

The Council of Vilnius University Performance Report for 2021

In its activities, the Council of Vilnius University (hereinafter the 'Council', 'University') is guided by the provisions of the Statute of the University and by the competencies and functions delegated to the Council under this document. In its 2020 report (published on 31 March 2021), the Council identified the main priorities for its activities in 2021:

- further development of the budget formation model based on a broad consensus among all units and layers of management on sharing the burden of the funding of general services and needs by including measures related to the determination of the necessary costs of study programmes, the assessment of investment in research and its return, and laying down the principles for the allocation of the strategic fund and the use of the University's financial reserves;
- assurance of the sustainable process of integration of Šiauliai Academy of the University;
- provision of organisational and financial measures necessary for the development of pedagogical studies and research in educology at the University;
- Monitoring of the implementation of the University's Strategic Plan for 2021–2025 and the Annual Plan for 2021;
- monitoring of assurance and development of the University's technological means for organising distance studies.

The composition of the Council changed in 2021. Upon expiration of the mandate of the member of the Council Justas Kvedaravičius who was delegated by the Vilnius University Students' Representation (hereinafter the 'VUSA'), at the Council he was replaced by the newly elected President of the VUSA Neda Žutautaitė. Also, to replace member of the Council Raimundas Balčiūnaitis who resigned, one more representative, Justinas Kondratas, was delegated by the VUSA in accordance with Article 39(2)(4) of the Statute of the University.

The information on the current composition of the Council is available here: <https://www.vu.lt/en/about-vu/structure/university-council>

In 2021, 14 Council meetings were held and 24 resolutions were adopted.

As every year, the Council paid close attention to the planning, consideration and implementation of the University budget (revenue and expenditure estimate), as this document is, from the Council's point of view, the main instrument for allocating resources to the University's day-to-day activities and the means of the strategic plan.

The Council considers the development of an adequate remuneration and motivational system for the University's staff a very important strategic task in order to ensure the attraction and maintenance of academic and non-academic staff and their competitive remuneration. Therefore, the members of the Council were actively involved in the meetings and discussions on the matters of the amendments to the Description of the Remuneration Procedure for Vilnius University Employees.

In 2021, the Council focused on the development of the University and the investments in infrastructure projects needed for this goal. The Council approved the allocation of funds for the

implementation of the project “The Establishment of the Science Centre of the Faculty of Medicine of Vilnius University”. Additionally, the Council approved the allocation of funds for the infrastructure of teacher training. In order to implement the construction investment project of the Faculty of Chemistry and Geosciences, the Council approved the investment of part of the assets that the University manages by the right of trust in the University assets, the realisation of the objectives of the construction investment project of the Faculty of Chemistry and Geosciences, and the assumption of the financing risk. All the resolutions adopted by the Council are available at: <https://www.vu.lt/apiemus/struktura/taryba/tarybos-sprendimai> (in Lithuanian).

The Council will consider the following as the main directions of its activities in 2022:

- Further development of the budget model by including measures related to the determination of the necessary costs of study programmes, the assessment of investment in research and its return, and laying down the principles for the strategic allocation of the fund and the use of the University’s financial reserves;
- Monitoring of the implementation of the University’s Strategic Plan for 2021–2025 and the Annual Plan for 2022;
- Provision of organisational and financial measures necessary for the development of pedagogical studies and research in educology at the University, including further assurance of the sustainable process of integration and development of VU Šiauliai Academy;
- Increasing the internationalisation and interdisciplinarity of study programmes and research;
- Monitoring of the University’s information technology infrastructure renovation and development projects, including the monitoring of technological and administrative measures ensuring the possibility of distance studies.
- Investments in sustainable energy and monitoring of sustainable energy infrastructure development projects;
- Implementation and monitoring of measures to ensure the continuity of the University activities in an environment of increased risk.

Chairperson of the Council

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