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Rector's Directive No. 9/2026

Constitution of the International Board of Charles University

To implement: -

Guarantor: Vice-Rector for Research and Creative Activities

Responsible office: Research Support Office of the Rectorate

Date of force: 12 February 2026

Date of effect: 1 March 2026

Constitution of the International Board of Charles University

Article 1
Introductory Provisions

1. This Directive establishes the International Board of Charles University (“Board”) and defines the activities, composition, and meetings of the Board.
2. The Board is an advisory body to the Rector which discusses the general direction of research and educational activities at Charles University (“University”), research programmes, the evaluation thereof, and the financing system of the University.

Article 2
Activities of the Board

The Board performs, in particular, the following activities:

a) Expresses opinions and recommendations in the area of newly implemented financing programmes for the principal activities of the University and new research and study programmes of the University,
b) Proposes research activities and programmes for research centres at the University,
c) Provides suggestions for improvement in the area of organisation and process management, in particular, in relation to science and research activities at the University,
d) Proposes the framework and criteria for, and the form of, the evaluation of science and research activities at the University and discusses the conclusions thereof,
e) Performs evaluations of individuals and teams nominated for grants, medals, and awards at the University at the Rector’s request.

Article 3
Composition of the Board

1. The Board is composed of outstanding, internationally recognised researchers with an excellent reputation in research and high moral integrity who have worked abroad for a significant period of time.
2. The Board is composed of at least nine members.
3. The chair, vice-chair, and other members of the Board are appointed by the Rector on the basis of an opinion provided by the Research Board of Charles University.
4. Members of the Board are appointed for a four-year term of office. A member may be appointed to the Board repeatedly.
5. The chair of the Board is responsible for the activities of the Board and for communication with the Rector and the Vice-Rectors. The vice-chair of the Board represents the chair of the Board in his or her absence.
6. The members of the Board attend the meetings of the Board and play an active role in the activities thereof.
7. Membership in the Board terminates as follows:
   a) Upon the expiration of the term of office;
   b) Upon the delivery of a member’s written letter of resignation to the Rector; or
   c) Upon removal from office by the Rector, which may be without cause.
8. Membership in the Board is an honorary position. The University reimburses the necessary costs incurred by the members of the Board in direct relation with the activities of the Board and their participation in the meetings of the Board, at the members’ request.

Article 4
Meetings of the Board

1. The Board meets as necessary, but at least once a year.
2. The meetings of the Board are convened by the chair of the Board on his or her own initiative or on the Rector's initiative.
3. The invitation contains a draft agenda for the meeting and the materials to be discussed. Members of the Board may propose changes to the agenda for the Board meeting.
4. Meetings of the Board are presided over by the chair of the Board.
5. The Board has a quorum if a majority of its members is present. A resolution is adopted if a simple majority of the members vote in its favour.
6. The meetings of the Board are closed to public. Persons who attend the meetings of the Board maintain the confidentiality thereof.
7. In addition to the members of the Board, the Rector, the Vice-Rector for Research and Creative Activities may attend the meetings of the Board; external experts and guests may also attend the meetings upon an invitation from the chair of the Board.
8. Minutes of the meetings of the Board must be drawn up and approved by the Board. The approved minutes are sent to the members of the Board and the Rector.
9. The language of procedure of the Board is English and all materials discussed by the Board are drawn up in the English language

Article 5
Remote Voting

1. The chair of the Board may declare remote voting upon a Rector's proposal.
2. If a vote is held in remote form, the chair of the Board presents the respective draft resolution to all members of the Board, including the materials to be discussed, with a notice to provide an opinion thereon within a given time limit.
3. A resolution is adopted if an absolute majority of the members of the Board vote in its favour.

Article 6
Administration of the Board

Administrative support for the meetings of the Board is provided by the Research Support Office of the Rectorate in the form of, in particular, support for the organisation of the meetings, including taking minutes of the meetings, and the publishing of information on the activities of the Board in accordance with the instructions of the chair of the Board.

Article 7
Transitional Provisions

1. The Advisory Board to the Rector of Charles University is abolished as of the date of effect hereof.
2. The members of the International Board of Charles University who were members of the Board before the date of effect hereof are considered as members of the International Board of Charles University hereunder; the term of office of these members of the Board starts running on 1 March 2026.

Article 8
Final Provisions

1. Rector's Directive No. 6/2023, Constitution of the International Board of Charles University and the Rector's Advisory Board, is hereby repealed.
2. This Rector's Directive comes into force on the date of execution and becomes effective on 1 March 2026.

Prague, 12 February 2026

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