



PTE DOK DELEGATES ASSEMBLY

Summary of the most important topics mentioned on the PTE
DOK meeting

6 Mar 2019

info@phdpecs.hu

Relevant agenda items

- **Modification of the University Doctoral Regulations**
- **Information on the possibility of withdrawing the "protection fee"**
- **Decision on the details of a summer event in cooperation of PTE DOK and DOSZ**
- **Decision on the Rules of Procedure for Student Opinions of Instructors**

Modification of the University Doctoral Regulations

The President of the Organization said that in some cases the Doctoral Student Association has the right of consent and in other cases the opinion on the University Doctoral Regulations. There are four parts of the Code that need to be amended, which have been reviewed by the Assembly by prior arrangement.

The first part is Article 11 (q) of the draft, which includes the tasks and powers of the Doctoral Council of the University in the opinion of the Doctoral Student Self-Government. This point is part of the 2011 CCIV. regulation on National Higher Education. It is contrary to the law, since it states that student self-governments make their own rules, and that if the University Doctoral Council had the right to comment on the rules, the autonomy of DOK would be violated.

The second amendment discussed concerned Articles 3 (2) and 4 (1) of the draft. Under these paragraphs of the proposal, doctoral training could only take place in accredited doctoral schools, so where this condition is not met, or where accreditation has been lost in the meantime, no training can take place. This currently concerns the Doctoral School of Philosophy and the Doctoral School of Linguistics. The rules do not specify what will happen to students who have a legal relationship with the above-mentioned doctoral schools. Delegates believe that a transitional arrangement is needed to address the situation of the doctoral students concerned by transferring them to a doctoral school with portfolios and accreditation that is closest to the student's research field, be

it the Deputy Rector for Education or Science or Innovation or the University Doctoral Council.

The following amendment concerns section 8 (5) of the draft, which allows a supervisor to supervise up to six students simultaneously, including the degree (doctoral candidate) period. On this point, the Board of Delegates recommends that graduate students should not count toward the six subjects discussed. At the moment, according to the Bureau, the provision would mean, for many students, that the student would be forced to change or divide a supervisor, which could adversely affect a harmonious working relationship that has been going on for years. In addition, as of September 2019, the number of state scholarship students will increase to 2,000 in Hungary, which is not coupled with an increase in the number of supervisors.

The last amendment relates to Article 38 (1) of the draft and concerns publications. In the opinion of the delegates, the requirements specified here are almost impossible to meet in some scientific fields, and the Hungaricum A-C classification is incomprehensible in this context. In their opinion, it would be advisable not to define the requirements uniformly, but for each discipline or doctoral school.

Information on the possibility of withdrawing the "protection fee"

The president of the organization said that the conversations on the removal of the complex examination fees also included the elimination of the defense fee. The defense fee is intended to cover the costs of defending the dissertation in a public debate. He believes that it is first and foremost necessary to assess how Hungarian higher education institutions relate to the costs in question.

Decision on the details of a summer event in cooperation of PTE DOK and DOSZ

The President of the Organization said that the National Association of Doctoral Students (DOSZ) is very interested in the work of the Doctoral Student Association of Pécs and would like to be able to translate the practices that the Organization has successfully

applied into their own work. As a result, the two organizations will work together within a formal leadership training framework.

Decision on the Rules of Procedure for Student Opinions of Instructors

The Assembly agreed with the regulations and the format of the questionnaires and accepted it.