



GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA

RESOLUTION

ON THE AMENDMENT OF RESOLUTION NO. 1326 OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA OF 9 NOVEMBER 2011 “ON THE RESTRUCTURING OF VILNIUS UNIVERSITY OF APPLIED SCIENCES AND THE REPEAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 949 OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA “ON THE APPROVAL OF THE STATUTE OF VILNIUS UNIVERSITY OF APPLIED SCIENCES” OF 29 AUGUST 2007”

8 June 2022 No 609
Vilnius

The Government of the Republic of Lithuania hereby *d e c i d e s* :

1. to amend Resolution No 1326 of the Government of the Republic of Lithuania of 9 November 2011 “On the restructuring of Vilnius University of Applied Sciences and the repeal of Resolution No 949 of the Government of the Republic of Lithuania “On the Approval of the Statute of Vilnius University of Applied Sciences” of 29 August 2007” and to recast it as follows:

“GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA

RESOLUTION

ON THE APPROVAL OF THE STATUTE OF VILNIUS UNIVERSITY OF APPLIED SCIENCES, THE EXERCISE OF THE RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF THE OWNER AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE REGISTERED OFFICE ADDRESS

Pursuant to Article 34(3) and Article 35(4) of the Law on Research and Higher Education of the Republic of Lithuania, Article 23(1) of the Law on the Management, Use and Disposal of State and Municipal Assets of the Republic of Lithuania, and in the implementation of sub-clause 2.2 of Resolution No 1025 of the Government of the Republic of Lithuania “On the Exercise of Property and Non-Property Rights by the State and Municipalities in Public Institutions” of 26 September 2007, the Government of the Republic of Lithuania *d e c i d e s* :

1. To approve the Statute of Vilnius University of Applied Sciences (attached).
 2. To instruct the Ministry of Education, Science and Sport of the Republic of Lithuania to implement property and non-property rights and duties of the State as the owner of the public institution Vilnius University of Applied Sciences.
 3. To establish the registered office address of Vilnius University of Applied Sciences at Saltoniškių g. 58-1, Vilnius.”
2. To authorise the Rector of the public institution Vilnius University of Applied Sciences to sign the Statute of the public institution Vilnius University of Applied Sciences and to submit the Statute and other amended data to the Register of Legal Entities within thirty days from the date of entry into force of this resolution.

Prime Minister

Ingrida Šimonytė

Minister for Education, Science and Sport

Jurgita Šiugždienė

APPROVED
by Resolution No 1326 of the
Government of the Republic of Lithuania
of 9 November 2011
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Government of the Republic of Lithuania of 8
June 2022)

STATUTE OF VILNIAUS UNIVERSITY OF APPLIED SCIENCES

CHAPTER I GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. The public institution Vilnius University of Applied Sciences (hereinafter – Vilnius UAS) is a public higher education institution of the Republic of Lithuania. The name of the university is Vilnius University of Applied Sciences.

2. Vilnius UAS is a public legal person registered in the Republic of Lithuania, having a seal with the coat of arms of the State of Lithuania and its name, and a bank account. The legal form of Vilnius UAS is a public institution.

3. Vilnius UAS is owned by the Republic of Lithuania. The Ministry of Education, Science and Sport of the Republic of Lithuania implements property and non-property rights and duties of the owner of Vilnius UAS (insofar as this does not fall within the exclusive competence of the Government of the Republic of Lithuania).

4. Vilnius UAS provides collegiate studies based on professional practice and applied research, experimental development and professional art, higher collegiate education and lifelong learning.

5. Social responsibility of Vilnius UAS is linked to sustainable development of the region in cooperation with local community, business and government groups, developing the capacity of individuals and the community for independent and creative thinking and action.

6. Vilnius UAS has autonomy covering academic, administrative, economic and financial management activities, based on the principle of self-government and academic freedom. The autonomy of Vilnius UAS is combined with accountability to the society, founders and participants of the legal entity, in accordance with the procedures established by the Constitution of the Republic of Lithuania, the Law on Research and Higher Education of the Republic of Lithuania and other laws.

7. Public announcements, documents and other information of Vilnius UAS is published on the website of Vilnius UAS.

8. Vilnius UAS is a beneficiary under the Law on Charity and Support of the Republic of Lithuania.

9. Vilnius UAS may be a member of various associations and other organisations.

CHAPTER II AIMS, OBJECTIVES, AREAS AND TYPES OF ACTIVITIES

10. The aims of operation of Vilnius UAS:

10.1. to carry out studies that provide a person with higher collegiate education and a higher education qualification, meeting the needs of the Lithuanian state, the society and the economy, and corresponding to the level of research and the latest technologies;

10.2. to develop applied research, experimental development and impactful professional art of relevance to the business world;

10.3. to provide opportunities for the development of knowledge and skills acquired by individuals;

10.4. to develop an educationally and culturally responsive society capable of working in a rapidly changing technological environment;

10.5. to create an organisational culture that is focused on the mobilisation of members of the community of Vilnius UAS and socially responsible community spirit.

11. The objectives of operation of Vilnius UAS:

11.1. to ensure equal conditions for persons pursuing higher education, irrespective of sex, race, nationality, citizenship, language, origin, social status, beliefs, views or opinions, age, sexual orientation, disability, ethnic origin, religion;

11.2. to ensure high quality studies with a view to the development of a competent, critical, responsible and continuously knowledgeable personality;

11.3. to develop a quality assurance system;

11.4. to carry out applied scientific research, experimental development and professional art aimed at improving the quality of studies and promoting the development of the region and the country;

11.5. to develop modern state-of-the-art teaching facilities and new technologies to meet the needs of students and members of the society;

11.6. to ensure rational use of material and financial resources;

11.7. to provide conditions for members of the society for continuous development and lifelong learning regardless of gender, race, nationality, citizenship, language, origin, social status, beliefs, views or opinions, age, sexual orientation, disability, ethnic origin, religion.

12. The main area of activity of Vilnius UAS is education and applied research. The main types of activities of Vilnius UAS include the pursuit of collegiate studies, research and development.

13. Other types of activities of Vilnius UAS (according to the Classification of Economic Activities) include:

13.1. crop and animal production, hunting and related service activities, code - 01;

13.2. bakery and production of farinaceous products, code - 10.7;

13.3. production of other food products, code - 10.8;

13.4. other accommodation activities, code - 55.90;

13.5. provision of other food services, code - 56.29;

13.6. publishing activities, code - 58;

13.7. other information technology and computer service activities, code - 62.09;

13.8. renting and operating own or leased property - 68.2;

13.9. other professional, scientific and technical activities n.e.c., code - 74.90;

13.10. veterinary activities, code - 75;

13.11. technical and professional secondary education, code - 85.32;

13.12. other training, code - 85.5;

13.13. education service activities, code - 85.60;

13.14. other human health activities, code - 86.90;

13.15. creative, art and entertainment activities, code - 90.0;

13.16. library and archive activities, code - 91.01;

13.17. other amusement and recreation activities, code - 93.29;

13.18. other personal service activities, code - 96.

14. Vilnius UAS may carry out other activities, provided that they do not contradict the objectives of operation of Vilnius UAS, laws and other legal acts of the Republic of Lithuania.

CHAPTER III BASIC PROVISIONS ON THE ORGANISATION OF STUDIES, RESEARCH AND ART ACTIVITIES

15. Vilnius UAS provides first cycle collegiate studies for the acquisition of a professional bachelor's qualification degree or a professional bachelor's degree and qualification in the respective

group of fields of study; studies of individual study subjects (modules), competence development programmes and non-formal adult education programmes may be provided.

16. Vilnius UAS may conduct short-term studies – a higher education study stage for obtaining a professional qualification according to the fifth level of the Lithuanian Qualifications Framework.

17. Persons may study at Vilnius UAS in state-funded and non-state-funded study places. Persons studying in state-unfunded study places pay a tuition fee approved by the Academic Council of Vilnius UAS (hereinafter – the Academic Council). The tuition fee or a part thereof of a person studying in a non-state funded study place may be paid by employers of the student, Vilnius UAS, other natural and legal persons.

18. The language of studies at Vilnius UAS is Lithuanian. In the cases stipulated by the Law on Research and Higher Education, a study programme or a part thereof may be taught in other languages.

19. Vilnius UAS may carry out joint collegiate study programmes together with Lithuanian or foreign higher education institutions. Having graduated from these programmes, a qualification degree(s) or a joint qualification degree(s) is awarded.

20. Individuals may apply to Vilnius UAS for the assessment and recognition of their formal and non-formal education and competences acquired through informal learning related to higher education. Recognition of competences acquired through formal education for persons wishing to continue their studies at Vilnius UAS as a part of the study programme shall be conducted by Vilnius UAS in accordance with the procedure laid down by the Minister of Education, Science and Sport of the Republic of Lithuania (hereinafter – the Minister).

21. The results of partial studies shall be credited at Vilnius UAS to persons who have graduated, studied or are studying in higher education institutions of Lithuania or foreign countries under higher education study programmes and who wish to continue their studies at Vilnius UAS, including the results of their studies under the same or other short-term, collegiate, university first-cycle, second-cycle or integrated professional study programmes. The results of partial studies shall be credited in accordance with the procedure established by the Minister.

22. Professional studies may be carried out at Vilnius UAS to acquire qualifications and for the preparation of independent practical activity in accordance with the procedure established by the Government or an institution authorised by it.

23. Studies are available in full-time and part-time forms.

24. The academic year is divided into semesters and vacation periods. The Academic Council shall determine the beginning and end of the academic year, semesters and vacation periods. The procedure for the organisation of studies has been laid down in the Study Procedure of Vilnius UAS (hereinafter – the Study Procedure) approved by the Academic Council.

25. Study programmes can be interdisciplinary designed to achieve related outcomes in two or more fields of study.

26. Collegiate study programmes can be designed to acquire two types of professional bachelor's degrees.

27. For the purpose of internships provided for in the study programme, the enterprise, institution or organisation where the student is undertaking internships and the student and Vilnius UAS shall conclude an internship agreement.

28. A professional bachelor's diploma and a diploma supplement are issued to graduates of collegiate study programmes.

29. Persons having completed short-term cycle studies are issued a study certificate entitling them to pursue a professional activity and/or to continue their collegiate studies.

30. A person having studied at Vilnius UAS under a part of a study programme shall be issued a study certificate.

31. A certificate shall be issued to persons who have completed competence development or non-formal adult education programmes.

32. A study certificate shall be issued to persons who have completed study modules (subjects) designated to acquire other qualifications.

33. Having received a mandate from the Minister, Vilnius UAS conducts, in accordance with the procedure established by the Government, an academic recognition of education and qualifications related to higher education and acquired under the educational programmes of foreign countries and international organisations.

34. Vilnius UAS engages in applied research, experimental development and professional arts.

35. The unity of research, professional art and education at Vilnius UAS has been ensured through a close connection with practice – participation of teaching staff and students in applied research, professional art projects and experimental, social and cultural development works commissioned by business, industry and other organisations, regional development projects, and consultancy activities.

36. The Academic Council determines the directions and topics of applied research, professional art and experimental development activities, taking into account the qualifications of research and art staff of Vilnius UAS, the available financial resources, and the needs of the studies and the clients.

37. The results of applied research, experimental development and professional art activities are made publicly available (online and by other means), insofar as this does not contradict the legislation on the protection of intellectual property and commercial, state or official secrets.

38. Vilnius UAS promotes the dissemination of applied research, experimental development and professional art, organises scientific and practical conferences, forums, seminars and competitions.

39. Vilnius UAS publishes scientific, methodological and educational publications.

CHAPTER IV ENSURING THE QUALITY OF EDUCATION, RESEARCH AND ARTS

40. Vilnius UAS is responsible for the quality of study, research, artistic and other activities carried out at Vilnius UAS, publishes quality indicators of its activities, and, in cooperation with evaluation institutions, promotes a quality culture.

41. Each year (no later than by 31 March) Vilnius UAS publishes its annual activity report for the previous year, and annual estimates of income and expenditure as well as the reports on their implementation.

42. The quality of research, professional art activities and studies at Vilnius UAS is ensured by applying the internal quality assurance system approved by the Academic Council, external evaluation and accreditation of studies and external evaluation and accreditation of Vilnius UAS, by developing internationalisation, interinstitutional cooperation and the integrity of research and studies.

43. Internal quality assurance of Vilnius UAS is based on the European Higher Education Area quality assurance provisions and guidelines. Quality in education is ensured based on the provisions of the European Research Area.

44. Activities of Vilnius UAS is continuously improved through periodic self-evaluation, taking into account the results of the external evaluation of Vilnius UAS.

45. Vilnius UAS publishes on its public website and otherwise (at least once a year) make available to the academic community accurate and impartial quantitative and qualitative information on research and art activities, the results of external evaluation and accreditation of fields of study, the higher education qualifications awarded, the opinions of students, graduates and other stakeholders on the quality of studies, the results of the external evaluation of activities and studies of Vilnius UAS, the results of monitoring of the employability and career of graduates, and any other data necessary to inform the public about studies.

46. An external evaluation of a study field of Vilnius UAS includes an analysis of the quality of all study programmes and their delivery on the basis of self-evaluation and monitoring data, with the involvement of external experts. The results of the external evaluation of studies are published on

the website of Vilnius UAS. Following the external evaluation of the fields of study, Vilnius UAS implements the recommendations made during the external evaluation.

CHAPTER V GOVERNING BODIES OF VILNIUS UAS AND THEIR COMPETENCES, PROCEDURE OF THEIR CONSTITUTION AND DISMISSAL

47. Governing bodies of Vilnius UAS are formed and their competence are determined in accordance with the Civil Code of the Republic of Lithuania, the Law on Public Institutions of the Republic of Lithuania and the Law on Research and Higher Education. The Council of Vilnius UAS (hereinafter – the Council) and the Academic Council are collegial governing bodies of Vilnius UAS, and the Rector of Vilnius UAS (hereinafter – the Rector) is the sole governing body.

48. The Council is the governing body of Vilnius UAS for strategic affairs, ensuring its accountability to the public, social responsibility and rapid and effective response to environmental change.

49. The Council:

49.1. performs the functions provided for in Article 27(2) of the Law on Research and Higher Education;

49.2. announces the election of the Academic Council 2 months before the end of the term of office of the Academic Council, or in the event of the termination of its mandate before the end of its term of office, as well as in other cases provided for by law.

50. The Council is composed of 11 members in the following order:

50.1. 1 member shall be appointed and removed by the Student Representation of Vilnius UAS (hereinafter – Student Representation) in accordance with its established procedure, or, in the absence of the Student Representation, by the General Meeting of Students (a conference);

50.2. other members of the academic community of Vilnius UAS (excluding students) shall elect and recall 5 members from the staff of Vilnius UAS in accordance with the procedure established by the Academic Council;

50.3. 4 members from outside the staff and students of Vilnius UAS shall be elected and removed in accordance with the procedure laid down by the Academic Council. These 4 members shall be elected by way of a public competition;

50.4. 1 member from outside the staff and students of Vilnius UAS shall be elected and recalled by Student Representation in accordance with its established procedure, or, in the absence of the Student Representation, by the General Meeting of Students (a conference).

51. Members of the Council shall be elected individually for each of the 10 seats defined by the Academic Council, taking into account different interests of Vilnius UAS. The Chairperson of the Academic Board publishes the composition of the Council on the website of Vilnius UAS.

52. Article 27(6) of the Law on Research and Higher Education regulates the duration of the Council's term of office and the deadline for the Chairperson of the Academic Council to announce the composition of the newly formed Council.

53. A person who meets the requirements set out in Article 27(4) of the Law on Research and Higher Education may be a member of the Council. The same person may be a member of the Council for no more than two consecutive terms of office.

54. Persons referred to in Article 27(5) of the Law on Research and Higher Education may not be members of the Council.

55. Upon taking office, a member of the Council shall, at the first Council meeting whereto members of the Academic Council are to be invited, publicly read and sign a commitment of a Council member, in a form approved by the Academic Council, that he shall act in the interests of Vilnius UAS and the public, and shall perform the functions set out in the Law on Research and Higher Education in good faith. The Chairperson of the Academic Council shall accept the commitment signed by a Council member.

56. The Council shall elect and remove the Chairperson and the Vice-Chairperson of the Council from among its members by a majority vote of all its members. The Chairperson of the Council may not be a member of the staff or a student of Vilnius UAS. The Chairperson of the Council shall preside over and represent the Council. In temporary absence of the Chairperson of the Council, these functions shall be exercised by the Vice-Chairperson of the Council and, in his temporary absence, – by another member of the Council authorised by the Council.

57. The Council shall adopt its rules of procedure. It shall take decisions by a simple majority of votes of members of the Council present at a meeting, unless a different quorum has been established by the Law on Research and Higher Education and/or the Statute. Meetings of the Council shall be valid if at least two thirds of its members are present. The Council shall publish its decisions on the website of Vilnius UAS.

58. The Rector may attend meetings of the Council in an advisory capacity.

59. If a member of the Council does not properly perform the duties set out in the Statute, the rules of procedure of the Council or the Law on Research and Higher Education, or does not sign the commitment referred to in Article 55 of the Statute, the Chairperson of the Council shall have the right to request the entity that appointed the member to recall the appointed member of the Council.

60. A member of the Council whose term of office has terminated before the expiry of the Council's term of office shall be replaced by another member of the Council for the remainder of the Council's term of office, in the same manner as the member of the Council whose term of office terminated. The new member of the Council shall take up his duties after his appointment has been announced by the Chairperson of the Academic Board, and the Council member has signed the commitment referred to in clause 55 of the Statute.

61. Members of the Council shall be remunerated for their activities as members of the Council from the funds of Vilnius UAS. The remuneration amount shall be set in the Council's estimates of expenditure for the organisation of its activities. Remuneration shall be paid twice per calendar year in accordance with the conditions laid down in the agreement concluded by Vilnius UAS and the Council member.

62. The Rector shall ensure the necessary organisational conditions for the Council's activities.

63. The Academic Council is the governing body for academic affairs of Vilnius UAS.

64. The Academic Council:

64.1. performs the functions provided for in Article 28(2) of the Law on Research and Higher Education;

64.2. considers candidates proposed by the Rector for the positions of Deputy Rectors, Deans and Vice-Deans;

64.3. considers and approves the Code of Academic Ethics of Vilnius UAS (hereinafter – the Code of Academic Ethics);

64.4. brings together the Academic Ethics Committee of Vilnius UAS and submit it for Rector's approval;

64.5. convene meetings of the academic community of Vilnius UAS to discuss important issues related to activities of Vilnius UAS, when more than a half of the total number of members of the Academic Council so requests. Members of the academic community of Vilnius UAS shall be notified of the venue, time and agenda of the meeting at least 5 business days before the meeting;

64.6. confers honorary and other titles in accordance with the procedure laid down by the Academic Council;

64.7. approves the amounts of payments directly related to the implementation of study programmes;

64.8. considers and approves the rules of student admission to Vilnius UAS (hereinafter – Student Admission Rules);

64.9. approves the regulations of activities of academic units of Vilnius UAS.

65. The Academic Board performs the following duties:

65.1. publicly informs the academic community of Vilnius UAS of its decisions on the website of Vilnius UAS no later than within 7 business days after the decision-making day; the decisions of the Academic Council shall be binding on all members of the academic community of Vilnius UAS;

65.2. prepares an annual report on its activities, makes it publicly available and presents it to the Vilnius UAS community on the website of Vilnius UAS no later than in March of each year.

66. The Academic Council shall have the right to make recommendations to the Rector on changes to the governance structure of Vilnius UAS.

67. The Academic Council shall be elected for 5 years.

68. Members of the Academic Council may be members of the academic community of Vilnius UAS, administrative staff members who are members of the Academic Council by virtue of their position, as well as researchers, lecturers and recognised artists from other research and study institutions.

69. The Academic Council has 31 members:

69.1. 21 members, including 7 members of staff holding the post of an Associate Professor and/or a Senior Research Fellow, shall be appointed by a meeting of representatives of teaching staff and research fellows by a majority of votes cast at the meeting. Each Faculty Council shall delegate 5 members of the academic community of Vilnius UAS, excluding students, to the meeting of representatives of teaching staff and research fellows by a majority of votes of participants in the meetings;

69.2. 7 members shall be appointed by Student Representation or, in its absence, by the General Meeting of Students (a conference) in accordance with its procedures;

69.3. 3 members of the Academic Council shall be ex officio members – the Rector shall be an ex officio member of the Academic Council, and the other 2 members shall be appointed ex officio members in accordance with the procedure established by the Rector.

70. The composition of the Academic Council and amendments thereto shall be published by order of the Rector.

71. The Academic Council shall adopt its own rules of procedure. It shall take its decisions by a simple majority of votes of the members of the Academic Council present at a meeting, unless a different quorum has been established in the Statute. Meetings of the Academic Council shall be valid if at least half of its members are present. The first meeting of the Academic Council shall be convened and chaired by the Rector no later than one month after the election of the members of the Academic Council.

72. The Academic Council shall elect the Chairperson and the Vice-Chairperson of the Academic Council from among its members by a simple majority of the total number of votes cast. The Chairperson of the Academic Council shall preside over and represent the Academic Council. If the Chairperson of the Academic Council is temporarily absent, these functions shall be performed by the Vice-Chairperson of the Academic Council, and, in his absence, by another member of the Academic Council authorised by the Academic Council. The Rector cannot be the Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson of the Academic Council.

73. The Chairperson and the Deputy Chairperson of the Academic Council may be removed from office if they fail to perform their duties properly by a majority of at least 2/3 of the total number of members of the Academic Council.

74. The membership of a member of the Academic Council shall cease:

74.1. upon the termination of the Academic Council member's contract of employment with Vilnius UAS, unless the member is an employee of another research and education institution and was elected as holding the post of an associate professor or a senior research fellow;

74.2. when a member of the Academic Council - a student goes on an academic leave, interrupts or terminates his studies;

74.3. upon resignation from the Academic Council;

74.4. in the event of the death of a member of the Academic Council;

74.5. upon removal of a member of the Academic Council from office, if the member of the Academic Council does not properly perform the duties of a member of the Academic Council as set

out in the Law on Research and Higher Education, the Statute, and the Rules of Procedure of the Academic Council.

75. The Rector is the single-person governing body of Vilnius UAS, acting on its behalf and representing it.

76. The Rector:

76.1. performs the functions provided for in Article 29(2) of the Law on Research and Higher Education;

76.2. appoints Deputy Rectors responsible for study and research activities, Deans and Vice-Deans having obtained an approval of the Academic Council;

76.3. announces competitions for teaching positions, appoints and dismisses teaching staff members;

76.4. makes proposals to the Academic Council on the tuition fees and the amounts of fees directly related to the implementation of study programmes;

76.5. promotes staff and students;

76.6. imposes disciplinary penalties on students;

76.7. coordinates the cooperation of Vilnius UAS with other Lithuanian and foreign institutions, social partners;

76.8. represents Vilnius UAS at the Conference of Rectors of Lithuanian universities of applied sciences, national, foreign and international organisations.

77. Directorate of Vilnius UAS is an advisory body to the Rector.

78. The composition and rules of procedure of the Directorate of Vilnius UAS is approved by order of the Rector.

79. The Council shall elect the Rector in accordance with the procedure laid down by it.

80. The Council shall announce a public competition for the position of the Rector. The Rector shall be deemed to be elected if at least three-fifths of all members of the Council vote for him.

81. The Rector shall be a person of impeccable repute, with at least 5 years of teaching experience and at least 5 years of managerial experience, who holds a doctorate in science or art, or is a recognised artist.

82. The Chairperson of the Council or another person authorised by the Council shall sign the employment contract with the elected Rector for the duration of his term of office on behalf of Vilnius UAS.

83. Article 29(7) of the Law on Research and Higher Education regulates the term of office of the Rector.

84. If the Rector's annual report on the activities of Vilnius UAS is not approved by a majority of votes of all members of the Council, the Rector may be dismissed by a majority of votes of at least two-thirds of the Council members.

CHAPTER VI RIGHTS, DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF MEMBERS OF THE ACADEMIC COMMUNITY AND OTHER STAFF OF VILNIUS UAS

85. The academic community of Vilnius UAS consists of students, researchers, fellow researchers, other scholars and staff directly involved in research and study activities.

86. The academic community of Vilnius UAS enjoys academic freedom and other rights set out in the Law on Research and Higher Education and follows the Code of Academic Ethics, which is prepared and approved by the Academic Council on the basis of the recommendations of the Ombudsman for Academic Ethics and Procedures.

87. Students of Vilnius UAS are persons studying at Vilnius UAS according to study programmes.

88. Students of Vilnius UAS have the rights provided for in Article 62(1) of the Law on Research and Higher Education, as well as the right to:

88.1. participate in international academic exchanges;

88.2. participate in scientific research, technical, creative and artistic activities;
 88.3. receive an incentive grant in accordance with the procedure established by the Academic Council;

88.4. receive scholarships from sponsors;

88.5. receive other assistance in accordance with the procedure laid down by the Government.

89. Article 62(3) of the Law on Research and Higher Education regulates students' obligations.

90. Incentives and disciplinary penalties are imposed on students in accordance with the procedure laid down by the Rector, approved with Student Representation.

91. Student Representation represents interests of students of Vilnius UAS. The Student Representation is composed of students elected by the General Meeting of Students (a conference). In the event of the resignation of the Student Representation, the Rector initiates the formation of a new Student Representation.

92. In its activities, the Student Representation follows the Law on Associations of the Republic of Lithuania, other legal acts, the Statute and the articles of association of the Student Representation, approved by the General Meeting of Students (a conference). The activities of the Student Representation are based on the principles of legality, democracy, publicity, transparency, fairness, collegiality and self-government.

93. A General Meeting of Students (a conference) shall be valid if more than half of all students (all delegates) are present. Decisions of the General Meeting of Students (a conference) shall be deemed to be adopted if more than a half of the students vote for them.

94. The documents of the Student Representation lay down the procedure for delegating students to the governing bodies of Vilnius UAS. Student representatives shall participate in the activities of the governing bodies with a casting vote in accordance with the procedure laid down in the Statute.

95. The Student Representation has the right to receive information and explanations from Vilnius UAS and its departments on all matters related to studies.

96. In accordance with the procedure established by the Council, Vilnius UAS shall support the Student Representation and other student organisations, allocate premises and funds for their activities, also allocating funds for students' cultural, sports and social activities.

97. The Student Representation or, in the absence of Student Representation, – the General Meeting of Students (a conference), shall represent interests of students of Vilnius UAS in the governing bodies of Vilnius UAS, advisory and dispute resolution bodies, through representatives appointed by it, in accordance with its established procedures. The Student Representation shall have the right to receive information and explanations from Vilnius UAS and its departments on all issues related to studies. The Student Representation may, no later than within 7 calendar days from the date of publication of the decision, appeal in writing to the governing body of Vilnius UAS which made the decision and request a reconsideration of its made decisions.

98. The Student Representation shall make public the annual activity and financial report approved by the General Meeting of Students (a conference).

99. Funds from the state budget may be allocated for the activities of Student Representation and other student organisations in accordance with the procedure laid down by law.

100. The Student Representation shall account for the funds allocated by Vilnius UAS in accordance with the accounting policy of Vilnius UAS and the articles of association of the Student Representation.

101. Unclassified students of Vilnius UAS are persons studying within the framework of non-formal adult education programmes or individual study subjects (modules). The relationship between an unclassified student and Vilnius UAS shall be formalised by a contract in accordance with the procedure established by the Rector.

102. The staff of Vilnius UAS consists of teaching staff, research fellows and other scholars, the administration necessary to perform the administrative functions of units, as well as other staff necessary for the implementation of the tasks of studies, research and experimental development, and economic activities. Employment contracts are concluded with staff of Vilnius UAS in accordance

with the procedure laid down in the Labour Code of the Republic of Lithuania, the Law on Research and Higher Education, and their implementing legislation, providing them with the working conditions and social guarantees provided for by these laws and their implementing legislation.

103. The teaching positions of Vilnius UAS are: a professor, an associate professor, a lecturer and an assistant professor.

104. Regulations of Vilnius UAS on the Organisation of Competitions for the Positions of Teaching Staff and the Procedure for the Attestation of Teaching Staff and Research Fellows (except for Trainee Researchers) approved by the Academic Council lay down the qualification requirements for the positions of teaching staff and research fellows (except for research trainees), the procedure for organising competitions for these positions, and the procedure for attestation of teaching staff and researchers (except for research trainees). The Minister lays down the qualification requirements for the positions of research trainees, the procedure for appointment to these positions and the procedure for financing their traineeships.

105. Research fellows are researchers holding the post of the chief research fellow, senior research fellow, research fellow, junior research fellow and trainee researchers. Research fellows participate in the study process in accordance with the procedure laid down by the Academic Council.

106. Persons shall be recruited to the positions of teaching staff and research fellows of Vilnius UAS, with the exception of trainee researchers, by public competition for a term of office of 5 years. At least 3 months before the end of the term of office of a teacher or a research fellow at Vilnius UAS, a public competition shall be announced for the position, except in the cases referred to in clause 107 of the Statute or when Vilnius UAS abolishes the post. The person currently holding the post may also take part in the competition. Candidates for the posts of teaching staff and research fellows shall be evaluated by a commission established in accordance with the procedure laid down by the Academic Council.

107. A person having won a competition for the same teaching staff or research fellow position the second time in a row shall be awarded a contract of indefinite duration for the position. He shall be attested every 5 years in accordance with the procedure laid down by the Academic Council. A person who has not been attested shall be dismissed from his position.

108. Recruitment to higher posts of a teacher or a research fellow shall be held by way of public competition.

109. An extraordinary attestation of teaching staff and research fellows of Vilnius UAS may be organised in accordance with the procedure established by the Academic Council.

110. Vilnius UAS may invite teaching staff and research fellows to work on fixed-term contracts for a maximum period of 2 years. Visiting teaching staff and research fellows shall not be subject to the recruitment procedure provided for in the Statute.

111. The staff of Vilnius UAS shall be recruited and dismissed in accordance with the procedure established by the Labour Code, the Law on Research and Higher Education and its implementing legislation.

112. Vilnius UAS has the administration necessary for the performance of its administrative functions and administrative functions of its units, and for the implementation of tasks of research and experimental development and economic activities. In addition to administrative duties, an administrative staff member may do teaching and/or research work. The Rector establishes the number, duties and functions of the administrative and other staff of Vilnius UAS.

113. In accordance with the procedure established by the Academic Council, teaching staff of Vilnius UAS may be exempted from teaching work every 5 years for a maximum period of one year for the purpose of conducting scientific and/or artistic research and for improving their research and/or art and/or pedagogical qualifications. During this period, teaching staff are paid their average salary.

114. Provisions of Article 71(1) of the Law on Research and Higher Education regulate the rights of staff of Vilnius UAS. The staff of Vilnius UAS may have other rights provided for in the Labour Code, the Law on Research and Higher Education and their implementing legislation. Teaching staff, research fellows and other researchers may receive state support for scientific

internships, as well as support for participation in scientific conferences abroad and for teaching in foreign research and study institutions.

115. Provisions of Article 71(4) of the Law on Research and Higher Education regulate obligations of staff of Vilnius UAS.

116. Members of the academic community and other employees of Vilnius UAS shall be liable for a default on or improper performance of duties established in the Law on Research and Higher Education, the Statute and other legal acts, as well as for breaches of academic ethics in accordance with the procedure established by legislation.

CHAPTER VII ADMISSION AND WITHDRAWAL OF STUDENTS, GRADUATION, TERMINATION AND RESUMPTION OF STUDIES

117. Student Admission Rules lay down the procedure for admission to collegiate study programmes. Students to other study and education programmes not provided for in the Student Admission Rules are admitted in accordance with the procedure established by the Academic Council.

118. Persons who have passed the number of state matriculation examinations stipulated in the Law on Research and Higher Education, have at least secondary education and meet other requirements provided for in the Law on Research and Higher Education are admitted to the first cycle collegiate study programmes by competition, taking into account their study results, entrance examinations or other criteria established by the Academic Council.

119. Admission to short-cycle studies by way of competition are open to persons who have secondary education at the least or professional qualifications acquired in accordance with a professional training programme corresponding to the fourth level of the Lithuanian Qualifications Framework, taking into account their learning achievements and other criteria established by the Academic Council, having assessed the requirements of the professional standards and the descriptions of the study field.

120. Vilnius UAS may hold additional admissions to vacant non-state-funded study places in accordance with the procedure laid down in the Student Admission Rules.

121. Each year Vilnius UAS establishes and publishes the list of teaching modules (subjects) subject to competition admission procedure by study fields, distinguishing the main module (subject), having approved it with the Ministry of Education, Science and Sport, at least 2 years before 1 September of the respective academic year.

122. Admitted students sign a study agreement in a form approved by the Academic Council.

123. Students are issued a student certificate. The Minister determines the form and procedure for issuing a student certificate, and Union(s) of Student Representations of Lithuanian Higher Education Institutions organise(s) its production and issue.

124. Studies at Vilnius UAS end:

124.1. at the student's own request;

124.2. after completing studies;

124.3. when studies become impossible for objective reasons (illness, death, etc.);

124.4. having expelled the student from Vilnius UAS;

124.5. having transferred to another institution;

124.6. having terminated a study agreement in other cases provided for by legal acts.

125. Students are expelled from Vilnius UAS if they:

125.1. do not achieve the requirements set out in the study programme;

125.2. default on financial terms and conditions of the study agreement with Vilnius UAS;

125.3. do not register after an academic leave or suspension of studies;

125.4. have violated the requirements laid down in the Statute, the Code of Academic Ethics, the Study Procedure and other legal acts regulating studies;

125.5. do not agree to have a study agreement changed after losing state funding.

126. Students are expelled by order of the Rector on the recommendation of the Dean. In exceptional cases, the Rector expels students without the Dean's recommendation.

127. If a person has terminated his studies, he may resume them by submitting a request to the Rector during the semester. A person may not resume studies in a study programme which has been removed from the Register of Studies, Training Programmes and Qualifications. He may be admitted to a study programme of his choice in accordance with the procedure laid down by the Academic Council.

CHAPTER VIII DEALING WITH DISPUTES BETWEEN STUDENTS, ADMINISTRATION AND OTHER STAFF

128. Having received written requests, statements or complaints from students related to research and study activities, the Rector or his authorised persons shall be obliged to examine them and respond in writing within 15 calendar days from the date of their receipt. A student dissatisfied with the response of the Rector or his authorised person to a request, petition or complaint, or who does not receive a response within 15 calendar days of the date of receipt of the request, petition or complaint by Vilnius UAS, shall have the right to appeal to the Dispute Settlement Commission, which deals with disputes relating to research and study activities between students and Vilnius UAS administration or other staff members, within 7 calendar days of the receipt of the response or the date when the response was due.

129. The Dispute Settlement Commission shall be composed of 6 persons for a period of 2 years by order of the Rector. The administration of Vilnius UAs and the Student Representation (in the absence of the latter – the General Meeting of Students (a conference)) shall each appoint an equal number of authorised persons to the Dispute Settlement Commission. The Dispute Settlement Commission shall elect and remove the Chairperson of the Commission from among its members by a majority vote of all members.

130. The Regulations of the Dispute Settlement Commission approved by the Rector in consultation with the Student Representation (or, in the absence of the latter, – with the General Meeting of Students (a conference)) lay down the procedure for settling disputes and implementing decisions.

131. Disputes concerning breaches of academic ethics shall be dealt with in accordance with the procedures laid down in the Code of Academic Ethics.

132. Disputes between the administration and employees of Vilnius UAS concerning the implementation of rights and obligations under labour laws, employment contracts and other legal acts shall be dealt with in accordance with the procedure laid down in the Labour Code and its implementing legislation.

CHAPTER IX SOURCES OF FUNDS OF VILNIUS UAS, USE OF PROPERTY AND FUNDS

133. The funds of Vilnius UAS consist of:

133.1. the funds provided for in Article 74(1) of the Law on Research and Higher Education;

133.2. funds derived from the management, use and disposal of property of Vilnius UAS.

134. Provisions of Article 75(1) of the Law on Research and Higher Education regulate the allocation of basic funding from the state budget of the Republic of Lithuania.

136. Vilnius UAS uses:

136.1. fixed tangible assets owned by the state and transferred to Vilnius UAS under the state property trust agreement;

136.2. property owned by Vilnius UAS;

136.3. other lawfully acquired property.

137. The property owned, used and disposed of by Vilnius UAS includes:

137.1. assets invested by the state;

137.2. income from tuition fees and from research, experimental development, art, economic, scientific activities and services;

137.3. funds and other assets received as support under the Law on Charity and Sponsorship;

137.4. other monetary funds, excluding state budget funds;

137.5. property acquired from the state budget and the funds provided for in sub-clauses 137.2 to 137.4 of the Statute, with the exception of immovable property acquired with the European Union support, the state budget and state funds;

137.6. donated property;

137.7. inherited property;

137.8. property rights arising from the results of intellectual activity (research or art works and objects of industrial property rights such as patents for inventions, designs, trademarks and semiconductor products, topographies and other intellectual property objects);

137.9. income, property and other benefits derived from the possession, use and disposal of the funds or other property referred to in sub-clause 137.1 to 137.8 of the Statute, except in the cases provided for in the Law on Research and Higher Education.

138. Vilnius UAS enjoys the right of inviolability of land, buildings and other property used for research and education purposes. The boundaries of the land plots owned by the state and used by Vilnius UAS on a usufruct basis, or managers of buildings or other property held in trust for the purposes of research and education may be changed only by the Government, after taking the opinion of the Council into account.

139. Vilnius UAS manages, uses and disposes fixed tangible assets owned by the state and transferred to Vilnius UAS under the state property entrustment agreement in accordance with the procedure established by the Law on Research and Higher Education, the Law on Management, Use and Disposal of State and Municipal Property, and the state property entrustment agreement.

140. Income from tuition fees paid by persons paying the full study price, income from applied research and art activities, and income from economic activities and services is used under special programmes for the implementation of the aims and tasks laid down in the Statute.

141. Vilnius UAS accounts for the use of funds received from the state budget and other institutions for the execution of tasks in accordance with the procedure established by law.

142. Vilnius UAS has the right to borrow money, i.e. to sign loan agreements, financial lease agreements and other binding debt documents in accordance with the procedure established by legislation of the Republic of Lithuania.

CHAPTER X

SETTING UP AND CLOSING BRANCHES AND REPRESENTATIVE OFFICES

143. Vilnius UAS may establish branches and representative offices for the purpose of its activities.

144. A branch and representative office of Vilnius UAS is a subdivision of Vilnius UAS having its own seat and performing all or a part of functions of Vilnius UAS. A branch and a representative office operate in accordance with the regulations approved by the Council. A branch and a representative office is not a legal entity. Vilnius UAS shall be liable for the obligations of its branches and representative offices, and both the branch and the representative office shall be liable for the obligations of Vilnius UAS.

145. A branch and a representative office of Vilnius UAS shall be established and terminated by a decision of the Council in accordance with the procedure laid down in the Civil Code and its implementing legal acts.

**CHAPTER XI
PROCEDURE FOR AMENDING THE STATUTE**

146. Amendments to the Statute may be initiated by the Government, the Ministry of Education, Science and Sport, the Council, the Academic Council and the Rector.

147. Having approved with the Academic Council, the Council submit amendments to the Statute for Government's approval.

**CHAPTER XII
FINAL PROVISIONS**

148. Vilnius UAS may be reorganised or liquidated in accordance with the procedure established by the Civil Code, the Law on Research and Higher Education and the Law on Public Institutions.

149. Having agreed with the Academic Council, the Council shall approve plans for the reorganisation or liquidation of Vilnius UAS and submit them to the Government.

150. The Government makes a decision on the reorganisation or liquidation of Vilnius UAS on the proposal of the Council or the Ministry of Education, Science and Sport, after having assessed the opinion of the Council, or after Vilnius UAS has lost its authorisation to carry out studies and activities related to studies.

151. Matters of the activities of Vilnius UAS that have not been discussed in the Statute shall be dealt with in accordance with the procedure laid down by laws and other legal acts, and regulated by documents approved by the Council, the Academic Council or the Rector.
