Curriculum for the Doctoral Programme „Quantitative Economics“

Based on § 22 (2) of the Doctoral Degree Regulations (Statutes) of the Faculty of Business, Economics and Social Sciences, passed on July 2nd 2004, the doctoral thesis committee and the faculty convent have determined the following curriculum on June 17th 2015:

1. **Credits:**
   - During doctoral studies candidates have to obtain course certificates corresponding to a course load of 22 weekly semester hours (Semesterwochenstunden/SWS). Course certificates with a course load of 2 SWS as stipulated in the Doctoral Degree Regulations correspond to 5 credit points according to examination regulations of the faculty.

2. **Course Credits:**
   - Candidates have to obtain 30 credit points in the following courses:
     
     2.1. *Advanced Macroeconomics I*  
          2 SWS  5 credit points
     
     2.2. *Advanced Macroeconomics II*  
          2 SWS  5 credit points
     
     2.3. *Advanced Microeconomics*  
          4 SWS  10 credit points
     
     2.4. *Advanced Econometrics and Statistics*  
          2 SWS  5 credit points
     
     2.5. *One specialization course from among those offered in the doctoral programme*  
          2 SWS  5 credit points

3. **Research Credits:**
   - Based on § 23 in conjunction with § 24 of the Doctoral Degree Regulations, 25 credit points have to be obtained by presentation and/or regular participation in the following research seminars:
     
     3.1. *Brown Bag Seminar*  
          Participation and own presentation  
          2 SWS  5 credit points
     
     3.2. *Erich Schneider Research Seminar*  
          Regular participation  
          4 SWS  10 credit points
     
     3.3. *Research Area Seminar*  
          Participation and own presentation  
          2 SWS  5 credit points
     
     3.4. *Research Area Seminar*  
          Additional participation and presentation  
          or  
          *Erich Schneider Research Seminar*  
          regular participation  
          or  
          *Research Area Seminar offered by the doctoral programme business administration*  
          Regular participation  
          2 SWS  5 credit points
4. **Time Schedule:**
   Courses listed in 2.1. to 2.3. are regularly offered during winter term. Courses listed in 2.4. and 2.5. are offered both in winter and summer term. Course credits listed in 2 should be obtained during the first year of doctoral studies. The credit for presentation listed in 3.1. should be obtained within the second year, the one listed in 3.3. should be obtained during the third year, at the latest.

5. **Erich Schneider-Research Seminar:**
   Credits for Erich Schneider Research Seminar can be obtained during the whole period of doctoral studies. A course credit will be assigned for 10 sessions of participation in the seminar, which do not necessarily need to have taken place in one semester.

6. **Additional Courses:**
   Doctoral candidates are free to participate in further courses of the doctoral programme and can obtain additional credits.

7. **Mentoring:**
   At the beginning of studies a mentor is assigned for each doctoral candidate by the head of the programme. For doctoral candidates who are employed at a chair, the employing professor will be the mentor. The mentor advises the doctoral candidate concerning the planning of their doctoral studies, especially in their selection of courses. The mentoring relationship ends once the supervisor for the doctoral candidate is determined.

8. **Supervision:**
   By the end of the first year after start of doctoral studies a supervisor has to be determined. By the end of the second year after start of doctoral studies additional supervisors can be determined from faculty staff entitled to supervise doctoral candidates according to § 5 of the Doctoral Degree Regulations.

9. **Reporting:**
   By the end of the first year after start of doctoral studies, the candidate has to provide a research proposal for his or her dissertation. The research proposal should include content and methodological outlines of the thesis, as well as a detailed time schedule for the research project. By the end of the second year after start of doctoral studies, the candidate has to provide a short report about the progress of his or her thesis (§ 6 of the Doctoral Degree Regulations).
10. **Transfer of Credits:**
Doctoral candidates have to obtain 6 credits for courses listed in section 2 and 3. Following exceptions apply:

10.1. Course certificates from other doctoral programmes may be transferred for credits listed in section 2, if those course certificates have been obtained in courses developed explicitly for doctoral candidates and if they have not been part of other academic degrees.

10.2. Candidates who have completed master studies in the area of economics at the Faculty of Business, Economics and Social Sciences at Kiel University and who have already obtained course certificates for courses listed in sections 2.1 to 2.3 have to replace these credits, after consultation with their mentor, with other courses from those offered by the doctoral programme.

10.3 After consultation with the mentor, participation in the Erich Schneider Research Seminar according to section 3.2 can be replaced by equivalent research seminars, such as the Seminar on Statistics and Econometrics, if the lecture is given by an external speaker. For other research seminars, equivalence is determined by the head of the programme together with the mentor.

11. **Repetition of and Failing at Exams:**
The *Prüfungsverfahrensordnung* of Kiel University applies to repetition and failing at exams for courses listed in section 2.

12. **Coming into effect:**
This curriculum becomes effective on the day of passing and is valid for those candidates being admitted to doctoral studies from winter term 2015/2016 on.

NB: In cases of dispute, the curriculum (Studienplan) shall be applicable as set out in the original German text and not this translation.