

CHARTER OF THE CZECH HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS UNION

PART ONE GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 1

Opening provisions

- (1) The name of the association is **Česká středoškolská unie, z. s.**, herein after referred to as the „Union“ or „association“
- (2) The official abbreviation of the association is **ČSU**.
- (3) The association's headquarters is **Plodivská 3426/9, Prague 4 – Modřany**.
- (4) The association operates in the territory of the **Czech Republic**.
- (5) The legal form is a **civic association** in terms of Act No. 89/2012 Coll. Civil Code of Law, in the version of later amendments.

Article 2

Aims, purpose and activities of the association

- (1) The goal of the Czech High School Students Union, z. s. is to overarch, promote and defend the interests of high school students in the Czech.
- (2) The purpose of the Union is to actively seek for:
 - a) improvement the quality of secondary education;
 - b) general education, development and mobility of the high school students;
 - c) consideration of the views of high school students on the shape of their education;
 - d) Establishing a dialogue between school student councils and public authorities.
- (3) The Union is extensively active in the following fields
 - a) represents high school students;
 - b) promotes own ideas on the form and structure of the secondary education;
 - c) carries out projects and initiatives related to education;
 - d) organises educational, cultural, sport or other events related to education;
 - e) supports the activity of the high school students' self-governing bodies, educational projects and education-focused organisations;
- (4) The union develops a secondary economic activity.

PART TWO

MEMBERSHIP

Article 3

Membership in the association

- (1) The Union associates a natural persons that have reached 15 years of age. The member of the Union may be a grammar school student, a high school student, or a student of any other secondary school registered at the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports (hereinafter "high school"); in properly justified cases also a high school graduate.
- (2) The Union membership starts with the day of the Board's resolution of acceptance of the application based on submitted application.
- (3) The Union membership is terminated by the day:
 - a) when Board receives a withdrawal request;
 - b) of the 1st January the year following the completion of one's high school studies, due to member's request, the Board is permitted to grant an exception;
 - c) of Board's decision to exclude a member;
 - d) death.
- (4) In certain justified cases a member can be excluded from the Union, namely on the base of not complying with the conditions declared in the Charter, or the Union's internal regulations. Other reasons for exclusion might include untrue and dishonest behaviour in relation to the Union or one's long-term inactivity.

Article 4

Rights and requirements of the Union members

- (1) The member of the Union has a right to:
 - a) attend the sessions of the General Assembly;
 - b) propose resolutions of the General Assembly;
 - c) be elected to the Union's autonomous bodies as specified by Clause 9, paragraph 4;
 - d) Submit proposals, reminders and complaints to the bodies of the Union and to be informed about their resolution.
 - e) be informed by the Board about the Union's activity;
- (2) The member of the Union is required to:
 - a) obey the Charter and other internal regulations of the Union;
 - b) conscientiously perform his task in the bodies of the Union;
 - c) preserve the good name of the Union.

Article 5

Delegation by students' self-governing bodies

- (1) A member of the Union may be delegated by the students' self-governing body according to § 21 par. 1 letter d) of the law n. 561/2004 Coll., about preschool, elementary, secondary and other education, in the version of later amendments (hereinafter "Student Council") operating on a

secondary school registered in the Schools and the Ministry of Education facilities register; by a delegation it is understood that: said member is authorised to represent a Student council in the Union, with a mandate valid for a maximum of one year. A latter school delegation revokes the mandate of the previous one. One Student Council can only have one delegate and one student may be delegated to the Union by only one Student Council.

- (2) Students' self-governing body issues a confirmation of a delegation, which certifies that its' representative is, by the means of his function or based on supplementary statement, allowed to act in its name; the declaration must contain a specific term of its validity (a mandate) and a signature of an appropriate employee of a school, the headmaster or a member of the School Council of said school.
- (3) A delegation is valid from the day of the application's approval by the Board, based on a received and valid authorisation.
- (4) A delegation is revoked by:
 - a) the day the Unions' Board receives a formal revocation;
 - b) the day of expiry of the delegations' mandate;
 - c) the Boards' justified decision of revocation.
- (5) In certain justified cases a delegation may be revoked, namely on the basis of the delegate not complying with the conditions declared in the Charter, or the Union's internal regulations.

Article 6

Other rights and duties of member delegated by the students' self-governing body

- (1) The member of the Union delegated by the students' self-governing body (hereinafter "Delegate") has, expanding upon the clause 4, a right to:
 - a) Vote for the declarations of the General Assembly;
 - b) Vote about the elections and revocations as specified in Clause 9, paragraph 4.
- (2) The Delegate is, furthering the clause 4, required to:
 - a) pay the defined membership fee;
 - b) on request, inform the Board about the activity of the students' self-governing body by which he is delegated, according to the terms of the internal regulations of the Union;
 - c) inform the Board about the unexpected expiration of his delegation.

PART THREE

BODIES

Article 7

Acting in the name of the Union

The union is represented and signed for by either the Chairman or the Vice-Chairman; both of them are allowed to do so separately.

Article 8

The Union's Bodies

- (1) Central bodies of the Union are the General Assembly, the Board and the Supervisory Board. Resolutions of the Union's bodies are binding for all members of the Union. A record is kept from every session of any central body.

- (2) The Board is able to establish advisory bodies of the Union.

Article 9

General Assembly

- (1) The General Assembly is the highest governing body of the Union.
- (2) A General Assembly meeting is convened, moderated, and terminated by the Board. It must take place at least twice a year; and within thirty days on the request of at least one third of all Delegates.
- (3) The General Assembly shall decide on all matters concerning the Union; It acts exclusively upon:
 - a) the amendments to the Charter;
 - b) the amount and due terms of the membership fee.
- (4) The General Assembly elects and dismisses:
 - a) the Chairman, the 1st Vice-Chairman, 2nd Vice-Chairman of the Union and the other members of the Board;
 - b) Members of the Supervisory Board.
- (5) The General Assembly is able to negotiate and pass resolutions if at least more than a half of the Delegates are present.
- (6) Confirmation of a resolution requires the approval of a majority of present Delegates. For the confirmation of a resolution specified in paragraph 3a) consent of a two-thirds majority of all Delegates is required.
- (7) For the election under paragraph 4 requires approval by a simple majority of the present Delegates. For a dismissal defined pursuant to paragraph 4, approval of a majority of all Delegates is required.

Article 10

The Board

- (1) The Board is the governing and executive body of the Union.
- (2) The Board has seven members. The Chairman, the 1st & 2nd Vice-Chairman of the Union and four other Board members. The mandate of Board members lasts for one year. For the position of a Member of the Board, only a member of the Union at least sixteen years old can be elected. In case of the positions of a Chairman and the 1st Vice-chairman, the applicant must be an over eighteen years old and fully legally competent person.
- (3) The mandate of a member of the Board begins on the day of the election.
- (4) The mandate of a member of the Board shall expire on:
 - a) the expiration of the term;
 - b) a justified revocation;
 - c) a formal notice of resignation to the Board of Supervisory Board;
 - d) termination of the membership in the Union.

- (5) A board meeting is convened, moderated, and terminated by the Chairman of the Union. In his absence or in case of mutual agreement, this can be done by the 1st Vice-Chairman of the Union. It is held at least once every thirty days; it will be convened within three days, if requested by at least two members of the Board. A Board meeting can be performed using the technical means of remote communication.
- (6) The Board shall act on all matters related to the management of the Union and shall act exclusively on the following:
- a) admission of a Union's membership;
 - b) exclusion of a member of the Union;
 - c) conformation of a delegation;
 - d) rejection of a delegation;
 - e) withdrawal of a delegation;
 - f) issuing, amending and repealing the internal regulations, with the exception of the Parliamentary procedures of the Supervisory Board;
 - g) the appointment and dismissal of members of the Secretariat;
 - h) the establishment and abolition of an advisory body of the Union;
 - i) the nomination and dismissal of the advisory body of the Union;
 - j) convening a meeting of the General Assembly.
- (7) The Board shall administrate a list of members of the Union.
- (8) The Board is able to negotiate and pass resolutions if it's meeting is attended by a majority of its members.
- (9) Confirmation of a resolution requires the approval by an overall majority of all members of The Board.

Article 11

The Supervisory Board

- (1) The Supervisory Board is the supervisory body of the Union.
- (2) The Supervisory Board consists of at least three and no more than five members. The mandate for members of The Supervisory Board lasts for three years. Only an over eighteen years old and fully legally competent member of the Union with no criminal record may be elected. The person also must have acted as a member/Chairman/Vice-Chairman of The Board for at least 6 months.
- (3) The Supervisory Board elects and dismisses the Chairman of The Supervisory Board among members of The Supervisory Board.
- (4) Members of the Supervisory Board are entitled to access all documents of the Union and take part in every meeting of all organs of the Union; the floor is granted at their request. Members of the Supervisory Board cannot be excluded from the Union without the consent of the National Assembly.
- (5) The function of a member of the Supervisory Board begins on the day the election.
- (6) The office of a member of the Supervisory Board shall expire on:
- a) expiration of the mandate;

- b) dismissal;
 - c) the date The Board receives the notice about abdication.
 - d) termination of membership in the Union.
- (7) A meeting of The Supervisory Board is convened, moderated and terminated by the Chairman of The Supervisory Board. It must take place at least twice a year. If a member of The Supervisory Board or at least one third of all Delegates requests a meeting, the Chairman of The Supervisory Board must convene it within seven days. A meeting of The Supervisory Board may be performed using the technical means of remote communication.
- (8) The Supervisory Board acts on all matters related to monitoring activities and management of the Union; it acts exclusively upon:
- a) legally binding interpretation of the Statute;
 - b) revocation of an internal regulation or a part of it, if in discrepancy between the internal regulation and the Country law or the Union's Charter;
 - c) revocation of the Board's resolution if in conflict with law, the Union's Charter, internal regulations or a resolution of The General Assembly or The Supervisory Board;
 - d) reassessment of a Board's resolution, expulsion of a member of the Union or withdrawal of the delegation if it hasn't been properly and sufficiently justified;
 - e) approval of a delegation in case the Board rejected it without proper justification or hadn't reviewed it at all;
 - f) convening a meeting of the General Assembly in case it hasn't been called by the Board pursuant to the Charter or in case of some other very serious misconduct of the Board;
 - g) relasing and amending the Rules of Procedure and he Supervisory Board Rules of Procedure.
- (9) The Supervisory Board is able to negotiate and pass resolutions if the absolute majority of it's members is present.
- (10) Confirmation of a resolution requires the approval of a majority of present members of The Supervisory Board.

Article 12

The Secretariat

- (1) The Secretariat shall ensure the performance of the Board's resolutions and perform the activities that the Board or the internal regulations suggest.
- (2) The activities of the Secretariat are managed by the Board.

PART FOUR MANAGEMENT

Article 13: the Principles of Union's property management

- (1) The Union independently manages its' property and uses it to support its activities. The property of the Union is managed by the Board and to an agreed upon extent separately by the Chairman and the first Vice-Chairman of the Union.
- (2) The Union shall receive funding for its operations from:
 - a) Membership fees;
 - b) Donations, grants and subsidies;
 - c) Income from its assets;

- d) Its own side businesses.
- (3) The Union shall hold a transparent bank account.
- (4) The Union keeps tax records.

PART FIVE

INTERNAL REGULATIONS

Article 14

Internal regulations of the Union

- (1) The details not specified in this Charter are further modified and supplemented by internal regulations, which are binding for all members of the Union.
- (2) Internal regulations are namely:
 - a) Rules of Procedure;
 - b) The General Assembly Rules of Procedure;
 - c) The Board Rules of Procedure;
 - d) The Supervisory Board Rules of Procedure;
 - e) Standards for admission of members of the Union;
 - f) Standards for recognition of a delegation's confirmation.

PART SIX

COMMON, TRANSITIONAL AND FINAL PROVISIONS

Article 15

Common provisions

- (1) The Board convenes a session of the General Assembly at least thirty days before expiration of the term of mandate of its Members. There elections are held according to Clause 9, paragraph 4 point a). The mandate of Board Members shall terminate immediately after the start of the elections.
- (2) If in between two sessions of the General Assembly a Board member's or a member's of the Supervisory Board mandate expires, the Board shall convene a General Assembly session within thirty days on which a supplementary election will be held, according to the fourth paragraph of Clause 9. The mandate of the newly elected Board member expires with the date of expiration as per the first mandate of the regularly elected members of the Board.
- (3) If in between two sessions of the General Assembly all the Board members' mandates expire, the Supervisory Board shall convene a General Assembly session within thirty days on which an election will be held, according to the fourth paragraph of Clause 9. Such session shall be moderated by the Supervisory Board.

Article 16

Transitional provisions

- (1) The legal form is a civic association in accordance with Act No. 83/1990 Coll., about the association of citizens, as further supplemented by other regulations.
- (2) Until the establishment of the Supervisory Board, the Preparatory Committee shall exercise its powers; the establishment of the Supervisory Board means the election of at least three of its members.

- (3) The following shall be governed by and relationships arising under the Charter approved by the preparatory committee of 1st March 2013.

Article 17

Effective date

- (1) This Charter takes effect upon the 11th November 2013, with the exception of Clause 1, paragraph 5, which shall take effect on the date of entry into force of Act No. 89/2012 Coll., the Civil Code of Law.
- (2) Clause 16, paragraph 1 shall expire on the date of entry into force of Act No. 89/2012 Coll., Civil Code of Law.