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VILNIUS UNIVERSITY OF APPLIED SCIENCES DESCRIPTION OF PROCEDURE FOR INFORMING THE PUBLIC ON QUALITY ISSUES

I. General provisions

1. The Description of the Procedure for Informing the Public on Quality Issues of Vilnius University of Applied Sciences (hereinafter - the University) (hereinafter - the Description) establishes the procedure for mandatory public information presentation on the activities of the University.

2. Public communication on quality issues is based on the European Quality Assurance Framework and Guidelines for the European Higher Education Area (2015).

3. The Description has been prepared in accordance with the Law on Science and Studies of the Republic of Lithuania (2009), the Description of the Procedure for External Evaluation and Accreditation of Higher Education Institutions and Branches of Higher Education Institutions of Foreign Countries (2019), and the Methodology for Evaluation of Higher Education Institution Activities (2020), Description of Procedure for External Studies Assessment and Accreditation (2019).

4. The Study Service is responsible for preparing information about the studies for publication.

5. The Science division is responsible for preparing information on scientific/artistic activities for publication.

6. Other units are responsible for preparing information for publication on the activities carried out in their area of responsibility.

7. The Internal Control and Risk Assessment Specialist is responsible for overseeing the process of preparing information on the University's activities.

8. The terms used in the Description correspond to the terms defined in the Law on Science and Studies of the Republic of Lithuania and its sub-legislative legal acts.

II. Public information

9. The content of the qualitative and quantitative information on the University's activities that must be made public includes:

9.1. study programs and the higher education qualifications they award

9.2. scientific (artistic) activities;

9.3. financial activities;

9.4. economic activity, infrastructure renewal;

9.5. Measures to ensure the quality of studies and scientific (artistic) activities;

9.6. A compendium of the results of the external quality assessment and accreditation of fields of study;

9.7. evaluations of the University's performance by recognized institutions;

9.8. decisions by the authorized authority on the evaluation of the University's performance and the conclusions of the evaluation;

9.9. measures to address shortcomings identified in the self-assessment and external evaluation and to improve the University's performance.

10. The decision of the competent authority on the evaluation of the University's performance, including the conclusions of the evaluation, shall be published on the University's website within 5 working days and shall be maintained until the next external evaluation.

11. The content of the mandatory publicly available qualitative and quantitative information about each field of study at the University includes:

11.1. study programs and the higher education qualifications they award

11.2. data on graduate careers;

11.3. the results of monitoring/assessment;

11.4. Students', alumni's and other social stakeholders' views on the quality of studies;

11.5. measures to ensure the quality of studies;

11.6. the conclusions of the external evaluation of the field of study;

11.7. a decision by the accrediting body on the accreditation of the field of study;

11.8. other data needed to inform the public about the studies.

12. The University must publish on its website, no later than one month after the entry into force of the decision on the accreditation of the field of study, all the conclusions of the external evaluation and the decision on the accreditation of the field of study.

II. Final provisions

13. Public information on quality issues shall be published on the University's website and other appropriate means. The Public relations division is responsible for publishing the information.