



University of Gastronomic Sciences
Università degli Studi
di Scienze Gastronomiche

Statute

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Article 1

Institution

- 1.1. The legally recognized non-state University of Gastronomic Sciences (hereinafter referred to as the University) was established by the Ministerial Decree of 15 April 2005.
- 1.2. The University has legal personality and academic, scientific, administrative, organizational, regulatory, and disciplinary autonomy, pursuant to article 33 of the Constitution and under article 1 of the Consolidated Law on higher education, approved with Royal Decree 31 August 1933, No. 1592 and subsequent amendments and additions, within the limits of the current regulations on the university system and this Statute and it is a non-profit organization.
- 1.3. The promoter of the University is the Association of Friends of the University of Gastronomic Sciences, which guarantees the pursuit of its institutional goals, contributes to the elaboration of development programs, and ensures their financial endowment and maintenance.

Article 2

Offices

- 2.1 The University has its registered office in the Municipality of Bra (Cuneo), in Località Pollenzo.
- 2.2 The Board of Directors may set up secondary offices and local branch offices.

Article 3

Mission and purpose

- 3.1. The University projects itself as an interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary international study and research center of food sciences. Its objectives are teaching and research regarding productions, transformations, practices, and consumption from multiple perspectives. Gastronomic sciences are to be understood as the set of all disciplines - humanistic, social, scientific, and technological - that contribute to this study. The University promotes the sharing of knowledge oriented towards sustainability, sovereignty, and the protection of biodiversity, within the framework of United Nations resolutions 62/194, 69/292, 70/1, not only with regard to food but as a general cultural model. To this end, the University promotes the transition towards social, economic, sustainable, inclusive, fair, and democratic models.
- 3.2. The University, through the creation of training courses of excellence, aims to train gastronomes capable of operating in the world of food enhancement, communication, production, and marketing in all its forms and all historical, geographical, and cultural contexts.

- 3.3. The University recognizes the fundamental role of scientific research in every field of knowledge and promotes, supports, and implements it through projects and activities aimed at encouraging the post-university study and continuing education.
- 3.4. The University views constant interaction with civil society as an integral part of its mission and, to this end, promotes opportunities for openness, exchange, relationship, and knowledge, both locally and nationally, and internationally.
- 3.5. The University ensures the freedom of research and teaching guaranteed by the Constitution, characterizing itself as a place open to those who want to contribute with cultural work to the University project in line with the purposes outlined in this Statute.
- 3.6. The University does not engage in any form of direct or indirect gender discrimination, age, sexual orientation, race, ethnic origin, disability, religion, or language. The University promotes equal opportunities in training, research, and the labor market. Whenever the University uses the masculine singular gender for all nouns indicating qualification or professional activity in its communications, this must be considered as a gender-inclusive language.
- 3.7. Through a Quality Assurance System, The University promotes systematic actions for the evaluation and verification of all its activities (academic, research, student services, and administrative management). It also identifies the appropriate corrective actions if the expected objectives scheduling and planning are not achieved, to establish a continuous improvement process.
- 3.8. For the pursuit of its goals, the University promotes and encourages interdisciplinary and group collaboration, the collaboration of the University bodies with other Italian and foreign universities and high culture institutions.
- 3.9. For the pursuit of its purposes, the University maintains relations with public and private entities, both Italian and foreign. It may enter into contracts and agreements for academic and research activities, professional consultancy, and services in favor of third parties and set up and participate in joint-stock companies. It can set up interdepartmental and interuniversity centers and services and maintain collaborations in the fields of research, teaching, and culture and promote or participate in consortia and associations with other Italian and foreign universities, organizations, and public and private entities.
- 3.10. As the members of the University, students, professors, researchers, lecturers, and technical-administrative staff contribute within the scope of their respective functions and responsibilities to achieve the institutional goals and are also required to observe the provisions of this Statute and the regulations of the University. They are also required to adopt behaviors reflecting the

nature and functions of the institution, within the campus, and in every context of their activities as members of the academic community and in reciprocal relationships.

3.11. The University takes care of university education at all levels of the educational systems established by law. Furthermore, it operates in the field of cultural and professional training through specialization schools, specialization, and refresher courses and seminars, as well as through preparatory activities for higher education and professions. It also takes care of the training and updating of its staff and can establish editorial initiatives and entrepreneurial support for graduate and undergraduate students.

3.12. The University maintains relations with its students through the Student Council or with one or more Associations as required by article 20.5, promoting and coordinating their collaboration.

3.13. The University maintains relations with its Alumni by coordinating and encouraging their participation in the University's activities.

Article 4

Qualifications

4.1. The University can issue the following qualifications with legal value:

- a) undergraduate degree (L);
- b) master's degree (LM);
- c) research doctorate;
- d) first and second-level university master's degree;
- e) specialization diploma (DS);
- f) research doctorate (DR).

4.2. The University can set up the courses as required by article 6, paragraph 2, of law No. 341 of 19 November 1990.

4.3. The University can issue specific certificates relating to higher education and specialization courses and to the other institutional activities it organizes.

Article 5

Assets and financial resources

5.1. To exercise its institutional activities, the University uses its assets and resources or those which it has, or in any form available to it.

5.2. The financial resources for the development of institutional activities consist of:

- a) income from the university tuition fee set annually for enrollment in the Study Programs;
- b) other income from institutional activities;
- c) donation and funds contributed to it in any forms by the promoter, the Association of Friends of the University of Gastronomic Sciences, and by the founders and supporters of the latter;
- d) the assets, contributions, disbursements, and funds conferred or donated to it in any form by public and private entities, natural and legal persons, Italian and foreign, interested in achieving its institutional purposes.

Article 6

University bodies

6.1 The following are University bodies.

- a) Board of Directors;
- b) President;
- c) Vice President;
- d) Executive Committee;
- e) Rector;
- f) Academic Senate;
- g) Academic Council;
- h) Director General;
- i) Board of Auditors;
- j) Evaluation Committee;
- k) Disciplinary Committee;
- l) Students' Council.

6.2 The University bodies exercise the powers established by the university regulations in force, without prejudice to the provisions of this Statute.

Article 7

Board of Directors - Composition

7.1 The Board of Directors is made up of a minimum number of 7 members, which can be raised to 21, namely:

- a) The President, appointed by the Board of Directors of the Association of Friends of the University of Gastronomic Sciences;
- b) the President of the Association of Friends of the University of Gastronomic Sciences or a person designated by him;
- c) University Rector;

a representative of the Ministry of University and Research, if designated by the Ministry itself;

- d) from 3 to 17 members appointed by the Board of Directors of the Association of Friends of the University of Gastronomic Sciences, chosen from among personalities who have particularly distinguished themselves in the cultural, academic, and research fields or who represent public and private bodies and possess with proven competence in the management field or high-level professional experience, who undertake to provide a contribution of particular relevance according to methods and criteria determined by the Board of Directors itself for the functioning of the University.

7.2 All members of the Board of Directors, except for the Rector, remain in office for three years and, in any case, until the date of approval of the final balance sheet for the financial year in which the three-year mandate expires, and they can be reappointed. The Rector terminates his term as a member of the Board of Directors with the conclusion of his mandate.

7.3 Within the Board of Directors, the less represented gender shall be equal to at least one-third of the total, rounded down.

7.4 The members of the Board of Directors appointed to replace others who discontinue their term in the office during the mandate shall remain in office for the rest of the duration of the mandate of the replaced member.

7.5 Failure to participate in three consecutive Board of Directors meetings shall result in forfeiture from the Board.

7.6 The President of the Board of Directors appoints a secretary, who can also be chosen from among non-Board members. In such a case, he/she will not have the right to vote.

Article 8

Convocation and resolutions of the Board of Directors

8.1. The convocation and the agenda are arranged by the President, or in his absence by the Vice President, whenever it deems necessary, or at the request of at least one-third of its members. In the absence of the President and the Vice President, the convocation and the agenda of the Board of Directors are prepared by the most senior board director.

8.2. The notice of convocation with an indication of the topics to be discussed must be sent to the Directors at least seven days before the date set for the meeting by any written means, including e-mail. In some urgent cases, a single day's notice is sufficient.

8.3. The meetings, even without the prior convocation, shall be considered valid provided all the members of the Board of Directors are present. The meeting must be understood as totalitarian

even if one or more directors attend by videoconference, teleconference, or audio conference, according to the methods indicated in the following paragraph.

- 8.4. The Board of Directors meeting - if the President or whoever takes his place deems it necessary - can validly be held by videoconference, teleconference, or audioconference, provided that all participants can be identified by the President and by all the other attendees, that they are allowed to follow the discussion and intervene in real-time in the discussion on the topics discussed, that they are allowed to exchange documents relating to these topics and that all of the above is acknowledged in the meeting minutes. Having verified all these conditions, the Board of Directors meeting shall be considered as being held in the place where the Chairman is located.
- 8.5. The Board of Directors meetings is validly held only if the majority of the members are present.
- 8.6. The resolutions of the Board of Directors are validly adopted with the votes in favor of the majority of those present, except for the statutory amendments where further majorities may be required.
- 8.7. In the event that the number of votes in favor is equal to the number of votes against, the vote of the President prevails.
- 8.8. The Director General participates in the meetings of the Board of Directors with an advisory function.
- 8.9. When it deems necessary, the President may also invite other individuals to participate in the meetings, based on their specific skills and for specific topics.

Article. 9

Responsibilities of the Board of Directors

- 9.1 The Board of Directors is the governing and general planning body of the University. It supervises the administrative, financial, economic, and asset management of the University, without prejudice to the attributions of the other bodies established by this Statute.
- 9.2 The Board of Directors shall have the broadest powers of ordinary and extraordinary administration for the governance of the University.
- 9.3 In any case, the Board of Directors decides on the fundamental governance of the University in order to ensure and guarantee the fulfillment of its institutional goals.
- 9.4 The responsibilities of the Board of Directors shall be the following:

- a) determine the general direction for the development of the University and approve the related programs;
- b) prepare and approve the multi-annual Strategic Plan, having heard the opinion of the Academic Senate;
- c) monitor the implementation of the Strategic Plan, and when necessary, update it, according to the opinion of the Academic Senate;
- d) decide on the approval of the Statute and any amendments according to the majority of the members;
- e) adopt University regulations;
- f) appoint the Rector on the proposal of the President;
- g) adopt the internal organization of the University, establish organizational structures to which it assigns the implementation, management, and coordination of scientific research, academic and training activities, and subsidiary external activities;
- h) deliberate the establishment of the Executive Committee and determine the responsibilities delegated to it and appoint its non-legislative members, all according to article 10;
- i) decide on the possible attribution of specific responsibilities to the directors based on the proposal of the President;
- j) appoint the Director General and assign any further responsibilities to him than those indicated in article 14 of this Statute;
- k) decide on the staffing plans of professors and researchers;
- l) decide, on the proposal of the Academic Council, on the posts and appointments of professors and the stipulation of fixed-term employment contracts with researchers;
- m) decide, based on the proposal of the Academic Council, on the courses to be activated in each academic year and on the academic assignments and contracts to be conferred to professors and researchers of other universities, as well as to highly qualified scientific and professional persons;
- n) approve the budget and balance sheet of the University;
- o) approve the establishment of any branch offices or local decentralized offices;
- p) take measures regarding the legal treatment and remuneration of the technical-administrative staff including the managers, allocation of human resources, the relative hiring, and the stipulation of employment contracts, as well as the adoption of the disciplinary measures and other relative measures to the staff;
- q) decide remuneration of the teaching staff, the special allowances of the Rector and the other institutional duties, as well as the adoption of the disciplinary measures on University lecturers, based on the proposal of the Disciplinary Board;
- r) establish, activate, and abolish the academic structures and the related academic courses on the proposal of the academic council;
- s) according to article 22 of Law 240/2010, amended by Law 79/2022 of conversion of Legislative Decree 36/2022, take decisions on the assignment of research grants or research

contracts, scholarships for training and specialization to research and collaboration contracts for research, on the proposal of the academic council;

- t) decide regarding total or partial tuition fees waivers, awarding of scholarships, as well as any other assistance for students in particularly underprivileged economic conditions;
- u) decide on the fees and contributions and their possible exemption;
- v) approve agreements after hearing the academic council, with other universities or research centers, and with other Italian and foreign public or private entities that are engaged in activities related to teaching and research;
- w) decide the acceptance of donations, inheritance, bequests, and legacies;
- x) decide the admission methods of the students on the proposal of the Academic Senate and having assessed the adequacy of the scientific, academic, and logistical structures;
- y) decide on the participation in consortia and companies or other associative entities under private or public law, whether Italian and foreign, for the creation, promotion, realization, or development of training and research activities or if it deems useful to academic and research activities, or to the achievement of their institutional purposes;
- z) establish legal representation for the University, in an active and passive legal capacity, during disputes, litigations, and related settlement decisions, as well as arbitration proceedings;
- aa) decide regarding the designation of representatives of the University at other public and private, Italian, and foreign entities;
- bb) decide on any other matters of ordinary and extraordinary management not attributed to the competence of other bodies envisaged by the Statute;
- cc) decide on any other concerns that may arise and be brought to its attention by considering current regulations and the Statute and the University regulations, without prejudice to the competencies of the other bodies stipulated in this Statute.

Article 10

Executive Committee

10.1 The Executive Committee consists of 5 members.

- a) President;
- b) Vice President;
- c) Rector;
- d) Two members designated by the Board of Directors, chosen from its members.

10.2 The General Director participates in the Executive Committee meetings, with an advisory function.

10.3 Within the Executive Committee, the less represented gender shall be equal to at least one-third of the total, rounded down.

- 10.4 The president may also invite one or more directors to participate in meetings, or other individuals considering specific skills and specific topics.
- 10.5 The members of the Executive Committee will serve the same term in the office as its Board of Directors who constituted it until the new Board of Directors takes charge.
- 10.6 The Executive Committee operates based on the powers delegated to it by the Board of Directors.
- 10.7 The Executive Committee is convened by the President or, in his absence, by the vice president.
- 10.8 The Executive Committee appoints a secretary, chosen from within the committee or among individuals outside the Committee. In the latter case, he/she will not have the right to vote.
- 10.9 For Executive Committee meetings to be valid, the presence of the majority of its members is required.
- 10.10 The resolutions are taken by the majority of the votes; In the event that the number of votes in favor is equal to the number of votes against, the vote of the President prevails.
- 10.11 The notice of convocation with an indication of the topics to be discussed must be sent to the committee members at least three days before the date set for the meeting by any written means, including e-mail. In some urgent cases, a single day's notice is sufficient.
- 10.12 The meetings, even without the prior convocation, shall be considered valid provided that all the members of the Executive Committee are present. The meeting must be understood as totalitarian even if one or more committee members attend by videoconference, teleconference, or audio conference, according to the methods indicated in the following paragraph.
- 10.13 with regard to the methods of conducting meetings, the same provisions stipulated for the Board of Directors in the previous article 8.4 regarding the same procedures, shall be also applicable to the Executive Committee.

Article 11

President

- 11.1 The President convenes and chairs the meetings of the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee.

11.2 The President also:

- a) legally represents the University;
- b) ensures the fulfillment of the statutory purposes;
- c) ensures the execution of the resolutions of the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee;
- d) if it is not possible to regularly convoke the Board of Directors and/or the Executive Committee and in matters falling within the competence of the same bodies, the President may adopt urgent provisions; these provisions must be brought to the ratification of the Board of Directors and/or the Executive Committee in the next meeting;
- e) proposes the nominations for the Director General and the Rector to the Board of Directors;
- f) proposes to the Board of Directors and/or the Executive Committee the attribution of powers to its members;
- g) decide on any other concerns attributed to him and brought to his attention by considering current regulations and the Statute and the University regulations, without prejudice to the competencies of the other bodies stipulated in this Statute.

Article 12

Vice President

12.1 On the proposal of the President, the Board of Directors appoints a Vice President who replaces the President in case of his absence or impediment.

Article 13

Rector

13.1 The Rector performs the general academic and scientific functions of the University to pursue the objectives and to perform duties established by this Statute.

13.2 The Rector is appointed by the Board of Directors from among the full professors at the University or from another Italian University. He remains in office for three years and can be reconfirmed up to a maximum of two consecutive terms.

13.3 The Rector:

- a) represents the University in academic and cultural events and in the awarding of academic qualifications and scholarships;
- b) convenes and presides over the Academic Council and the Academic Senate, ensuring the implementation of the related resolutions and coordination with the activities of the Board of Directors;
- c) supervises academic and scientific activities, reporting to the Board of Directors with an annual report;

- d) formulates proposals and expresses opinions and reports to the Board of Directors on the academic and scientific activities of the University within the scope of the general academic and scientific functions referred to in this article;
- e) proposes general organizational directives to the Board of Directors to ensure the efficiency of the academic and scientific structures;
- f) is a member of the Board of Directors, the Executive Committee, and the Academic Council by right, for the duration of his term in office;
- g) guarantees the academic and research autonomy of professors and researchers;
- h) takes care of the implementation of the resolutions of the Board of Directors in academic and scientific matters;
- i) exercises disciplinary authority over students;
- j) make proposals to the Disciplinary Board for the initiation of the disciplinary procedure against professors and researchers, with permanent or fixed-term contracts;
- k) has the right to delegate specific functions relating to teaching, research, and third mission and management activities to university professors;
- l) decide on any other concerns attributed to him and brought to his attention by considering current regulations and the Statute and the University regulations, without prejudice to the competencies of the other bodies stipulated in this Statute.

13.4 The Rector appoints a Pro-Rector who replaces him in case of absence or impediment and to whom he can grant specific powers.

13.5 The Rector can assign one or more professors at the University with the task of coordinating and following specific management aspects of the University. The Rector can also appoint one or more Vice-Rectors with specific powers.

Article 14

Director General

14.1 The Director General who is appointed by the Board of Directors on the proposal of the President is entrusted with the direction of the administrative structure, the overall management and organization of the services, instrumental resources, and technical-administrative staff of the University. The Director General performs his duties within the framework of the guidelines approved by the Board of Directors.

14.2 The term of office of the Director General is three years, at the end of which he can be reappointed.

14.3 In particular, the Director General:

- a) determines the general organization criteria of the offices, as well as the adoption of the management procedures of the technical-administrative staff, in compliance with the directives issued and with the guidelines approved by the Board of Directors;
- b) formulates proposals to the Board of Directors also for the purposes of developing programs, directives, and projects within the competence of the governing bodies and oversees the implementation of those programs;
- c) is responsible for the functioning of the administration and is accountable to the governing bodies;
- d) assumes an advisory function and participates in the meetings of the Board of Directors, the Executive Committee, the Academic Council, and the Academic Senate;
- e) operates on the basis of specific powers that may be conferred on him by the Board of Directors.

Article 15

Academic Senate

- 15.1 The Academic Senate consists of:
- a) the Rector, who presides over it;
 - b) the President;
 - c) the Pro-Rector;
 - d) the Vice-Rectors and/or the Rector's delegates, where appointed
 - e) a representative of full professors, a representative of associate professors, and a representative of researchers, elected from among the members of each order who do not already occupy one of the positions referred to in letters a), b), c), and d).
- 15.2 In the event of the Rector's absence or impediment, the Academic Senate is presided over by the Pro-Rector or, in his absence, by the most senior full professor.
- 15.3 When specific points are being examined, the Director General of the University and any other members invited by the Rector participate in the sessions of the Academic Senate with an advisory function.
- 15.4 The Academic Senate is convoked by the Rector whenever it deems necessary and, in any case, at least once every six months or at the justified request of at least one-third of its members.
- 15.5 The Academic Senate has all the responsibilities relating to the organization, planning, and coordination of teaching and research activities, which are not reserved to other bodies of the University and other academic and research departments.
- 15.6 In particular, the Academic Senate is responsible for:

- a) formulating proposals and expressing opinions to the Board of Directors regarding the adoption and amendment of the Statute;
- b) formulating proposals and expressing opinions to the Board of Directors on University development programs and on other issues that other bodies of the University intend to submit to its attention and evaluation;
- c) defining the directions of the research activity;
- d) deciding the University's academic regulations;
- e) proposing the activation of new course programs to the Board of Directors;
- f) proposing the distribution of funds for academic and research activities to the Board of Directors, considering the indications of the academic and scientific structures and departments;
- g) establishing the admission procedures of students to the University's study programs;
- h) decide on any other concerns attributed to it and brought to its attention by considering current regulations, the Statute, and the University regulations, without prejudice to the competencies of the other bodies stipulated in this Statute.

15.7 The Academic Senate is established and operates to reach the University's requirement of a total number of 30 professors and researchers, of which there are at least 15 full professors. The term of office of the representatives pursuant to article 15.1 paragraph e) coincides with the term of office of the Rector.

15.8 Until the requirements for the constitution of the Senate referred to in the previous paragraph are met, all the functions of the Academic Senate are performed by the Academic Council of the University.

Article 16

Academic Council

16.1 The Academic Council is made up of:

- a) the Rector who presides over it
- b) the full professors of the University;
- c) a representation of researchers elected in the proportion of one representative for every five researchers rounded up;
- d) a representative of the research grant holders and holders of research contracts, regulated by article 22 of Law 240/2010, amended by Law 79/2022 conversion of the Legislative Decree 36/2022;
- e) a representative of Ph.D. students;
- f) a representation of two students, regularly enrolled in ongoing Degree Courses and master's degree Courses, elected by all students who are also regularly enrolled in ongoing Degree

Courses and master's Degree Courses, activated by the University, in accordance with the provisions of the appropriate regulation.

- 16.2 Other members with advisory functions may also participate in the Academic Council meetings when invited by the Rector only if the topics on the agenda require their presence.
- 16.3 In the event of the Rector's absence or impediment, the Pro-Rector presides over the Academic Council and, in the event of his absence or impediment, this role will be assumed by the most senior full professor.
- 16.4 The functions of the Secretary of the Academic Council are undertaken by the member with the least seniority among the full professors at the University.
- 16.5 The operating methods of the Academic Council are established by the general regulation of the University.
- 16.6 The Academic Council is entitled to powers stipulated in this Statute and in the University's academic regulations. In particular, it is assigned the following responsibilities:
- a) decide, within the limits established by the regulations and by the Statute, on the academic regulations of the study programs;
 - b) prepare and approve the University development plan proposals;
 - c) plan and organize teaching activities in compliance with the freedom of teaching, in accordance with the resolutions of the Board of Directors and the Academic Senate;
 - d) express opinions on the drafting of the general regulation of the University;
 - e) formulate proposals regarding the coverage of the courses activated;
 - f) formulate proposals for the awarding of Honorary degrees;
 - g) execute all the other tasks delegated to it by the rules of the university system, without prejudice to the competencies of the other bodies established by this Statute;
 - h) decide on any other concerns that may arise and be brought to its attention by considering current regulations, the Statute, and the University regulations, without prejudice to the competencies of the other bodies stipulated in this Statute.
- 16.7 In compliance with the provisions of article 15.7, all the competencies and responsibilities of the Academic Senate referred to in point 15.6 shall be taken over by the Academic Council and added to point 16.6 until the constitution of the Academic Senate.

Article 17

University Evaluation Committee

- 17.1 The University Evaluation Committee, pursuant to article 1, paragraph 2, of law No. 370 of 19 October 1999, is an organ with evaluation and guidance functions, in the context of the quality policy implemented by the government bodies.
- 17.2 The evaluation committee is made up of five members, of which at least two are appointed between scholars and experts in the field of evaluation, also in the non-academic field outside the University, and at least one appointed among the teachers at the University. The members of the University Evaluation Committee are appointed by the Board of Directors, pursuant to article 2 of law No. 370 of 19 October 1999, after hearing the Academic Council/Academic Senate for the Teaching Member of the University.
- 17.3 The University Evaluation Committee reports every year to the President of the Board of Directors and the Rector with a dedicated report.
- 17.4 The organization, operation, and prerogatives of the University evaluation Committee are defined in the General Regulation of the University.

Article 18

Board of Auditors

- 18.1 The Board of Auditors monitors the regularity of account keeping and shall draw up a report on the balance sheet.
- 18.2 The Board of Auditors consists of three permanent members and two alternates. At least two permanent members and an alternate member must be registered in the register of statutory auditors. The president, a permanent member, and an alternate member are appointed by the Association of Friends of the University of Gastronomic Sciences. A permanent member and an alternate member are appointed by the Board of Directors from among the executives of the Ministry of Education, University, and Research, on the designation of the Ministry itself.
- 18.3 The members of the Board of Auditors will be in office for three years, and in any case until the date of approval of the final balance sheet of the year in which the mandate expires and can be confirmed.
- 18.4 Within the Board of Auditors, the less represented gender has at least one member.
- 18.5 The Board of Auditors examines the budget forecasts, the relative variations, and the final balance, drawing up specific reports; performs quarterly cash audits and ensures regular bookkeeping and accounting records.

Article 19

Teachers Disciplinary Committee

- 19.1 The Disciplinary Committee is made up of 3 members, of which:
- Two members outside the University, appointed by the Board of Directors from among permanent full or associate professors and full-time permanent researchers belonging to an Italian university;
 - A permanent full or associate professor or a full-time researcher of the University, elected by full and associate professors and full-time researchers of the University.
- 19.2 Participation in the Disciplinary Committee does not result in the payment of compensation, emoluments, indemnities, or reimbursement of expenses.
- 19.3 The Disciplinary Committee remains has a term of three academic years.
- 19.4 The Disciplinary Committee, on the proposal of the rector who is responsible to initiate disciplinary proceedings against the professors and researchers of the University, is given the power to carry out the investigation phase of the proceedings in compliance with the principles of confidentiality and judicial equality and in compliance with the adversarial principle. In turn, for the offense committed by the Rector, the most senior full professor of the committee will take over the responsibility to initiate Disciplinary proceedings.
- 19.5 The preliminary proceedings end with the formulation of a proposal for a provision, dismissal, or sanction which is sent to the Board of Directors who shall decide on the matter.
- 19.6 The Board of Directors applies the sanction in accordance with the binding opinion of the Disciplinary Committee or orders the dismissal of the procedure.

Article 20

Student Council

- 20.1 The Student Council is an advisory body of the University and performs the function of coordinating student representation.
- 20.2 In particular, the Student Council:
- a) formulates proposals and, if requested, expresses opinions on issues relating to academic activities, student services, and the right to study;
 - b) expresses opinions on the organization of part-time services for students to support academic and research activities and the right to study;

- c) establishes the regulation for its own functioning, which must be approved by the Board of Directors

20.3 The Student Council is made up of male and female students in each collegiate body of the University, in which their participation is expected.

20.4 The Student Council elects a President from among its members, who remain in office for one academic year.

20.5 In the event of failure to appoint the Student Council, the Board of Directors, having heard the student representatives, shall delegate its functions to the Student Association that has the highest representation of students in the university.

Article 21

Laboratories and Research Centers

21.1 The University, with the decision of the Board of Directors and on the proposal of the Academic Council, can establish Laboratories and Research Centers to promote and carry out research activities with specific objectives, entrusting their management to university professors or specialized technicians with proven professional experience.

21.2 The establishment of Laboratories and Research Centers can also take place in collaboration with other institutions, Italian and foreign universities, and non-universities, through special agreements with both Italian and foreign public and private bodies.

21.3 The organization and functioning of the Laboratories and Research Centers are governed by the respective regulations approved by the Board of Directors.

Article 22

Library

22.1. The Library is a service and support structure for the University's academic, learning, and research experiences. It is divisible into sections, even decentralized units, which in any case make up a single system.

22.2. The organization of the Library and the services it provides are governed by a specific regulation approved by the Board of Directors.

Article 23

Technical-administrative staff

23.1 The overall organization of the technical-administrative staff is entrusted to the Director General under the guidelines approved by the Board of Directors.

23.2 The human resources management, the legal status, and the remuneration of the technical-administrative staff and the Director General of the University are determined by the Board of Directors and by the company employment contracts under private law.

Article 24

Teaching Staff

24.1 The teachings are given by full and associate professors at the University, as well as by researchers, based on the provisions of current legislation.

24.2 Based on the provisions of current legislation, contracts for academic and research activities can be stipulated with Professors, Lecturers, and Researchers of other Universities, including foreign individuals. Furthermore, such contracts can be established with scholars and experts of Italian or foreign origin who have proven professional and scientific qualifications unrelated to academic roles. These contracts, governed by private law and of variable duration, are renewable. However, they do not constitute - unless otherwise indicated - subordinate employment relationships and therefore do not give rise to the obligations to pay social security and welfare contributions envisaged for employees, and in any case, do not give rights regarding access to university roles.

24.3 To encourage the training and improvement of young teachers and for collaboration in teaching and research activities, the University can stipulate fixed-term contracts with young Italian or foreign graduates or Ph.D. holders, even for subordinate work provided that the conditions are met. These private law contracts are renewable and do not give rise to rights regarding access to university roles.

24.4 The remuneration of Contract Professors and the regulation of their activities are established by the Board of Directors and/or by the Executive Committee, in accordance with the relevant legislation.

24.5 The teaching activity at the University entails respect for the guiding principles of the University itself.

Article 25

The legal status of teaching staff

25.1 University Professors and Researchers are guaranteed legal status and economic, career, and retirement benefits, no less than that provided for full Professors and Researchers of State Universities.

25.2 The Board of Directors has the right to determine a supplementary remuneration for the benefit of the University's professors and researchers, granted on a merit basis, in compliance with the general principles of the law.

25.3 The current legal provisions for state universities shall apply to the selection and appointment of professors and the selection of fixed-term researchers, full professors, and researchers.

Article 26

Right to Study

26.1 The University, within the scope of its autonomy and competencies, shall adopt the necessary measures to ensure the right to study, with particular attention given to skilled and deserving students who hail from poor economic conditions.

26.2 For this purpose, the University can enter into special agreements with other institutions including public and private, Italian, and foreign, to provide services to students.

26.3 The University guarantees favorable study conditions to its students for developing their cultural education and promotes their entry into the world of work. This shall be achieved through the assignment of tuition fee waivers, the provision of scholarships, prizes, and any other support deemed suitable for the most skilled and deserving students without means.

Article 27

Prohibition of distribution of profits and operating surpluses and transfer of assets

27.1 It is forbidden to distribute, even indirectly, any profits, operating surpluses, funds, reserves, or capital during the life of the University in favor of administrators, partners, participants, workers, or collaborators, unless the purpose or distribution is strictly imposed by law. Any profits and operating surpluses must be compulsorily reinvested exclusively for the development of functional activities for the pursuit of the institutional purpose of social solidarity.

27.2 In the event that the University's activities are discontinued or terminated for any reason, its asset ownership shall be transferred entirely to the " Association of Friends of the University of Gastronomic Sciences", or to another non-commercial body indicated by the latter which carries out an analogous institutional activity, unless otherwise required by law.

Article 28

Final Rules

28.1 For anything not explicitly provided for in this Statute, the rules of the university system and, where applicable, the current regulations shall apply.

28.2 All the internal rules and provisions previously issued that conflict with this Statute and with the Regulations set forth by the same shall be repealed.

28.3 This Statute shall come into effect on the date of publication in the Official Gazette.

28.4 The rules stipulating the composition of the Board of Directors, pursuant to article 7, and the Executive Committee, pursuant to article 10, shall come into effect from the first renewal of these bodies after the date of publication of this Statute.