



**Doctoral examination regulations of the Faculty of Medicine of  
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In accordance with section 3 subsection 1 in conjunction with section 38 subsection 3 of the Thuringian Higher Education Act (*Thüringer Hochschulgesetz, ThürHG*) from 10 May 2018 (published in the journal of legal notices of the Free State of Thuringia GVBl., p. 149), amended through section 128 on 18 December 2018 (GVBl., p. 731, 749), the Friedrich Schiller University Jena issues the following Doctoral Examination Regulations of the Faculty of Medicine. The regulations were approved by the faculty council on 10th September 2019 and agreed by the Senate of the University on 3 December 2019.

The president authorized the regulations on 6 December 2019.

**I. General provision, academic degrees**

**§ 1**

(1) Represented by the Faculty, the University confers the following degrees:

- “doctor medicinae” (Dr. med.)
- “doctor medicinae dentariae” (Dr. med. dent.)
- “doctor rerum naturalium” (Dr. rer. nat.) or “Doctor of Philosophy” (PhD).

(2) Upon request submitted to the dean when the doctoral examination procedure is about to be started, the University may confer the degree “Doctor of Philosophy” (PhD) instead of the degree “doctor rerum naturalium” (Dr. rer. nat.).

(3) Represented by the Faculty, the University can also confer an honorary doctorate (“doctor medicinae honoris causa”, Dr. med. h.c.; “doctor medicinae dentariae honoris causa”, Dr. med. dent. h.c.).

**§ 2**

The conferment of a doctoral degree shall serve as a certification of the competence to perform advanced scientific work in medicine, dentistry, or any other related (sub)disciplines (“Promotionsfach”).

(2) Except in the case of an honorary degree, the certification will be granted upon successful submission of a scientific thesis (“Dissertation”) in accordance with sections 11 and 12 and upon a thesis defence (“Disputation”) in accordance with section 13.

(2) With the exception of honorary doctorates, any doctoral degree of the same title may be conferred only once.



## II. Admission requirements

### § 3

(1) In order to be admitted to a doctoral programme, applicants must possess a degree in medicine or in dentistry earned at a university or at an equivalent institution of higher education. If applicants submit an application for the admission to a doctoral programme during their studies (medicine or dentistry), the doctoral examination procedure may be completed not earlier than after the applicant has earned the respective degree.

(2) Admission to apply for a doctoral programme usually requires a successful completion of the following degrees (*Diplom*, state examination, or master's programme) at a university or equivalent institution of higher education, or a master's degree at a university of applied sciences with at least final mark "good". Particularly qualified graduates of bachelor's programmes may be admitted to doctoral programmes if they are able to provide a proof of qualification required for scientific work within the given discipline of doctoral studies. The applicant's intended research discipline ("Promotionsfach") must be part of the teaching or research activities at the Faculty.

(3) Applicants who earned their degrees at a university or equivalent institution of higher education outside the European Union and pursue the doctoral degree "Dr. med." or "Dr. med. dent.", however, do not possess a German medical licence ("Approbation"), must provide a certificate confirming the equivalence of the given degree.

If applicants are about to pursue the doctoral degree "Dr. rer. nat./PhD", the assessment of equivalence shall be conducted by the dean based on the agreement on equivalence approved by the Standing Conference of the Ministers of Education and Cultural Affairs of the Länder in the Federal Republic of Germany (*Kultusministerkonferenz*, KMK) and the German Rectors' Conference (*Hochschulrektorenkonferenz*, HRK).

(4) As a general rule, applicants cannot be admitted to doctoral programmes if they already applied for a doctoral programme within the same discipline elsewhere or failed any other doctoral examination procedure.

## III. Acceptance as a doctoral candidate and supervision

### § 4

Anyone who meets the admission requirements as defined in section 3 and intends to produce a doctorate shall apply for admission as a doctoral candidate at the faculty before starting to work on the doctoral thesis project. Applications must be submitted via the online portal provided by the University. The written application shall include the following documents:

1. the supporting documents regarding the admission requirements as defined in section 3, i.e. copies of grade certificates and degree certificates (Applicants who earned their degree at other universities must provide official certified copies.);
2. a copy of the supervision agreement or qualification agreement;
3. an up-to-date CV presenting personal and professional development;



4. a declaration of all existing or previous applications for admission as a doctoral candidate each of which should include the date and topic of the application, the name of the given faculty, and the information whether a doctoral examination procedure has been initiated or is already completed.
5. (if applicable) the original of the formal obligation/privacy statement;
6. a confirmation that the submitter is familiar with the valid doctoral examination regulations;

The applicants must prove their identity with their ID card.

## § 5

(1) The admission is only possible if, firstly, at least one research supervisor has assured the supervision of the doctoral thesis project; secondly, if the equipment required to conduct the project has been ensured; thirdly, if the Faculty is able to assess the completed doctoral thesis as a scientific paper.

(2) Supervisors may be professors, associate professor serving in a temporary capacity ("Privatdozent"), or leaders of junior research groups if they are members of the given faculty. Leaders of junior research groups may only be supervisors if their scientific competence was reviewed by an external scientific assessment procedure whose quality criteria had been confirmed by the Research Committee of the Senate.

(3) Should the applicant wish to pursue the doctoral degree "Dr. rer. nat./PhD", the supervisor must represent one of the (sub)disciplines at the Faculty; alternatively, a second supervisor must be selected who should represent the given (sub)discipline accordingly.

(4) If the supervision is a collaboration with other scientific institutions, in particular institutions of higher education and non-university research institutions, additional persons may also be supervisors who have equivalent scientific qualifications as those defined in subsection 2. As a rule, the cooperation is based on a respective agreement between the University and the cooperating institution. In such cases, at least one supervisor must be a member of the Faculty. Exceptions are possible, however, only when the faculty council grants its approval that the supervision may be carried out without a faculty member.

(5) If the supervisor should not be a member of the University anymore, the supervision of the doctoral thesis project is only possible for a total of three years after the end of the supervisor's employment. Afterwards, the doctoral candidate shall be assigned another supervisor in accordance with subsection 2 or 3.

(6) The doctoral candidate and the supervisor must conclude a supervision agreement in which at least the following responsibilities should be included: a) the responsibility of supervisors to ask for the doctoral candidates' regular progress reports on the doctoral thesis project; b) the responsibility of supervisors to ask for the doctoral candidates' regular progress reports on the doctoral thesis project. (the type of the collaboration; the type of the doctoral thesis project [monograph/cumulative doctoral]; the participation at one of the structured doctoral programmes).

## § 6



(1) It is the faculty council which shall decide on the acceptance, usually within two months and with a majority vote of its present members holding a doctorate. As a rule, the acceptance as a doctoral candidate is valid for three years. Upon request, the status may be extended by three years. The decision shall be published within the faculty. If applicants aim for earning a doctoral degree in a discipline having been a minor subject before their graduation or in a discipline differing from their degree already earned, the applicants' achievements of that degree shall be examined in accordance with the doctoral examination regulations. The faculty council may issue additional requirements, i.e. course work and examinations, (e.g. compulsory participation in qualifications programmes).

(2) The dean shall inform the applicant about the opening of the doctoral examination procedure in writing. Any additional requirements shall be included in the notification. If the faculty council rejects the application, the procedures as defined in section 21 shall apply.

## § 7

(1) If, in accordance with the doctoral examination regulations of the Faculty, the applicants are required to meet additional requirements for admission to a doctoral programme, these are also considered met if the applicants complete one of the recognized doctoral programmes of the Graduate Academy being supervised by professors, associate professors serving in a temporary capacity, or by the leaders of junior research groups at the Faculty.

(2) Upon request, the doctoral relationship (i.e. doctoral thesis project and status as a doctoral candidate) may be suspended temporarily if the doctoral thesis project cannot be conducted in a reasonable manner due to particular family-related burdens, illness, pregnancy, parental leave, intense care for relatives, due to disabilities, or for any other valid reason.

(3) The admission does not guarantee any legal rights to begin the doctoral examination procedure. Admission as a doctoral candidate may be revoked if there is no prospect of completing the doctoral thesis successfully within a reasonable period of time or if the supervision agreement was terminated in accordance with section 5 subsection 6. Prior to any decision, the doctoral candidate shall be given the opportunity to be heard by the faculty council.

(4) The doctoral candidate shall inform the faculty about any changes of data having been provided in the application for admission as a doctoral candidate immediately. Upon request, the doctoral candidate must confirm the resumption of the doctoral thesis project yearly. From the fourth year after the admission, a confirmation from the responsible supervisor is required.

## IV. Opening of the doctoral examination procedure

### § 8

The application for the opening of the doctoral examination procedure shall be submitted to the dean in writing. The application shall include the following documents:

1. The notification on the acceptance as a doctoral candidate, as determined in section 6 subsection 2, and the proof that the doctoral candidate has met additional requirements or the proof that the requirements as defined in section 3 subsections 1–3 are fulfilled.
2. four copies of the doctoral thesis and one electronic copy as a PDF file each;



3. a signed declaration in which applicants:
  - 3.1 confirm that they are familiar with the valid doctoral examination regulations;
  - 3.2 confirm that they produced the doctoral thesis project themselves (statement of authorship), they neither have taken any text passages from third parties nor their own final theses without citing those; in addition, they also confirm they indicated the tools, personal information, and sources having been used;
  - 3.3 provide names of the persons who assisted the applicant in selecting and analysing materials, and supported them in writing the manuscript;
  - 3.4 confirm that they did not receive any assistance from specialized consultants and that any third party did not receive either direct or indirect financial benefits from the applicants for the work connected to the doctoral thesis submitted;
  - 3.5 confirm that they have not already submitted the doctoral thesis project as their final thesis for a state examination or other scientific examination;
  - 3.6 confirm that they did not submit the same, a substantially similar, or another scientific paper to other institution of higher education and, if they did it, which grade they might have achieved;
4. an official certificate of good conduct if the applicants are not employed in the public sector;
5. the proof of payment of the submission for a doctorate; the fee is determined by the general provisions of the General Fees Regulations of the University;
6. a signed CV containing information on their education and scientific progress;
7. a list of scientific publications and, where applicable, of presentations;
8. a summary (electronic version) containing the topic, the family name, and the first name of the doctoral candidate.

## § 9

(1) It is the faculty council which decides on the opening of the doctoral examination procedure by a majority vote of the present council's members holding a doctorate.

(2) The dean shall inform the applicant about the opening of the doctoral examination procedure in writing.

(3) If the faculty council rejects the application, the procedures as defined in section 21 shall apply.

(4) The application for the opening of the doctoral examination procedure may be withdrawn until either the date for the oral examination has been fixed or the procedures have been closed due to the rejection of the doctoral thesis project. If two reviewers reject the doctoral thesis (refer to section 12 subsection 7), the application on the opening of the doctoral examination procedure may not be withdrawn.



## V. Doctoral committee

### § 10

(1) The faculty council shall appoint a reasonable number of permanent doctoral committees. The chair persons shall be appointed by the faculty council for one term of office; the permanent members of the committees shall be proposed by the chair persons and to be confirmed by the faculty council. Permanent members may be associates of the Faculty who possess "Habilitation" postdoctoral teaching qualification.

(2) Every doctoral committee shall be composed of the reviewers within the given doctoral examination procedure, of the chairperson, and of additional members, the number of the latter suiting the purpose. The doctoral committee may reach decisions if at least the half of its members are present.

(3) If doctoral committee should deal with doctoral examination procedures in which doctoral candidates pursue the doctoral degree "Dr. rer. nat./PhD, a sufficient number of the present members must hold the "Habilitation" postdoctoral teaching qualification in natural sciences.

(4) The doctoral committee performs these tasks:

- consultation on the acceptance or rejection of the doctoral thesis and the marks of the doctoral thesis based on written reviews;
- appointment of additional reviewers (if necessary);
- conducting the thesis defence in accordance with section 10 and its grading;
- proposing the overall final mark;
- nominating candidates for a prize.

(5) Meetings of doctoral committees are not open to the public. Their decisions shall be put on record.

(6) The members of the committee shall treat the information having been disclosed in non-public meetings of the committee as confidential. This does not apply to the information that are already public. Non-disclosure duties under employment or labour contracts remain unaffected.

(7) The right of supervisors, reviewers, and of members of the doctoral committee to participate in doctoral examination procedure remains unaffected in case of their retirement. It is the faculty council which decides on other rights to participate on the case-by-case basis, in particular of those persons who are or are about to be employed by other institution.

## VI. Doctoral thesis and the assessment of the thesis

### § 11

(1) In their doctoral theses, doctoral candidates demonstrate their ability to obtain results which serve the development of the discipline on which the doctoral thesis is based.

(2) The doctoral thesis shall include: a title page, a short CV outlining the candidate's scientific



educational background, and the statement of authorship as defined in section 8 subsections 3.1 and 3.6.

(3) The doctoral thesis may be submitted as a monograph or as part of another publication (cumulative thesis). Upon prior agreement with the supervisor, the doctoral thesis may be produced in German or in English. The doctoral thesis shall include an abstract in German. It shall consist of up to 100 pages, excluding the bibliography, the page limit may be exceeded by up to ten pages. In justified cases and upon request, the dean may allow the doctoral candidate to exceed the given page limit by more than ten pages.

(4) If doctoral thesis should be a cumulative publication, the results must be either published in at least one original work in a journal which is listed within Journal Citation Report, including Impact Factor, or accepted for the publication. The doctoral candidate must be the first author of the work (to be) published. The publication shall not be older than two years. While submitting the required documents, doctoral candidates shall provide written statements of the supervisor, confirmed by the Faculty, and the co-authors on their contribution to the results and the manuscript. If the work is (to be) published by two co-first authors, their contributions must be clearly specified. The original work submitted must not be part of another doctoral thesis.

(5) The selected publications for such a doctoral thesis must be introduced by a thorough written presentation which contextualize the research topics and the central findings of the publications. The presentation shall take the relevant literature into account and acknowledge the individual contribution and the contributions of other authors of the respective publications. After the letter of acceptance has been submitted, it is the dean who decides on the approval for the publication. The dean may delegate this decision to the respective doctoral committee.

(6) A cumulative thesis to pursue the doctoral degree "Dr. rer. nat./PhD" is permissible based on the relevant provisions of the doctoral examination regulations of the Faculty.

## § 12

(1) When opening the doctoral examination procedure, the faculty council shall appoint three reviewers, one of them should not be a member of the University.

(2) The (research) supervisor of the doctoral thesis shall be a reviewer. If a second (research) supervisor is appointed, this should also be a reviewer. At least one reviewer must be a member of the Faculty. The reviewers should not be members of the same organizational unit/institution. In case of doctoral examination procedures in which the doctoral degree "Dr. rer. nat./PhD" is being pursued, one reviewer must represent the relevant natural sciences in their research and teaching.

(3) The reviewers shall assess the doctoral thesis in their reviews applying these marks:

- with distinction (summa cum laude; while calculating the average mark, this mark shall be given the value "0")
- very good (magna cum laude; 1)
- good (cum laude; 2)
- sufficient (rite; 3).



The Faculty shall provide the reviewers with recommendations on the criteria to be considered while assessing the doctoral thesis. If the reviewer cannot recommend the doctoral thesis be accepted, the doctoral thesis shall be given the mark "non sufficit" (= 5).

(4) Reviews shall be submitted within six weeks after the assessment procedure has been commissioned. The review shall be sent to the dean. If reviewers are not able to submit their reviews in due time, the faculty council may appoint other reviewers.

(5) When all reviews have been submitted, the dean shall inform the Faculty. The doctoral thesis and the reviews shall be available to the professors and members holding the "Habilitation" postdoctoral lecturing qualification at the Faculty for two weeks so that they may view those. Within the period, they are eligible to provide their opinion on the given doctoral thesis. In case of doctoral examination procedures in which the doctoral degree "Dr. rer. nat./PhD" is being pursued, the Faculty shall be informed about the consultation period to which the field of research belongs.

(6) After the review deadline has expired, the doctoral committee decides on the acceptance of the doctoral thesis and on its mark. Should all reviewers give the same mark, the proposed marks shall be considered the final overall mark of the thesis. If the marks differ from each other, the following marks shall be given:

- "summa cum laude" if all three reviews proposed the mark "summa cum laude";
- "magna cum laude" if the average mark is better than 1.5 provided that none of the reviews suggested the mark "rite" or "non sufficit";
- "cum laude" if the average mark is better than 2.5 or if one of the marks suggested the mark "summa cum laude" whereas the other two reviews suggested the mark "cum laude" provided that none of them give the mark "non sufficit";
- rite if the average mark is worse than 2.5 or if two reviews suggested the mark "rite" whereas one review suggested the mark "non sufficit".

(7) If one reviewer marks the doctoral thesis with "non sufficit", the faculty council may, upon prior proposal from the doctoral committee in charge, decide to commission another review. The decision on the acceptance or rejection shall be reached taking all reviews into account. If two reviewers reject the thesis, this shall be deemed failed. The procedure shall be thus terminated. Before the doctoral committee has reached the decision, the doctoral candidate may withdraw the application for the opening of the doctoral examination procedure in accordance with section 9 subsection 4. In case of terminated doctoral examination procedures, section 8 subsections 10 and 11 of the General Doctoral Regulations shall apply accordingly.

(8) After the doctoral thesis has been accepted, the doctoral candidate and the supervisor may view the reviews.

## VII. Oral examination (thesis defence)

### § 13

(1) The thesis defence takes place in a session open to all members of the Faculty. In case of the doctoral examination procedure in which the doctoral degree "Dr. rer. nat./PhD" is being pursued, the



thesis defence may be open to further public, i.e. to the faculty which represents the discipline being the focus of the doctoral thesis. In the thesis defence, the doctoral candidate presents the essential results of the doctoral thesis within 15 minutes or 30 minutes, the later if the doctoral degree “Dr. rer. nat./PhD” is being pursued. During a subsequent scientific discussion, candidates shall be given the opportunity to defend the findings of the doctoral thesis and to demonstrate their knowledge of the field proving an independent engagement within the field of the doctoral thesis as well as that they have an overview of the state of the art in the relevant research discipline.

(2) The thesis defence shall be conducted in German or in English. The doctoral candidate shall inform the office in charge of doctoral programmes about the language selected.

(3) The responsibility to organize this session (setting the date and inviting candidates) lies with the dean’s office. It is the chairperson of the doctoral committee who shall lead the scientific part of the thesis defence.

(4) The thesis defence passed shall be marked with:

- excellent (magna cum laude; 1);
- good (cum laude; 2);
- sufficient (rite; 3).

(5) Should doctoral candidates fail the thesis defence, they may apply to repeat the thesis defence once. The second attempt shall take place within 12 months, but not earlier than two months after the first thesis defence. If the thesis defence is failed more than once, the doctoral examination procedure shall be terminated considered unsuccessful. The doctoral candidate shall receive a notification from the dean in accordance with section 21.

## VIII. Final mark of the doctorate

### § 14

(1) The doctoral thesis project shall be given one of these overall final marks:

- summa cum laude (with distinction);
- magna cum laude (excellent; 1);
- cum laude (good; 2);
- rite (satisfactory; 3).

(2) The overall final mark for the doctoral thesis project shall be determined based on the marks of the doctoral thesis and of the thesis defence:

- The overall final mark “summa cum laude” may be given if the overall mark of the doctoral thesis is “summa cum laude” and the overall mark of the thesis defence “magna cum laude”.
- The overall final mark “magna cum laude” may be given if the overall mark of the doctoral thesis is “magna cum laude” and the overall mark of the thesis defence “cum laude”. In order



to mark the doctoral thesis project with “magna cum laude”, none of the given marks must be “rite”.

- The overall final mark “cum laude” may be given if the overall final mark of the doctoral thesis is “magna cum laude” and the overall final mark of the thesis defence is “rite”; or if the doctoral thesis was marked with “cum laude” whereas the thesis defence was given the mark “magna cum laude”, “cum laude”, or “rite”.
- The overall final mark “rite” may be given if the doctoral thesis was marked with “rite”.

(3) The doctoral committee proposes the overall final mark of the doctoral thesis project, whereas it is the present members of the faculty council which shall reach a decision.

### **IX. Conferment of the doctorate and doctoral degree certificate**

#### **§ 15**

Upon request of the reviewers, the doctoral committee can demand from the doctoral candidate to remove any errors or deficiencies before the publication of the doctoral thesis. It is the dean who shall examine whether the requirements are fulfilled.

#### **§ 16**

The dean informs the doctoral candidate about the decision of the faculty council on the completion of the doctoral examination procedure in writing as well as about the obligation to publish the doctoral thesis in accordance with subsection 2 and the provisions of the Doctoral Examination Regulations as defined in section 17 subsection 3 on the completion of doctoral studies.

(2) The obligation to publish the doctoral thesis is considered met if, apart from the four copies of the doctoral thesis submitted, the Thuringian State and University Library (ThULB) receives compulsory copies in one of the following forms:

1. an electronic version as a PDF file on a CD and three identical printed versions *or*
2. eight printed and durably bound copies *or*
3. eight printed copies if the doctoral thesis was published in a journal of in a scientific series *or*
4. eight printed copies if it is (1) a commercial publisher who is responsible for the distribution, (2) the minimum number of copies is proven (i.e. 150 copies), and (3) the publication is marked as a doctoral thesis on its title page.

In the cases defined in sentence 2 (no. 1 and 2), the doctoral candidate transfers the right to produce further copies of the doctoral thesis and to distribute the thesis to the University. In the case defined in sentence 1 (1), the doctoral candidate shall furthermore transfer the right to the University and the German National Library (“Deutsche Nationalbibliothek”) to publish the doctoral thesis in relevant data networks. Regarding the latter, ThULB may specify requirements for the submission of the doctoral thesis, particularly technical requirements.

(3) The compulsory copies are to be delivered within four weeks after the completion of the doctoral



examination procedure. Upon dean's approval, the submission deadline may be extended due to reasons related to data protection and copyright. The submission deadline shall not be extended by more than two years. Upon prior request to be filed to the dean, the doctoral candidate may be allowed to use the doctoral title temporarily if at least a summary of the doctoral thesis has already been published.

## § 17

(1) When the requirements set in section 15 are met and the obligation to publish the doctoral thesis in accordance with section 16 is fulfilled, the doctoral candidate is conferred a doctoral degree certificate which shall be signed by the president and the dean, and shall include the seal of the Friedrich Schiller University Jena. The date of the thesis defence shall be the date of the completion of the doctorate. If the thesis defence should take place before the completion of one's studies, the provisions as defined in section 3 subsection 1 apply accordingly. In such cases, the date of the completion of one's studies shall be the date of the completion of the doctorate.

(2) Upon request, the doctoral candidate may receive the doctoral degree certificate in English.

(3) As a general rule, doctoral candidates may use the title after the University has conferred them the doctoral degree certificate.

(4) In accordance with subsection 3, the candidates may be given a temporary consent to use the title before the conferral of the doctoral degree certificate if other requirements are proven. The notification is to be issued by the dean upon prior request from the doctoral candidate.

## XIV. Joint doctoral examination procedure with other institutions of higher education

### § 18

The doctoral examination procedures conducted with other institutions of higher education are regulated by sections 15–19 of the General Doctoral Regulations.

## X. Deception and revocation of the doctorate

### § 19

(1) The doctoral degree shall be revoked if the doctoral candidate provided supporting documents for admission or during the doctoral examination procedure by deception. The same applies if any facts might be given that would have prevented the conferral of the doctoral degree. Any decision to revoke the doctoral degree shall be accepted by a majority vote of the member of the faculty council holding a doctorate upon hearing the doctoral candidate.

(2) If the admission requirements were not met, this being known after the doctoral degree certificate was already conferred, and the applicant did not obtain the status by deception, the lack of requirements shall be considered remedied through successful completion of the doctoral examination procedure.

(3) In addition to the provisions above, the revocation of the doctorate is subject to general legal provisions.



## **XI. Right of inspection**

### **§ 20**

After the completion of the doctoral examination procedure, the applicants have the right to view the documentation of the procedure. Section 12 subsection 8 remains unaffected.

## **XII. Right of appeal in the doctoral examination procedure**

### **§ 21**

(1) The applicant shall be informed about the decisions on the admission for doctoral studies, on the beginning of the doctoral examination procedure or its rejection, and on the acceptance or rejection of the doctoral thesis in writing. Any incriminating notification of the faculty council and/or of the doctoral committee shall be justified and shall include the information on the right to appeal.

(2) Within a month after the date of notification, the concerned party may file a written appeal to the president of the University.

Upon obtaining a statement from the University's Legal Office, the faculty council shall decide on the appeal with a majority vote of its members holding a doctorate. After obtaining the dean's counter-signature, the notification on the objection shall be issued by the president.

(3) Regarding the appeal and the appeal procedure, the provisions of the Code of Administrative Court Procedure (*Verwaltungsgerichtsordnung, VwGO*) apply accordingly. If not otherwise specified, section 111 sentence 2 of the ThürHG shall be applied.

## **XIII. Honorary doctorate and jubilee doctorate**

### **§ 22**

(1) In recognition of excellent scientific achievements or other special merits, the University may, through the Faculty, in rare cases award honorary doctorates in accordance with section 1 subsection 3 within its disciplines.

(2) Every professor of the Faculty has the right to nominate candidates for an honorary doctorate ("Dr. med. h.c." or "Dr. dent. h.c."). Upon prior consultation with the faculty council, the dean authorizes two reviewers to evaluate the achievements of the nominee.

(3) Based on the opinions submitted, the faculty council decide on the nomination for an honorary doctorate with a three-fourths majority vote of its members holding a doctorate. Prior to its decision, the Senate shall be given the opportunity to comment.

(4) As a rule, the president and the dean shall award an honorary doctorate at a celebratory event to which the members of the Senate and the Faculty are invited. The honorary doctorate presents the achievements of the nominee in form of a certificate which is signed by the president and the dean.



### § 23

(1) The doctoral degree certificate may be renewed on the 50th anniversary of the date of its initial conferral if this is considered appropriate in light of the scientific merits or the close ties of the recipient with the University.

(2) The anniversary certificate shall be awarded upon dean's proposal and the approval from the council in charge. It should be signed by the rector/the president and the dean.

### XV. Coming into effect and transitional provisions

### § 24

(1) For doctoral candidates who have been accepted or supervised as doctoral students at another university, and whose supervisor has recently been appointed to a position at the University, the admission requirements for a doctoral examination procedure and to begin the examination procedure of the original university shall also apply at the University.

(2) As a general rule, the doctoral examination procedure shall be carried out in accordance with subsection 1 of the General Doctoral Regulations of the University in conjunction with these Doctoral Examination Regulations of the Faculty.

(3) Doctoral candidates who were accepted as such and began their doctoral theses before the effective date of these Doctoral Examination Regulations, and who took part in the thesis defence after the effective date of these Regulations, may select among the previous and these Regulations. This option is valid by the end of the semester following the effective date of these Regulations.

### § 25

These Doctoral Examination Regulations come into effect on the first day of the month following their announcement in the journal of legal notices of the Friedrich Schiller University (*Verkündungsblatt der Friedrich Schiller Universität*). At the same time, the General Doctoral Examination Regulations of the Faculty of Medicine adopted on 3 June 2009 (announced in the journal of legal notices of the University, no. 14/2009, p. 1270) cease to be in force.

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