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OPERATIONAL GUIDELINES FOR 2021–2022

Taking into account the current situation at the university, the following main goals have been set to ensure proper representation of VMU students:

1. IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF STUDIES.

In recent years, in order to improve the quality of studies, a description of assessment monitoring, regulations for student activities of the Study Programs Committee, and other documents have been developed. We will continue this activity and pay more attention to:

- Academic Integrity - We will shed light on its importance to students and work to ensure that they are properly regulated, as, despite declining assessment fraud, students are still prone to misconduct (based on the LSS Academic Integrity Index survey of 2019 <https://bit.ly/37qARbi>);
- For the revision of the VMU Code of Academic Ethics and based on the practice of recent years, we will strive to ensure that this regulation responds to the current situation;
- return of students to the auditoriums, facilitating the quarantine conditions so that it does not cause additional problems in scheduling, assessments and ensuring conditions for students who do not have the opportunity to return to the auditoriums to continue their studies remotely;
- the planned restructuring of the university's academic units to meet students' expectations and positively impact the quality of studies.

2. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES.

By adding a new position of VMU SC Office - coordinator of representatives, we will strive to:

- a greater involvement of foreigners in the Student Parliament and the Academic Group Representative System, sharing educational information on the activities and benefits of student representatives to ensure the representation of foreign students;
- develop documents which will properly regulate the procedures, rights, duties, and responsibilities of the Academic group representatives, members of the Study Program Committees, members of the Faculty Councils, the Senate, and other VMU governing bodies;
- organize training and provide the necessary material in other forms, thus raising the competencies of each representative;
- create a database of existing representatives;
- accountability of the activities of student representatives to the coordinator of VMU SA representatives will be carried out;

3. STRENGTHENING STUDENTS 'MICROCLIMATE.

Until now, one of the main goals of the organization has been to gather the community. That was trying to be achieved through joint events, initiatives, and activities for students. This year we want to continue our activities and pay a lot of attention to strengthening the community spirit, which would improve the university microclimate - so

students will be able to feel better at the university, more actively involved in activities and student policy. We will pursue the goal:

- reducing social exclusion among foreigners, students with disabilities, and students with disadvantaged socio-economic conditions by integrating them into the university community, organizing activities and holding meetings with them; engaging in the preparation of documents governing equal rights and opportunities;
- starting to implement meetings, events, and initiatives for VMU students in Vilnius in cooperation with an active group of students there;
- more effectively involving VMU student organizations in the implementation of SA activities, thus providing them with a medium to reveal and popularize their activities;
- by organizing training in which we will share our accumulated experience so that VMU student organizations develop their competencies;
- initiating the organization of dormitory council events and informal activities, holding regular meetings with dormitory councils and administration - thus strengthening the VMU dormitory community.

4. A RELIABLE AND OPEN ORGANIZATION.

To create the image of a reliable and open organization:

- continuing constant and operative communication so that students are constantly informed about the activities of the organization, their implementation processes and plans, as well as by publishing the protocols of meetings, other documents;
- educating students on sensitive issues and topics in a variety of content formats.

5. REPRESENTATION AT NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL LEVEL.

To strive for the more targeted and effective representation of students not only in the university but also outside it - both at the national and international level:

- continuing cooperation with other Lithuanian Student councils; engaging in student policy and problem-solving in Kaunas City Municipality and the Lithuanian Students' Union;
- in co-operation with the Student councils of foreign universities and creating new relations - to be interested in the practice of other Student council activities and to share the competencies of student representatives and their understanding of the work of organizations and student representation.

6. ENSURING THE FINANCIAL STABILITY OF THE ORGANIZATION.

Maintain the financial stability of the organization in order to be able to carry out the planned activities for students in a high-quality and free manner. Avoiding risks and potential losses will:

- it is planned to compile the finances of the representative office not only from the projects, LSP, and advertising funds but also from the marketing and advertising committee's merchandise store;
- More emphasis is being placed on the use of GPM, which has not been used effectively so far, although the organization has long had the status of a beneficiary.