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Ordinance of the Rector Issuing Declaration of Socially Responsible Conduct of the USB in Relation to Educational Activities

In connection with the quality assurance of the educational activities and the social responsibility of the University as a public higher education institution, I hereby issue the Declaration of Socially Responsible Conduct of the University of South Bohemia in České Budějovice in Relation to Educational Activities and I request its fulfilment.

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Annexe

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Preamble

The University of South Bohemia in České Budějovice (hereinafter referred to as "USB"), as a public higher education institution, recognizes its social responsibility, especially in the area of higher education and research and aims to contribute to sustainable economic, social and environmental development in the Czech Republic and beyond.

The USB is aware of its responsibility to the entire society, to all University employees and partners and especially to students and future graduates. In accordance with its Code of Conduct, USB Statutes, vision and long-term development strategy, the University's objective is to build relationships with partners on the basis of mutual trust and respect and with the view of long-term sustainable development of the USB, sustainable quality of education and social and environmental environment.

In line with the University's mission in the educational field, this document primarily addresses the University's responsibility towards students and as applicable also to the life-long learning participants, employees and partner organizations of the USB.

Core Values of the USB

The USB in the scope of its - not only educational - activities counts on the responsibility of educators, employees and students and believes that education goes hand in hand with observance of the general and professional ethics and does not tolerate plagiarism, unethical or fraudulent behaviour of students, employees or business partners.

The USB supports academic freedoms, i.e. the freedom of enquiry, thought, expression, free discussion and exchange of information, even outside the USB environment.

The USB places emphasis on equal study or employment opportunities for students and for University employees.

The USB promotes the principle of equal opportunities for all applicants for study and students and focuses on providing access to studies and supporting persons with special needs or otherwise disadvantaged.

The USB guarantees equal treatment for all applicants for study, students, staff members and cooperating subjects regardless of their gender, age, nationality or social origin, race, sexual orientation, religion, political opinions or cultural differences.

The USB protects the privacy and personal data of its employees and students.

USB emphasizes openness, objectivity and transparency at all levels where the legislation of the Czech Republic allows, respectively where this is not inconsistent with legislative regulations or patent and other protection.

The USB endeavours to share its values beyond the USB and supports such activities which are not only beneficial to the USB but also create added value for the local community and entire society.

The USB, as all its Faculties and purpose-built facilities, promotes the University and builds its reputation, striving to improve the quality of life of all members of the academic community, students and employees.

Responsible conduct, attitudes, approaches and practices in relation to educational activities

In relation to the educational activities, the USB undertakes in particular:

- to adhere to the USB Code of Conduct, to fully respect copyright, to combat plagiarism and other unfair advantages such as data forgery, fraudulent behaviour in knowledge testing, etc.,
- to support teaching at the highest possible level of knowledge, in accordance with the latest knowledge and using appropriate teaching methods to promote active learning of students, enabling them to effectively achieve their educational goals,
- to provide and develop support structures for all modes of study, including the combined form, in particular by providing access to current professional literature and other information sources,
- to support the use of objective criteria for evaluation of study results,
- not to allow unwarranted use of technical, instrumental and other equipment of the USB,
- to use a feedback system to receive feedback from students, graduates, employers and other partners to improve the quality of teaching,
- to spontaneously include the aspect of social responsibility in teaching, to explain its benefits for the development of human society and for preservation of the quality of life on Earth.