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Statutes of Tallinn University of Technology

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Chapter 1 GENERAL PROVISIONS

§ 1. General provisions

- (1) The full name of the university is Tallinna Tehnikaülikool, and its short name is TalTech. The name of the university in English is Tallinn University of Technology.
- (2) The university is a legal person in public law and operates pursuant to the Tallinn University of Technology Act, the Higher Education Act, these Statutes, and other legislation.
- (3) The university was founded on 17 September 1918 as an institution of higher technical education.
- (4) The university is located in Tallinn, the Republic of Estonia. The university's structural units may also be located elsewhere.
- (5) The university has its own seal and insignia. The Rector and the deans have medals of office.

§ 2. Mission and functions

- (1) The university's mission is to contribute to the sustainable development of society and the growth of the nation's welfare through internationally recognised high-level research, education, and development, and through innovative services based on them.
- (2) To fulfil its mission, the university shall:
 - 1) perform the functions laid down in subsections 2 (4) and (5) of the Tallinn University of Technology Act;
 - 2) provide and develop education that meets contemporary quality standards at all three cycles of higher education and issue the corresponding graduation documents;
 - 3) provide continuing education services and issue the relevant certificates;
 - 4) initiate and carry out basic and applied research, as well as contract research and development;
 - 5) cooperate with other universities and society as a whole by supporting the development of Estonian society and by creating and expanding opportunities for international cooperation and lifelong learning based on the integration of education and research;
 - 6) foster the creation and commercialisation of research results protected by intellectual property rights;
 - 7) modernise the university's infrastructure by developing its real estate, upgrading the material resources for education and research, and creating modern working and living conditions for members of the university;
 - 8) inform the public about the university's activities;
 - 9) develop the library as both a university library and a public research library, as well as an information centre for engineering sciences in Estonia;
 - 10) collect, preserve and explore the history of technology in Estonia and at the university;
 - 11) assess and certify the conformity of products and materials and represent Estonia in the relevant international organisations;
 - 12) promote opportunities for personal development through creative, cultural and sports activities, thereby enhancing the effectiveness of studies and research;
 - 13) establish professorships in engineering sciences and ensure that they fulfil their responsibilities;
 - 14) perform other functions arising from these Statutes and other legislation.

Chapter 2 GENERAL MANAGEMENT

§ 3. Management bodies

The university's management bodies are the Board, the Senate and the Rector.

§ 4. University Board

- (1) The University Board is the highest decision-making body of the university and is responsible for the university's development, determining the university's development priorities in its long-term interests, and ensuring the achievement of its objectives.
- (2) The University Board shall be formed and shall operate in accordance with the Tallinn University of Technology Act and the Statutes.
- (3) A member of the University Board shall make decisions independently of the person or body that appointed or elected him or her and shall perform his or her duties in good faith, exercising independent judgment and discretion in the best interests of the university as a whole.
- (4) Persons invited by the University Board may attend its meetings with the right to speak.
- (5) The regulations and resolutions of the University Board shall be adopted by a simple majority of the members, except for the matters specified in clauses 4 (4) 1) – 3) of the Tallinn University of Technology Act and clauses 6 2), 4), 10) and 11) of the Statutes, which shall be decided by a two-thirds majority of the members of the University Board.

§ 5. Election of members of the university to and their removal from the University Board

- (1) The Senate shall elect five members of the University Board by secret ballot in accordance with the Statutes, the Senate's Rules of Procedure and the election procedure established by the Senate.
- (2) The Rector shall announce the election of the members of the new University Board not later than three months before the expiry of the term of office of the incumbent University Board.
- (3) A person who does not hold the office of Rector or Vice-Rector may stand as a candidate for membership of the University Board. If a dean or head of department stands as a candidate and is elected, he or she shall resign from the office of dean or head of department. A member of the University Board appointed by the Senate need not be employed by the university.
- (4) Only a candidate supported by at least two members of the Senate may stand for election.
- (5) To be elected, a candidate shall receive a simple majority of the votes of the members of the Senate in any round of voting.
- (6) If a position on the University Board remains unfilled following the election or if a member of the University Board appointed by the Senate is, for any reason, unable to perform the duties of a member of the University Board until the expiry of his or her term of office, the Rector shall announce a new election to fill the vacant position.
- (7) If a member of the University Board is elected or appointed to a position specified in subsection (3) of this section, the Senate shall make a proposal to remove that person from the members of the University Board.
- (8) The Senate may remove a member of the University Board appointed by the Senate if at least two-thirds of the members of the Senate vote in favour of the proposal by secret ballot. A proposal to remove a member of the University Board may be made by the Rector or by at least ten members of the Senate.

§ 6. Competence of the University Board

The University Board:

- 1) performs the functions laid down in subsection 4 (4) of the Tallinn University of Technology Act;
- 2) adopts the university's budgetary strategy;
- 3) approves the procedure for the election the Rector;
- 4) may pass a vote of no confidence in the Rector and remove the Rector from office before the expiry of the term of the employment contract, after first hearing the opinion of the Senate;
- 5) approves the academic structure at the school level;
- 6) awards the title of Rector Emeritus;
- 7) appoints the members of the Audit Committee;

- 8) organises internal auditing;
- 9) appoints the auditor;
- 10) decides, on the proposal of the Rector, on the taking of loans in the name of the university;
- 10¹) grants the Rector consent to establish, dissolve or reorganise a legal person governed by private law in which the university holds a majority interest; [entry into force 01.08.2026]
- 11) decides on the principles governing the acquisition, encumbrance with limited real rights and transfer of the university's assets;
- 12) establishes the principles for awarding sponsorships and other financial donations;
- 13) discusses with the Senate the key issues relating to the university's development at least once a year;
- 14) has the right to exercise supervision over the university's activities in the manner and to the extent determined by the University Board;
- 15) elects the Chair of the University Board from among its members;
- 16) establishes its rules of procedure;
- 17) performs other functions assigned to it by legislation or the Statutes.

§ 7. Senate

- (1) The Senate is the academic decision-making body of the university, responsible for the university's education, research and development activities, as well as for ensuring high academic quality.
- (2) The Senate comprises:
 - 1) the Rector, who serves as the Chair of the Senate;
 - 2) one representative of the academic staff from each department (including the College) and the Estonian Maritime Academy;
 - 3) eight student representatives: two PhD students from different schools, and the remaining student representatives from each school and each study cycle;
 - 4) one representative of the administrative and support units.
- (3) The Rector shall establish the Senate and approve its membership in accordance with subsection 5 (2) of the Tallinn University of Technology Act for a term of up to three years.
- (4) The representatives of the academic staff shall be elected separately at the general meeting of the academic staff of each academic unit. A member of the academic staff elected to the Senate shall have a workload of at least 0.75 at the time of nomination and at the beginning of each academic year.
- (5) The PhD student representatives to the Senate shall be elected at the general meeting of PhD students, while the other student representatives shall be elected in accordance with the procedure established by the Student Union. A PhD student elected to the Senate shall hold the status of a PhD student at the university at the beginning of each academic year.
- (6) The representative of the administrative and support units shall be elected by the heads of the administrative and support units and submitted to the Rector for approval.

§ 8. Meeting of the Senate

- (1) The Senate shall hold regular and extraordinary meetings. Regular meetings shall be convened by the Chair of the Senate in accordance with the work schedule approved by the Senate. At least six regular meetings shall be held during each academic year. An extraordinary meeting shall be convened by the Chair of the Senate or at the request of at least one-third of the members of the Senate in order to decide on the matters raised by them.
- (2) The members of the University Board and the Rectorate, a person designated by the Board of the Alumni Association of Tallinn University of Technology, and persons designated or invited by the Rector may attend meetings of the Senate with the right to speak.
- (3) The regulations and resolutions of the Senate shall be adopted by a simple majority of the members, except for the matters specified in clause 5 (3) 2) of the Tallinn University of Technology Act and clause 9 (4) of the Statutes, which shall require a two-thirds majority of the members of the Senate.
- (4) The Chair of the Senate may suspend a debate, refer a matter to the Senate's committees for further consideration, or remove a draft act from the agenda.

§ 9. Competence of the Senate

The Senate:

- 1) performs the functions laid down in subsection 5 (3) of the Tallinn University of Technology Act;

- 2) submits to the University Board the university's draft Statutes, Strategic Plan, and budgetary strategy;
- 3) discusses the university's budget before it is submitted by the Rector to the University Board;
- 4) has the right, within one month, to veto the election of the Rector and the adoption of the Statutes by the University Board;
- 5) has the right to submit to the University Board a proposal or opinion concerning the removal of the Rector from office before the expiry of the term of the contract;
- 6) approves the university's research and development priorities based on the Strategic Plan;
- 7) decides on the opening, amendment and closure of study programmes and approves the study programmes, including the language of instruction;
- 8) decides on the opening of joint study programmes, approves the conclusion of cooperation agreements for joint study programmes and approves the joint study programmes;
- 9) establishes the admission requirements for higher education study programmes and has the right, in accordance with subsections 13(2) and (3) of the Higher Education Act, to set the maximum number of students to be admitted to a study programme or a group of study programmes;
- 10) determines the study programmes referred to in subsection 14(4) of the Higher Education Act;
- 11) performs the functions of the research council arising from the Organisation of Research and Development Act, unless otherwise provided by any other legislation;
- 12) submits the academic structure of the university at the school level to the University Board for approval;
- 13) approves the academic structure at the department level;
- 14) discusses the university's action plans and reviews reports on their implementation;
- 15) establishes the procedure for filling the academic staff positions and for electing persons to decision-making bodies;
- 16) establishes the principles of academic ethics and the statutes of the Academic Ethics Committee;
- 17) establishes the procedures for recognising persons who have rendered services to the university and for acknowledging such services;
- 18) approves the university's insignia;
- 19) has the right to award the titles of Professor Emeritus and Associate Professor Emeritus;
- 20) confers the titles of Honorary Doctor and Honorary Member;
- 21) establishes the Senate's rules of procedure;
- 22) discusses matters raised by the University Board, the Rector or its own members and adopts positions thereon;
- 23) has the right to establish standing and ad hoc committees to prepare matters within its competence
- 24) performs other functions assigned to it by legislation or the Statutes.

§ 10. Rector

The Rector directs the day-to-day activities of the university, represents the university in its relations with other persons, and is responsible for the lawful and expedient use of the university's financial and other resources

§ 11. Competence of the Rector

The Rector:

- 1) ensures the day-to-day management of the university and the efficient organisation of its teaching, research and development activities;
- 2) has the right to impose a one-time veto on a regulation or resolution of the Senate;
- 3) ensures the preparation of the draft Statutes, Strategic Plan, budgetary strategy, financial plan and budget;
- 4) ensures the implementation of the university's budget and submits a report thereon to the University Board and the Senate;
- 5) reports to the University Board and the Senate on matters within their respective competence;
- 6) reports regularly to the University Board on the university's development, the implementation of the budget and key performance indicators;
- 7) approves the implementation plan for the university's Strategic Plan together with the action plans of the schools;
- 8) appoints the Vice-Rectors and the Director for Administration;
- 9) appoints and removes from office the heads of structural units (except the heads of departments and directors of colleges);
- 10) is the immediate superior of the deans;

- 11) establishes the university's work procedure rules;
- 12) establishes the statutes of the administrative and support units;
- 13) appoints, for the period of his or her absence, a substitute who has all the rights and obligations of the Rector, except the right referred to in this clause;
- 14) establishes the prices of the services provided by the university or the basis for determining those prices;
- 15) decides on the university's participation in legal persons governed by private law and on the establishment of legal persons; decides on the establishment, dissolution and reorganisation of legal persons governed by private law in which the university holds a majority interest, after obtaining the consent of the University Board; [entry into force 01.08.2026]
- 16) decides on other matters within the Rector's competence as determined by the University Board or the Senate or assigned by legislation or the Statutes.

§ 12. Election of the Rector

- (1) The Rector shall be elected by the University Board for a term of up to five years and may serve a maximum of two consecutive terms of office in accordance with the Tallinn University of Technology Act, the Statutes and the procedure for the election of the Rector.
- (2) The election of the Rector shall be organised by the election committee established by the University Board.
- (3) Any person may nominate a candidate for the office of Rector.
- (4) Only a candidate supported by at least one member of the University Board may stand for election.
- (5) Candidates for the office of Rector shall be given the opportunity to present their views to the members of the university.
- (6) The Senate shall present its opinion on the Rector candidates in the form prescribed by the University Board.
- (7) The Rector shall assume office by taking the oath of office at a joint meeting of the University Board and the Senate. The text of the oath of office shall be approved by the University Board.

§ 13. Rector's Office

- (1) The Rector's Office comprises the Rector, the area directors and the deans.
- (2) A Vice-Rector or the Director for Administration acting as an area director:
 - 1) directs and is responsible for the area of activity assigned by the Rector and for the operation and development of the structural units subordinate to him or her;
 - 2) has the right to issue general orders within the area of activity assigned by the Rector;
 - 3) implements the orders and instructions of the Rector;
 - 4) represents the university in its relations with third parties within the limits of the authority granted by the Rector.
- (3) The Rector shall appoint the Vice-Rectors for the duration of the Rector's term of office. At the request of a university employee appointed as a Vice-Rector, the performance of the duties of his or her previous position shall be suspended for the duration of the term of office as Vice-Rector. Upon the expiry of that term of office, the Vice-Rector shall have the right to return to the previously held position. If a Vice-Rector previously held the position of Professor or Associate Professor, the term of office as Vice-Rector shall be deemed equivalent to a term of office as Professor or Associate Professor.
- (4) The Rector shall establish the principles and procedures governing the activities of the Rector's Office.

§ 14. Academic Ethics Committee

- (1) The Academic Ethics Committee resolves internal disputes between members of the university on the basis of the principles of academic ethics, assesses the compliance of research projects with ethics requirements, and considers other matters relating to academic ethics.
- (2) The Senate shall determine the composition of the Committee and establish the procedure for its formation. A member of the Committee must not simultaneously serve as a member of the University Board, the Senate or the Rector's Office. [entry into force 01.08.2026]

STRUCTURE AND MANAGEMENT OF STRUCTURAL UNITS**§ 15. Structure and principles of management of structural units**

- (1) The university's structure comprises academic structural units and administrative and support structural units (the latter referred to in the Statutes as the "support structure").
- (2) The academic structure comprises: [entry into force 01.08.2026]
- 1) the schools and the Estonian Maritime Academy constituting structural units at the school level;
 - 2) the departments and colleges within schools constituting structural units at the department level (collectively referred to in the Statutes as "departments");
 - 3) Kuressaare College and Virumaa College, constituting regional academic structural units at the department level outside the schools (hereinafter referred to as the "regional colleges").
- (3) The Estonian Maritime Academy shall operate on the same basis as a school. It shall have all the rights and obligations of both a school and a department, and its director shall have all the rights and obligations of both a dean and a head of department, unless otherwise provided in these Statutes or in the Statutes of the Estonian Maritime Academy.
- (4) The schools and departments shall operate in accordance with these Statutes. The Estonian Maritime Academy and the regional colleges shall operate in accordance with these Statutes and their respective statutes approved by the Senate. Where necessary, the Senate may establish statutes for other academic units, and the Rector may establish statutes for support units. When approving the statutes of an academic unit, the Senate may establish provisions that derogate from this section of these Statutes. [entry into force 01.08.2026]
- (5) Schools and departments shall have a council, which is the academic decision-making body of the respective structural unit. A support unit may have an advisory body.
- (6) Student representatives shall be elected to decision-making bodies in accordance with the procedure established by the Student Union, unless otherwise provided in these Statutes.
- (7) The person, authority or decision-making body that appointed a member has the right to remove that member and appoint a replacement.
- (8) Unless a higher majority is required by law, a decision-making body shall adopt its decisions by a simple majority of the members. The minutes of a meeting shall be signed by the chair and the secretary of the meeting.
- (9) A structural unit shall have its own budget, which forms part of the university's budget.

§ 16. School

- (1) A school is an academic unit composed of departments engaged in teaching, research and development in related scientific disciplines. The Estonian Maritime Academy is a structural unit engaged in teaching, research and development in the maritime domain.
- (2) The university comprises the following schools:
- 1) the School of Information Technologies;
 - 2) the School of Engineering;
 - 3) the School of Science;
 - 4) the School of Business and Governance.
- (3) A school organises studies in accordance with the study programmes, coordinates teaching, research and development, and performs the other functions of the university within its area of responsibility.

§ 17. School council

- (1) A school council is the academic decision-making body of the school.
- (2) The dean shall chair the school council.
- (3) A school council shall comprise:
- 1) the dean;
 - 2) the heads of the structural units of the school;
 - 3) representatives of the academic staff;
 - 4) representatives of the students;
 - 5) up to three members appointed by the dean from outside the university.

(4) The Rector shall appoint and approve the members of the school council, on the proposal of the dean, for a term of up to three years.

(5) One representative of the academic staff from each department and three student representatives in total, including at least one PhD student, shall be elected to the school council.

§ 18. Meeting of the school council

(1) The chair shall convene and chair meetings of the school council. Meetings shall be held as necessary, but at least twice per semester. A meeting shall also be convened at the request of at least fifty per cent of the members of the school council.

(2) Persons invited by the dean may participate in meetings with the right to speak.

§ 19. Competence of a school council

A school council:

- 1) discusses and decides on matters relating to education, research and development at the school level;
- 2) monitors the implementation of the quality assurance principles established for teaching and research at the school;
- 3) adopts the school's action plan, aligned with the university's Strategic Plan and the action plans of its constituent departments, and submits it to the Rector for approval as part of the implementation plan;
- 4) approves the draft budgets of the departments and the dean's office of the school;
- 5) hears, at least once a year, the dean's report on the implementation of the school's action plan and the execution of the budget, and provides an assessment thereof;
- 6) makes proposals to the Senate concerning the structure of the school;
- 7) approves draft study programmes of the school and submits them to the Senate for approval;
- 8) has the right to veto the appointment of a dean by the Rector within one month of the appointment, in which case that person may not be appointed dean during the same appointment procedure. Where the school council exercises its right of veto, it shall provide the Rector with the reasons for the veto. A veto is valid if supported by at least two-thirds of the members of the school council;
- 9) has the right to submit questions and proposals to the Senate or a Senate's committee for discussion, consideration or the adoption of a position;
- 10) submits opinions on university-wide draft legislation, where necessary;
- 11) performs other functions arising from legislation.

§ 20. Dean

(1) A school is directed by the dean. The dean is responsible for the overall operation, development and reputation of the school, as well as for the lawful and expedient use of its financial resources and exercises administrative authority within his or her competence.

(2) The Rector, having considered the opinion of the school council, appoints a dean for a term of up to five years and provides the school council with the reasons for the appointment. A dean must hold a doctoral degree or an equivalent qualification. At the request of a university employee appointed as dean, the performance of the duties of his or her previous position shall be suspended for the duration of the term of office as dean. Upon expiry or termination of the term of office, the dean has the right to return to the previously held position. Where the person appointed as dean previously held an academic position, the term of office as dean shall be deemed equivalent to a term of office in that academic position.

(3) A dean may serve for no more than ten consecutive years.

(4) The Rector has the right to remove a dean from office.

§ 21. Competence of the dean

A dean:

- 1) organises performance of the functions laid down in clauses 2 (2) 1) - 8) of the Statutes at the school;
- 2) coordinates the activities of the departments of the school and is an immediate superior of the head of department;
- 3) ensures that the school's action plan is prepared and organises its implementation;
- 4) coordinates the management of the school's degree programmes, makes proposals for the appointment of programme directors and is their immediate superior;

- 5) ensures that the study programmes are regularly updated in cooperation with the programme advisory boards and programme directors;
- 6) promotes the development of new lines of research in cooperation with the Rector's Office and the departments;
- 7) represents the university in relations with third parties within the limits of the authority granted by the Rector;
- 8) organises the work of the dean's office;
- 9) decides matters relating to students' studies;
- 10) resolves disputes relating to studies, research and development within the school;
- 11) prepares the draft budget of the school and approves the draft budgets of the departments and approves the budgets of the dean's office and the departments following approval of the university budget by the University Board;
- 12) executes the orders and instructions of the Rector and the area directors issued within the limits of their competence;
- 13) appoints the vice-dean(s);
- 14) is responsible for ensuring compliance with legislation at the school;
- 15) performs other functions arising from legislation.

§ 22. Department

- (1) A department is the principal academic and administrative unit of a school that engages in teaching, research and development and brings together research groups with similar profiles. A college is a regional or sectoral academic unit, which is primarily engaged in teaching.
- (2) A department organises research and development, carries out educational activities and performs other functions of the university within its field of activity.

§ 23. Department council

- (1) A department council is the academic decision-making body of the department.
- (2) A department council shall be chaired by the head of department.
- (3) A department council shall comprise:
 - 1) the head of department;
 - 2) full professors and associate professors;
 - 3) one representative of PhD students;
 - 4) the representatives of the department staff.
- (4) The dean shall appoint and approve the members of the department council for a term of up to three years.
- (5) The representative of the PhD students shall be elected at a general meeting of the department's PhD students.
- (6) One representative shall be elected to the department council for every twenty employees of the department. The persons referred to in clauses (3) 1) to 3) of this section shall not be included in the calculation of the employee representatives and shall not participate in the election of those representatives.
- (7) The head of department may appoint additional members to the department council, provided that their total number does not exceed 10% of the total membership of the department council.

§ 24. Meeting of the department council

- (1) The chair of the department council shall convene and chair its meetings. Meetings shall be held as necessary, but at least once per semester. A meeting shall also be convened if requested by at least 50% of the members of the department council.
- (2) Persons designated by the head of department may participate in meetings with the right to speak

§ 25. Competence of the department council

A department council:

- 1) discusses matters relating to the strategic development of the department;
- 2) discusses matters relating to the department's staffing and budget;
- 3) submits the department's draft action plan to the dean;

- 4) hears, at least once a year, the head of department's report on the implementation of the department's action plan and the execution of the budget, and provides an assessment thereof;
- 5) makes proposals to the head of the department, the dean and the Rector's Office concerning the school and the department;
- 6) discusses other matters raised by the head of the department or the department council;
- 7) has the right to veto the appointment of a head of department by the dean within one month of the appointment, in which case that person may not be appointed head of department during the same appointment procedure. Where the department council exercises its right of veto, it shall provide the dean with the reasons for the veto. A veto is valid if supported by at least two-thirds of the members of the department council;
- 8) has the right to submit questions and proposals to the department council for discussion, consideration or the adoption of a position;
- 9) performs other functions arising from legislation.

§ 26. Head of department [entry into force 01.08.2026]

- (1) A department is directed by the head, who is responsible for the overall operation, development and reputation of the department, as well as for the lawful and expedient use of its financial resources and exercises administrative authority within his or her competence.
- (2) The dean, having considered the opinion of the department council, appoints the head of department for a term of up to five years. The dean provides the department council with the reasons for the appointment. A head of department must hold a doctoral degree or an equivalent qualification unless the school council decides otherwise.
- (3) A regional college is directed by a director who, in managing the college, performs the functions of the head of department, subject to the exceptions provided for in these Statutes.
- (4) In performing duties relating to teaching, research and personnel management, the director of a regional college exercises the powers of a dean to the extent necessary for organising the corresponding processes and making decisions at the college.
- (5) The director of a regional college reports to the Vice-Rector for Academic Affairs.
- (6) The Rector, on the proposal of the Vice-Rector for Academic Affairs and having considered the opinion of the college council, appoints the director of a regional college for a term of up to five years. The director of a regional college must hold at least a master's degree or an equivalent qualification.
- (7) A director may serve for no more than ten consecutive years
- (8) The person competent to appoint the director may remove the director from office.

§ 27. Competence of the head of department

The head of department:

- 1) organises performance of the functions laid down in clauses 2 (2) 1)-8) of the Statutes at the department;
 - 2) organises studies at the department in compliance with the dean's instructions;
 - 3) organises research and development activities of the department;
 - 4) determines the internal structure and work procedures of the department;
 - 5) represents the university in relations with third parties within the limits of the authority granted by the Rector;
 - 6) ensures that the department's action plan is prepared and organises its implementation;
 - 7) prepares the draft budget of the department and submits it to the dean;
 - 8) executes the orders and instructions of the dean, the Rector and the area directors issued within the limits of their competence;
 - 9) is responsible for compliance with legislation at the department;
 - 10) performs other functions arising from legislation.
- (2) In managing the college, the director of a regional college performs the duties assigned to the head of department under this section, subject to the exceptions provided for in these Statutes. The director of the college organises the college's education, research, development and creative activities. [entry into force 01.08.2026]

Chapter 4 MEMBERSHIP AND ALUMNI

§ 28. Membership

(1) The members of the university are:

- 1) the students of the university;
- 2) the employees of the university;
- 3) The members of the University Board and the Senate and the Rector;
- 4) professors emeriti and associate professors emeriti;
- 5) honorary doctors;
- 6) honorary members and rectors emeriti;
- 7) other persons by a decision of the Senate.

(2) The rights and obligations of the members of the university shall be laid down in the university's legislation.

(3) The university shall support the activities of its alumni association and involve alumni in the achievement of the university's objectives. The methods for involving alumni, and their rights and obligations, shall be laid down in the university's legislation.

§ 29. Statutes of the student body

The operation of the student body shall be governed by the Statutes of the Student Body, adopted by the Student Union and approved by the Senate. The Statutes of the Student Body shall be adopted by a two-thirds majority of the members of the Student Union.

§ 30. Academic positions

(1) The university's academic positions are divided into tenured positions and other academic positions.

(2) Tenure is the permanent academic status of a professor. The ranks of a tenured position are Associate Professor and Full Professor.

(3) A person holding an academic position shall undergo attestation at least once every five years.

(4) The procedure for filling academic positions shall be laid down in the university's legislation.

§ 31. Honorary Member and Rector Emeritus/Emerita

(1) The Senate shall award the title of Honorary Member on the proposal of the Rector in recognition of a person's outstanding contribution to the achievement of the objectives set out in the Statutes of the university. The Rector may determine remuneration for an Honorary Member.

(2) The University Board may award the title of Rector Emeritus or Rector Emerita to a retiring person who has served as Rector of the university for at least five years. The University Board may determine remuneration or other benefits for a Rector Emeritus or Rector Emerita.

Chapter 5 ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES

§ 32. Assets

(1) The assets of the university shall be used to achieve the university's mission.

(2) The bodies and structural units of the university shall possess and use the university's assets in accordance with the procedure laid down in these Statutes, the rules of procedure and other legislation.

(3) The head of a structural unit shall ensure the proper possession, use and preservation of the assets and shall take the measures necessary for that purpose.

§ 33. Transactions in assets

(1) The university shall acquire and dispose of assets in accordance with the procedure laid down in these Statutes.

(2) Movable property shall be acquired by decision of the Rector, an area director or the head of a structural unit within the limits of the funds at their disposal and the authority granted by the Rector.

(3) Decisions on the disposal of movable property shall be made by the Rector or a person authorised by the Rector in accordance with the procedure established by the Rector.

(4) The Rector shall, with the approval of the University Board, decide on the principal terms and conditions for the acquisition and disposal of immovable property and the establishment of rights of superficies. The Rector shall decide on the conclusion of all other transactions concerning immovable property.

(5) The university may grant another person the right to use its assets for a fixed or indefinite period where this is necessary for the fulfilment of the university's mission.

(6) The Rector or a person authorised by the Rector may grant another person the right to use the university's assets in accordance with the procedure established by the Rector.

§ 34. Reporting and auditing

(1) The university shall report on its activities to the extent and in accordance with the procedure laid down by law or established pursuant thereto.

(2) The activities of the university shall be audited in accordance with the procedure laid down by law and these Statutes.

Chapter 6 IMPLEMENTING PROVISIONS

§ 35. Implementation of the Regulation

(1) The current composition of the Senate shall continue to serve until the expiry of its term of office on 31 August 2025.

(2) The current compositions of the school councils and department councils shall continue to serve until the expiry of their terms of office, but not later than the date specified in the preceding subsection.

(3) The incumbent deans and heads of departments shall continue to serve until the expiry of their terms of office, but not later than 31 December 2026.

(4) The provisions of subsection 20 (2) of the Statutes concerning the appointment and term of office of a dean shall apply upon the appointment of the next dean. The restriction specified in subsection (3) shall apply to a dean currently in office from his or her next appointment as dean.

(5) The provisions of subsection 26 (2) of the Statutes concerning the appointment and term of office of a head of department shall apply upon the appointment of the next heads of department. The restriction specified in subsection (3) shall apply to a head of department currently in office from his or her next appointment as head of department.

(6) The Statutes of Tallinn University of Technology, established by Regulation No 1 of 17 May 2019 of the Board of Governors, approved by Resolution No 5 of 23 August 2019 of the Board of Governors, and amended by Regulation No 1 of 21 May 2021, Regulation No 3 of 17 September 2021 and Regulation No 2 of 6 June 2022 of the University Board, are repealed.

§ 36. Entry into force of the Regulation

This Regulation shall enter into force on 1 July 2024.