IBS Balanced Gender Ratio Policy for Teaching Staff

1. Purpose

This policy outlines International Business School's (IBS) commitment to gender equity in its teaching staff and defines measures to promote a balanced gender ratio in alignment with Hungarian legislation and European Union directives on equality and non-discrimination.

IBS is an equal opportunity employer and values diversity and welcomes applicants from every walk of life.

2. Scope

This policy applies to:

- All teaching staff employed by IBS, including full-time, part-time, visiting, adjunct, and contract-based academic personnel.
- All campuses operated by IBS.

3. Definitions

- Gender Balance: A distribution where no single gender represents more than 60% or less than 40% of the teaching staff in a given academic area or institution-wide, wherever feasible.
- Underrepresented Gender: A gender group that falls below the 40% threshold within a particular academic area.
- Teaching Staff: Individuals employed in roles that include instruction and research.

4. Legal and Policy Framework

This policy is informed by:

- Act CXXV of 2003 on Equal Treatment and the Promotion of Equal Opportunities
- Act I of 2012 on the Hungarian Labour Code
- EU Directive 2006/54/EC
- IBS's Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Policy

5. Policy Statement

IBS is committed to:

- Promoting and maintaining a balanced gender ratio within the teaching staff.
- Ensuring equitable access to academic positions and professional development regardless of gender.
- Creating an inclusive academic environment free from discrimination or structural bias.

6. Responsibilities

Role | Responsibility

Chief Executive Officer | Overall oversight and endorsement of institutional gender equity goals.

Head of Quality Assurance and Enhancement| Collecting data, reporting on gender ratios, monitoring compliance.

Chief HR Officer | Ensuring fair recruitment practices, providing training, handling complaints.

Head of Education and Research, Academic Area Leaders | Implementing the policy at the unit level, preparing corrective action plans when needed.

7. Implementation Measures

- 7.1 Recruitment and Selection
- All job postings must include inclusive language and an equal opportunity statement.
- Committees should be diverse and trained.
- 7.2 Monitoring and Reporting
- Annual gender reports by the Centre for Quality Assurance and Enhancement.
- 7.3 Corrective Actions
- Action plans by units with imbalances.
- 7.4 Work Environment
- Promote flexible work, training, and grievance support.

8. Exceptions and Field-Specific Adjustments

Some disciplines may have structural gender disparities. Faculties may apply for an exception, documented and approved by the Centre for Education and Research.

9. Review and Evaluation

This policy shall be reviewed every three years by the Head of QAE in collaboration with the Chief HR Officer.

10. Related Documents

- Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Policy
- Code of Ethics
- Grievance Policy and Procedures for Employees
- Rules and Regulations on Employment, Career Progress and Appraisal for Academic Staff

This Policy was approved by the Executive Management Board on 01 October 2025.