ORDER No. 22/2022 of the Rector of AGH University of Science and Technology of March 22, 2022

regarding the introduction of special solutions for education at AGH University of Science and Technology in Krakow in relation to the armed conflict in Ukraine

By virtue of Article 23 sec. 2 point 2 in relation to Article 323 sec. 1 point 6 of the Act of July 20, 2018 Higher Education and Science Act (i.e., Dz. U. from 2022, item 574, as amended) and the Act of March 12, 2022 regarding the provision of support to Ukrainian citizens in relation to the armed conflict in Ukraine (Dz. U. from 2022, item 583), and §20 sec. 3 points 14 and 15 of the AGH UST Statute (passed with Resolution No. 137/2019 of the AGH UST Senate of June 26, 2019, as amended – consolidated text attached to Resolution No. 90/2021 of October 27, 2021), I hereby order the following:

§1. General principles

- 1. This Order introduces special solutions for education at AGH University of Science and Technology in Krakow in relation to the armed conflict in Ukraine.
- 2. This Order shall apply to:
 - 1) Ukrainian and Polish citizens who have been active students of a university on the territory of Ukraine on February 24, 2022;
 - 2) Ukrainian citizens who have been active students of the AGH UST on February 24, 2022;
- 3. The following terms have the following meanings throughout this document:
 - 1) COK Centre for Organisation of Studies;
 - 2) **DOS** Department for Organisation of Studies at the Centre for Organisation of Studies;
 - 3) **DSZ** Department of International Students at the Centre for Organisation of Studies;
 - 4) **dean of the faculty** which shall also mean an authorised vice-dean for education; and in the case of courses conducted by teaching centres the director of a teaching centre or an authorised vice-director for education;
 - 5) **IRK** Online Registration System for candidates at the AGH UST;
 - 6) **Regulations on collection of fees** Rector's Order No. 29/2019 of July 8, 2019 regarding the Regulations on collection of fees at AGH University of Science and Technology in Krakow, as amended by Rector's Order No. 50/2020 of August 17, 2020;
 - 7) **Study regulations** AGH University of Science and Technology Study Regulations passed by the AGH UST Senate Resolution No. 56/2019 of April 24, 2019, as amended by the Resolution No. 168/2020 of May 29, 2020 and the Resolution No. 43/2021 of April 28, 2021;
 - 8) **Special Act** the Act of March 12, 2022 on the provision of support to Ukrainian citizens in relation to the armed conflict on the territory of this country;
 - 9) **UBPO** the AGH UST International Courses a base of electives functioning as determined by Rector's Order No. 55/2020 of August 26, 2020 in relation to the AGH UST International Courses, as amended;
 - 10) Act the Act of July 20, 2018 Higher Education and Science Act.

§2. Admissions and education of students who are citizens of Ukraine

1. Ukrainian citizens with the student status of a university on the territory of Ukraine on February 24, 2022 may be admitted to and continue their education at the AGH UST according to the principles included in this Order:

- 1) as transfer students to a given field, level, and profile of study at the AGH UST for the summer semester of the academic year 2021/2022 to continue their education;
- 2) within the scope of a special education offer to facilitate the continuation of interrupted education in relation to the armed conflict for the summer semester of the academic year 2021/2022.
- 2. Being admitted to the AGH UST according to the principles determined by this Order, the students referred to in sec. 1 obtain the student status of the AGH UST and, in particular, acquire the right to obtain a student ID card.
- 3. **If a student is to continue their education as a transfer student**, as referred to in sec. 1 point 1:
 - 1) the transfer application must be submitted in writing to the DSZ with a statement that on February 24, 2022, the applicant has had a student status of a university on the territory of Ukraine and documents that certify past education/degrees and length of programmes, subject to point 5; the statement must include a full name of the home university on the territory of Ukraine, field of study, level of education, and year of studies, as well as documents certifying past degrees and length of programmes; the form will be prepared by the DOS;
 - 2) it is permissible to submit the transfer application after the beginning of the summer semester in the academic year 2021/2022, however, no later than March 31, 2022;
 - 3) submitting an application is not equal to being accepted as a transfer student; each application will be reviewed individually;
 - 4) transfer approvals rest with the Vice-Rector for Education, after the Department of Foreign Languages verifies the student's fluency in the language of instruction in a given programme, unless the student has a document that certifies their knowledge of Polish at a level of at least B2 according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages, and subsequently after the review of the application by the dean of the faculty;
 - 5) documents certifying past education and length of programmes may be sumbitted in electronic form or in the form of digital documents; original documents may be submitted at a later date, however, no later than September 30, 2022;
 - 6) it is not required to present an approval in written form from the dean of the faculty of the home university on the territory of Ukraine;
 - 7) it is not required to fulfil all obligations towards the home university on the territory of Ukraine nor to present certification of credits for courses obtained as part of the study programme at the university on the territory of Ukraine;
 - 8) in the case of Ukrainian citizens, to continue their studies as transfer students under the regulations determined in this section, they must be immediately signed in onto the list of students in the DSZ;
 - 9) a student is obliged to contact their respective dean to determine the terms of participation in courses and obtaining credits.
- 4. Dean of the faculty may grant permission to an individual study programme (IOS) upon principles other than those specified in the Study Regulations immediately after the Vice-Rector for Education approves the transfer.
- 5. If a student is to continue their education within the scope of the special education offer, as referred to in sec. 1 point 2, they are obliged to:
 - 1) register in the IRK system and provide the required personal data consistent with their identification document or in the event of lack thereof other official document;
 - 2) submit a statement that on February 24, 2022, they have had a student status of a university on the territory of Ukraine and indicate whether they have documents that certify their past education/degrees and length of programmes; the statement must include a full name of the home university on the territory of Ukraine, field of study, level of education, semester, and year of studies.
- 6. The registration process in the IRK system is coordinated by the DSZ at the COK.
- 7. In the event of continuing education within the scope of the special education offer, the Vice-Rector for Education shall determine the principles of organisation and functioning of a specially created, dedicated study programme within the UBPO.

8. Students continuing their education within the scope of the special, dedicated education offer at the AGH UST are obliged to learn Polish according to the principles determined by the Vice-Rector for Education and established in agreement with the Director of the AGH UST Department of Foreign Languages, unless they demonstrate that their knowledge of Polish is at least at the B2 level according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages.

§3. Admissions and education of Polish students

- 1. Polish citizens with a student status of a university on the territory of Ukraine on February 24, 2022, can apply for a transfer to a specific field, level, and profile of study at the AGH UST in the summer semester of the academic year 2021/2022 to continue their studies according to the following principles:
 - 1) the transfer application must be submitted in writing to the DOS with a statement that on February 24, 2022, the applicant has had a student status of a university on the territory of Ukraine and documents that certify past education/degrees and length of programmes, subject to point 5; the statement must include a full name of the home university on the territory of Ukraine, field of study, level of education, semester, and year of studies, as well as documents certifying past degrees and length of programmes; the form will be prepared by the DOS;
 - 2) it is permissible to submit the transfer application after the beginning of the summer semester in the academic year 2021/2022, however, no later than March 31, 2022;
 - 3) submitting an application is not equal to being accepted as a transfer student; each application will be reviewed individually;
 - 4) transfer approvals rest with the Vice-Rector for Education, after the dean of the faculty reviews the application;
 - 5) documents certifying past education and length of programmes may be sumbitted in electronic form or in the form of digital documents; original documents may be submitted at a later date, however, no later than September 30, 2022;
 - 6) it is not required to present an approval in written form from the dean of the faculty of the home university on the territory of Ukraine;
 - 7) it is not required to fulfil all obligations towards the home university on the territory of Ukraine nor to present certification of credits for courses obtained as part of the study programme at the university on the territory of Ukraine;
 - 8) to continue studies as transfer students under the regulations determined in this Order, the applicants must be immediately signed on the list of students in the dean's office of the respective faculties;
- 2. Dean of the faculty may grant permission to an IOS upon principles other than those specified in the Study Regulations immediately after the Vice-Rector for Education approves the transfer.

§4. Verification of learning outcomes

- 1. Students referred to in § 2 and § 3 of this Order with a student status of a university on the territory of Ukraine on February 24, 2022, who do not have documents certifying past education/degrees and length of programmes, shall be entitled to apply for transfer to the AGH UST from the winter semester of the academic year 2022/2023 upon the principles determined in the Study Regulations, on condition that their academic achievements shall be verified.
- 2. If major discrepancies occur between the study programme or the learning outcomes, the university may commit the student to passing specified examinations or to completing practical placement.
- 3. Detailed terms and conditions of the verification process of learning outcomes for students indicated in § 2 and § 3, during which the corresponding lengths of programmes may be recognised and approved, shall be determined by the Vice-Rector for Education.

§5. Tuition fees

- 1. Ukrainian citizens whose stay on the territory of Poland has been recognised on the basis of Article 2 sec. 1 of the Special Act, who begin their education under the principles determined in this Order do not pay tuition fees for full-time studies in Polish during the temporary protection period in Poland.
- 2. Students who are Ukrainian citizens and have had a student status of the AGH UST on February 24, 2022, as well as those admitted to the AGH UST for the summer semester of the academic year 2021/2022:
 - 1) must pay tuition fees for education based on current principles, with the proviso that the terms for the payment for the summer semester of the academic year 2021/2022 are hereby extended until September 30, 2022;
 - 2) may apply for the exemption from payment for studies in total or in part, and for a refund of the payment for the summer semester of the academic year 2021/2022, including a refund for repeating specific courses, upon principles determined in the Regulations on collection of fees, with the proviso that it is permissible to submit such applications after the beginning of the summer semester of the academic year 2021/2022.
- 3. Part-time students who are Ukrainian citizens and have had a student status of the AGH UST on February 24, 2022 or have transferred to the AGH UST for the summer semester of the academic year 2021/2022 can apply for a reduction in tuition fees to equalise them with the fees that apply to Polish citizens and are determined in the Rector's Order related to tuition fees for students admitted to the AGH UST for a given academic year.

§6. Organisation of the course of studies

- In the case of students who are Ukrainian citizens and have had a student status of the AGH UST on February 24, 2022 or those admitted to the AGH UST for the summer semester of the academic year 2021/2022, it is permissible to perform all acts, indicated in the Study Regulations that require students to submit an application, ex officio, the following in particular:
 - 1) dean of the faculty may grant a leave from classes (causal leave) for the summer semester of the academic year 2021/2022;
 - 2) it is permissible to postpone the beginning of courses/classes;
 - 3) it is permissible to postpone the deadline for submitting theses and organising diploma exams;
 - 4) it is permissible to grant an individual study programme (IOS) upon principles other than those specified in the Study Regulations;
 - 5) absence from classes is excused if the student had to leave the territory of Poland due to the armed conflict on the territory of Ukraine.
- 2. In the case of students referred to in sec. 1, all expulsion proceedings shall be suspended. The aforementioned proceedings shall resume at a date determined by the Vice-Rector for Education.
- 3. In the case of students who are Ukrainian citizens and have been admitted to the AGH UST for the summer semester of the academic year 2021/2022, who, due to the armed conflict on the territory of this country, cannot register for the studies or submit the required documents, or begin their studies, or were forced to leave the territory of Poland:
 - 1) all decisions pertaining to the admission remain in force;
 - 2) it is permissible to register for the studies or submit the required documents at a later date, determined by the Vice-Rector for Education;
 - 3) it is permissible to grant a leave from classes *ex officio*, including also the first semester of studies.

§7. Accommodation in student dormitories

- 1. Students admitted to the AGH UST under the regulations determined in this Order may apply for accommodation in student dormitories at the AGH UST Student Campus.
- 2. In the case of students who are Ukrainian citizens and have had a student status of the AGH UST on February 24, 2022, the principles and terms of payment for accommodation in student dormitories shall be determined by the Director of the AGH UST Student Campus.

§8. Authorisation for the Vice-Rector for Education

I hereby authorise the Vice-Rector for Education to specify the procedures related to admissions and studying for students referred to in this Order and to make any necessary decisions regarding the organisation of the course of education for the said students.

§9. Final provisions

The order shall enter into force on the day of signing, effective from February 24, 2022.

RECTOR

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