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## THE COUNCIL OF VILNIUS UNIVERSITY PERFORMANCE REPORT 2024

In its activities, the Council of Vilnius University (hereinafter the 'Council') is guided by the provisions of the Statute of Vilnius University and by the competencies and functions delegated to the Council under this legal act. In its [2023 report](#) (published on 25 March 2024), the Council identified the main priorities for its activities in 2024:

- Monitoring the University's budget performance to ensure strategic investments and a balanced, non-deficit budget in the long term;
- Monitoring the implementation of the University's Strategic Plan for 2021–2025 and the Annual Plan for 2024;
- Provision of infrastructure, organisational and financial measures necessary for the development of pedagogical studies and research in educology at the University, including further assurance of the sustainable development process of Šiauliai Academy of Vilnius University and the implementation of other infrastructure projects of strategic importance (construction of the Medical Science Centre, development of Vilnius STEAM Centre, improvement of the infrastructure of the Faculty of Chemistry and Geosciences and the Faculty of Mathematics and Informatics);
- Increasing the internationalisation and interdisciplinarity of study programmes and research, including monitoring the improvement of infrastructure suitable for attracting international students;
- Monitoring the upgrading and development projects of the University's information technology infrastructure, including monitoring of technological and administrative measures that ensure substantial changes in the implementation of information technology infrastructure upgrading and development projects;
- 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;
- Preparing for the election of the new Council and ensuring the continuity of the Council's activity. The Council, which was established in 2019 for a five-year term, continued its activities in 2024.

Last year, the student representative on the Council changed: Lijana Savickienė, the outgoing President of the Vilnius University Students' Representation, has been replaced in the Council by the new VU SA President (and also an *ex-officio* member of the Council), Klėja Merčaitytė.

After the election that took place in autumn of 2024, a new Council was established for a five-year term. On 17 December 2024, the members of the new Council solemnly read and signed the Pledge of Commitment to Vilnius University, and Marius Jurgilas was elected Chairperson of the Council when the first meeting of the new Council was convened. The information on the composition of the Council is available here: <https://www.vu.lt/en/about-vu/structure/university-council>

In 2024, nine Council meetings and three electronic ballots were held, during which 19 resolutions were adopted. The Council has also provided the University Senate with an opinion on eight other occasions, within its remit, on tuition fees approved by the Senate, and has held electronic voting on individual issues.

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 implementing the strategic plan. In this area, the annual reports on the revenue and expenditure estimates and on the management, use and disposal of state assets in 2023, as well as the annual financial statements and consolidated financial statements were approved.

The Council also focused on the amendments to the Description of the Remuneration Procedure for Vilnius University Employees which were under consideration three times in the past year. Amongst the most important resolutions adopted in this area is the decision of the Council to allow the revision of the official salaries of non-academic employees at the University to be performed twice a year which will allow Vilnius University to be more flexible in taking decisions on the allocation of the additional appropriations from the State budget to the University for remuneration and the implementation of changes in the organisation of activities at the units, as well as to retain employees in certain positions and motivate them, taking into account their exceptional work performance. Another important decision taken in this area is to change the official salary range sizes of non-academic employees, thus facilitating the attraction, retention, and motivation of employees.

A lot of time in the meetings of the Council was dedicated deliberating the implementation

of important infrastructure projects. The Council decided to approve the expansion of the boundaries of Vilnius University territory by taking over real estate of the State located at Islandijos g. 3, Vilnius. These premises, once legal proceedings are concluded and the necessary governmental decisions are made, could be adapted into a teacher training centre in Vilnius, helping to foster the development of modern, high-quality pedagogy studies. The Council also decided to approve the reorganisation of the public establishment Vilnius University Hospital Žalgirio Klinika by way of merging it into Vilnius University Hospital Santaros Klinikos, a public establishment participating in the reorganisation.

Other important deliberations and decisions that took place at the Council meetings were regarding research (amendments to the Description of the Procedure for the Allocation of the Appropriations from the State Budget for Science to the Units of Vilnius University), studies (review of the activities of the Teacher Training Centre, report on the admission to the University's study programmes), and community (the annual report of the VU SA President, determination of a monthly payment for a professor emeritus). The Council also held a meeting in Šiauliai where it met the heads of the city and got acquainted with the activities of Šiauliai Academy.

At the end of its term of office, the Council approved the updated Description of the Procedure for the Election to the Position of the Rector of Vilnius University, announced an open international competition to the position of the Rector of Vilnius University, and approved the schedule of meetings for the presentation of the candidate, thus ensuring smooth preparation for the election of the head of the University.

All the resolutions adopted by the Council are available at:

<https://www.vu.lt/apiemus/struktura/taryba/tarybos-sprendimai> (in Lithuanian) and  
<https://www.vu.lt/en/about-vu/structure/university-council/resolutions> (in English).

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Marius Jurgilas

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