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DECISION
NO. 197 of 23.11.2015

approving the revision of codes and regulations of the Western University „Vasile Goldis” Arad,
as recommended by the committee of institutional evaluation of ARACIS

The Senate of Western University „Vasile Goldis” Arad met in session of 23.11.2015, considering:

- Law of National Education no 1/05.01.2011, with subsequent amendments;
- Law 240/23.04.2002 regarding the founding of Western University „Vasile Goldis” Arad;
- Law no. 288/2004, on the organization of university studies;
- Law no. 87/2006 for the approval of the Government Emergency Ordinance no. 75/2005 of quality assurance in education;
- Law no. 319 of 8th of July 2003 regarding the status of staff in research-development, with subsequent amendments;
- Provisions of Government Ordinance no. 57/2002 regarding the Scientific Research and Technological Development;
- Provisions of G.D. no. 404 of 29th of March, 2006 on organizing and conducting the master studies;
- Provisions of G.D. no. 1011 of 8th of October, 2001, on the organization and functioning of distance learning and part-time learning in the higher education institutions;
- Provisions of G.D. no. 1418/2006, for the approval of the Methodology of external evaluation, standards, reference standards and the list of performance indicators of Romanian Agency of Quality Assurance in Higher Education;
- Government Decision no. 681/2011 regarding the approval of Code of doctoral university studies;
- Provisions of G.D. no. 575 of 15th of July, 2015, regarding the approval of the Nomenclature of domains and specializations/university study programs and the structure of higher education institutions for the academic year 2015-2016, amended and supplemented by GD 781/2015;
- Provisions of G.D. no. 595 of 22nd of July, 2015, regarding the domains and university study programs of master accredited and the maximum number of students that can be schooled in academic year 2015-2016, and also the domains of university studies of doctorate within the higher education institutions, amended and supplemented by GD 778/2015;
- Provisions of MECSI Order no. 146 of 25th of March, 2014, regarding the approval of the specific procedure of periodic external evaluation of university study domains of master, accredited;
- Provision of University Charter of the Western University „Vasile Goldis” Arad;
- ARACIS report of institutional in view of external evaluation of academic quality of UVVG no. 142/15.01.2015;
- The assent of the Board.

Under its responsibilities,

DECIDES:

Art. 1. It is approved the Code of quality assurance in education in Western University „Vasile Goldis” of Arad, in revised form, as recommended by the committee of institutional evaluation of ARACIS, presented in the appendix, integrant part of this decision.

Art. 2. It is approved the Regulation of organization and functioning of the Committee on Curriculum, Human Resources, Academic Titles of Western University „Vasile Goldis” of Arad, in revised form, as recommended by the committee of institutional evaluation of ARACIS, presented in the appendix, integrant part of this decision.

Art. 3. The provisions of this decision will be carried out by the Rector of the Western University „Vasile Goldis” of Arad, PhD Coralia Adina Cotoraci, the Director of the Department of Quality Assurance PhD Maior Corneliu and it is communicated to:

- The Faculties/branches;
- Department of Quality Assurance;
- Legal department.

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CODE OF QUALITY ASSURANCE OF EDUCATION

In WESTERN UNIVERSITY „VASILE GOLDIS” of ARAD

CHAPTER 1 **GENERAL DISPOSITIONS**

Art. 1. This **code** regulates the quality assurance of education, with predilection on teaching and learning, learning environment, relevant links with research and innovation in the Western University „Vasile Goldis” of Arad.

Art. 2. The term of „quality assurance” in this code is used to describe all activities in the cycle of continuous improvement, so that the study programs and the services offered to meet the expectations of beneficiaries (internal and external stakeholders) and to observe the standards and guidelines for quality assurance in the European Space of Higher Education (ESG).

Art. 3. This code is developed in the spirit of legal regulations:

- Law of National Education no. 1/2011, with subsequent amendments;
- Law no. 87/2006 for the approval of G.E.O. 75/2005 regarding the quality assurance of education, amended and supplemented by G.E.O. 75/2011;
- A.R.A.C.I.S. methodology and guides regarding the assurance of quality of study programs at the institutional level;
- The Charter of Western University „Vasile Goldis” of Arad

CHAPTER II **OBJECTIVES, PRINCIPLES, STANDARDS AND GUIDELINES** **FOR INTERNAL QUALITY ASSURANCE**

Art. 4. The objectives of this **code** are the following:

- a) to provide professional and ethical guidelines for all those involved in the process of teaching-learning-scientific research and in the academic management;
- b) to serve as support for developing and implementing the policies of self-evaluation/continuous development of education quality in UVVG of Arad;
- c) to ensure transparency, objectivity and fairness in the relations between the evaluators and the evaluated persons;
- d) to promote confidence in applying the criteria and procedures for evaluating the quality in the university.

Art. 5. The general principles required by the code of quality assurance that must be respected and promoted by the members of academic community within Western University „Vasile Goldis” of Arad are the following:

- the principle of legality;

- the principle of centering the education on student;
- the principle of independence of ideologies, religions and political doctrines;
- the principle of consultation of partners in decision-making
- the principle of respecting the rights and freedom of students and teaching staff
- the principle of transparency
- the principle of managerial and financial efficiency
- the principle of equity
- the principle of university autonomy and public accountability
- the principle of academic freedom
- the principle of professionalism
- the principle of exigency with itself in relationships with students and other members of the academic community

Art. 6. This code aims to achieve in the Western University „Vasile Goldis” Arad the standards and guidelines for quality assurance in the European Space of Higher Education (ESG), with reference to:

- quality assurance policy
- designing and approving the programs
- learning, teaching and evaluating centering on student
- admission, evolution, recognition and certification of students
- teaching staff
- learning resources and student support
- management of information
- public information

CHAPTER III METHODOLOGY OF EDUCATION QUALITY ASSURANCE

Art. 7. Education quality assurance is mainly centred on results. The results are expressed in knowledge, professional and transversal skills, values and aptitudes that are obtained by attending and graduating a level of education or study program.

Art. 8. Quality assurance methodology in education includes the following components:

- a) criteria,
- b) standards and reference standards,
- c) performance indicators,
- d) qualifications.

Art. 9 Quality in education is assured by the following processes:

- a) planning and effective performance of expected results of learning;
- b) monitoring the results;
- c) internal evaluation of results;
- d) external evaluation of results.

Art. 10. Components and quality assurance processes and the relations between them are differentiated by:

- a) level of education and, where appropriate, of qualification;
- b) type of organization providing education;
- c) type of study program.

Art. 11. Quality assurance of education refers to the following areas and criteria:

A. Institutional capacity, resulting from internal organization, from infrastructure available, defined by the following criteria:

- a) institutional, administrative and management structures;

- b) the material
- c) human resources.

B. Educational effectiveness, which consists in mobilizing resources in order to achieve the expected results of learning, effected by the following criteria:

- a) content of study programs;
- b) the results of learning
- c) activity of methodical or scientific research, as appropriate;
- d) financial activity of the organization.

C. Quality management, effected by the following criteria:

- a) strategies and procedures for quality assurance;
- b) procedures for initiating, monitoring and periodic review of programs and activities conducted;
- c) objective and transparent procedures for assessing the learning results;
- d) procedures of periodic evaluation of the teaching staff quality;
- e) the availability of adequate learning;
- f) systematically updated database, related to internal quality assurance;
- g) transparency of public information on study programs and, where appropriate, the certificates, diplomas and qualifications offered;
- h) functionality of education quality assurance structures, according to the law.

CHAPTER IV ORGANIZATION OF QUALITY ASSURANCE

Art. 12. The system of quality assurance contains an organizational structure which includes:

- Committee for Evaluation and Quality Assurance (C.E.A.C.)
- Committees for Quality Assurance in faculties;
- Pro-rector for programs of bachelor, master, quality assurance and student issues
- Department for Quality Assurance (D.A.C.)

Art. 13. (1) The nominal composition of the C.E.A.C. Committee complies with the legal provisions, it is chosen by ballot and it is approved by the University Senate.

(2) The Committee for evaluation and quality assurance (C.E.A.C) is a structure that performs the internal evaluation of the quality of educational services and scientific research in the university and is chaired by the rector.

(3) As a support structure of C.E.A.C. operates the Department for Quality Assurance (D.A.C.) headed by a director, who develops and implements an integrated system of quality assurance in departments, faculties and braches, according to the Law of National Education no. 1/2011, to the requirements of ARACIS standards and ensures the achievement of quality education and services, institutional diversity, centring on student and encouraging the performance in education and research.

(4) The activity of C.E.A.C and D.A.C. is established by the Rules of organization and operation approved by the University Senate.

Art. 14. All quality structures work in an integrated way, based on strategies, plans and programs prepared, proposing measures to improve the quality of education, analyzed in the D.A.C. department's bimonthly meetings and the meetings of faculties' boards.

Art. 15. The integrated quality assurance system benefits of an important input of the representatives of internal stakeholders (students, master graduates, PhDs, employees) and external stakeholders.

Art. 16. The quality of services is officially recognized by the management system certification, according to the provisions of standard SREN I.S.O. 9001:2008 with the certificates S.R.A.C and IQNet.

CHAPTER V FINAL DISPOSITIONS

Art. 17. Legal instruments the applying this **code** are provided by internal regulations, general and operational procedures, annexed to Quality Manual, Edition II, 2013, approved in the University Senate.

Art. 18. Application of quality assurance code does not exclude and does not replace the legal rights and obligations contained in other regulations related to quality assurance.

Art. 19. This code of quality assurance, in revised form, was assented in the meeting of the Board in 23.11.2015 and approved in the Senate meeting in 23.11.2015.

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PhD CORALIA-ADINA COTORACI
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