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STATUTE OF KAUNAS UNIVERSITY OF APPLIED SCIENCES

CHAPTER I GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. Public entity Kaunas University of Applied Sciences (hereinafter referred to as KUAS) is a state higher education institution of the Republic of Lithuania. The name of KUAS is Kaunas University of Applied Sciences.

2. KUAS is owned by the Republic of Lithuania. The owner's property and non-property rights and obligations are exercised by the Ministry of Education, Science and Sport of the Republic of Lithuania (to the extent that it does not fall within the exclusive competence of the Government of the Republic of Lithuania).

3. KUAS is a public legal entity registered in the Republic of Lithuania, possessing its own seal with the coat of arms of the State of Lithuania and its name, and a current bank account. The legal form of KUAS is a public institution.

4. KUAS has autonomy in covering academic, administrative, economic and financial management activities, based on the principle of self-government and academic freedom. KUAS autonomy is combined with accountability to the society, founders and participants of the legal entity, in accordance with the procedures established by the Constitution of the Republic of Lithuania, the Law on Science and Studies of the Republic of Lithuania and other laws.

5. KUAS social responsibility is associated with the sustainable development of the region, by cooperating with the representatives of local communities, business and government groups, and by developing the ability of an individual and community to think and act independently and creatively.

6. KUAS offers collegial studies based on professional practice and applied research, experimental development and professional art, as well as provides collegial studies of higher education and creates opportunities for lifelong learning.

7. KUAS has its own flag, symbols and other attributes. The academic divisions of KUAS may also possess their own flags, symbols and other attributes. The attributes and their usage shall be approved by KUAS Academic Council (hereinafter referred to as the Academic Council).

8. KUAS public announcements, documents and other information to the public are published on KUAS website.

9. KUAS is a recipient of support under the Law on Charity and Sponsorship of the Republic of Lithuania.

10. KUAS may become a member of various associations and other organisations.

CHAPTER II ACTIVITY GOALS AND OBJECTIVES, AREAS AND TYPES OF ACTIVITIES

11. KUAS activity goals include:

11.1. carrying out practice-oriented and innovation-based collegial studies;

11.2. developing applied research and art activities at national and international level, oriented towards the development of society;

11.3. bringing together a cohesive community that fosters the culture of a learning organization.

12. KUAS objectives are:

- 12.1. to carry out collegial studies relevant to the progress of the national and regional development, as well to provide other educational services;
- 12.2. to develop learner-centred studies and educational services;
- 12.3. to develop international studies;
- 12.4. to carry out applied research and art activities with Lithuanian and foreign stakeholders, as well as disseminate their results;
- 12.5. to develop innovative and sustainable products, services and technological process innovations in cooperation with the stakeholders;
- 12.6. to strengthen the interaction between studies and the activities of applied research and art;
- 12.7. to mobilise and retain professional staff;
- 12.8. to foster the culture of the learning organisation;
- 12.9. to strengthen community cohesion and well-being of the staff;
- 12.10. to optimise KUAS management by strengthening the integration of different areas of activity;
- 12.11. to develop the provision of services based on smart technology by increasing the efficiency of digitized KUAS activity processes;
- 12.12. to optimise KUAS infrastructure;
- 12.13. to ensure KUAS financial sustainability.
13. The main area of KUAS activity is education and applied research. The main type of KUAS activity is the implementation of collegial studies.
14. Other activities (according to the Classification of Economic Activities) that may be undertaken by KUAS:
 - 14.1. crop and animal production, hunting and related service activities, code – 01;
 - 14.2. cultivation of annual crops, code – 01.1;
 - 14.3. cultivation of perennial crops, code – 01.2;
 - 14.4. support activities to agriculture and post-harvest crop activities, code – 01.6;
 - 14.5. manufacture of food products, code – 10;
 - 14.6. manufacture of beverages, code – 11.0;
 - 14.7. manufacture of wearing apparel, except fur apparel, code – 14.1;
 - 14.8. printing and service activities related to printing, code – 18.1;
 - 14.9. manufacture of perfumes and toilet preparations, code – 20.42;
 - 14.10. manufacture of glass and glass products, code – 23.1;
 - 14.11. manufacture of other porcelain and ceramic products, code – 23.4;
 - 14.12. manufacture of furniture, code – 31;
 - 14.13. manufacture of jewellery, bijouterie and similar articles, code – 32.1;
 - 14.14. manufacture of medical and dental equipment, instruments and supplies, code – 32.50;
 - 14.15. electricity, gas and air conditioning supply, code – 35;
 - 14.16. water collection, treatment and supply, code – 36;
 - 14.17. other retail sale in non-specialised stores, code– 47.19;
 - 14.18. operation of car parks, code - 52.21.20;
 - 14.19. accommodation activities, code – 55;
 - 14.20. food and beverage service activities, code – 56;
 - 14.21. publishing activities, code – 58;
 - 14.22. computer programming, consulting and related activity, code – 62;
 - 14.23. real estate operations, code – 68;
 - 14.24. business and other management consultancy activities, code – 70.22;
 - 14.25. architectural and engineering activities technical testing and analysis, code – 71;
 - 14.26. advertising and market research, code – 73;
 - 14.27. rent of measuring and control equipment, code – 77.39.80;
 - 14.28. travel agency, tour operator reservation service and related activities, code – 79;
 - 14.29. technical and vocational secondary education, code – 85.32;

- 14.30. sports and recreation education, code – 85.51;
- 14.31. other education n.e.c., code – 85.59;
- 14.32. human health activities, code – 86;
- 14.33. social work activities non-related to accommodation, code – 88;
- 14.34. creative, arts and entertainment activities, code – 90;
- 14.35. libraries, archives, museums and other cultural activities, code – 91;
- 14.36. sports activities, code – 93.1.

15. KUAS may carry out other activities, provided that they do not contradict the goals and objectives of KUAS activities, the laws of the Republic of Lithuania and other legal acts.

CHAPTER III MAIN PROVISIONS FOR ORGANISATION OF STUDIES, SCIENCE AND ART ACTIVITIES

16. Studies at KUAS are carried out within the framework of collegial study programmes aimed at obtaining a professional bachelor's qualification degree or a professional bachelor's qualification degree and a qualification; individual study modules (courses), competence development programmes and non-formal adult education programmes may also be carried out.

17. KUAS may offer short-cycle studies for the acquisition of qualifications that meet the requirements of level 5 of the Lithuanian Qualifications Framework.

18. KUAS may carry out joint study programmes with other Lithuanian or foreign higher education institutions.

19. KUAS may provide vocational studies for the acquisition of qualifications and preparation for independent practical activity in accordance with the procedure laid down by the Government or its authorised body.

20. Persons may study at KUAS in state-funded study places and in non-state-funded study places. Persons studying in non-state-funded study places pay the tuition fee approved by the Academic Council. The tuition fee or a part thereof of a person studying at a study place not funded by the state may also be paid by the student's employers, KUAS, other natural and legal persons.

21. Studies implemented at KUAS may be of full-time and part-time modes.

22. The academic year is divided into semesters and holiday periods. The beginning and end of the academic year, semesters and holiday periods shall be determined by KUAS Director (hereinafter referred to as the Director).

23. The procedure for the organisation of studies shall be laid down in the Study Procedure of KUAS, which shall be approved by the Academic Council.

24. Study programmes implemented at the KUAS may be interdisciplinary – designed to achieve related learning outcomes in two or more fields of study.

25. KUAS establishes expert bodies to formulate the strategy of study programmes, develop study programmes and ensure their quality. These bodies involve social partners, students and other stakeholders.

26. The results of partial studies shall be recognised at KUAS to persons who have graduated, studied or are studying in higher education institutions of Lithuania or foreign countries in accordance with higher education study programmes and who are willing to continue their studies at KUAS, including their learning outcomes in accordance with the same or other short-cycle, collegial, first-cycle, second-cycle study programmes, or full-time, vocational study programmes.

27. For the purpose of the student's practical training/internship provided for in the study programme, the enterprise, institution or organisation where the student is undertaking the practical training/internship, the student and KUAS shall conclude an Internship agreement. KUAS shall be responsible for the organisation of the students' practical training/internship.

28. Graduates of a collegial study programme are awarded a professional bachelor's degree or a professional bachelor's degree and qualification in the relevant study field group.

29. Graduates of short-cycle studies are awarded a study certificate conferring the right to the person to pursue a professional activity and/or further studies at a higher education institution.

30. Graduates of joint degree programmes are awarded qualification(s) or joint qualification(s).

31. Persons who have completed competence development or non-formal adult education programmes are awarded a certificate.

32. Persons who have completed study modules (courses) leading to other qualifications are awarded a certificate of studies.

33. The language of instruction at KUAS is Lithuanian. In the cases stipulated by the Law on Science and Studies, a study programme or a part thereof may be taught in other languages.

34. Individuals can apply to KUAS for the assessment and recognition of their formal and non-formal education, as well as for the assessment and recognition of competences acquired through self-learning related to higher education.

35. Recognition of competences acquired through formal education for persons willing to continue their studies at the KUAS as part of the study programme shall be carried out by KUAS in accordance with the procedure laid down by the Minister of Education, Science and Sport.

36. The general principles for the assessment and recognition of competences acquired through non-formal and self-learning related to higher education shall be approved by the Minister for Education, Science and Sport. The assessment and recognition of these competences shall be carried out by KUAS in accordance with the procedure laid down by the Academic Council.

37. KUAS may revoke a professional bachelor's degree or a professional bachelor's degree and qualification awarded by KUAS in accordance with the procedure laid down by the Academic Council.

38. The unity between studies, science and arts at KUAS is ensured through a close relation with practice – participation of lecturers and students in applied scientific research, art projects and experimental development works commissioned by business, industry and other organisations, regional development projects, and consultancy activities.

39. KUAS carries out applied scientific research, experimental development work and art activities independently or by concluding agreements with legal and natural persons of the Republic of Lithuania and foreign countries. KUAS develops cooperation with partners through applied research networks, joint applied research projects, organisation of scientific events and sharing of good practice.

40. The results of applied research, experimental development and art activities are made publicly available (on the Internet, in scientific journals and other ways), insofar as this does not contradict legislation or agreements regulating the protection of intellectual property, confidential information, commercial or official secrets, or the protection of personal data.

41. Scientific and art activities at KUAS are organised and carried out by academic divisions. The results of the performed research are used in the study process and form the basis for the improvement of studies and scientific activities, studies and scientific competence.

42. KUAS carries out students' applied research and art activities, provides the conditions for students' scientific and art societies, organizes students' scientific and practical conferences, seminars, science and art competitions, exhibitions.

43. KUAS issues scientific, methodological and educational publications, organises scientific and practical conferences, seminars, other scientific and methodological events, art exhibitions and competitions.

CHAPTER IV ENSURING THE QUALITY OF STUDIES, RESEARCH AND ART

44. KUAS shall be responsible for the quality of its studies, research, art and other activities. It shall publicly announce the quality indicators of its activities and in cooperation with the assessment institutions shall foster a culture of quality.

45. KUAS has a quality assurance system approved by the Academic Council, which established the ways and means of ensuring quality of education and applied research, experimental development and art activities provided by KUAS. Quality assurance of studies at KUAS is based on the quality assurance provisions and guidelines of the European Higher Education Area. Quality assurance of applied research and art activities is based on the provisions of the European Applied Research Area.

46. KUAS shall, at least once a year, present to the academic community and publish on KUAS website accurate quantitative and qualitative information on scientific and art activities and the results of the self-evaluation. It shall also publish accurate quantitative and qualitative information on study programmes, awarded higher education qualifications, conducted applied research, experimental development and art activities, the results of constant self-assessments, the feedback of students, graduates and other stakeholders on the quality of studies, the results of KUAS activities, the results of the evaluation of the study programmes, the career indicators of graduates, and any other data necessary to inform the public about studies, scientific and art activities.

47. The quality of KUAS studies, applied research and art activities is continuously improved through constant self-assessment of KUAS activities by taking into account the results of KUAS external evaluation.

CHAPTER V

KUAS MANAGEMENT BODIES AND THEIR COMPETENCE, THE PROCEDURE OF THEIR ELECTION AND REMOVAL FROM OFFICE

48. KUAS bodies shall be composed and their competence shall be established pursuant to the Civil Code of the Republic of Lithuania, Law on Public Organisations of the Republic of Lithuania, Law on Science and Studies. The collegial management bodies of KUAS are KUAS Council (hereinafter referred to as the Council) and KUAS Academic Council (hereinafter referred to as the Academic Council), a sole management body is the Director of KUAS.

49. The Council is KUAS strategic management body, ensuring accountability to the public, social responsibility and a rapid and effective response to changes in the environment.

50. The Council shall perform the following functions:

50.1. in agreement with the Academic Council, submit the amendments to KUAS Statute (hereinafter referred to as the Statute) to the Government of the Republic of Lithuania for the approval;

50.2. upon evaluating the proposals of the Academic Council, approve the strategic activity plan presented by the Director, which defines KUAS mission and vision, as well as determines material, financial and human resources necessary for the implementation of the strategic plan;

50.3. upon evaluating the proposals of the Academic Council approve the plans for the reorganisation of KUAS structure presented by the Director, necessary for the implementation of the strategic activity plan;

50.4. upon evaluating the proposals of the Academic Council, set the procedure for managing, using and disposing of KUAS funds (as well as the funds designated for remuneration of administrative staff and other employees) and the assets by the right of ownership;

50.5. upon evaluating the proposals of the Academic Council, approve the procedure of organising election of the Director through open competition;

50.6. elect, appoint to the office and dismiss the Director;

50.7. set principles for the selection and appraisal of KUAS staff;

50.8. on the proposal of the Director, in agreement with the Academic Council, approve the procedure for determining the minimum number of entrants for admission to individual study programmes;

50.9. consider an annual statement of revenue and expenditure and approve the report on the execution of this statement presented by the Director;

50.10. approve the annual report on KUAS activities including the implementation of the strategic plan presented by the Director;

50.11. in agreement with the Academic Council, approve plans for KUAS reorganisation or liquidation and provide them to the Government of the Republic of Lithuania;

50.12. prepare the annual report on its activities and announce it publicly to KUAS community on KUAS website prior to 1 of April each year;

50.13. perform other functions prescribed by the Statute and other legal acts.

51. The Council shall consist of 9 members according to the following procedure:

51.1. one member of the council shall be appointed and recalled by the Students' Representative Council by its established procedure, and in the absence of such – a general meeting (conference) of students;

51.2. other members of the academic community (excluding students) shall appoint and recall to the Council 4 people from KUAS staff in accordance with the procedure laid down by the Academic Council;

51.3. three members not belonging to KUAS staff and students shall be elected and recalled in accordance with the procedure laid down by the Academic Council. These three members shall be selected by public competition. One member not belonging to KUAS staff and students shall be elected and recalled by the Students' Representative Council in accordance with its own procedures, or, in its absence, by the general meeting of students (conference).

Edition of paragraph 51 including sub-paragraphs from 01-07-2022:

51. The Council shall be composed of 11 members by the following procedure:

51.1. one member of the Council shall be appointed and recalled by the Students' Representative Council in accordance with its own procedures, or, in its absence, by the general meeting of students (conference);

51.2. other members of the academic community (excluding students) shall elect and recall five members of KUAS staff in accordance with the procedure laid down by the Academic Council;

51.3. four members not belonging to KUAS staff and students shall be elected and recalled in accordance with the procedure laid down by the Academic Council. These four members shall be selected by public competition. One member not belonging to KUAS staff and students shall be elected and recalled by the Students' Representative Council or, in its absence, by the general meeting of students (conference) in accordance with its own procedures.

Paragraph 51 including sub-paragraphs replaced by Resolution of the Government of the Republic of Lithuania No. 734 of 15 September 2021

52. The members of the Council shall be elected separately for each of 8 positions defined by the Academic Council, taking into account the different interests of KUAS.

Edition of paragraph 52 including sub-paragraphs from 01-07-2022:

52. The members of the Council shall be elected separately for each of 10 positions defined by the Academic Council, taking into account the different interests of KUAS.

Paragraph 52 including sub-paragraphs replaced by Resolution of the Government of the Republic of Lithuania No. 734 of 15 September 2021

53. The composition of the Council shall be publicly announced by the Chairperson of the Academic Council on KUAS website.

54. The office term of the Council shall be five years. No later than a month before the expiry of the office term of a council member, the Chairperson of the Academic Council shall announce a composition of a newly formed Council.

55. A member of the Council shall be a person of impeccable reputation who possesses knowledge and skills that contribute to the achievement of KUAS strategic objectives and the fulfilment of its mission.

56. The same person may be a member of the Council for no more than two consecutive office terms.

57. The following persons shall not be members of the Council: the President of the Republic of Lithuania, Members of the European Parliament, Members of the Seimas and the Government and civil servants in political (personal) confidence, mayors and municipality councillors, KUAS

employees who are direct subordinates to the Director, heads and deputy heads of institutions, companies or organisations in which KUAS holds at least 50 per cent of the votes of all the participants of the legal entity at the general meeting. A member of the Council shall not be a member of the Academic Council.

58. Upon taking office, a member of the Council, during the first Council meeting with invited members of the Academic Council, shall publicly read and sign a commitment to abide by the best interests of KUAS and the public and to carry out the functions prescribed by the Law on Science and Higher Education in good faith. The commitment signed by the member of the Council shall be accepted by the Chairperson of the Academic Council.

59. The Council shall elect and recall the Chairperson and the Vice-Chairperson of the Council by the majority of votes cast of all the members of the Council. The Chairperson of the Council may not be a member of KUAS staff or KUAS student. The Chairperson of the Council shall preside over and represent the Council. In the temporary absence of the Chairperson of the Council, these functions shall be exercised by the Vice-Chairperson of the Council and, in his/her temporary absence, by another member of the Council authorised by the Council.

60. The Council shall adopt its rules of procedure. The Council shall take its decisions by a majority of votes cast of the Council members attending the meeting. Decisions shall be taken by a qualified majority, which shall not be less than three-fifths of the total number of votes of the members of the Council, in case of the Director election and/or the approval of KUAS reorganisation and liquidation plans, the submission of amendments to the Statute for approval by the Government. A meeting of the Council shall be valid if it is attended by at least two thirds of its members. The decisions of the Council shall be publicly announced on KUAS website.

61. The Director shall attend the meetings of the Council in an advisory capacity.

62. If a member of the Council fails to properly perform the duties set out by the Law on Science and Studies, the Statute, the rules of procedure of the Council or fails to sign the commitment referred to in paragraph 58 of the Statute, the Chairperson of the Council shall have the right to address the person who appointed the said member with a request to recall the appointed member of the Council in accordance with the procedure set out in the procedure for the election of members of KUAS Council approved by the Academic Council.

63. If the powers of the member of the Council are terminated before the expiry of his/her term of office, a new member of the council shall be appointed in accordance with the same procedure as the member of the Council whose powers are terminated. The new member of the Council shall commence his/her duties after the Chairperson of the Council announces his/her appointment and the member of the Council signs a commitment specified in paragraph 58 of the Statute.

64. The members of the Council shall be remunerated for their activities as members of the Council from KUAS funds. The amount of payment shall be specified in the estimate of expenditure related to organisational activities of the Council and shall be paid twice per calendar year in accordance with the terms and conditions laid down in the contract concluded between KUAS and the Council member.

65. The Director shall ensure the conditions necessary for organisational activities of the Council.

66. The Academic Council shall be the management body of KUAS academic affairs.

67. The Academic Council shall perform the following functions:

67.1. define the procedure for studies;

67.2. approve study programmes and make proposals to the Director regarding the funding of these programmes and reorganisation of KUAS structure which is necessary for their implementation;

67.3. evaluate the results of the conducted applied research and experimental development, as well as the quality and level of KUAS applied research, experimental development and art activities;

67.4. approve an internal system of quality assurance of studies and control its implementation;

67.5. approve qualification requirements for positions of teaching and research staff members, lay down the procedure of performance evaluation of research and teaching staff members as well as

the procedure of organization of a competition to fill a position in accordance with the principles of selection and appraisal of KUAS staff laid down by the Council;

67.6. consider and submit proposals to the Council regarding amendments of the Statute;

67.7. consider and submit its opinion to the Council regarding the strategic activity plan outlining KUAS vision and mission, presented by the Director;

67.8. consider and submit proposals to the Council regarding plans for KUAS reorganisation presented by the Director, which are necessary for the implementation of the strategic activity plan;

67.9. consider and submit proposals to the Council regarding plans for KUAS reorganisation or liquidation;

67.10. consider and submit proposals to the Council concerning management, use and disposal of KUAS funds (as well as funds designated for remuneration of administrative staff and other employees) and the assets by the right of ownership;

67.11. consider and submit proposals to the Council regarding the Director's proposal on the procedure determining the minimum number of entrants for admission to individual study programmes;

67.12. approve tuition fees and determine the total number of study places, taking into account the possibility of quality assurance of studies, research and art activities;

67.13. approve on the student admission plan proposed by the Director;

67.14. consider and approve the rules of admission to KUAS;

67.15. consider and decide on the suspension and closure of study programmes;

67.16. approve the regulations governing the activities of academic divisions;

67.17. consider and make proposals to the Council on the suitability of candidates for the position of the Director;

67.18. approve or reject the candidates for the Dean(s) position proposed by the Director;

67.19. award honorary and other titles in accordance with the established procedure, taking into account the results of a person's scientific, artistic, pedagogical and/or other activities of social interest;

67.20. after evaluating the proposals of the Students' Representative Council, determine the procedure for awarding incentive scholarships;

67.21. consider and make proposals to the Council on the approval of the procedure for organising the election of the Director by open competition;

67.22. convene meetings (conferences) of KUAS academic community to discuss important issues related to KUAS activities; inform the academic community about the decision to convene such a meeting (conference) at least 7 calendar days in advance on KUAS website and/or by any other means set out in the rules of procedure of the Academic Council;

67.23. perform other functions as set out in the legal acts and the Statute.

68. The Academic Council shall be elected for 5 years. The members of the Academic Council may be members of KUAS academic community, KUAS administrative staff who are members of the Academic Council by virtue of their position, as well as researchers, lecturers and recognised artists from other research and study institutions.

69. The Academic Council shall consist of 33 members:

69.1. 23 members of the Council (7 members out of them shall be associate professors and senior research staff members) shall be appointed from among the teaching staff and research staff by the representatives of the teaching and research staff, elected by the academic community at meetings (conferences) by a majority of votes cast by the attendants in proportion to the number of teaching and research staff positions;

69.2. 3 members shall be appointed to the Academic Council based on their position – the Director is the member of the Council by virtue of their position, the other 2 members shall be appointed by virtue of their position in accordance with the procedure set out by the Director;

69.3. 7 members shall be appointed by Students' Representative Council, and in case of its absence – by a general meeting (conference) of students.

70. The composition of the Academic Council and its amendments shall be approved by the order of the Director.

71. Activities of the Academic Council shall be regulated by the rules of procedure of the Academic Council approved by the Academic Council.

72. The first meeting of a newly elected Academic Council shall be convened by the Director no later than within a month from the election of the Academic Council.

73. The Academic Council shall elect the Chairperson and the Vice-Chairperson of the Academic Council from among its members by the majority of the total number of votes cast. The Chairperson of the Academic Council shall preside over and represent the Academic Council. In the temporary absence of the Chairperson of the Academic Council, these functions shall be performed by the Vice-Chairperson of the Academic Council, and in his/her absence by another member of the Academic Council authorised by the Academic Council. The Director may not be the Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson of the Academic Council. The Chairperson and the Vice-Chairperson of the Academic Council may be recalled from office in the event of inadequate performance of their duties by a majority of at least 2/3 of the total number of member votes of the Academic Council.

74. The membership of a member of the Academic Council shall be terminated:

74.1. upon the termination of the employment contract of the member of the Academic Council with KUAS, unless the member is a staff member of another research and study institution and has been elected as an associate professor or senior researcher;

74.2. upon taking an academic leave, interrupting or completing the studies by a student member of the Academic Council;

74.3. by resigning from the Academic Council;

74.4. in case of the death of a member of the Academic Council;

74.5. upon recalling a member of the Academic Council from office if the he/she improperly performs his/her duties as a member of the Academic Council as laid down in the Law on Science and Higher Education, the Statute, and the Rules of Procedure of the Academic Council.

75. When the mandate of a member of the Academic Council expires on the grounds specified in paragraph 74 of the Statute, the Chairperson of the Academic Council shall address the member of the Academic Council who appointed (elected) the member of the Academic Council with a request to appoint (elect) another person to replace him/her. A new member shall join the Academic Council, who was elected (appointed) by the entity that elected (appointed) the member being replaced. The new member of the Academic Council shall be elected (appointed) for the rest of the term of office of the Academic Council.

76. A meeting of the Academic Council shall be valid if at least two thirds of the members of the Academic Council are present. Decisions of the Academic Council shall be taken by the majority of the votes of members attending the meeting, unless a different quorum is established by the Law on Science and Studies.

77. Decisions made by the Academic Council shall be published on KUAS website. The decisions of the Academic Council shall be binding on all members of academic KUAS community.

78. The Academic Council shall report on its activities to KUAS community once a year, no later than in April, by presenting a report on its activities for the previous calendar year during the meeting of KUAS community or by publishing it on KUAS website.

79. The Director shall be the sole governing body and shall act on behalf KUAS, as well as represent it.

80. The Director shall execute the following functions:

80.1. lead KUAS and organize its activities whilst ensuring the implementation of the strategic activity plan of KUAS;

80.2. issue orders;

80.3. recruit and dismiss KUAS employees;

80.4. admit and expel students in accordance with the procedure laid down by the Statute;

80.5. submit the proposals to the Academic Council regarding the tuition fee for studies;

80.6. approve the amounts of payment not directly related to the implementation of study programmes;

80.7. be responsible for financial activities at KUAS, disposal of funds and proper management of assets, use and disposal of funds and assets;

80.8. submit to the Council for approval annual statements of revenue and expenditure; as well as the report on the implementation of those statements;

80.9. submit to the Council for approval the annual activity report, including the implementation of the strategic activity plan;

80.10. publicly announce the annual report on KUAS activities approved by the Council;

80.11. submit to the Academic Council for consideration and to the Council for approval the strategic plan of KUAS activities and plans for reorganization of KUAS structure;

80.12. consider and make decisions regarding KUAS funds (including the funds designated for remuneration of administrative staff and other employees) as well as the management, use and disposal of assets;

80.13. approve internal rules of procedure at KUAS;

80.14. for the duration of their mandate appoint and dismiss the Deputy Director(s) of KUAS and, on the recommendation of the Deans, appoint and dismiss the Vice-Deans;

80.15. appoint and dismiss Deans on the approval of the Academic Council;

80.16. determine the duties and functions of the Vice-Director(s), Heads of Academic Divisions and other KUAS staff;

80.17. consider and approve the annual reports of the Vice-Director(s) and Deans of KUAS;

80.18. submit to the Academic Council for consideration and approval by the Council the procedure for determining the minimum number of entrants for admission to individual study programmes;

80.19. make proposals to the Academic Council on the suspension and closure of study programmes;

80.20. perform other functions as set out in the legal acts and the Statute.

81. The Director shall be elected by the Council in accordance with its established procedures. The Council shall announce a public competition for the position of the Director. The Director shall be considered to be elected if at least three-fifths of the members of the Council vote in his/her favour.

82. The Director shall be a person of impeccable reputation, holding at least Master's degree or equivalent higher education qualification and at least 5 years of teaching and management experience.

Edition of paragraph 82 from 01-01-2022:

82. The Director shall be a person of impeccable reputation, with at least 5 years of teaching and management experience in a higher education institution, who holds a PhD in science or art, or is a recognised artist, and who is proficient in the native language (Lithuania) and in a foreign language (English, German, or French), preferably English.

Paragraph 82 replaced by Resolution of the Government of the Republic of Lithuania No. 734 of 15 September 2021

83. The Chairperson of the Council or any other person authorised by the Council shall sign in the name of KUAS an employment contract with the elected Director for the duration of his/her term of office.

84. The term of office of the Director shall be five years. The same person may be elected the Director for no more than two terms of office in succession and not earlier than after the lapse of five years since the end of the last term of office, if the last term of office was consecutively second.

85. If the annual report on KUAS activities presented by the Director is not approved by the majority of the Council members, the Director may be dismissed from office by at least two-thirds of the majority of the Council member votes.

86. Based on the order of KUAS Director, a part of his/her functions (except the functions prescribed by the laws and other legal acts that must be executed by the head of the institution) may be delegated to Deputy Directors or other authorized persons.

87. When executing delegated functions, Deputy Director(s) of KUAS help the Director of KUAS to implement the goals and objectives of KUAS.

88. KUAS Directorate is an advisory institution to KUAS Director.

89. The composition of KUAS Directorate and regulation of its procedures shall be approved by the KUAS Director.

CHAPTER VI RIGHTS, DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF MEMBERS OF THE ACADEMIC COMMUNITY AND OTHER STAFF

90. Academic community of KUAS shall consist of students, teaching staff, research staff, other researchers, professors emeriti and other staff directly involved in research and/or study activities.

91. The academic community shall exercise academic freedom and shall be guided by the Code of Academic Ethics, which shall be approved by the Academic Council on the recommendation of the Ombudsman for Academic Ethics and Procedures.

92. The Academic Council shall determine the qualification requirements for the positions of teaching staff and researchers, as well as the procedure for organising competitions and certification for teaching staff and researchers in accordance with the principles for the selection and appraisal of KUAS staff laid down by the Council.

93. The positions of KUAS teaching staff are as follows: professor, associate professor, lecturer and assistant.

94. The Academic Council may confer the title of Professor Emeritus to a professor who has been actively engaged in scientific, artistic and/or pedagogical work at KUAS. Professors Emeriti shall have the right to participate in KUAS scientific, art and other activities in the same manner as other teaching staff of KUAS. A professor emeritus shall be paid monthly from KUAS funds, in accordance with the procedure laid down by the Council, and the amount of the remuneration shall depend on the financial performance of KUAS.

95. More than half of KUAS teaching staff shall have at least 3 years of extensive practical experience in the sphere of a specific module/course which shall be evaluated during an open competition for filling a position.

96. KUAS research staff includes researchers in the positions of principal researcher, senior researcher, research assistant, junior researcher and trainee researchers.

97. Persons shall be accepted to the positions of teaching staff members and research staff members, except for research trainees, visiting lecturers and researchers, and lecturers and researchers with permanent contracts, through an open competition for a five-year term of tenure. The procedure for organising a competition to fill the positions of KUAS teaching staff members and research staff members shall be laid down by the Academic Council.

98. At least 3 months before the end of the term of office of a member of KUAS teaching staff and/or researcher, a public competition shall be announced for the position. The person holding this position may also participate in the competition. The information on the competition shall be published on the website of KUAS and the Lithuanian Research Council, as well as in national and, if appropriate, international media. Visiting lecturers and researchers or lecturers and researchers who have a permanent employment contract or whose position is abolished by the KUAS shall not be subject to the procedure for public competition for the position.

99. A permanent employment contract for holding the position shall be concluded with a person who has the second time in succession won the competition to hold the same position of the teaching staff member or research staff member. Performance appraisal of this person shall be carried out every five years in accordance with the procedure laid down by the Academic Council. The period during which a person has been granted maternity, paternity or parental leave shall not be included in the 5-year period. A person who fails the performance appraisal shall be dismissed from the position.

Persons shall be accepted to a higher position of a teaching staff member or research staff member by way of an open competition.

100. KUAS may invite persons to the positions of teaching staff and research staff without competition on the basis of short-term employment contracts but for no longer than a two-year period. Visiting lecturers and researchers are not subject to the appointment procedure provided for in the Law on Science and Studies.

101. KUAS teaching staff and research staff may be subject to an additional appraisal in accordance with the procedure laid down by the Academic Council.

102. A researcher or lecturer who has worked at KUAS and has scientific or artistic relations with KUAS, but who is temporarily (not longer than until the end of his/her term of office at KUAS, and not longer than 5 years for the persons referred to in paragraph 99 of the Statute) working elsewhere, may be granted the status of an associate researcher or lecturer by the decision of the Academic Council. An associate researcher or lecturer may, subject to the approval of the Academic Council, return to his/her former position without competition and hold it until the end of the terminated term of office. The period of tenure shall include periods of service elsewhere.

103. KUAS staff consists of lecturers, research staff, other researchers, administration and other staff.

104. KUAS staff shall have the right to:

104.1. choose the ways and forms of organising pedagogic activities;

104.2. work independently or join into creative groups;

104.3. study and improve qualifications;

104.4. participate in competitions for traineeships in the Republic of Lithuania and abroad;

104.5. obtain from state institutions the information which is necessary for research work; if such information is a state or official secret, it shall be provided and used in accordance with the procedure laid down by legal acts;

104.6. participate in consideration of the Statute and strategic areas of activity;

104.7. make proposals related to the development of study programmes, organisation of studies and improvement of other activities;

104.8. independently publish their research and art works;

104.9. participate in various trade unions and associations, including those functioning abroad;

104.10. within the scope of one's competence to participate in competitions for implementation of research programmes and dispose of the funds in accordance with the established procedures;

104.11. have other rights provided for in the Labour Code of the Republic of Lithuania, the Law on Science and Studies and legal acts implementing them;

105. KUAS staff shall:

105.1. comply with the requirements of KUAS Code of Academic Ethics;

105.2. carry out the duties set out in the Statute and contracts of employment.

106. The members of the academic community and other KUAS employees shall be held liable for non-performance or improper performance of duties established in the Law on Science and Studies, the Statute and other legal acts, as well as for breaches of academic ethics, in accordance with the procedure established by legal acts.

107. KUAS shall have the administration necessary to perform the administrative functions of KUAS and its divisions, as well as the administrative and other staff necessary to implement the studies, research and experimental development, art and economic activities at KUAS. The administration shall consist of KUAS staff, with the exception of the staff of KUAS academic divisions that are part of other academic divisions that shall have the right to give compulsory instructions to subordinate staff within the scope of their competence. In addition to their administrative duties, KUAS staff members may engage in teaching and/or scientific work.

108. The number of KUAS staff, their duties and functions shall be determined by the Director.

109. An academic division at KUAS is a division whose main activity is the pursuit of studies and/or research and experimental development and art activities.

110. KUAS students are persons studying under study programmes. The relationship between the student and KUAS shall be formalised by a study agreement, the standard terms conditions of which shall be laid down by the Minister of Education, Science and Sport of the Republic of Lithuania. The study agreement shall set out the terms and conditions of studies at KUAS and the obligations of both parties.

111. Unclassified students are people who study under non-formal education programmes or individual modules (courses) or groups of modules (courses). The relationship between the unclassified student and KUAS shall be formalised by an agreement in accordance with the procedure established by the Director.

112. A student shall be issued a study certificate. The form of a study certificate and the procedure of its issuance shall be laid down by the Ministry of Education, Science and Sport.

113. Students shall have the right to:

113.1. study according to a chosen study programme;

113.2. study according to an individual plan of studies in compliance with the procedure laid down by the Academic Council;

113.3. study according to more than one study programme or other study modules (courses) in the same or another higher education institution;

113.4. assess the quality of lecturing and material support of studied modules (courses);

113.5. choose a teaching staff member, if the same module (course) is taught by several teaching staff members;

113.6. propose a topic for their final thesis or choose from several proposed topics;

113.7. assess on the assignments in alternative ways, if they have a disability because of which they are unable to assess on the assignment according to the set procedure and the alternative way of assessing ensures the achievement of the intended objectives of the study programme;

113.8. address the head of the academic division so that the learning achievements are recognized in the same or any other Lithuanian or foreign higher education institution;

113.9. address KUAS administration, the Dispute Settlement Commission regarding the violation of his/her interests;

113.10. terminate and recommence studies in accordance with the procedures laid down in the Statute;

113.11. take an academic leave for reasons of illness, on the recommendation of a doctor or a medical advisory board, or for reasons of pregnancy and childbirth, parental care, or once during the period of studies for personal reasons, but for a maximum period of one academic year, without losing their status as a student and the right to continue their studies after the period of study leave at a state-funded place, provided they were at a state-funded place prior to the period of academic leave;

113.12. express their thoughts and views freely;

113.13. participate in the activities of the management bodies of KUAS;

113.14. elect Students' Representative Council and be elected to it, freely, join other associations;

113.15. perform a voluntary traineeship, a complementary traineeship or an internship that is not part of a study programme;

113.16. study at higher education institutions abroad as part of international student exchange programmes;

113.17. receive state loans or state-supported loans in accordance with procedures established by the government;

113.18. receive scholarships in accordance with the procedure established by the Law on Science and Studies and the Academic Council;

113.19. exercise other rights established by laws and regulations.

114. Students shall:

114.1. strive to achieve the outcomes set out in the description of the study programme

114.2. comply with the Law on Science and Studies, the Statute, the Study Procedure and other legal acts regulating studies at KUAS;

114.3. comply with the requirements of KUAS Code of Academic Ethics approved by the Academic Council;

114.4. comply with the decisions of KUAS management bodies, the orders of the Director and the Head of the Academic Divisions, as well as the lawful requirements of the teaching staff.

115. The procedure for awarding incentives and imposing disciplinary measures on students shall be determined by the Academic Council in consultation with the Students' Representative Council.

116. The Students' Representative Council in accordance with its own procedures, or in the absence thereof, by the general meeting of students (conference), shall represent the interests of KUAS students in KUAS governing bodies, advisory bodies and dispute resolution structures. The Students' Representative Council shall have the right to receive information and explanations from KUAS and its divisions on all matters related to studies and studies. The Students' Representative Council may, at the latest within 7 calendar days, appeal in writing to KUAS governing body that made the decision and request a reconsideration of the decisions taken by it.

117. KUAS shall support the Students' Representative Council and other student organisations in accordance with the procedures laid down by the Council, provide them with premises and funds for their activities, and shall allocate funds for students' cultural, sports and social activities. The Students' Representative Council and other student organisations shall report to the Council in accordance with the procedures laid down by the Council.

CHAPTER VII ADMISSION AND EXPULSION OF STUDENTS, TERMINATION AND RECOMMENCEMENT OF STUDIES

118. Persons who have passed at least one state matriculation examination and have at least secondary education, taking into account their learning achievements, entrance examinations or other criteria set out in the Rules of admission to KUAS, which are approved by the Academic Council, shall be admitted to the first-cycle studies at KUAS by competition. Admission to KUAS may be carried out until the commencement of studies under the relevant study programme.

119. The list of competitive modules (courses) by field of study, excluding the main module (course), shall be determined each year by KUAS and published in coordination with the Ministry of Education, Science and Sport at least 2 years before 1 September of the relevant academic year. The admission to KUAS requirements shall not apply to persons referred to in Article 59(1) of the Law on Science and Studies. KUAS shall publish the principles and other criteria for the establishment of the competition score by 1 December each year, at least 6 months before the beginning of the admission period. KUAS shall annually announce the minimum admission score no later than 1 June.

120. KUAS may conduct additional admission to vacant non-state-funded full-time and part-time study places in accordance with the procedure laid down in the Rules of admission to KUAS.

121. Only those persons whose learning results are not lower than the minimum indicators approved by the Minister of Education, Science and Sport, which are determined taking into account the necessary readiness of the persons to study at KUAS, may apply for the collegial places of study.

122. A person whose studies are state-funded shall have the right, in the cases and according to the procedure established by the Government, to change the study programme and the mode of study in the same field of study within the same group of studies without losing the remaining part of the state funding for studies, which shall not be higher than the normative tuition fee of that study programme. A person studying at a study place non-funded by the state may change the study programme or its mode in accordance with the procedure laid down in the Study Procedure of KUAS.

123. A person who has lost state funding shall pay the tuition fee set by KUAS, and the best student in the same study field, in the same year of studies and in the same mode of study, who meets the criteria of good academic performance, in accordance with the principles set out in the Law on Science and Studies and the procedure established by the Director, shall be transferred to the vacant state-funded study place. In the event that there are fewer number of places available than the number

of students meeting the criteria for good academic performance, preference shall be given to students who have obtained a higher number of grades at the excellent level of achievement in the study modules (courses) during the assessment period.

124. Persons with at least secondary education or a professional qualification acquired according to the vocational training programme corresponding to the fourth level of the Lithuanian Qualifications Framework, taking into account their learning achievements and other criteria established by KUAS, and after assessing the requirements of the professional standards, as well as the descriptions of the field of study, shall be admitted to KUAS short-cycle studies by competition.

125. A student, whose short-cycle, undergraduate/first-cycle studies are state-funded, after the assessment period of no longer than one year of study, as determined by the Director, shall continue to be state-funded if he or she fulfils the criteria for good academic performance laid down in the Law on Science and Studies.

126. If there are no students studying in non-state funded study places who meet the criteria for good academic performance in the study course of the short-cycle and respective field and mode of collegial studies, students studying in state-funded study places and with no academic debt shall continue to be eligible for state funding of their studies, even if the level of their learning achievements during the assessment period is at the threshold.

127. Those who graduate the academic year with the best results in non-state-funded study places may be reimbursed the tuition fees in accordance with the procedure and in the amount set by the Government. The rank of the best graduates in non-state-funded study places by the field of study shall be established according to the procedure laid down by the Director.

128. Academic leave shall be granted to students by the decision of the Director or his/her authorized person, on the basis of a reasoned written request from the student. Academic leave shall be granted on the grounds set out in paragraph 113.11 of the Statute.

129. The studies at KUAS shall be terminated:

129.1. upon personal request;

129.2. upon expulsion from KUAS;

129.3. upon transition to study at another institution;

129.4. upon completion of studies;

129.5. upon student's death;

129.6. upon termination of study agreement due to other cases provided for by law.

130. The student is expelled from KUAS:

130.1. due to the violation of the requirements of the Statute, Code of Academic Ethics, Study Procedure and other legal acts regulating the studies at KUAS;

130.2. due to failure to achieve the learning outcomes of the study programme (academic failure);

130.3. due to failure to return from academic leave on time without a valid reason;

130.4. due to failure to defend the final thesis or pass the final exam;

130.5. due to failure to meet financial obligations to KUAS according to the Study Agreement;

130.6. due to imposed custodial sentence when studies are not possible (the judgment of the court enters into force);

130.7. due to provision of false and misleading data, information or documents which prevented the conclusion, performance or fulfilment of the study agreement.

131. The person who studied in a state-funded position and received a scholarship; and who was expelled from KUAS or terminated studies on personal request shall return the allocated funds for studies or part of them in accordance with the procedure established by the Government.

132. The studies may be recommenced by the decision of the Director, on the basis of person's reasoned written request.

133. A person expelled from KUAS for violation of the Statute, the Code of Academic Ethics or the provisions of the legislation regulating the internal procedure of KUAS may recommence his/her studies not earlier than one year after the date of expulsion from KUAS.

134. A person may not recommence studies in a study programme that has been removed from the Register of Studies, Training Programmes and Qualifications. He/she may be admitted to the programme of study of his/her choice in accordance with the procedure laid down by the Academic Council, taking into account the learning outcomes of his/her previous studies.

CHAPTER VIII HANDLING THE DISPUTES BETWEEN STUDENTS, ADMINISTRATION AND OTHER STAFF

135. Disputes related to research and study activities between students and KUAS administration or other employees shall be handled by the Dispute Settlement Commission (hereinafter referred to as the Commission), which shall be established by order of the Director. The Commission shall be composed of 6 persons: 3 representatives of KUAS administration and 3 persons authorised by the Students' Representative Council (in the absence thereof, by the general meeting of students (conference)). The Commission shall elect and dismiss the Chairperson of the Commission from among its members by a majority vote of all members. The Director shall approve the rules of procedure of the Commission, in agreement with the Students' Representative Council (or, in the absence thereof, with the general meeting of students/conference).

136. Meetings of the Commission shall be valid if at least two-thirds of its members are present and if decisions are taken by the majority of more than half of the votes of the attendees. The Commission shall examine any request, complaint or report received within 20 working days at the latest. The decision of the Commission shall be final at KUAS. The student shall be informed in writing of the decision of the Commission within 3 working days of the date of the decision.

137. Disputes concerning breaches of academic ethics shall be dealt with in accordance with the procedures laid down in KUAS Code of Academic Ethics.

138. Disputes between KUAS administration and employees concerning the implementation of rights and obligations laid down in labour laws, employment contracts and other legal acts shall be dealt with in accordance with the procedure laid down in the Labour Code and the legal acts implementing it.

CHAPTER IX SOURCE OF KUAS FUNDING, DISPOSAL OF FUNDS AND ASSETS

139. KUAS shall manage, use and dispose of its assets following the principles of public benefit, effectiveness, rationality, accountability to the society and autonomy of economic activities as well as the laws regulating the activities of respective enterprises, institutions or organisations.

140. KUAS shall exercise the right of inviolability of land, buildings and other property used for research and study purposes. The boundaries of land plots owned by the state and used by KUAS on a usufruct basis, and the managers of buildings or other property for research and study purposes transferred to KUAS management under the right of entrustment may be changed only by the Government, after taking into account the opinion of the Council.

141. Fixed tangible assets owned by the state and transferred to KUAS under the State Property Trust Agreement shall be managed, used and disposed of by KUAS in accordance with the procedure established by the Law on Science and Studies and the Law on Management, Use and Disposal of State and Municipal Assets of the Republic of Lithuania.

142. Assets owned, used and disposed of by KUAS by right of ownership shall be:

142.1. assets invested by the state;

142.2. income from tuition fees and income from research, experimental development, economic and scientific activities and services;

142.3. funds received as charity under the Law on Charity and Sponsorship of the Republic of Lithuania;

142.4. other funds, except from state budget resources;

142.5. assets acquired with funds from the State budget and from the funds provided for in sub-paragraphs 142.2 to 142.4 of the Statute, with the exception of immovable property acquired with the assistance of the European Union, the state budget and state funds;

142.6. donated assets;

142.7. inherited assets;

142.8. property rights arising from the results of intellectual activity (scientific or art works and objects of industrial property rights such as patents for inventions, designs, trademarks and topographies for semiconductor products, and other intellectual property objects);

142.9. income, assets or other benefits derived from the possession, use and disposal of the funds or other assets referred to in sub-paragraphs 142.1 to 142.8 of the Statute, except in the cases provided for in the Law on Science and Studies.

143. KUAS funds shall comprise the following:

143.1. resources of the basic funding of the Republic of Lithuania;

143.2. state budget of the Republic of Lithuania for studies;

143.3. funds provided for in Article 9(6) of the Law on Science and Studies;

143.4. funds of state investment programmes and state investment projects;

143.5. income from tuition fees, as well as income from research, experimental development, art activities, economic activities and rendered services

143.6. funds received as competitive programme funding for research and experimental development;

143.7. state funds;

143.8. funds from international and foreign foundations and organisations;

143.9. funds received as charity under the Law on Charity and Sponsorship;

143.10. income derived from the management, use and disposal of KUAS assets;

143.11. other funds received in legal ways.

144. KUAS shall manage its revenue and expenditure in accordance with the annual statements of revenue and expenditure approved by the Council.

145. KUAS shall have the right to borrow, i.e., to sign loan agreements, financial lease agreements and other binding debt documents in accordance with the procedure established by the legislation of the Republic of Lithuania.

146. KUAS organises and maintains accounting records and prepares financial and budget execution reports in accordance with the laws of the Republic of Lithuania regulating accounting and their legal acts.

147. KUAS shall annually (by March at the latest) publicly announce and submit to the Ministry of Education, Science and Sport and to the Founder, reports on its activities for the preceding calendar year, as well as the annual statements of its revenue and expenditure and the reports on the implementation of those statements.

148. The National Audit Office of the Republic of Lithuania shall audit KUAS in accordance with the procedure established by the legal acts. The financial statements of KUAS shall be audited in the cases stipulated by the Law on Public Sector Accountability of the Republic of Lithuania and the Law on Public Institutions.

CHAPTER X

ESTABLISHMENT OF BRANCHES AND REPRESENTATIVE OFFICES AND TERMINATION OF THEIR ACTIVITIES

149. In order to ensure its activities, KUAS may establish its branches and representative offices.

150. KUAS branch is a structural division owning its registered office and performing all or part of the KUAS functions. The branch and representative offices shall operate in accordance with the Regulations adopted by the Council. The branch and representative offices shall not be a legal person. KUAS shall be liable in line with KUAS liabilities.

151. Upon the decision of the Council, KUAS branches and representative offices shall be established and their activities terminated in accordance with the procedures laid down in the Civil Code and other legal acts.

CHAPTER XI PROCEDURE OF THE STATUTE AMENDMENT

152. Amendments to the Statute may be initiated by the Government, the Ministry of Education, Science and Sport, the Council, the Academic Council and the Director.

153. The Council, in agreement with the Academic Council, shall submit amendments to the Statutes to the Government for approval.

HAPTER XII FINAL PROVISIONS

154. KUAS may be reorganised or dissolved in accordance with the procedure laid down by the Civil Code, the Law on Science and Studies and the Law on Public Institutions.

155. The Council, in agreement with the Academic Council, shall approve plans for the reorganisation or liquidation of KUAS and submit them to the Government.

156. A decision on the reorganisation or liquidation of KUAS shall be taken by the Government on the recommendation of the Council, or on the recommendation of the Ministry of Education, Science and Sport, after taking into account the opinion of the Council, or upon the loss of KUAS authorization to carry out studies and activities related to studies.

157. None of the Statute provisions shall be interpreted in a way to constrict KUAS autonomy which is secured by the Constitution of the Republic of Lithuania.

158. Issues concerning KUAS activities which are not covered in this Statute shall be considered according to the procedure laid down in the laws of the Republic of Lithuania and other legal acts, and shall be regulated by documents approved by the Council, the Academic Council or the Director.
