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Second Ordinance on the Amendment of the Doctoral Regulations for the Department of Biology, Chemistry, Pharmacy at Freie Universität Berlin

Preamble

On the basis of Section 14.1.2 of Freie Universität Berlin's supplemental rules and regulations (*Teilgrundordnung [Erprobungsmodell]*) from October 27, 1998, published in *FU-Mitteilungen* 24/1998 (the official bulletin of Freie Universität Berlin), and in conjunction with Section 70.5 of the Berlin Higher Education Act (*Berliner Hochschulgesetz – BerLHG*) from July 26, 2011 (GVBl. p. 378), last amended on July 11, 2023 (GVBl. p. 260), the Extended Department Council (*Erweiterte Fachbereichsrat*) of the Department of Biology, Chemistry, Pharmacy at Freie Universität Berlin issued the following Second Ordinance on the Amendment of the Doctoral Regulations for the Department of Biology, Chemistry, Pharmacy (*FU-Mitteilungen* 21/2018 from May 31, 2018) on October 25, 2023.¹

Article I

1. The term “natural science” shall be replaced with “natural sciences” throughout the entire ordinance.
2. Sections 4.3.c and 4.3.d shall be deleted.
3. Section 6.3.1 shall be replaced with the following:

(3) ¹Irrespective of Section 6.2, the heads of research groups/independent junior research teams and other members of external research institutes and educational establishments with equivalent responsibilities have the right to act as supervisors and reviewers for doctoral degrees as members of the doctoral committee, provided they have been granted this equivalent status in terms of their rights and obligations as part-time university instructors by means of a doctoral board resolution.
4. Section 6.3 will be amended to include the following new sentence 2; as a result, the numbering of the subsequent sentences in the section will shift by one:

²Resolutions pursuant to Sentence 1 may only be adopted for specific doctoral procedures.
5. Sections 7.3.4 and 7.3.5 shall be deleted.
6. Section 7.6 shall be replaced with the following:

¹The dissertation must be submitted electronically. ²A standard format that is also suitable for archiving is to be chosen for this purpose; the doctoral board may decide upon more specific details.
³Prior publications of sections of the dissertation are to be submitted in the same format. ⁴The dissertation may be subjected to an electronic plagiarism check; data protection regulations are to be upheld during this process.
7. A new subsection shall be inserted in the form of Section 21.a:

Section 21.a – Administrative Modernization and Digitization

¹ The Executive Board of Freie Universität Berlin approved these regulations on April 10, 2024.

¹The term “written” shall also be used throughout this ordinance to include digital formats. ²A qualified electronic signature or another substitute form pursuant to Section 3.a of the German Federal Administrative Procedure Act (*Verwaltungsverfahrensgesetz*) may only be permitted in cases in which the written form must be substituted within the meaning of Section 126 of the German Civil Code (*Bürgerliches Gesetzbuch*, BGB). ³Doctoral certificates pursuant to Sections 15, 18, and 19 must always be issued in written form within the meaning of Section 126 of the German Civil Code (*Bürgerliches Gesetzbuch*, BGB).

Article II

This ordinance enters into force on the day following its publication in *FU-Mitteilungen* (the official bulletin of Freie Universität Berlin).