



S T A T U T E

**OF THE GREEK CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL FACULTY
UNIVERSITY OF PREŠOV IN PREŠOV**

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PART ONE

Name, nature and purpose of the Faculty

Art. 1 Name and office of the Faculty

- 1) The name of the Faculty reads “The Greek Catholic Theological Faculty of the University of Prešov.” For internal purposes, the abbreviation “GTF” may be used. The name of the Faculty in Latin is “*Facultatis Theologiae Graecae Catholicae Universitatis Presoviensis*”.
- 2) The registered office of the Greek Catholic Theological Faculty is Ulica biskupa Gojdiča 2, 080 01 Prešov, Slovak Republic.
- 3) The Greek Catholic Theological Faculty of Prešov, University of Prešov (hereinafter referred to as the “Faculty”) follows in the activities of the *Academia Theologica*, founded in 1880 by the Bishop of Prešov, ThDr. Mikuláš Tóth. The Faculty was founded in 1990, when it was incorporated into the union of Pavol Jozef Šafárik University in Košice. Pursuant to the Act No. 361/1996 on the division of Pavol Jozef Šafárik University in Košice, the University of Prešov in Prešov was established on 1 January 1997 and the Faculty of Greek Catholic Theology became its integral part. Since 1 September 2005, the Faculty bears its current name. On 28 October 2014, by the Decree No. 1013/2011, issued by the Congregation for Catholic Education in Rome, the Greek Catholic Theological Faculty was granted a status of an ecclesiastical faculty.
- 4) The Faculty is an integral part of the University of Prešov (hereinafter referred to as the “University”). The Faculty is governed by Act No. 131/2002 Coll. on Higher Education Institutions and on Amendments and Supplements to Certain Acts and by Act No. 163/1990 Coll. on Theological Faculties.
- 5) The Faculty is also an ecclesiastical faculty, and in terms of the Canon Law it is governed by the Apostolic Constitution *Sapientia Christiana* promulgated by John Paul II on 15 April 1979, by the *Ordinationes* issued by the Congregation for Catholic Education on 29 April 1979, annexed to the Constitution, by the norms of the *Code of Canons of the Eastern Churches* (can. 646 – 650; CCEO) and the Apostolic Constitution *Veritatis Gaudium on Ecclesiastical Universities and Faculties* promulgated by Pope Francis.

Art. 2 Nature and purpose of the Faculty

- 1) According to its own scientific method, the Faculty seeks to profoundly study the doctrine of the Catholic Church derived from divine revelation and the Magisterium. The Faculty has the aim of systematically explaining and applying the Catholic doctrine. It also seeks to find the solution to human problems in the light of the same revelation.¹
- 2) The Faculty offers its study programmes for seminarians, members of religious orders/monastics, as well as the laity.²

¹ *Veritatis Gaudium*, General Norms, Art. 69.

² *Veritatis Gaudium*, General Norms, Art. 31.

- 3) A special task of the Faculty is to take care of the scientific and theological formation for those who are preparing for the priesthood or preparing to hold some ecclesiastical service.³
- 4) The Faculty also provides further education,⁴ mainly to satisfy the pastoral needs of the Catholic Church.
- 5) The purpose of ecclesiastical faculties is:⁵
 - a) through scientific research to cultivate and promote their own disciplines, especially those directly or indirectly connected to Christian revelation and which directly serve the mission of the Church, systematically enunciate the truths contained therein, to explore emerging new problems in the light of divine revelation and to present them to people of today in a manner adapted to various cultures;
 - b) to educate the students to a level of high qualification in their own disciplines and in accordance with the Catholic doctrine, to prepare them properly to perform their tasks and to promote the continuing and permanent formation of priests of the Church;
 - c) to collaborate actively, in accordance with their own nature and in close communion with the Hierarchy, with the particular churches and the universal Church in the whole work of evangelization.
- 6) Ecclesiastical faculties erected and approved by the Holy See at non-ecclesiastical universities, which confer both canonical and civil academic degrees, shall observe the precepts of the Constitution while respecting the bilateral or multilateral conventions signed by the Holy See with various states or with the universities themselves.⁶
- 7) The Faculty conducts scientific and theological research and provides higher education in the framework of accredited study programmes in three levels - bachelor, master and doctoral.⁷ In accordance with the provision of Canon 648 of the CCEO, the Faculty confers academic degrees that have canonical value in the Church.
- 8) Ecclesiastical universities and faculties, as other higher education institutes, are generally subject to evaluation by the Holy See's Agency for the Evaluation and Promotion of Quality in Ecclesiastical Universities and Faculties (AVEPRO).⁸

³ *Veritatis Gaudium*, General Norms, Art. 69 and Art. 76 § 1.

⁴ *Statute of the University of Prešov* Art. 2 (3).

⁵ *Veritatis Gaudium*, General Norms, Art. 3, § 1-3

⁶ *Veritatis Gaudium*, General Norms, Art. 8.

⁷ *Statute of the University of Prešov* Art. 25 (2).

⁸ *Veritatis Gaudium*, Norms of Application, Art. 1 § 2.

PART TWO

Personnel and collegial academic authorities

Art. 3 Great Chancellor of the Faculty

- 1) The Great Chancellor represents the Holy See to the Faculty and equally the Faculty to the Holy See. He promotes its continuation and progress and fosters its communion with the particular and universal Church.⁹
- 2) The Great Chancellor of the Faculty is the Greek Catholic Archbishop of Prešov and Metropolitan (or the person designated by decree to assume his rights and duties). Under Canon law, the Faculty legally depends on the Great Chancellor.¹⁰
- 3) The rights and duties of the Great Chancellor are:
 - a) to support the Faculty, to promote its scientific activity and ecclesial identity; to ensure that Catholic doctrine is integrally followed and that the statutes and norms issued by the Holy See are faithfully observed;¹¹
 - b) to promote and ensure close unity and collaboration between all members of the academic community;¹²
 - c) to ensure that Catholic doctrine, morals, and ecclesiastical discipline are strictly followed and that the provisions and regulations of the Holy See are faithfully observed.¹³ In these matters, he may exercise the right of veto over the decisions of the academic authorities that are in conflict with regulations of the Holy See and may order that such decisions be reconsidered;
 - d) to comment on proposed candidates for the office of the Dean;
 - e) to nominate to the Dicastery for Culture and Education the name of the elected candidate for the Dean and ask the Dicastery for confirmation;¹⁴
 - f) to appoint the Dean of the Faculty elected by the selection procedure¹⁵ and approved by the Dicastery for Culture and Education;¹⁶
 - g) to receive the profession of faith "*professio fidei*" from the Dean (cf. Can. 833, CIC)¹⁷
 - h) to nominate to the Dicastery for Culture and Education the names of those teachers for whom a declaration of no objection - *nihil obstat* is to be requested;¹⁸
 - i) to give or take away from the teachers the "*veniam docendi*" or "*missionem canonica*" according to the norms of the Constitution;¹⁹
 - j) to inform the Dicastery for Culture and Education about the most important events and to send to the Dicastery every five years a detailed report on the academic, moral and

⁹ *Veritatis Gaudium*, General Norms, Art. 12.

¹⁰ *Veritatis Gaudium*, General Norms, Art. 13.

¹¹ *Veritatis Gaudium*, Norms of Application, Art. 9 (1).

¹² *Veritatis Gaudium*, Norms of Application, Art. 9 (2).

¹³ *Veritatis Gaudium*, Norms of Application, Art. 9 (1).

¹⁴ *Veritatis Gaudium*, General Norms, Art. 18; *Veritatis Gaudium*, Norms of Application, Art. 9 (3).

¹⁵ *Statute of the University of Prešov* Art. 16 (6).

¹⁶ "The appointment or confirmation mentioned in the article 18 of this Apostolic Constitution, is also required for a subsequent term of office for the office-holder cited.". *Veritatis Gaudium*, General Norms, Art.12, *Veritatis Gaudium*, General Norms, Art. 18; *Veritatis Gaudium*, Norms of Application, Art. 9 (3).

¹⁷ *Veritatis Gaudium*, Norms of Application, Art. 9 (4).

¹⁸ *Veritatis Gaudium*, General Norms, Art. 27 § 2; *Veritatis Gaudium*, Norms of Application, Art. 9 (3).

¹⁹ *Veritatis Gaudium*, General Norms, Art. 27 § 1; *Veritatis Gaudium*, Norms of Application, Art. 9 (5).

economic situation of the Faculty, as well as its strategic plan, along with his own judgement, following the guidelines drawn up by the Dicastery;²⁰

- k) to submit to the Dicastery for Culture and Education a request for *nihil obstat* for those whom the Faculty proposes to award *Doctor honoris causa*.²¹
- l) to send to the Dicastery for Culture and Education the text of the Statute of the Faculty for approval.²²

Art. 4

Academic community of the Faculty

- 1) The Faculty's academic community is the foundation of the Faculty's academic autonomy.
- 2) The academic community of the Faculty consists of academic teachers and researchers assigned to the Faculty who are employed by the University for a fixed weekly working time (personnel section of the academic community of the Faculty) and students enrolled in study programmes conducted at the Faculty in both full-time and part-time form of study in all three levels of higher education (student section of the academic community of the Faculty).²³
- 3) Members of the academic community of the Faculty have the right to²⁴:
 - a) nominate candidates for the members of the academic self-governing bodies in an established manner, to elect and be elected as members of the academic self-governing bodies of the University and the Faculty,
 - b) participate in sessions of the academic community, the Academic Senate and the Scientific Board, unless the sessions of the Scientific Board are closed to public,
 - c) access to information on the activities and resolutions of the Academic Senate, the Scientific Board and the Board of Directors of the University,
 - d) submit motions, comments and complaints to the self-governing academic bodies,
 - e) express and publish their opinions freely in accordance with academic values and the legal order,
 - f) nominate candidates for the election of a candidate for Rector and Dean.
- 4) The academic community of the Faculty elects and recalls the members of the Academic Senate of the Faculty and the Faculty representatives in the Academic Senate of the University.²⁵

Art. 5

Academic self-government bodies of the Faculty

- 1) Self-governing academic bodies of the Faculty (academic authorities)²⁶ are:²⁷
 - a) Academic Senate of the Faculty,

²⁰ *Veritatis Gaudium*, Norms of Application, Art. 9 (7).

²¹ *Veritatis Gaudium*, Norms of Application, Art. 9 (6).

²² *Veritatis Gaudium*, General Norms, Art. 7.

²³ *Statute of the University of Prešov* Art. 5 (1) and Art. 16 (13).

²⁴ *Statute of the University of Prešov* Art. 5 (2).

²⁵ *Statute of the University of Prešov* Art. 7 (3) and Art. 16 (14).

²⁶ *Veritatis Gaudium*, General Norms, Art. 15 - 17; *Veritatis Gaudium*, Norms of Application, Art. 13 - 14.

²⁷ *Statute of the University of Prešov* Art. 16, Par. 4.

- b) Dean,
 - c) Scientific Board of the Faculty,
 - d) Disciplinary Committee of the Faculty for Students (hereinafter referred to as the “Disciplinary Committee”).
- 2) Self-governing academic bodies of the Faculty are bound in their activities by the Higher Education Act, the Statute of University of Prešov, other Acts, and generally binding legal regulations, this Statute, relevant ecclesiastical regulations²⁸ and other regulations of the Faculty.
 - 3) If a decision of the Faculty’s self-governing academic body proves to be contrary to generally binding legal regulations, internal regulations of the University or Faculty, the said body shall take all possible measures to remedy the situation, including modification or revocation of such decision. A similar procedure shall apply if the self-governing academic body remains inactive in addressing violation of the above regulations.

Art. 6

The Academic Senate of the Faculty,

- 1) The Academic Senate of the Faculty (hereinafter referred to as the “Academic Senate”) is a collective self-governing and representative body of the Faculty. It consists of 12 members, one-third of whom are students.²⁹
- 2) The Academic Senate is composed of members of the academic staff (personnel section) and students (student section). Members of the personnel section of the Academic Senate are elected by direct ballot by members of the academic staff. Members of the student section of the Academic Senate are elected by direct ballot by members of the student part of the academic community of the Faculty. Only a member of the academic staff may be elected a member of the personnel section of the Academic Senate. Only a member of the student part of the academic community of the Faculty may be elected a member of the student section of the Academic Senate.³⁰
- 3) Membership in the Academic Senate is incompatible with the positions of Rector, Vice-Rector, Dean, Vice-Dean and Quaestor.³¹
- 4) The term of office for all members of the Academic Senate is for a period of four years. It shall commence on the day following the expiry of the previous term of office of the Academic Senate members. The termination of membership in the Academic Senate is regulated by the Statute of the University of Prešov.³² A member of the student section of the Academic Senate whose membership has been suspended is considered absent from the session of the Academic Senate.³³
- 5) Sessions of the Academic Senate are open to public. The Great Chancellor, Dean, Vice-Deans, Rector of the Seminary and the Rector of the University have the right to attend the sessions of the Academic Senate and take the floor in an advisory non-voting capacity. The

²⁸ *Veritatis Gaudium*, General Norms, Art. 88 - 91.

²⁹ *Act No. 131/2002 Coll.*, as amended, Section 9, Para 4 and the *Statute of the University of Prešov* Art. 16 (14).

³⁰ *Statute of the University of Prešov* Art. 16 (14).

³¹ *Statute of the University of Prešov* Art. 16 (15).

³² *Statute of the University of Prešov* Art. 16 (18).

³³ *Statute of the University of Prešov* Art. 7 (11).

Chairperson of the Academic Senate is bound to convene a session immediately or not later than within 14 days after the receipt of a request from the Dean or the Rector. If the Chairperson of the Academic Senate fails to do so, the session shall be convened by the Dean.³⁴

- 6) The Academic Senate has a quorum if an absolute majority of its members is present at the time of the vote. Unless otherwise provided in the Rules of Procedure or in this Statute, a resolution is adopted if an absolute majority of the members present voted in its favour.
- 7) The Faculty and University Academic Senate elections are provided by the election committee elected by the Academic Senate. If a member of the election committee accepts a candidacy in the Academic Senate elections, his or her membership terminates. The Senate elections are governed by the internal regulations of the Faculty,³⁵ approved by the Academic Senate. A secret ballot shall be used.
- 8) The first session of the Academic Senate is convened by the Chairperson of the election committee. At this session, members of the Board of the Academic Senate (the Board) are elected by secret ballot by an absolute majority of the Senate members present at the time of the vote. The Board shall consist of the Chairperson and two Vice Chairpersons. The Chairperson of the Academic Senate is a Faculty teacher, one of the Vice Chairpersons is a representative of the student section of the Academic Senate.
- 9) The Board is an executive and supervisory body of the Academic Senate, which performs the tasks pertaining to the provision of the Academic Senate's functions. In cooperation with the Dean, the Vice-Deans and the Secretary of the Faculty, the Board provides the agenda for individual sessions of the Academic Senate. The Board of the Academic Senate meets if necessary in separate meetings.
- 10) Sessions of the Academic Senate are convened by its Chairperson. The Chairperson of the Academic Senate is bound to convene a meeting of the Academic Senate within 14 days following the request of:
 - a) at least one third of its members,
 - b) both Vice Chairpersons of the Academic Senate,
 - c) Dean,
 - d) Rector,
 - e) Great Chancellor.
- 11) The sessions of the Academic Senate and the powers of the Board of the Academic Senate are governed by the Rules of Procedure of the Academic Senate³⁶ on the proposal of the Chair of the Academic Senate.
- 12) The Academic Senate shall set up commissions as its advisory bodies if necessary; any member of the academic community that is not a member of the Academic Senate may apply for membership in a commission. The chair of the commission shall always be a member of the Academic Senate.
- 13) Members of the Academic Senate are directly accountable for their activities to the section of the academic community of the Faculty that elected them and may be recalled by an absolute majority of that section of the academic community.
- 14) Each member of the Academic Senate shall have the right to:

³⁴ *Statute of the University of Prešov* Art. 16 (17).

³⁵ *Statute of the University of Prešov* Art. 16 (14). – *Code of Electoral Procedure for the Academic Senate of GTF PU*.

³⁶ *Statute of the University of Prešov* Art. 16 (17) – *The Rules of Procedure of the Academic Senate*

- a) submit motions to the Academic Senate for deliberations and to vote on them, to comment on all matters falling within the competence of the Academic Senate,
 - b) ask questions and demand explanation from the academic officials on matters within their jurisdiction.
- 15) The Dean or on his behalf, the Vice Dean or the Rector of University shall have the right to attend the sessions of the Academic Senate and take the floor in an advisory capacity.³⁷

Art. 7

Powers of the Academic Senate of the Faculty

- 1) The power and activity of the Academic Senate is regulated by the Statute of the University of Prešov.³⁸
- 2) the Academic Senate:
 - a) represents the academic community of the Faculty also for the purposes of Section 22, Para 4 of the Higher Education Act,³⁹
 - b) approves the Dean's proposals for the Statute of the Faculty and other internal regulations of the Faculty, prior to their approval by the Academic Senate of the University,⁴⁰
 - c) discusses approves the Dean's proposal to appoint and recall Vice-Deans,⁴¹
 - d) approves the Dean's proposal to appoint and recall the members of the Scientific Board of the Faculty,⁴²
 - e) approves the draft budget of the Faculty submitted by the Dean and oversee the use of the Faculty's finances,⁴³
 - f) approves the long-term strategy in the educational, research, development or other activities of the Faculty elaborated in accordance with the long-term strategy of the University, submitted by the Dean after having discussed it at the Scientific Board of the Faculty and approves its update,⁴⁴
 - g) approves the annual report on activities and the annual report on financial management of the Faculty submitted by the Dean,⁴⁵
 - h) comments on the Dean's proposal regarding the establishment, merger, amalgamation, division or dissolution of the Faculty departments,⁴⁶
 - i) submits annually a report on its activities to the Faculty's academic community, and make it available on the website of the Faculty for at least four years,⁴⁷
 - j) comments on other materials submitted by the Dean of the Faculty,⁴⁸
 - k) approves, after having it discussed at the Scientific Board of the Faculty, the Dean's proposal of the study programmes to be carried out at the Faculty,
 - l) approves other admission requirements for study programmes carried out by the Faculty submitted by the Dean,

³⁷Statute of the University of Prešov Art. 16 (17).

³⁸Statute of the University of Prešov Art. 16 (13 – 21).

³⁹Statute of the University of Prešov Art. 16 (21a).

⁴⁰Statute of the University of Prešov Art. 16 (21b).

⁴¹Statute of the University of Prešov Art. 16 (21c).

⁴²Statute of the University of Prešov Art. 16 (21d).

⁴³Statute of the University of Prešov Art. 16 (21e).

⁴⁴Statute of the University of Prešov Art. 16 (21f).

⁴⁵Statute of the University of Prešov Art. 16 (21g).

⁴⁶Statute of the University of Prešov Art. 16 (21h).

⁴⁷Statute of the University of Prešov Art. 16 (21i).

⁴⁸Statute of the University of Prešov Art. 16 (21j).

- m) comments on the Dean's proposal for the number and structure of job positions at the Faculty before final approval by the Rector,⁴⁹
- n) elects a Faculty representative to the Higher Education Council,⁵⁰
- o) comments on the Rector's proposals for acts pursuant to Section 17, Para. 1 of the Higher Education Act concerning the transfer of property or creation of an easement, or the right of pre-emption to property that serves to perform and fulfil the tasks of the Faculty prior to their submission for approval to the Academic Senate of the University,⁵¹
- p) performs other tasks stipulated by the internal regulations of the University or the Faculty.

Art. 8 Dean

- 1) The Dean is the head of the Faculty. The Dean manages, represents it, and acts on behalf of the Faculty. The position and scope of Dean's powers are governed by the "law."⁵²
- 2) The Dean shall be formally appointed and recalled by the Great Chancellor (or by the person designated by decree to assume his rights and duties) following the approval by the Dicastery for Culture and Education and by Rector of the University.⁵³
- 3) The Dean shall be appointed by the Rector following the successful selection procedure⁵⁴ and the approval by the Dicastery for Culture and Education.⁵⁵ In circumstance where by the end of the acting Dean's term of office, the successful candidate has not received the approval of the Dicastery for Culture and Education or the Faculty has no Dean, the Academic Senate shall nominate to the Rector of the University a person to be entrusted with duties as the interim Dean until the appointment of the new Dean, but for no longer than six months.⁵⁶
- 4) The Dean is recalled by the Rector of the University. The Rector may remove the Dean from office only in the instances set forth in the Section 22, Para 8 of the Higher Education Act and with the prior approval by an absolute majority of all members of a special committee established for that purpose, the members of which shall be appointed pursuant to Section 4 of this Act and after prior consultation with the Great Chancellor (or by the person designated by decree to assume his rights and duties).⁵⁷
- 5) The Dean's term of office shall be a maximum of four years. The office of Dean may be held by the same person for a maximum of two consecutive terms.⁵⁸

⁴⁹ *Statute of the University of Prešov* Art. 38 (1 and 2).

⁵⁰ *Act No. 131/2002 Coll.*, as amended, Section 107, Para 1(a) and Para 3.

⁵¹ *Statute of the University of Prešov* Art. 41 (8).

⁵² *Act No. 131/2002 Coll.*, as amended, Section 22; *Veritatis Gaudium*, Norms of Application, Art. 15.

⁵³ *Statute of the University of Prešov* Art. 16 (5); *Veritatis Gaudium*, General Norms, Art. 18.

⁵⁴ *Statute of the University of Prešov* Art. 16 (6).

⁵⁵ *Act No. 131/2002 Coll.*, as amended, Section 34; *Veritatis Gaudium*, General Norms, Art. 18.

⁵⁶ *Act No. 131/2002 Coll.*, as amended, Section 34.

⁵⁷ *Act No. 131/2002 Coll.*, as amended, Section 22, Para 8 and 9; Section 34.

⁵⁸ *Act No. 131/2002 Coll.*, as amended, Section 22, Para 2 and the *Statute of the University of Prešov* Art. 16 (5).

- 6) The Dean is accountable for his activities to the Rector of the University.⁵⁹ The Dean is responsible to the Rector for the activities under the Higher Education Act in the matters in which the Dean acts on behalf of the Faculty, for the financial management of the Faculty and for other activities stipulated by the Higher Education Act and the internal regulations of the University. The Dean is responsible to the Holy See in keeping with valid ecclesiastical documents.
- 7) The Dean acts on behalf of the Faculty in matters defined by law, this Statute and the Rector's mandate.⁶⁰
- 8) The Dean is employed by the University and assigned to the Faculty, which he heads. The termination of the employment relationship related to exercising of the Dean's office is conditional upon the prior termination of the Dean's office. When appointing Dean, the Rector concludes a contract with the Dean for the duration of the term of office, which contains measurable indicators for the purpose of improving the quality of higher education provided by the Faculty and the quality of research, development or artistic and other creative activities of the Faculty and the objectives set forth in the long-term plan of the University.⁶¹
- 9) The rights and obligations of the Dean towards the ecclesiastical authority are, particularly:⁶²
 - a) to direct, represent and act on behalf of the Faculty, to promote and coordinate its activities and development,
 - b) to oversee that the instructions of higher authorities are carried out,
 - c) to appoint and recall Vice-Deans after approval by the Academic Senate,
 - d) to appoint members of the Scientific Board and to convoke and preside at the meeting of the Scientific Board,
 - e) to admit to and exclude students from the Faculty, impose disciplinary measures on a student following the proposal of the Disciplinary Committee,⁶³
 - f) to inform the Great Chancellor about life at the Faculty,
 - g) to send, once a year, to the Dicastery for Culture and Education in Rome statistics on a number of teaching positions, and a number of students,⁶⁴
 - h) to submit an annual report on the Faculty's activities to the Great Chancellor,
 - i) to submit to the Academic Senate the proposals for the approval of new study programmes,
 - j) to submit to the Academic Senate the proposals for the approval of the internal regulations of the Faculty,⁶⁵ annual report on the activities and financial management of the Faculty and the draft budget of the Faculty,⁶⁶
 - k) to appoint and recall members of the Disciplinary Committee after approval by the Academic Senate,
 - l) to decide on eligibility for social scholarship for students of study programmes carried out at the Faculty,
 - m) to award the Faculty commemorative medal after approval by the Senate,

⁵⁹ *Statute of the University of Prešov* Art. 16 (5).

⁶⁰ *Statute of the University of Prešov* Art. 16 (5).

⁶¹ *Statute of the University of Prešov* Art. 16 (9).

⁶² *Veritatis Gaudium*, Norms of Application, Art. 17.

⁶³ *Act No. 131/2002 Coll.*, as amended, Section 58, Para 6.

⁶⁴ Ensures that the institution's data in the database of the Dicastery for Culture and Education be updated.

⁶⁵ *Statute of the University of Prešov* Art. 16 (21b).

⁶⁶ *Statute of the University of Prešov* Art. 16 (21g and 21e).

n) to award the Dean's Prize.

- 10) The Dean proposes to the Rector the number and structure of job positions at the Faculty and the conclusion, change and termination of employment relationships of employees assigned to the Faculty.⁶⁷

Art. 9

Election of a candidate for the position of the Dean of the Faculty

- 1) The Dean is appointed by the Rector based on a selection procedure.⁶⁸
- 2) The selection procedure for filling the position of Dean shall be announced, conducted and cancelled by the University. The selection procedure shall be announced in Slovak and English on the University website and on the website designated by the Ministry of Education no later than 120 days before the expiry of the Dean's term of office. If the dean ceases to hold office before the end of his term of office, a selection procedure shall be announced within 30 days of that event occurring. The selection procedure for the position of Dean includes a public hearing of the candidates.⁶⁹
- 3) A selection committee for the selection procedure for the filling the position of Dean shall have seven members. Three members of the selection committee, at least one of whom is a student representative, shall be elected and recalled by the Academic Senate of the Faculty. Two members of the selection committee shall be appointed and recalled by the Rector. One member of the selection committee shall be elected and recalled by the Academic Senate from among persons who are not members of the academic community of the Faculty. One member of the selection committee shall be appointed and recalled by the Board of Directors.⁷⁰

Art. 10

Proposal to recall of the Dean of the Faculty

- 1) The Dean shall be recalled by the Rector only in the instances set forth in Section 22, Para 8 of the Higher Education Act and with a prior approval of an absolute majority of all members of a special committee established for that purpose, the members of which shall be appointed pursuant to Section 22, Para 4 of this Act.⁷¹

⁶⁷ Statute of the University of Prešov Art. 17 (3).

⁶⁸ Act No. 131/2002 Coll., as amended, Section 22, Para 2.

⁶⁹ Act No. 131/2002 Coll., as amended, Section 22, Para 3.

⁷⁰ Act No. 131/2002 Coll., as amended, Section 22, Para 4.

⁷¹ Act No. 131/2002 Coll., as amended, Section 22, Para 8.

Art. 11 **Vice-Deans**

- 1) The Dean is fully represented by a Vice-Dean to the extent specified by the same. The Vice-Deans are appointed and recalled by the Dean following approval by the Academic Senate. The term of office of Vice-Deans is four years.⁷²
- 2) Generally, the Faculty has two Vice-Deans, mainly in the following divisions: educational activities, accreditation, doctoral studies, scientific activities, international relations, and development.
- 3) The Vice-Deans act and decide in matters of the Faculty that have been assigned to them by the Dean.

Art. 12 **Dean's advisory bodies**

- 1) The permanent advisory bodies of the Dean are:
 - a) Dean's College,
 - b) Faculty Management
 - c) The Dean shall establish other permanent or temporary professional bodies, commissions and working groups when necessary. Their members shall be appointed from among the academic community and or experts from the fields in practice.
- 2) The members of the Dean's College are Vice-Deans, Heads of Departments and the Chairperson of the Academic Senate. The Dean may invite to the Dean's College meeting all or only some of the College members, depending on the agenda of that meeting. The Dean may also invite other staff members and students to meetings of the Dean's College.
- 3) The Faculty Management consists of Dean and Vice-Deans. The Dean may also invite other staff members or students to attend meetings of the Faculty Management.

Art. 13 **Scientific Board of the Faculty**

- 1) Members of the Scientific Board of the Faculty (hereinafter referred to as the "Scientific Board")⁷³ are appointed and recalled by the Dean with the prior consent of the Academic Senate. The term of office for the members of the Scientific Board is four years.⁷⁴
- 2) Members of the Scientific Board shall be only persons in a position of professor or associate professor or researchers from the fields in which the Faculty carries out its educational, research, development, artistic or other creative activities. No less than one-quarter nor more than one-third of the Scientific Board members are not concurrently the members of the

⁷² *Statute of the University of Prešov* Art. 16 (10).

⁷³ *Veritatis Gaudium*, Norms of Application, Art. 14.

⁷⁴ *Statute of the University of Prešov* Art. 16 (23).

academic community of the public higher education institution of which the Faculty is a part.⁷⁵

- 3) Members of the Scientific Board are also:
 - a) Great Chancellor,
 - b) Faculty Dean,
 - c) Faculty Vice-Deans,
 - d) Heads of Departments.
- 4) The Scientific Board is presided by the Dean.⁷⁶
- 5) Membership in the Scientific Board expires
 - a) upon resignation of a member; the member's term of office expires on the day of delivery of a written declaration to the Dean in which a member resigns from the Scientific Board to the Dean, unless the written declaration states a later date,
 - b) upon removing a member from office; the member's term of office expires on the day following the date on which the Senate approved the proposal of the Dean to recall a member of the Scientific Board,
 - c) upon the death of a member.⁷⁷
- 6) Activities of the Scientific Board are set forth in the Higher Education Act and the Statute of the University.⁷⁸ The Scientific Board:
 - a) discusses the long-term strategy of the Faculty prepared in accordance with the long-term strategy of the University,
 - b) discusses the Dean's proposals concerning internal regulations and essential measures regulating the internal system of the University in the conditions of the Faculty,
 - c) evaluates, at least once a year, the quality of the Faculty regarding the educational activity and activities in the field of science, technology or art,
 - d) approves other experts who have the right to examine at State examinations for the study programmes carried out at the Faculty (Section 63, Para. 3); approves supervisors for doctoral studies pursuant to Section 54, Para. 4,
 - e) discusses and presents to the Scientific Board of the University the criteria for habilitation of associate professors and criteria for nomination of professors,
 - f) discusses proposals to award a title of an associate professor and makes decisions on their results,
 - g) discusses and submits to the Scientific Board of the University nominations for the appointment of professors,
 - h) discusses and submits to the Scientific Board of the University the general criteria for filling positions of professor and associate professor at the Faculty,
 - i) discusses and submits to the Scientific Board of the University the specific criteria of the selection procedure for filling the positions of professor at the Faculty,
 - j) discusses and submits to the Scientific Board of the University the proposals of the Dean to fill the posts of a visiting professor,
 - k) approves upon the proposal of the Chairperson of the Scientific Board of the Faculty the Rules of Procedure for the Scientific Board of the Faculty,
 - l) following the discussion, approves the draft for the study programmes,

⁷⁵ *Statute of the University of Prešov* Art. 16 (25).

⁷⁶ *Statute of the University of Prešov* Art. 16 (25).

⁷⁷ *Statute of the University of Prešov* Art. 10 (4).

⁷⁸ *Act No. 131/2002 Coll.*, as amended, Section 12 and *Statute of the University of Prešov* Art. 16 (26).

- m) performs other tasks set forth in the internal regulations of the University or Faculty.
- 7) Upon the proposal of the Scientific Board, the University may confer the title of “*doctor honoris causa*” (abbr. “Dr.h.c”) to domestic and foreign personalities for the scientific, cultural and other merit in promoting the ecclesiastical sciences.⁷⁹ For the conferral of honorary doctorate, with the consent of the Great Chancellor, the “*nihil obstat*” from the Holy See is required.⁸⁰
 - 8) The details of the meetings of the Scientific Board are set forth in the Rules of Procedure for the Scientific Board, which is an internal regulation of the Faculty.
 - 9) Meetings of the Scientific Board shall be convened by its Chairperson.
 - 10) The Scientific Board shall have a quorum if two-thirds of its members are present. The adoption of its resolution requires the consent of an absolute majority of the members present.

Art. 14 **Disciplinary procedure and Disciplinary Committee⁸¹**

⁷⁹ *Statute of the University of Prešov* Art. 10 (5j); *Veritatis Gaudium*, General Norms, Art. 51; *Veritatis Gaudium*, Norms of Application, Art. 40.

⁸⁰ *Veritatis Gaudium*, Norms of Application, Art. 9 (6) and Art. 40.

⁸¹ The Disciplinary Procedure and the Disciplinary Committee are regulated by the *Disciplinary Regulations of the GTF. Veritatis Gaudium*, Norms of Application, Art. 14.

PART THREE

Academic staff and other personnel of the Faculty

Art. 15 Faculty Staff

- 1) The staff working at the Faculty includes academic staff, researchers, and other personnel.⁸²
- 2) Employment relationships of the Faculty staff are regulated by the Higher Education Act, the Act on Remuneration of Some Employees at the Work Performance in Public Interest, the Labour Code, internal regulations of the University and Faculty and the Collective Agreement.⁸³
- 3) The employment relationship shall be established by a written employment contract. Positions of senior staff are filled by a selection procedure. The selection procedure also applies to fill positions of academic teachers, researchers and academic positions of professors and associate professors. The selection procedure to fill the position of professor and associate professors is simultaneously the selection procedure for filling the position of an academic teacher.⁸⁴
- 4) The number and structure of job positions is determined depending on the internal organizational structure of the Faculty.⁸⁵ The main criterion for determining the number and structure of job positions is to ensure the efficient and economic performance of the main tasks and fulfilment of the mission of the Faculty, to ensure a sufficient number of study programmes guarantors and to ensure the effective economic and administrative running of the Faculty.
- 5) The number and structure of job positions assigned to the Faculty is approved by the Rector upon the proposal of the Faculty.⁸⁶

Art. 16 Academic teaching staff

- 1) An academic teacher may fill the position based on one selection procedure for a maximum of five years.⁸⁷
- 2) An academic teacher may fill the position of associate professor or professor based on one selection procedure for a maximum of five years.⁸⁸ If the academic teacher has filled the position of associate professor or professor for the third time, has spent a total period of at least nine years in that capacity and has a corresponding scientific-pedagogical degree,

⁸² *Statute of the University of Prešov* Art. 37 (1); *Veritatis Gaudium*, Norms of Application, Art. 18 § 1-3.

⁸³ *Act No. 131/2002 Coll.* and the *Statute of the University of Prešov* Art. 37.

⁸⁴ *Act No. 131/2002 Coll.*, as amended, Section 77.

⁸⁵ *Act No. 131/2002 Coll.*, as amended, Section 6.

⁸⁶ *Statute of the University of Prešov* Art. 37 (2).

⁸⁷ *Act No. 131/2002 Coll.*, as amended, Section 77, Para 5.

⁸⁸ *Act No. 131/2002 Coll.*, as amended, Section 77, Para 5.

he/she shall be entitled to an employment contract with the University for a position of the academic teacher for a definite period, until the age of 70.⁸⁹

- 3) Upon the proposal of the Dean, the Rector may hire a person to a part-time employment for a position of an academic teacher for a maximum of one year without a selection procedure.⁹⁰
- 4) Details of selection procedures are specified in the *Rules of Selection Procedure for filling the positions of academic teachers, researchers, professors, associate professors and senior staff of the Prešov University in Prešov*, which is the internal regulation of the University.
- 5) The importance and development of the individual disciplines, as well as the proper care and profit of the students at the Faculty is the responsibility of the permanent (*stabiles*) and non-permanent (*non stabiles*) teachers.⁹¹
- 6) As stipulated in *Veritatis Gaudium*, to be hired as a permanent teacher (*stabiles*) in the Faculty, a person must be professor, associate professor and other teacher with a canonical doctorate who is employed for a fixed weekly working period.⁹²
- 7) As stipulated in *Veritatis Gaudium*, a non-permanent (*non stabiles*) teachers are assistant professors, lecturers, instructors and visiting professors.⁹³
- 8) All teachers of every rank and discipline must be marked by an upright life, integrity of doctrine, devotion to duty and diligence so that they can effectively contribute to the proper goal of the Faculty.⁹⁴
- 9) Those who teach disciplines concerning faith and morals must receive, after making their profession of faith, a canonical mission (*missio canonica*) from the Great Chancellor since they do not teach on their own authority but in the virtue of the mission that they have received from the Church. The other teachers must receive permission to teach (*veniam docendi*) from the Great Chancellor. The canonical mission and permission to teach are special prerequisites to hold a position of an academic teacher at the Faculty.⁹⁵
- 10) Those who teach disciplines concerning faith and morals must carry out their teaching in full communion with the authentic Magisterium of the Church, above all, with that of the Roman Pontiff.⁹⁶
- 11) Permanent teachers of the Faculty must make their profession of faith in a manner prescribed by the Catholic Church.⁹⁷
- 12) Permanent teachers are required:⁹⁸
 - a) to have a suitable qualification (professor, associate professor, suitable Doctorate or other equivalent title),
 - b) to show documentary proof of his/her suitability for doing scientific research, especially by published works,

⁸⁹ Act No. 131/2002 Coll., as amended, Section 77, Para 6.

⁹⁰ Act No. 131/2002 Coll., as amended, Section 77, Para 13.

⁹¹ *Veritatis Gaudium*, Norms of Application, Art. 18, § 1.

⁹² *Veritatis Gaudium*, General Norms, Art. 22; *Veritatis Gaudium*, Norms of Application, Art. 18.

⁹³ *Veritatis Gaudium*, Norms of Application, Art. 18.

⁹⁴ *Veritatis Gaudium*, General Norms, Art. 26.

⁹⁵ *Veritatis Gaudium*, General Norms, Art. 27, § 1.

⁹⁶ *Veritatis Gaudium*, General Norms, Art. 26, § 2.

⁹⁷ *Veritatis Gaudium*, General Norms, Art. 27, § 1.

⁹⁸ *Veritatis Gaudium*, General Norms, Art. 25, § 1 (1-4).

- c) to demonstrate sufficient teaching ability with at least three-year teaching experience in a higher education setting,
 - d) to receive a declaration of *nihil obstat* from the Holy See.⁹⁹
- 13) Extraordinary, non-permanent and other teachers are recommended to have at least a degree of “Licentiate in Theology” or its equivalent.¹⁰⁰
 - 14) The Great Chancellor may take away from a teacher the canonical mission (*missio canonica*) or permission to teach (*veniam docendi*) for doctrinal or disciplinary reasons.¹⁰¹
 - 15) Matters concerning doctrine or discipline should be, first of all, settled between the Dean and the teacher. If they are not settled there, the matters should be presented, in a suitable manner, to the appropriate committee appointed by the Dean, so that the first examination of the facts be carried out within the Faculty itself. If this is not sufficient, the matters are to be presented to the Great Chancellor, who, with the help of experienced Faculty staff and other colleagues, must consider the matter in order to take appropriate action. The Great Chancellor has the right to turn to the Holy See for a definite solution of the case. The teacher must always be given the right to explain and defend his or her own reasons.¹⁰²
 - 16) However, in serious and urgent cases, for the good of the students, the Great Chancellor can suspend the teacher until the process is finalised.¹⁰³
 - 17) If the Great Chancellor takes away from the teacher the canonical mission (*missio canonica*) or permission to teach (*veniam docendi*), this teacher loses the permission to teach at the Faculty. In such a case, the Faculty will terminate the employment relationship with the teacher since the special qualification criterion for a capacity of academic teacher does no longer stand. In exceptional cases, the Faculty may consider another job position for the teacher in accordance with the legal regulations of the Slovak Republic.¹⁰⁴

Art. 17 Researchers

- 1) To fulfil their task in science or art, the Faculty may also employ research workers and artists.¹⁰⁵
- 2) Researchers and artists may also take part in the teaching activities of the Faculty,¹⁰⁶ provided that the requirements stipulated in the Apostolic Constitution *Veritatis Gaudium* are met.

⁹⁹ *Veritatis Gaudium*, Norms of Application, Art. 21, § 2.

¹⁰⁰ *Veritatis Gaudium*, Norms of Application, Art. 19, § 2.

¹⁰¹ *Veritatis Gaudium*, Norms of Application, Art. 9 (5).

¹⁰² *Veritatis Gaudium*, Norms of Application, Art. 24, § 2.

¹⁰³ *Veritatis Gaudium*, Norms of Application, Art. 24, § 3.

¹⁰⁴ *Veritatis Gaudium*, General Norms, Art. 30.

¹⁰⁵ *Act No. 131/2002 Coll.*, as amended, Section 80, Para 1; *Veritatis Gaudium*, General Norms, Art. 11, §1.

¹⁰⁶ *Act No. 131/2002 Coll.*, as amended, Section 80, Para 2.

PART FOUR

Higher education students and education

Art. 18 Students

- 1) Ecclesiastical faculties are open to all who can legally give testimony to leading a moral life and to having completed the previous studies appropriate for them to be admitted to the Faculty.¹⁰⁷ The testimony about the student's moral life is to be given: for clerics by their own Ordinary, for lay people by their local priest and for Religious by their Superior.¹⁰⁸
- 2) Applicants for a bachelor's (first level) or master's (joining the first and second level in one unit) degree programmes are required to have completed upper secondary education or vocational secondary education. Applicants for a master's degree programme (second level) are required to have completed higher education of at least the first level. Additional requirements for admission are stipulated in the Study Rules of the University. The admission criteria for doctoral study at the Faculty are set forth in Art.20 of this Statute.¹⁰⁹
- 3) The rights and obligations of students are laid down in the Higher Education Act¹¹⁰ and the University Statute and the Study Rules.
- 4) A Student has right, in particular:¹¹¹
 - a) to attend the course of study within the framework of the study programme to which he/she has been admitted,
 - b) to design his/her curricular plan in accordance with the provisions of the study programme,
 - c) to enrol in a further stage of the study programme upon fulfilling all requirements stipulated in the study programme or the Study Rules,
 - d) to choose, while respecting time and capacity limits given by the Study Rules and study programme itself, the pace of his/her study and the sequence of completing individual units of their study programme, while preserving the prescribed continuity, and to choose a teacher for a subject taught by more than one teacher,
 - e) to apply, within the framework of his/her study, for study at another higher education institution, including that in a foreign country,
 - f) to participate in research, development and other creative activities of the University,
 - g) to participate in establishing independent associations active on campus that are in full compliance with the law, and they are not in conflict with the ecclesiastical laws,
 - h) to have, at least once a year, the opportunity to comment on quality of instruction and teachers via anonymous questionnaire,
 - i) to express freely his/her opinions and comments on the system of higher education,
 - j) to have access to information and consulting services related to his/her study and to the employability of graduates,
 - k) if he/she is required to pay tuition fees pursuant to Section 92, Para. 5 of the Higher Education Act, he/she has the right to decide which study programme they will study

¹⁰⁷ *Veritatis Gaudium*, General Norms, Art. 31.

¹⁰⁸ *Veritatis Gaudium*, Norms of Application, Art. 26, § 1.

¹⁰⁹ *Act No. 131/2002 Coll.*, as amended, Section 56 and Section 57.

¹¹⁰ *Act No. 131/2002 Coll.*, as amended, Section 70 and Section 71.

¹¹¹ *Act No. 131/2002 Coll.*, as amended, Section 70, Para1 and 2.

- free of charge in the relevant academic year provided that they are entitled to free higher education studies,
- l) to change the study programme within the same or similar field of study under conditions set forth in the Study Rules.
- 5) A student is obliged, in particular: ¹¹²
 - a) to comply with the internal regulations of the University and the Faculty. The students - seminarians are also obliged to comply with the internal regulations of the seminary, ¹¹³ other students are obliged to respect these regulations,
 - b) to protect and make use the property, resources and services of the University effectively,
 - c) to pay tuition and study-related fees according to the Higher Education Act and provide truthfully the data needed for calculating the amount of these fees,
 - d) to provide the University or Faculty with his/her postal address if the study programme they are enrolled in is carried out at the Faculty,
 - e) to present himself or herself in person when summoned by the Rector, the Dean or a member of the Faculty or University staff authorised by them to act on their behalf in order to discuss questions pertaining to the course of study or the termination of study or to his/her rights and duties,
 - f) to inform the Faculty in writing, if enrolled in a study programme carried out at the Faculty, his/her decision related to Section 70, Para. 1(k) of the Higher Education Act by 30 September of the relevant academic year.
 - 6) Students participate in self-governance of the University and Faculty through their chosen representatives in the Academic Senate of the University and Faculty and in the Disciplinary Committee of the University and Faculty.
 - 7) Additional rights and obligations of students are specified in the Study Rules of the Faculty (University). ¹¹⁴
 - 8) The Dean or the Rector, on his/her own initiative or upon recommendation from the Dean, may officially praise a student for outstanding academic achievement or civic engagement.
 - 9) A student who commits a disciplinary misdemeanour ¹¹⁵ may be subject to any of the following disciplinary measures:
 - a) admonition,
 - b) conditional expulsion, including the specifications of conditions and deadline by which these must be met,
 - c) expulsion from study.
 - 10) The Dean imposes disciplinary measures on students. ¹¹⁶
 - 11) A student may appeal to the Rector of the University in accordance with the provisions of the Higher Education Act or to the Great Chancellor, provided a breach of ecclesiastical discipline. ¹¹⁷

¹¹² Act No. 131/2002 Coll., as amended, Section 71, Para 1 – 3.

¹¹³ *Veritatis Gaudium*, Norms of Application, Art. 26, § 1.

¹¹⁴ *Veritatis Gaudium*, General Norms, Art. 32, § 2 and § 3.

¹¹⁵ Act No. 131/2002 Coll., as amended, Section 72, Para 2.

¹¹⁶ Act No. 131/2002 Coll., as amended, Section 72, Para 4.

¹¹⁷ Act No. 131/2002 Coll., as amended, Section 72, Para 6; *Veritatis Gaudium*, General Norms, Art. 35; *Veritatis Gaudium*, Norms of Application, Art. 26.

- 12) An applicant admitted to study becomes a student on the day of his/her enrolment; the student whose study has been interrupted becomes a student again on the day of his/her re-enrolment.¹¹⁸
- 13) A student ceases to be a student on the day of completion of his/her study¹¹⁹ or on the day of interruption of his/her study.¹²⁰

¹¹⁸ *Act No. 131/2002 Coll.*, as amended, Section 59, Para 6.

¹¹⁹ *Act No. 131/2002 Coll.*, as amended, Section 65, Para 1 and Section 66.

¹²⁰ *Act No. 131/2002 Coll.*, as amended, Section 64, Para 1 - 3.

PART FIVE

Study and academic degrees

Art. 19

Study at the Faculty

- 1) The Faculty carries out studies in bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degree programmes.¹²¹
- 2) The Master's degree programme of Catholic Theology joins the first and second level of higher education into one whole unit and a doctoral degree programme is the third level of higher education.¹²² The study programmes are completed upon successfully passing a state examination, which is also an ecclesiastical examination.¹²³
- 3) Study in the programmes carried out the Faculty is governed by the Higher Education Act, the Study Rules and other internal regulations of the University and the Apostolic Constitution *Veritatis Gaudium*.¹²⁴
- 4) Higher education at the Faculty is carried out in a full-time form or in a part-time form, where the first requires student's daily attendance of educational activities while the latter is characterised by limited attendance and prevailing independent study.¹²⁵ The study programme of Catholic Theology is carried out exclusively in a full-time form.
- 5) The standard length of study for a Bachelor's degree programme in both full-time and part-time form of study is three years.¹²⁶
- 6) The standard length of study for a Master's degree programme in both full-time and part-time form of study is two years.¹²⁷
- 7) The standard length of study in the study programme of Catholic Theology, which is carried out as a joint first and second level of higher education, is six years. It is carried out exclusively in a full-time form of study.¹²⁸
- 8) The academic degree of "bakalár (bachelor)" is awarded to those who have duly completed the bachelor's degree programme.¹²⁹
- 9) The academic degree of "magister (master)" is awarded to those who have duly completed the Master's degree programme.¹³⁰ The academic degree of "magister (master)" in the Catholic Theology study programme corresponds to the academic degree "*Baccalaureatus in Sacra Theologia*", awarded at Pontifical universities.¹³¹
- 10) All academic degrees are given by authority of the Holy See.¹³²

¹²¹ Statute of the University of Prešov Art. 25 (2); *Veritatis Gaudium*, General Norms, Art. 45.

¹²² *Veritatis Gaudium*, General Norms, Art. 39 and Art. 74.

¹²³ Act No. 131/2002 Coll., as amended, Section 63.

¹²⁴ *Veritatis Gaudium*, General Norms, Art. 8.

¹²⁵ Act No. 131/2002 Coll., as amended, Section 60, Para 3.

¹²⁶ Act No. 131/2002 Coll., as amended, Section 52, Para 3.

¹²⁷ Act No. 131/2002 Coll., as amended, Section 53, Para 4.

¹²⁸ *Veritatis Gaudium*, General Norms, Art. 74.

¹²⁹ Act No. 131/2002 Coll., as amended, Section 52, Para 5.

¹³⁰ Act No. 131/2002 Coll., as amended, Section 53, Para 8.

¹³¹ *Veritatis Gaudium*, General Norms, Art. 47 and Art. 48.

¹³² *Veritatis Gaudium*, Norms of Application, Art. 35.

- 11) The structure of disciplines in the study programme Catholic Theology is based on the Apostolic Constitution *Veritatis Gaudium*.¹³³
- 12) The study programme and the student's curricular plan determine the scope and sequence of completion of all courses within the study at the Faculty and all conditions that the student must fulfil throughout the course of his/her study leading to proper completion of the study, including state examinations.¹³⁴
- 13) Particulars pertaining to study at the Faculty are set forth in the Study Rules, which is an internal regulation of the Faculty.¹³⁵
- 14) The following serve to deepen and complement academic study and research:¹³⁶
 - a) seminars and practical exercises in principal compulsory disciplines,
 - b) occasional lectures by academic teachers and other professionals.
- 15) Students attend the lectures, seminars and exercises in which they have enrolled in accordance with the Study Rules (Art. 15) and *Veritatis Gaudium*.¹³⁷

Art. 20

Doctoral studies

- 1) Upon completion of a master's degree programme, a student may pursue doctoral study in accredited degree programmes.¹³⁸
- 2) The doctoral study programme is carried out according to an individual study plan under the guidance of a supervisor. Supervisors are approved by the Scientific Board or the Faculty provided that the doctoral study is carried out at the Faculty.¹³⁹
- 3) In order to be admitted to doctoral study programmes, the applicant should:
 - a) possess an aptitude for scientific work,
 - b) have excellent academic achievement in master's study (especially examinations in major disciplines),
 - c) have active command of foreign languages,
 - d) priests also require a written permission from their Ordinary.
- 4) Doctoral study in Catholic theology is formally divided into two stages. Each of them constitutes a separate unit corresponding to the academic degrees laid down by *Veritatis Gaudium*, i.e. the Licentiate and the Doctorate.¹⁴⁰ In addition to Act No. 131/2002 Coll., as

¹³³ *Veritatis Gaudium*, Norms of Application, Art. 53 - 59.

¹³⁴ *Act No. 131/2002 Coll.*, as amended, Section 51, Para 8; *Veritatis Gaudium*, General Norms, Art. 37 - 44; *Veritatis Gaudium*, Norms of Application, Art. 32 - 33.

¹³⁵ *Act No. 131/2002 Coll.*, as amended, Section 15, Para 1(c); *Veritatis Gaudium*, General Norms, Art. 37 - 44; *Veritatis Gaudium*, Norms of Application, Art. 32.

¹³⁶ *Veritatis Gaudium*, Norms of Application, Art. 33.

¹³⁷ *Veritatis Gaudium*, General Norms, Art. 33.

¹³⁸ *Act No. 131/2002 Coll.*, as amended, Section 54. Upon completion of the master's degree in Catholic theology, a student may pursue doctoral study in order to obtain further academic degrees in Catholic theology *Veritatis Gaudium*, General Norms, Art. 49, § 1 and § 2; Art. 74 (c).

¹³⁹ *Statute of the University of Prešov* Art. 25 (6).

¹⁴⁰ *Veritatis Gaudium*, General Norms, Art. 49 and Art. 74; *Veritatis Gaudium*, Norms of Application, Art. 55.

amended, the Statute of the University and the Study Rules the organization of the doctoral study at the Faculty is also governed by the relevant ecclesiastical regulations.¹⁴¹

- 5) The first stage of doctoral study is called the Licentiate, or “specialization” (*cyclus specialisationis*). Upon completion of the first stage of the doctoral study in Catholic theology, a doctoral student is awarded the academic degree of “Licentiate in Theology” (abbr. “ThLic.”).¹⁴²
- 6) After obtaining the Licentiate, a doctoral student may continue his/her doctoral study in the second stage, the Doctorate. In this stage, a doctoral student devotes his/her time to writing a doctoral dissertation. To complete the doctoral study, a student must defend his/her dissertation in public. After a successful defence, the dissertation must be published, at least in its principal part. A printed copy of each published dissertation must be sent to the Dicastery for Culture and Education.¹⁴³
- 7) Graduates of doctoral studies in other study programmes carried out at the Faculty are awarded the academic degree of “Doctor” (*philosophiae doctor*, abbr. “PhD.”; “PhD.” is written after the name).¹⁴⁴

Art. 21 Further education

- 1) The Faculty, the Seminary and other institutes can provide further education pursuant to the Act on Further Education and the Statute of the University.¹⁴⁵
- 2) Participants of further education do not enjoy the status of students pursuant to the Higher Education Act.

Art. 22 Student social support, tuition and study-related fees

- 1) The system of social support for students is regulated by the Higher Education Act.¹⁴⁶ Social support shall be provided both directly and indirectly.
- 2) A direct form of social support is the scholarship. The conditions for granting scholarships are specified in the Scholarship Regulations of the University or Faculty, which is issued by the Dean as an internal regulation after approval by the Academic Senate in accordance with the internal regulations of the University.¹⁴⁷

¹⁴¹ *Veritatis Gaudium*, General Norms, Art. 49 and Art. 74.

¹⁴² *Act No. 131/2002 Coll.*, as amended, Section 54, Para 16; *Veritatis Gaudium*, General Norms, Art. 49.

¹⁴³ *Veritatis Gaudium*, General Standards, Art. 49; *Veritatis Gaudium*, Norms of Application, Art. 36 - 37.

¹⁴⁴ *Act No. 131/2002 Coll.*, as amended, Section 54, Para 15; The graduates of the doctoral study programme of Catholic Theology are awarded the academic degree of “Doctor” (*philosophiae doctor*, abbr. “PhD.”; “PhD.” is written after the name) After publishing the dissertation. *Act No. 131/2002 Coll.*, as amended, Section 54, Para 16; *Veritatis Gaudium*, Norms of Application, Art. 36.

¹⁴⁵ *Statute of the University of Prešov* Art. 2 (3).

¹⁴⁶ *Act No. 131/2002 Coll.*, as amended, Section 94.

¹⁴⁷ *Act No. 131/2002 Coll.*, as amended, Section 94, Para 2.

- 3) The following services are indirect form of social support:¹⁴⁸
 - a) room and board, where possible, with a contribution to cover costs related to food and accommodation,
 - b) financial support and organizational support for sporting and cultural activities.
- 4) The social support system includes the provision of preferential student loans, which are provided in accordance with special regulations.¹⁴⁹
- 5) The amount of tuition and study-related fees is determined by the University. The conditions governing the establishment and collection of tuition and study-related fees, the general use of these funds and the relevant authority of the Faculty are governed by the Statute of the University.¹⁵⁰

Art. 23

Recognition of evidence of formal qualifications

- 1) Studies completed at Catholic universities and theological faculties abroad that have the right to confer academic degrees may be recognized upon recommendation of the Dean in accordance with the Higher Education Act.¹⁵¹

¹⁴⁸ *Act No. 131/2002 Coll.*, as amended, Section 94, Para 3.

¹⁴⁹ *Act No. 131/2002 Coll.*, as amended, Section 94, Para 4 and Para 101.

¹⁵⁰ *Act No. 131/2002 Coll.*, as amended, Section 92; *Statute of the University of Prešov* Art. 31.

¹⁵¹ *Act No. 131/2002 Coll.*, as amended, Section 49a and Section 49b.

PART SIX

Faculty workplaces, administrative and technical staff

Art. 24

Workplace of the Faculty

- 1) A department is the core scientific and teaching unit of the Faculty. The main task of the department is to provide teaching in the relevant study programmes and foster creative development of research in the relevant study field.¹⁵²
- 2) Heads of departments are in charge of individual departments. They are also the senior personnel of the Faculty. The Head of department is appointed by the Dean following a selection procedure. The Dean has the right to recall the Head of department. Their rights and duties are determined by the Dean in accordance with the provisions of this Statute.
- 3) The Dean's Office is the main administrative and economic unit of the Faculty. It ensures administrative, organizational, coordination, registration and audit activities of the academic bodies of the Faculty. The structure and organization rules of the Dean's Office are approved by the Dean of the Faculty.
- 4) The authorities are to be assisted in the management and administration of the Faculty by professional and administrative personnel who are competent to perform their roles. These shall be clerics or lay persons of integrity. These personnel shall include, in particular, the librarian, the economist and others whom the institution deems necessary. Their rights and duties are to be set out in the Statute and internal regulations of the Faculty. They ensure the economic and administrative running of the Faculty.¹⁵³
- 5) In order to provide teaching, research, publishing and editorial tasks that exceed the capabilities of individual departments and workplaces, specialized and research institutions may be established at the Faculty.¹⁵⁴ Following the opinion of the Academic Senate, the Dean makes decision on establishment, merger, affiliation, split and dissolution of such institutions. The position and competences of professional and scientific institution are regulated by the Organizational Regulations of the Faculty.

Art. 25

Administrative and technical staff

- 1) Administrative and technical staff of the Faculty provides administrative, organizational, coordination, registration, technical and inspection activities of the Faculty. They are in an employment relationship with the University. The organizational structure and specific definition of their work activities, especially that in the areas of study, scientific, financial, personnel, internal administration and international relations are regulated by an internal

¹⁵² *Statute of the University of Prešov* Art. 13 (1).

¹⁵³ *Veritatis Gaudium*, General Norms, Art. 36, § 2.

¹⁵⁴ *Veritatis Gaudium*, General Norms, Art. 56, § 2.

regulation: the Organizational Rules of the Faculty¹⁵⁵ approved by the Academic Senate upon the proposal of the Dean and by Art. 15 of this Statute.

¹⁵⁵ *Veritatis Gaudium*, General Norms, Art. 36, § 1 and §2.

PART SEVEN

Didactic facilities and Faculty library

Art. 26

Library, auditoriums and lecture halls

- 1) The Faculty library is one of the units of the central University library.¹⁵⁶ The library provides selected services (borrowing, consultation, advisory) primarily to students and the Faculty staff and, within their limits, to other clients of the University library.¹⁵⁷
- 2) The library collection is made up of three parts – the University, eparchial and historical collection.
- 3) The Faculty has a number of lecture halls and auditoriums, and several well-equipped and functional classrooms that are suited to the teaching of the various disciplines and to the number of students.¹⁵⁸
- 4) The central workplace of the University Library, of which integral part is also the Faculty Library, fosters coordination and cooperation between other libraries not only in the city and region, but also with libraries both at home and abroad.¹⁵⁹

¹⁵⁶ *Act No. 131/2002 Coll.*, as amended, Section 21, Para 3.

¹⁵⁷ *Veritatis Gaudium*, Norms of Application, Art. 43.

¹⁵⁸ *Veritatis Gaudium*, Norms of Application, Art. 42.

¹⁵⁹ *Veritatis Gaudium*, Norms of Application, Art. 45.

PART EIGHT

Financial administration of the Faculty

Art. 27

Financial management of the Faculty

- 1) The main source of financing the Faculty is the subsidy from the state budget. The Faculty also uses other resources (tuition, study-related fees, revenues from further education, revenues from donations, other revenues from the main activity of the Faculty, etc.) to cover the expenses necessary to carry out its activities.¹⁶⁰
- 2) To achieve the purpose of the Faculty and perform tasks in educational, research, development, artistic and other creative activities, the Faculty uses its assets. Disposition of the property is governed by a special regulation of the Higher Education Act.
- 3) Further details regarding the financial management of the Faculty are provide in the methodological instructions of the Ministry of Education, Science, Research and Sport of the Slovak Republic, legislative provisions of the Slovak Republic and internal regulations of the University and the Faculty.¹⁶¹
- 4) Work tasks related to financial management of the Faculty are performed in accordance with the Organizational Rules of the Faculty by personnel at the Department of Planning, Budgeting and Accounting; Payroll Department and Department of Property Management.
- 5) The Dean is responsible for the financial management of the Faculty.
- 6) The supervision of the financial management of the Faculty is carried out by the Academic Senate.¹⁶²
- 7) The staff are to be paid a suitable remuneration for work performed at the Faculty in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Act on Remuneration of Some Employees at the Work Performance in Public Interest, and generally binding legal regulations issued for the implementation of this Act, and in keeping with the Collective Agreement, the employment contract and other internal regulations.¹⁶³
- 8) When collecting tuition and study-related fees from students, as one of the main sources of financing, the Faculty follows the valid law and the University's internal guidelines. Information about updated tuition and study-related fees for the relevant academic year is published on the website of the Faculty. The annual tuition for individual study programmes carried out at the Faculty is determined by the Rector upon the proposal of the Dean.
- 9) Students of the Faculty are provided with social support: direct – scholarships and loans and indirect - providing services, in particular room and board, financial and organizational support for sporting and cultural activities, offering job opportunities. To cover the above-mentioned expenses, the Faculty uses financial funds provided for this purpose from the state budget as well as its own resources concentrated in the Scholarship Fund of the Faculty.¹⁶⁴

¹⁶⁰ Statute of the University of Prešov Art. 16 (32); *Veritatis Gaudium*, General Norms, Art. 57.

¹⁶¹ *Veritatis Gaudium*, General Norms, Art. 58.

¹⁶² *Veritatis Gaudium*, Norms of Application, Art. 46.

¹⁶³ *Veritatis Gaudium*, General Norms, Art. 59.

¹⁶⁴ *Veritatis Gaudium*, General Norms, Art. 60; *Veritatis Gaudium*, Norms of Application, Art. 47, § 1 and § 2.

PART NINE

Planning and cooperation of faculties¹⁶⁵

Art. 28 Planning

- 1) The Dicastery for Culture and Education grants by decree juridic personality to an Ecclesiastical Faculty that is a part of a civil University.¹⁶⁶
- 2) Affiliation, aggregation, incorporation of an institution to the Faculty, for the purpose of being able to grant academic degrees, is possible after the consent of the Dicastery for Culture and Education and after the conditions established by that same Dicastery are fulfilled.¹⁶⁷

Art. 29 Cooperation of faculties

- 1) The Faculty cooperates with domestic and foreign higher education institutions, scientific and research institutions, ecclesiastical institutions and other legal entities and natural persons and creates conditions for participation of academic community members in this cooperation.¹⁶⁸
- 2) The Faculty and the Greek Catholic Seminary of the Blessed Bishop Pavel Peter Gojdič in Prešov cooperate in formation of students in their preparation for priesthood.¹⁶⁹
- 3) To promote the scientific research of the teachers and better formation of the students and to foster the development of interdisciplinary collaboration and complementarity¹⁷⁰ the Faculty collaborates with domestic and foreign ecclesiastical faculties.¹⁷¹
- 4) To help to bring about diffusion of Christian wisdom¹⁷² the Faculty also cooperates with other, non-Catholic faculties at home and abroad, while carefully preserving its own identity.¹⁷³
- 5) The forms and methods of cooperation with domestic and foreign ecclesiastical and other, faculties, even non-Catholic ones, are governed by bilateral conventions signed by the highest authorities of individual institutions. The forms and methods of cooperation between the Faculty and legal entities are usually stipulated in separate contracts.¹⁷⁴

¹⁶⁵ *Veritatis Gaudium*, General Norms, Art. 61 - 67.

¹⁶⁶ *Veritatis Gaudium*, General Norms, Art. 62, § 4.

¹⁶⁷ *Veritatis Gaudium*, General Norms, Art. 63 and 64.

¹⁶⁸ *Veritatis Gaudium*, Norms of Application, Art. 52, § 1 and § 2.

¹⁶⁹ *Veritatis Gaudium*, General Norms, Art. 21.

¹⁷⁰ *Veritatis Gaudium*, General Norms, Art. 66.

¹⁷¹ *Veritatis Gaudium*, Norms of Application, Art. 52, § 1.

¹⁷² *Veritatis Gaudium*, General Norms, Art. 66.

¹⁷³ *Veritatis Gaudium*, Norms of Application, Art. 52, § 2.

¹⁷⁴ *Veritatis Gaudium*, Norms of Application, Art. 52, § 1 and § 2.

PART TEN

Academic insignia, academic ceremonies and awards

Art. 30

Academic insignia and academic ceremonies

- 1) The Faculty has the right to use its own academic insignia, as an embodiment of tradition, and to perform academic ceremonies in accordance with the internal regulations and traditions of the University.¹⁷⁵
- 2) Academic insignia and symbols of the Faculty are:
 - a) the coat of arms of the Faculty,
 - b) the seal of the Faculty with the national coat of arms,
 - c) medals on chains,
 - d) Dean's scepter.
- 3) The academic insignia are mainly used in matriculation and graduation ceremonies, ceremonial sessions of the academic senates and scientific boards, and openings and closings of significant events of the Faculty. The use of the academic insignia provided for in this Article is determined by the Dean.
- 4) The academic insignia are the property of the Faculty and must be protected in such a way that corresponds with their significance.
- 5) The coat of arms of the Faculty is its main symbol. It also serves as a logo of the Faculty and it is used on official documents, printable materials, official stamps, the website, official signs and tables, promotional materials and other official sites as determined by the internal regulations of the Faculty or the Dean. The coat of arms of the Faculty is illustrated in the Appendix to this Statute.
- 6) The coat of arm of the Faculty may be registered as a trademark.

Art. 31

Academic gowns and beadle's robes

- 1) The following persons are entitled to wear the Faculty gowns during ceremonial openings of the academic year, matriculations of newly admitted students, ceremonial sessions of the Scientific Board of both the Faculty and University, graduation ceremonies and other academic ceremonial occasions:
 - a) Dean and Vice-Deans;
 - b) Chairperson of the Academic Senate;
 - c) beadle;
 - d) candidate nominated for conferral of the honorary title of doctor honoris causa;
 - e) other academic and research staff and distinguished guests of the Faculty upon a decision of the Dean.
- 2) The use of gowns that differ in accordance to the academic rank decided by the Dean.

¹⁷⁵ Act No. 131/2002 Coll., as amended, Section 22, Para 14.

Art. 32
Academic ceremonies

- 1) Academic ceremonies held at the Faculty are:
 - a) matriculation ceremony – where students take a solemn academic oath;
 - b) graduation ceremony – where graduates take a solemn oath and receive their bachelor, master or doctoral diplomas; awarding of academic degrees upon passing the *examina rigorosa*;
 - c) ceremonial awarding of scientific-pedagogical degrees and academic degrees;
 - d) inauguration – the inauguration of the Dean.
- 2) Academic ceremonies are held in the presence of the Rector or the Vice-Rector of University, and the Dean or the Vice-Dean of the Faculty.
- 3) Matriculation and graduation ceremonies are held at the Faculty.

Art. 33
Commemorative Medal and Dean's Prize

- 1) The Dean may award upon the approval of the Academic Senate the commemorative medal for significant contributions to the development of the Faculty, to the development of science, education, arts, culture and sport, and for promotion of the Faculty's cooperation with other institutions of higher education and other legal entities, both domestic and foreign.
- 2) The Dean may award upon the approval of the Academic Senate the Dean's Prize for significant contributions to the development of the Faculty, to the development of science, education, arts, culture and sport, and for promotion of the Faculty's to cooperation with other institutions of higher education and other legal entities, both domestic and foreign.
- 3) The criteria, conditions, and procedure for awarding honorary degrees and awards are governed by the Rules for Awarding the Commemorative Medal and Dean's Prize at Greek Catholic Theological Faculty at the University of Prešov in Prešov.
- 4) On the proposal of the Dean, the Rector may award the Rector's Prize to graduates for outstanding academic achievements.

PART ELEVEN

Common, transitional and final provisions

Art. 34

Internal regulations of the Faculty

- 1) The internal regulations of the faculty are:¹⁷⁶
- a) Organizational Rules of the Faculty,
 - b) Principles of Elections to the Academic Senate of the Faculty,
 - c) Rules of Procedure of the Academic Senate of the Faculty,
 - d) Rules of Procedure of the Scientific Board of the Faculty,
 - e) Study Rules of the Faculty,
 - f) Working Regulations of the Faculty,
 - g) Disciplinary Regulations for Students of the Faculty,
 - h) Rules of Procedure of the Disciplinary Committee of the Faculty,
 - i) Ceremonial Order of the Faculty,
 - j) Statutes of professional and scientific institutes and departments of the Faculty.¹⁷⁷

Art. 35

Common, transitional and final provisions

- 1) This Statute shall enter into force upon its approval by the Holy See and the Academic Senate of the University.¹⁷⁸

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¹⁷⁶ *Veritatis Gaudium*, Norms of Application, Art. 7 (2).

¹⁷⁷ *Statute of the Greek Catholic Theological Faculty of the University of Prešov*, Art. 24 (5).

¹⁷⁸ *Act No. 131/2002 Coll.*, as amended, Section 22 (10 and 11); Section 34 (1 and 2); *the Statute of the University of Prešov* Art. 16 (21b); *Veritatis Gaudium*, General Norms, Art. 7.

Appendices to the GTF Statute

1. Coat of Arms of the Faculty

Appendix 1.

