Detailed Rules for the Operation of the National Creative Research Initiative Center

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Article 1 (Basis and Purpose) These regulations specify necessary matters for the organization and operation of the National Creative Research Initiative Center established in Pohang University of Science and Technology (hereinafter referred to as “University”) pursuant to Article 4, Clause 1 of the Regulations on the Operation of the Basic Science Research Institute and those on the Operation of the Advanced Engineering Research Center.

Article 2 (Definition and Scope) ① The National Creative Research Initiative Center (hereinafter referred to as “Research Center”) refers to a research center designated by STEPI (Science and Technology Policy Institute) under the Ministry of Education, Science, and Technology for the purpose of enhancing creative and innovative skills, developing unique, core source technologies capable of creating new businesses for the future, and fostering global research leaders for the next generation.
② These regulations shall apply only to the Research Center established in the University for purposes stipulated in Clause 1.

Article 3 (Organization and Functions) ① A Research Center shall have the status and functions of a research center established directly by the University.
② A Research Center shall have a Director (hereinafter referred to as “Director”); the Director shall be appointed by the President of the University as the principal researcher of the relevant project of the National Creative Research Initiative.
③ The Director shall represent a Research Center and oversee its operation.

Article 4 (Researchers and Others) ① A Research Center may have researchers and administrative staff members, etc.
② The President of the University shall appoint researchers and administrative staff members, etc. based on the recommendation of the Director.
③ Matters concerning the personnel management and remunerations of researchers and administrative staff members shall be governed mutatis mutandis by the relevant regulations of the University; however, details may be stipulated separately by the Director.

Article 5 (Compilation and Management of Budgets) ① The budget of a Research Center shall be planned and managed based on a self-supporting accounting system.
② Budgets shall be managed and executed under the responsibility and at the discretion of the Director.

Article 6 (Management and Support by the University) ① The University shall charge overhead for its operation of and support for a Research Center, development reserve as a reward for attracting an institute, and personnel expenses for professors; charging rates shall be determined as approved by the agency that commissioned the study.
② The University shall ease the Director’s obligations (lecturing, voluntary services, etc.) as required of every Professor as an offset for charging development reserve and personnel expenses for professors based on the purpose of operation of the National Creative Research Initiative of STEPI.
③ The University may charge rent for the allocated space used by a Research Center in excess of a certain standard; the charging rate shall be stipulated separately by the President of the University.

Article 7 (Accounting Management) ① The funds supporting a Research Center such as government contributions shall be managed by the University Administration in a separate accounting system; each Research Center’s fund and supporting documents for accounting records shall be managed separately.
② Research expenses for the operation and research of a Research Center shall be executed under the Director’s responsibility.
③ Research expenses of a Research Center shall be executed within the standard (execution details and limits) set by the agency that commissioned the study; the regulations and guidelines of the University on the management of general research projects shall not apply, however.
④ The Director must report the budget and settlement of accounts of a Research Center to the President of the University every fiscal year.
⑤ A Research Center must fully cooperate with any request for the submission of relevant documents if necessary for reasonable management of accounting by the University Administration.

Article 8 (Asset Management) Any and all assets purchased by the fund of a Research Center shall be the
University’s assets; a list of such assets shall be managed by each Research Center. If necessary, a participating researcher may rent the equipment, etc., purchased by a Research Center.

**Article 9 (Mutatis Mutandis Application)** Other regulations of Pohang University of Science and Technology shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to matters other than those stipulated by these regulations.

**Addenda**

1. These amended detailed rules shall be established and take effect on July 1, 1998.
2. Matters executed before the effective date of these regulations shall be deemed to have been executed according to these regulations.