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Article 1

Decision

- 1. In accordance with Act no. 131/202 Coll. on universities and on amendments to certain laws and in accordance with Act no. 269/2018 ZZ on ensuring the quality of higher education and on amending and supplementing certain laws as amended, based on the approval of the proposal by the Scientific Council of the University of Security Management in Košice dated 15.10.2020, I established the position of Internal Quality System Commissioner with effect from 1.10.2020 (the IQS Representative), to which I reappointed Dr.h.c. assoc. prof. Ing. Imrich Dufinec, CSc., MBA., based on his previous work at the USM in Košice.
- 2. In accordance with Act no. 131/202 Coll. on universities and on the amendment of certain laws and in accordance with Act no. 269/2018 ZZ on ensuring the quality of higher education and on amending and supplementing certain laws as amended based on the proposal by the Scientific Council of the University of Safety Management in Košice dated 15.10.2020, I established the Quality Council of the USM in Košice with effect from 1.12.2020 and as its chairman, I established the position of IQS Representative.

Article 2

Powers of the IQS Representative

- 1. The IQS Representative is the executive authority for issues of harmonizing the existing certified system of the USM in Košice with the requirements of the standards of the Slovak Accreditation Agency for Higher Education.
- 2. The function of the IQS Representative is directly subordinated to the rector of the USM in Košice.
- 3. The representative of the IQS is the appointed chairman of the Quality Council of the USM in Košice and from this position ensures the tasks arising from Act no. 131/2002 Coll. on universities and on amendments to certain laws, as amended, in accordance with Act no. 269/2018 Coll. on ensuring the quality of higher education and on the amendment of certain laws, as amended.
- 4. According to point 3 of this article, the IQS representative ensures, through his function and through the position of the chairman of the Quality Council, the development of the internal quality system of the USM in Košice in accordance with SAAHE standards.



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- 5. The authorized representative of the IQS carries out his activities in accordance with Act no. 131/2002 Coll. on universities and on amendments to certain laws, as amended, in accordance with Act no. 269/2018 Coll. on ensuring the quality of higher education and amending certain laws as amended and in accordance with the internal quality system of the UMS in Košice, which includes the creation, adjustment and approval of study programs and submission of applications to the Slovak Accreditation Agency for Higher Education, as well as external assessment of the internal quality system.
- 6. The representative of the IQS is entitled to request his participation in trainings and working meetings organized by the Slovak Accreditation Agency, related to current issues of the quality of higher education.
- 7. The IQS representative ensures corrective measures resulting from the measures imposed by the Slovak Accreditation Agency for Higher Education pursuant to § 25 of Act No. 269/2018 Coll. on ensuring the quality of higher education and on amending some laws as amended.
- 8. The IQS representative also ensures corrective measures falling within the operative quality management of the USM in Košice.
- 9. The representative of the IQS, as the chairman of the Quality Council, comments on the requirements of the Council for Designing Study Programs and the Council for Approving Study Programs, if one of them requests it.
- 10. The representative of the IQS, as the chairman of the Quality Council, is preparing a draft application for the assessment of the internal quality system by the Slovak Accreditation Agency for Higher Education, while he has the authorization of the USM to enter the Information System of the SAAHE.
- 11. The IQS representative ensures and personally controls compliance with all relevant legal regulations and internal regulations falling within the internal quality system and coordinates the correction of their violations through internal quality system improvement mechanisms.
- 12. The representative of the IQS periodically assesses and evaluates the compliance of the internal quality system with the standards of the Slovak Accreditation Agency for Higher Education and, through mechanisms of continuous improvement, prepares the Management Review of the system for discussion in the College of the Rector of the USM in Košice and subsequently in the Board of Directors of the USM in Košice. The Quality Council helps him in this activity.
- 13. The representative of the IQS non-periodically, according to the requests and/or suggestions of interested parties, ensures the assessment of the compliance of the internal quality system with SAAHE standards.
- 14. The representative of the USM Quality Council ensures the discussion of all relevant initiatives of the USM employees in Košice and/or interested parties for maintaining and improving the internal system of ensuring the quality of higher education at the USM in Košice.



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- 15. The IQS Representative has the right to familiarize himself with the conclusions of the deliberations of other bodies of the USM in Košice himself and/or through the Quality Council, of which he is the chairman.
- 16. The IQS Representative is obliged to provide the self-governing bodies of the USM in Košice with information on the activities and conclusions of the council's deliberations by himself and/or through the Quality Council.
- 17. The IQS Representative is obliged to comply with all internal regulations of the USM in Košice, of which he is a regular employee.
- 18. The IQS Representative, as the chairman of the Quality Council, submits this statute and its changes to the Scientific Council of the USM in Košice for approval.

Article 3

Term of office of the IQS Representative

- 1. The term of office of the IQS Representative is three years from his appointment.
- 2. The term of office of the IQS Representative expires upon the end of the previous term, resignation or dismissal and subsequent decision of the USM Scientific Council on the basis of a proposal submitted by the rector of the USM in Košice.
- 3. The termination of the role of the IQS Representative does not have to affect his employment relationship concluded by the contract, unless there are material reasons for this.

Article 4

Final provisions

- 1. This internal regulation was approved by the Scientific Council of the USM in Košice on 14.1.2021.
- 2. This internal regulation takes effect on January 17, 2021

In Košice, 17.1.2021

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Rector