

Georgian Technical University
Policy and Strategy of Internationalization

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1. General Provisions

This document is adopted for the purpose that Georgian Technical University, following recognized methods, among them applied to applicable structural units, provide effective consequence policy of international cooperation and process of internationalization, which considering fundamental values recognized by GTU will enable implementation of our mission.

- 1.1. This document is the supplementary document to the long-term action plan of strategic development of Georgian Technical University LEPL (hereinafter GTU), which covers search for the optimal ways to solve problems faced to the University in the content of internationalization and the activities related to its implementation;
- 1.2. Basic provisions of the document of Policy and Strategy of Georgian Technical University are based on the mission of Georgian Technical University and orientation of its strategic development, which covers basic paradigms of European educational environment, which is known to public as Boulogne, Copenhagen process and Lisbon Convention and the main liabilities of this document;
- 1.3. As in line with the mission and the purposes of GTU, process of internationalization in the strategic development of the University, is an unconditional priority. This document is made as supplementary document of GTU strategic plan, to implement applicable consequence policy in order to support international cooperation and internationalization.

2. Mechanisms of International Cooperation and Internationalization:

For international cooperation and internationalization, basic purpose of GTU is to integrate in international educational environment and provide global competition, development of international awareness of the University and strengthen internationalization.

To achieve this goal:

- 2.1. To provide significant development and adoption of awareness of the University to local and international market, as of available and high quality educational institution, which is distinguished with high quality teaching, prestigious teaching and learning, innovative programs and methods of teaching, high rate of employment of graduates by their

professions, high level academic knowledge of academic personnel, ability to participate in advanced scientific researches and programs;

2.2. Development of international relations;

2.3. Permanent development and support to the criteria of high standard of internationalization, such as international mobility of students and personnel, joint programs, adoption and implementation of common educational and scientific projects and involvement in international programs and etc.;

2.4. Active support to research and creative activities of academic and scientific personnel, in view point of internationalization and regular assessment and analysis of effectiveness of implemented activities;

2.5. Broaden and develop partnership relations with local and international governmental and non-governmental organizations;

2.6. Implement new partnership relations and develop implemented relations with the world leader educational and scientific and research institutes and networks of international cooperation;

2.7. Quantitative and qualitative development of participation and involvement in international projects;

2.8. Quantitative and qualitative development of international mobility of students and personnel;

2.9. Attract foreign students and academic / scientific personnel and permanent provision of attraction mechanisms;

2.10. Informing students and provision of involvement in various university, local and international projects and events, as well as support initiatives of students;

2.11. Support organization of summer and winter schools;

2.12. Support development of educational programs in foreign language at all the three levels;

2.13. Support teaching of foreign language, among them development of e-forms;

2.14. Support development of rating index of the University in international prestigious ranging systems.

2.15. Permanent provision of consequence implementation of the above stated measures and provision of mechanisms of effective application of the outcomes of internationalization in the activities.

3. Basic components of management policy of internationalization of GTU:

The measures to take for effective implementation of policy of internationalization covers components of business management, such as:

3.1. Proper planning of internationalization and development of international cooperation:

- We need to have clearly defined and adopted plans for one, two, three and seven years and define other resources to achieve considered purposes;
- To avoid further complications and for the purpose to have somehow exact forecast, the plans must cover analysis of possibilities and dangers;
- To improve the process of planning, it is necessary to have effective functioning of implementation mechanisms and for this, to consider the instruments such as: planning in a real time the details activities needed for achieving the goal, make indicators of expression of results (digits, diagrams, statistic of results and etc);
- We need to verify real resources to achieve the goals (human, material, financial);
- We need to precede the rule and indicators of action plan monitoring and assessment.

3.2. Good organization of further implementation of policy of internationalization

- We need to consider high quality of basic educational and administrative units;
- We need to define the class of the involved and responsible persons, having proper competences and skills (meaning language skills, skills of modern technologies, good communication skills, project management teaching skills and skills to search for innovations and etc);
- We need to draft forms/methods of activities: (intensity of meetings, format of working, intermediate reports and etc);

3.3. Management of internationalization policy.

We have defined some below listed mechanisms as indicators to the management of internationalization policy;

- Necessity of permanent cooperation;
- Availability of responsible and communication persons in each unit of management; effective communication;
- Clearly defined rights and liabilities;
- Availability of legal documents and applicable deeds;
- Availability of Georgian and foreign language information resources;
- Applicable statistics;
- Perfection of modern mechanisms of motivation;
- Services for mobility students;
- International programs and other details accompanied to the management process.

3.4. Availability of effective mechanisms of quality control.

Based on regular researches, we need to form qualified thematic questioners and develop applicable forms. In this regards, high standards to achieve international cooperation and internationalization may consider such mechanisms of business process management, such as:

- Preparation of “SWOT” analysis (strong and weak sides, abilities and dangers);
- Damming cycle – PDCA – iterative four-step management method used in business for the control and continual improvement of processes and products (plan-do-check-act);
- “Six Sigma” – Business management strategy, which covers finding of any errors or mistakes in business process management and their elimination.

4. Final provisions

4.1. This document is valid from the moment of approval by the Academic Board of GTU;

4.2. Structural unit responsible for implementation of the business and monitoring hereby is verified under applicable order by the Rector of GTU;

4.3. Changes to this document may be made in line with the administrative deeds by the Rector of GTU;

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