in the Chair agreement, the funding of which derives from contributions by the funder.

3.5. It is expected that the total expenditures of the Chair shall be covered by the contributions of the funder. In the event that the contributions are insufficient to meet the needs of the Chair, the difference may be covered through co-funding by the University of Cyprus.

4. Eligibility and Procedure for the Election of the Holder of the Chair

4.1. The following shall be eligible to apply for the Chair:

4.1.1. Professors whose academic discipline is related to the subject area of the Chair;
or

4.1.2. Academic Staff who meet the requirements set out in the announcement of the Chair.

4.2. The Rector and Vice-Rectors of the University of Cyprus shall not hold a Chair during their term of office, except in special circumstances and subject to the approval of the Council.

4.3. The procedure for filling a Chair shall be consistent with the existing procedures of the University for the recruitment of academic staff or Visiting Academics.

5. Internal Procedures for the Approval and Submission of Proposals

5.1. Following consultation with the funder, the final proposal, which shall include the budget of the Chair and any request for co-funding by the University of Cyprus, shall be submitted to the Rector's Council.

5.2. The Rector's Council shall examine the proposal, assessing the contribution of the Chair to research and teaching, and shall submit a recommendation to the Senate for approval.

5.3. The recommendation of the Senate shall be submitted to the Council for final approval.

5.4. The proposal for the establishment of a Chair shall be submitted to the funder/external organisation by the Rector or his/her authorised representative.

5.5. If the announcement of the Chair requires the submission of a proposal by the prospective holder of the Chair, the provisions of the call shall apply.

5.6. Upon approval of the proposal, the relevant agreements/contracts shall be signed by the Rector or his/her authorised representative.

6. Rights and Obligations of the Holder of the Chair

6.1. The rights and obligations of the holder of the Chair shall correspond to those provided for members of the Academic Staff of the University of Cyprus.

- 6.2. The Holder of the Chair shall be required to engage in teaching and research and/or any other activities specified in the agreement between the University of Cyprus and the funder/external organisation that announces/funds the Chair.
- 6.3. The obligations of the Holder of the Chair shall be set out in the announcement of the Chair. Any revisions shall always be made with due regard to the proper fulfilment of the objective of the Chair.
- 6.4. The Holder of the Chair shall use the title of the Chair in all academic activities and make specific reference to the fact that it is based at the University of Cyprus. The following information shall be included in such reference:

Name of the Holder of the Chair:

Name of the Chair:

University of Cyprus

7. Rights and Obligations of the Funder

- 7.1. In consultation with the University of Cyprus, the funder shall determine the official title of the Chair.
- 7.2. The primary obligation of the funder shall be to secure the amount required for the funding of the Chair, in accordance with the agreement.

8. Obligations of the University of Cyprus

- 8.1. The University of Cyprus shall provide the administrative and any other support necessary for the effective performance of the duties of the Holder of the Chair and shall contribute to the promotion of the Chair.
- 8.2. The University of Cyprus shall provide any financial support agreed upon in the cooperation agreement with the external organisation.

The above Rules were approved at Meeting No. 179 of the Council, dated 16.7.2010. The Rules of 1999 are hereby repealed.