



COLLEGIUM AUGUSTINIANUM

GRADUATE SCHOOL OF PHILOSOPHY AND THEOLOGY

UNIVERSITY STATUTES

CHAPTER I: UNIVERSITY AUTHORITY AND OFFICERS

ARTICLE 1: THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

1.1 In accordance with the Articles of Incorporation and By-laws of the Collegium Augustinianum, the Board of Trustees governs over the Collegium Augustinianum Graduate School of Philosophy and Theology. There must be a minimum of three members of the Board of Trustees, and the majority of Board members must be constituted by members of the College of Fellows.

ARTICLE 2: THE COLLEGE OF FELLOWS

2.1 In accordance with the Articles of Incorporation and By-laws of the Collegium Augustinianum, the Administration of the Collegium Augustinianum Graduate School of Philosophy and Theology must consult with the College of Fellows of the Collegium Augustinianum on all academic appointments, policies, procedures and students. Further, the College of Fellows also constitutes the university Senate.

ARTICLE 3: ACADEMIC RANK

3.1 The College of Fellows of the Collegium Augustinianum has the authority to confer the following honorary, research and academic rank upon its members: Professor, Associate Professor, Assistant Professor, Lecturer, Distinguished Fellow, Fellow, Associate Fellow,

Visiting Fellow and Research Fellow. The Board of Trustees of the Collegium Augustinianum Graduate School of Philosophy and Theology has the authority to confer the following honorary, research and academic rank upon members of the faculty: Professor, Associate Professor, Assistant Professor, Lecturer, Tutor

ARTICLE 4. ACADEMIC FREEDOM

4.1 All Fellows and Professors, serving in teaching or in research, whether tenured or not, whether serving in full-time or adjunct appointments, are guaranteed the enjoyment of academic freedom, which is a constitutive part of scholarly life and the noble profession of a college and university professor. The fellows and faculty not only have the right, but also the duty, to pursue the knowledge and express truth. The Collegium Augustinianum encourages full freedom in teaching, discussion, research and publication and protects members of the College of Fellows and the Faculty of the Graduate School of Philosophy and Theology against pressures and influences from within or from outside of our collegium that would restrict them in the proper exercise of freedom.

ARTICLE 5. HONORARY DEGREES

5.1 The University may confer an honorary Masters or Doctorate degree in any discipline on any person it may consider worthy of such a distinction. A special Convocation for the conferment of honorary degrees shall be convened as and when the University Council shall determine. A person on whom an honorary degree has been conferred shall be given all the rights and privileges associated with a degree of its class from the University.

ARTICLE 6. ACADEMIC DEGREE AND TITLES

6.1 The University shall confer the following academic degrees and titles, upon the recommendation of the Rector, when a student has completed a course of studies and all of the requirements of the following degrees: ThD, ThM and PhM.

ARTICLE 7: TERM OF ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

7.1 Students pursuing the Bachelor degree shall have no more than four years to complete this degree. Students pursuing the Licentiate, or Master's, degree shall have no more than three years to complete this degree. Students pursuing the Doctoral degree shall have no more than seven years to complete this degree.

ARTICLE 8: POLICY ON ACADEMIC HONESTY AND PLAGIARISM

8.1 The Collegium Augustinianum strongly affirms the highest standards of academic honesty and integrity, which are essential to the intellectual life and fundamental to the university mission in the development of independent thought and respect for the intellectual originality of others. As members of the University community, students are responsible for their academic work and held to the highest standards of academic honesty and scholarly integrity.

8.2 Needless to say, faculty has the right to analyze and evaluate student work, and students may be asked to submit their sources and defend their claims of originality and scholarly argumentation. In the event of any kind of plagiarism, as determined by the professor and, in some cases, by the Dean, or an academic tribunal to make a final determination, the student will be subject to academic disciplinary action, which may result in receiving a reprimand, failure, suspension or expulsion from the university.

8.3 Students who believe that they have been treated unfairly may appeal to the Academic Tribunal of the College of Fellows by submitting a grievance to the Office of the Rector. In the event of such action, the Academic Tribunal will make the final determination and disciplinary action if necessary.

ARTICLE 9: POLICIES AND PROCEDURES CONCERNING THE DOCTORAL DEGREE

9.1 The doctoral student must submit a formal Research Proposal to the Rector within two months of acceptance into a doctoral program, which must receive approval from the supervising professor and the Dean of the respective Faculty, Institute or Department.

9.2 A doctoral student may not be simultaneously registered in another doctoral program at another university.

9.3 In order for a date to be set for the defense of the doctoral dissertation, the doctoral student must receive the approval of his or her completed dissertation by the supervising professor, who gives permission for the student to submit his or her Argumentum to the Rector, which must receive approval by the Dean and the Rector. The Dean of the respective Faculty shall appoint a doctoral tribunal of at least three professors, including the supervising professor, when a date has been set for the doctoral defense. The three professors constituting the doctoral tribunal shall ask as many questions as satisfactory; and then, they shall recess to discuss the defense and grade it individually providing a cumulative grade, resulting in one of the following: failure, probatus, bene probatus, cum laude, magna cum laude or summa cum laude. In order for the degree and the title of Doctor to be officially granted and conferred, the new Doctor must publish at least part of his or her dissertation, with whatever necessary corrections ordered by the tribunal professors, which can be satisfied with the partial publication of the dissertation by the university press, submitted to the university in fifty copies of the work.

9.4 If the doctoral student fails his or her defense of his or her dissertation, the student shall have the opportunity to revise his or her dissertation under his or her supervising professor

based upon the recommendations of the tribunal professors and resubmit another Argumentum in order to defend his or her dissertation a second time. However, if the doctoral student is successful at his or her second defense, the student is no longer eligible for the distinction of “summa cum laude.”

9.5 If the doctoral student fails for a second time, the student will require permission from the College of Fellows to become eligible to attempt a third defense. If so, and the doctoral student is finally successful, he or she will no longer be eligible for the distinctions of “summa cum laude,” “magna cum laude” or “cum laude.”