

Korean Council for University Education

Articles of Association

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Chapter 1: General Statutes

Article 1: Purpose

The purposes of this organization are the following: promote cooperation between universities nationwide through autonomous consultation, research, and coordination on educational affairs, finances, facilities, and other areas of interest; increase the independence of universities by making recommendations to the government and ensuring that they are reflected in policies; promote the public accountability of universities; and work for the sound development of university education.

Article 2: Title

The title of this organization is the “Korean Council for University Education” (hereafter “Council”).

Article 3: Office Location

The offices of the Council will be in Seoul.

Article 4: Functions

The Council will undertake the following in order to accomplish the purposes established in Article 1:

- a. Research, consultation, and coordination on matters related to the university education system
- b. Research on student admissions and student leadership
- c. Matters related to the assessment of school fees
- d. Projects related to the finances and accounting systems of universities
- e. Projects related to the preparation and management of university budgets
- f. Matters related to the wage systems of universities
- g. Projects related to inter-university faculty exchanges, academic information sharing, and cross-recognition of academic credits
- h. Matters related to joint use of university facilities

- i. Research and evaluation of the management of educational matters by universities
- j. Other matters of mutual interest to universities
- k. Projects delegated or commissioned by the Minister of Education, Science, and Technology
- l. Training of university faculty
- m. Other projects as deemed necessary

Chapter 2: Members

Article 5: Member Qualifications

The members of the Council are the heads of universities (including teacher's colleges and colleges of education).

Article 6a: Rights and Responsibilities of Members

- a. The members of the Council pay membership dues and carry the rights and responsibilities established by these articles of association.
- b. University faculty to which Council affairs are delegated by university heads carry the rights and responsibilities of Council membership.

Article 6b: Reprimand of Members

- a. Members whose actions run counter to the purposes of the Council or damage the reputation or public trust of universities may, at the discretion of the Board of Trustees, receive a warning or be suspended from the Council for no more than three years.
- b. Members suspended from the Council also lose the rights and responsibilities set forth in Article 6.
- c. The results of disciplinary action are made public and reported to the Minister of Education, Science, and Technology.

Article 7: Observance of Council Decisions

Members must comply with decisions made by the Council's General Assembly or Board of Trustees.

Article 8: Member Objections and Arbitration

- a. When unable to execute decisions made by the General Assembly or Board of

Trustees, members may, due to extraordinary circumstances at their university, make a formal objection by submitting a written statement of reasons within ten days of receiving notice of a decision.

- b. Within thirty days of receiving a formal objection made in accordance with provision “a” above, the Board of Trustees will reconsider the relevant decision and accept the objection if it determines that the reasons stated by the member are adequate.
- c. The Board of Trustees may make decisions regarding formal objections, as established by provision “b” above, through written correspondence when the person with convening authority determines that summoning a meeting will be difficult due to circumstances beyond control.

Chapter 3: Executive Officials

Article 9: Executive Official Types

- a. The Council has the following executive officials: one chairman, three vice-chairmen, no less than ten and no more than twenty trustees, and two auditors.
- b. The secretary-general established in Article 22 below is also a trustee.

Article 10: Executive Official Terms

- a. The term of office for executive officials is two years.
- b. The Board of Trustees shall hold by-elections to fill vacancies occurring before term expiration; the term of office for the newly elected official remains concurrent with that of the preceding official.

Article 11: Appointment of Executive Officials

- a. Executive officials are elected by the General Assembly and assume office upon approval from the Minister of Education, Science, and Technology.
- b. Dismissal of executive officers before term expiration is decided by the Board of Trustees and must be approved by the Minister of Education, Science, and Technology; this also applies in cases of by-elections as established by provision “b” of Article 10.

Article 12: Duties of Executive Officials

- a. The chairman represents the Council and leads its operations.
- b. Vice-chairmen assist the chairman, and the vice-chairman designated by the chairman or the senior vice-chairman acts in his behalf in times of mishap.

- c. Trustees attend meetings of the Board of Trustees and deliberate and decide matters related to Council operations.
- d. Auditors inspect the accounting and operations of the Council and request corrections to the Board of Trustees in the event that issues of legality or fairness are discovered; such issues must be reported to the Minister of Education, Science, and Technology.

Chapter 4: General Assembly

Article 13: Functions

The General Assembly deliberates and decides on the following matters: election of executive officials, amendments to articles of association, approval of budgets and settling of accounts, approval of work plans, and other important Council matters.

Article 14: Convening Sessions

- a. The General Assembly has regular and special sessions. Regular sessions are held once annually, and special sessions are convened and presided over by the chairman as needed.
- b. With the exception of urgent matters, the chairman must prepare a written agenda and submit it to Council members seven days previous to a General Assembly session.

Article 15: Special Cases of Convening Sessions

- a. The chairman must convene the General Assembly within twenty days when one of the following occurs:
 - A majority of total trustees requests that a session be convened and specifies the purpose.
 - At least one-third of Council members request that a session be convened and specifies the purpose.
- b. The General Assembly may be convened through the approval of a majority of present trustees or at least one-third of Council members when doing so is otherwise impossible due to vacancy of the person with authority to convene or their evasion of such.
- c. The senior vice-chairman presides over General Assembly sessions convened under provision “b” above.
- d. If the Chairman determines that convening the General Assembly will be difficult due to time constraints or other circumstances beyond control, member ideas and intents may be collected by written correspondence and substituted for a General Assembly session.

Article 16: Quorum Requirements

- a. The General Assembly may open sessions with a majority of Council members present.
- b. Decisions in the General Assembly are made with the approval of a majority of Council members present; the presiding officer decides in the case of a tie.

Article 17: Exclusion from General Assembly Decisions

The presiding officer and individual Council members cannot participate in decisions regarding the following:

- a. Individual's own assumption of or dismissal from office.
- b. Matters in which a conflict of understanding between the Council and a Council member or the university they represent may exist due to accompanying receipt of funds or assets.

Chapter 5: Board of Trustees

Article 18: Functions

The Board of Trustees deliberates and decides on the following matters:

- a. Execution of operations
- b. Planning and management of projects
- c. Budgets and settlement of accounts
- d. Commissions from the General Assembly
- e. Matters related to other powers given by these articles of association
- f. Other important matters

Article 19: Quorum Requirements

- a. The Board of Trustees may open meetings with a majority of Council members present.
- b. Decisions in the Board of Trustees are made with the approval of a majority of trustees present; the presiding officer decides in the case of a tie.

Article 20: Convening Meetings

- a. Meetings of the Board of Trustees are convened and presided over by the chairman.
- b. With the exception of urgent matters, the purposes must be specified and each

trustee notified no fewer than seven days in advance of convening a meeting of the Board of Trustees.

Article 21: Special Cases of Convening the Board of Trustees

- a. The chairman must convene a meeting of the Board of Trustees within ten days if a majority of trustees requests such and specifies the purpose.
- b. A meeting of the Board of Trustees may be convened through the approval of a majority of trustees when doing so is otherwise impossible for seven days or more due to vacancy of the person with authority to convene or their evasion of such.

Chapter 5-2: Establishment of Council Branches

Article 21-1: Establishment of Council Branches

- a. Region-based and function-based branch organizations may be established to ensure smooth, effective execution of work by the Council.
- b. Specifics regarding the organization and management of such branches will be determined separately.

Chapter 6: Organization

Article 22: Secretary-General

- a. The Council has a secretary-general, appointed by the chairman according to the decision of the Board of Trustees and with the permission of the Minister of Education, Science, and Technology.
- b. The secretary-general's term of office is two years, and he or she may be reappointed. The term of office for those filling pre-term vacancies, however, shall be continuous with that of the preceding secretary-general.
- c. The secretary-general directs Council staff and conducts Council work under the purview of the chairman and the Board of Trustees.

Article 23: Council Subdivisions

- a. The secretary-general directs a University Support Headquarters, a Research Institute for Higher Education, and a Higher Education Training Center and the departments and teams within them. The Research Institute for Higher Education and the Higher Education Training Center are auxiliary organs of the Council
- b. With the recommendation of the secretary-general, the chairman appoints the

directors of University Support Headquarters, the Research Institute for Higher Education, and the Higher Education Training Center and the department directors and team leaders within them; those appointed should have knowledge and experience in university affairs.

- c. The Council may form expert research committees whenever needed; committee members are appointed by the chairman from among university deans, administrative directors, and department heads with the recommendation of the secretary-general.
- d. The directors of University Support Headquarters, the Research Institute for Higher Education, and the Higher Education Training Center assist the secretary-general with overall management of the Council and the operations of each department, the operations of the Research Institute for Higher Education, and the operations of the Higher Education Training Center, respectively.

Article 24: Consultative Committees

The Council may form consultative committees to provide advice to the chairman and secretary-general regarding the overall management of the Council; details regarding their formation and management will be determined separately.

Article 25: Council Staff

- a. The Council will have staff according to its administrative and organizational requirements.
- b. Details regarding the appointment, service, pay, and evaluation of staff and the Council's administrative system will be determined separately.

Chapter 7: Assets & Accounting

Article 26: Finances

The finances of the Council include the following sources of income:

- a. Membership dues
- b. Contributions, grants, and donations from the government to defray operating costs
- c. Other income sources

Article 27: Fiscal Year

The fiscal year of the Council coincides with that of the government.

Article 28: Work Plans and Budgets

The secretary-general must prepare an annual work plan and budget, obtain approval from the Board of Trustees and the General Assembly, and submit them to the Minister of Education, Science, and Technology twenty days before the beginning of each fiscal year.

Article 29: Extra-Budgetary Debt

All extra-budgetary debt and debt forgiveness is decided by the General Assembly and must receive the approval of the Minister of Education, Science, and Technology.

Article 30: Account Settlement

The secretary-general must prepare an annual statement of revenues and expenditures with an attached performance record for the previous year, obtain approval from the Board of Trustees and the General Assembly, and submit it to the Minister of Education, Science, and Technology no later than two months following the beginning of each fiscal year.

Chapter 8: Supplementary Regulations

Article 31: Amending Articles of Association

Amendments to these Articles of Association are decided on and approved by at least two-thirds of all Council members and must receive the consent of the Minister of Education, Science, and Technology.

Article 32: Council Dissolution

- a. Dissolution of the Council is decided on and approved by at least two-thirds of all Council members, and permission from the Minister of Education, Science, and Technology.
- b. Remaining assets following dissolution are handled by decision of the General Assembly with approval from the Minister of Education, Science, and Technology.

Article 33: Enforcement Provisions

The chairman decides matters not stipulated by these Articles of Association or other matters regarding the operations of the Council. Essential matters regarding the operations or assets of the Council, however, are decided by the Board of Trustees.

Additional Provisions

(Enacted 04/02/1982)

Date of Enforcement: These Articles of Association become effective on the date determined by the General Assembly.

(Amended 10/08/1982)

- a. *Date of Enforcement:* These Articles of Association become effective on the date of approval by the Minister of Education.
- b. *Interim Measures:* Executive officials of the existing Council for University Education are considered executive officials of the Korean Council for University Education established by these articles of association on their effective date; the terms of office of these officials are calculated from the original appointment date according to previous regulations.

(Amended 12/31/1983)

Date of Enforcement: These Articles of Association become effective on the date of approval by the Minister of Educational Affairs.

(Amended 03/21/1985)

Date of Enforcement: These Articles of Association become effective on the date of approval by the Minister of Educational Affairs.

(Amended 02/04/1989)

Date of Enforcement: These Articles of Association become effective on the date of approval by the Minister of Educational Affairs.

(Amended 03/01/1991)

- a. *Date of Enforcement:* These Articles of Association become effective on the date of approval by the Minister of Educational Affairs.
- b. *Interim Measures:* The term of office of the secretary-general shall be calculated from May 10, 1990 when these Articles of Association become effective.

(Amended 02/26/1993)

Date of Enforcement: These Articles of Association become effective on the date of approval by the Minister of Education.

(Amended 07/27/1995)

Date of Enforcement: These Articles of Association become effective on the date of approval by the Minister of Education.

(Amended 01/29/2003)

Date of Enforcement: These Articles of Association become effective on the date of approval by the Minister of Education and Human Resources Development.

(Amended 07/14/2006)

Date of Enforcement: These Articles of Association become effective on the date of approval by the Minister of Education and Human Resources Development.

(Amended 06/13/2008)

- a. *Date of Enforcement:* These Articles of Association become effective on the date of approval by the Minister of Education, Science, and Technology.
- b. *Interim Measures:* The term of office for the first secretary-general following this amendment shall end April 7, 2010 when these Articles of Association become effective.