

Dear,
VMU SC Management board,
VMU Student Parliament members,
VMU Students,

I am Ieva Vengrovskaja, a third-year student of Cultural and Language Studies in East Asian Countries and of psychology part-time studies at the Faculty of Humanities of Vytautas Magnus University. With this letter, I express my wish to hold the position of the President of Vytautas Magnus University Student Council.

I came to the Vytautas Magnus University Student Council three years ago to contribute to this activity after the project "Moksleivi, pabūk studentu!". I began my journey on academic and social committees, deepening my knowledge of student representation. Half a year later, I was invited to become the coordinator of the Social Affairs Committee. At the moment I am still coordinating the committee for the second year in the row.

Working together with the members of the committee, we managed to achieve a discount for students and a protected place in the dormitory during the quarantine period, we changed the regulations of the dormitory councils, we contributed to Vytautas Magnus University disability coordinators' job description development and selection process, we organized several interviews on issues relevant to students in the cycle "Dinamiški dialogai", supervised academic group representatives and contributed to the development of competencies of ESN foreigners and SRD freshmen mentors. These are some of what I consider to be the most important work we have been able to accomplish.

As a coordinator of the committee, I learned to discuss, make joint decisions, plan and supervise activities, and work in a team. Also, I got acquainted with the problems and worries of students from different academic departments and levels. The biggest victory in this activity is the ability to find a compromise by representing quality, agreeing, and striving for the well-being of students.

My activities were not limited only to Student Council, I also got involved in other governing bodies. During my first year of study, I was a member of the Student Parliament, I joined the canteen working group. I am currently delegated as a student representative to the HMF Council and Senate. I am involved in various working groups: developing the VMU disability policy document, contributing to the VMU Strategy on Community Gathering, and the Regulation on Gender Equality and Sexual Harassment Prevention Measures.

Applying for this post, I understand that it is impossible to drastically improve the quality or social dimension of studies in one year, but I want to listen to students' expectations and achieve a more favorable study environment for each student with at least small changes. Also, I rationally view this period, which is difficult for everyone, demanding innovation and challenging. But that shouldn't stop us from taking new initiatives and testing new opportunities.

I believe that by starting and continuing the activities and work that I define in my annual guidelines, together with the team, student representatives in VMU structural bodies, and all students seeking change, we can ensure reliable and audible representation of VMU students!

Your's sincerely
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Candidate for the position of the President of VMU Student Council