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Universität Hamburg Bylaws on the Awarding of the Academic Title of Professor

Resolution of the Academic Senate on 16 April 2015

Section 1

Award, right of nomination

Pursuant to Section 17 subsection 1 Hamburg higher education act (Hamburgisches Hochschulgesetz, HmbHG), the Executive University Board may award the title of professor to individuals based on nomination by a faculty or individual. The Executive University Board evaluates the nomination, makes a decision in accordance with its own discretion, and advises the Academic Senate of that decision.

Section 2

Nomination

- (1) The faculties may submit nominations pursuant to Section 17 subsection 1 HmbHG on request from the
- chairperson of the Academic Senate
 - dean
 - faculty or departmental heads.

A person may not nominate themselves. Nominations must be forwarded to the relevant faculty. They must be well-founded and submitted with the documents required for assessment.

- (2) Nominations do not need to be submitted for Executive University Board initiatives.

Section 3

Faculty process

(1) Nominations are presented to the relevant faculty council via a resolution committee made up of four professors, two representatives from the group of academic staff, and a student; committee sessions may be attended by a representative from the technical, library, and administrative staff in an advisory capacity. The committee is appointed by the faculty council.

(2) The committee evaluates the nominations and presents them to the faculty council with a proposed resolution. The committee considers the nominee's qualifications for professorial appointment in light of the applicable rules for the subject; at least two external assessments must also be obtained. The proposed resolution to the faculty council is made according to a majority of eligible votes; the nomination documents, meeting minutes, assessments, and voting results must be attached.

(3) The faculty council assesses the nomination and renders a decision about the proposed resolution from its committee. It may obtain statements from other faculties and additional assessments. Once a decision has been made on the award of the title of professor at the faculty level, the dean must present the documentation to the Executive University Board for decision.

(4) The Executive University Board must appoint a committee to assess the relevant documents for nominations advanced on its own initiative. The committee must be composed according to the provisions of subsection 1. Where a faculty is affected, the Executive University Board must obtain the consent of the relevant office of the dean.

Section 4 Nomination requirements

(1) Nomination requires:

1. a) outstanding (far above average) academic or artistic achievements, comparable with those of a university professor or
b) extraordinary performance in the application or development of academic achievements and methods in the field in which they teach, usually demonstrated by publications or other suitable means
2. at least six semesters of successful and independent teaching with an average of two course hours per semester, usually at Universität Hamburg, prior to the nomination
3. evaluation by two external assessors that contributions will continue to be made to research and teaching in the future.

(2) Pursuant to Section 17 subsection 1 HmbHG, a nomination cannot be made for individuals who hold a primary position of professor or who may continue to use the title of professor pursuant to Section 17 subsection 3 HmbHG after leaving their primary position at the University.

Section 5 Rights and obligations for professors arising pursuant to Section 17 subsection 1 HmbHG

(1) In consultation with the faculty, and within the available rooms and resources, the professor has the right to announce lectures and other teaching in their field. They are obliged to offer courses or classes amounting to two teaching hours per week per semester.

(2) The faculties, interfaculty center, or central institution must check that the teaching obligation pursuant to Section 1 is fulfilled. The regulations governing the obligatory teaching load for academic staff remain unaffected.

Section 6 Revocation

(1) The academic title of professor will be revoked by the Executive University Board if the professor:

1. does not fulfill their obligatory teaching load for two subsequent semesters without good cause but has not yet reached the statutory age of retirement
2. has behaved in a manner unworthy of a member of the University teaching staff
3. accepts another professorship.

(2) The faculty, interfaculty center, or central institution informs the Executive University Board about any grounds for revocation.

Section 7
Effective date

These bylaws become effective after their adoption by the Academic Senate on 16 April 2015. This entry into force repeals the Universität Hamburg Bylaws for the Award and Revocation of the Academic Title of Professor dated 1 January 2006.