



UNIVERSITÀ
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STATUTE

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PART I – PRINCIPLES AND FUNCTIONS

Article 1 – Establishment and Autonomy of the University

1. The University of Trento, hereinafter called the University, is a public higher education and research institute which enjoys autonomy under Article 33 of the Italian Constitution. It guarantees freedom of research, teaching and learning in its capacity as an instrument of human development, democracy and social dignity. It is fully independent and favours dialogue and pluralism of ideas in full compliance with its Code of Ethics.
2. The University is part of the Italian state university system and enjoys a special autonomy guaranteed by Legislative Decree no. 142/2011, pursuant to which it works actively in the European Higher Education Area (EHEA) and the European Research Area (ERA).
3. The University has its premises in Trento and can establish decentralised premises.
4. The seal of the University features the eagle of Trento and the Arabian phoenix and the motto "Athesina Studiorum Universitas". Together with the logotype, the seal forms the trade mark of the University.

Article 2 – Objectives and Functions of the University

1. The University works for the development and spread of knowledge and critical thinking, places research at the core of its educational, cultural and professional policies, promotes innovation and the transfer of knowledge.
2. In implementing its educational policy, the University recognizes the central role played by students.
3. It pursues constant improvement of the quality of its research and teaching, and the strengthening of its international dimension by establishing contacts with prestigious national and international universities and research centres.
4. It draws up a strategic plan, identifying the areas that are fundamental for its distinctive character and its national and international position.
5. It makes choices based on the results of appropriate evaluation procedures and implements policies based on merit and qualifications towards professors, researchers, technicians, administrative staff and students, supporting these policies with suitable measures and incentives, including accommodation.
6. It works with the school system, promoting university as a valid choice and encouraging teacher training.
7. It facilitates the job placement of its graduates and PhDs, adapting its educational and professional profiles to the evolution of the labour market and the needs of society; it supports the involvement of its alumni and alumnae and their associations in the activities of the University.
8. It supports the circulation of knowledge through full and open access to scientific literature and encourages the transfer of scientific findings and their promotion through entrepreneurial and academic activities.
9. It works with society and industry at the local level, organising specific meetings with the economic and social actors and making its expertise and service infrastructure available, in order to promote its development and national and international competitiveness through innovation and continuous life-long learning.
10. By virtue of its autonomy, it enters into agreements and contracts, as well as participates in associations and companies to carry out initiatives and/or achieve objectives, including those of economic relevance, that are consistent with its institutional purposes, without prejudice to the limits provided for by the regulations in force.
11. It consolidates its relations with the local area by convening, as a rule once a year, the University Open Assembly, an event open to the University community, to the local community and its representatives and institutions in order to illustrate its activity and its impact at local level, and to gather advice and suggestions regarding its general policies.
12. It promotes the enhancement and use of knowledge to contribute to the social, cultural and economic development of society in a synergistic relationship with the local, national and international stakeholders and communities. To this end, it promotes development cooperation and the use of new forms of entrepreneurship in highly innovative sectors for technology and society.



13. It encourages actions aimed at promoting sustainability, minimising its impact on the environment and natural resources, increasing social inclusion and cohesion, reducing inequalities and protecting fundamental rights.

PART II – CENTRAL UNIVERSITY BODIES

Article 3 – Central University bodies

1. The government of the University is based on a dual system founded on the differentiation of roles between the Academic Senate as a guiding body which oversees teaching and research work and the Governing Board as a guiding body which oversees finance and administration and which verifies the results attained.
2. The central governing bodies of the University are:
 - a) the Rector
 - b) the Governing Board
 - c) the President of the Governing Board
 - d) the Academic Senate.
3. Other central University bodies are:
 - a) the University Council
 - b) the Council of Students
 - c) the Council of Technical and Administrative Staff and Language Expert Staff
 - d) the Council of Doctoral Students and Holders of Research Contracts
 - e) the Evaluation Board
 - f) the Auditors Board
 - g) the Director General
 - h) the Disciplinary Board.

FIRST SECTION – THE RECTOR

Article 4 – Role and duties of the Rector

1. The Rector is responsible for the pursuit of the aims of the University, he or she ensures unity in the strategic policies between the University's governing bodies and he or she drives and coordinates teaching and research activities. The Rector is the legal representative of the University.
2. In particular, the Rector:
 - a) draws up the University multiyear strategic plan, together with the Academic Senate, and is responsible for its implementation after the approval of the Governing Board;
 - b) proposes the annual and multiyear budget to the Governing Board;
 - c) presents annually to the Governing Board the trends in academic research and the educational policy adopted by the Academic Senate;
 - d) draws up an annual report on the implementation of the University strategic plan and submits it to the Governing Board at the same time as the balance sheet;
 - e) identifies four full professors as members of the Academic Senate;
 - f) in agreement with the President proposes the appointment of the Director General to the Governing Body;
 - g) in the event of necessity or urgency, in agreement with the President of the Governing Board, takes provisional measures that fall within the competence of the Governing Board, submitting them for ratification at the immediately following meeting;
 - h) appoints the Deputy Rector, who replaces him or her in the case of absence or impediment, from among the members of the Academic Senate;
 - i) exercises any powers delegated to him or her, as well as any other function not expressly assigned to other bodies.
3. The Rector's mandate lasts for six years and is not renewable.



Article 5 – Elections of the Rector

1. The Rector is elected from among the full professors of the University of Trento and of other universities who are working full time or who undertake to work full time if elected and who have put forward their candidacy by the deadline.
2. Professors who put forward their candidacy are assessed beforehand by the Committee for Candidates for the Rectorship, made up of three people possessing the competence and experience necessary for the role of Rector. One member of the Committee is designated by the Governing Board, one by the Academic Senate and one by both these bodies jointly.
3. Normally the President of the Governing Board establishes the Committee for Candidates for the Rectorship at least six months before the end of the Rector's mandate. Should the Rector leave his or her post for a reason other than the normal expiry of the mandate, then the Committee is appointed without delay in order to enable the electoral procedure to be started immediately.
4. The President of the Governing Board, acting on the proposal of the Committee for Candidates for the Rectorship and in accordance with the procedures specified in the University's General Regulation, publishes an announcement for the vacant post, indicating the deadline for applications and the general assessment criteria to be applied by the Committee for Candidates for the Rectorship an announcement for the vacant post in which the deadline for ~~submitting~~ applications and the general criteria to which the Committee for Candidates for the Rectorship must adhere in their assessment are indicated.
5. Applications must be accompanied by a Curriculum Vitae, a list of publications and a general proposal for a strategic plan for the University.
6. On the basis of the list of candidates in possession of the requisites as per paragraph 1 above and according to the criteria indicated in the announcement of the vacant post as per paragraph 4 above, the Committee assesses each application in the light of the distinctive character of the University, with particular regard for:
 - a) overall experience, in particular in the management of complex academic institutions and in the academic scientific responsibility for important relevant national and international research projects;
 - b) the qualified scientific profile recognised at national and international level.
7. The assessment of the Committee is published together with the list of candidates and the documents as per paragraph 5 above.
8. The active electorate for the election of the Rector consists of:
 - a) tenured professors, tenured researchers, tenure track researchers, including senior researchers, as per Article 24 (3) (b) of Law 240/2010 in the version preceding the entry into force of Law 79/2022 (hereinafter, "tenure track researchers");
 - b) holders of research contracts, including fixed-term contract postdoc researchers as per Article 24 (3) (a) of Law 240/2010, research fellows as per Article 22 of Law 240/2010 in the version preceding the entry into force of Law 79/2022, holders of research contracts as per Article 22 of Law 240/2010 in the version following the entry into force of Law 79/2022, and doctoral students. The votes expressed are weighted so that they represent 4% of the votes expressed by the voters in letter (a) of this paragraph. The weighted votes given to each candidate are rounded up or down to the nearest whole number;
 - c) managerial staff, technicians, administrative staff and language teachers, with employment contracts. The votes expressed are weighted so that they represent 15% of the votes expressed by the voters in letter (a) of this paragraph. The weighted votes given to each candidate are rounded up or down to the nearest whole number;
 - d) student representatives elected in University bodies and in the bodies of academic departments and centres. The votes expressed are weighted so that they represent 8% of the votes expressed by the voters in letter (a) of this paragraph.
9. The candidate who receives the vote of the absolute majority of voters, calculated according to the weighting formula established in the preceding paragraph, provided that at least one third of the eligible voters, calculated according to the same formula, took part in the vote, shall be elected rector. If no candidate is elected after three rounds of voting, a last ballot is held between the two candidates who received the most votes in the third ballot. The last ballot is valid regardless of the number of voters.



10. The Rector is appointed by the competent Minister. Should a professor belonging to another university be elected, the appointment also constitutes appointment and concomitant transfer to the University of Trento.
11. The General Regulation of the University specifies any further procedural norms necessary.

Article 6 – Dismissal of the Rector

1. The Rector is dismissed from his or her post whenever the electorate approves, with a two-thirds majority of those eligible to vote weighted according to Article 5 (8), a reasoned motion of no confidence that has been proposed by the Governing Board or by the University Council with a two-thirds majority of their members.
2. The motion of no confidence cannot be proposed until two years of the Rector's mandate have passed.
3. Once the motion of no confidence has passed, new elections are held. Pending the elections, the Deputy Rector is responsible for any urgent or necessary measures and deals with ordinary business.

SECOND SECTION – THE GOVERNING BOARD

Article 7 – Role and Powers of the Governing Board

1. The Governing Board is the governing and general planning body of the University. It oversees the economic and financial management of the University.
2. In particular the Governing Board:
 - a) establishes the general criteria and the financial restraints for drawing up the multiyear strategic plan of the University;
 - b) approves, acting on the proposal of the Rector, the multiyear strategic plan of the University adopted by the Academic Senate;
 - c) approves, acting on the proposal of the Rector and subject to the opinion of the Academic Senate, the budget and final account, exercising control over the use of the available resources;
 - d) assesses, on the basis of the Rector's annual report and considering the annual report of the Evaluation Board and the opinion of the Council of Students, the implementation of the multiyear strategic plan, formulating any corrective guidelines;
 - e) decides, acting on the proposal of the Academic Senate, the establishment and closure of departments and centres within the University;
 - f) takes decisions, acting on the proposal of the Academic Senate, as regards students fees and the planning of access to degree courses, in compliance with the provisions of Article 41 (1) (f) of Law 590/1982;
 - g) appoints, acting on the proposal of the President of the Governing Board, the members and the President of the Evaluation Board;
 - h) assigns the post of Director General, acting on the proposal of the Rector and in agreement with the President, and approves the management and organisation policies;
 - i) applies disciplinary sanctions greater than censure or the dismissal of the relevant proceedings, in agreement with the binding opinion of the Disciplinary Board;
 - j) as regards Regulations, exercises the deliberative or advisory functions set out in Article 37.

Article 8 – Composition, Duration and Functioning of the Governing Board

1. The Governing Board is appointed by the Autonomous Province of Trento, which chooses the President at the same time from among the Board members;
2. The Governing Board consists of:
 - a) the Rector and the President of the Council of Students who are members by right;
 - b) three members chosen by the Autonomous Province of Trento, subject to the binding opinion of the Committee for the Appointment of Governors as per Article 9, as to whether the candidates meet the requirements referred to in paragraph 3;



- c) three members chosen by the aforementioned Committee for the Appointment of Governors from a shortlist of names put forward by the Academic Senate, where the number of names is double the number of members to be appointed. The Committee selects the members, ensuring that they meet the requisites as per paragraph 3 and assessing the degree to which their profile matches the position to be filled;
 - d) one member chosen by the competent Minister, subject to the binding opinion of the Committee for the Appointment of Governors as per Article 9, with regard to the possession of the requisites as per paragraph 3.
3. The members who are not members by right are selected, with respect for the principle of equal opportunities, from among people who are not employees of the University, who are highly professional, who have knowledge of the University and research system at national and international level, who have specific academic and cultural qualifications and who have suitable competence and experience in the management of public and private sector institutions and bodies. The Governors of the Board act in the sole interest of the University and independently of any external requirements.
 4. The mandate of the members who are not members by right lasts for six years and is not renewable. The end of the mandates of the aforementioned members must be staggered in such a way that two mandates are renewed at the same time every two years. If for any reason it is necessary to replace a member who is not a member by right, the same procedure is adopted as for the initial constitution of the Board.
 5. In the event that the Minister fails to appoint a member or that the post of President of the Council of Students is temporarily vacant, the Governing Board operates legitimately and is not prevented from being established and operating simply on the basis of the number of full members.
 6. The decisions of the Governing Board are taken with the majority of those present, except where particular majorities are required; in the event of a tie, the President's vote prevails.

Article 9 – Committee for the Appointment of Governors

1. The Committee for the Appointment of Governors is made up of three members selected by the Autonomous Province of Trento in agreement with the Academic Senate from among people possessing proven professional and adequate competence and experience in roles of a scientific or administrative nature in complex structures and who have no conflict of interest with the University pursuant to the University's Code of Ethics.
2. Employees of the University as well as employees and members of the bodies of the Autonomous Province of Trento and of its operating bodies, and of research bodies established by the Province or governed by provincial law may not be members of the Committee.
3. Members of the Committee for the Appointment of Governors are appointed for a six- years term that is not renewable.
4. The Committee is appointed by a deliberation of the Autonomous Province of Trento.

Article 10 – President of the Governing Board

1. The President of the Governing Board is the guarantor of the special autonomy that the University enjoys.
2. In particular the President:
 - a) puts forward initiatives and proposals with reference to the resolutions to be submitted to the Governing Board regarding the general administrative and financial planning and management of the University as well as supervising their implementation;
 - b) is responsible, together with the Rector, for initiatives relating to agreements with other national and international bodies of an institutional, managerial and financial nature;
 - c) ensures, in concert with the Rector, that the University has the resources necessary to achieve its strategic plan;
 - d) promotes and supervises the University's relationship with the outside world and in particular with local bodies;
 - e) convenes and presides over the Governing Board, also establishing the agenda, drawn up in agreement with the Rector;
 - f) establishes the Committee for Candidates for the Rectorship;



- g) convenes, together with the Rector, the Public Meeting of the University and meetings with local social and economic actors.
3. The President is replaced by the oldest member of the Governing Board in the event of absence, impediment or vacancy.

THIRD SECTION – THE ACADEMIC SENATE

Article 11 – Role and Competences of the Academic Senate

1. The Academic Senate is the governing body of the University for teaching and research activities. It works with the Rector in directing, planning and coordinating teaching and research at the University and, taking into account the proposals of the individual departments and centres of the University, in planning and implementing teaching and research programmes, in allocating resources and in recruiting professors and researchers.
2. In particular, the Academic Senate:
 - a) draws up and adopts, at the instigation of the Rector, the multi-year strategic plan of the University, taking into account the indications contained in the strategic plan proposals put forward by the departments and centres, which the Academic Senate implements on the basis of their academic and teaching quality and guaranteeing consistency between objectives and available resources.
 - b) proposes the establishment and the closure of departments and centres to the Governing Board;
 - c) takes decisions regarding the recruitment of professors and researchers;
 - d) approves the degree course provision and proposes yearly to the Governing Board the planned number of students for the degree courses and the level of student fees;
 - e) defines criteria and means of self-assessment for teaching and research activities in the departments and centres;
 - f) ascertains, as part of the monitoring and self-evaluation processes defined by regulations adopted for that purpose, the extent of the achievement of the teaching and research objectives established by the strategic plan and by the multi-year strategic plans of departments and centres, and the quality levels attained in the departments and centres;
 - g) acts as a coordinator and link between the departments and centres and the different components of the university community, including through joint meetings with the University Council;
 - h) expresses an opinion regarding the University's budgets and balance sheets;
 - i) exercises propositional, deliberative or consultative functions in relation to the Regulations as per Articles 25 and 37;
 - j) approves the Code of Ethics.
3. For the purposes as per paragraph 2 (c) the Academic Senate relies on the Commission for Recruitment and Career Development which defines and monitors the implementation of the general criteria to be applied by departments and centres and the appointed commissions when seeking and assessing external and internal candidates, with a special view to the full enhancement of internationally recognised scientific profiles. . The composition and the functioning of the Commission are governed by specific Regulations.

Article 12 – Composition, Duration and Functioning of the Academic Senate

1. The Academic Senate is established by Rector's decree and is composed of:
 - a) the Rector who convenes and presides over it;
 - b) five full professors elected by the tenured professors, tenured researchers, senior researchers, and tenured-track researchers;
 - c) four full professors selected by the Rector, in accordance with the principle of equal opportunities and equally representing the various scientific areas;
 - d) three student representatives, who remain in office for two years and whose mandate can be renewed once, who take part in meetings only when the discussion concerns teaching, the right to study and student services.



2. In order to ensure a balanced representation of the different academic disciplines at the University, professors who are candidates for the Academic Senate are assigned to three different lists: one for candidates belonging to the technical and scientific area, one for candidates belonging to the social sciences, law and the humanities area and one for candidates from the life sciences area. The two candidates with the most votes for the first two areas are elected to the Academic Senate, together with the most voted candidate from the third list. The electoral system and the electoral procedure are governed by the General Regulation of the University.
3. The members of the Academic Senate under paragraph (1) (b) and (c) above remain in office for three years up to a maximum of two consecutive terms. The terms of the members of the Academic Senate begin and end with the first or the second three-year term of the Rector.
4. The resolutions of the Academic Senate are adopted with the majority of those present, except where the Statute requires particular majorities.

FOURTH SECTION – OTHER CENTRAL BODIES

Article 13 – University Council

1. The University Council is the liaison body among the academic structures and between them and the Academic Senate.
2. It comprises the Directors of the Departments and Centres. It is presided over by the Rector or by his or her delegate.
3. The University Council:
 - a) expresses opinions and draws up proposals for the Academic Senate; the opinion of the Council is necessary for most of the regulations, guidelines and planning documents, for the establishment and modification of academic departments, centres and bodies, except on matters of distribution of resources;
 - b) initiates proposals for modifications to the Statute with a two-thirds majority of its members;
 - c) may propose, with a two-thirds majority of its members, a motion of no confidence in the Rector to be submitted to the electoral body;
 - d) carries out all the work devolved to it by the General Regulation of the University and by other regulations.
4. The opinions and proposals referred to in the previous paragraph, approved by a two-thirds majority, may be disregarded by the Academic Senate only by reasoned decision.
5. For discussions and deliberations on issues concerning the overall organization of services, their regulation, and human resources management and development policies, the Council also includes two representatives of the Council of Technical and Administrative Staff and Language Expert Staff with right to vote and designated as per article 16 (5). For discussions and deliberations on issues concerning doctoral students and holders of research contracts, the Council also includes two of their representatives with right to vote designated as per article 15.
6. The General Regulation of the University provides that, in the manner laid down therein, a coordinating member shall be identified from among the Directors and Managers; this member shall be consulted for the purpose of determining the agenda of the Council meetings of the body.

Article 14 – Council of Students

1. The Council of Students represents the students.
2. The Council:
 - a) expresses an opinion on the University's strategic plan and on the Rector's annual report on its implementation;
 - b) is required to express its mandatory opinion on the review of the Statute and on the General Regulation of the University;
 - c) may submit motions to the bodies of the University;



- d) draws up an annual report on the state and the quality of teaching activities at the University, having first viewed the annual reports of the Joint Committees;
 - e) designates, where applicable student representatives in the university's liaison and advisory bodies;
 - f) may request from the governing bodies fact-finding inquiries in the areas of teaching, the right to study and student services.
3. The Council is appointed by Rector's decree and comprises:
 - a) the student representatives of the Academic Senate;
 - b) fifteen members, elected for two academic years, from among the student representatives of the various Councils of the departments and centres ;
 - c) a maximum of ten representatives from internal and external bodies who are directly elected by the student community, as per the General Regulation of the University.
 4. The Council elects its President from among its own members; the President is a member by right of the Governing Board.
 5. The electoral procedure and the activity of the Council are governed by the General Regulation of the University. The Council can approve its own internal regulation, in compliance with the Statute and University regulations.

Article 15 – Council of Doctoral Students and Holders of Research Contracts

1. The Council of Doctoral Students and Holders of Research Contracts is the elected representative body of the doctoral students and holders of research contracts referred to in article 5 (8) (b). Its function is to advise and make proposals, without prejudice to the prerogatives of the Rector, of the Director General, and of the other bodies of the University. It provides opinions and presents proposals on organisational, management and educational policies that pertain to doctoral students and holders of research contracts.
2. The Council comprises one representative of doctoral students for each doctoral programme based at the University of Trento, and one representatives of holders of research contracts for each Department and each Centre. The members hold their post for two years and can be re-elected only once.
3. The Council elects two representatives from among its members, who sit in the University Council in the cases presented in article 13 (5).
4. The specific advising and proposal functions, the electoral procedure, the organisation and functioning of the Council are regulated by a specific set of rules.

Article 16 – Council of Technical and Administrative Staff and Language Expert Staff

1. The Council of Technical and Administrative Staff and Language Expert Staff (hereinafter the Council) is the elected representative body of administrative and technical staff and language experts. Its function is to advise and make proposals, without prejudice to the prerogatives of the Rector, of the Director General, and of the other bodies of the University, and to the prerogatives of trade union representatives on matters subject to collective bargaining.
2. To this end, the Council can provide opinions on:
 - a) strategic and planning documents, as concerns the policies for the management and development of administrative and technical staff and language experts;
 - b) the general framework of the technical and administrative structure of the University;
 - c) policies regarding the organisation of administrative and technical staff and the language experts;
 - d) regulations regarding administrative and technical staff and language experts.
3. The Council can also submit proposals with regard to the improvement of administrative procedures, the innovation of office organisation, technical facilities and services, the training and professional development of personnel.
4. The Council is composed of twelve members elected by all staff members. Eleven members are the representatives of administrative and technical staff, one member represents the language experts. They hold the post for three years and can immediately be re-elected once only.



5. The Council elects its president from among its members. The president can ask to be invited to participate in the meetings of the Governing Board, with an advisory role and with no right to vote, regarding the matters listed in (2) and (3) above. The Council also elects two representatives from among its members, who sit in the University Council in the cases presented in article 13 (5).
6. The organisation and functioning of the Council are regulated by a specific set of rules.

Article 17 – Evaluation Board

1. The Evaluation Board continuously and systematically verifies the work of the University as regards organisation, research and teaching, and ensures the overall quality of the processes, contributing to the improvement of the internal system of self-assessment and to the advancement of merit.
2. In particular the Evaluation Board draws up, with full autonomy, an annual report into the implementation of the strategic plan and the achievement of the planned objectives, and submits it to the Governing Board by May of each year.
3. The Evaluation Board also carries out the tasks assigned to it by state legislation and by the various University regulations.
4. The Evaluation Board comprises at least four members who are highly qualified professionally in the field of the evaluation of teaching, research and the performance of public administrations, mainly from outside the University, and one student.
5. The members of the Evaluation Board, including the President, are appointed by the Governing Board in agreement with the Rector; the student is appointed by the Council of Students.
6. The mandate of the members of the Evaluation Board lasts for four years and is renewable once only. The mandate of the student lasts for two years and is renewable once only.

Article 18 – Auditors Board

1. The Auditors Board checks the accounting and administrative management of the University and monitors over the compliance with the principles of correct administration and with the laws in force in this field.
2. The Auditors Board comprises three full members and two alternate members of proven competence and experience.
3. One full member with the role of President is designated by the Autonomous Province of Trento, one full member and one alternate member are designated by the Ministry of Economics and Finance and one full member and one alternate member are designated by the Governing Board of the University.
4. The members designated by the Autonomous Province of Trento and by the Governing Board must be on the Official Register of Auditors.
5. The Auditors Board is appointed by the Rector and has a four-year mandate; the mandate of the full members is renewable once only.
6. The post of Auditor cannot be held by an employee of the University.

Article 19 – Director General

1. Within the framework of the policies approved by the Governing Board, the Director General is responsible for the overall management and organisation of the offices and services of the University, for its technicians and administrative staff and for its material resources.
2. The Director General:
 - a) within the limits of his or her competences assists the Rector and the University bodies in carrying out their roles and supervises, to the extent to which he or she has responsibility, the implementation of the relative directives and decisions;
 - b) in agreement with the Rector, proposes to the Governing Board the general organizational framework of the management structure, the development and the incentive policies based on merit of the technical-administrative staff, defining the implementation plan and taking responsibility for its achievement;
 - c) in agreement with the Rector, assigns the managerial positions for technical and administrative departments according to the provisions of the specific regulations;
 - d) taking into account the strategic plan of the University, proposes to the Governing Board a multi-year plan of development and improvement of the quality of services and gives an annual report into the state of its implementation;



- e) adopts the measures necessary to carry out adequate checks to ensure that the accounts are being kept correctly and the balance sheets are drawn up correctly in accordance with the procedures established by the University's Regulation for Finance and Accounting.
3. The post of Director General is assigned by the Governing Board, acting on the proposal of the Rector and in agreement with the President, to a highly qualified person with proven experience of managerial roles over many years. The Director General is selected in accordance with the procedures established by the General Regulation of the University.
4. The post lasts no longer than five years and is renewable. The Director General can be suspended or dismissed for serious reasons before the end of his or her mandate on the basis of a reasoned decision of the Governing Board, acting on the proposal of the Rector in agreement with the President.
5. The Director General takes part in the meetings of the Governing Board, the Academic Senate and the University Council without the right to vote, with the role of secretary responsible for writing the minutes.
6. The Director General designates his or her deputy who stands in for him or her in the event of absence or impediment.

Article 20 – Disciplinary Board

1. The Disciplinary Board is responsible for carrying out the preliminary enquiry for disciplinary proceedings against professors and researchers where sanctions more severe than censure are involved and for giving an opinion to the Governing Board.
2. The Rector is responsible for starting disciplinary proceedings. The Governing Board, in accordance with the times and procedures specified by the relevant Regulation, decides the sanction or the dismissal of the proceedings in compliance with the binding opinion given by the Disciplinary Board.
3. The Disciplinary Board comprises five tenured professors, three of whom are full professors, two are associate professors, and two researchers. The members of the Board are appointed by the Academic Senate, which also appoints the President from among the full professors.
4. The Disciplinary Board operates according to the principle of adversarial peer review in a composition limited to the President and the members belonging to the same category as the person subject to disciplinary action.
5. The mandate of the members of the Disciplinary Board lasts for four years and can be renewed once only.
6. The functioning of the Disciplinary Board and disciplinary proceedings are established in a special Regulation approved by the Academic Senate.

FIFTH SECTION – GENERAL AND PARTICULAR RULES REGARDING THE BODIES

Article 21 – Incompatibility

1. The Rector, the Directors of the Departments and Centres and the Director General as well as the members of the Governing Board, the Academic Senate, the Evaluation Board and the Auditors Board, may not be ex officio or elected members of any other of the aforesaid bodies, except for the members by right as per this Statute.
2. The members of the Governing Board and the Academic Senate may not hold the post of Rector or be members of the Governing Board, the Academic Senate, the Evaluation Board or the Auditors Board of other Italian universities.
3. The Rector, the members of the Governing Board and the members of the Academic Senate may not maintain or accept roles concerning the planning, funding or evaluation of university actions and activities in the competent Ministries, in the Autonomous Province of Trento or in the bodies which evaluate and control the activities of the University. They may not hold or accept any political post.
4. Any incompatibility, as per the preceding paragraphs, must be resolved at the latest at the time of accepting the new post. If the incompatibility is not removed, the President of the Governing Board for the Governors and the Rector, or the Rector for the President and the members of the remaining University bodies, order the immediate removal of the person concerned under penalty of forfeiture.



In the event of non-compliance, the forfeiture is declared by the Governing Board with an absolute majority.

Article 22 – Conflict of Interest

1. Any person who has a conflict of interest with the University as per the Code of Ethics cannot be elected or appointed to the University bodies.
2. Where a conflict of interest comes to light after the election or the appointment of the person involved, the Governing Board acting on the proposal of the Rector or of the President declares with an absolute majority the disqualification with retroactive effect.
3. Where the conflict of interest arises at a time subsequent to the election or appointment, the person concerned shall resolve the conflict within 60 days. If the situation is not resolved by this deadline then the procedure of incompatibility is applied as per the second sentence of Article 21 (4).

Article 23 – Requirements for the Appointment and Election of Professors

1. Professors may only hold academic posts only if they work full-time. Professors on part-time contracts who are appointed or elected to an academic position must opt for full-time status when accepting the post.
2. Professors who ensure a number of years of service which is at least equal to the duration of the mandate before retirement can be appointed or elected to a post for the governing of the University.

Article 24 – Reconciliation Procedure

1. Where an agreement between University bodies is required and this is not achieved, the President of the Governing Board and the Rector define a settlement proposal which they submit to the bodies concerned for the approval. Where the disagreement regards the President of the Governing Board and the Rector, they can devolve the decision to the joint meeting of the Governing Board and the Academic Senate.

PART III – ORGANISATION OF THE UNIVERSITY

Article 25 – Academic Structures

1. Implementing the principle of the combination of teaching and research, the University is organised into structures with management autonomy which:
 - a) promote, coordinate and manage the teaching and research activities with respect for the independence of each professor and researcher.
 - b) maintain relations with external actors and institutions and encourage knowledge transfer.
2. In the disciplinary fields within their competence, the academic departments and centres guarantee to carry out the teaching work related to the educational offer activated by the University.
3. In every Department and Centre offering degree courses there is a Joint Committee comprising at least four professors and four students. The Joint Committee monitors the course provision and the quality of the teaching as well as the services provided to students by professors and researchers and draws up an annual report into the state and quality of the teaching.
4. The regulations for the academic Departments and Centres are drawn up according to the provisions of the General Regulation of the University and are approved, on the proposal of the Councils of the Departments and Centres, by the Academic Senate.
5. The deed of establishment of each Department or Centre bears the official name and any variant to be used in the international field.

FIRST SECTION – DEPARTMENTS

Article 26 – Establishment of Departments



1. The Department works to achieve research and teaching objectives over a broad range of disciplines and is characterised by an appropriate level of homogeneity of topics and methods adopted.
2. As part of their organisational and managerial autonomy, the Department can be divided into departmental areas with autonomy for the planning and management of research. The organisation of these departmental areas is governed by each Department's Regulation. The establishment, modification and closure of a departmental area is decided by the Academic Senate acting on the proposal of the relevant Department.
3. The establishment of a Department is decided by the Academic Senate and approved by the Governing Board on the basis of a teaching and research project proposed by at least 35 professors as well as tenured researchers, senior researchers, and tenured-track researchers, who agree to be transferred to the Department. In each Department there must be at least one undergraduate degree course and one Master's degree course, or one single-cycle degree course (combining an undergraduate degree and a Master's degree). The Department also runs or participates in at least one research doctorate course.
4. In the event of a reduction in the number of teaching staff in a Department to below the level of 35 people, the Academic Senate assesses the measures to be adopted in order to ensure that the Department can carry out its teaching and research work fittingly. If after two years, despite the adoption of such measures, the Academic Senate ascertains the persistent inadequacy of the Department, it proposes its closure to the Governing Board. The deed of closure includes the measures to be adopted regarding the degree and doctoral courses held at the Department and the transfer of professors and researchers to other Departments or Centres at the University.

Article 27 – Departments Bodies

1. The Director, the Council and the Department Committee are Department bodies.
2. The Director coordinates the teaching and research policies of the Department and works for their implementation. He or she represents the Department, presides over the Department Council and the Department Committee and is responsible for carrying out their decisions. He or she is elected from among the full professors who are members of the Department Council and is appointed by Rector's decree. His or her mandate lasts for three academic years and he or she can be re-elected consecutively once only.
3. The following people are members of the Council: professors, tenured researchers, senior researchers and tenured-track researchers belonging to the Department as well as representatives of students, PhD students, postdoc researchers, grant holders, contract researchers, and of administrative and technical staff, designated in accordance with the provisions of the General Regulation of the University.
4. The Council:
 - a) submits to the Academic Senate a proposal for a multiyear Department strategic plan containing the actions to be carried out in the field of teaching and research and in relations with the outside world, drawn up on the basis of the general criteria and the constraints defined by the Academic Senate;
 - b) formulates for the Academic Senate proposals for the recruitment and career development of professors and researchers that are consistent with its own multiyear strategic plan;
 - c) takes decisions regarding course provision and the teaching programme;
 - d) in the framework of the monitoring and self-evaluation processes defined by regulations adopted for that purpose, it monitors and evaluates the implementation of the Department's multi-year strategic plan and the attainment of objectives it contains and the level of quality achieved, reporting to the Academic Senate;
 - e) carries out other roles assigned to it by the Department Regulation and takes decisions regarding any subject that the Director submits to it.
5. The composition of the Department Committee and, without prejudice to the competences of the Council as per paragraph 4 (a) (b) and (c), the functions of the Department bodies are governed by the Department Regulation in accordance with the General Regulation and the other University Regulations.



SECOND SECTION – CENTRES

Article 28 – Nature and Establishment of the Centres

1. The University may establish academic structures called Centres in order to achieve innovative education, research and third mission objectives of high scientific quality that cannot effectively be achieved by the existing departments and centres independently.
2. In order to achieve the objectives as per paragraph 1, and with the approval of the Departments involved, each Centre runs at least one undergraduate degree or Master's degree or single-cycle Master's degree (combining an undergraduate degree and a Master's degree). The Centre also runs or participates in at least one research doctorate course.
3. The establishment of a Centre is proposed by one or more Departments or, with regard to the initiatives that do not fall within the area of competence of the existing departments and centres, by the Rector. The establishment or the renewal of a Centre is decided by the Academic Senate and approved by the Governing Board.
4. The professors and researchers who intend to join a Centre present a motivated request based on a qualified scientific or teaching commitment to the Academic Senate which takes a decision after consultation with the Centre concerned. This resolution establishes that the professors and researchers shall maintain dual membership both in a Department and a Centre. For professors who work for both a Department and a Centre, the Department Regulation may define rules and procedures for voting within the collegiate bodies. The Senate may, on a temporary basis, authorize professors and researchers who do not have a significant disciplinary contiguity with existing departments to belong exclusively to a Centre.
5. Centres exist for six years and, subject to a positive evaluation of the results achieved in the teaching and research fields, Centres may be renewed. The renewal of a Centre is also subject to the continuous presence of the conditions that made its establishment possible.
6. The closure of a Centre is proposed by the Academic Senate and approved by the Governing Board; the deed of closure includes the measures to be adopted in relation to degree or doctoral courses held at the Centre and for the assignment to other Departments and Centres of the professors and researchers belonging exclusively to the Centre facing closure.

Article 29 – Centre Bodies

1. The bodies of the Centre are the Director, the Council and the Centre Committee, if any.
2. The Director coordinates the teaching and research policies of the Centre and works for their implementation; he or she represents the Centre, presides over and is responsible for the implementation of the decisions of the Council and of the Centre Committee if one is established. The Director is designated by the Academic Senate from among full-time full professors; his or her mandate lasts for three academic years and is renewable.
3. The following people are part of the Council: professors, tenured researchers, senior researchers and tenured-track researchers belonging to the Centre as well as representatives of students, PhD students, postdoc researchers, grant holders, contract researchers, and of administrative and technical staff, designated in accordance with the provisions of the General Regulation of the University.
4. The Council:
 - a) submits to the Academic Senate a proposal for a multiyear Centre strategic plan containing the actions to be carried out in the field of teaching and research and in relations with the outside world, drawn up on the basis of the general criteria and the constraints defined by the Academic Senate. For Centres, the Academic Senate takes a decision after consulting the Departments which contributed to the establishment of the Centre;
 - b) formulates for the Academic Senate proposals for the recruitment and career development of professors and researchers, consistent with its own multiyear strategic plan. For Centres, the appointment is accompanied by an opinion on the scientific profile of the candidate expressed by the Department for which the candidate will belong;
 - c) takes decisions regarding course provision and the teaching programme;
 - d) in the framework of the monitoring and self-evaluation processes defined by regulations adopted for that purpose, it monitors and evaluates the implementation of the Centre's multi-year



- strategic plan and the attainment of objectives it contains and the level of quality achieved, reporting to the Academic Senate;
5. In the event that there are less than three full professors working for the Centre, the Academic Senate appoints a Regulatory Committee made up of three full professors to which the functions of the Council are attributed. Professors and researchers working for the Centre or who are later recruited to the Centre are assigned to the Regulatory Committee. The Regulatory Committee ceases to exist when at least three full professors are working for the Centre.
 6. The composition of the Centre Committee, if constituted, and without prejudice to the powers of the Council as per paragraph 4 (a) (b) and (c), and the functions of the Centre bodies are governed by the Centre Regulation in accordance with the General Regulation of the University and all other University regulations.

THIRD SECTION – OTHER UNIVERSITY STRUCTURES AND BODIES

Article 30 – Doctoral and Specialisation Schools

1. The establishment of Doctoral and Specialisation Schools, proposed by one or more Departments or Centres, is decided by the Academic Senate and approved by the Governing Board.
2. The organisation and functioning of Doctoral and Specialisation Schools are governed by a specific Regulation.

Article 31 – Coordination Bodies between Academic Structures

1. In order to promote multi-disciplinary approaches to teaching and research and to increase efficiency in the organisation of activities of common interest, the Academic Senate, acting on its own initiative or on the proposal of the Departments or Centres, can establish coordination bodies whose purpose is to coordinate different academic Departments and Centres in specific areas, particularly for the organization of common teaching and research initiatives and the sharing of services, infrastructures and platforms. The structures established in compliance with article 2 (2) (c) of Law 240/2010 are described by article 32 of this Statute.
2. On the proposal of the Academic Senate, the coordination bodies referred to in paragraph 1 of this article may be authorised by the Governing Board to autonomously manage resources that are commensurate with their objectives and duration, except for staff resources.
3. For the purposes of paragraph 1 above, Departments and Centres may enter into collaboration and coordination agreements approved by decision of the Academic Senate.

Article 32 – Coordinating structures for joint educational activities

1. Departments and Centres can group together to advise the Rector in order to establish collaborative academic facilities to optimize and coordinate common educational activities, including to create or cancel courses and manage common services. The establishment of a collaborative academic facility and the regulations that govern its functioning in compliance with the legislation in force and the provisions of this Statute are decided by the Academic Senate and approved by the Governing Board, subject to the positive opinion of the University Council.
2. The collaborative academic facilities (or Schools) can be established with other academic Departments or Centres of other universities in the framework of multi-year inter-university collaboration agreements, stipulated in compliance with article 3 of Law 240/2010.
3. The bodies of the collaborative academic facilities (or Schools) are:
 - a) the President;
 - b) the Council.
4. The President promotes and coordinates the teaching, evaluation and quality assurance activities of the collaborative academic facilities. He or she calls and chairs the meetings of the Council and enacts its decisions. He or she exercises all powers conferred on him or her by the law, the Statute, and the University regulations. The President is elected by the Council of the collaborative academic facility from among its full professors who are not directors of a Department or Centre. The President is appointed by Rector's decree. He or she holds the post for three academic years



- and cannot be re-elected for more than two consecutive mandates. The rules for the election of the president are given in the general regulations of the University.
5. The membership of the Council of the collaborative academic facility is defined in its regulations and includes at least:
 - a) the President;
 - b) the Directors of the Departments and Centres participating in the collaborative academic facility;
 - c) the Coordinators of the programmes of study that are offered by the collaborative academic facility;
 - d) the elected representatives of students enrolled on the facility's programmes.
 6. For teaching and learning activities, the Council, in particular:
 - a) makes decisions on teaching programmes, the creation or cancellation of courses, the modification of general rules and regulations, based on the proposal of the Departments and Centres involved;
 - b) is responsible for the management and coordination of the teaching activities carried out within the programmes of study;
 - c) exercises the powers conferred to it by laws in the field of higher education and by this Statute, as well as by the framework regulations of Departments and Schools.

Article 33 – School of Medicine and Surgery

1. The purpose of the collaborative academic facility named “School of Medicine and Surgery” is to fully integrate the healthcare, educational and research activities carried out by the University of Trento in the medical field based on the terms and conditions stipulated by the University with the Autonomous Province of Trento and the Provincial Healthcare Services under article 6 (13) of Law 240/2010. The School also:
 - a) works to give continuity to the programmes of study and maintain their organization, including those of the Specialisation Schools;
 - b) ensures that education and training are integrated with the planning and implementation policies adopted by the Provincial Healthcare Services;
 - c) promotes the exchange of views and the integration of the University's and the Provincial Healthcare Services' programmes in terms of staff, financial resources and equipment.
2. The President of the School of Medicine and Surgery, who is elected in compliance with article 32 (4), is appointed by Rector's decree with the agreement of the Rectors of the partner universities and following the approval of the Academic Senate.
3. The Council of the School of Medicine and Surgery, composed as described in article 32 (5), also includes the directors of the Specialisation Schools that participate in the School. Where such schools are more than five, the Directors appoint five representatives who will hold the post for three years and can be re-elected once only.
4. In addition to the functions defined in paragraph 1 of this Article, the Council of the School of Medicine also performs the following functions:
 - a) provides opinions on the Departments' recruitment plans to make sure they are in line with the programmes of the Provincial Healthcare Services;
 - b) drafts proposals to the Provincial Healthcare Services on the organisation and provision of healthcare services to better integrate them with the educational and scientific needs of the University;
 - c) provides a mandatory opinion on the creation or elimination of operating units that may be relevant for research and teaching activities;
 - d) provides an opinion on all the decisions of the University on contracts and agreements with the Provincial Healthcare Services.

Article 34 – Office for University Quality Assurance

1. The University Office for Quality Assurance oversees the proper and uniform implementation of quality assurance procedures based on the policies adopted by the various governing bodies.
2. The Office is responsible for:
 - a) promoting the University's culture of quality and continuous improvement;
 - b) advising the governing bodies on matters of quality assurance;
 - c) proposing common tools for quality assurance and designing training activities for their



- implementation;
 - d) supporting the University's bodies and structures in the management, supervision and monitoring of all quality assurance processes.
3. The organisation and functions of the Office for Quality Assurance are regulated by a specific set of rules.

Article 35 – Consultative and Protection Bodies

1. The General Regulation of the University can include the establishment of consulting bodies, whether elective or not, which represent interests, requests or specific categories. Bodies established by legislation in force, such as the Single Guarantee Committee established in compliance with Law 183/2010, are already in place. The General Regulation of the University can also provide for the establishment of other protection bodies, such as the Student Ombudsperson.
2. The organisation and the functioning of these bodies are governed by the General Regulation of the University.

FOURTH SECTION – ORGANISATIONAL PRINCIPLES AND AUTONOMY

Article 36 – Strategy and Planning Autonomy

1. The multiyear strategic plan defines, over a period of at least three years, the aims for the improvement and the priorities of the University, and identifies in particular for each macro academic area and each Department and Centre:
 - a) the course provision defined on the basis of elements characterising the educational demand, with an indication of the number of estimated potential students and the specific characteristics of the graduates and research doctors;
 - b) the focus of the research areas, considered on the basis of their impact in terms of scientific production, of the necessary investment to increase the research potential and the ability to find resources autonomously;
 - c) the planning policies for staffing, recruitment and career development;
 - d) the effects of knowledge transfer on the socio-economic situation.The plan includes the procedures for the monitoring, evaluation and verification of the extent to which the individual objectives have been attained.
2. Within a year of the start of his or her mandate the Rector proposes the first multiyear strategic plan to the Governing Board.

Article 37 – Regulatory Autonomy

1. As part of its autonomy, in order to regulate the institutional activities aimed at the achievement of the objectives as per Article 2 of this Statute, the University adopts internal regulations by Rector's decree.
2. The General Regulation of the University, approved by the absolute majority of the Governing Board acting on the proposal of the Academic Senate, having obtained the opinion of the University Council and the Council of Students, governs the establishment, the electoral procedure and the functioning of the central bodies, the general provisions regarding the organisation of the Departments and Centres and of the joint and consulting bodies, and the convening of and participation in University bodies.
3. The Teaching Regulation of the University, approved by the absolute majority of the Academic Senate, governs the organisation of the degree courses and the general principles of the organisation of teaching.
4. The Regulation for Finance and Accounting of the University, approved by the absolute majority of the Governing Board, governs the criteria for the financial, economic and assets management of the University and its monitoring systems. The University adopts the economic and assets accounting system as its reference accounting system and the instruments of the cost and managerial accounting system for the purposes of having a thorough overview of the costs and revenue of the University and of the use of its economic and financial resources and its assets.



5. The Regulations for the Departments and Centres are approved by the absolute majority of the Academic Senate, acting on the proposal of the Councils of the Departments and Centres.
6. The Academic Senate approves the Regulations for teaching and research, with the favourable opinion of the Governing Board where financial matters are concerned.
7. The Governing Board approves the Regulations for administration and management subject to the favourable opinion of the Academic Senate where teaching and research matters are concerned.
8. The Regulations concerning professors and researchers are approved by the Governing Board acting on the proposal of the Academic Senate and are inspired by the promotion of competence, ability and commitment through initiatives aimed at recognising the results achieved. The model for the recruitment of professors and researchers is defined by the University's regulations, guaranteeing employment procedures that are open, transparent and inspired by best practice at the international level and which give particular weight to international experience.
9. The Regulations for managerial staff, technicians, administrative staff and language teachers concerning recruitment, the attribution of managerial posts and innovative forms of the management of work relations are approved by the Governing Board and inspired by a model based on the recognition of responsibility and merit as well as organisational flexibility, and include making use of flexible work relations and cooperation for the purposes of ensuring a quality services offer that is consistent with the changing needs of the University.

Article 38 – Organisation of Offices and Services

1. The organisation of the University is based on models of high managerial flexibility and grounds its activity on the principles of publicity, transparency, simplification, effectiveness, efficiency and with contained costs.
2. The management and services structures are organised into Directorates according to an overall plan proposed by the Director General in agreement with the Rector and approved by the Governing Board.
3. Managerial posts are assigned by the Director General in agreement with the Rector and in accordance with the provisions of the specific regulations of the University.
4. The administrative, financial and technical management of the Directorates is the responsibility of the Heads of Directorates who are accountable for the use of resources and for the achievement of the objectives assigned to them by the Director General.

FIFTH SECTION – PARTICIPATION IN AND RELATIONS WITH OTHER SUBJECTS AND INSTITUTIONS

Article 39 – Participation in External Bodies

1. In the sole interest of achieving its institutional aims and strategic objectives, the University may establish associations, bodies, foundations, companies, consortia and other public and private sector bodies as well as take part in them in accordance with the directives approved by the Governing Board.

Article 40 – Academic Spin-offs and Start-ups

1. For the purposes of promoting the results of the research carried out at the University, the University promotes the establishment of new entrepreneurial initiatives such as academic spin-offs and start-ups connected to the results of research or innovative research projects, including student projects.
2. The academic spin-offs and start-ups are governed by specific regulations in the field of administration and management.

Article 41 – Assets Fund

1. The University can establish an assets fund in the form permitted by the Italian Civil Code, for the purposes of ensuring the progressive financial autonomy of the University and of supporting particular innovative initiatives.
2. The types of assets which can be included in the fund and procedures for contributing to the fund are established by the Governing Board with the approval of the Academic Senate.



PART IV – UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY

Article 42 – University Community

1. The following people are members of the University Community:
 - a) professors, researchers, doctoral students, research fellows, managerial staff, technicians, administrative staff, language teachers and all those who work, even for a limited period, for the pursuit of the University's aims;
 - b) students;
 - c) members of the central bodies of the University.
2. The University works for the removal of any obstacles that prevent any member of the University community from access to equal opportunities. The University Regulations take account of these aims within their specific fields.

Article 43 – Code of Ethics

1. The University adopts its own Code of Ethics, which defines the behaviour expected for all the members of the University Community and which dictates the rules of behaviour within the Community and toward the outside world. The rules of the Code of Ethics are aimed at avoiding any kind of discrimination and abuse, including concerning intellectual property and cases of a conflict of interest.
2. It also regulates the procedures for ascertaining violations, with respect for the adversarial principle and on the basis of an independent assessment, and the sanctions which can be applied, save for the possibility of asking for disciplinary proceedings to be opened; these sanctions are governed by the Code of Ethics in accordance with the principles of proportionality and peremptoriness, and consist of:
 - a) a written warning;
 - b) a written warning with notification to the University Community;
 - c) a written warning with notification to the University Community and with temporary exclusion from access to University research funds.
3. Regarding violations of the Code of Ethics, the Academic Senate takes a decision, acting on the proposal of the Rector, without prejudice to the provisions of Article 22 and where there are no grounds for disciplinary offence.
4. The Code of Ethics is approved by the Academic Senate and enacted by Rector's decree.

Article 44 – Charter of Students' Rights and Duties

1. The University has adopted a Charter of Students' Rights and Duties to ensure the full participation of students in the University community, the respect and protection of the rights of students in every aspect of university life and the elimination of all discrimination.
2. The Charter, issued by Rector's decree, has been approved by the Academic Senate on a proposal from the Council of Students. The Joint Committee for the Right to Study is responsible for its implementation.

Article 45 – Joint Committee for the Right to Study

1. The Joint Committee for the Right to Study:
 - a) is obliged to give its opinion to the Academic Senate as regards the level of student fees, policies for the advancement of merit and measures for the right to study;
 - b) makes proposals to the Academic Senate regarding international mobility and student services;
 - c) monitors the initiatives that are implemented and drafts an annual report to describe them.
2. The Joint Committee is composed of four professors selected by the Rector, , four student representatives and the Director General or his or her delegate, who attends the meetings without the right to vote. . The Rector also selects the President from among the four selected Professors.
3. The Joint Committee is appointed by the Rector and its mandate lasts for two academic years.

Article 46 – The Right to Study and Students Services



1. The University adopts specific measures aimed at the full achievement of the right to study, including through support for international mobility, periodically checking the efficacy and promoting progressive improvement.
2. The services offered and measures taken for the right to study are mainly aimed on a selective basis at capable and merit-worthy students, and in particular at students in financial difficulties.
3. The University:
 - a) promotes initiatives which increase the amount of accommodation available to its students;
 - b) supports initiatives such as career guidance for students and work placements for graduates and research doctors;
 - c) maintains relations with alumni and alumnae and takes advantage of their experience in order to help current students;
 - d) recognises the educational and civic importance of student associations.

Article 47 – Student Collaboration at the University

1. The University encourages part-time collaboration activities carried out by students and doctoral students in order to promote broad participation in University life.
2. In accordance with the relevant regulations and within the maximum number of hours that trainees are allowed to work, the University promotes forms of student collaboration in supporting the services and activities of academic structures.

PART V – FINAL AND TEMPORARY PROVISIONS

Article 48 – Modification to the Statute

1. The initiative to revise the Statute is taken by the Governing Board or by the Academic Senate with the absolute majority of their members, or by the University Council with a two-thirds majority of its members through the presentation of a project drawn up in articles. Where the initiative for the revision of the Statute is taken by the Governing Board or by the Academic Senate, the University Council expresses an opinion on the proposal presented. The Council of Students expresses its opinion on the proposal for revision.
2. The proposal to revise the Statute is approved with any modifications considered necessary, with a majority of two-thirds of those eligible to vote, by the Governing Board and the Academic Senate meeting in a joint session presided over by the Rector.

Article 49 – Enactment, Publication and Coming into Force of the Statute

1. The Statute is enacted by Rector's decree and published on the website of the University, coming into force fifteen days later.
2. At the same time it is sent to the competent offices for publication on the Official Gazette of the Republic of Italy and on the Official Bulletin of the Autonomous Region of Trentino-South Tyrol.

Article 50 – Succession of the Bodies and Competences

1. The provisions concerning the membership of the Academic Senate shall come into force with the new Rector's term.
2. The entry into force of this Statute shall have no effect on the duration of the mandate of the current members of the Academic Senate. The mandate of the members of the Senate who will be elected in the next election will run for the remaining part of the mandate of the Rector. This mandate will not be considered towards the limits of office.
3. The Council of Directors is now renamed University Council, and its membership is extended based on the provisions of article 13 (5) as soon as the bodies mentioned in articles 15 and 16 are established.



4. The Council of Students [changes in the Italian version do not affect the English version] will remain in office until the end of its mandate, including the new members as provided for by article 14.
5. The Evaluation Board will remain in office until the end of its mandate and is supplemented by a representative appointed by the Council of Students. This representative will remain in office until a new Council of Students will be constituted. This mandate will not be considered towards the limits to the terms of office.