

THE BOARD FOR THE DISCIPLINE OF MATERIALS ENGINEERING

Chairperson

Prof. Agnieszka Kopia, PhD. Eng.

**Resolution no 13/17.02.2025**

**of the Board for the Discipline of Materials Engineering of the University of Science and Technology in Cracow**

**of 17 February 2025**

**Resolution of the Board for Discipline on regulations for the recognition of excellence in doctoral dissertations**

Pursuant to:

- the Act of 20<sup>th</sup> July 2018 “Law on higher education and study” item 1668 as amended
- Resolution no 137/2023 of the AGH UST Senate of 29 November 2023 on ‘Rules and procedures to be followed for conferring a doctoral degree at the University of Science and Technology in Cracow

the Board for the Discipline of Materials Engineering resolves as follows:

§1

1. Chairperson of the Commission for Doctoral Studies is entitled to formally put forward a motion to honour a doctoral dissertation while the Commission is meeting behind closed doors, which follows a public meeting.
2. The members of the Commission shall rate every PhD dissertation together with its defence by applying a points system ranging from 1 to 10. The single highest and the single lowest marks from the Commission members are rejected. The mean (**Ps**) is calculated on the basis of the remaining marks.
3. If **Ps** is higher than 8, the chairperson is obliged to put forward a motion to recognise the excellence of the dissertation when the following conditions are met:
  - a. There is a supporting motion for recognising the excellence of the dissertation by at least one of the reviewers at the Commission meeting or such a motion appears in at least one review.
  - b. Among the scientific achievements of the doctoral student they have at least two in the form of a publication in a journal with an IF and/or patent application (patent) either domestic or foreign within a period of at least 4 years, where the achievements must relate substantively to the scope of the dissertation. The

assessment of this criterion is presented by the Commission Chairperson at the meeting.

4. Both of the conditions enumerated in parts 3a and 3b need to be satisfied for the Chairperson to present a motion for the recognition of excellence.
5. After the Chairperson of the Commission for Doctoral Studies has put forward the motion, the Commission shall vote on the proposal to recognise excellence in a secret ballot. The vote is positive when the motion receives the majority 2/3 'for' votes from the members of the Commission present at the sitting.
6. The members of the Board for the Discipline who are entitled to make resolutions in matters of conferring academic degrees make the resolution to recognise the excellence of the dissertation by achieving a 2/3 majority in a secret ballot undertaken by the members of the Board for the Discipline that are present at the meeting.

## §2

The resolution enters into force on the day of its occurrence.

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the Board for the Discipline of Materials Engineering  
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Prof. Agnieszka Kopia, PhD. Eng.]