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Article 1

The Higher Education Evaluation and Accreditation Council of Taiwan (hereinafter "the Council") formulated these Regulations in order to support universities and colleges in effectively undertake the recognition of self-accreditation of higher education institutions.

Article 2

Recognition of self-accreditation means that a higher education institution has established self-accreditation mechanisms in accordance with HEEACT Recognition of Self-Accreditation Handbook, conducted accreditation and then submitted accreditation results to the Council for recognition.

Article 3

A higher education institution applying for recognition of self-accreditation must meet one of the following conditions:

1. The institution has participated in the pilot of self-accreditation launched by the Ministry of Education or has received the recognition of self-accreditation from the Council; or
2. In the most recent accreditation cycle, at least ninety percent of the departments and graduate institutes of the institution that were evaluated received the highest rated results from professional accreditation agencies.

Article 4

A higher education institution shall be the unit to apply for recognition of self-accreditation. In the event of establishing a new department, graduate institute, degree, or program, or if a department or graduate institute requires follow-up review procedures, the institution may apply for submission of self-accreditation results in separate years, postponing the

recognition of self-accreditation results, or follow-up recognition of self-accreditation results.

Article 5

The recognition of self-accreditation of higher education institutions will be reviewed in two phases: Recognition of Self-accreditation Mechanism and Recognition of Self-Accreditation Result. The review for recognition of self-accreditation mechanisms focuses on the procedures that a higher education institution has undertaken to design its overall self-accreditation mechanisms and the related regulations. The review for recognition of self-accreditation results focuses on the process and results of self-accreditation carried out by each department or graduate institute. The review items and criteria for the two phases will be provided in the HEEACT Recognition of Self-Accreditation Handbook.

Article 6

The Council's procedures for recognition of self-accreditation of higher education institutions are as follows:

1. Initial Review: The university or college needs to submit an application, a Self-Accreditation Mechanism Action Plan, and a Self-Accreditation Result Report for recognition, the Council will complete an initial review to ensure that all required documents and information are present. If any documents are missing, the institution will be notified to submit them;
2. Review: The Self-Accreditation Mechanism Recognition Working Group or the Self-Accreditation Result Recognition Working Group will conduct a review of written documents or attend the brief presentation given by the program as a means to determine an initial recognition result; and
3. Recognition: The Self-Accreditation Recognition Committee will deliberate on the Self-Accreditation Mechanism and Self-Accreditation Result and determine the result as Recognition Granted or Recognition Denied.
4. Subsequent procedures:
   (1) Recognition Granted: The higher education institution shall submit the documents and information set forth in the HEEACT Recognition of Self-Accreditation Handbook for a subsequent review until it is confirmed that all modifications have been made based on the review comments.
   (2) Recognition Denied: The higher education institution shall submit the documents and information set forth in the HEEACT Recognition of Self-Accreditation Handbook for reaccreditation

by the Self-Accreditation Recognition Committee. The committee will then determine the result as Recognition Granted or Recognition Denied. Should the institution still fail to obtain the result of Recognition Granted after the reaccreditation, it may submit another application after a year for review for recognition of self-accreditation mechanisms, or it may file an appeal against the result of Recognition Denied in accordance with the Regulations Governing the Review of Appeals against Results of Higher Education Accreditation and Other Quality Assurance Related Thereto.

Article 7

The Council shall establish the Self-Accreditation Recognition Committee for recognition of self-accreditation of higher education institutions. The committee shall be composed of the Self-Accreditation Mechanism Recognition Working Group and the Self-Accreditation Result Recognition Working Group, which shall review higher education institutions' Self-Accreditation Mechanism Action Plan and Self-Accreditation Result Report, respectively, and shall submit the review results to the Self-Accreditation Recognition Committee for deliberation.

1. The Self-Accreditation Recognition Committee shall consist of seven to nine members, including two representatives of the Council as well as five to seven representatives from the Association of National Universities of Taiwan, the Association of National Universities of Science and Technology of Taiwan, the Association of Private Universities and Colleges, and the Association of Private Universities and Colleges of Technology. One of the representatives of the Council shall serve as chairperson. Committee members shall serve a term of two years in principle and may be reappointed for additional terms.
2. Members of the Self-Accreditation Mechanism Recognition Working Group and the Self-Accreditation Result Recognition Working Group shall be experts or scholars. Said members will be appointed on a project basis and are required to complete related reviews.

Article 8

The Self- Accreditation Recognition Committee may only convene a meeting if more than two-third of members are present. In principle, a decision is passed by consensus. When necessary, a decision may be passed by vote. A decision must earn the support of a minimum of two-thirds of members in attendance.

Article 9

The recognition of self-accreditation results regarding each department or graduate institute of a higher education institution shall be valid for a period of three or six years, depending on the results of evaluation by the Council. Where an institution has applied for review for recognition of the results of self-accreditation tracking, the validity period shall be determined in accordance with the HEEACT Recognition of Self-Accreditation Handbook.

Article 10

The recognition of self-accreditation results regarding each department or graduate institute of a higher education institution will, after reviewed by the Council, be announced on the official website of the Council and the Taiwan Quality Institution Directory (TQID).

Article 11

Associated fees for the recognition of self-accreditation are managed in accordance with Enforcement Rules for the Collection of Recognition Fees.

Article 12

These Regulations shall take effect upon approval by the Board of Trustees of the Council.