

## **Chapter 1: Name, Place of Domicile and Objectives**

**Article 1.** VIA University College is an independent institution in the sphere of public administration with registered address in the Municipality of Aarhus in Central Denmark Region (Region Midtjylland) and is governed by the Danish law applicable to university colleges of professionally oriented higher education (Lov om professionshøjskoler). The Central Business Register (CVR) number of VIA University College is 30 77 30 47.

**Article 2.** VIA University College was established on 10 August 2007.

**Article 3.** The objectives of VIA University College shall be to provide and develop higher education programmes and further and continuing education in compliance with international standards and requirements for qualified labour in the private as well as public sector.

3.2. VIA University College shall secure that the scholarly foundation of the programmes provided is characterized by professional orientation and is based on research and development, for example through cooperation with relevant research institutions, cf. section 5(2) of the Danish law applicable to university colleges of professionally oriented higher education.

3.3. VIA University College shall meet the requirements for the provision of professionally oriented bachelor degree programmes, the Academy Profession programmes (2-year professionally oriented higher education programmes) and further and continuing education thereto related in Central Denmark Region.

3.4. However, as determined by the Danish Ministry of Education, VIA University College shall in a working relationship with one or more university colleges meet the requirements of the Region or any geographical area for one or more of the aforesaid programmes or meet the requirements of the whole nation or specific parts thereof for one or more of the aforesaid programmes.

3.5. VIA University College shall contribute to meeting the students' requirements for a varied selection of programmes and study environments of diverse identities and cultures.

3.6. VIA University College shall develop existing and new professionally oriented bachelor degree programmes, the Academy Profession programmes (2-year professionally oriented higher education programmes) and further and continuing education thereto related, perform research and development work and manage knowledge centre functions. It shall contribute, for example through national and international cooperation and through the development of knowledge and qualifications, to regional and national development and growth of trade and industry and professions, including in rural areas.

3.7. VIA University College shall cooperate strategically and specifically with one or more Danish universities. Furthermore, VIA University College shall cooperate with other relevant research environments and with the trades and professions at which the programmes of VIA University College are targeted.

3.8. VIA University College shall have a system for processing cases of credit transfer and assessing prior or experiential learning that is transparent and coherent and which provides students with a uniform and quick processing of application forms in this field.

3.9. VIA University College shall have a system for quality assurance and evaluation of quality development of education, research and development work and knowledge centre function and shall be under an obligation to provide information hereof.

3.10. VIA University College may also provide general youth education, including academic preparatory courses and vocational youth education if the institutions merging with VIA University College were approved for providing such programmes at the time of the merger.

3.11. Furthermore, it is the objective of VIA University College to serve as resource centre according to sections 1 and 2 of the Danish law applicable to resource centres.

3.12. Furthermore, according to agreement in writing hereon, it is the objective of VIA University College to manage specific administrative tasks for other educational institutions, cf. section 8 of the Danish law applicable to university colleges of professionally oriented higher education.

3.13. It is furthermore the objective of VIA University College subject to approval by the Danish Minister of Education to carry on student hostel activities, cf. section 10 of the Danish law applicable to university colleges of professionally oriented higher education.

3.14. The objectives of VIA University College shall be to provide professionally oriented higher education programmes and further and continuing education thereto related abroad as separate commercial, income-generating activities, cf. section 10(a) of the Danish law applicable to university colleges of professionally oriented higher education

## Chapter 2: Composition of the Board

**Article 4.** VIA University College shall be governed by a Board consisting of 15 members entitled to vote.

4.2. The Board shall be composed as follows:

1)

1 member shall be appointed by Central Denmark Region Development Forum (Vækstforum for Region Midtjylland).

1 member shall be appointed by The University of Aarhus.

1 member shall be appointed by The Academy of Professional Higher Education in Aarhus (Erhvervsakademi Århus), cf. section 14(1) of the Danish Law applicable to university colleges of professionally oriented higher education.

1 member shall be appointed by The Academy of Professional Higher Education MidtVest (Erhvervsakademi MidtVest), cf. section 14(1) of the Danish Law applicable to university colleges of professionally oriented higher education.

1 member shall be appointed by The Academy of Professional Higher Education North East (Erhvervsakademi Nord Øst), cf. section 14(1) of the Danish Law applicable to university colleges of professionally oriented higher education.

1 member shall be appointed by the Confederation of Professionals in Denmark (FTF, Fællesrådet for Tjenestemænd og Funktionærer).

3 members shall be appointed by co-option. These members shall be interested in and have a thorough knowledge of the programmes/field of action of VIA University College and insight into the requirements of the public as well as private labour markets for professionally oriented higher education. The co-opted members shall furthermore supplement the Board's competencies by means of their knowledge and experience from public as well as private undertakings, strategic management, organisation and economy.

- But, in a transitional period from 1 January 2008 to 30 April 2010, the Board shall consist of 17 members and shall be appointed as follows:

1 member shall be appointed by the Central Denmark Region Development Forum.

1 member shall be appointed by The University of Aarhus.

1 member shall be appointed by The Academy of Professional Higher Education in Aarhus (Erhvervsakademi Århus), cf. section 14(1) of the Danish Law applicable to university colleges of professionally oriented higher education.

1 member shall be appointed by The Academy of Professional Higher Education MidtVest (Erhvervsakademi MidtVest), cf. section 14(1) of the Danish Law applicable to university colleges of professionally oriented higher education.

1 member shall be appointed by The Academy of Professional Higher Education North East (Erhvervsakademi Nord Øst), cf. section 14(1) of the Danish Law applicable to university colleges of professionally oriented higher education.

1 member shall be appointed by the Confederation of Professionals in Denmark (FTF).

3 members shall be appointed by the Board as recommended by the Boards of the Centres of Higher Education (CVUs): Alpha Centre for Higher Education, University College Mid-West, University College Vita, University College Jutland and University College Vitus Bering Denmark, jointly.

1 member shall be appointed by the Board as recommended by the Board of TEKO.

1 member shall be appointed by co-option. This member shall be interested in and have a thorough knowledge of the programmes/field of action of VIA University College and insight into the requirements of the public as well as private sectors for professionally oriented higher education. The co-opted member shall furthermore supplement the Board's competencies by means of his/her knowledge and experience from public as well as private undertakings, strategic management, organisation and economy.

2) 2 members shall be appointed by the Region Council and the Municipal Councils in the Region, jointly.

3) 2 members shall be elected by and from among the students of VIA University College.

4) 2 members shall be elected by and from among the staff of VIA University College. Members elected by the staff shall be protected against dismissal and other deterioration of their circumstances in the same way as trade union representatives in relevant or similar areas.

4.3. The composition of the Board should be equally divided between women and men.

4.4. Pursuant to article 2(1) the staff and students of VIA University College cannot be appointed as external members of the Board.

4.5. The Rector, cf. article 15, who is Secretary to the Board, shall participate in the meetings of the Board, but without the right to vote.

**Article 5.** The members of the Board shall contribute to promote and encourage the strategic activities of VIA University College by means of their experience of and scholarly insight into professionally oriented bachelor degree programmes, the Academy Profession programmes (2-year professionally oriented higher education programmes) orientated towards private and public occupations and industries and professions and by means of their insight into the requirements of the private and public labour market for professionally oriented higher education, cf. sections 3 and 4 of the Danish law applicable to university colleges of professionally oriented higher education.

5.2. The external members, cf. article 4(2)(1), shall furthermore include members with a thorough experience from public as well as private undertakings of strategic management, organisation and economy, including an assessment/evaluation of budget and accounts/annual report.

**Article 6.** The term of office of the Board shall be four years and shall run from the first coming 1 May after holding the election for local governments. The term of office of the Board first appointed according to article 4 shall terminate on 30 April 2010.

6.2. Retiring members are eligible for re-election. For co-opted members, re-election can only take place once.

6.3. In case a member should no longer qualify as member, cf. section 14(6) of the Danish law applicable to university colleges of professionally oriented higher education, such member shall immediately retire from the Board. The relevant institution shall appoint a new member as soon as possible to serve out the remaining time of the term of office.

6.4. In case an employee or a student at VIA University College should no longer qualify for election as member of the Board, the membership shall immediately terminate.

## Chapter 3: Duties and Responsibilities of the Board

**Article 7.** The Board shall be responsible for the management of VIA University College.

7.2. The Board shall define the objectives and strategy of the programmes and related activities of VIA University College on the short and on the long view and shall approve the budget and accounts/annual report.

7.3. The Board shall enter into a development contract with the Minister of Education.

7.4. The Board shall stipulate the Articles of Association of VIA University College.

7.5. The Board shall stipulate the organisation of VIA University College in the Articles of Association as recommended by Rector. The organisation of VIA University College shall be designed so as to ensure:

1) That the students' requirements for varied and local provision of diverse educational programmes and study environments of diverse identities and cultures are met,

2) That VIA University College is able to achieve its objectives and manage its duties, and

3) That students are offered an opportunity to have influence on education and teaching.

7.6. The Board shall stipulate guidelines for Rector's and the other higher management's activities.

7.7. The Board shall approve the curricula as recommended by the Educational Committees. The Board may authorise Rector to approve the curricula.

**Article 8.** The Board shall be responsible to the Minister of Education for the operations of VIA University College, including the administration of government grants, etc.

8.2. The members of the Board shall not be personally liable for any liabilities of VIA University College. The Danish general law applicable to damages shall apply to the members of the Board.

**Article 9.** The Board shall administer the funds of VIA University College so as to befit the objectives of VIA University College in the best way possible. Within the scope of this objective and subject to the terms provided for in the law and in pursuance hereof, the Board shall be free to use government grants and other income together.

9.2. With the exception of a necessary amount of cash in hand, the funds of VIA University College shall be deposited according to the provisions set out under section 16(3) and (4) of the Danish law applicable to university colleges of professionally oriented higher education.

9.3. All securities belonging to VIA University College shall be registered in the name of VIA University College.

**Article 10.** The Board shall appoint and dismiss Rector. The Board shall appoint and dismiss other executive officers as recommended by Rector.

10.2. The Board shall comply with the agreed provisions concerning salary and employment conditions stipulated by the Minister of Finance, including pension schemes for the staff employed at VIA University College.

**Article 11.** The Board shall appoint the internal auditor of VIA University College and shall change the auditor according to the rules set out under section 36(2) and (3) of the Danish law applicable to university colleges of professionally oriented higher education.

11.2. The Board shall inform the Danish Ministry of Education and the Office of the Auditor General of Denmark about the internal auditor appointed and about any change of internal auditor.

## Chapter 4: Duties of the Board

**Article 12.** The Board shall elect its Chairman and Deputy Chairman from among the external members, cf. article 4(2)(1).

12.2. The Chairman - and in his/her absence the Deputy Chairman – shall call and chair the meetings of the Board. Furthermore, a meeting shall be held when no less than 3 members of the Board may so demand.

12.3. The Board forms a quorum when no less than fifty per cent of the members is present. All motions shall be decided by a simple majority, but see subarticle 4. In the event of the votes being equal, the Chairman – and in his or her absence - the Deputy Chairman – shall have the casting vote.

12.4. Any motion, submitted to amend these Articles of Association, to purchase, sale or mortgage any real property and regarding a merger or demerger/division, must be carried by a majority voting for the motion of no less than two-thirds of all members of the Board entitled to vote.

12.5. Minutes shall be kept of the decisions made by the Board and shall be signed by all members of the Board. Any member of the Board, who disagrees with a decision made by the Board, shall be entitled to have his opinion recorded in the minute book.

12.6. The Board meeting material, including agendas and minutes, shall be accessible to the general public at the website of VIA University College on the Internet. However, cases, documents or information that fall within the scope of the provisions of the Danish Law applicable to confidentiality shall not be published. Personal files and files in which information about contract negotiations with private business partners or similar negotiations with public business partners form part may be exempted from being published if, in the nature of things or other circumstances, it is deemed necessary.

**Article 13.** Remuneration may be paid to the members of the Board according to the rules set out in the Danish Ministry of Finance circular on separate remuneration, etc.

13.2. Travel expenses and other expenses incurred by the members of the Board in connection with the office shall be defrayed by VIA University College according to the rules on reimbursement of expenses in connection with journeys on government service.

**Article 14.** The Board shall stipulate the rules of procedure and instructions applying to its actions. The rules of procedure and the instructions shall as a minimum define:

- 1) Guidelines for the distribution of work between the Board on the one side and the Rector and the other executive officers of VIA University College on the other side, including a description of the options of delegating.
- 2) Procedures for position taking regarding the administration of VIA University College across faculties, including accounting functions, internal control, IT, organisation and budgeting.
- 3) Procedure for obtaining the information required for the performance of the duties of the Board.
- 4) Procedure for follow up on the plans, budgets, reports on the liquidity, activity developments, financial resources, cash flows, etc., of VIA University College.
- 5) Procedure for and the content of the audit book, etc.
- 6) Procedure for review of interim accounts, etc., during the financial year, including assessing the budget and any variances in this connection.
- 7) Procedure for obtaining the necessary basis for the audit.

14.2. To an extent specifically stipulated and at the Board' responsibility, the Board may authorise Rector to exercise any powers vested in the Board unless it has to do with specific duties requiring the action of the Board.

## Chapter 5: Rector, Educational Committees, the Students' Council and Study Councils

### *Rector*

**Article 15.** Rector shall be responsible for the higher management of the day-to-day affairs of VIA University College within the framework stipulated by the Board. The Rector of VIA University College shall participate in the meetings of the Board without the right to vote, cf. article 4(5). Rector or any person asked by Rector to do so may furthermore participate in meetings, as required, in other collectively composed bodies of VIA University College that have been established by the Board.

15.2. Rector shall recommend to the Board any appointment or dismissal of the higher management of VIA University College.

15.3. Rector or any person authorised by Rector to do so shall appoint and dismiss other staff.

15.4. Rector shall recommend the budget to the Board and shall sign the accounts/annual report.

15.5. In relation to the Board, it shall be Rector's responsibility to secure that

- 1) The education and other tasks shall be carried out in accordance with the legislation that governs the education or assignments and the grants received,
- 2) The budget adopted by the Board shall not be exceeded, and that
- 3) Other activities of VIA University College are in accordance with the Board's decisions and instructions.

15.6. VIA University College shall be bound by the signature of Rector with the exception of transactions concerning real property, cf. article 22.

### *Educational Committees*

**Article 16.** The Board shall set up the following educational committees as recommended by Rector:

I. The educational committee on: **The Bachelor Programme in Relaxation and Psychomotor Therapy** and further and continuing education programmes thereto related.

The educational committee is comprised of 12 members and shall be composed as follows:

1 member shall be appointed by Central Denmark Region.

2 members shall be appointed by the municipalities of Central Denmark Region.

1 member shall be appointed by the General Upper Secondary Schools and Higher Preparatory Examination Schools in Central Denmark Region, jointly. The member may either represent programme management at the relevant departments or persons engaged in giving educational guidance to students.

2 members shall be appointed by the Danish Relaxation Therapists' Union (Danske Afspændingspædagoger) – of whom one member shall represent practice.

1 member who is interested in and having knowledge of the relaxation therapist training and the working field for relaxation therapists shall be appointed by University of Aarhus.

1 member – preferably with an education as relaxation therapist – with experience from research and/or development projects shall be appointed by co-option by and from among the other members of the educational committee.

2 members shall be appointed by and from among the staff within the area of the educational committee concerned.

2 members shall be appointed by and from among the students within the area of the educational committee concerned.

II. The educational committee on: **The Bachelor Programme in Medical Laboratory Technology** and further and continuing education programmes thereto related.

The educational committee is comprised of 12 members and shall be composed as follows:

3 members shall be appointed by Central Denmark Region, Region North Jutland and Region South Denmark, jointly.

1 member shall be appointed by the general Upper Secondary Schools and Higher Preparatory Examination Schools in Central Denmark Region, jointly. The member may either represent programme management at the relevant departments or persons engaged in giving educational guidance to students.

2 members shall be appointed by The Danish Bioanalysts' Union (Danske Bioanalytikere) – of whom one member shall represent practice.

2 members with special insight into the subject area (research/development) shall be appointed by Aarhus University Hospital and Odense University Hospital, respectively.

2 members shall be appointed by and from among the staff within the area of the educational committee concerned.

2 members shall be appointed by and from among the students within the area of the educational committee concerned.

III. The educational committee on: **The Bachelor Programme in Architectural Technology and Construction Management** and further and continuing education programmes thereto related.

The educational committee is comprised of 12 members and shall be composed as follows:

1 member shall be appointed by Central Denmark Region.

1 member shall be appointed by the technical colleges in Central Denmark Region, jointly. The member may either represent programme management at the relevant departments or persons engaged in giving educational guidance to students.

1 member shall be appointed by the Danish Association of Constructing Architects (Konstruktørforeningen).

1 member shall be appointed by the Association of Cadastral and Land Surveyors (Kort- og landsmålingsteknikerforeningen).

1 member shall be appointed by the Confederation of Danish Industry (Dansk Industri).

1 member shall be appointed by The Danish Construction Association (Dansk Byggeri).

2 members with special insight into the subject area (research/development) shall be recommended and appointed by co-option by and from among the members appointed – of whom one member shall represent practice.

2 members shall be appointed by and from among the staff within the area of the educational committee concerned.

2 members shall be appointed by and from among the students within the area of the educational committee concerned.

IV. The educational committee on: **Design Technologist and Industrial Designer** and further and continuing education programmes thereto related.

The educational committee is comprised of 12 members and shall be composed as follows:

1 member shall be appointed by Central Denmark Region.

1 member shall be appointed by the general Upper Secondary Schools and Higher Preparatory Examination Schools in Central Denmark Region, jointly. The member may either represent programme management of the relevant departments or persons engaged in giving educational guidance to students.

3 members shall be appointed by the Federation of Danish Textile & Clothing (Dansk Tekstil Beklædning).

3 members shall be appointed by The Danish Association of Professional Technicians (Teknisk Landsforbund).

2 members shall be appointed by and from among the staff within the area of the educational committee concerned.

2 members shall be appointed by and from among the students within the area of the educational committee concerned.

V. The educational committee on: **The Bachelor Programme in Occupational Therapy** and further and continuing education programmes thereto related.

The educational committee is comprised of 12 members and shall be composed as follows:

1 member shall be appointed by Central Denmark Region.

2 members shall be appointed by the municipalities of Central Denmark Region.

1 member shall be appointed by the general Upper Secondary Schools and Higher Preparatory Examination Schools in Central Denmark Region, jointly. The member may either represent programme management at the relevant departments or persons engaged in giving educational guidance to students.

2 members shall be appointed by the Danish Association of Occupational Therapists (Ergoterapeutforeningen) – of whom one member shall represent practice.

2 members with special insight into the subject area (research/development) shall be appointed by the Danish Society for Occupational Therapy Research (Dansk Selskab for Ergoterapeutisk Forskning) and European Master in Occupational Therapy, the College of Professional Studies for Post-Secondary Programmes/Extended Learning in Region Zealand, respectively.

2 members shall be appointed by and from among the staff within the area of the educational committee concerned.

2 members shall be appointed by and from among the students within the area of the educational committee concerned.

VI. The educational committee on: **The Bachelor Programme in Physiotherapy** and further and continuing education programmes thereto related.

The educational committee is comprised of 12 members and shall be composed as follows:

2 members shall be appointed by Central Denmark Region.

1 member shall be appointed by the municipalities of Central Denmark Region.

1 member shall be appointed by the general Upper Secondary Schools and the Higher Preparatory Examination Schools in Central Denmark Region, jointly. The member may either represent programme management at the relevant departments or persons engaged in giving educational guidance to students.

2 members shall be appointed by the Association of Danish Physiotherapists (Danske Fysioterapeuter) – of whom one member shall represent practice.

2 members with special insight into the subject area (research/development) shall be appointed by the Centre for Public Health in Central Denmark Region and the Faculty of Health Sciences of University of Aarhus, respectively.

2 members shall be appointed by and from among the staff within the area of the educational committee concerned.

2 members shall be appointed by and from among the students within the area of the educational committee concerned.

VII. The educational committee on: **The Bachelor Programmes in Engineering** (construction, export (engineering), communications technologies, mechanical engineering) and further and continuing education programmes thereto related.

The educational committee is comprised of 12 members and shall be composed as follows:

1 member shall be appointed by Central Denmark Region.

1 member shall be appointed by the general Upper Secondary Schools and Higher Preparatory Examination Schools in Central Denmark Region, jointly. The member may either represent programme management at the relevant departments or persons engaged in giving educational guidance to students.

1 member shall be appointed by The Danish Society of Engineers (Ingeniørforeningen i Danmark).

1 member shall be appointed by the Confederation of Danish Industry.

1 member shall be appointed by The Danish Construction Association.

1 member shall be appointed by The Danish Association of Consulting Engineers (Foreningen af Rådgivende Ingeniører).

2 members with special insight into the subject area (research/development) shall be recommended and appointed by co-option by and from among the members appointed – of whom one member shall represent practice.

2 members shall be appointed by and from among the staff within the area of the educational committee concerned.

2 members shall be appointed by and from among the students within the area of the educational committee concerned.

VIII. The educational committee on: **The Bachelor Programme in Teacher Education** and further and continuing education programmes thereto related.

The educational committee is comprised of 12 members and shall be composed as follows:

1 member shall be appointed by Central Denmark Region.

2 members shall be appointed by the municipalities of Central Denmark Region.

1 member shall be appointed by the general Upper Secondary Schools and Higher Preparatory Examination Schools in Central Denmark Region, jointly. The member may either represent programme management at the relevant departments or persons engaged in giving educational guidance to students.

2 members shall be appointed by The Danish Union of Teachers (Danmarks Lærerforening) with one member from Region East and Region West, respectively – of whom one member shall represent practice.

2 members with special insight into the subject area (research/development) shall be appointed by The Danish School of Education, Aarhus University (Danmarks Pædagogiske Universitetsskole, DPU) and the University of Southern Denmark, respectively.

2 members shall be appointed by and from among the staff within the area of the educational committee concerned.

2 members shall be appointed by and from among the students within the area of the educational committee concerned.

IX. The educational committee on: **The Bachelor Programme in Nutrition and Health** and further and continuing education programmes thereto related.

The educational committee is comprised of 12 members and shall be composed as follows:

2 members shall be appointed by Central Denmark Region, North Denmark Region and Region South Denmark, jointly.

1 member shall be appointed by the municipalities of Central Denmark Region, Region North Jutland and Region South Denmark, jointly.

1 member shall be appointed by the general Upper Secondary Schools and Higher Preparatory Examination Schools in Central Denmark Region, jointly. The member may either represent programme management at the relevant departments or persons engaged in giving educational guidance to students.

2 members shall be appointed by the Danish Diet & Nutrition Association (Kost- og Ernæringsforbundet), The Danish Union of Teachers and the Association of Danish Clinical Dietitians (Foreningen af Kliniske Diætister), jointly – of whom one member shall represent practice.

2 members with special insight into the subject area (research/development) shall be appointed by the Faculty of Agricultural Sciences of Aarhus University and the Institute for Human Nutrition, the University of Copenhagen, respectively.

2 members shall be appointed by and from among the staff within the area of the educational committee concerned.

2 members shall be appointed by and from among the students within the area of the educational committee concerned.

X. The educational committee on: **The Bachelor of Arts in Character Animation** and further and continuing education programmes thereto related.

The educational committee is comprised of 12 members and shall be composed as follows:

1 member shall be appointed by Central Denmark Region.

1 member shall be appointed by the municipalities of Central Denmark Region.

1 member shall be appointed by the general Upper Secondary Schools and Higher Preparatory Examination Schools in Central Denmark Region, jointly. The member may either represent programme management at the relevant departments or persons engaged in giving educational guidance to students.

1 member shall be appointed by the graduates' trade union FAF, an association of freelancers and employees in the media sector.

1 representative shall be appointed by the employers' association, The Danish Producers' Association (Producentforeningen).

3 representatives with special professional insight /with a special view to the national coverage shall be recommended and appointed by co-option by and from among the other members of the educational committee – of whom one member shall represent practice.

2 members shall be appointed by and from among the staff within the area of the educational committee concerned.

2 members shall be appointed by and from among the students within the area of the educational committee concerned.

XI. The educational committee on: **The Bachelor Programme in Public Administration** and further and continuing education programmes thereto related.

The educational committee is comprised of 12 members and shall be composed as follows:

1 member shall be appointed by Central Denmark Region.

1 member shall be appointed by the Danish Ministry of Finance.

1 member shall be appointed by the municipalities of Central Denmark Region.

1 member shall be appointed by the Commercial Upper Secondary Schools in Central Denmark Region, jointly. The member may either represent programme management at the relevant departments or persons engaged in giving educational guidance to students.

2 members shall be appointed by the graduates' trade unions The Danish Confederation of Professional Associations (AC), the Confederation of Professionals in Denmark (FTF) and The Danish Confederation of Trade Unions (LO), jointly.

2 members with special insight into the subject area shall be appointed by Aarhus School of Business, Aarhus University, and the Danish Chamber of Commerce (Dansk Erhverv).

2 members shall be appointed by and from among the staff within the area of the educational committee concerned.

2 members shall be appointed by and from among the students within the area of the educational committee concerned.

XII. The educational committee on: **The Bachelor Programme in Textile Design and Performance** and further and continuing education programmes thereto related.

The educational committee is comprised of 12 members and shall be composed as follows:

1 member shall be appointed by Central Denmark Region.

2 members shall be appointed by the municipalities of Central Denmark Region.

1 member shall be appointed by the general Upper Secondary Schools and Higher Preparatory Examination Schools in Central Denmark Region, jointly. The member may either represent programme management at the relevant departments or persons engaged in giving educational guidance to students.

2 members shall be appointed by the Danish Association of Professional Technicians (Teknisk Landsforbund) – of whom one member shall represent practice.

2 members with special insight into the subject area (research/development) shall be appointed by a) Textilforum, Herning Museum (the Danish Museum Center for Textile Industry and - Design), and b) The Danish Adult Education Association (Dansk Folkeoplysnings Samråd), respectively.

2 members shall be appointed by and from among the staff within the area of the educational committee concerned.

2 members shall be appointed by and from among the students within the area of the educational committee concerned.

XIII. The educational committee on: **The Bachelor Programme in Social Education** and further and continuing education programmes thereto related.

The educational committee is comprised of 12 members and shall be composed as follows:

1 member shall be appointed by Central Denmark Region.

2 members shall be appointed by the municipalities of Central Denmark Region.

1 member shall be appointed by the general Upper Secondary Schools and Higher Preparatory Examination Schools in Central Denmark Region, jointly. The member may either represent programme management at the relevant departments or persons engaged in giving educational guidance to students.

2 members shall be appointed by the graduates' trade unions BUPL, a union of childcare workers, and the National Federation of Social Educators (SL) jointly – of whom one member shall represent practice.

2 members with special insight into the subject area (research/development) who shall be appointed by The Danish School of Education, Aarhus University and Aalborg University (the Department of Education, Learning and Philosophy) .

2 members shall be appointed by and from among the staff within the area of the educational committee concerned.

2 members shall be appointed by and from among the students within the area of the educational committee concerned.

XIV. The educational committee on: **The Bachelor Programme in Social Work** and further and continuing education programmes thereto related.

The educational committee is comprised of 12 members and shall be composed as follows:

1 member shall be appointed by Central Denmark Region.

2 members shall be appointed by the municipalities of Central Denmark Region.

1 member shall be appointed by the general Upper Secondary Schools and Higher Preparatory Examination Schools in Central Denmark Region, jointly. The member may either represent

programme management at the relevant departments or persons who are engaged in giving educational guidance to students.

2 members shall be appointed by the Danish Association of Social Workers (Dansk Socialrådgiverforening) – the eastern and mid/western part of the Region, respectively – of whom one member shall represent practice.

2 members with special insight into the subject area (research/development) shall be appointed by the Institute of Social Sciences of Aarhus University and by Aalborg University, respectively.

2 members shall be appointed by and from among the staff within the area of the educational committee concerned.

2 members shall be appointed by and from among the students within the area of the educational committee concerned.

XV. The educational committee on: **The Bachelor Programme in Nursing** and further and continuing education programmes thereto related.

The educational committee is comprised of 12 persons and shall be composed as follows:

2 members shall be appointed by Central Denmark Region.

1 member shall be appointed by the municipalities of Central Denmark Region.

1 member shall be appointed by the general Upper Secondary Schools and Higher Preparatory Examination Schools in Central Denmark Region, jointly. The member may either represent programme management at the relevant departments or persons engaged in giving educational guidance to students.

2 members shall be appointed by the Danish Nurses' Organisation (Dansk Sygeplejeråd) – of whom one member shall represent practice.

2 members with special insight into the subject area (research/development) shall be appointed by the Department for Nursing Science, Institute of Public Health, Aarhus University.

2 members shall be appointed by and from among the staff within the area of the educational committee concerned.

2 members shall be appointed by and from among the students within the area of the educational committee concerned.

XVI. The educational committee on: **The Bachelor Programme in Value Chain Management** and further and continuing education programmes thereto related.

The educational committee is comprised of 12 members and shall be composed as follows:

1 member shall be appointed by Central Denmark Region.

1 member shall be appointed by the commercial Upper Secondary Schools in Central Denmark Region, jointly. The member may either represent programme management at the relevant departments or persons who are engaged in giving educational guidance to students.

1 member shall be appointed by C3 (Danish trade union in the field of management and business economics).

1 member shall be appointed by Business Danmark (Danish trade union in the field of sales, marketing and consultancy).

1 member shall be appointed by the Danish Chamber of Commerce.

1 member shall be appointed by the Confederation of Danish Industry.

2 members with special insight into the subject area (research/development) shall be recommended and appointed by co-option by and from among the members appointed – of whom one member shall represent practice.

2 members shall be appointed by and from among the staff within the area of the educational committee concerned.

2 members shall be appointed by and from among the students within the area of the educational committee concerned.

16.2. The educational committees shall provide advisory service to the Board, Rector and the management of the area of education concerned about the content of the programmes, profile, quality, relevance and about the regional educational coverage.

16.3. The educational committee shall recommend curricula within the area of the committee for approval by the Board or Rector.

### *The Students' Council*

**Article 17.** The students shall be entitled on the basis of an election to establish a council.

17.2. The students' council shall appoint representatives from among the students for committees, etc., that have been set up by VIA University College to deal with issues of importance to the students.

17.3. VIA University College shall provide premises at the disposal of the students' council and shall hand over necessary material for the purpose of the council work.

### *Organisation*

**Article 18.** VIA University College is organised in the following manner:

- I) Rectorate – composed of the Rector, Pro-rector and Executive Director, Administration and Resources.
- II) Faculty of Education and Social Studies.
- III) Faculty of Health Sciences.
- IV) School of Technology and Business.
- V) Continuing Education.
- VI) Research and Development.
- VII) TEKO Design + Business

Each Faculty, School and Division shall be managed by a manager as delegated by Rector. A range of staff functions shall be attached to the rectorate, the school departments and the faculty departments.

### *Study councils*

**Article 19.** The following study councils have been established at VIA University College, cf. section 13(2) and (3) of the Danish law applicable to colleges of professional studies for post-secondary programmes and supplementary training:

Study council at the Bachelor Programme in Relaxation and Psychomotor Therapy, Randers.

Study council at the vocational programmes and the adult vocational training programmes, Horsens.

Study council at the upper secondary education programmes, Horsens.

Study council at the vocational programmes at TEKO Design + Business.

Study council at the Bachelor Programme in Teacher Education, Nørre Nissum.

Study council at the Bachelor Programme in Teacher Education, Silkeborg.

Study council at the Bachelor Programme in Teacher Education, Skive.

Study council at the Bachelor Programme in Teacher Education, Aarhus.

Study council at the Bachelor Programme in Social Education, Gedved/Horsens.

Study council at the Bachelor Programme in Social Education, Holstebro.

Study council at the Bachelor Programme in Social Education, Ikast.

Study council at the Bachelor Programme in Social Education, Ranum.

Study council at the Bachelor Programme in Social Education, Thisted.

Study council at the Bachelor Programme in Social Education, Viborg.

Study council shared among the Bachelor Programmes in Social Education, Jydsk, Aarhus N, Grenå and Randers.

Study council at the Bachelor Programme in Social Education, Peter Sabroe, Aarhus C.

Study council at the Bachelor Programme in Social Work, Holstebro.

Study council at the Bachelor Programme in Social Work, Aarhus.

**Article 20.** A Council for Continuing Education shall be established. The Executive Director of Continuing Education shall be the Secretary to the Council for Continuing Education. The framework for setting up, composition and function shall be stipulated by the Board.

**Article 21.** An Advisory Board for TEKO Design + Business shall be established in order to advise the Board, the Rector and the Dean of TEKO Design + Business on issues concerning the strategic development within the field of activity of TEKO Design + Business. The framework for setting up, composition and function shall be stipulated by the Board. The Dean of TEKO Design + Business is the Secretary to the Advisory Board.

## Chapter 6: Power to Bind VIA University College

**Article 22.** VIA University College shall be bound by the joint signatures of the Chairman of the Board and the Rector of VIA University College or by the joint signatures of one of those persons and the Deputy Chairman of the Board in case of transactions concerning real property.

## Chapter 7: Accounts and Audit

**Article 23.** The accounting year of VIA University College is the financial year.

23.2. The accounts of VIA University College shall be audited by the Office of the Auditor General of Denmark according to section 2(1) of the Danish law applicable to the Audit of the Danish State Accounts, etc. According to section 9 of the Danish law applicable to the Audit of the Danish State Accounts, etc., the Minister of Education and the Auditor General may agree that audit work shall be handled according to a specific cooperation between the Office of the Auditor General of Denmark and the internal auditor set out in article 11 hereof.

23.3. At the end of the financial year, VIA University College shall in compliance with the rules stipulated by the Minister of Education prepare an annual report. The bookkeeping of VIA University College shall be in compliance with the rules specified by the Minister of Education and accounting instructions approved by the Board.

23.4. The annual report shall be signed by all members of the Board and by the Rector of VIA University College. In connection with the submission of the annual report, each member of the Board must file an affidavit stating that s/he qualify as a member of the Board, cf. section 14(6) of the Danish law applicable to university colleges of professionally oriented higher education.

## Chapter 8: Capital and Closure

**Article 24.** The Minister of Education may give permission to a merger between two or more university colleges as recommended by the Boards. The Minister of Education may give permission to a university college to assign its assets and liabilities to another university college by means of a demerger as recommended by the Boards.

24.2. The following rights in the capital/property of VIA University College shall not be exercisable in case of merger and demerger:

1) Registered third party rights. By virtue of declaration, registered on 19.01.1960, the Municipality of Silkeborg is entitled to take over the property (title number 150t) as of the month of December 2059 by giving no less than 5 years' prior notice in writing.

**Article 25.** Any decision to close down VIA University College shall be made by the Minister of Education, cf. section 40 of the Danish law applicable to university colleges of professionally oriented higher education.

25.2. In case of a closure of VIA University College, the liquidation shall be administered by a committee of inspection comprised of 3 members who shall be appointed by the Board. The Board of VIA University College shall serve until the committee of inspection has been set up.

**Article 26.** Capital originating in a university college shall accrue to the Treasury upon closure, but see article 25.2. Gifts given to VIA University College shall accrue to the Treasury, unless otherwise provided by the general rules of Danish law.

26.2. For university colleges where a net capital from an approved educational institution, which on 31 December 1990 was an independent institution, forms part, such part of the net capital of the university college, which is equal to the net capital of VIA University College made up to and including 31 December 1990, shall be used for the purposes stipulated in the Articles of Association as on 1 January 1991.

## **Originating in Alpha Centre for Higher Education (CVUalpha)**

- 1) Regarding Aarhus School of Social Work (Den Sociale Højskole): Net capital made up to and including 31 December 1990 in the amount of DKK 0: For teaching and educational purposes or any other purposes thereto related as recommended by the Board and subject to approval by the Danish Ministry of Education.
- 2) Regarding Jutland Institute for Social Educators (Jydsk Pædagogseminarium): Net capital made up to and including 31 December 1990 in the amount of DKK 0: For teaching and educational purposes or any other purposes thereto related as recommended by the Board and subject to approval by the Danish Ministry of Education.
- 3) Regarding Peter Sabroe College of Education (Peter Sabroe Seminariet): Net capital made up to and including 31 December 1990 in the amount of DKK 2,931,651: For teaching and educational purposes or any other purposes thereto related as recommended by the Board and subject to approval by the Danish Ministry of Education.
- 4) Regarding Silkeborg College of Education (Silkeborg Seminarium): Net capital made up to and including 31 December 1990 in the amount of DKK 20,555,983: For teaching and educational purposes or any other purposes thereto related as recommended by the Board and subject to approval by the Danish Ministry of Education.

## **Originating in University College Mid-West (CVU Midt-Vest)**

- 5) Regarding Ikast College of Education (Ikast Seminariet): Net capital made up to and including 31 December 1990 in the amount of DKK 0: For teaching and educational purposes or any other purposes thereto related in the municipalities of Ikast-Brande as recommended by the Board and subject to approval by the Danish Ministry of Education.
- 6) Regarding Nørre Nissum College of Education & Higher Preparatory Examination (Nørre Nissum Seminarium & HF): Net capital made up to and including 31 December 1990 in the amount of DKK 11,591,959: For teaching and educational purposes or any other purposes related thereto as recommended by the Board following consultation with The Church Association for the Inner Mission in Denmark (Den Kirkelige Forening for Den Indre Mission i Danmark) and subject to approval by the Danish Ministry of Education.

- 7) Regarding Ranum College of Education (Ranum Seminarier): Net capital made up to and including 31 December 1990 in the amount of DKK 0: For teaching and educational purposes or any other purposes thereto related as recommended by the Board and subject to approval by the Danish Ministry of Education.
- 8) Regarding Skals Textile College of Education (Skals Fagseminarium): Net capital made up to and including 31 December 1990 in the amount of DKK 0: For teaching and educational purposes or any other purposes thereto related as recommended by the Board and subject to approval by the Danish Ministry of Education.
- 9) Regarding Skive College of Education (Skive Seminarium): net capital made up to and including 31 December 1990 in the amount of DKK 22,590,166: For teaching and educational purposes or any other purposes thereto related as recommended by the Board and subject to approval by the Danish Ministry of Education.
- 10) Regarding Viborg College of Education (Viborg-Seminarier): Net capital made up to and including 31 December 1990 in the amount of DKK 0: For teaching and educational purposes or any other purposes thereto related as recommended by the Board and subject to approval by the Danish Ministry of Education.

#### **Originating in University College Jutland, UCJ (JCVU)**

- 11) Regarding the Department of Medical Laboratory Technology: Net capital made up to and including 31 December 1990 in the amount of DKK 133,800: For teaching and educational purposes or any other purposes thereto related as recommended by the Board and subject to approval by the Danish Ministry of Education.
- 12) Regarding the UCJ Department of Occupational Therapy and the Department of Physiotherapy: Net capital made up to and including 31 December 1990 in the amount of DKK 0: For teaching and educational purposes or any other purposes thereto related as recommended by the Board and subject to approval by the Danish Ministry of Education.
- 13) Regarding UCJ Aarhus College of Education (JCVU Århus Lærerseminarium): net capital made up to and including 31 December 1990 in the amount of DKK 15,862,000: For teaching and educational purposes or any other purposes thereto related as recommended by the Board and subject to approval by the Danish Ministry of Education.

#### **Originating in University College Vitus Bering Denmark (Vitus Bering Danmark)**

- 14) Regarding the Department of Aarhus Technical College in Horsens (Århus Teknisk Skole Afdeling, Horsens): Net capital made up to and including 31 December 1990 in the amount of DKK 1,557,724: For teaching and educational purposes as determined by the Danish Ministry of Education.
- 15) Regarding Gedved College of Education (Gedved Seminarium): Net capital made up to and including 31 December 1990 in the amount of DKK 0: For teaching and educational purposes as determined by the Danish Ministry of Education.
- 16) Regarding the Engineering College of Horsens (Ingeniørhøjskolen i Horsens): Net capital made up to and including 31 December 1990 in the amount of DKK 17,584,555: For teaching and educational purposes as determined by the Danish Ministry of Education.
- 17) Regarding Technical Education Centre Horsens (Teknisk Uddannelsescenter Horsens): Net capital made up to and including 31 December 1990 in the amount of DKK – 16,383,508: For teaching and educational purposes as determined by the Danish Ministry of Education.

## **Originating in University College Vita (cvu vita)**

Regarding University College Vita (cvu vita) (resulting from a merger between the following educational institutions: Holstebro Pædagogseminarium and Ergoterapeut- og Fysioterapeutskolen in Holstebro): No net capital was available as on 31 December 1990 since the right in the net capital has lapsed as a result of the merger into an unconditional centre of higher education (CVU), but is stated in these Articles of Association for the purpose of the provision set out in subarticle 3 below.

## **Originating in TEKO**

Regarding TEKO: net capital made up to and including 31 December 1990 in the amount of DKK 2,404,184: For teaching and educational purposes or any other purposes thereto related as recommended by the Board and subject to approval by the Danish Ministry of Education.

26.3. Gifts in the form of movable property, real property and financial contributions to real property in the course of construction granted to the two educational institutions set out in subarticle 2 after 1 January 1991 and until the merger into a university college, shall be used for the purposes set out in the Articles of Association of the institutions concerned as on 1 January 1991. It applies to University College Vita that the capital made up to and including 31 December 1990 is not stated in the current Articles of Association, since the right in the net capital has lapsed as a result of the merger into an unconditional centre of higher education (CVU) and a period of 5 years has passed since the date of the merger. The provisions of the Articles of Association relating to gifts in the form of movable property, real property and financial contributions to real property in the course of construction granted to the institutions, which formed part of University College Vita during the period from 1 January 1991 and until the merger into a university college (professionshøjskole), shall still be respected and the gifts shall be used for the purposes set out in the Articles of Association of the institutions concerned as on 1 January 1991.

## **Chapter 9: Effective Date, etc.**

**Article 27.** These Articles of Association shall become effective upon approval by the Danish Minister of Education.

27.2. Any modification of these Articles of Association is subject to approval by the Minister of Education.

# ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION



**As amended and adopted at the board meeting held on 14 September 2009**

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