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Pursuant to Article 14 of the Law on Associations and Foundations (“Official Bulletin of Federation of Bosnia & Herzegovina”, issue 45/02); Articles 25 and 26 of the Law on Student Organization in Sarajevo Canton (“Official Gazette of the Sarajevo Canton”, issue 11/10); Article 11 of the Regulation on Student Organization and Student Roles at IUS, number IUS-SENATE-11-1063/11 adopted on July 22, 2011, the Assembly of the Student Parliament of the International University of Sarajevo on its founding session held on March 16, 2012 adopted

STATUTE
OF THE ASSOCIATION – STUDENT ORGANIZATION
“STUDENT PARLIAMENT OF THE
INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF SARAJEVO”

I GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 1

This Statute establishes and regulates the name and the seat, aims and activities, functions, roles and services, representation, bodies and their authorities, appointment and cancellation, mandate duration, quorum, voting rules and function of the authorized person to call the Assembly, the form and content of the seal and insignia, organization, the way of operation, including decision making, Student Ombudsman appointment, election of student representatives in IUS bodies, organizations, departments and institutions, property acquisition and expenditure, financial and operational report preparation, statute adoption, changes and amendments, as well as for other acts, membership enrolment, termination and rights, duties and responsibilities of members, organizational transformation, annexation, separation or closure, and property distribution in case of termination of existence of the association – student organisation “Student Parliament of the International University of Sarajevo”.

Article 2

This student organization is established as a non-governmental, voluntary, non-party association of students of the International University of Sarajevo.

II NAME AND HEADQUARTER

Article 3

The full name of the association – student organization in Bosnian language is “Studentski Parlament Internacionalnog Univerziteta u Sarajevu”.

The name in English language is “Student Parliament of the International University of Sarajevo”.

Both names will be used equally.

The association acronym is “SPIUS”.

Article 4

Headquarter of SPIUS is in Sarajevo, at Hrasnicka cesta 15, in the premises of IUS.

III AIMS, ACTIVITIES, FUNCTIONS, ROLES, SERVICES AND PRINCIPLES

Article 5

SPIUS represents the interests of all the students of IUS.

In order to do so in the best possible way, SPIUS defines its basic aims, activities, functions, roles and services.

These can be amended by SPIUS Assembly.

Article 6

The aims and roles of SPIUS are:

- To prepare suggestions on the formulation of the policies, rules and regulations of the International University of Sarajevo
- To participate at IUS bodies meetings
- To protect and promote students rights
- To reflect student voice
- To create and maintain an environment where student needs are taken into account.
- To obtain and maintain good relationship within IUS students
- To initiate and organize cultural, sport and other extra-curricular student activities
- To promote human, moral, scientific, academic, intellectual, cultural and other values of humankind and thus contribute to the development of all-encompassing human

Article 7

The functions and activities of SPIUS are:

- Participation in all the activities and bodies of IUS
- Proposals for all the activities and bodies of IUS
- Presentation of student views and demands to all local and international subjects

- Protection, representation and promotion of student rights and needs before all local and international subjects
- Organization of seminars, conferences, forums, discussions and other events relevant to SPIUS members
- Contribution in various forms to betterment of student status and student experience, especially at IUS and in BiH
- Cooperation with other student and NGO organizations
- Provide services to students and other interested subjects

Article 8

SPIUS will offer its services to students and IUS, respond to all the initiatives submitted in written form and undertake all the necessary steps to secure successful implementation of its activities.

Article 9

Basic operational principles of SPIUS are: respect of differences and different attitudes, thoughts and ideas, freedom of choice, independence in its operations, transparency, democracy, responsibility and cooperation.

SPIUS will take due care and ensure fair representations of its members from all cycles, study programs and study years.

IV REPRESENTATION

Article 10

SPIUS is represented by its Chair. Mandate of the president, for representation lasts for 1 (one) year with the possibility of being re-elected once.

V SEAL AND INSIGNIA

Article 11

SPIUS stamp is round in its shape, 45 mm in diameter. Centrally located is inscription "SPIUS" in capital letters. There are two circles at the outer ridge and along the outer circular line is on the upper part written "Student Parliament International University" and along lower circle line is written "of Sarajevo". There are also two five-pointed asterisks between upper and lower texts. Along the inner circular line is on the upper part written "Studentski Parlament Internacionalnog Univerziteta" and along lower circle line is written "u Sarajevu". There are also two five-pointed asterisks between upper and lower texts.

Article 12

SPIUS logo is of the same design as SPIUS stamp.

VI ORGANIZATION AND THE WAY OF OPERATION

(Bodies, Authorities, Appointment and Cancellation, Mandate Duration, Quorum, Decision Making, Voting Rules, Function of the Authorized Person to Call the Assembly)

Article 13

SPIUS is a legal entity.

Article 14

SPIUS activities can be organized and targeted towards sections, study programs, study years and such a targeted activities are organized ad hoc.

Article 15

The managing bodies of the SPIUS are:

1. Assembly of the SPIUS
2. President of the SPIUS

Organizational unites and bodies of the SPIUS are:

1. Faculty Student Council
2. Student Representatives
3. Student Ombudsman

SPIUS can establish ad hoc bodies, limited duration committees and other bodies if needed. All such a bodies are established by SPIUS Assembly.

The period of appointment for members of all of the SPIUS bodies and representatives nominated by SPIUS in other bodies is one year. The same persons can serve only one more period in the same function. Ad hoc bodies are exempt from this rule and duration of their mandate is to be defined in the decision establishing them.

Mandate can be cancelled by individuals in charge and by SPIUS and Faculty Student Council Assemblies. If mandate is cancelled by Assemblies, two thirds of present members must vote for such a decision.

Work of all SPIUS bodies is public.

Article 16

SPIUS Assembly is the supreme SPIUS body.

It consists of Chairs of Faculty Student Councils and two student representatives for each faculty, elected by and among the members of the Assembly of Faculty Student Council. It is presided by the President of SPIUS Assembly.

SPIUS Assembly elects the President of the Assembly from among their member by secret vote.

SPIUS Assembly also elects the Chair of the SPIUS, Deputy Chair and Secretary by secret vote. Nominations for the positions of Deputy Chair and Secretary are provided by the Chair.

SPIUS Assembly elects its member representatives in University's governing, QA and other bodies.

Assembly is held in regular and special sessions. Regular sessions are held twice a year. The President of Assembly calls the sessions and prepares the materials to be discussed. Regular sessions are called at least fifteen (15) days in advance. Special session is called upon the request of the Chair of the SPIUS, or one third of Assembly members. Special sessions are called at least three (3) days in advance.

Assembly can be in session only if quorum is attained. Quorum is attained if two thirds (2/3) of Assembly members are present.

All the decisions, except the decisions on cancellation of mandate or membership, and transformation, annexation, separation or closure of SPIUS are adopted by simple majority vote.

Voting in the election process is secret. Voting in SPIUS bodies is public. Voting in SPIUS bodies can exceptionally be secret, and decision must be adopted prior to voting process.

Article 17

Authorities of SPIUS Assembly are:

- To adopt Statute and other acts, change and amend them
- To discuss and adopt program and plan of operations of SPIUS
- To discuss and adopt financial plan and financial report
- To define criteria for SPIUS Executive Board members
- To monitor regularity and operations of other SPIUS bodies
- To elect student representatives in IUS and other bodies
- To appoint Chair, Deputy Chair, Secretary, Student Ombudsman and other SPIUS positions as defined in this Statute
- To make decisions on SPIUS transformation, annexation, separation or closure
- To adopt necessary decisions not specified elsewhere in this Statute
- To cancel membership and mandate of SPIUS members and representatives when necessary
- To appoint its representatives in Student Union of Canton Sarajevo and other national and international student representation bodies
- To interact with Student Clubs
- To act as an advisor for Student Clubs
- To represent Student Clubs' interests and requests before IUS Senate and/or other bodies
- To use existing IUS resources for effective operation

Article 18

Authorities of the SPIUS Chair are:

- To run SPIUS and all the activities between Assembly sessions
- To propose programs, plans, financial plans, changes and amendments of SPIUS acts
- To protect student rights
- To request reports from SPIUS bodies, except SPIUS Assembly
- To prepare and submit reports to SPIUS Assembly
- To appoint interim student representatives in SPIUS, IUS and other bodies between SPIUS Assembly sessions
- To propose organizational transformation, annexation, establishment of new SPIUS bodies, ad hoc bodies and committees
- To establish communication and cooperation with other organizations
- To suggest policies, rules and regulations of IUS
- To reflect student voice in all the issues
- To promote cooperation among students
- To organize SPIUS bodies elections
- To organize activities and promote adopted values
- To temporarily cancel SPIUS mandate and present the case to SPIUS Assembly

Article 19

The Chair of SPIUS is elected by SPIUS Assembly, represents SPIUS and is authorized and legal representative of SPIUS. He is responsible for all the operations of SPIUS, its legal obligations and compliance with law, including financial expenditures and reporting.

SPIUS Chair is to perform his duties to his best capacity and in accordance with law and IUS regulations. SPIUS Chair may be relieved of his duties should he: fail to perform all or some of his duties at all; act against the established principles and authorities defined in this Statute or not in accordance with law and IUS regulations.

SPIUS Chair may be relieved of his duties in regular or special session of SPIUS Assembly.

Deputy Chair of SPIUS is assisting SPIUS Chair in his activities and represents SPIUS when Chair is not able to do so.

SPIUS Secretary is assisting SPIUS Chair in administrative, technical and financial activities.

The period of appointment for the Deputy Chair and Secretary is associated to the appointment of the Chair and terminates with termination of Chair's appointment.

Article 20

Faculty Student Council is established at all IUS faculties and ELS.

All regulations related to Faculty Student Council are equally related to ELS Student Council in all terms and every mentioning of Faculty Student Council in this and other SPIUS acts implicate ELS Student Council as well.

Faculty Student Council has its Assembly and Chair.

Article 21

Assembly of Faculty Student Council consists of one student representative for each study programme and for each study cycle and is elected by students.

The Assembly elects the Chair from the body of its members by secret vote.

Student Council Assembly elects its member representatives into SPIUS, Faculty's governing, QA and other bodies.

Student Council Assembly is held in regular and special sessions. Regular sessions are held at least once in two months period.

Article 22

Authorities of Faculty Student Council Assembly are:

- To establish its bodies and committees
- To elect its representatives
- To cancel mandate of its representatives
- To discuss and adopt program and plan of operations of Faculty Student Council Assembly and Chair
- Other authorities in line with this Statute and IUS and legal regulations

Article 23

Student representatives in IUS and other bodies must show integrity and represent student interests in all matters. They are obliged to actively participate in all activities of bodies they are members of and to convey known student opinions. Student representatives must consult SPIUS bodies in all issues and submit regular reports after every activity they participated in. Failure to fulfil requirements stated in previous sentences will be cause for cancellation of student representative mandate.

VII STUDENT OMBUDSMAN

Article 24

Primary function of Student Ombudsman is to promote and protect students' rights. Student Ombudsman is appointed by SPIUS Assembly.

Student Ombudsman is authorized to:

- Counsel students on their rights and represent students in the achievement of their rights
- Participate in discussions on disciplinary measures involving students
- Perform other duties entrusted by SPIUS and/or students, in line with law and IUS regulations

Student Ombudsman is expected to undertake appropriate measures and activities in order to protect rights of all and every individual students.

VIII ELECTION OF STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES IN IUS BODIES, ORGANIZATIONS, DEPARTMENTS AND INSTITUTIONS

Article 25

All student representatives are elected and appointed for one year. There are two types of elections – elections for SPIUS bodies and election of student representatives in IUS and other bodies.

Elections are held in terms defined by law.

Detailed election procedure will be adopted by SPIUS Assembly.

IX PROPERTY ACQUISITION AND EXPENDITURE

Article 26

SPIUS can obtain property and use it for accomplishment of its program aims and operative functioning of SPIUS. Property use and financial transactions are recorded in accordance with the existing regulations and law.

Article 27

SPIUS will finance its activities from:

- Its own financial resources
- Gifts, donations, contributions, legacies and other voluntary benefactions
- Membership fees
- Other sources in line with law, IUS and SPIUS regulations

Article 28

In order to raise funds for particular SPIUS activities, SPIUS Chair may organize charities, fundraising activities, apply to projects and programs, and ask IUS and other private and legal entities for support.

Article 29

SPIUS Executive Board will prepare detailed plan on financial needs and expenditure criteria. Expenditures are incurred by SPIUS Chair. It is mandatory that the Chair prepares and submits financial report at every regular SPIUS Assembly session.

X FINANCIAL AND OPERATIONAL REPORT PREPARATION

Article 30

SPIUS Chair must submit financial and operational reports at every regular SPIUS Assembly session. In order to prepare comprehensive reports, all SPIUS bodies and representatives must prepare reports on their operations and submit it to SPIUS Chair. These reports should be adopted by the SPIUS Assembly by a 2/3 (two-thirds) majority.

Article 31

SPIUS will maintain accountancy and bookkeeping in line with law and other regulations. SPIUS Chair is responsible for financial operations, accountancy and bookkeeping. Professional advisors may be engaged. Adopted financial reports will be submitted to competent authorities twice a year.

XI STATUTE AND OTHER ACTS ADOPTION, CHANGES AND AMENDMENTS

Article 32

Statute and other acts adopted by SPIUS Assembly are to be changed, amended or repealed only by SPIUS Assembly. Adoption of new acts, changes, amendments or repeal can be initiated by the SPIUS Chair or 1/3 of SPIUS members in a form of petition. Acts are considered adopted if two-thirds of the Assembly members vote for them.

XII MEMBERSHIP

(Enrolment, Cancellation, Rights, Duties and Responsibilities)

Article 33

All students, irrelevant of type and level of studies, at IUS are members of SPIUS. This is passive membership. All students at IUS who pay membership fee are active members. Only active members can be nominated and appointed for SPIUS bodies and student representative positions. Annual membership fee is 5 KM. Fee changes can be determined by SPIUS Assembly only. SPIUS Assembly may appoint honorary members who can participate in all SPIUS activities but cannot vote. Honorary members do not have to have student status.

Article 34

All SPIUS members are expected to observe their student duties and responsibilities and to utilise their student rights.

All members are personally responsible for appropriate and legal behaviour in accordance with SPIUS and IUS regulations and law. Members of SPIUS bodies and representatives are responsible for proper and effective representation of SPIUS and students rights and needs in accordance with this Statute and other SPIUS regulations.

Rights and duties of SPIUS members are:

- To participate in work and activities of SPIUS
- To support student rights
- To advocate betterment of student standard
- To be informed of the activities, actions and decisions of SPIUS bodies and representatives
- To address SPIUS
- To be recognized by SPIUS
- To vote in elections
- To observe law, IUS and SPIUS regulations

Article 35

Membership cancellation refers to active and honorary members only.

Passive membership cannot be cancelled by SPIUS. Passive or active membership is automatically cancelled with the termination of student status at IUS.

Membership cancellation is to be initiated by SPIUS Chair and confirmed by SPIUS Assembly. Membership cancellation can be initiated if a member openly opposes student rights and/or behave contrary to set and expected norms.

Article 36

Mandate of student representative in SPIUS and other bodies can be cancelled if such a representative does not fulfil his duty, does not represent student attitudes and standings, works alone without consultations with students, or for other reasons that are against students' interests and rights.

Mandate is to be cancelled on the request of individual in charge, or on the initiative by SPIUS Chair. SPIUS Chair can temporarily cancel representative's mandate and present the case to SPIUS Assembly. During this temporary cancellation, a student representative may not participate in bodies and act as official SPIUS representative. If an initiative for cancellation of a mandate is initiated by the SPIUS Chair, special committee, chaired by Student Ombudsman will consider the case and give recommendations. Final decision will be made by the Assembly.

Faculty Student Council Assembly is to cancel mandate of the representatives it appointed and elected.

SPIUS Assembly is to cancel mandate of the representatives it appointed and elected.

XIII ORGANIZATIONAL TRANSFORMATION, ANNEXATION, SEPARATION OR CLOSURE

Article 37

SPIUS organizational structure defined in this Statute can be changed by SPIUS Assembly. Every decision on transformation, annexation, separation or closure of SPIUS is to be made by two thirds of Assembly members.

Article 38

SPIUS Chair or the Secretary is required to submit decision on closure of SPIUS to relevant authority and to initiate termination procedure.

XIV PROPERTY DISTRIBUTION IN CASE OF TERMINATION OF EXISTENCE OF THE ASSOCIATION

Article 39

Termination of existence of SPIUS must be accompanied with the decision on property distribution and in accordance with this statute, IUS regulations and law. If SPIUS Assembly is not held for more than a year, and/or decision on property distribution was not adopted, the existing property becomes IUS property.

XV FINAL AND TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS

Article 40

Interpretation of this Statute is within the authority of SPIUS Assembly only.

Article 41

All the issues not defined in this Statute may be defined by other acts of SPIUS.

Article 42

SPIUS Chair is authorized to initiate activities to establish Student Union in Sarajevo Canton.

Article 43

This Statute and elections and appointment of mandates are adopted in SPIUS Founding Assembly session. Elections in Founding Assembly session will not be conditioned by active membership clause.

Organization of and nominations at Founding Assembly session will be prepared by student representatives officially elected in student elections held at IUS in October 2011. Mandates given in Founding Assembly session will last until May 1, 2013.

Article 44

This Statute enters into force on the day of its adoption in Founding Assembly session and will be in use after approvals by IUS and relevant authorities.

President of SPIUS Assembly:
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