



VILNIUS  
GEDIMINAS  
TECHNICAL  
UNIVERSITY



# STATUTE



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THE AMENDMENT TO ANNEX 1  
TO THE RESOLUTION  
OF THE SEIMAS OF THE REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA  
“ON THE APPROVAL OF THE STATUTE OF VILNIUS GEDIMINAS TECHNICAL  
UNIVERSITY”

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The Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania, having considered the Resolution of the Senate of Vilnius Gediminas Technical University of 4 May 2010, *r e s o l v e s*:

**Article 1.**

To amend and recast Annex 1 to Resolution No. XI-1277 of the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania of 15 March 2011 “On the Approval of the Statute of Vilnius Gediminas Technical University” (appended).

The Speaker of the Seimas

Irena Degutienė

Annex 1  
to Resolution No. XI-1277 of  
the Seimas of the Republic of  
Lithuania of 15 March 2011  
(recast version of Resolution  
No. XI-2150 of the Seimas of  
the Republic of Lithuania  
of 28 June 2012)

## **STATUTE OF VILNIUS GEDIMINAS TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY**

The history of Vilnius Gediminas Technical University dates back to 1956, when Kaunas Polytechnic Institute (KPI) founded Vilnius Evening Division of the Evening Faculty. In 1960 Evening Division was restructured into KPI Vilnius Evening Faculty, in 1961 the latter was restructured into KPI Vilnius Branch. In 1969 Vilnius Branch laid the foundation for the autonomous higher education institution – the Vilnius Civil Engineering Institute. On the grounds of Resolution No. I-736 of 31 October 1990 of the Lithuanian Supreme Council Vilnius Civil Engineering Institute became the Vilnius Technical University (Official Gazette, 1990, No. 32-781). By Resolution No. 991 of 22 August 1996, the Government of the Republic of Lithuania (hereinafter referred to as the “Government”) awarded Vilnius Technical University the name of Gediminas, the Grand Duke of Lithuania.

## I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. Vilnius Gediminas Technical University (hereinafter referred to as the “University”) shall be a state higher education institution of the Republic of the Lithuania. The registered office of the University shall be Saulėtekio al. 11, LT-10223 Vilnius, Republic of the Lithuania.
2. The University shall be a public legal person operating as a public agency; it shall have its own seal with the Coat of Arms of the Republic of Lithuania and the name of the University, and current accounts in banks.
3. The University shall have its own flag, coat of arms and other symbols.
4. The founder of the University shall be the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania (hereinafter referred to as the “Seimas”).
5. Based on the principles of democratic self-governance, academic freedom and respect for human rights, the University shall enjoy autonomy encompassing its economic and financial management activities as defined by the Constitution of the Republic of Lithuania, the Law on Higher Education and Research of the Republic of Lithuania (hereinafter referred to as the “Law on Higher Education and Research”), and this Statute.
6. The autonomy of the University shall be linked to accountability to the public and the founder.
7. The University shall be a centre for fostering Lithuanian academic thought and an inseparable part of the European and global academic community.
8. The University:
  - 1) shall recognize the provisions of the Magna Charta Universitatum, the Common European Space for Higher Education and other advanced international science and academic community regulations;
  - 2) shall foster the principles of democratic self-governance;
  - 3) shall encourage the activity and self-governance of students as well as their participation in social, research and artistic projects;
  - 4) shall promote and respect competence, professionalism, initiative, sense of duty and responsibility.
9. The University shall provide study programmes of all levels, taking into account the needs of the state and the labour market, the needs for personal advancement and for the acquisition of necessary qualifications according to universally recognized standards.

## II. GOALS, OBJECTIVES AND RIGHTS

10. The mission of the University shall be to educate and cultivate a person who is public-spirited, creative, enterprising, competitive, receptive to science and high technologies and to cultural values; to help ensure the state's public, cultural and economic prosperity, social concord and preservation of the national cultural identity.
11. The goals of University activity shall be the following:
  - 1) to carry out studies, which provide a person with modern higher university education and a higher education qualification;
  - 2) to develop sustainably scientific thought in different fields, conduct high-level research and experimental (social or cultural) development; to cooperate with national and foreign partners on issues pertaining to science and university higher education;
  - 3) when cooperating with public and economic partners, to promote the development of regions and of the entire country through research, education, artistic and other cultural activities;
  - 4) to develop a society receptive to education, science, art and culture, which is able to make use of science and compete in markets of high technologies, products and services effectively.
12. When pursuing the said goals, the University shall:
  - 1) analyse public and labour market development trends and the Economic Development Strategy of Lithuania, and provide higher university education taking that into consideration;
  - 2) create beneficial conditions for a person to attain higher university education; organize continuous training of the specialists; create conditions to improve the acquired qualification and to retrain;
  - 3) encourage the implementation of globally recognised advanced science, study and management standards; analyse its own activity continuously and improve it;
  - 4) establish research centres of international level and nuclei of the knowledge economy; promote the development of the knowledge economy and the unity between science, studies and practice;

- 5) disseminate the ideas of science and technologies, publicize the results of intellectual work, compile and publish research works, textbooks and other teaching aids;
  - 6) formulate a long-term University policy regarding the intellectual property and implement it consistently.
13. The University's main activities shall be: higher university education, scientific research, experimental (social or cultural) development, economic and other activities.
14. The University shall have the right:
- 1) to choose fields and forms of fostering a person as well as of scientific research and experimental (social or cultural) development, and of cultural and scientific knowledge dissemination;
  - 2) in accordance with the procedure laid down by the Law on Higher Education and Research, to set tuition fee and define the procedure of studies;
  - 3) in compliance with the legal acts, to prepare and approve study programmes;
  - 4) to render educational, personal advancement and scientific research, expert, consultative and other services;
  - 5) to publish educational, scientific and other literature;
  - 6) in compliance with the laws of the Republic of Lithuania and other legal acts, to set its own structure, establish divisions necessary for its activities (research and study centres, faculties, institutes, libraries, departments, laboratories and other structural divisions), determine internal code of conduct, number of employees, their rights, responsibilities, remuneration and job requirements, the procedure for organisation of competitions to fill positions and carry out performance assessment procedures;
  - 7) in compliance with the laws of the Republic of Lithuania and other legal acts, in accordance with the procedure laid down by the University Council (hereinafter referred to as the "Council"), to establish limited civil liability legal persons, branches and representative offices if it is required when pursuing the goals and the mission of the University;
  - 8) to admit and exclude students and unclassified students;
  - 9) to award student scholarships from its own or sponsors' funds;



10) to set forms of cooperation with natural and legal persons of the Republic of Lithuania and of foreign countries;

11) in accordance with the procedures laid down by the Law on Higher Education and Research and other legal acts, to manage, use and dispose of assets;

12) in compliance with the regulations of the Civil Code of the Republic of Lithuania (hereinafter referred to as the "Civil Code") and other legal acts, by owner's right to manage, use and dispose of property, which has been acquired with its own funds, created as a result of experimental (social or cultural) development and intellectual work, received as a gift, accepted as an inheritance, or obtained in any other way legitimately;

13) to pursue economic and commercial activities which are not prohibited by laws and which are integral to the goals of the University activities;

14) to receive support, to purchase, to rent or to rent out the property, and to borrow funds without violation of requirements laid down by the Law on Higher Education and Research;

15) in compliance with the regulations of the Civil Code, the Law on Higher Education and Research, the Law on Public Organisations and other legal acts, by owner's right to sell, transfer and pledge the assets and guarantee with them fulfilment of obligations of University establishments;

16) in accordance with the procedure laid down by the Council, to manage, use and dispose of its own assets;

17) to exercise other rights laid down by legal acts.

15. The University shall conclude cooperation, joint activity and other agreements with higher education, research and other institutions, and persons of the Republic of Lithuania or of foreign countries, regarding the issue of studies, education and other matters, as well as join associations, including international ones.

### III. GOVERNANCE OF THE UNIVERSITY

16. The University governance shall be based on the principles of democracy, self-governance, competence and efficiency.
17. The University shall have collegial management bodies – the Council and the University Senate (hereinafter referred to as the “Senate”) as well as a single-person management body – the University Rector (hereinafter referred to as the “Rector”).

#### SECTION ONE

#### THE COUNCIL

18. The Council shall:
  - 1) approve University’s vision and mission considering the proposals from the Senate;
  - 2) submit for approval the amendments of the University Statute to the Seimas considering the proposals from the Senate;
  - 3) approve the strategic action plan of the University presented by the Rector considering the proposals from the Senate;
  - 4) discuss and approve University’s restructuring plans presented by the Rector;
  - 5) establish procedures of management, use and disposal of University’s funds (including funds allocated for remuneration of University’s administrative and other employees) and of property belonging to the University by the right of ownership considering the proposals from the Senate;
  - 6) set the procedure for electing the Rector through the open competition considering the proposals from the Senate;
  - 7) elect, appoint to the office and dismiss from it the Rector;
  - 8) establish the principles of selection and performance assessment of University’s administrative and other employees;



- 9) approve internal code of conduct of the University;
  - 10) set a tuition fee and the rates of fees which are not directly connected to the implementation of a study programme on the recommendation of the Rector;
  - 11) establish the total number of student places, taking into account the possibilities to ensure the quality of studies and research activity and the proposals of the Senate;
  - 12) approve University's annual estimate of revenue and expenditure submitted by the Rector and a report on its implementation;
  - 13) approve University's annual activity report submitted by the Rector;
  - 14) approve University's restructuring or liquidation plans considering the proposals from the Senate and submit them to the Seimas for approval;
  - 15) prepare an annual report of Council's activities and publish the report every year till the 1<sup>st</sup> of April on the University's website;
  - 16) perform other functions laid down in the Statute and other legal acts.
19. The Council shall consist of 11 members and its structure shall be set in the following manner:
- 1) University's Representation of Students shall appoint one member of the Council in accordance with the Statute approved by the University's Representation of Students;
  - 2) the other members of academic community shall elect 5 members in accordance with the procedure laid down by the Senate;
  - 3) 5 members who are not the students or the employees of the University, shall be nominated, appointed to the office and dismissed from it in accordance with the procedure laid down by the Senate, the one of them – in accordance with the procedure laid down by the University's Representation of Students. Those 5 members shall be nominated through open competition and shall be appointed having evaluated the performance assessment of candidates carried out by the Council of Higher Education;
  - 4) the Chairperson of the Senate shall announce the composition of the Council.
20. Members of the Council must correspond to the requirements of the Law on Higher Education and Research.

21. The composition of the Council shall be approved for a period of five years. One person may serve no more than two successive terms. Not later than a month before the expiration of the term of office of the Council, the Chairperson of the Senate shall announce the composition of the newly formed Council.
22. Before the member of the Council shall enter on the execution of his office, he shall sign a commitment to act in good faith and in the public and University interests while fulfilling the functions laid down by the Law on Higher Education and Research and this Statute. Members of the Senate and other academic community of the University shall be invited to attend the first meeting of the Council. The commitment for the Council members shall be prepared in accordance with the procedure laid down by the Senate.
23. The Council shall appoint and dismiss the Chairperson of the Council from among its members by the majority of votes. The office of the Chairperson of the Council shall not be held by a staff member or a student of the University.
24. The Council shall approve its rules of procedure. Resolutions of the Council on the issues under consideration shall be adopted by a simple majority of votes with participation of the Council members who attended the meeting. The meetings of the Council are legitimate with participation of not less than 8 Council members. The Council announces its resolutions on the website of the University.
25. The Rector may attend meetings of the Council in an advisory capacity.
26. If a member of the Council shall fail to properly perform the duties laid down by this Statute, the rules of procedure of the Council or of the Law on Higher Education and Research, or shall not sign the commitment referred to in Article 22 of this Statute, the Chairperson of the Council shall have the right to address to the person or institution who has appointed the said member with a request to dismiss the appointed member of the Council.
27. In case a member of the Council shall be deprived of power prior the expiration of the term of office, a new member of the Council shall be appointed by the person (institution) who appointed the said member of the Council in accordance with the procedure laid down by the Law on Higher Education and Research and this Statute. A newly appointed member of the Council

shall enter on the execution of his office as soon as the Chairperson of the Senate shall announce the appointment and the new member of the Council shall sign the commitment specified in the Law on Higher Education and Research and in this Statute. The mandate of the newly appointed member of the Council shall continue until the expiration of the term of office of the Council.

28. During their term of office members of the Council may be remunerated for their service at the Council from the University's funds. The Rector shall fix the remuneration for the Council members on the basis of Lithuanian's average monthly wages and on the basis of the actual time worked.
29. The Rector shall ensure proper organizational conditions to the proceedings of the Council.

## **SECTION TWO**

### **THE SENATE**

30. The Senate shall be the collegial management body of academic affairs of the University.
31. The Senate shall execute the following functions:
  - 1) approve study programmes, research and experimental (social, cultural) development, art, etc; present proposals to the Rector regarding the funding of these programmes and restructuring the University required for the implementation of those programmes; evaluate research results as well as the quality and level of all research and artistic activities of the University;
  - 2) define the procedure of studies;
  - 3) approve the internal system of quality assurance in studies and control its implementation;
  - 4) approve qualification requirements for job positions for University's teaching and research staff members, lay down the procedure of performance assessment of teaching and research staff members as well as the procedure of organisation of competition to fill a position; approve remuneration;

5) convene University's academic community meetings (conferences) to discuss important issues concerning the activities of the University. The Senate shall inform the academic community about the decision to convene such a meeting (conference) not later than 10 calendar days in advance on the University's website;

6) on the recommendation of the Faculty Council, assess academic, pedagogical and (or) other contributions of an individual to the society and award pedagogical, honorary and other titles;

7) consider the issues regarding University's vision and mission, the strategic action and development plans and present proposals to the Council;

8) consider the issues regarding amendments of the University's Statute and present proposals to the Council;

9) consider the issues regarding suitability of the candidates to fill position of the Rector and present proposals to the Council;

10) consider the issues regarding University's restructuring or liquidation plans and present proposals to the Council;

11) consider the issues regarding the procedure of management, use and disposal of University's funds (including funds allocated for remuneration of University's administrative and other employees) and of assets belonging by the right of ownership and present proposals to the Council;

12) consider the issues regarding the setting of the total number of student places, taking into account the possibilities of quality assurance in studies and research, artistic activities and present proposals to the Council;

13) perform other functions laid down by legal acts and this Statute.

32. The Senate shall be elected for the period of 5 years.

33. Members of the academic community of the University, administrative personell of the University who are ex officio members of the Senate, as well as scientists, teachers and established artists of other higher education and research institutions may become the members of the Senate. Representatives appointed by students must comprise not less than 20 per cent of the Senate. Representation of Students shall appoint representatives of students to the Senate. Persons holding the position of a professor or chief research staff

member must comprise not less than 30 per cent of the members of the Senate. Persons holding the position of an associate professor or senior research staff member must comprise not less than 30 per cent of the members of the Senate. Persons who are ex officio members of the Senate must comprise not more than 10 percent of the members of the Senate, the employees of the other higher education and research institutions may be between them. The Rector shall be an ex officio member of the Senate. The number and quota of the Senate members starting the new term of office shall be approved with the resolution of the Senate whose term of office shall expire soon.

34. The research staff of the faculties or of the divisions of equal status working at the University as the primary place of employment shall elect the members of the Senate in accordance with this procedure:

- 1) three members of the Senate shall be elected in meetings of research staff of faculties or divisions of equal status;
- 2) the electoral commission of the University approved by the ordinance issued by the Chairperson of the Senate shall organise the elections of representatives of faculties or divisions of equal status;
- 3) the Dean of the faculty or the Chairperson of the Council shall convene the meeting for election of representatives of faculties or divisions of equal status;
- 4) a meeting shall be deemed valid if more than a half of the scientists of a faculty or of a division of equal status participate therein;
- 5) Councils of faculties or divisions of equal status shall nominate candidates to vacancies at the Senate. Scientists who participated in the meeting may also nominate candidates to the Senate;
- 6) the vote counting commission which issues voting cards, supervises the process of a secret ballot, and counts votes, shall be elected in the meeting. The chairperson of vote counting commission shall announce the election results;
- 7) the voting card shall be deemed valid if no more than three candidates will remain not crossed out in it. Those persons who received the majority of votes of the voters participating in the voting shall be considered as elected to the Senate;
- 8) in case several nominated candidates receive the most of votes and get the equal number of votes and there are less vacancies at the Senate then there are

candidates, the second ballot shall be held and only the candidates who got the equal number of votes shall be written to the voting cards. The candidates who shall get the equal number of votes at the second ballot shall be considered as elected;

9) the voters shall approve the minute of the vote counting commission by open ballot at the meeting.

35. The Chairperson of the Senate shall head the Senate. The Chairperson of the Senate and proposed by him the Deputy Chairperson shall be considered elected when they received the majority of votes of the Senate members by secret ballot. A member of the Senate shall be elected to chair the meeting for electing the leaders of the Senate. The Chairperson of the Senate and the Deputy Chairperson shall hold office for a period of up to five years and they shall be eligible to serve for a second consecutive period of five years. The Rector, Vice-Rectors and the Chancellor may not be elected for positions of the Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson of the Senate.
36. The Senate may initiate a motion of no confidence against the leaders of the Senate. More than  $\frac{2}{3}$  of all members must vote for such dismissal using secret ballot. The Senate shall announce new elections then.
37. The Senate shall have a Board. The Senate, its Board or standing committees may create temporary working groups to consider certain specific issues. Activities of the Senate and its Board shall be regulated by the rules of procedure approved by the Senate.
38. Meetings of the Senate shall be convened at least twice per semester in accordance with the agenda approved by the Senate in advance. The extraordinary meeting shall be convened by the initiative of the Chairperson of the Senate or by a written proposal of no less than  $\frac{1}{3}$  of all members of the Senate. An extraordinary meeting of the Senate shall be convened no later than in ten days since the date of delivery of the proposal to the Chairperson of the Senate. In this case the elected member of the Senate shall chair the meeting. Meetings of the Senate shall be deemed valid if no less than  $\frac{2}{3}$  of the members of the Senate shall attend them.
39. Decisions taken by the Senate shall be announced on the University's website no later than in five days. The Senate's decisions shall come into effect the next day after announcement thereof, unless the Senate shall establish a later



day of coming into effect. Implementation of a decision of the Senate may be temporarily withheld by the order of the Rector, issued no later than in seven working days since the announcement of the decision of the Senate. In this case the Senate shall reconsider the decision in question in accordance with the recommendations of the Rector offered to the Senate during the meeting. The Rector shall not be able to withhold the decision of the Senate which will be taken for the second time. Decisions of the Senate shall be binding to all University's employees, students and unclassified students.

40. Every academic year the Senate shall, not later than the 1st of October, present a report on its activities to the University's community at the meeting of the Senate.

### SECTION THREE

#### THE RECTOR

41. The Rector shall be a single person management body of the University who shall act on behalf of the University and represent it.

42. The Rector shall:

- 1) head the University and organise its activities, ensure preparation and implementation of the strategic action (development) plan;
- 2) issue orders which shall be binding to employees of the University, students and unclassified students;
- 3) employ and dismiss employees of the University, define their functions and positions;
- 4) admit and expel students and unclassified students;
- 5) submit for the approval of the Council the size of tuition fee and the rates of fees which are not directly connected to the implementation of a study programmes;
- 6) be responsible for University's financial activities, proper management, use and disposal of funds and assets;
- 7) submit for the approval of the Council the University's annual activity report;

- 8) announce the University's annual activity report approved by the Council;
  - 9) submit for discussions at the Senate and for approval of the Council the University's strategic action (development) plan and University's restructuring plans;
  - 10) consider and take decisions related to the management, use and disposal of University's funds (including funds allocated for remuneration of the employees) and of the assets;
  - 11) submit for approval of the Senate candidates to the vacancies of the University Vice-Rectors, the University Chancellor, Faculty Deans, Heads of Departments and Institute Directors; after the expiration of the Rector's term of office, the terms of office of Vice-Rectors and the Chancellor shall also expire. In case the Rector of the University was elected and Vice-Rectors and the Chancellor are approved from amongst the University's employees, when the term of their office expires, they shall be guaranteed with a right to resume the position of University's teacher or research worker they formerly held for a period of five years. The requirements approved in the 149 article of this Statute shall be applied to elder than 65 years of age Rector, Vice-Rectors and Chancellor;
  - 12) approve Faculty Deputy Deans according the recommendations of the Deans;
  - 13) perform other functions laid down by legal acts and this Statute.
43. The scientist with pedagogical and administrative experience may officiate as the Rector.
  44. The Council shall elect the Rector in accordance with the procedure it has established.
  45. The Council shall announce an open competition to fill position of the Rector. The Rector shall be considered as elected if he received at least three fifths of the votes of all Council members who participated in the voting.
  46. The Chairperson of the Council or another individual authorized by the Council on behalf of the University shall sign the contract of employment of the elected Rector for the duration of the term of office.
  47. The Rector's term of office shall be five years. The same person shall be elected for not more than two subsequent terms of office and not earlier than in five

years after the expiration of his last term of office, if his last term of office was the second in succession. After the expiration of Rector's term of office, the title of Rector Emeritus may be awarded to the Rector in accordance with the established procedure of the Senate. In accordance with the procedure laid down by the Senate the monthly benefit of the Council's determined size may be paid to the Rector Emeritus.

48. In case University's annual activity report submitted by the Rector shall not be approved by a majority of the Council members at the meeting of the Council, the Rector shall be dismissed from the office by the majority of at least seven Council members in accordance with the procedure laid down by legal acts.

#### **SECTION FOUR**

#### **RECTOR'S OFFICE**

49. The Rector's Office shall be the collegial advisory body headed by the Rector. The Rector's Office shall consist of the following: the Rector, Vice-Rectors, the Chancellor, Faculty Deans, Institute Directors and a delegated member of the Representation of Students. The Rector shall have the right to appoint other individuals as the members of the Rector's Office.
50. The Rector's Office shall consider various organizational, study and research related, financial and economic issues as well as activity of University's divisions, and assist the Rector in implementation of decisions taken by the Council and the Senate.

## IV. UNIVERSITY STRUCTURE

### SECTION ONE

#### THE FACULTY

51. The faculty or another research and studies unit with the rights of the faculty (hereinafter referred to as the “Faculty”) shall be a structural unit of the University. The faculty shall act in conformity with the Law on Higher Education and Research, the University Statute, general provisions of the Council of the Faculty, general provisions of the Faculty and other legal acts.
52. The Faculty consist of Departments, study and research laboratories and other units. The Dean shall head the Faculty.
53. The Faculty Council shall be the collegial self-governance body of the Faculty. The Faculty Council shall be formed and shall act in accordance with the general Faculty Council provisions approved by the Senate.
54. The Faculty Council without violations of the decisions of the Council and the Senate shall:
  - 1) take decisions concerning the organisation of the studies in the Faculty, as well as research, economic and financial activity of the Faculty;
  - 2) take decisions concerning the issues of study and research activity in the Faculty;
  - 3) stop the implementations of the decisions of the Dean and heads of Faculty divisions in case they violate this Statute or other legal acts;
  - 4) nominate the candidate for the position of Faculty Dean to the Rector;
  - 5) consider the annual activity report of the Faculty submitted by the Faculty Dean;
  - 6) approve an annual estimate of revenue and expenditure submitted by the Dean;
  - 7) propose candidates for pedagogical and honorary degrees to the Senate.

55. The Faculty Dean shall head the Faculty and shall be responsible for the results of its activity in accordance with this Statute, the decisions of the Council, the Senate and the Faculty Council. The Dean shall act in the name of the Faculty and shall represent it. He shall set a policy of the Faculty studies and research and implement it together with the Faculty Council. The Dean shall act in accordance with the general provisions of the Faculty approved by the Senate.
56. The Faculty Council shall nominate the candidate for the position of Dean to the Rector. Rector shall submit for approval of the Senate the candidature of Dean proposed by the Faculty Council or nominated in other way. With the approval of the Senate the Rector shall admit the Dean for the period of 5 years and dismiss him. Every year the Faculty Dean shall submit faculty activity report to the assembly of the Faculty scientists. If the 2/3 of the Faculty Council members shall initiate the motion of no confidence and vote against the Dean, the Senate shall take decision concerning the issue of Dean's dismissal. When the term of his office expires, the Dean shall be guaranteed a right to resume the position of University's teacher or research worker he formerly held for a period of five years.
57. The Dean shall be able to delegate a part of his functions to the Vice-Deans. The Rector shall approve the candidatures of Vice-Deans nominated by the Dean. Vice-Deans shall resign from their positions after the expiration or other type of discontinuation of the term of office of the Dean. The former Dean and Vice-Deans shall be guaranteed a right to resume formerly held teacher or research worker position for a period of five years. The requirements from the 149 article of this Statute shall be applied to elder than 65 years of age Deans and Vice-Deans.
58. As the advisory unit headed by the Dean, the Dean's Office shall assist the Dean when considering the most important issues concerning studies, fostering and research. The Dean's Office shall comprise the Dean, the Faculty Council Chairperson, Vice-Deans, the Heads of Departments and the research advisers of the Faculty. The Dean may appoint other individuals for the members of the Dean's Office.

## SECTION TWO

### A DEPARTMENT

59. The most important unit of the University in higher education and research shall be a Department. A Department shall independently pursue the goals of research and studies defined for it by the Senate and the Faculty Council. A Department may have laboratories, other divisions and short-term working groups of research workers for implementation of research projects. Department's activities shall comply with the general provisions of a Department, approved by the Senate.
60. A Department shall:
- 1) organize studies and the process of student fostering, research and methodical work in order to ensure conformity of studies, research and experimental (social, cultural) development with the international level of research and studies;
  - 2) draft and improve study programmes, textbooks, teaching aids and other reference materials required for studies;
  - 3) integrate progressive teaching forms and methods into the process of studying;
  - 4) implement the quality assurance measures for the University's research and studies activity, related with the study programmes, specializations and subjects taught, supervised by a Department;
  - 5) analyse and assess the readiness of graduates for a practical work, draft proposals for improvement of specialist training;
  - 6) propose candidates to the Rector to fill the vacancies of university teachers and research workers temporarily before a competition shall be organized.
61. A Head of Department shall direct the activities of a Department. He shall be responsible for the activities of a Department. The position of a Head of Department may be filled by the scientist of the research and (or) study field that corresponds to activity of a Department. The Dean shall nominate to the Rector candidate for a Head of Department proposed by the Department or another candidate. The Rector shall submit for the approval of the Senate the candidature nominated by the Dean or another candidature. The Senate shall approve the Head of Department recommended by the Rector.



## SECTION THREE

### ADMINISTRATION AND OTHER DIVISIONS

62. Labour relations, social guarantees, rights, duties and responsibilities of employees in the University shall be regulated by the laws of the Republic of Lithuania, this Statute, the acts adopted by the University management bodies and other legal acts.
63. The Senate shall approve the list of job positions submitted by the Rector. The Council shall approve internal regulations of the University. The Rector shall approve the structure of job positions in divisions and job requirements.
64. The University shall have administration for fulfilment of the administrative functions in the University and its divisions, as well as for fulfilment of the tasks of administration and other employees, required studies of the University, research work and experimental (social, cultural) development and economic activity.
65. The duties and functions of the employees of administration divisions shall be set in the provisions of University divisions and in the records of job requirements.
66. Administrative and other staff may engage in educational and/or research work.
67. The Council may adopt a resolution to found another divisions in the University.

## V. SCIENTIFIC ACTIVITIES

68. Science and studies shall be inseparable in the University. The University shall develop fundamental and applied sciences, participate in the national, regional and international research programmes and projects, apply in practice the results of scientific activities. Furthermore, the University shall develop technologic and other scientific and creative activities. The University shall promote scientific and artistic initiative of the academic community and students.
69. The Senate shall define fields and scope as well as topics and timescales for scientific research in accordance with University's research work possibilities, study requirements, the importance of research work for Lithuania, the international research cooperation programmes and the qualification of University research staff and available financial stock. The University shall promote subject and interdisciplinary scientific research, development of topical projects, partnership and cooperation in the fields of Europe and World interdisciplinary scientific activities, shall perform research work as per order of public and private sector institutions.
70. The results of scientific research work shall be announced (online and in other ways) as long as it doesn't violate legal acts concerning the intellectual property protection as well as the protection of state and work secrets.
71. The centres, faculties, institutes, departments and research laboratories shall carry out the scientific activities of the University. The research work conducted by the aforementioned divisions shall serve as a basis for scientific and creative activity, study integration, studies and perfection of scientific qualification. When cooperating with the institutions of research and higher education and with the other institutions from the Republic of Lithuania and from the foreign countries, the University shall be able to make a contract of joint activity.
72. The results of University research work shall be integrated into the process of studies.
73. The University shall prepare the scientists at the graduate studies in accordance with the procedure established by the Government.

74. The University shall award academic degrees in accordance with the procedure laid down by legal acts.
75. While pursuing to concentrate the potential of business susceptible to research work, studies and knowledge, contribute to the creation of knowledge society and knowledge economy in Europe and in the World, to strengthen competitive ability of Lithuania, the University may create Integrated Science, Studies and Business Centres (Valleys), science and technology parks and (or) to participate in their activities.
76. The University shall have publishing rights, shall publish periodical research journals and other research publications, science, methodical, teaching and other literature, shall organize science conferences, seminars and other science and methodical events.
77. The University shall promote scientific activities of students, shall organize the young scientists conferences, shall organize the competitions of students research works.
78. The employees and students of the University shall be encouraged to create and to use for commercial goals the intellectual products.
79. The University may establish divisions of research, which shall engage in research in some field (s) in compliance with the University goals and missions and in experimental (social, cultural) development, provide scientific basis to the University studies and preparing of scientists, promote research qualification of teachers, conduct long-term research of certain trends which is essential to the state's economy, culture and society development.
80. While promoting research, collecting empirical data and pursuing other objectives the University's research division may have a special basis (i. e. science centres, joint research centres, experimental, testing and monitoring laboratories, expert services and etc).

## VI. STUDIES

81. Studies at the University shall be carried out in accordance with study programmes which award a degree and non-degree study programmes. The University shall also organize other courses in compliance with legal acts.
82. Studies at the University shall be of three cycles: the first cycle – bachelor's degree studies, the second cycle – master's degree studies, the third cycle – doctoral studies. Integrated studies may be carried out as well, including the main and the second stages of studies.
83. The modes of studies shall be continuous or extended. The Senate shall lay down the procedure for carrying out studies.
84. The content and duration of degree-awarding study programmes shall be fixed in the Law on Higher Education and Research and the acts adopted by the Senate.
85. The Senate shall lay down the general procedure for drafting and reform study programmes and for the study quality assurance.
86. Upon completion of first cycle studies, the bachelor degree of appropriate field of studies or the bachelor degree and professional qualification shall be awarded, a diploma attesting completion of bachelour studies shall be issued. Upon completion of second cycle studies and the programmes of integrated studies, the master degree of appropriate field of studies shall be awarded, a diploma attesting the master qualification acquired shall be issued. Upon completion of doctoral studies and the defence of the doctoral thesis, a diploma attesting the doctoral degree shall be awarded. Upon completion of studies of first and second cycle or of integrated studies, together with a diploma a appendage of diploma with the information about the content of higher education acquired shall be issued.
87. Non degree-studies shall be provided for the purpose of acquiring a qualification or for preparing for independent practical work. Upon completion of non-degree studies the certificate attesting the completion of studies shall be issued.
88. For persons who completed the college studies, the University may organize studies intended to complete the first cycle university studies in the shorter possible time.

89. For a person who studied a part of University study programme or several academic disciplines (part-time studies) the certificate attesting this shall be issued.
90. The University may carry out joint studies of all cycles together with other Lithuanian or foreign higher education institutions. After the completion of these studies the joint qualification degree or the double qualification degree shall be awarded. The double qualification degree may be awarded also when the programme of studies besides the requirements of the main field of studies meets the minimal requirements of another field of studies.
91. The results of studies in another higher education institutions shall be recognized in accordance with the procedure defined by the Senate.
92. The University may award professional qualification on condition it owns the mandate required by legal acts.
93. The language of teaching at the University shall be Lithuanian. Other languages may be used in teaching in cases determined in the Law on Higher Education and Research.
94. Persons having at least the secondary education shall be admitted by way of competition to first cycle studie programmes and to integrated studies of the University, taking account of their learning results, entrance examinations or the other criteria laid down by the University. The persons who completed first cycle or another studies, after which it is possible to start second cycle studies in accordance with legal acts shall be admitted to the second cycle study programmes by competition. The persons with professional bachelor degree shall be admitted to the second cycle studies in accordance with the procedure laid down by the Senate if they meet the minimal requirements approved by the Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Lithuania (hereinafter referred to as "the Ministry of Education and Science"). The persons upon completion the second cycle academic studies who meet Doctorate provisions and requirements of the Senate shall be admitted to the third cycle (doctoral) studies by competition. The Rector shall lay down the procedure for the admission of persons to study programmes and announce it.
95. The Senate shall lay down the rules for assessing the knowledge, skills and abilities of the students and unclassified students.

## VII. ACADEMIC COMMUNITY

96. The academic community of the University shall consist of the following: University students, teaching staff, research staff, other scientists, professors emeriti, rectors emeriti and honorary professors.
97. Members of the academic community shall enjoy the academic freedom which encompasses:
- 1) the freedom of thought and expression;
  - 2) the freedom to choose the methods of and access to research (art) and pedagogical activities which is in conformity with the accepted principles of ethics;
  - 3) protection against restrictions and sanctions for the announcing of one's results of research and for the manifestation of one's beliefs unless the announced information shall be a state or official secret and (or) violation of legal acts of the Republic of Lithuania.
98. The academic community shall enjoy also:
- 1) the ownership of creation and intellectual work, in accordance with the laws of the Republic of Lithuania and international agreements;
  - 2) equal rights of participation in competitions;
  - 3) objective and public reviewing of research works.
99. The academic community shall enjoy the academic freedom and shall follow the Code of Academic Ethics.

### SECTION ONE

### STUDENTS AND UNCLASSIFIED STUDENTS

100. The students and unclassified students shall study at the University.
101. University students shall be persons who study according to study programmes or in doctoral studies.



102. Unclassified students may study at the University according to non-formal education programmes or separate study subjects (their sets).
103. Students shall be issued a student certificate.
104. Upon graduating the University persons shall choose their places of work independently. The University shall gather and supply information about available and forecasted work places.
105. The relationships between the student and the University shall be specified in their agreement of studies.
106. The relationships between unclassified student and the University shall be specified in accordance with the procedure laid down by the Rector.
107. The students shall have the right:
  - 1) to study in accordance with a chosen study programme;
  - 2) to study according individual schedule of studies in compliance with the procedure of studies approved by the Senate;
  - 3) to study in accordance with more than one programme of studies, to study another academic disciplines at the University or in another higher education institution;
  - 4) to assess the quality of teaching and material resources of studies;
  - 5) to choose teachers with reason, if the same subject is taught by several teachers and it is possible to implement such choice;
  - 6) to propose a topic for a graduation thesis or to choose one of the proposed topics;
  - 7) to account for works in alternative ways, if they have disability which impede to account according to the set procedure and the alternative way of accounting ensures reaching of intended goals;
  - 8) in accordance with the procedure laid down by the Senate, to address the University's administration for recognising the results of studies at the University or in another Lithuanian or foreign higher educational institution;
  - 9) to address the University's administration, the Commission for the Settlement of Disputes between Students, Administration and Other Employees (hereinafter referred to as "Dispute Settlement Commission") over the violation of rights and legitimate interests;

- 10) in accordance with the procedure approved by the Senate, to terminate and to recommence studies. The studies are terminated and recommenced by Rector's order with recommendations of the Dean;
  - 11) to take an academic leave without losing the status of a student and the right to continue studies after the academic leave in a state-funded student place if they occupied a state-funded student place before the academic leave;
  - 12) to express their thoughts and views without restraint;
  - 13) to elect the Representation of Students and to be elected to it, to join other associations freely;
  - 14) to participate in University's management bodies;
  - 15) to exercise other rights laid down by laws, this Statute and other legal acts.
108. The students shall have the following obligations:
- 1) to observe the Law on Higher Education and Research and this Statute;
  - 2) not to violate the Code of Academic Ethic and internal regulations;
  - 3) to study diligently and complete tasks defined in the study programme;
  - 4) to carry out the decisions of University institutions, orders, instructions and the other decisions.
109. In accordance with the procedure laid down by the Senate, the students who failed to pass an exam shall be eligible for one free of charge reassessment.
110. Incentives and disciplinary penalties for the students shall be imposed by the Rector's order after assessing the proposals of the Representation of Students.
111. A student who believes that his rights or legitimate interests have been violated may address the Rector or his authorised persons. The Rector or his authorised person's must, upon receipt of student's written applications or complaints, examine them in reply in writing within a period of 15 calendar days. A student dissatisfied with the Rector's response to the application or complaint or not having received a response within 15 calendar days shall have the right to address the Dispute Settlement Commission.
112. The Dispute Settlement Commission shall settle disputes among students, administration or other employees regarding the activity of research and studies. This Commission shall be permanent institution. It shall be set up by the Rector's order. The administration of the University and the Representation

of Students shall each appoint an equal number of authorised persons to the Dispute Settlement Commission. The Commission shall, upon the receipt of a student's complaint, examine it not later than within one month. The meetings of the Commission shall be deemed valid if attended by at least two-thirds of Commission members and decisions are adopted by a majority vote of more than half of all its members. The decisions of the Dispute Settlement Commissions shall be protocoled at the meeting.

113. The decision of the Dispute Settlement Commission shall be reported to the student in writing. The decision of the Dispute Settlement Commission shall be final at the University.
114. Interests of students in the University and its Faculties, in the administrative, deliberative bodies and in the Dispute Settlement Commission shall be represented by the student representatives delegated by the Representation of Students in accordance with the procedure laid down by it. The Representation of Students shall be the self-governing institution of all students of the University (of all Faculties and of all modes of studies). The Representation of Students shall consist of students, elected by the general conference of University student representatives.
115. The procedure of organisation of the general conference of students shall be laid down in the rules of the Representation of Students. The general conference of student representatives shall be deemed valid if attended by at least more than a half of all students representatives. The decisions of the Assembly shall be adopted by a majority vote of more than half of all its attending members.
116. The Representation of Students shall carry out activities in accordance with this Statute and the rules of Representation of Students approved by the general conference of student representatives.
117. The order of delegating the students to the management bodies of the University shall be set in the rules of the Representation of Students. The student representatives shall participate in the activity of management bodies with a decisive vote.
118. The Representation of Students shall have a right to get an information and explanations from the University and its divisions on all issues pertaining to studies.

119. The University shall, in accordance with the procedure laid down by the Council, support the Representation of Students and the other student organisations, provide premises and funds to finance their activities, as well as provide funds for student cultural, sports and public activities. The Representation of Students shall account for the use of University funds to the Senate and to the members of the Representation of Students in accordance with the procedure laid down in the rules of the Representation of Students.
120. The Representation of Students shall have the right to express its opinion on all issues which are of interest to students. It may address in writing the management body of the University that made the decision and request to reconsider it.

## **SECTION TWO**

### **ACADEMIC STAFF**

121. The academic staff of the University shall consist of the teaching staff, the research staff, other researchers, the administration and other employees responsible for day-to-day University activities.
122. The positions of university teachers shall be as the following: professor, associate professor, lecturer and assistant.
123. The scientist or distinguished artist may fill a position of a professor. As an profesor, a scientist must train scientists, teach students, undertake in academic research, experimental (social, cultural) development and (or) head the projects, announce the results of research. The Senate shall define requirements and procedure to fill a position of a professor.
124. The scientist or a distinguished artist may fill a position of an associate professor. As an associate professor, a scientist must teach students, undertake in methodological work, undertake in academic research, experimental (social, cultural) development, announce the results of these activities. The distinguished artist in a position of an associated professor must train professional artists, teach students, undertake in methodological work, participate in art activities.

125. The scientist or a person with no less than a Master's degree or an equivalent higher education qualification may fill a position of a lecturer. A lecturer must teach students, undertake in methodological work.
126. The person with no less than a Master's degree or an equivalent higher education qualification may fill a position of an assistant. An assistant must supervise the practice classes of students (practical work, training, research practice of students etc), assist in activities of academic research and experimental (social, cultural) development. An art assistant shall participate in art creation.
127. The Senate shall lay down the qualification requirements to fill positions of teachers, no less then provided in this section of Statute, the procedure of organization of competitions to fill positions and the procedure of teachers' attesting.
128. The academic staff of the University shall be the researchers holding the offices of the chief research fellow, senior research fellow, research fellow, junior research fellow and postdoctoral trainee.
129. The position of the chief research fellow may be filled by a scientist. The chief research fellow must train scientists, head in activities of academic research and experimental (social, cultural) development, announce the results of academic research.
130. The scientist may fill a position of a senior research fellow. Senior research fellow must head in activities of academic research and experimental (social, cultural) development, announce the results of academic research.
131. The scientist may fill a position of a research fellow. A research fellow must undertake in academic research and in experimental (social, cultural) development, announce the results of academic research.
132. An individual with no less than a Master's degree or an equivalent higher education qualification may fill a position of a junior research fellow. A junior research fellow must undertake or assist in academic research and experimental (social, cultural) development, and get ready for doctoral studies.
133. All research fellows must undertake in pedagogical work at the University in accordance with the procedure laid down by the Senate.

134. The Research Council of Lithuania sets the minimal qualification requirements for research fellows, with the exception of postdoctoral trainees.
135. An individual with a doctoral thesis prepared and defended in another institution no earlier than five years prior to the date of appointment to the position may fill a position of a postdoctoral trainee.
136. The Senate shall lay down the procedure of organising of job competitions (with the exception of competitions for postdoctoral trainees) and shall set qualification requirements for filling researcher positions (with the exception of postdoctoral trainees).
137. The Government sets qualification requirements for postdoctoral trainees, the procedure for filling the position and the procedure of funding such traineeship.
138. The University shall enjoy the right to invite lecturers and research fellows from Lithuania and foreign research and higher education institutions for a period of no longer than two years, to work with fixed-term employment contracts in accordance with the procedure laid down by the laws.
139. By the decision of the Senate the status of an associate scientist may be awarded to a former University scientist maintaining academic relations with the University, however temporarily (and no longer than until the end of the term of office) working elsewhere. With the agreement of the Senate an associate scientist shall be able to return to the formerly held position and to hold the office until the end of suspended term of office. The period of the term of office shall also cover the periods of time an associate scientist worked elsewhere.
140. The status of a professor emeritus or honorary professor is awarded by the Senate to the professors actively involved in a scientific or pedagogical work in the University, for the outstanding merits to science or arts. In accordance with the procedure laid down by the Senate, professors emeriti shall have the right to continue to participate in research and other activities of the University. Professors emeriti shall, in accordance with the procedure laid down by the Senate, be paid with the funds of the University a monthly contribution of a professor emeritus set by the Council.



141. The academic staff of the University shall, in accordance with the procedure laid down by legal acts, have the right to:
- 1) within their remit participate in competitions for implementation of research programmes and for securing support from higher education and research funds and to dispose of appropriated resources;
  - 2) participate in competitions for traineeship in the Republic of Lithuania and abroad;
  - 3) obtain the information which is necessary for research work from state institutions (if such information is a state or official secret, it shall be furnished and used in accordance with the procedure laid down in legal acts);
  - 4) participate in consideration of the Statute of the University, the provisions of their divisions and trends of activities;
  - 5) participate in various trade unions and associations, including those functioning abroad;
  - 6) work independently or join creative groups;
  - 7) publish their research works independently.
142. In accordance with the procedure laid down by the Senate, every five years teaching staff members may be released for a period not longer than one year from their pedagogical work to conduct research and to improve their scientific and pedagogical qualification. The teacher shall be paid his average salary during the aforementioned period.
143. University staff related with research and studies activity must follow the Code of Academic Ethics.
144. Teachers and research workers, with the exception of postdoctoral trainees, visiting lecturers and visiting research fellows, shall be accepted to positions through an open competition for a five year term of office. The competitions to fill these positions shall be organised in accordance with the procedure laid down by the Senate.
145. No less than three month prior to expiration of the term of office of a University teacher or a research fellow, the open competition to fill these position shall be announced. This provision shall not be applied to the visiting lecturers and research fellows and to the persons who are indicated in the 147

article of this Statute. The person in the office may take part in competition as well. The Rector shall announce the competition. The announcement about the competition to fill position of a teacher or of a research fellow must be posted up at the websites of the University and of the Research Council of Lithuania, as well as in the national mass media, and – where appropriate – in international means of mass communication.

146. The commission for recruitment and assessment of university teachers and research fellows, set up in accordance with the procedure laid down by the Senate, shall evaluate candidates for the position of a teacher or a research worker, with the exception of postdoctoral trainees. Not less than one third of the members of this commission must be persons who do not work in the University. When organizing a competition to fill the position of a chief research fellow or professor, at least one international expert must participate in the recruitment and assessment commission.
147. The employment contract of unlimited duration for holding the same position of a teacher or a research worker shall be concluded with a person who has the second time in succession won the competition to hold the same position. Performance assessment of this person shall be carried out every five years in accordance with the procedure laid down by the Senate. A person who fails the performance assessment shall be dismissed from the position. Persons shall be accepted to a higher position of a teaching staff member or research staff member by way of an open competition. This article is not applied to persons who turned 65 years.
148. In accordance with the procedure laid down by the Council the performance assessment out of routine may be organized for a teacher or a research fellow. A teacher or a research fellow who fails the performance assessment shall be dismissed from the position in accordance with the procedure laid down by the laws.
149. Those university teachers and research fellows who turn 65 years and elder upon expiration of their term of office, shall be able to work at the University by approbation of the Senate to conclude the limited duration employment contract for a period not longer than three years. This contract may be concluded anew.

150. Persons no elder than 65 years of age may be elected or appointed to positions of heads and deputy heads of the University and of its divisions. Persons elder than 65 years of age may be elected or appointed to positions of heads and deputy heads of the University and its divisions by approbation of the Council, the Senate and the Representation of Students. Requirements laid down by the article 149 ar not applied to persons in positions of heads and deputy heads of the University and its divisions who turn 65 years of age and elder during their term of office.
151. The Rector may admit a research fellow to undertake in academic research or a university teacher to undertake in a pedagogical job without competition and performance assessment for not longer period than one year with the fixed-term employment contract. The qualification requirements for due positions shall be applied to these research fellows and teachers.
152. Students, university teachers, research fellows, researchers and graduates shall enjoy the right to join unions, associations and other organizations in accordance with the procedure laid down by the Law on Associations of the Republic of Lithuania. Student unions and organizations, organizations of teachers, research fellows, researchers and graduates, academic societies of students and another associations acting in accordance with the laws and their rules, may get the funds from the state budget for activity concerned with the pursuit of goals in the system of research and higher education, in accordance with the procedure laid down by the Research Council of Lithuania.

## VIII. ASSETS

153. The University shall manage, use and dispose of the assets observing the principles of public benefit, efficiency, rationality, autonomy of economic activities and accountability to the public.
154. The University shall exercise the right of inviolability of its territory and buildings. Only the Government may, upon having evaluated the opinion of the Council, change the boundaries of the territory of the University or the managers of the state buildings. If the Council does not agree, the boundaries of the territory or the managers of the state buildings may only be changed by the Seimas.
155. The assets of the University shall be comprised of assets belonging to the University by the right of ownership and fixed tangible assets belonging to the state by the right of ownership and transferred under a property trust agreement to the University.
156. The following shall comprise the assets managed, used and disposed of by the University by the right of ownership:
- 1) assets invested by the state;
  - 2) income received as payment for studies, as well as income received from economic, research activities and rendered services;
  - 3) funds and other assets received as charity under the Law on Charity and Sponsorship of the Republic of Lithuania;
  - 4) other monetary resources, with the exception of state budget funds;
  - 5) assets purchased with the state budget funds and with the funds provided for in subparagraphs 2, 3 and 4 of this paragraph, with the exception of the immovable property acquired with the European Union assistance, funds of the state budget and state foundation;
  - 6) donations;
  - 7) inherited assets;

8) property rights arising from intellectual activity results (research, literature or art works; objects of industrial property rights – patents, design, trademarks; topologies of semiconductor products; other intellectual property objects);

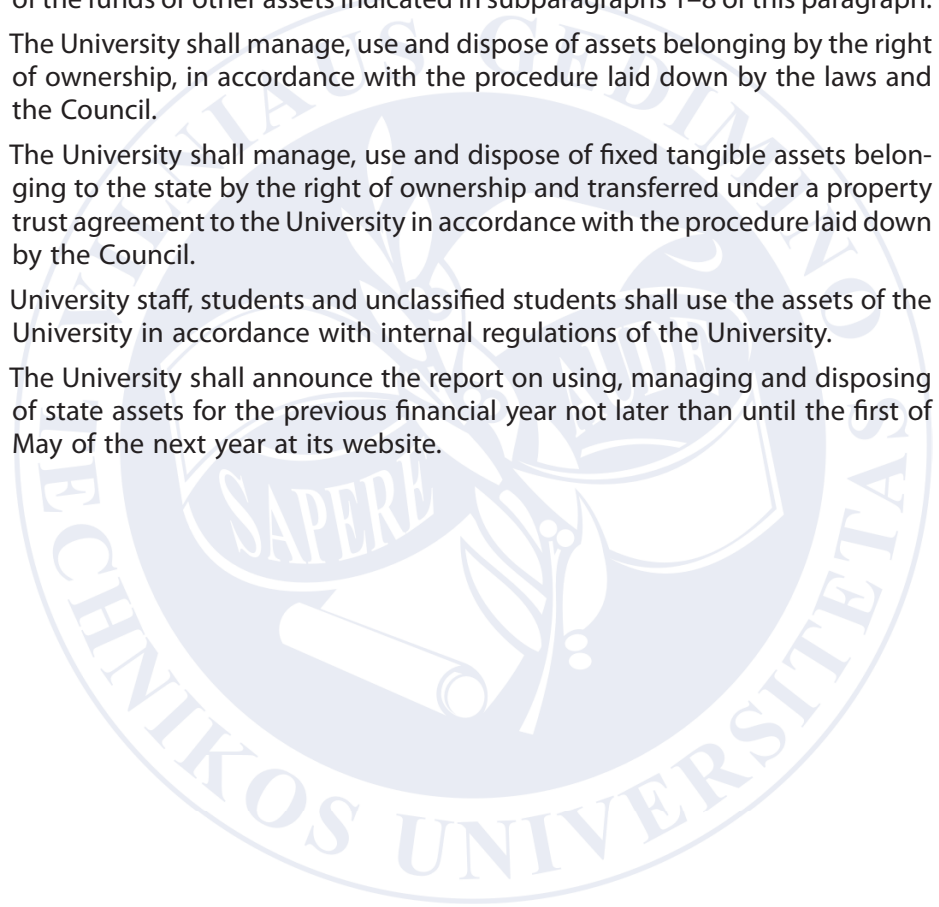
9) income, assets and other benefit gained while managing, using and disposing of the funds or other assets indicated in subparagraphs 1–8 of this paragraph.

157. The University shall manage, use and dispose of assets belonging by the right of ownership, in accordance with the procedure laid down by the laws and the Council.

158. The University shall manage, use and dispose of fixed tangible assets belonging to the state by the right of ownership and transferred under a property trust agreement to the University in accordance with the procedure laid down by the Council.

159. University staff, students and unclassified students shall use the assets of the University in accordance with internal regulations of the University.

160. The University shall announce the report on using, managing and disposing of state assets for the previous financial year not later than until the first of May of the next year at its website.



## IX. FUNDS

161. The funds of the University shall consist of:
- 1) the basic financing of the state budget;
  - 2) the state budget funds allocated for studies in accordance with the procedure laid down by the Law on Higher Education and Research;
  - 3) the funds from state investment programmes and projects;
  - 4) the funds received as payment for studies, the funds from economic, research activities and services provided;
  - 5) the funds received as the programme and competition based scientific research financing;
  - 6) funds received from state funds;
  - 7) funds received from international, foreign funds as well as organizations;
  - 8) funds received as charity under the Law on Charity and Sponsorship of the Republic of Lithuania;
  - 9) other funds obtained legitimately.
162. The state budgeted subsidies for the University shall be allocated under a separate line.
163. The basic financing of the state budget shall be allocated to the University for the following needs:
- 1) for research and experimental (social, cultural) development as well for development of artistic activities;
  - 2) for administration and economy;
  - 3) for other needs.
164. The University must use state budget funds allocated for studies in such ways:
- 1) to pay for studies in state-financed student places;
  - 2) to compensate the tuition fee for studies students with the best results of studies;



- 3) for targeted financing of studies;
  - 4) for state loans or state-supported loans;
  - 5) for scholarships and other support.
165. The targeted funds of state budget by way of competition organised in accordance with the procedure laid down by the Ministry of Education and Science may be allocated for the implementing of study programmes of the University, considering the most urgent requirements of state economic, social and cultural development in case it is not possible to meet aforementioned requirements in other ways laid down by the Law on Higher Education and Research.
166. The Council shall set tuition fee on Rector's recommendation. Tuition fee shall be indicated in the University entrance requirements. Tuition fee shall be set depending on study expenditures for:
- 1) remuneration of university teachers, researchers and other staff related to studies;
  - 2) purchase of goods and services related to studies;
  - 3) incentive for students.
167. The income of the University received from research, economic activities and services provided, shall be used in accordance with the procedure laid down by the Council. The University shall independently dispose of those funds when implementing the goals and tasks provided by this Statute.
168. In accordance with the procedure laid down by legal acts and the Council and observing the general limit on borrowing set for state higher education institutions in accordance with the Law on the Approval of Financial Indicators of the State Budget and Municipal Budgets of the relevant year, the University may engage in borrowing – sign loan, leasing (financial rent) and other credit documents.
169. The University shall manage revenue and expenditure according to an annual revenue and expenditure estimate approved by the Council. The University shall each year (not later than until the 2nd of April) announce at its website annual revenue and expenditure estimates and reports on their implementation in previous year.

## X. FINAL PROVISIONS

170. The Seimas shall approve the Statute of the University.
171. Upon considering the proposals from the Senate, the Council shall submit amendments of this Statute to the Seimas for approval. The decision of the Council to submit amendments of the Statute for the approval of the Seimas must be adopted by at least of a two thirds majority vote of members of the Council.
172. The Seimas on recommendation of the Council or of the Government shall adopt decision to restructure or to liquidate the University, upon considering the opinion of the Council and the Senate.
173. Not a single provision of this Statute can be interpreted in such a manner as to narrow the autonomy of a higher education institution guaranteed by the Constitution of the Republic of Lithuania.

