CONSTITUTION OF THE PROTESTANT THEOLOGICAL FACULTY OF CHARLES UNIVERSITY*

Under sections 27 (1) (b) and 33 (2) (a) of Act No. 111/1998 Sb., to regulate higher education institutions and to change and amend other laws ("the Higher Education Act"), the Academic Senate of the Protestant Theological Faculty of Charles University has adopted the following Constitution of the Protestant Theological Faculty of Charles University:

Preamble

The Protestant Theological Faculty forming part of Charles University, being the successor of the Hus Czechoslovak Theological Faculty and Comenius Protestant Theological Faculty,

Endeavouring to fulfil its mission to serve the truth via research and to educate members of society to live in freedom, dignity, and solidarity with others,

By means of pursuing protestant theology and the sciences required to develop diaconal, social, and pastoral service,

Keeping in mind the issues and afflictions of people in the present day,

Drawing on Biblical testimony, the heritage of the Czech and European reformation, as well as on the Christian tradition in its entire ecumenical width and in dialogue with other schools of thought and the spirituality of mankind,

Remaining open to everybody irrespective of their religion,

Being aware of the responsibility towards society for whose benefit it strives to act, in particular towards the churches, communities, and institutions for which it educates candidates for spiritual service and prepares experts in diaconal, social, and pastoral work,

Above all for God revealed in Jesus Christ whose glory is the purpose of everything the Faculty does, the Protestant Theological Faculty promulgates this Constitution of the Protestant Theological Faculty of Charles University.

Part I: Introductory Provisions

Article 1

- 1. The Protestant Theological Faculty ("the Faculty") forms a basic unit of Charles University ("the University").¹
- 2. The scope of the self-governance of the Faculty and its relations with the University are governed by the Higher Education Act, the Constitution of Charles University ("the University Constitution"), and this Constitution.

^{*} Translator's note: Words importing the masculine include the feminine, and unless the context otherwise requires, words in the singular include the plural, and words in the plural include the singular.

¹ Article 1 (1) of the Appendix No. 1 to the Constitution of the University (Rules for the Internal Governance of Charles University).

3. The Faculty acts on behalf of the University in matters defined by the Higher Education Act² and by the University Constitution.³

Article 2

The principal mission of the Faculty is to freely pursue research in the subject areas of theology and social work, publish without limitation the outputs of such research, teach in the accredited programmes of study, and educate and develop experts for spiritual, diaconal, social, and pastoral work in churches, communities, and institutions. The Faculty maintains an open ecumenical character.

Article 3

The Faculty provides educational activities and related scientific, research, development, innovative, and other creative activities ("creative activities") in the subject areas of theology, philosophy, history, religious studies, social science, and related subject areas.⁴

Article 4

- 1. The registered office of the Faculty is in Prague 1, Černá 9.
- 2. For the purposes of legal relationships the full name of the Faculty is "Univerzita Karlova, Evangelická teologická fakulta", for other purposes the following name may also be used: "Evangelická teologická fakulta Univerzity Karlovy" in the Czech language.
- 3. The name in the Latin language is "Universitas Carolina, Facultas theologiae evangelicae".
- 4. The name in the English language is "Charles University, Protestant Theological Faculty"⁵.
- 5. The name may be abbreviated to "UK ETF" or "ETF UK".

Part II: Organisation of the Faculty and its Bodies

Article 5 - Division of the Faculty

- 1. The Faculty is divided into basic units for educational and creative activities (academic departments, institutes, centres) and an executive unit (the Dean's Office). The list of such units and their organisation is provided in the Rules for Internal Governance which are issued as a Dean's directive after obtaining the opinion of the Academic Senate of the Faculty.
- 2. Decisions on the establishment, merger, consolidation, division, or dissolution of basic units are made by the Academic Senate of the Faculty upon a proposal of the Dean.
- 3. The heads of units are responsible to the Dean for their activities.
- 4. The faculty can use, for its activities, the facilities of other institutions on a contractual basis. The contract is made within the scope of the Higher Education Act and the University Constitution by the Dean after obtaining the opinion of the Academic Senate of the Faculty.

Article 6 – Academic Departments

1. The academic departments are the basic units of the Faculty, developing educational and

³ Article 15 (1), (2) and (4) of the University Constitution.

⁴ Section 2 (4) of the Higher Education Act and Article 2 (2) of the University Constitution.

² Section 24 (1) and (2) of the Higher Education Act.

⁵ Article 5 (2) of the Appendix No. 1 to the University Constitution (Rules for the Internal Governance)

creative activities.

- 2. An academic department consists of full professors, associate professors, assistant professors, assistants, and other members of academic staff of the Faculty. University students may participate in the activities of an academic department such as research assistants and members of research teams.
- 3. Departments may create groups of collaborators (consisting in particular of graduates and doctoral students) who are involved in research programmes and projects.
- 4. An academic department is managed by a head of department.
- 5. Heads of departments are appointed and removed from office by the Dean usually from among full professors and associate professors after obtaining an opinion from the Research Board of the Faculty and the Academic Senate of the Faculty. An assistant professor may be appointed as a temporary head of department in exceptional circumstances.

Article 7 - Institutes

- 1. Institutes are Faculty units carrying out specialised educational and creative activities.
- 2. An institute consists of members of the academic staff of the Faculty working at the institute based on an employment contract. Students may also be involved in its activities.
- 3. An institute cooperates with experts from other institutions (academic, scientific, religious, ecumenical, etc.).
- 4. An institute is headed by a director who is appointed and removed from office by the Dean after obtaining an opinion from the Research Board and the Academic Senate of the Faculty.
- 5. The activities and organisation of an institute may be determined by rules for the internal governance of the institute, which are issued as a Dean's directive after obtaining an opinion from the Academic Senate of the Faculty.

Article 8 – Centre for Scientific Information (the Library)

- The Centre for Scientific Information provides information support to the Faculty for the educational and creative activities. The centre administers and develops all library and information collections of the Faculty kept in the central library or consigned to a basic unit of the Faculty, it organises acquisitions and the national and international exchange service. It provides library and information services to members of academic community of the University and to the expert public. It is involved in teaching the methodology of scientific activities to students.
- 2. The Centre is manged by a director.
- 3. The director is appointed and removed from office by the Dean after obtaining an opinion from the Academic Senate of the Faculty.

Article 9 – Academic Community

- 1. The academic community of the Faculty ("the academic community") consists of members of the academic staff of the Faculty and the students enrolled in the Faculty.
- 2. Members of the academic community have the right to vote and to be elected to the academic self-governing bodies of the Faculty. The details are provided in this Constitution.
- 3. Members of the academic community have the right to nominate candidates for membership in the Academic Senate of the Faculty and for the office of the Dean.

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⁶ Section 70 of the Higher Education Act.

⁷ Section 25 (3) of the Higher Education Act.

- 4. Members of the academic community have the right to be informed of documents and measures discussed by the self-governing academic bodies, to express their opinion on them, and to submit comments on the activities of the bodies of the Faculty and the University.
- 5. Members of the academic community have the right to participate in the meetings of the Academic Senate of the Faculty and the Research Board of the Faculty unless the meetings of the Research Board of the Faculty are declared closed meetings.
- 6. Members of the academic community are obliged to comply with the internal regulations of the University and the Faculty.

Article 10 – Self-governing Academic Bodies

- 1. The academic self-governance is carried out by the self-governing academic bodies.
- 2. The self-governing academic bodies of the Faculty are the Academic Senate of the Faculty, the Dean, the Research Board of the Faculty, and the Disciplinary Commission of the Faculty.
- 3. The self-governing academic bodies act and decide in accordance with the Higher Education Act, the University Constitution and other internal regulations of the University, this Constitution, and other internal regulations of the Faculty.
- 4. The self-governing academic bodies make sure that the members of the academic community have the opportunity to express their opinion on documents and measures discussed by the bodies and to submit comments on the activities of these bodies. The academic bodies have a duty to deal with and handle the proposals, comments, and complaints submitted without undue delay.

Article 11 – Academic Senate of the Faculty

- 1. The Academic Senate of the Faculty ("the Senate") is the Faculty's self-governing representative academic body.
- 2. The Senate accounts for its activities to the academic community of the Faculty.
- 3. The Senate is composed of twelve members, six of them are members of the academic staff and six are students.
- 4. The elections to the Senate are direct and the ballot is secret. The representatives of the members of the academic staff and the representatives of students are elected separately depending on membership in the academic community. The details are provided in the Code of Electoral Procedure for the Senate, which is an internal regulation of the Faculty. The Code of Electoral Procedure may provide that students elect their representatives separately within individual programmes of study.
- 5. The term of office of the Senate members is two years.
- 6. Membership in the Senate terminates upon the expiration of term of office, termination of membership in the academic community, or when a member resigns membership or is deprived of the mandate.
- 7. The Rector, Vice-Rector, Bursar, Dean, Vice-Dean, Secretary to the Faculty, and Director of a Higher Education Institute cannot be members of the Senate. They are entitled to participate in the meetings of the Senate, having an advisory vote.⁸
- 8. The President and Vice-President are permanent bodies of the Senate and together they constitute the board. If the President is a member of academic staff, the Vice-President is a student, and vice versa.
- 9. The Senate may create permanent or temporary commissions.
- 10. Before making a decision on conception issues of the Faculty, the Senate requests the opinion of

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⁸ Section 26 (2) of the Higher Education Act.

the Research Board or the Dean.

11. The Senate of the Faculty:

- a) Upon a proposal of the Dean, decides on the establishment, merger, consolidation, division, or dissolution of Faculty units;
- b) Approves the drafts of the internal regulations of the Faculty upon a proposal of the Dean or in the case of the draft Code of Procedure for the Senate upon a proposal of a member of the Academic Senate of the Faculty after obtaining the opinion of the Dean;
- c) Decides by resolution on a proposal for the appointment of the Dean and proposes the removal of the Dean from office;
- d) Approves the balance sheet of revenues and expenses of the Faculty submitted by the Dean and audits the use of the Faculty funds;
- e) Approves the annual report on the activities and the annual report on the financial management of the Faculty submitted by the Dean;
- f) Approves the admission requirements for programmes of study offered by the Faculty;
- g) Grants to the Dean prior consent to the appointment and removal from office of the members of the Research Board of the Faculty and the members of the Disciplinary Commission of the Faculty;
- h) Upon proposal of the Dean and after discussion with the Research Board of the Faculty, approves the strategic plan for the educational and creative activities of the Faculty ("the strategic plan") prepared in accordance with the strategic plan of the University.
- 12. The Senate gives an opinion in particular on the following:
 - a) Proposals of programmes of study to be offered at the Faculty;
 - b) The plan of the Dean to appoint and remove from office Vice-Deans;
 - c) The plan of the Dean to appoint or remove from office a head of a department, director of an institute, director of the Centre for Scientific Information, or the Secretary to the Faculty;
 - d) Matters where the opinion of the Senate is required by an internal regulation of the University or the Faculty.

Article 12 - The Dean

- 1. The Faculty is headed by the Dean who manages its activities.
- 2. The Dean acts and decides on all affairs of the Faculty which do not fall within the reserved powers of other bodies of the Faculty or bodies of the University.
- 3. The Dean is appointed and removed from office by the Rector upon a proposal of the Senate.
- 4. The Rector may remove the Dean from office on his own initiative upon obtaining the prior opinion of the Senate of the Faculty and with the consent of the Senate of the University if the Dean grossly fails to fulfil his duties or grossly harms the interests of the University or the Faculty.⁹
- 5. The term of office of the Dean is four years.
- 6. The same person may hold the office of the Dean for no more than two subsequent terms of office.
- 7. The Vice-Deans deputise for the Dean within the scope determined by the Dean. The Vice-Deans are appointed and removed from office by the Dean after receiving the prior opinion from the Senate. The term of office of the Vice-Deans terminates when the term of office of the Dean terminates.
- 8. The Faculty usually has four Vice-Deans whose powers cover the following areas:

⁹ Section 28 (3) of the Higher Education Act.

- a) Scholarly activities;
- b) Study and social affairs;
- c) International and ecumenical relations;
- d) Development.
- 9. The division of powers among the Vice-Deans and the mode of deputising for the Dean is determined by the Dean.
- 10. The Dean is responsible for his activities to the Rector and in the matters under section 24 of the Higher Education Act also to the Academic Senate.
- 11. The Dean and Vice-Deans have a duty to appear at a meeting upon the request of the Senate.

 The Dean is entitled to address Senate members during a meeting whenever he so requests.
- 12. The Dean's Board is a permanent advisory body of the Dean. The members of the Dean's Board are usually the Vice-Deans, the Secretary to the Faculty, and other members appointed by the Dean.
- 13. The Dean may create commissions of members of the academic community as required and charge them with activities in a particular area.
- 14. The Dean convenes Faculty assemblies of the academic community (or a part thereof) as required.

Article 13 - The Research Board of the Faculty

- 1. The members of the Research Board of the Faculty ("the Research Board") are appointed and removed from office by the Dean with the prior consent of the Senate.¹⁰
- 2. The chair of the Research Board is the Dean.
- 3. The Research Board usually consists of nine members including the Dean, no less than one third are persons other than members of the academic community of the University. A consultant from among the students, who is elected by the Senate for the term of office of a Senate member, is a member without the right to vote.
- 4. The Research Board of the Faculty:
 - a) Considers the draft strategic plan of the Faculty prepared in accordance with the strategic plan of the University and considers the draft annual plans of implementation of the strategic plan of the Faculty;
 - b) Approves proposals for programmes of study which the Faculty intends to offer;
 - c) Proposes to the Rector a plan to submit an application for accreditation, expansion of accreditation, or extension of the period of validity of accreditation of study programmes offered by the Faculty;
 - d) Proposes to the Rector a plan to submit an application for accreditation of the procedure for the granting of associate professorship and full professorship within the procedures offered by the Faculty;
 - e) Exercises powers in the procedure for the granting of associate professorship and full professorship within the scope stipulated by Higher Education Act;
 - f) Expresses an opinion in particular on matters submitted to it by the Dean or when required to do so by an internal regulation of the University or the Faculty.

Article 14 - The Disciplinary Commission of the Faculty

1. Members of the Disciplinary Commission of the Faculty are appointed and removed from office by the Dean upon the prior consent of the Senate from among the members of the

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¹⁰ Section 27 (1) (f) of the Higher Education Act.

academic community.¹¹ The Disciplinary Commission of the Faculty elects and removes from office a Chair from among its members. Other details concerning in particular the number of members, term of office, the rules of procedure, and ensuring expert assistance to the Commission are provided in the Disciplinary Code for Students of the Protestant Theological Faculty of Charles University.

2. The Disciplinary Commission of the Faculty considers infringements of disciplinary rules by students registered for study at the Faculty and submits a proposal for decision to the Dean.

Article 15 – The Secretary to the Faculty

- 1. The Secretary to the Faculty is a body of the Faculty that manages the finances and internal administration of the Faculty. 12
- 2. The Secretary is appointed based on a competitive hiring procedure.
- 3. The Secretary is appointed and removed from office by the Dean. The Senate gives an opinion on the intention of the Dean to appoint or remove from office a Secretary to the Faculty.
- 4. The Secretary manages, within the scope determined by a Dean's directive, the finances and internal administration of the Faculty and manages the finance and the administrative unit of the Faculty (the Dean's Office). The Secretary is concerned with the economical operation of the Faculty facilities.
- 5. The Secretary may issue Secretary's directives if authorised to do so by the Dean.

Article 16 - The Dean's Office

- 1. The Dean's Office provides for the needs of the Faculty. For this purpose it carries out in particular organisational, coordination, consultative, registration, and control activities in the fields of study, scientific research, finance, human resources, legal matters, external relations including foreign relations, and internal administration.
- 2. The Dean's Office provides for the material and administrative needs related to the activities of the Dean, Vice-Deans, Senate, Research Board, Disciplinary Commission, and the Secretary to the Faculty.
- 3. The details of the organisation of the Dean's Office may be provided in a Dean's directive or a Secretary's directive.

Part III: Strategic Plan, Annual Reports and Internal Quality Assurance

Article 17 - Strategic Plan

- 1. The Strategic Plan of the Faculty is a basic programme document of the Faculty tied to the strategic plan of the University. The Strategic Plan of the Faculty serves as a basis for the preparation of changes in the internal organization, new programmes of study, and choosing the focus of scientific research of the Faculty.
- 2. The Strategic Plan is submitted by the Dean for consideration to the Research Board¹³ and then for approval to the Senate.¹⁴
- 3. The Strategic Plan is elaborated on an annual basis in implementation plans. 15

¹³ Section 30 (1) (a) of the Higher Education Act.

¹¹ Section 27 (1) (f) of the Higher Education Act.

¹² Section 32 of the Higher Education Act.

¹⁴ Section 27 (1) (h) of the Higher Education Act.

¹⁵ Section 30 (1) (a) of the Higher Education Act.

Article 18 - Annual Reports

- 1. The Dean submits the annual report on activities of the Faculty and the annual report on financial management to the Senate for approval.
- 2. The annual report findings are used in management, in the preparation of the annual plans for the implementation of the strategic plan of the Faculty, and in internal quality assurance.

Article 19 - Internal Quality Assurance

- 1. Internal quality assurance is carried out to meet the requirements of the Higher Education Act, other legal regulations, and the internal regulations of the University.¹⁶
- 2. The Dean designates a Faculty employee, usually a member of the Dean's Board, to coordinate the activities related to the system of internal evaluation and quality assurance.¹⁷

Part IV: Programmes of Study, Study and Students

Article 20 - Programmes of Study

- 1. The Faculty offers accredited bachelor's, master's and doctoral programmes of study. 18
- 2. Graduates of a master's study programme who have passed the state rigorosum examination at the Faculty are granted the degree of "Licence in Theology" (abbreviated to "ThLic." as prenominal letters). ¹⁹ The details concerning the Rigorosum Examination Code of the University are provided in the Rules for the Organisation of the State Rigorosum Examination at the Protestant Theological Faculty of Charles University, which is an internal regulation of the Faculty.
- 3. The preparation of content and evaluation of the bachelor's and master's programme of study is coordinated by the guarantors of the programmes of study. The preparation of content and evaluation of the doctoral programme of study is coordinated by the subject-area board.

Article 21 - Study

- 1. Admissions to study are governed by the Higher Education Act and the Code of Admissions Procedure of the University. Additional requirements for admission to study in the given academic year are approved by the Senate.²⁰
- 2. Submissions concerning the organisation of the admissions procedure, in particular concerning setting an alternative examination date or modification of the mode of assignment or course of the entrance examination, are handled by the Vice-Dean for Education; the processing of such submissions is reviewed by the Dean.²¹
- 3. Study in all programmes of study at the Faculty is carried out in accordance with the Higher Education Act, the University Constitution, the Code of Study and Examination of Charles University, and the Rules of Study at the Faculty which are an internal regulation of the Faculty.

Article 22 - Students

1. An applicant becomes a student on the date of enrolment. A person whose study was

¹⁶ Article 47 (4) of the University Constitution.

¹⁷ Article 10 (5) of the Rules for the System of Internal Evaluation and Quality Assurance of the University.

¹⁸ Sections 44-47 of the Higher Education Act.

¹⁹ Section 46 (5) (e) of the Higher Education Act.

²⁰ Section 27 (1) (e) and section 49 (1) of the Higher Education Act.

²¹ Article 14 (2) of the Code of Admissions Procedure.

- interrupted becomes a student upon re-enrolment.²²
- 2. A person ceases to be a student on the date of completion of study under section 55 (1) of the Higher Education Act or under section 56 (1) and (2) of the Higher Education Act or as a result of interruption of study under section 54 of the Higher Education Act.²³
- 3. The rights and duties of students are stipulated in sections 62 to 69 of the Higher Education Act, the University Constitution, and other internal regulations of the University and the Faculty.

Part V: Members of Academic Staff and Other Employees

Article 23 - Members of Academic Staff

- 1. The members of academic staff of the Faculty are the members of academic staff of the University assigned to the Faculty and who perform both educational and creative activities at the Faculty within their employment depending on the agreed type of work.²⁴
- 2. The members of the academic staff are obliged to heed the good reputation of the University.
- 3. The members of the academic staff play the role of teachers at the Faculty.
- 4. Other experts may also participate in teaching based on agreements to perform work outside of employment.
- 5. The employment relationships, competitive hiring procedures, and salaries of the members of academic staff are governed by the Labour Code, the University Constitution,²⁵ and other internal regulations of the University.
- 6. The employment of members of the academic staff is governed by legal regulations and internal regulations of the University.
- 7. Full and associate professors, assistant professors, and extraordinary professors have the right and duty to carry out educational and creative activities, to develop their expertise, and to look after new researchers and teachers; assistants are preparing for such role. Lecturers have the right and duty to participate in both educational and creative activities. Researchers of the Faculty participate in instruction depending on the needs of the Faculty.
- 8. Local and foreign experts may work at the Faculty as extraordinary professors and visiting professors. A position of extraordinary professor may be created by the Rector upon a proposal of the Research Board of the Faculty.²⁷ Teachers of foreign higher education institutions who hold a position comparable to full or associate professors may use the designation of "visiting professor of Charles University" over the period of their work at the University based on a decision of the Rector issued upon a proposal of the Research Board of the Faculty.²⁸ They are appointed for a fixed term.
- 9. A member of the academic staff of the Faculty is granted upon request a sabbatical of six months once every seven years if not precluded by serious circumstances concerning the fulfilment of the educational tasks of the Faculty.²⁹

Article 24 - Researchers and Other Employees

1. The researchers of the Faculty are the researchers of the University employed at the Faculty who

²² Section 61 (1) of the Higher Education Act.

²³ Section 61 (2) of the Higher Education Act.

²⁴ Section 70 (1) of the Higher Education Act.

²⁵ Articles 35-37 of the University Constitution.

²⁶ Section 70 (1) of the Higher Education Act.

²⁷ Section 70 (2) of the Higher Education Act and Article 39 of the University Constitution.

²⁸ Section 70 (4) of the Higher Education Act and Article 40 of the University Constitution.

²⁹ Section 76 of the Higher Education Act.

- are not members of the academic staff and perform creative activities.
- 2. The status of employees of the University assigned to the Faculty who are not members of the academic staff is governed by legal regulations and the University Constitution. Their status within the academic community is governed by Article 5 (12) of the University Constitution.

Part VI: Science and Research

Article 25

- 1. Scientific and research activities constitute the basic right and duty of the members of the academic staff. They carry out these activities under the academic freedom of scientific research and of the publication of the outputs of such activities.
- 2. The scientific and research activities of the Faculty arise from its strategic plan.
- 3. The Faculty creates the optimal possible conditions for the scientific and research activities of its staff and students. It supports involvement in science and research programmes and the obtaining of grants for research projects from local and foreign grant agencies.

Part VII: Cooperation with International Institutions

Article 26

- 1. The Faculty cooperates with foreign partner organisations within interfaculty, interuniversity, and Europe-wide agreements and programmes as well as on the basis of longstanding partner relationships with churches and ecumenical and academic institutions who are not parties to such agreements and programmes.
- 2. The cooperation includes exchange programmes of students, teachers, researchers, and experts, the organisation of joint expert and student conferences or seminars, as well as short-term study stays (internships) of foreign students at the Faculty and vice versa.
- 3. The conditions for posting students abroad are provided in a Dean's directive. The Senate expresses its opinion on the conditions.
- 4. It is a priority of the Faculty to provide access to theological education to students from countries which were or still are exposed to a lack of such opportunities.
- 5. The international cooperation is organised by the International Department of the Dean's Office.

Part VIII: Financial Matters

Article 27 – Property Management

The management of property of the University is governed by the University Constitution.³⁰

Article 28 – Financial Management and Property Administration

- 1. The financial management of the Faculty is governed by the relevant provisions of the Higher Education Act, ³¹ other legal regulations, and the internal regulations of the University. ³²
- 2. The Faculty administers the property of the University entrusted to the Faculty in accordance with the internal regulations of the University.³³
- 3. The Faculty carries out supplementary activities for a fee in accordance with section 20 (2) of the

³⁰ Article 50 (1) (e) of the University Constitution.

³¹ Section 24 (1) of the Higher Education Act.

³² Article 15 (1), Article 16 (2) and Article 53 (3) of the University Constitution and Financial Management Rules of Charles University.

³³ Article 15 (2) of Property Management Rules of Charles University.

Article 29 – The Balance Sheet of Revenues and Expenses

- 1. The Faculty prepares a balance sheet of revenues and expenses and manages its finances in accordance with the balance sheet.
- 2. The balance sheet is prepared after approval of the University budget and must not be prepared as a deficit balance sheet.
- 3. The revenues include the funds allocated in the breakdown of contributions and subsidies of an institutional character and other planned revenues of the Faculty.
- 4. The balance sheet of revenues and expenses for the given calendar year is approved by the Senate upon the proposal of the Dean.
- 5. Between 1 January and the date of approval of the balance sheet the budget is managed as provisional.³⁴

Part IX: Academic Honours

Article 30 - John Amos Comenius Medal

- 1. The Faculty awards the "John Amos Comenius Medal" to outstanding authorities.
- 2. The medal is honorary.
- 3. The proposal for the awarding of the medal is submitted by the Dean, the Research Board, or the Senate.
- 4. The decision on awarding the medal is made in accordance with Article 61 of the University Constitution.

Article 31 - Memorial Medal

- 1. The Faculty awards the Memorial Medal to persons who contributed to the prestige, benefit, and development of the Faculty.
- 2. The medal is honorary.
- 3. The proposal for awarding of the medal is submitted by the Dean, the Research Board or the Senate.
- 4. The decision on awarding the medal is made in accordance with Article 61 of the University Constitution.

Part X: Common, Transitional, and Final Provisions

Article 32 - The Coat of Arms of the Faculty and Graduation Oath

- 1. The Faculty uses a coat of arms with the symbol of chalice and the text "Sapere Agere Loqui".
- 2. The coat of arms of the Faculty is depicted in Appendix No. 1 to this Constitution.
- 3. The wording of the graduation oath for graduates of bachelor's, master's, and doctoral programmes of study is included in Appendix No. 2.

Article 33 - Faculty Stamps

1. The Faculty uses an official round stamp with the national emblem of the Czech Republic and the text "Univerzita Karlova Evangelická teologická fakulta" (Charles University, Protestant

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³⁴ Article 49 (3) of the University Constitution.

Theological Faculty) in cases provided for in special legislation.³⁵

2. The appearance and rules for the use of other stamps are provided in a Dean's directive.

Article 34 – Official Notice Board and Publishing Information

- 1. The official notice board of the Faculty is located in the entrance hall of the Faculty building and serves for posting documents in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Code³⁶, the Higher Education Act, other legal regulations, and the internal regulations of the University.
- 2. Documents posted on the official notice board are also made public in the publicly accessible section of the website of the Faculty.
- 3. The publicly accessible part of the Faculty website is also used to publish information provided in Article 63 (2) of the University Constitution:
 - a) Minutes of the meetings of the self-governing academic bodies and of the Dean's permanent advisory bodies and the schedule of meetings of these bodies;
 - b) Dean's directives;
 - c) Internal regulations of the Faculty and a link to the internal regulations of the University;
 - d) Annual reports on activities, annual reports on financial management, the strategic plan of the Faculty and its specification;
 - e) Curricula and recommended courses of study;³⁷
 - f) Other information as stipulated by the Higher Education Act, other legal regulations, the internal regulations of the University, the internal regulations of the Faculty, or information published under a decision of the Dean.

Article 35 - Internal Regulation of the Faculty

The following are the internal regulations of the Faculty:

- a) The Constitution of the Protestant Theological Faculty of Charles University
- b) The Code of Electoral Procedure for the Academic Senate of the Protestant Theological Faculty of Charles University;
- c) The Code of Procedure for the Academic Senate of the Protestant Theological Faculty of Charles University;
- d) The Code of Procedure for the Research Board of the Protestant Theological Faculty of Charles University;
- e) The Disciplinary Code for Students of the Protestant Theological Faculty of Charles University;
- f) The Rules for the Organisation of the State Rigorosum Examination at the Protestant Theological Faculty of Charles University;
- g) The Rules of Study at the Protestant Theological Faculty of Charles University;
- h) The Rules for Awarding Scholarships and Bursaries at the Protestant Theological Faculty of Charles University.

Article 36 - Transitional Provisions

This Constitution does not affect the validity of the appointment and election of the current bodies

 $^{^{35}}$ Act No. 352/2001 Sb., to regulate the Use of the State Symbols of the Czech Republic and to change other laws, as amended.

³⁶ Act No. 500/2004 Sb., the Administrative Procedure Code, as amended.

 $^{^{}m 37}$ Article 5 (3) of the Code of Study and Examination of the University.

of the Faculty, their members, and their terms of office.

Article 37 - Final Provisions

- 1. The Constitution of the Faculty approved by the Senate on 3 March 2015 including all appendices is hereby repealed.
- 2. This Constitution was approved by the Academic Senate of the Faculty on 30 May 2017 and comes into force on the date of approval by the Academic Senate of the University.³⁸
- 3. This Constitution becomes effective on the first day of the calendar month following the date on which it came into force.

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 $^{^{38}}$ Section 9 (1) (b) of the Higher Education Act. The Academic Senate of the University approved this Constitution on 2 June 2017.

Appendix No. 1

The Coat of Arms of the Faculty



Appendix No. 2 Graduation Oath

BACHELOR'S OATH

PRIMUM vos huius Universitatis, in qua baccalarii gradum ascenderitis, piam perpetuo memoriam habituros eiusque res ac rationes, quoad poteritis, adiuturos,

DEIN honorem eum, quem in vos collaturus sum, integrum incolumemque servaturos,

POSTREMO prudentiam eruditionemque vestram, a facultate praeceptam, facultatis Universitatisque iussa sequentes, humani generis usui tantum atque hominum bono adhibituros.

MASTER'S OATH

PRIMUM vos huius Universitatis, in qua magistri gradum ascenderitis, piam perpetuo memoriam habituros eiusque res ac rationes, quoad poteritis, adiuturos;

DEIN honorem eum, quem in vos collaturus sum, integrum incolumemque servaturos,

POSTREMO studia humanitatis impigro labore culturos et provecturos non sordidi lucri causa nec ad vanam captandam gloriam, sed ut veritas propagetur et lux eius, qua salus generis humani continetur, clarius effulgeat.

DOCTORAL OATH

PRIMUM vos huius Universitatis, in qua summum in philosophia gradum ascenderitis, piam perpetuo memoriam habituros eiusque res ac rationes, quoad poteritis, adiuturos,

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