



REGULATIONS OF THE ETHIC COMMITTEE

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Article 1 - Definition and purpose

The University Ethics Committee is established (hereinafter referred to as the Committee) at the University of Gastronomic Sciences, as an institution in which research and training activities are carried out. The Committee is a body established and composed according to the criteria of interdisciplinarity and independence in order to protect and guarantee the rights, dignity, integrity and well-being of human beings involved in research, respect and protection of every other living organism, the protection and conservation of the environment in all its dimensions and components, freedom and the promotion of science.

Article 2 - Composition

The Committee is composed of the Rector (or his delegate) who acts as Chairman of the Committee and of four university professors, representative of the human, social and natural sciences appointed by the Rector by a Rector's decree.

The Committee remains in office for three years and can be reconfirmed for an indefinite number of consecutive mandates.

All the members of the Committee are bound to keep secrecy concerning the acts connected with their activities. In consideration of the particular functions and the peculiarity of the assignment, each member must ensure participation in the meetings and cannot delegate others to take their place.

The members of the Committee must self-certify the absence of possible conflicts of interest in the performance of the foreseen functions.

The Chairman can call external experts, in order to deepen specific questions, on which the Committee must comment.

Article 3 - Functions

The Committee has the task of expressing opinions on research projects with ethical implications in which the University is involved and taking initiatives in promoting awareness of the ethical implications in scientific research.

The Committee is the organ of technical and scientific support of the University regarding the ethical choices of health and biological subjects, which also includes a training function, by virtue of which it inspires and promotes moments of analysis, information and ethical awareness of its members through meetings, seminars and study groups.

Article 4 – Working methods

The Chairman of the Committee promotes and coordinates the activities ensuring compliance with the provisions of current Regulations, endorses the opinions of the Committee and represents them at the University and external bodies, calls for and presides the meetings, establishing the agenda, administers,

agrees with the administrative structures, any funds assigned to the Committee by the Board of Directors, compatibly with the University's financial resources. The Committee meets at a frequency appropriate to the performance of its functions, upon convocation by the Chairman via email.

Article 5 - Validity of meetings and decisions

The meetings of the Committee are valid if there is (also electronically) an absolute majority of the members, including the Chairman.

The decisions of the Committee are taken by absolute majority of the members of the Committee. The Committee expresses its opinion, with justification, guaranteeing that, if any conflicting opinions emerge during the meeting, they will be given appropriate emphasis in the minutes. The minutes are prepared by the Secretary who is a member within and appointed by the Committee. The minutes must be signed by both the Chairman and the Secretary.