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Introductory word

The next Academic Senate of the Faculty of Science will most likely be elected in accordance with amended Election Rules. Current senators approved modifications to the rules during the last Faculty Senate meeting; however, they are yet to be confirmed by the Academic Senate of Palacký University. Should the modifications be accepted, the new rules will apply in the forthcoming elections in spring of 2017.

According to the amended version, the membership in election commission will no longer be compatible with senate candidacy. The approved proposal also includes a ban on campaigning in the building of the polling place, and in the immediate vicinity of the building at time of elections. "The first modification is in fact only a natural principle that minimizes objections to committee bias. I believe that the explicit definition is appropriate. The second modification is similar to the current law on elections to the Czech Republic Chamber of Deputies," said the submitter of the proposal, the Dean Ivo Frébort.

However, the most crucial and also the most discussed change regards to allocation of seats in the student chamber of the Senate. "Mandates in the student section of the Senate shall be awarded based on the system applicable to academics. There are five study fields at the Faculty of Science, and therefore it is desirable that they are equally represented in both parts of the Academic Senate," said the Dean. Remaining seats will be allocated regardless of the field affiliation.

Martin Schlossarek, a member of the student chamber criticized the proposal. "I believe that the proposal is a reflection of last election results, therefore does not present itself in a very good manner. It may to some extent lead to the limitation of student voice in elections," said Schlossarek. Senator Libor Kvítek opposed this opinion stating that elections to the academic chamber of the Faculty Senate have followed the same procedure for several years already. "The criteria should be equal for both senate chambers," emphasized Kvítek. Eventually 15 senators voted in favor of the proposal and three abstained. This change could not be adopted until now due to previously ambiguous affiliation between students and study fields.

Senators also approved new Rules of procedure. The document was created by dividing the current Electoral and Procedural Regulation; there are no substantive changes in the new regulation.

The Academic Senate of the Faculty of Arts has also discussed new Election Rules. This document should ensure more equal representation of individual departments in the Senate in the upcoming elections as well.

Science and Research

- ❑ **Grant Agency of the Czech Republic (GA CR)** has announced a **call for proposals for nomination of candidates to the evaluation panels of GA CR**. Detailed information as well as a form of proposal and a description of the contents of individual evaluation panels are available [here](#). Proposals shall be submitted to Michaela Kratochvílová at Department of Science and Research by **November 23**.

For Students

- ❑ **Recognition of subjects**
We kindly request students who have applied for subject recognition from previous studies to comply with the obligation to collect the decision on the recognition of study requirements at Department of Study after receiving confirmation email and to apply for recording the results in students' credit books as well.
- ❑ **We request our students who need to modify their timetables** to submit completed application **confirmed by the head of the department or a teacher at Department of Study**.
- ❑ **Graduation Ceremony**
We kindly request our students who wish to participate in graduation ceremony to send a scanned copy of the proof of payment to the relevant employee at Department of study and confirm their presence at the graduation ceremony. Graduation ceremony will be held on **November 11**. Graduation schedule has been posted on [the website of the Faculty](#).
- ❑ **Graduation ceremony of Doctoral graduates** will be held at the Faculty of Law, Palacký University, Olomouc on **December 9**. Graduation fee is CZK 500 and shall be paid to the account number: 19-1096330227/0100, payment reference number is 99310031. Write a word "Ph.D. Graduation" in message for recipient, please and send a scanned copy of the proof of payment to Mrs. Karásková and Vykýdalová at Department of study.
- ❑ **Announcement for the first-year students of the Master study program in teaching**
The teaching internship for the first-year students as well as students of the parallel complementary study of teaching will be held on **March 6 – 24**. An application form for teaching internship is available [here](#). Registered students only may enter the continuous teaching internship. The deadline for submitting application is **January 27**
- ❑ **CZK 3000 scholarship to support student mobility abroad**
Students who would like to travel abroad for middle or long term internships can apply for incentive scholarship. The scholarship is intended for students of Bachelor, Master and Doctoral study programs of the Faculty of Science who will take part in any study or work internship in duration of 30 or more days apart from stays based on Erasmus programs. In order to obtain the scholarship, students shall submit **a short application form and a copy of the document confirming the length of the internship** to Dana Gronychová at Department of Study **before their departure**. If a student doesn't inform about abroad stay prior to travel or fails to prove the duration of stay, entitlement for the scholarship shall expire.
A short application must contain the following basic information:
 - name and surname of a student
 - study program and study field
 - type of study (Bachelor's, Master's, Doctoral)
 - an account number
 - destination of the internship (country, city, institution)
 - term of abroad stay

- purpose of the stay (study internship, work placement, scientific cooperation, summer school, etc.)
- date and signature of a student.

The completed application shall be confirmed by the supervisor or the head of respective department.

☐ **Erasmus Info Day**

Would you like to know how to apply for Erasmus+ study or work internship? Would you like to find out more about selection process? Everything you need to know before and after your stay at foreign university or institution will be presented on **the Erasmus Info Day**, which will take place **in the auditorium of the Faculty of Science, Envelopa on November 24 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

International and outer University Information

☐ **Antelope, Giraffe, Hippo in the 21st Century: Conservation Action in Africa**

The Czech University of Life Sciences Prague will host [an international conference](#) in February 2017. It is a great opportunity to share passion for ungulates, promote conservation success and highlight the needs for further research and fieldwork. You can also meet the speakers like Jonathan Kingdon, Richard D. Estes, Julian Fennessy and others. The conference will be held from **February 19 to February 25**. See [the conference web site](#) for more information and registration form.

Faculty Operation

☐ **Training for drivers of company vehicles** whose completion is essential for driving company vehicles or using private vehicles for business purposes, will be held **in the auditorium of the Faculty of Science in Envelopa on November 30 from 2:00 p.m.** Employees who drive referential vehicles are required to attend this training one time every two years according to an internal regulation of UP. For information about validation of your training, please contact the secretary of your department or Mrs. Netuková, tel.: 585634009.

☐ **New contact point of the Department for Asylum and Migration Policy in Olomouc**

A contact point of the Department for Asylum and Migration Policy of the Ministry of Interior is in operation at the premises of the Dean's Office, Faculty of Medicine, tř. Svobody 8 in Olomouc. Students who have made an appointment to have their biometric data taken in Přerov for processing long resident permits or extension of long residence permits can already come to a new department in Olomouc on the originally scheduled date. If you are an employee or a student of Palacký University, it is necessary to make an appointment via Mrs. Hlobilová, tel: 974760383 or via Yvona Vyhnánková, tel: 585631041 to process your applications and requests at the Department for Asylum and Migration Policy in Olomouc. It will help the efficient use of the department's capacity as well as prevent opening of the department to public.

Student Organizations

☐ **UP Crowd** organized cool event in costumes for all nerds and cosplay fans on Wednesday, November 2. Visitors experienced fun evening with thematic competitions. You can visit our photo gallery or find out more about upcoming events on our [Facebook](#).

Miscellaneous

☐ Young Natural Science and Math teachers

The Vice-Dean for External Cooperation Josef Molnár cordially invites students, prospective natural science teachers and academic staff to a round table discussion. It will be held **in the Dean's office board room no. 6.014 on November 10 from 3:00 p.m.**

☐ PosPos gathering

The Dean of the faculty cordially invites all University staff, Ph.D. students and seniors of the faculty to the winter **Pospos gathering** which will be held at the Faculty of Science, 17. listopadu street on **Tuesday December 20 at 12:00**. Come and enjoy good company, refreshments, live music and Christmas punch.

☐ The Dean of the Faculty of Science announced a competition for **the best faculty New Year card design for 2017**. Students, staff, seniors and alumni may send their original painted, drawn, sculpted, photographed or computerized art works to: magdalena.ondrusakova@upol.cz **by November 20**. Card designs shall be consistent with the visual style of the university and shall include the university visual elements. For posting your art piece please use the following address: Magdalena Ondrušáková, the Faculty of Science, Palacký University in Olomouc, 17. listopadu 12, 77146 Olomouc. It is also possible to submit the design personally after making an appointment, tel: 585634397. Author of the winning design will receive a financial reward of CZK 3000 and a voucher for three-day stay for two people in the faculty cabin in Karlov.

☐ Anyone for a real workout?

Academic Sport Center cordially invites students and academic staff to the traditional [St. Nicholas Indoor cycling Marathon](#), which will take place on Thursday, December 18 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the Envelopa gym. For further information and registration please write us an email: asc@upol.cz.

☐ **The next Newsletter** will be released **on November 18, 2016**

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