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Second Amendment of the Rules and Regulations of the University of Duisburg-Essen Governing the Levy of Tuition Fees and Higher Education Charges (Tuition Fees Rules and Regulations) dated 18 July 2008

By virtue of § 2 Para. 4 of the Higher Education in North Rhine-Westphalia Act (German abbreviation: HG) dated 31 Oct. 2006 (GV. NRW¹ pg. 474), most recently amended by act of law on 13 March 2008 (GV. NRW. pg. 195), in conjunction with § 2 Para. 1 Clause 1 of the Tuition Fees and Higher Education Charges Act (German abbreviation: StBAG) dated 21 March 2006 (GV. NRW. pg. 119) and the law on the levying of tuition fees and other higher education charges at the universities, universities of applied science and art colleges in the state of North Rhine-Westphalia (German abbreviation: StBAG -VO) dated 6 April 2006, most recently amended by the law of 4 Dec. 2007 (GV. NRW. pg. 157), the University of Duisburg-Essen has passed the following rules and regulations:

Article I

The Rules and Regulations of the University of Duisburg-Essen concerning the levying of tuition fees and higher education charges dated 23 June 2006 (*Gazette*, pg. 379), amended by the Rules and Regulations dated 28 March 2007 (*Gazette*, pg. 215), are hereby amended as follows:

1. The new § 2a reproduced below shall be inserted after § 2:

"§ 2a Charge for an Aptitude Test

To take an Aptitude Test for the course of study in physics for schools culminating with the First State Examination for Teachers, applicants will have to pay a charge of € 40 when they submit their application. This charge will be imposed for the first time for the Aptitude Test held in 2009. For those applicants admitted to the course of study, this charge will be reimbursed at the time of registration."

2. § 3 Para. 1 shall read as follows:

"(1) The University of Duisburg-Essen shall levy charges for:

- a) making a copy of guest student card
- b) the extra administration costs incurred for any late registration or re-registration effected after the due date or for any fee or charge payments made after the due date."

3. § 4 Para. 1 shall read as follows:

"(1) The charge levied is based on the service provided as follows:

- a) making a copy of a guest student card € 10.00
- b) late re-registration: € 10.00
- c) late matriculation: € 15.00"

4. The following addition shall be made to § 5:

"The University of Duisburg-Essen shall make a reimbursement for the particular semester in the event and to the extent that the applicant can demonstrate that he or she has registered, after his or her exmatriculation from the University of Duisburg-Essen, in the same semester in another university within the jurisdiction of the law of the Federal Republic of Germany and has to pay tuition fees or higher education charges at said university for the same semester in which he or she has exmatriculated at the University of Duisburg-Essen."

¹⁾ Gazette of the state of North Rhine-Westphalia

5. § 7 Para. 1 Letter b) shall now read as follows:

"b) "serving as an elected representative on one of the university bodies, the Student Union, the Faculty Student Committees or the Student Administration Office, but only to the maximum amount of four tuition fees pursuant to § 1 up to the attainment of the first academic degree or in the event of registration in a consecutive master's programme (in this case only to the maximum of two tuition fees pursuant to § 1)."

6. § 7 Para. 1 Letter d) Clause 1 shall now read as follows:

"for extra semesters beyond the regular study period up to a study period twice as long as the regular period insofar as these extra semesters are due to a disability or serious illness."

7. § 7 Para. 1 Letter f) shall now read as follows:

"f) for a semester in which the applicant has to take one (and only one) examination to complete his or her course of study. To obtain this exemption, which may be granted only once, the student must present a certificate from the Examination Office to which he or she has been assigned. An exemption shall not be granted, and a previously granted exemption shall be revoked, if the applicant registers – or is already registered – in another course of study for which tuition fees have to be paid in the semester for which the application for an exemption has been submitted."

8. An addition shall be made to § 7 Para. 1 as follows:

"g) being a member of an A, B or C cadre at an Olympic Centre in the German state North Rhine-Westphalia."

9. § 7 Para. 3 shall be amended as follows:

Clause 2 shall now read as follows: "An exemption may no longer be granted after a student has been enrolled for more than twice the regular study period."

In Clause 3 the words "limited to the period up and including the winter semester 08/09" shall be replaced by the word "it". The remark within the parentheses "(currently totalling € 668)" as well as the last relative clause shall be deleted.

Clauses 4 and 5 shall be deleted.

The following new clause, Clause 4, shall be added: "The students are required to present convincing evidence of existing commitments to financially support their studies and of the circumstance that they do not have any additional income".

Article II

This Amendment of the Rules and Regulations shall go into force on the day after its publication in the Gazette of the University of Duisburg-Essen – Official Bulletin.

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