



RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE OF VILNIUS UNIVERSITY

ON THE POSITIONS OF A PARTNERSHIP PROFESSOR AND PARTNERSHIP ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR

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Vilnius

With the aim to implement project No. 4.6 “Open and Responsible Community” of the strategic direction provided for in the Strategic Plan of 2015-2017 of Vilnius University, approved by Resolution of the Council of Vilnius University (hereinafter the ‘University’) No. T-2016-2-4 of 3 February 2016, and to attract highly qualified lecturers-practitioners and highly qualified artists into the implementation of the study programmes of the University, taking into account the proposal from the Rector of the University of 18 May 2016, Resolution of the Quality and Development Affairs Committee of the Senate of 17 May 2016 (minutes No. KPK-2016-5) and Resolution of the Studies Affairs Committee of 17 May 2016 (minutes No. 15/16-14), and in accordance with Articles 15(1), 18 and 33(1)(12) of the Statute of Vilnius University (hereinafter the ‘Statute’), the Senate of Vilnius University hereby

d e c i d e s:

1. to approve the positions of a partnership professor and partnership associate professor of Vilnius University (the titles of these positions cannot be shortened);
2. to establish the following requirements for the position of a partnership professor:
 - 2.1. a person invited to teach (except for artists) must hold a doctoral degree and be experienced (have at least ten years of professional work experience), be a currently working practitioner, i.e. professional with management experience in the area in which they are invited to teach at the University;
 - 2.2. an artist invited to teach must:
 - 2.2.1. hold a doctoral degree in art and carry out artistic activities *or*
 - 2.2.2. hold at least a master’s degree or equivalent qualification of higher education, and their artistic and/or pedagogical activities must have earned international or high national recognition (National Prize, awards in international competitions, favourable reviews in the international media, etc.);
3. to establish the following requirements for the position of a partnership associate professor:
 - 3.1. a person invited to teach must hold at least a master’s degree or equivalent qualification of higher education;
 - 3.2. a person invited to teach (except for artists) must be experienced (have at least five years of professional work experience), be a currently working practitioner, i.e. professional in the area in which they are invited to teach at the University;

- 3.3. the artistic and/or pedagogical activities of the artist that is invited to teach must have earned national recognition (awards in competitions, favourable reviews in the media etc.);
4. to establish the following conditions and procedure for admission to the position of a partnership professor and partnership associate professor:
- 4.1. employees of other Lithuanian or foreign institutions or self-employed persons who meet the qualification requirements set out in this Resolution are invited to fill the position of a partnership professor and partnership associate professor;
- 4.2. the persons are appointed to the position of a partnership professor and/or a partnership associate professor by the decision of the Rector or their authorised person, upon submission of the head of a core academic unit based on a proposal from the Study Programme Committee, without an open competition, concluding a fixed-term employment contract for a period not exceeding two years. A partnership professor and partnership associate professor can also participate in the academic activities of the University on a voluntary basis under a voluntary activity contract;
- 4.3. The remuneration for partnership professors and partnership associate professors (except for cases when a partnership professor or partnership associate professor participates in the academic activities of the University on a voluntary basis free of charge) is determined in the employment contract, taking into account the teaching load (hourly or part-time); the positions of a partnership professor and partnership associate professor are not subject to the rules for calculating the standard teaching time. The teaching load of a partnership professor or partnership associate professor is determined in the employment contract or voluntary activity contract concluded with them;
- 4.4. the provisions set out in Article 15(2) to 15(7) and 15(9) to 15(11) of the Statute shall not apply to partnership professors and partnership associate professors;
- 4.5. partnership professors and partnership associate professors shall not be comparable to lecturers who have electoral rights in accordance with Article 12(4) of the Statute;
5. to determine that an advisory committee may be set up upon a decision of the Rector to provide an opinion to the Rector on the compliance of the persons invited to fill the positions of a partnership professor and partnership associate professor to the requirements provided for in Items 2 or 3 of this Resolution and the exemptions from these requirements;
6. to determine that the positions of a partnership professor and partnership associate professor shall not be considered as the positions of lecturers – professor and associate professor – established in the Republic of Lithuania Law on Higher Education and Research and Article 15(1) of the Statute of the University, therefore, their inclusion in the study programmes carried out at the University cannot replace the mandatory teaching norms of professors and/or associate professors, established in the national and University legal acts regulating the study process;
7. This Resolution of the Senate is an integral part of Chapter 4.1 “Lecturers and Researchers (in Either Science or Arts)” of Section IV “Academic Community of the University” of the Regulations for Research, Artistic Activity and Studies of Vilnius University.