

In order to establish the institutional framework of maintaining contact between the University of the Debrecen (hereinafter: the University), the graduates, former faculty members and researchers of the University and its legal predecessors (Agricultural University of Debrecen, Medical University of Debrecen, Kossuth Lajos University, Wargha István College of Pedagogy in Hajdúböszörmény), as well as private individuals and organisations supporting the University and the alumni activities, the Senate of the University hereby adopts the following Statutes:

## **UNIVERSITY OF DEBRECEN ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**

### **Section 1**

(1) The University of Debrecen hereby establishes the University of Debrecen Alumni Association (hereinafter: Alumni Association) for the following purposes:

- a) the promotion and strengthening of the relationships between the University, the former students, faculty members, researchers and other employees of the University and its legal predecessors, as well as private individuals and organisations in a relationship with the University;
- b) the facilitation of contacts among former students, as well as with the current citizens of the University;
- c) the preservation of the University's traditions;
- d) the support of the studies of current students;
- e) the support of institutional reconstructions, investments and developments.

(2) The name of the Alumni Association in Hungarian: "Debreceni Egyetem Alumni Közösség".

Logo: The University's "*gerundium*" in a dark red letter "A" as shown below:



Circular stamp: the coat of arms of Hungary, surrounded by the words "Debreceni Egyetem Alumni Közösség".

## **MEMBERS OF THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**

### **Section 2**

(1) The following may become members of the Alumni Association:

- a) all former students, faculty members, researchers, as well as non-teaching and non-researcher state employees of the University and its legal predecessors;
- b) current faculty members, researchers, as well as non-teaching and non-researcher state employees of the University;
- c) current students of the University with at least two completed semesters of study;
- d) private individuals, legal persons and organisations with no legal personality supporting the University and the alumni activities (hereinafter: organisations);

provided that they agree with the aims of the Alumni Association, accept the conditions set forth in these Statutes, complete the registration sheet as a declaration of intent to join the Association, and are registered as members.

(2) Membership in the Alumni Association shall be for an indefinite term.

(3) For the purposes of these Statutes:

- a) a former student is one who, at any faculty of the University or their legal predecessors,
  - aa) had student status for at least two semesters; and
  - ab) graduated from a former undivided, a bachelor's, a master's, or a doctoral degree programme, regardless of the format of the programme (full-time, correspondence, etc.);
  - ac) received a diploma from any of the postgraduate programmes launched at any of the faculties or under their professional supervision.
- b) a former faculty member, researcher, non-teaching and non-researcher state employee of the University is one who was an employee of or a state employee at any faculty of the University or their legal predecessors.

(4) Membership in the Alumni Association may be requested by way of the registration form available on the website of the Alumni Community ([www.alumni.unideb.hu](http://www.alumni.unideb.hu)) or completing a registration form in hand and submitting the same to the Events Coordination and Alumni Centre. The registration sheet is in Annex 1 attached to the present Statutes.

(5) Simultaneously with the submission of the registration form, applicants shall consent to the controlling of their data and their use for the purposes of the Alumni Association. The Events Coordination and Alumni Centre of University of Debrecen shall subsequently check if the applicant satisfies the conditions of membership as set forth in these Statutes.

If the Events Coordination and Alumni Centre finds that the applicant does not satisfy the conditions of membership as set forth in these Statutes, the applicant shall be notified of this fact.

## **FORMS OF MEMBERSHIP IN THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**

### **Section 3**

(1) Membership without a fee: Under this form of membership, members receive the online newsletters of the Alumni Association, as well as information on the events, services and training opportunities of the University.

(2) Active membership: Beyond registration, this form of membership also entails the payment of an annual fee. The amount of the annual membership fee may be determined by the Senate of the University. In addition to the services available under the free membership, active members are also entitled to use additional services at a discount, up-to-date information on which is provided by the Events Coordination and Alumni Centre on the website.

(3) Honorary membership: This form of membership is available for former students, faculty members, researchers or other employees who undertook tasks of outstanding significance in the promotion of the activities, the professional development or the supporting of the aims of the University or the Alumni Association. In addition, this form of membership is also available to persons who, even though they had graduated from the University of Debrecen or any of its

legal predecessors, but in their special fields or in the course of their career, engaged or currently engage in activities of outstanding significance that is in harmony with the spirit of the University of Debrecen, and wish to become members of the Alumni Association. Persons recommended for honorary membership are proposed to the Senate by the Rector. The president of the Alumni Association shall grant a certificate to honorary members.

The rights of honorary members shall be the same as those of active members.

(4) Sponsoring membership: This type of membership is available to private individuals, legal persons or organisations without a legal personality (hereinafter: organisations) that makes a contribution of at least HUF 100,000 in cash or in the form of services for the benefit of the Alumni Association or the foundation cooperating in the achievement of the aims of the Alumni Association.

The president of the Alumni Association shall grant a certificate to sponsoring members for the given year. Supporting members shall automatically be entitled to the services available to active members.

- a) The title of *Diamond-level sponsor* of the Alumni Association shall be granted to sponsoring members that contribute HUF 2,000,000 or more in the given year.
- b) The title of *Golden-level sponsor* of the Alumni Association shall be granted to sponsoring members that contribute HUF 1,000,000 or more in the given year.
- c) The title of *Silver-level sponsor* of the Alumni Association shall be granted to sponsoring members that contribute HUF 500,000 or more in the given year.
- d) The title of *Bronze-level sponsor* of the Alumni Association shall be to contribute the amount of HUF 200,000 or more in the given year.

Diamond-level and Golden-level sponsors appear prominently featured on the website, in the publications and at the events of the Alumni Association, while Silver-level and Bronze-level sponsors appear on the website of the Alumni Association.

## **THE RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF MEMBERS**

### **Section 4**

(1) Members may

- a) participate in the work of the association and at its events;
- b) use the discounts and services in accordance with their form of membership;
- c) have access to the list of such members of the association that consented, by way of their declaration to this effect, to the disclosure of their data to other members;
- d) receive information by way of the newsletter of the Alumni Association on the events and activities of the Alumni Association and the news of the University.

(2) Members shall:

- a) satisfy the conditions of their chosen form of membership;
- b) notify the Events Coordination and Alumni Centre of the changes in their data (e-mail or postal address);
- c) comply with the provisions of the present statutes;
- d) refrain from any conduct that is irreconcilable with the spirit of the University.

(3) Members may not abuse their membership, and shall use the public database of the Alumni Association strictly for its intended purpose only.

(4) Any rights arising from the membership may only be exercised in person, and no representation is allowed, except in the case of organisations as members, in which case the person designated by the organisation may exercise the rights arising from the membership.

(5) The data that comes into the possession of the University in connection with membership may only be controlled in accordance with the relevant provisions of law on data protection. The Events Coordination and Alumni Centre shall control the data coming into its possession in the course of its operations in compliance with the relevant provisions of law on data protection, the Data Controlling and Data Protection Policy of the University of Debrecen, within the framework of the members' consent, and in accordance with the purposes of the Alumni Association. The data shall not be transmitted to third parties, except when permitted by law.

## **TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP**

### **Section 5**

(1) Membership shall be terminated upon:

- a) the written request of the member;
- b) the expulsion of the member;
- c) the death of the member.

(2) Members' request to terminate their membership shall be submitted in writing to the Events Coordination and Alumni Centre.

Membership may be terminated by way of expulsion if the member engages in conduct that is irreconcilable with the spirit of the University, acts in contrary to the purposes of the Alumni Association, or abuses his or her membership. The decision on expulsion shall be made by the general vice rector. An appeal against a decision of expulsion may be submitted to the Events Coordination and Alumni Centre, addressed to the Senate, within 15 days of the receipt of the decision. The decision on the appeal shall be made by the Senate at its next meeting, by way of a simple majority vote.

## **THE ORGANISATION AND OPERATION OF THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**

### **Section 6**

(1) The president of the Alumni Association shall be the rector of the University of Debrecen.

(2) The right to represent the Alumni Association shall be vested in the general vice rector.

(3) The powers of the representative of the Alumni Association shall be:

- a) drawing up the proposal for the amount of annual membership fee and submitting the same to the Senate;
- b) submitting proposals to the Senate for the person(s) of honorary member(s);
- c) deciding on the expulsion of members;
- d) forwarding appeals against the expulsion of members to the president;
- e) deciding on the scope of services available to members.

## **THE EVENTS COORDINATION AND ALUMNI CENTRE**

### **Section 7**

(1) The Alumni Association shall be assisted in its activities by the Events Coordination and Alumni Centre operating within the University of Debrecen Chancellor's Office, and the Centre shall carry out the tasks related to the organisation and operation of the Alumni Association. In the framework of the above, the Centre shall:

- a) carry out the tasks related to the admission of members and the maintenance of member records;
- b) perform the administrative and organisational tasks related to the Alumni Association;
- c) inform the members about the activities of the University and the Alumni Association, the services and discounts available to the members, as well as the university events;
- d) maintain contacts with the various existing friendship societies and alumni organisations that operate at the individual organisational units of the University, cooperate with them and also assist them in their operations;
- e) engage in fund-raising activities;
- f) ensure that any specially earmarked support or donations are used in accordance with the intentions of their respective donors.

(2) The work of the Events Coordination and Alumni Centre shall be coordinated by the head of the centre, whose tasks shall be:

- a) assisting the Alumni Association in the achievement of its purposes and the operative coordination of its activities;
- b) submitting proposals on concerning the Alumni Association to the general vice rector;
- c) supervising the work of the Centre's staff;
- d) elaborating the strategy of the Alumni Association;
- e) organising the communication necessary for the successful alumni activities;
- f) operating the customer service of the Alumni Association;
- g) developing and maintaining the database on a continuous basis, using the data of members who consented to such data controlling;
- h) drawing up the budget necessary for the annual operation;
- i) maintaining the alumni website located on a sub-page of the [unideb.hu](http://unideb.hu) domain, editing and developing the content of alumni newsletters, implementing cooperation with other social media sites;
- j) promoting the organisation among students who still have an active status, active cooperation with the University and Doctoral Students' Representation, and with alumni groups of the faculties.

The professional supervision over the staff members of the Events Coordination and Alumni Centre – with respect to alumni-related tasks – shall be provided by the general vice rector.

## **PROVISIONS CONCERNING THE FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT OF THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**

### **Section 8**

(1) The rules of financial management at the University of Debrecen shall also be applicable to the financial management of the Alumni Association.

The operation of the Events Coordination and Alumni Centre shall be ensured by the University of Debrecen.

(2) In the interest of achieving the purposes of the Alumni Association and implementing the projects and programmes supported by the membership, the Events Coordination and Alumni Centre shall cooperate with the Foundation for the Development of the University of Debrecen, whose purposes partly overlap with those of the Alumni Association.

## **CLOSING PROVISIONS**

### **Section 9**

The present Statutes were debated by the Senate of the University of Debrecen at its meeting held on 14 June 2017, and adopted by way of Resolution no. 17/2012 (IV. 5.). The Statues shall enter into effect on the day following the date of their adoption.

The present version of the statutes is drawn up in consolidated structure with the amendments adopted by the Senate by way of its decision no. 40/2017 (VI. 22.).

The distinction between the forms of membership discussed in Section 3 (1) and (2) shall become effective with the introduction of the membership fee.

Debrecen, 22 June 2017

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