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SEIMAS OF THE REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA RESOLUTION

AMENDING ANNEX 1 TO THE SEIMAS RESOLUTION ON THE APPROVAL OF THE STATUTE OF MYKOLAS ROMERIS UNIVERSITY

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Pursuant to Article 28(4) of the Republic of Lithuania Law on Higher Education and Research (Official Gazette *Valstybės žinios*, 2009, No. 54-2140) and having regard to Resolution No. 1SN-52 of the Senate of Mykolas Romeris University of 31 May 2012, the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania hereby d e c i d e s :

Article 1.

To amend Annex 1 to Resolution No. XI-411 on the Approval of the Statute of Mykolas Romeris University of the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania of 23 July 2009 and to restate it in a new version (attached).

SPEAKER OF THE SEIMAS

IRENA DEGUTIENĖ



New version of Annex 1:

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No. XI-411 of the Seimas of the
Republic of Lithuania of 23 July 2009
(new version of Resolution
No. XI-2233 of the Seimas of the
Republic of Lithuania of
26 September 2012)

STATUTE OF MYKOLAS ROMERIS UNIVERSITY

CHAPTER I GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. Mykolas Romeris University (hereinafter referred to as the University) shall be a state higher education institution of the Republic of Lithuania. The address of the University is Ateities g. 20, Vilnius, LT-08303.

2. The University shall be a public legal entity, operating as a public institution with its seal with the state emblem and its name and a bank account.

3. The University shall have its flag, emblem and other identifying attributes; the use thereof shall be laid down by the University Senate (hereinafter referred to as the Senate).

4. The founder of the University shall be the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania (hereinafter referred to as the Seimas).

5. The University shall enjoy autonomy encompassing its academic, administrative, economic and financial management activities based on the principles of self-governance, academic freedom and respect for human rights enshrined in 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 the Statute of the University (hereinafter referred to as the Statute).



6. The University's autonomy shall be linked to accountability to the public and the founder in accordance with the procedure laid down in the Constitution of the Republic of Lithuania, the Law on Higher Education and Research and this Statute.

7. The University shall be Lithuania's centre of cultivation of academic thought and an inseparable part of Europe's and the world's academic community.

8. The University shall:

1) recognise the provisions of the Magna Charta Universitatum, the common European Space for Higher Education and other advanced international science and academic community regulations;

2) foster the principles of democratic self-governance;

3) encourage activeness, self-governance and participation of students in social, research and artistic activities;

4) develop and respect competence, professionalism, initiative, dutifulness and responsibility.

9. The University shall carry out the study programmes of all cycles, taking into account the needs of the state and the labour market, the needs of a person's continuous improvement and objectives to acquire the necessary qualifications according to universally recognised standards. The University shall have a science and study quality assurance system, approved by the Senate and based on the study quality assurance provisions of the European Space for Higher Education, and the Strategy for the Improvement of the Quality of University Activities, which envisages actions and measures ensuring the quality of science and studies provided by the University.

10. In accordance with the procedure laid down by laws, the University shall inform the public as well as state and governance institutions about its activities.

CHAPTER II

THE AIMS, OBJECTIVES, AREAS AND TYPES OF UNIVERSITY ACTIVITY

11. The aims of University activity shall be the following:

1) carry out studies which provide a person with university higher education based on research and corresponding to the modern level of

knowledge and technologies, a higher education qualification, develop a thoroughly educated, ethically responsible, creative and entrepreneurial person;

2) harmoniously develop scientific cognition of various fields, conduct high-level research and experimental (social, cultural) development, train scientists, cooperate with national and foreign partners in the field of research;

3) when cooperating with public and economic partners, promote the development of the country through research, educational, artistic and other cultural activities;

4) develop a society receptive to education, sciences, arts and culture, which is able to effectively make use of science and compete in the market of high technologies, products and services.

12. The most important objectives for the achievement of envisaged aims of the University shall be the following:

1) create the conditions to attain university higher education based on scientific research;

2) encourage the advancement of science and technologies;

3) organise studies specified in this Statute;

4) create the conditions for a person to improve the acquired qualification and to retrain;

5) develop fundamental and applied scientific research necessary for the unity of studies and science;

6) based on scientific research, create new study programmes as well as joint study programmes with foreign universities and international university networks and implement them;

7) in accordance with the procedure laid down by legal acts, provide services, which correspond to the areas of University activity, to state institutions and other entities;

8) engage in practical expert activities based on scientific research, meeting the needs of an individual, society and the state;

9) cooperate with public and economic partners, prepare and conduct research and other projects aimed at developing a thoroughly educated, ethically responsible and creative person and encouraging the development of an individual, society, the country and its regions;



10) following the principles of sustainable leadership, seek European and global university partnerships and take part in international university networks;

11) propagate humanistic ideas and scientific knowledge, foster the identity of the nation and the state of Lithuania as well as the democratic processes within society and the life of the state;

12) encourage the implementation of globally recognised advanced science, study and management standards.

13. In achieving its activity aims, the University shall observe the following research and study principles:

1) freedom of creativity and scientific research;

2) academic ethics, freedom and autonomy;

3) priority for Lithuanian studies;

4) publicity of scientific research results;

5) integration in the life of society and the state;

6) orientation towards international quality standards;

7) fair competition and transparency;

8) safeguarding of intellectual property rights;

9) participation in the international and European scientific research space;

10) openness, responsibility and accountability to the public;

11) cooperation of members of the academic community;

12) personal interest of students;

13) undertaking to develop public accountability of members of the academic community;

14) fair competition of higher education institutions and students;

15) European humanistic and democratic tradition;

16) compatibility with the provisions of the European Space for Higher Education;

17) striving for continuous learning.

14. Education shall be the principal area of activity of the University. University higher education shall be the principal type of activity of the University. The University may also engage in other activities, unless they contradict the aims of University activity, the laws of the Republic of Lithuania and other legal acts.

CHAPTER III THE RIGHTS OF THE UNIVERSITY

15. The University shall have the right to: 1) choose fields and forms of study and the development of a personality, research and experimental development, communication of cultural and scientific knowledge;

2) define the procedure of studies;

3) fix a tuition fee in accordance with the procedure laid down by the Law on Higher Education and Research;

4) prepare and approve study programmes which meet the requirements laid down by legal acts;

5) provide other educational, qualification improvement and expert services;

6) publish study, scientific and other literature;

7) establish its own structure, open subdivisions necessary for its activities (faculties, institutes, libraries, departments, laboratories and other structural divisions), establish internal working arrangements, the number of staff, their rights, duties and conditions of payment for work, position requirements, the procedure of organisation of competitions to fill positions and of performance evaluation of employees, adhering to laws and other legal acts;

8) admit and expel students and unclassified students in accordance with the procedure laid down by this Statute;

9) award student scholarships from its own or sponsors' funds;

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

11) manage, use and dispose of assets in the manner prescribed by the Law on Higher Education and Research and other legal acts;

12) pursue economic and commercial activities which are not prohibited by laws and which are inseparably connected with the aims of University activity;

13) in accordance with the procedure laid down by laws and other legal acts, establish limited civil liability legal persons, including research institutions and its own branches and representative offices; their procedure of ceasing to exist shall be laid down by laws;

14) exercise other rights laid down by legal acts.



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

CHAPTER IV GOVERNANCE OF THE UNIVERSITY

17. The management bodies of the University shall be the University Council (hereinafter referred to as the Council), the University Senate and the University Rector (hereinafter referred to as the Rector).

18. University governance shall be based on the principles of democracy, competence, self-governance and efficiency.

SECTION ONE THE COUNCIL

19. The Council shall perform the following functions:

- 1) upon hearing the opinion of the Senate, approve the University's vision and mission;
- 2) upon hearing the opinion of the Senate, approve the University's strategic action plan presented by the Rector;
- 3) upon hearing the opinion of the Senate, submit amendments of the Statute to the Seimas for approval;
- 4) consider and approve plans for reorganisation of the structure of the University presented by the Rector;
- 5) upon hearing the opinion of the Senate, set the procedure of management, use and disposal of funds of the University (as well as funds designated for remuneration of the administration and other employees) and the assets belonging by the right of ownership;
- 6) upon hearing the opinion of the Senate, set the procedure of organisation of the election of the Rector of the University through open competition;
- 7) elect, appoint to the office and dismiss from it the Rector;

8) set the principles of selection and assessment of the administration and other employees of the University;

9) on the recommendation of the Rector, set a tuition fee and the rates of fees which are not directly related to the implementation of a study programme;

10) upon hearing the opinion of the Senate, set the general number of student places, taking into account the possibilities of quality assurance in studies, research and artistic activities;

11) approve the internal rules of procedure of the University;

12) consider an annual revenue and expenditure estimate of the University presented by the Rector and approve a report on the implementation of this estimate;

13) may initiate an audit of economic and financial activities of the University;

14) approve an annual report on the activities of the University presented by the Rector;

15) attend to the support of the University;

16) upon hearing the opinion of the Senate, approve plans for re-organisation or liquidation of the University and submit them to the Seimas;

17) prepare an annual report on its activities and publish it on the website of the University by 1 April every year;

18) perform other functions prescribed in this Statute and other legal acts;

20. The Council shall be comprised of nine members in accordance with the following procedure:

1) one member of the Council shall be appointed by the Students' Representation by a majority vote of more than half of all its members;

2) four members of the Council shall be appointed by the academic community in accordance with the procedure laid down by the Senate;

3) the other four members of the Council shall be selected, appointed and recalled by the Senate, in accordance with its own procedure, from the persons who do not belong to the staff and students of the University, one member of whom – by the Students' Representation in accordance with its own procedure. These four members of the Council shall be selected through open competition and appointed having



evaluated the assessment of candidates performed by the Council of Higher Education.

21. The Chairman of the Senate shall publicly announce the composition of the Council.

22. A person may be a member of the Council, if he meets the requirements laid down in the Law on Higher Education and Research.

23. The term of office of the Council shall be five years. Not later than a month before the expiry of the term of office of a member of the Council the Chairman of the Senate shall announce the composition of a newly formed council.

24. When commencing the duties of his office, a member of the Council shall, at the first meeting of the Council, to which Senate members and other University academic community representatives are invited, sign a commitment to abide by the interests of the University and the public and to in good faith fulfil the functions set out by the Law on Higher Education and Research.

25. The Council shall elect the Chairman of the Council from among its members and recall him from office by a majority vote of all members of the Council. A person belonging to the staff of the University or a student may not be Chairman of the Council.

26. The Council shall approve its rules of procedure. The Council shall take decisions by a simple majority of votes cast by the Council members attending the meeting, by open ballot. Council meetings shall be valid if attended by at least two-thirds of the Council members. The Council shall publicly announce its decisions on the website of the University.

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

28. If a member of the Council fails to properly perform the duties set out by this Statute, the rules of procedure of the Council or the Law on Higher Education and Research or fails to sign the commitment referred to in Paragraph 24 of this Statute, the Chairman of the Council shall have the right to address the person who has appointed the said member with a request to recall the appointed member of the Council.

29. If the powers of the member of the Council have terminated before the expiry of his term of office, a new member of the Council

shall be appointed in accordance with the procedure laid down by the Law on Higher Education and Research and this Statute by the person who appointed the member of the Council whose powers have terminated. A new member of the Council shall commence his duties after the Chairman of the Senate announces his appointment and the member of the Council signs a commitment specified in the Law on Higher Education and Research.

30. Members of the Council may be remunerated for the activities during the tenure with the funds of the University. The amount of remuneration and the procedure of payment shall be established by the Senate.

31. The Rector shall ensure organisational conditions necessary for the activities of the Council.

SECTION TWO THE SENATE

32. The Senate shall be the management body of academic affairs of the University.

33. The Senate shall execute the following functions:

1) define the procedure of studies;

2) approve programmes of studies, research and experimental (social, cultural) development, and present proposals to the Rector regarding the funding of these programmes and reorganisation of the University structure which is necessary for the implementation of those programmes, evaluate the results of conducted research as well as the quality and level of all research and artistic activities of the University;

3) approve the internal system of quality assurance in studies and control its implementation;

4) set qualification requirements for positions of teaching and research staff members, lay down the procedure of performance evaluation of teaching and research staff members as well as the procedure of organisation of a competition to fill a position;

5) convene meetings (conferences) of the academic community of the University 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 seven calendar days in advance through the website of the University or other means determined by the Senate;

6) on the recommendation of the Faculty Council and taking into account a person's academic or pedagogical and/or other worthy societal achievements, bestow the University's honorary and other titles;

7) initiate an audit of academic activities and study quality of the University;

8) consider and submit proposals to the Council regarding the University's vision and mission and the strategic action plan;

9) consider and submit proposals to the Council regarding amendments of the Statute;

10) consider and submit proposals to the Council regarding suitability of candidates to fill the position of the Rector;

11) consider and submit proposals to the Council regarding plans for reorganisation or liquidation of the University;

12) consider and submit proposals to the Council regarding the procedure of management, use and disposal of funds of the University (as well as funds designated for remuneration of the administration and other employees) and the assets belonging by the right of ownership;

13) consider and submit proposals to the Council regarding the setting of the general number of student places, taking into account the possibilities of quality assurance in studies, research and artistic activities;

14) perform other functions prescribed by legal acts and this Statute.

34. The Senate shall be elected for a five-year term.

35. Members of the academic community of the University, members of the administration 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 be members of the Senate. Representatives appointed by students must comprise not less than 20 per cent of the members of the Senate. Representatives of students shall be appointed to the Senate by the Students' Representation. 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 per cent of the members of the Senate. Employees of other higher education and research institutions may also be members of the Senate. The Rector shall be an ex officio member of the Senate.

36. Members of the Senate, except representatives appointed by students, shall be elected by a meeting of teachers and research staff members working at the University as the primary place of employment. The Rector or the Chairman of the Senate shall convene a meeting of teachers and research staff members. A meeting shall be valid if attended by more than half of the members of the meeting of teachers and research staff members. A Senate member shall be held elected, if more than half of the members of the meeting of teachers and research staff members vote for the candidate.

37. Activities of the Senate shall be regulated by the rules of procedure approved by the Senate. The first meeting of the newly elected Senate shall be called by the Rector not later than within one month after election of Senate members.

38. The Senate shall elect the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Senate from among its members by a simple majority of votes. They may be recalled by a two-thirds majority vote of all members of the Senate. The University Rector may not be Chairman of the Senate.

39. Senate meetings shall be convened at least once each semester by the Chairman of the Senate. An extraordinary Senate meeting shall be convened, when at least one-third of Senate members so request or by proposal of the Rector. An extraordinary Senate meeting shall be convened not later than within 10 days from the submission of the proposal to the Chairman of the Senate.

40. A Senate meeting shall be valid if attended by at least half of the members of the Senate. The Senate's resolutions shall be announced publicly. The Senate's resolutions shall come into effect the next day after announcement thereof, unless the Senate establishes a later date of coming into effect. The Senate's resolutions shall be binding to all University employees, students and unclassified students. The Rector shall announce the Senate's resolutions.

41. The Senate shall inform the academic community of the Uni-



versity about its decisions not later than within three working days through the website of the University and other means determined by the Senate.

42. The Senate shall account for its activities to the academic community of the University once a year.

SECTION THREE

THE RECTOR

43. The Rector shall be a single-person management body of the University, shall act in the name of the University and represent it.

44. The Rector shall execute the following functions: 1) head the University, organise its activities, ensuring the implementation of the strategic action plan of the University;

2) issue orders which are binding to staff, students and unclassified students;

3) recruit and dismiss employees of the University;

4) admit and expel students and unclassified students in accordance with the procedure laid down by the Statute;

5) upon evaluation of proposals of the Students' Representation, submit to the Council for approval the tuition fee and the rates of fees which are not directly related to the implementation of a study programme;

6) be responsible for financial activities of the University, proper management, use and disposal of funds and assets;

7) submit to the Council for approval and publicly announce an annual report on the activities of the University, an annual revenue and expenditure estimate and a report on the implementation of this estimate;

8) present an annual report on the activities of the University to the Senate;

9) submit to the Senate for consideration and to the Council for approval the University's strategic action plan and plan for reorganisation of the structure;

10) consider and adopt decisions related to the management, use and disposal of funds of the University (as well as funds designated for remuneration of the administration and other employees) and the assets;

11) submit to the Senate for approval candidates for a five-year term of: University Vice Rectors, University Chancellor, Faculty Deans, Department Heads and Institute Directors. Upon expiry of the Rector's term of office, the terms of office of Vice Rectors and the Chancellor shall also expire;

12) on the recommendation of the Deans, approve Faculty Deputy Deans;

13) define the functions and powers of the Vice Rectors and the Chancellor;

14) perform other functions prescribed by legal acts and this Statute.

45. The Rector shall be elected by an open competition, appointed and dismissed by the Council.

46. The Council shall announce an open competition to fill the position of the Rector. The Rector shall be considered to be elected, if at least six Council members vote for him. When electing the Rector, if no candidate is elected to the position of the Rector during the first round of voting, another round of voting shall be held. In this case not more than two candidates who have won the majority of votes during the first round of voting shall take part in the competition.

47. The Rector may be a person who has an academic degree or is an established artist, who has the experience in pedagogy and management.

48. The Chairman of the Council or any other person authorised by the Council shall sign in the name of the University an employment contract with the elected Rector for the duration of his term of office.

49. The term of office of the Rector shall be five years. The same person may be elected Rector of the University for not more than two terms of office in succession and not earlier than after an interval of five years since the end of the last term of office, if the last term of office was the second consecutive term.

50. If an annual report on the activities of the University is not approved by a majority of the Council members at a meeting of the Council, the Rector shall be dismissed from office by the majority of at least six Council members in accordance with the procedure laid down by legal acts.



51. The Rector may delegate part of his functions to the Vice Rectors and the Chancellor by an order. The Rector shall be substituted by a person authorised by the decision of the Council.

CHAPTER V

THE ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE OF THE UNIVERSITY

52. The University Council shall approve the organisational structure of the University (as well as the establishment or termination of activities of joint subdivisions with foreign universities). Faculties, institutes, departments, study and research programme committees, training and scientific laboratories and other subdivisions, as well as joint subdivisions with other Lithuanian and foreign higher education and research institutions may be established for the purpose of fulfilling the aims, objectives and functions of the University. The Rector shall approve the activity regulations of subdivisions.

CHAPTER VI

UNIVERSITY STAFF

53. The University staff shall consist of the teaching staff, the research staff, other researchers, the administration and other employees responsible for day-to-day University activities.

54. Employment relations, social guarantees, employees' rights, duties and responsibilities at the University shall be determined by laws, this Statute and other legal acts, as well as the acts adopted by University management bodies.

55. The staff of the University shall, in accordance with the procedure laid down by legal acts, have the right to:

- 1) within the limits of their competence participate in competitions for implementation of research programmes and for securing support from higher education and research funds;
- 2) dispose of appropriated resources;
- 3) participate in competitions for graduate and postdoctoral scholarships in the Republic of Lithuania and abroad;
- 4) obtain from state institutions the information which is necessary for research work (if such information is a state or official secret, it shall

be furnished and used in accordance with the procedure laid down by legal acts);

5) participate in consideration of the Statute (regulations, bylaws) and trends of activities;

6) participate in various trade unions and associations, including those functioning abroad;

7) work independently or join creative groups;

8) independently publish their scientific works.

56. The staff of the University, related to research and study activities, must observe the Code of Academic Ethics and perform other duties set out in the Statute (regulations, bylaws) and their employment contracts.

57. A person intending to work at the University as a non-primary place of employment shall indicate his position (type of work) in the primary place of employment and all other non-primary places of employment in his application for the admission to the position of a teacher or research worker.

58. Teachers and research workers shall be accepted to primary positions through an open competition for a five-year term of tenure. The competition shall be called by the Rector. The competitions to fill these positions shall be organised, teachers and research workers shall be accepted and assessed in accordance with the procedure laid down by laws, other legal acts and the Senate. A recruitment commission, set up in accordance with the procedure laid down by the Senate, shall evaluate candidates for the position of a teacher and a research worker, with the exception of postdoctoral fellowship holder. Not less than one-third of the members of the recruitment commission must be persons who do not work in the University. When making arrangement for a competition to fill the position of a chief research worker or professor, at least one international expert must be in the recruitment commission.

59. Other University employees shall be admitted and dismissed from their positions in accordance with the procedure laid down by laws.

60. An employment contract of unlimited duration for holding the 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 evaluation 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 evaluation shall be dismissed from the position. An extraordinary performance evaluation may be conducted for teachers and research workers of the University in accordance with the procedure laid down by the Council. Persons shall be accepted to a higher position of a teaching staff member or research staff member by way of an open competition.

61. Staff members shall be admitted and dismissed from their positions by the Rector's order. Upon conclusion of employment relations, a person's membership in elected or appointed bodies of the University or its subdivisions shall also be terminated.

62. The University may invite teachers and research workers from other Lithuanian and foreign higher education and research institutions to work according to fixed-term employment contracts in accordance with the procedure laid down by laws.

63. Teachers (except for lecturers) who hold an academic degree shall, in addition to pedagogical work, participate in scientific research and applied research and methodological activities.

64. 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 said period.

65. University staff shall be provided with the conditions, in accordance with the procedure laid down by the Senate, to improve their qualification and to prepare to enter doctoral studies.

66. The Senate may confer the title of a professor emeritus upon professors who have actively performed research and pedagogical work at the University, for the special merit to science or arts. The Senate may also confer the title of emeritus to other employees of the University for the outstanding merit to the academic community. Professors emeritus shall have the right to continue to participate in research and other activities of the University in accordance with the same procedure as other scientists working at the University.

67. A professor emeritus 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 fixed by the Council.

68. Employment disputes shall be examined by an Employment Dispute Commission. The Employment Dispute Commission shall be set up, the employment disputes of the administration and other employees of the University shall be examined and decisions shall be implemented in accordance with the procedure laid down by the Labour Code of the Republic of Lithuania.

CHAPTER VII

RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

69. The University shall develop fundamental and applied research, participate in national, regional and international research programmes and projects and practically apply the results of research activities.

70. The University shall define the fields, scope, themes and deadlines of scientific research, taking into account its research capabilities, study needs, the importance of research to education, culture and economy of Lithuanian and international society, as well as international cooperation programmes, the qualification of research staff of the University and available financial resources. The University shall encourage subject-specific and interdisciplinary scientific research, development of thematic projects, partnerships and cooperation through global and European interdisciplinary research networks, and conduct scientific research as commissioned by private and public sector institutions.

71. Research results shall be publicly announced (via internet and other means) to the extent that does not contradict the legal acts regulating the protection of intellectual property and commercial or state or official secrets.

72. Faculties, departments, laboratories, institutes and centres shall be the main units organising research activities of the University. Their conducted research shall form the foundation for the integration of creative activities and studies and shall be the base for studies and research qualification improvement. While cooperating with Lithuanian and foreign research, higher education and other institutions, the University may establish a joint institution the activities whereof shall be regulated in the agreements between the concerned parties and in legal acts.



73. The results of research conducted at the University shall be used in the study process.

74. The University shall bestow academic degrees in accordance with the procedure laid down by legal acts.

75. Seeking to concentrate scientific research, study and knowledge-intensive business potential and to purposefully contribute to the creation of knowledge society and knowledge economy in Europe and throughout the world as well as strengthening of competitive ability of Lithuania, the University may create and/or participate in the activities of integrated science, studies and business centres (valleys) and science and technology parks.

76. The University shall encourage the scientific activity of students; student science associations shall function; student scientific conferences, seminars and scientific work competitions shall be organised.

77. The University shall enjoy the publishing rights and shall publish periodical reviewed scientific journals and other collections of scientific works, science, methodological, teaching and other literature, organise scientific conferences, seminars and other scientific and methodological events.

78. University research institutions may be established, as well as those having the rights of a legal person, which conduct scientific research and experimental (social, cultural) development in certain fields, corresponding to the aims and mission of the University, provide a scientific base for University studies and for training of scientists, improvement of scientific qualifications of teachers, as well as conduct long-term research, important for the development of the country's economy, culture and society, in certain fields. The management bodies of institutions shall be formed and institutions shall be managed in accordance with the procedure laid down by laws and other legal acts.

79. A research institution of the University may have its own specialised base (laboratories, expert services, etc.) for the development of scientific research and collection of empirical data as well as for performance of other tasks.

CHAPTER VIII STUDIES

SECTION ONE STUDY TYPES, CYCLES, MODES AND DURATION

80. Studies at the University shall be carried out according to study programmes which award a degree and study programmes which do not award a degree, which are included in the Register of Study, Training Programmes and Qualifications.

81. Upon completion of study programmes of any cycle, a person shall be issued a diploma of an established form by the University attesting completion of studies.

82. A person who has studied at the University according to a part of a study programme, which provides knowledge and abilities assessed in accordance with the procedure laid down by the University, shall be issued an attesting certificate.

83. The qualification acquired upon completion of the respective University studies shall be indicated in the study programme.

84. The language of instruction at the University shall be Lithuanian. Other languages may be used in teaching if:

- 1) the content of a study programme is linked to another language;
- 2) lectures are delivered or other academic events are headed by teachers from foreign higher education institutions or other foreign specialists;

- 3) studies are carried out according to joint study programmes or study programmes on completion of which a double qualification degree is awarded and a part of these programmes is carried out in other countries, non-state higher education institutions in which the medium of instruction is a language other than the Lithuanian language, or conform to the cases set out in subparagraph 1 or 2 of this paragraph;

- 4) studies are carried out according to study programmes designed for studies of foreign nationals or in the case of study exchange.

85. Studies at the University shall be of three cycles:

- 1) the first cycle – bachelor's degree studies;
- 2) the second cycle – master's degree studies;



3) the third cycle – doctoral studies.

86. The modes of studies shall be full-time and part-time. The modes, subjects and their relationship of the specific study field shall be laid down by the regulations of the respective study field.

87. The Senate shall lay down the procedure for the admission of persons to study programmes.

88. Admission to studies, a list of competition subjects according to study fields, the principles of composition of the competition score, the lowest passing entrance score and other criteria shall be announced by the University not later than two years prior to the beginning of the respective academic year.

89. Periods of study, modes of non-degree studies shall be laid down in agreements with unclassified students and clients.

90. The volume and duration of studies shall be fixed in the Law on Higher Education and Research and the acts adopted by the Senate.

SECTION TWO STUDY PROGRAMMES

91. University study programmes of the first cycle shall be oriented towards universal general education, theoretical preparation and professional capacity of the highest level. Upon completion of university study programmes of the first cycle persons shall be awarded a Bachelor's degree of an appropriate study field or a Bachelor's degree and professional qualification.

92. Master's degree study programmes shall be designed for preparation for independent research work or any other work the performance of which requires scientific knowledge and analytical competence. On completion of Master's degree study programme persons shall be awarded a Master's degree of an appropriate study field or a Master's degree and professional qualification.

93. The purpose of doctoral studies in the field of science shall be to prepare scientists who would be able to independently conduct research and experimental (social, cultural) development work and to solve scientific problems. Doctoral studies shall be carried out in accordance with the Regulations of Doctoral Studies approved by the

Government of the Republic of Lithuania (hereinafter referred to as the Government). Persons who have defended their dissertation shall be awarded the Doctor of Science degree.

94. The University may carry out joint studies of all cycles together with other Lithuanian or foreign universities or research institutes.

95. Only accredited study programmes, the volume in credits of which is fixed by the Law on Higher Education and Research Studies Law and other legal acts, shall be carried out.

96. The results of studies in other higher education institutions may be recognised at the University.

SECTION THREE NON-DEGREE STUDIES

97. Non-degree study programmes shall be provided for the purpose of acquiring a qualification or preparing for independent practical work in cases and in accordance with the procedure laid down by the Government or its authorised institution.

98. The volume of non-degree study programmes in credits shall be fixed by the Law on Higher Education and Research and other legal acts.

CHAPTER IX ACADEMIC COMMUNITY

99. The academic community of the University shall consist of University students, the teaching staff, the research staff, other researchers and professors emeritus.

100. Members of the academic community shall be guaranteed academic freedom which encompasses:

- 1) the freedom of thought, the freedom of expression;
- 2) the freedom to choose methods of and access to research and pedagogical activities, which is in conformity with the recognised principles of ethics;
- 3) protection against restrictions and sanctions for making public the results of his or her research, and for the manifestation of his or her beliefs, with the exception of the cases when the information made



available to the general public is a state or official secret or is in violation of laws of the Republic of Lithuania.

101. The academic community shall also be guaranteed the following:

- 1) the copyright of creative and intellectual work as established in laws of the Republic of Lithuania and international agreements;
- 2) equal rights to take part in competitions;
- 3) objective and open reviewing of scientific work.

102. The academic community shall make use of academic freedom and act in compliance with the Code of Academic Ethics, which is prepared and approved by the Senate in accordance with the recommendations of the supervisor of academic ethics and procedures.

CHAPTER X STUDENTS

SECTION ONE STUDENTS AND UNCLASSIFIED STUDENTS

103. University students shall be persons who study according to study programmes or in doctoral studies.

104. Persons having at least the secondary education shall be admitted by way of competition to first cycle study programmes of the University, taking account of their learning results, entrance examinations and other criteria laid down by the University.

105. A list of competition subjects according to study fields and principles of composition of the competition score, the lowest passing entrance score and other criteria shall, upon evaluation by the Students' Representation, be set by the Senate and announced not later than two years prior to the beginning of the respective academic year.

106. Persons having a higher education qualification and meeting the requirements set by the Senate shall be admitted by way of competition to second cycle study programmes. Persons having a Professional Bachelor's qualification shall have the right to enter second cycle study programmes, if they meet the minimum requirements approved by the Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Lithuania.

107. Persons having a Master's qualification degree or equivalent education and meeting the requirements set out in the Regulations of

Doctoral Studies and laid down by the Senate shall be admitted by way of competition to third cycle (doctoral) studies.

108. Students shall be issued a student certificate of a certain form.

109. Unclassified students may study at the University according to non-formal education programmes or separate study subjects (their sets).

110. The conditions of studies of unclassified students, their rights and duties shall be specified in their agreements with the University.

SECTION TWO STUDENTS' RIGHTS AND DUTIES

111. Students shall have the right to:

- 1) study according to a chosen study programme;
- 2) study according to an individual plan of studies;
- 3) study according to more than one study programme or other study subjects at the University or another higher education institution;
- 4) assess the quality of lecturing and material resources of studies;
- 5) choose a teacher, if the same subject is taught by several teachers;
- 6) propose a topic for their graduate paper or choose from among several proposed topics;
- 7) account for works by applying alternative ways, if they have a disability because of which they are unable to account for the works according to the set procedure and the alternative way of accounting ensures the achievement of the set objectives;
- 8) address the administration of the University so that the results of the studies at the University or any other Lithuanian or foreign higher education institution be recognised;
- 9) address the administration of the University, the Commission for the Settlement of Disputes among Students, the Administration and Other Employees (hereinafter referred to as the Dispute Settlement Commission), regarding the violation of rights and lawful interests;
- 10) terminate and renew studies in accordance with the procedure established by the Senate;
- 11) take an academic leave of absence 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) express their thoughts and views freely;
- 13) participate in the management bodies of the University;
- 14) elect the Students' Representation and be elected to it, freely join other associations;
- 15) exercise other rights laid down by laws, this Statute and other legal acts.

112. Students shall have the right to be granted scholarships in cases and in accordance with the procedure laid down by the Law on Higher Education and Research and other legal acts.

113. Students must:

- 1) study diligently and complete tasks established in the study programme;
- 2) observe this Statute, the Code of Academic Ethics, other legal acts and internal rules of procedure;
- 3) carry out the decisions of University institutions, orders of the Rector and Deans, and instructions of Department Heads.

114. A student who believes that his rights or lawful interests have been violated may address the Rector or his authorised persons. The Rector or his authorised persons must, upon receipt of students' written applications or complaints, examine them and reply in writing within a period of 15 calendar days. A student dissatisfied with the Rector's or his authorised person'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.

115. The Dispute Settlement Commission shall be set up by the Rector's order. This Commission shall be a permanent institution comprised of six authorised persons. The administration of the University and the Students' Representation shall each appoint an equal number of authorised persons to the Dispute Settlement Commission. The Commission shall, upon receipt of a student's complaint, examine it not later than within one month. The meetings of the Commission shall be 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. A student shall be informed of the decision of the Dispute Settlement Commission in writing. The decision of the Dispute Settlement Commission shall be final at the University.

SECTION THREE DISCIPLINARY PENALTIES FOR STUDENTS

116. Students may be imposed the following disciplinary penalties for a failure to properly fulfil student duties:

- 1) a warning;
- 2) a censure;
- 3) a strict censure;
- 4) expulsion from the University.

117. Disciplinary penalties shall be imposed by the Rector's order. The Rector may also authorise other persons to impose penalties (with the exception of a penalty specified in subparagraph 4 of paragraph 116 of this Statute) and award incentives.

118. If a disciplinary penalty is imposed on a member of the Students' Representation, consent of the Representation shall be mandatory, with the exception of cases when a disciplinary penalty is imposed for non-compliance with the requirements of the study programme. If the Students' Representation does not give its consent, a disciplinary penalty may be imposed on the member of the Representation by the consent of the Senate.

119. A student may be expelled from the University for:

- 1) a gross violation of the Statute and the acts regulating studies and internal rules of procedure;
- 2) a failure to comply with the requirements set out in the study programme.

SECTION FOUR STUDENT PARTICIPATION IN SELF-GOVERNANCE OF THE UNIVERSITY

120. Interests of students of the University shall be represented by the Students' Representation, which shall consist of students elected by a general conference of student representatives.

121. University faculty students shall delegate their representatives, elected by a majority vote in the meetings or conferences of faculty students, observing the principle of proportional student representation,



to the general conference of student representatives of the University. The procedure of election of representatives to the general conference of student representatives of the University shall be laid down in the Statutes of the Students' Representation of the University.

122. The Students' Representation of the University shall act in compliance with the Statutes approved in the general conference of student representatives.

123. The general conference of student representatives shall be valid if attended by more than half of all the delegates of the conference. Decisions of the general conference of student representatives shall be deemed adopted if more than half of all attending students vote in favour of them.

124. Interests of students in the management bodies and advisory and dispute settlement structures of the University and its subdivisions shall be represented by student representatives appointed by the Students' Representation in accordance with its set procedure. Student representatives shall have a decisive vote in the activities of the University institutions referred to in this Statute.

125. The Students' Representation shall be entitled to receive information and explanations from the administration of the University and its subdivisions or other University institutions on all issues pertaining to studies.

126. The University shall, in accordance with the procedure laid down by the Council, support the Students' Representation and other organisations of students, provide premises and funds to finance their activities, as well as provide funds for cultural, sports and public activities of students. The Students' Representation shall account for the use of University funds to the academic community of the University once a year in accordance with the procedure laid down by the Council.

127. The Students' Representation shall have the right to express its opinion on all issues which are of interest to students.

128. The Students' Representation may, not later than within seven calendar days, address in writing the management body of the University that made the decision and request to reconsider it.

CHAPTER XI ASSETS AND FUNDS

129. The University shall manage, use and dispose of its assets observing the principles of public benefit, efficiency, rationality, accountability to the public and autonomy of economic activities.

130. The assets of the University shall be comprised of:

1) fixed tangible assets belonging to the state by the right of ownership and transferred under a property trust agreement to the University;

2) assets belonging to the University by the right of ownership.

131. 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 foundations.

6) donations;

7) inherited property;

8) property rights arising from intellectual activity results (scientific or artistic works and objects of industrial property rights – patents, design, trademarks and topographies of semiconductor products, other intellectual property objects);

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

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



133. 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.

134. The University shall exercise the right to the 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.

135. University staff, students and unclassified students shall use the assets of the University keeping to the internal rules of procedure of the University.

136. 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 March) publicly announce annual revenue and expenditure estimates and reports on their implementation.

CHAPTER XII FINAL PROVISIONS

137. The Statute of the University shall be approved by the Seimas.

138. Upon hearing the opinion of the Senate, the Council shall submit amendments of this Statute to the Seimas for approval. A decision by the Council to submit amendments of the Statute to the Seimas for approval may be adopted by at least a two-thirds majority vote of members of the Council.

139. 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.

Annex 2 to Resolution No. XI-411
of the Seimas of the Republic
of Lithuania of 23 July 2009

LIST OF MYKOLAS ROMERIS UNIVERSITY MANAGED BUILDINGS

Item No.	Name of the building	Marked in the plan	Address
1.	Teaching wings	1C3p	Ateities g. 20, Vilnius
2.	Dormitory	3N6p	Ateities g. 20, Vilnius
3.	Administration wing	2C3p	Ateities g. 20, Vilnius
4.	Garage	4G2p	Ateities g. 20, Vilnius
5.	Teaching wing	1C3p	Valakupių g. 5, Vilnius
6.	Dormitory	4N5p	Valakupių g. 5, Vilnius
7.	Control post	2H1p	Valakupių g. 5, Vilnius
8.	Shooting-range	3H1b	Valakupių g. 5, Vilnius
9.	Garage	5G1p	Valakupių g. 5, Vilnius
10.	Dormitory	1N12p	Didlaukio g. 57, Vilnius
11.	Institute of Forensic Medicine	1C3b	Didlaukio g. 86E, Vilnius
12.	Car parking	K	Didlaukio g. 86E, Vilnius
13.	Teaching wing	1C3p, 3C4p	K. Donelaičio g. 68 / Maironio g. 27, Kaunas
14.	Dormitories	2C4p, 5C3p	K. Donelaičio g. 68 / Maironio g. 27, Kaunas
15.	Dispensary	4C2p	K. Donelaičio g. 68 / Maironio g. 27, Kaunas
16.	Warehouses	7F1p, 8F1p	K. Donelaičio g. 68 / Maironio g. 27, Kaunas
17.	Garage	9G1p	K. Donelaičio g. 68 / Maironio g. 27, Kaunas
18.	Dormitory	1N3p	V. Putvinskio g. 68, Kaunas
19.	Garage	2I1b	V. Putvinskio g. 68, Kaunas



Item No.	Name of the building	Marked in the plan	Address
20.	Storage building	311b	V. Putvinskio g. 68, Kaunas
21.	Administration building	1A4p	V. Putvinskio g. 70, Kaunas
22.	Warehouse	2H2p	V. Putvinskio g. 70, Kaunas
23.	Woodworkers' workshop	3G1p	V. Putvinskio g. 70, Kaunas
24.	Garages	5G1b, 4G0b	V. Putvinskio g. 70, Kaunas
25.	Gym and canteen	1E3p	E. Ožeškienės g. 41, Kaunas
26.	Storage building	2I1p	E. Ožeškienės g. 41, Kaunas
27.	Residential building		Kalvarijos g. 31, Kaunas
28.	Storage building		Kalvarijos g. 31, Kaunas
29.	Storage building		Kalvarijos g. 31, Kaunas
30.	Storage building		Kalvarijos g. 31, Kaunas
31.	Training/teaching base		Papilvės Village, Prienai District

Amendments:

1. Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania, Resolution No. XI-2233, 26.09.2012, Official Gazette *Valstybės žinios*, 2012, No. 115-5820 (04.10.2012) AMENDING ANNEX 1 TO THE SEIMAS RESOLUTION ON THE APPROVAL OF THE STATUTE OF MYKOLAS ROMERIS UNIVERSITY

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