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Pursuant to the Article 18, Paragraph 3 of the Law on Higher Education ("Official Gazette of the Republic of Serbia", No.76/05) and the Article 6 of the Temporary Statute of the Conference of Universities of Serbia,



The Assembly of the Conference of Universities of Serbia, at its third sitting held on May 26, 2006, adopted this

**STATUTE
OF THE CONFERENCE OF UNIVERSITIES OF SERBIA**

I – GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 1

Conference of Universities of Serbia is an institution founded following the Law on Higher Education (hereinafter: the Law) for the purposes of coordinating activities, establishing common policies, fulfilling common interests and carrying out activities defined by the Law.

The Conference of Universities referred to in the Paragraph 1 of this Article bears the name: "Conference of Universities of Serbia" and the abbreviation "KONUS" (hereinafter referred to as: KONUS).

Article 2

KONUS is a not-for-profit organization and is a legal entity with its seat in Belgrade, 1 Studentski trg.

KONUS has a circular stamp of 32mm in diameter with an inscription in Serbian Cyrillic :
Конференција универзитета Србије.

Article 3

The members of KONUS are the universities founded by the Republic of Serbia, as well as other universities that on the date of entry into force of the Law held a valid work permit .

The Universities referred to in Paragraph 1 of this Article are:

1. The University of Belgrade
2. The University of Arts in Belgrade
3. The University of Novi Sad



4. The University of Niš
5. The University of Kragujevac
6. The University of Priština with the seat in Kosovska Mitrovica
7. „Braća Karić“ University
8. „Megatrend“ University
9. The European University
10. The University of Novi Pazar
11. „Singidunum“ University
12. „Union University

Other universities are eligible for membership upon fulfillment of the requirements from Paragraph 1 of this Article and submission of application.

KONUS is free to enter other international academic associations.

Article 4

The application for membership with KONUS is submitted to the KONUS Assembly, complete with the documentation required by Paragraph 2, Article 18 of the Law.

The KONUS Assembly passes the decision on the acceptance into membership on the recommendation of the Rectors' Council.

The membership with KONUS is acquired on the date of passing the decision referred to in Paragraph 2 of this Article of acceptance into membership, at which date commence the rights and obligations of the member.

Article 5

Membership with KONUS shall terminate if a member fails to fulfil the requirements stated in Paragraph 2, Article 18 of the Law.

The KONUS Assembly passes a decision confirming termination of membership with KONUS on the recommendation of the Rectors' Council.

Article 6

A university is represented at KONUS by its rector.



A member university has the right to delegate an additional representative to KONUS at every 1000 professors and teaching associates with full-time employment; therefore, a university whose number of fully employed teaching staff do not exceed 1000 shall be represented by one representative, a university with 1001 to 2000 fully employed teaching staff shall have two representatives, a university with 2001 to 3000 shall have three representatives, a university with 3001 to 4000 teaching staff shall have four, a university with 4001 to 5000 shall have five, a university with 5001 to 6000 shall have six, etc.

A member university has the right to delegate an additional representative for every 5000 students enrolled in undergraduate and graduate studies; therefore, a university whose total number of students enrolled in undergraduate and graduate (master) studies does not exceed 5000 shall have one representative, a university with 5001 to 10000 students shall have two representatives, a university with 10001 to 15000 students shall have three representatives, a university with 15001 to 20000 shall have four, a university with 20001 to 25000 shall have five, a university with 25001 to 30000 shall have six, a university with 30001 to 35000 shall have seven, a university with 35001 to 40000 shall have eight, a university with 40001 to 45000 shall have nine, a university with 45001 to 50000 shall have ten, a university with 50001 to 55000 shall have eleven, a university with 55001 to 60000 shall have twelve, a university with 60001 to 65000 shall have thirteen, a university with 65001 to 70000 shall have fourteen, a university with 70001 to 75000 fifteen, a university with 75001 to 80000 students shall have sixteen representatives, etc.

The number of teaching staff and the number of students referred to in Paragraphs 2 and 3 in this Article for the current academic year shall be the number of staff and students registered on January 1 of the previous academic year.

Member universities shall submit the required data on the numbers of teaching staff and students to the Ministry of Education by February 28, and the Ministry shall forward the data to KONUS by April 30.

Based on the data referred to in Paragraph 5 of this Article, KONUS shall affirm the number of representatives for each member university for the following academic year by June 30.

Should the Ministry fail to forward the data referred to in Paragraph 4 of this Article, the KONUS Assembly shall take that the number of representatives for each university remains unchanged for the current academic year.



II – COMPETENCIES

Article 7

KONUS shall:

1. Deliberate on issues of common interest regarding the improvement of teaching, scientific research and teaching and artistic activities at universities;
2. harmonise views and coordinate activities of universities, particularly as regards admission policies;
3. provide advice to the National Council of Higher Education (hereinafter referred to as the National Council) regarding the standards for quality assessment of pedagogical, scientific research, artistic and professional work;
4. recommend to the National Council a list of professional, academic and scientific titles and their abbreviations in relevant fields ;
5. state criteria for relating formerly acquired titles to the titles referred to in Article 95 of the Law;
6. recommend measures for improvement of financial standing of universities and students' standard of living;
7. cooperate with the Students Conference of Universities regarding recommendations for scientific domains within the fields referred to in Article 27 of the Law;
8. make recommendations to the National Council regarding scientific, artistic and professional domains within the scientific fields of study ;
9. provide advice to the National Council regarding the norms and standards of work at institutions of higher education, as well as the necessary financial means for their implementation;
10. deliberate on the Accreditation Commission reports on the quality assessment of institutions of higher education , forwarded through the National Council;
11. carry out the procedure of nominating candidates for the National Council and proposes 10 candidates for the National Council in accordance with the Law;
12. propose discharge from duty of members of the National Council in accordance with the Law;
13. carry out the procedure of nominating candidates for the National Council and proposes candidates for the Commission for Accreditation and Quality Assurance in accordance with the Law;
14. propose discharge from duty of members of the Commission for Accreditation and Quality Assurance in accordance with the Law;



15. propose 6 members from six scientific fields for the National Council for Scientific and Technological Development , in accordance with the Law on Scientific Research Activity;
16. submit request for discharge from duty of members of The National Council for Scientific and Technological Development in cases provided by the Law on Scientific Research Activity ;
17. propose 6 members on the Accreditation Board for Scientific Research Institutions in accordance with the Law on Scientific Research Activity;
18. submit request for discharge from duty of members of the Accreditation Board for Scientific Research Institutions in cases provided by the Law on Scientific Research Activity;
19. propose 6 members from six scientific fields for the Commission for Scientific Titles in accordance with the Law on Scientific Research Activity;
20. submit request for discharge from duty of members of the Commission for Scientific Titles in cases provided by the Law on Scientific Research Activity;
21. adopt the Statute and other necessary documents;
22. deliberate on other issues of common interest for member universities and pass decisions in accordance with the Law.

III – KONUS ADMINISTRATIVE BODIES

Article 8

KONUS shall perform its functions through its administrative bodies.

KONUS administrative bodies are: the Assembly, the Rectors Council and the President.

KONUS shall pass its decisions by majority vote.

Article 9

The KONUS Assembly shall consist of the rectors and member universities' representatives in accordance with the Article 4, Paragraph 2 and 3 of this Statute.



The KONUS Assembly shall convene as needed, but shall have at least two sessions in an academic year, through which the Rectors' Council and the President's work between the two sessions shall be monitored through the progress reports submitted by the President of KONUS.

The Assembly sessions are convened and presided over by the President.

Article 10

Within its competencies, the Assembly shall:

- adopt the Statute of KONUS;
- elect the President and Vice Presidents of KONUS;
- proposes candidates for state institutions and bodies which require public invitation ;
- bring decisions on acquisition of and discharge from membership in KONUS;
- monitor functioning of the Rectors' Council and the President between its two sessions, by means of reports submitted by the President;
- based on the data referred to in Paragraph 5, Article 6 of this Statute, affirms the number of representatives for the following academic year for each member university by June 30 of the current academic year;
- perform other duties referred to in Article 7 of this Statute, in accordance with decisions of the Rectors' Council.

Article 11

The term of office of members of the KONUS Assembly shall last three years.

The mandate of the First Convocation of the Assembly began on the day the Assembly was constituted, i.e. October 18, 2005.

Should, during the Assembly mandate, a member university elect a new rector, the newly elected rector may appoint new representatives in the Assembly, in accordance with the procedure provided by the Statute, by the expiration of the current Assembly mandate.

A member of the Assembly may be elected for not more than two successive terms.

A member of the Assembly may be substituted at an Assembly session by another representative, provided authorization is given by the member university.

Election and dismissal of the Assembly members is regulated by university bylaws and regulations.



Article 12

The Rectors' Council of the KONUS consists of member universities' rectors.

When the Rectors' Council passes decisions, each rector is entitled to as many votes as the member university has, in accordance with the provision in Paragraph 6, Article 4 of this Statute.

The sessions of the Rectors' Council are convened and presided by the President of the KONUS.

Article 13

Within its competencies, the Rectors' Council shall:

- prepare proposals regarding all issues within the competencies of the Assembly;
- adopt general regulations regarding the functioning of the KONUS;
- propose candidates for state institutions and bodies for which no public invitation procedure is prescribed;
- perform other tasks in accordance with the Law on Higher Education and other regulations.

Article 14

The President is the managing body of KONUS.

The President represents the Conference of Universities of Serbia (KONUS).

KONUS has two Vice-presidents.

Article 15

The Assembly of KONUS shall elect the President of KONUS from among the rectors of member universities.

The President of KONUS is elected by majority vote.



Should there be more than one candidates and none gets the majority of votes, the voting shall be repeated for the candidate who got the highest vote in the first round of voting.

Should the second round of voting fail, the election procedure shall be repeated.

As a rule, the President is elected through a secret ballot, though KONUS may decide to use an open ballot.

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IV – TRANSPARENCY OF ACTIVITY

Article 16

The activities of KONUS shall be transparent.

The transparency of activity shall be achieved by:

- presence of the media at the Assembly sessions;
- announcements, statements and other addresses by the President;
- announcements on the University of Belgrade website (www.bg.ac.rs) , where there is a link to KONUS.
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V – FINANCING AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Article 17

KONUS shall be financed from the budget of the Republic of Serbia, contributions paid by member universities, donations and other sources.

The contributions referred to in Paragraph 1 of this Article shall be paid by member universities in proportion to the number of votes held.

Article 18

The Rectors' Council shall issue the annual financial plan of KONUS and adopt the annual business report and the annual financial statement.

The President of KONUS shall be the authorizing officer for the implementation of the financial plan.



Article 19

KONUS shall have its professional service, managed by the Secretary General.

The professional service shall carry out professional and administrative tasks for the purposes of KONUS.

Professional and administrative services may in part be delegated to other executors, under conditions regulated by contract.

VI – CLOSING PROVISIONS

Article 20

In the academic year 2005/2006, the member universities are represented in KONUS as follows:

University	Rector	Based on number of teaching staff	Based on number of students	Total number of votes
University of Belgrade	1	(5,453) 6	(76,755) 16	23
University of Arts in Belgrade	1	(469) 1	(2,204) 1	3
University of Novi Sad	1	(2,703) 3	(38,169) 8	12
University of Niš	1	(1,449) 2	(27,247) 6	9
University of Kragujevac	1	(800) 1	(18,633) 4	6
University of Priština (seat in	1	(745) 1	(10,092) 3	5



Kosovska Mitrovica)				
"Braća Karić" University	1	(171) 1	(5,364) 2	4
"Megatrend" University	1	(102) 1	(12,828) 3	5
European University	1	(72) 1	(3,867) 1	3
University of Novi Pazar	1	(150) 1	(1,200) 1	3
"Singidunum" University	1	(143) 1	(5,123) 2	4
"Union" University	1	(112) 1	(1,923) 1	3
Total				80

Article 21

This Statute enters into force on the day of its adoption and shall be published on the KONUS website and in the official journals of member universities.

By entering into force of this Statute, the Temporary Statute of October 18, 2005 shall cease to be valid.

Belgrade , May 26, 2006

Reg.No : 74/1

KONUS President

Prof. dr Dejan Popović



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Comment: It is, therefore, not prescribed that one Vice-presidents be from among the state universities and the other from among the private ones, though it is an adopted practice. The President may decide differently: if the private universities are not unanimous about their candidate for the Vice-president, they might not have a Vice-president elected from their ranks, which they might prefer to having a candidate they do not support.

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I CERTIFY THAT this document which has been given to me in Serbian language, has been correctly translated into English.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this 30th day of August 2015 in Beograd.
My appointment is permanent.



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