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Dean's Directive No. 4/2022 for conducting a Professional Debates in Doctoral Study at the Czech Technical University in Prague, Faculty of Transportation Sciences

Article 1

Preliminary Provisions

1. This directive specifies and supplements the requirements for conducting a professional debate in doctoral study in accordance with the Study and Examination Regulations for CTU students (hereinafter referred to as "SER") and the Doctoral Study Regulations at the Czech Technical University in Prague, Faculty of Transportation (hereinafter referred to as "DSR").
2. The professional debate typically concludes the study block, which consists of completing a set of mandatory professional subjects (according to Art. 27, sections 3 and 5 of SER), language preparation (completed according to Art. 27, section 2 of SER), and professional activity, presented by preparing a Professional Study (according to Art. 27, sections 9 and 10 of SER).
3. The minimum publication requirement for holding a professional debate is an author's article in the proceedings of a prestigious conference, indexed in the Scopus database or Conference Proceedings Citation Index (Web of Science Group). The publication must be presented in the Study or listed as an appendix (Art. 7, section 6, letter d of DSR).
4. If the result has not yet been published or indexed, a confirmation of article acceptance is attached to the Professional Study.
5. The study is the subject of a professional debate at the training institution, based on which the final title and content of the dissertation are determined.

Article 2

Organization of the Professional Debate and Deadlines

1. The student submits the study for discussion after consultation with the supervisor and the head of the training institution, no later than four weeks before the end of their study block.
2. The head of the training institution appoints at least one opponent of the study, proposes a committee, and informs the chairman of the program's field council

(hereinafter referred to as "FC") about the debate. The chairman of the FC proposes at least one member of the FC to the committee, appoints the chairman and members of the committee. Minimum requirements for the composition of the committee are defined in Art. 7, section 8 of DSR.

3. The doctoral supervisor cannot chair the committee.
4. The doctoral student is informed about the composition of the committee, the place, and time of the debate at least one week before it takes place.
5. The doctoral student is familiarized with the opponent's report at least two days before the debate.
6. A record is made of the professional debate, signed by the chairman of the committee and all present members. The chairman of the committee ensures the delivery of this record, along with the Study and the opponent's report, to the Department of Science and Research no later than seven days after the debate.

Article 3

Course of the Debate

1. The supervisor introduces the doctoral student and informs the committee about the course of his studies and the results achieved.
2. During the debate, the doctoral student acquaints the committee with the essential parts of his study. The recommended presentation time is 15 minutes.
3. The reports of all opponents are read.
4. The doctoral student is asked to respond to all reports and any questions from the opponents.
5. This is followed by a professional discussion between the committee members and the doctoral student about the study, the proposed title, objectives, and content of the dissertation.
6. The debate is concluded with a resolution of the committee agreeing (or disagreeing) with the results of the study. The committee decides by a majority of votes. In the event of a tie, the chairman's vote decides. The result of the debate is:
 - a. agreement with the conclusions of the Study, and thus consent to continue the study;
 - b. disagreement with the results of the Study or its conclusions;
 - c. disagreement with the conclusions of the Study and the identification of such serious deficiencies in the study that it is unlikely that the doctoral student would successfully complete the study.
7. If the result of the debate corresponds to point b) of paragraph 6 of this article, the doctoral student will revise the study and submit it for a repeated debate, no later than 3 months from the date of the unsuccessful debate. The established study schedule does not change when repeating the debate.
8. If the result of the debate corresponds to point c) of paragraph 6 of this article, the chairman of the FC informs the dean about all the facts found, along with a proposal to terminate the doctoral student's study.

Article 4
Final and Transitional Provisions

1. For doctoral study programs that are divided into study fields, the role of the FC for a given study field is performed by the Field Council of the field.
2. The minimum publication requirement for holding a professional debate mentioned in Art. 1, section 3, does not apply to students enrolled in the doctoral study program before this directive comes into effect, who submit their Study for discussion within two years from the effectiveness of this directive.
3. This directive comes into effect on August 15, 2022.

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