

Order N 133/m
of the Minister of Education and Science of Georgia
9 September 2013 Tbilisi

on Approval of Charter of Legal Entity of Public Law (LEPL)
Georgian Technical University

Commensurate with Article 61 of General Administrative Code of Georgia, paragraph 1(h) of Article 7 of the Law of Georgia "On Higher Education", the Resolution of the Government of Georgia N190 of 29 July 2013 on "the transformation (reorganization) of Non-entrepreneurial Non-commercial Legal Entity (NNLE) - Technical University of Georgia (ID 211349192)", Paragraph 2(l) of Article 3 of the Charter of the Ministry of Education and Science of Georgia, approved by Resolution N37 of the Government of Georgia on 21 May 2004, I hereby order:

Article 1

To approve the charter of the legal entity under public law - Technical University of Georgia in accordance with the appendix.

Article 2

To declare Order No. 215/L of the Minister of Education and Science of Georgia dated December 28, 2011 "On approval of the charter of the non-entrepreneurial (non-commercial) legal entity - Technical University of Georgia" null and void.

Article 3

To put this Order into force upon its publication.

Tamar Sanikidze,

Minister of Education and
Science of Georgia

Appendix

Charter of Legal Entity of Public Law - Georgian Technical University

Chapter I

General Provisions

Article 1. Mission and Operating Principles of the University

1. Legal Entity of Public Law - Georgian Technical University (hereinafter the "University") is an autonomous institution of higher education and scientific research. It implements educational programs of all the three levels of higher education, professional education programs, educational program for teaching Georgian language, continuing education and other educational programs, as well training of entrants in Georgian and foreign languages.

1¹. The mission of the Technical University of Georgia - the center of the greatest traditions of science, education, and culture is to produce competitive specialists with civic awareness, national and human values, to offer new opportunities for research, education and technology, promote the creation of a knowledge-based economy in the country and to conduct innovative activities for integration into the international ecosystem.

2. The University operates in compliance with the Constitution of Georgia, international legal regulations, law of Georgia on "Higher Education", requirements of other regulatory and legal normative acts this Charter.

3. Full name of the University is: Legal Entity of Public Law - Georgian Technical University and short name is GTU.

4. GTU has a settlement and currency accounts in a banking institution, a coat of arms, a flag, an anthem, round-shaped seal as prescribed by the legislation stamp and other attributes applicable to legal entity.

5. The leading place on the coat of arms is occupied by the image of a bronze eagle - an example of Georgian engineering - an art foundry found during the archaeological excavations of Van, dating back to the 2nd half of the 2nd century BC. Above the shield, in stylized type, the abbreviation of the Georgia Technical University "GTU" appears in the form of a crown, into which a ribbon is woven, thrown over the shield with the motto of the university "Knowledge is power" in Latin "Sientia potestas est". On the shield, below the eagle, there is the name of the university in Georgian and Latin respectively: „საქართველოს ტექნიკური უნივერსიტეტი“, "Georgiae Universitas Rerum Technici". The composition on the shield is completed by the founding year of the university "1922" and olive branches as a symbol of wisdom and renewal.

6. The flag of the university is a rectangular white cloth with a ratio of sides of 2:3, with a rectangular dark red cross in the center connected to the four sides of the flag. The coat of arms of the university is placed at the intersection of the vertical-horizontal arms of the cross. The symbolic-conceptual solution of the flag is based on the basic composition of the national flag of Georgia. According to the laws of heraldry, all the colors on the flag of the university have a certain meaning: white - innocence, chastity, purity, wisdom; Yellow (golden) – education, prosperity, wealth and fame; Dark red – courage, bravery, justice and love.

7. The anthem of the university is symbolic in its content, honoring the illustrious past of the university, its present moral and ethical ideals, and is focused on the values of the future.

8. The language of teaching at the university is Georgian (teaching in other languages, except for individual study courses, is allowed if it is stipulated by an international agreement or agreed with the Ministry of Education, Science, Culture and Sports of Georgia).

9. The University acquires rights and obligations on its own behalf, enters into transactions and can act in court as a plaintiff and defendant.

10. Based on its goals, the university operates throughout the territory of Georgia and beyond.

11. University administration address is: N77 Kostava street 0175, Tbilisi, Georgia.

12. E-address of the University: www.gtu.ge.

Order of the Minister of Education, Science, Culture and Sports of Georgia N 39/m dated February 25, 2019 - website, 26.02.2019

Order of the Minister of Education, Science, Culture and Sports of Georgia dated March 24, 2020 #38/N - website, 24.03.2020

Article 2. Goals and activity of the University

1. The main goals of the university are as follows:

- a) to promote the formation of Georgian and global cultural values, focusing on the ideals of democracy and humanism;
- b) Satisfy the need for higher education, raising qualifications and retraining corresponding to the interests and abilities of a person.
- c) ensure realization of personal potential, development of creative skills, produce graduates with the competences to match modern requirements, to ensure their competitiveness in the domestic and foreign labor market, offer high-quality higher and professional education to interested persons in accordance with the requirements of students and the general public.
- d) provide training and retraining for new scientific personnel, the creation, provision and development of conditions for scientific research in order to facilitate state development and the viability of the higher education system.
- e) to develop the university's education and research potential;
- f) to implement teaching cycle of the three levels of higher academic education, professional educational programs, continuing education, other educational programs, fundamental and applied scientific research, high technologies and modern experiments and development of university traditions through innovative research and teaching;
- g) integration of the university into the European higher education and science area;
- h) to implement joint educational programs and scientific-research projects with Georgian and foreign higher educational institutions, as well as with independent scientific-research organizations, in the manner established by the legislation of Georgia;
- i) Creating a student-centered environment;
- j) professional development of personnel;

k) protecting academic freedom;

l) personal and professional development of students and academic staff;

m) generation and transfer of knowledge, produce competitive personnel;

n) Encouraging the mobility of university students and academic staff;

2. To achieve the goals under this Article, the University:

a) produces professionals for the activities that require the application of academic and scientific knowledge;

b) takes care of the professional development of its staff;

c) helps to improve the social conditions of students;

d) takes care to create learning conditions for students with disabilities;

e) cooperates with other higher educational and scientific-research institutions in Georgia;

f) promotes international cooperation and exchange of students and professors with relevant foreign educational institutions;

g) participates in the implementation of state and/or other programs according to regulations;

h) serves the development of science through learning, teaching and professional development in a free, democratic, social and legal environment;

i) awards the relevant academic degree(s), joint academic degree and qualifications;

j) ensures the creation of other conditions to contribute to the achievement of the goals provided for in paragraph 1 of this article;

k) exercises other powers granted by the legislation;

3. The university is authorized to implement as follows:

a) educational and scientific-research activities;

a¹) Consultation and expert activities in accordance with the rules established by the legislation of Georgia;

b) Publishing activities;

c) selling the products obtained in the process of educational and scientific-research activity;

d) production and sale of products (inventions and useful models) created in the process of scientific research and laboratory activities;

e) entrepreneurial activities of an auxiliary nature;

f) other activities stipulated by relevant law, resolution of the Government of Georgia and/or this Charter, unless otherwise specified by the law;

4. The University is authorized to establish legal entrepreneurial (commercial) entities and non-entrepreneurial (non-commercial) entities of private law based on decision of Academic Council of the University, approved by the Representative Council (Senate), with the consent of the Ministry of Education, Science, Culture and Sports of Georgia, in accordance with the rules established by the legislation of Georgia.

5. According to the Law of Georgia on Higher Education, the University has the right to establish branch(es).

Order N16/m of the Minister of Education and Science of Georgia dated February 27, 2015 - website, February 27, 2015.

Order N 53/m of the Minister of Education and Science of Georgia dated March 16, 2017 - website, March 17, 2017.

Order N 39/m of the Minister of Education, Science, Culture and Sports of Georgia dated February 25, 2019 - website, February 26, 2019.

Article 3. University status and state control

The University is established as a Legal Entity of Public Law, activity of which is under state control of the Ministry of Education and Science of Georgia according to the legislation and this Charter.

Order N 39/m of the Minister of Education, Science, Culture and Sports of Georgia dated February 25, 2019, - website, February 26, 2019.

Chapter II.

Article 4. University structure

1. The structure of the university consists of the major educational (faculty, school, hereinafter the “Faculty”), independent scientific-research units (institute, center, etc.), the university library/libraries and auxiliary structural units: Office of the Rector, Administration, Office of the Head, Chancellery, Secretariat of the Academic Council and Secretariat of the Representative Council and other structural units (technoparks, centers for trial-production, training-production, scientific-production, design-construction, civil education, clinical, etc.).
2. The creation, reorganization and abolition of the structural units of the university (except for the independent scientific research unit of the faculty and University) are carried out in accordance with the current legislation by the decision of the Representative Council (Senate).
3. The competence and activities of the major educational and other structural units of the University are regulated by the relevant directives approved in accordance with this Charter.

Order N16/m of the Minister of Education and Science of Georgia dated February 27, 2015 - website, February 27, 2015.

Order N 53/m of the Minister of Education and Science of Georgia dated March 16, 2017 - website, March 17, 2017.

Article 5. Management of the University

1. University Management Bodies (managing units) are:

- a) Academic Board;
- b) Representative Board (Senate);
- c) Rector;
- d) Head of Administration (Chancellor);
- e) Quality Assurance Service.

2. Faculty Management Bodies are:

- a) Faculty Board;
- b) Dean;
- c) Faculty Quality Assurance Service;

- 2'. The management bodies of the independent scientific-research unit are:

- a) scientific council of an independent scientific-research unit;
- b) Director of an independent scientific-research unit.

3. The rules of elections of University and faculty management bodies (managing units), as well as representatives of independent scientific and research units in the University management bodies (except for the faculty independent scientific and research units) are determined by the university regulations "On Elections of Management Bodies (Governing Entities) of the Technical University of Georgia and the Faculty" (hereinafter referred to as the “University Regulations for Conducting Elections”) developed by the Academic Board and approved by the Representative Council (Senate).

Order N 53/m of the Minister of Education and Science of Georgia dated March 16, 2017 - website, March 17, 2017.

Order N 74/m of the Minister of Education and Science of Georgia dated 12 April 2019, website 15.04.2019.

Article 6. University management principles

1. University ensures:

- a. Publicity of university decisions, reports of the rector and head of administration (chancellor) and individual administrative-legal acts;
- b. Access to higher education, openness, academic freedom, lifelong learning opportunity;
- c. Participation of academic staff, scientific personnel and students in decision-making and i supervision of their implementation.
- d. equal treatment regardless of ethnic affiliation, gender, social origin, political and religious views etc.
- e. fair and transparent elections, publicity of contests;

2. The norms limiting these principles cannot be determined by the Regulations of the structural units of the university.

Order N 53/m of the Minister of Education and Science of Georgia dated March 16, 2017 - website, March 17, 2017.

Article 7. Academic Board

1. Academic Board is the highest representative body of the University, whose members are elected by the members of the academic staff of the faculties, members of the scientific staff of independent scientific research units and self-government representatives of the students being member of Faculty Council on the basis of direct, free and equal elections, by secret ballot.
2. Members of Academic Board are elected for a term of four years.
3. Each faculty has two representatives in the academic council of the university.
4. A professor or an associate professor can be elected as a member of the Academic Board. Any member of the Academic Board can be elected only two times in a row.
5. Each independent scientific-research unit (except the independent scientific-research unit of the faculty) must have at least one representative in the Academic Board.
- 5'. (Removed - 22.12.2017, No. 199/m);
6. The academic council is chaired by the rector of the university;
7. Grounds for early termination of the term of office of a member of the Academic Board:
 - a. Termination of his/her employment relationship with the university;
 - b. recognized by a court as having limited legal capacity or as receiving an allowance unless otherwise determined by the court decision;
 - c. a final judgment of conviction;
 - d. occupying an academic or administrative position in another higher educational institution;
 - e. other cases stipulated by the legislation.

Order N16/m of the Minister of Education and Science of Georgia dated February 27, 2015 - website, February 27, 2015;

Order N 53/m of the Minister of Education and Science of Georgia dated March 16, 2017 - website, March 17, 2017.

Order N 199/m of the Minister of Education and Science of Georgia 22 December dated 2017. Website 25.12.2017.

Article 8. Authority of the university's academic council

1. In accordance with the requirements of the legislation, in order to implement the goals defined by this statute, the Academic Council:
 - a) Develops and approves the strategic plan for the development of the university;
 - b) Approves educational and scientific-research programs upon submission from the faculty;
 - c) Promotes the integration of higher education in the European space, cooperation of curricula and programs between higher educational institutions, creation of mobility and integrated teaching, scientific research programs;
 - d) On the basis of free and equal elections, by secret ballot, the Rector is elected by the majority of the members of the University - the Chairman of the Academic Council;
 - e) Submits to the Representative Council (Senate) the candidate selected on the basis of the competition for the head of the administration (Chancellor) by the majority of its members;
 - f) Submits to the Representative Council (Senate) a reasoned proposal for early termination of the authority of the head of administration (Chancellor) by a majority of its members;

- g) Submits to the Representative Council (Senate) a new candidate for the head of the administration (chancellor) within one month after the termination of the authority of the head of the administration (chancellor);
- g¹) Upon termination of authority, if necessary, submits to the Representative Council (Senate) for approval the candidacy of the head of the administration (chancellor) and/or the acting head of the quality assurance service, as well as, upon termination of authority, if necessary, makes a decision on the appointment of a person as the acting director of the library, before appointing a person to the relevant position in accordance with the law;
- h) Participates in the review of the university's charter, regulations of structural units, budget and the annual report of the head of administration (chancellor) in the representative council (senate);
- h¹) Will review the conclusions and recommendations prepared by the Supervisory Board for taking appropriate measures;
- i) Approves the coefficients for the unified national exams, as well as the number of students to be admitted to the faculties on the recommendation of the councils of the faculties;
- j) In the case provided for by the legislation of Georgia, in accordance with the order of the Minister of Education, Science, Culture and Sports of Georgia, it approves the coefficients of the master's examination, as well as the number of students to be admitted to the faculties on the recommendation of the councils of the faculties;
- k) Sets the minimum competence limit in the exam provided by the list of international exams approved by the Ministry of Education, Science, Culture and Sports of Georgia by submission of faculty councils;
- l) Establishes the procedure for recognizing credits received in another educational institution;
- m) Approves the regulations of the Dissertation Council upon the submission to the Faculty Council;
- n) Submits the candidacy of the head of the quality assurance service of the university for approval to the representative council;
- o) Establishes the uniform rules for hiring academic staff, the amount and terms of remuneration and submits it to the representative council (Senate) for approval;
- p) By a qualified majority of votes (2/3), by secret ballot, individually decides the issue of holding an academic and/or administrative position by a person aged 65 and over;
- q) Determines the maximum amount of workload of academic staff and submits it to the representative council (senate) for approval;
- q¹) Makes a decision on the creation of the faculty, appoints the head of the newly created faculty by the majority of the members. Also, before the formation of the faculty council, exercises their authority at the newly created faculty;
- q²) Resolves the issue of change/transfer of academic and teaching staff, as well as invited specialists (professors) in accordance with the rules established by the legislation and legal acts of the university;
- q³) In the cases provided for in Article 37 of this statute, makes a decision on the early release of a person and submits it to the rector for execution;
- q⁴) Approves the director of the independent scientific-research unit of the university upon submission of the scientific council of the independent scientific-research unit of the university;

q⁵) Based on the presentation of the independent scientific research unit of the university, it reviews and submits to the representative council (Senate) for approval the statute of the independent scientific research unit of the university and the additional conditions for occupying the scientific position of the independent scientific research unit of the university;

q⁶) Considers and submits to the Representative Council (Senate) for approval the procedure for hiring scientific personnel of the independent scientific-research unit of the University;

q⁷) On the submission of the quality assurance service of the university, it considers and approves the internal evaluation procedure of the scientific-research activity of the independent scientific-research unit of the university;

q⁸) On the recommendation of the faculty, reviews and approves the rules for the participation of students in the execution of bachelor's and master's theses and dissertations by the relevant independent scientific-research unit, as well as the inclusion of students in scientific grant projects, local and international scientific conferences and scientific-research events;

q⁹) Determines the procedure for employing a postdoctoral student in an independent scientific research unit for the implementation of a specific scientific research project;

r) Approves the rules (instructions, provisions) regulating the educational process;

s) Establishes university medals, awards and prizes, approves the terms and conditions of their acceptance;

t) In accordance with the rules established by this statute, makes a decision on awarding the title of honorary doctor or emeritus;

u) Makes a decision on awarding the Giorgi Nikoladze medal or an honorary diploma of the university;

v) Submits an annual report to the representative council;

w) Elects the director of the university library;

x) Approves the method of evaluation of educational and scientific-research work on the submission of the quality assurance service of the university;

x¹) In order to evaluate and monitor the quality of educational and scientific-research work, the quality assurance service of the university makes a decision on the recording of educational and scientific-research works by audio-visual and photographic means;

y) Develops the university's symbolism and submits it to the Representative Council (Senate) for approval;

z) Exercises other powers granted to them by this charter, the legislation of Georgia and its own regulations.

2. The academic council is authorized to consider the issue of premature termination of the rector's authority based on the rector's violation of Georgian legislation, improper performance of the duties assigned to the rector and/or activities unsuitable for the rector, at the request of at least 1/3 of the members of the academic council. The decision on premature termination of the rector's authority is made by secret voting, by the majority of the list of members. The rector does not participate in the voting provided for in this paragraph. Appealing the decisions on these issues does not lead to the suspension of the contested act.

3. (Withdrawn - 27.02.2015; No. 16/N).

4. The session of the academic council shall be convened by the initiative of the rector or by at least 1/3 of the members of the academic council.

5. The rector's membership of the Academic Council is terminated in the event of termination of the rector's authority.

Article 9. Rules for holding sessions of the Academic Council

1. At the first session of the newly elected academic council, the authority of the elected members is confirmed by following the same requirements as those established for the authority of the members of the university's representative council.
2. The secretary of the Academic Council is elected from among the members of the Council, by majority of the members, by open voting.
3. Each member of the Academic Council has the right to one vote. The reason for non-attendance at the session shall be reported to the chairman of the session in writing. Council members must attend the meeting without a special invitation. During the working period of the Academic Council, the member of the Academic Council has the right to participate in the discussion of all the issues that are the subject of the Academic Council's discussion, to express their opinion, to ask questions, to use other powers granted by the law and this statute.
4. With the majority of votes of full attendance, the Academic Council is authorized to create study commissions, working groups, with the participation of members of the Academic Council. It is possible to create commissions and working groups with the participation of specialists, experts, public representatives, university employees and other interested persons invited by the Academic Council.
5. The meeting is authorized if more than half of the full composition of the members of the Academic Council is present. Before opening the meeting and making decisions, members are registered with the secretary of the Academic Council (the registration data is attached to the minutes of the meeting and is an integral part of the minutes).
6. Sessions of the Academic Council may be closed.
7. The secretary of the academic council, in agreement with the chairman of the academic council, establishes the agenda of the session at least three days before the session (except for the extraordinary session). Along with the issues belonging to the agenda, the speaker is announced.
8. The academic council is authorized to make decisions on procedural issues of the course of the session by open vote or another form of voting, with the majority of those present.
9. Sessions of the Academic Council are formed by minutes, the continuity of registration of which is ensured by the Secretary of the Academic Council. All the materials related to the subject of discussion according to the agenda of this session are attached to the minutes. The authenticity of the minutes is confirmed by the signature of the chairman and the secretary of the meeting. The seal of the university will be placed on the last page of the minutes.
10. The Academic Council is authorized to make a decision in the form of a resolution on all issues that fall within the competence of the Academic Council.

Article 10. Representative Council (Senate)

1. The representative body of the university is the representative council (senate), which is elected from the faculties of the university on the basis of representation by students and academic staff separately, in proportion to their number at the faculties. Two representatives are elected to the representative council (senate) from the independent scientific-research unit (except the independent scientific-research unit of the faculty).
2. The Representative Council (Senate) is elected for a term of four years, on the basis of universal, direct, equal elections by secret ballot.

3. The composition of the representative council (senate) is determined by at least twice the amount of the academic council. Students make up one third of the full composition of the Representative Council (Senate). The assistant participates in the elections as a student. To determine the number of students, rounding is done in favor of students.
4. The representative council (senate) includes the director of the university library.
5. Termination of the status of a member of the representative council (senate) for a professor and student is the termination of his/her respective academic and/or labor relationship with this university.
6. In case of premature termination of the mandate of a member of the Representative Council (Senate), for the remaining term of the mandate of the Representative Council (Senate), the candidate who has collected the most votes after the terminated member in the relevant elections becomes its member. In the absence of such, elections are held to elect the corresponding representative for the same term.
7. Representatives of administrative and support staff, as well as members of the Academic Council, cannot be elected to the composition of the Representative Council (Senate).

Order of the Minister of Education and Science of Georgia dated February 27, 2015 No. 16/N - website, 27.02.2015.

Order No. 74/n of the Minister of Education, Science, Culture and Sports of Georgia dated April 12, 2019 - website, 15.04.2019.

Article 11. Authority of the Representative Council (Senate).

1. The representative council, in accordance with the requirements of the legislation, in order to implement the goals defined by this charter:
 - a) Develops the university charter with the participation of the academic council and submits it to the Ministry of Education, Science, Culture and Sports of Georgia for approval;
 - b) Develops and approves the internal regulations of the university, the code of ethics and norms of disciplinary responsibility;
 - c) On the basis of the joint submission of the rector and the head of the administration (chancellor), approve the structure of the university by the majority of the members present at the joint session of the academic council and the senate;
 - d) Approves the rule of drawing up the budget;
 - e) Approves the regulations of structural units of the university;
 - f) Elects the Speaker of the Representative Council (Senate);
 - g) Approves the candidacy of the head of administration (chancellor) on the recommendation of the academic council;
 - h) Approves the university's budget upon submission of the head of administration (Chancellor);
 - i) Approves the structure of the university administration by the head of the administration based on the (Chancellor's) submission;
 - j) Approves the annual report of the head of administration (chancellor);
 - k) With a motivated proposal of the academic council or on their own initiative, they are authorized to terminate the authority of the head of administration (chancellor) before the deadline;

l) Approves the procedure for hiring support staff, the amount and terms of remuneration, upon submission of the head of the administration;

m) Approves the procedure for hiring academic staff, the amount and conditions of remuneration, as well as the maximum amount of workload of academic staff upon submission of the Academic Council;

m¹) On the submission of the Academic Council, approves the procedure for hiring the scientific staff of the independent scientific-research unit of the university, the amount and conditions of remuneration, as well as the additional conditions for occupying the scientific position of the independent scientific-research unit of the university;

m²) Upon termination of the authority, if necessary, the academic council approves the candidacy of the head of administration (chancellor) and/or acting head of the quality assurance service, before appointing a person to the relevant position in accordance with the law;

n) Approves the head of the quality assurance service of the university on the recommendation of the academic council;

n¹) Will review the conclusions and recommendations prepared by the Supervisory Board to take appropriate measures;

p) Approves the university's symbolism;

q) Exercises other powers granted by this charter, the legislation of Georgia and its own regulations.

2. The Representative Council (Senate) makes decisions by the majority of the members of the Representative Council (Senate).

Order No. 53/n of the Minister of Education and Science of Georgia dated March 16, 2017 - website, March 17, 2017.

Order of the Minister of Education, Science, Culture and Sports of Georgia dated February 25, 2019 No. 39/N - website, 26.02.2019

Order of the Minister of Education, Science, Culture and Sports of Georgia dated December 4, 2019 No. 230/N- website, 05.12.2019.

Article 12. Speaker of the Representative Council (Senate).

1. The sessions of the Representative Council (Senate) are organized and presided over by the Speaker, who is elected by the Representative Council (Senate) from among its ranks for a term of four years, in accordance with the rules established by this statute and the university regulations for conducting elections.

2. The grounds for premature termination of the powers of the Speaker of the Representative Council (Senate) are:

a) Personal desire;

b) Entry into legal force of the guilty verdict issued against them by the court;

c) Death;

d) Being recognized by the court as having limited capacity or to be recognized as a recipient of support, unless otherwise determined by the court's decision;

e) Dismissal from university academic position.

Order No. 53/n of the Minister of Education and Science of Georgia dated March 16, 2017 - website, March 17, 2017.

Article 13. The manner of work of the Representative Council (Senate).

1. The first session of the newly elected representative council (Senate) is chaired by the senior member of the session;

2. At the first session of the newly elected representative council (senate), the chairman of the election commission of the university will report the election results to the council and hand over to the chairman of the session the necessary documents confirming the authority of the members of the representative council (senate) (Election protocols, materials on election results, the correctness of its organization, received complaints, statements and revealed facts of violations of election legislation and other election information).

3. The chairman of the session informs the participants of the session about the information and documentation presented by the election commission.

4. The resolution of the Council on the confirmation of the authority of the members of the Representative Council (Senate) shall include all those persons whose election was considered legal by the election commission of the university and confirmed by the majority of the full composition of the participants of the session.

5. If the number of persons whose authority has been confirmed by the representative council (senate) is less than half of the full composition, then the session is terminated. The next meeting of the newly elected representative council (senate) is called by the chairman of the election commission of the university within 10 days after the election of at least half of the full composition of the representative council (senate).

6. The Representative Council (Senate) elects the Speaker of the Representative Council (Senate) from among its members by a majority of votes in an open vote. A person supported by more than half of the list of members of the Council will be considered elected. In the event that there are more than two bidders and none of them has received the required number of votes, a repeat vote will be held on the same day between the two bidders with the best results. If even in this case the winner could not be identified, a meeting of the representative council (senate) is held within 5 days and the procedure for selecting the speaker is held again.

7. The session of the Representative Council (Senate) shall be convened by the initiative of the Speaker or by at least 1/3 of the members of the Representative Council (Senate).

8. Each member of the Representative Council (Senate) holds one vote. The reason for non-attendance at the session shall be reported to the chairman of the session in writing. Council members appear at the meeting without a special invitation. During the working period of the Representative Council (Senate), a member has the right to participate in the discussion of all the issues that are the subject of consideration of the Representative Council (Senate), to put forward suggestions, comments and corrections on the discussed issue. To propose nominations and express their opinion regarding nominations to be elected, appointed or approved by the Representative Council (Senate), to ask questions, to exercise other powers granted by law and this charter.

9. The representative council (senate) with the majority of the full composition is authorized to create commissions and/or working groups studying specific issues, with the participation of the members of the representative council (senate). It is possible to create commissions and working groups with the participation of specialists, experts, public representatives, university employees and other interested persons invited by the representative council (Senate).

10. The secretary of the representative council (senate), who is elected from among the members of the council, is responsible for convening the meetings of the representative council (senate).

11. The session is authorized if more than half of the members of the Representative Council (Senate) are present. Before opening the session and making decisions, members are registered with the representative council (senate) secretary. (Registration data is attached to the minutes of the meeting and is an integral part of the minutes).

12. Sessions of the Representative Council (Senate) may be closed.

13. Matters that require secrecy are declared completely or partially closed by the majority of those present. The circle of persons present at the closed session is determined by the speaker of the council.

14. During the session, members and invited persons are obliged to observe the established norms of ethics and other requirements.

15. The issues to be discussed at the session are determined at least three days before (except for the agenda of an emergency session) and the speaker is indicated along with the issues belonging to the agenda.

16. The representative council (Senate) is authorized to make decisions on procedural issues of the session by open voting with the majority of those present.

17. The sessions of the Representative Council (Senate) are formed by a protocol, the continuity of registration of which is ensured by the Secretariat of the Representative Council (Senate). All the materials related to the subject of discussion according to the agenda of this session are attached to the minutes. The authenticity of the protocol is confirmed by the signature of the representative council (Senate) speaker and secretary.

18. The Representative Council (Senate) is authorized to make a decision in the form of a resolution on all issues that fall within the competence of the Representative Council (Senate).

Article 14. Rector

1. The rector is the head of the university, the highest academic official, the chairman of the academic council and represents the university inside and outside the country in academic and scientific fields, for which they are authorized to enter into transactions and agreements on behalf of the university. Transactions and agreements related to financial and economic issues are signed by the head of administration (chancellor) together with the rector.

2. The rector is elected by the academic council by secret ballot, with the majority of the members, for a term of four years. A person who holds a doctor's degree or an equivalent academic degree and has scientific-pedagogical work experience can be elected as the rector.

3. The same person may be elected to the position of rector only twice in a row.

4. The announcement on the start of registration of candidates for the post of rector is published by the Academic Council at least 1 month before the start of the registration of candidates, in accordance with the rules established by the Georgian legislation and the university regulations for holding elections, observing the principles of transparency, equality and fair competition.

5. During the selection of candidates before the rector's election, the academic council evaluates the action plan presented by each candidate.

6. The Rector:

a) Manages the university within its competence;

b) On the recommendation of the faculty and scientific-research institute, establishes the staffing schedule of academic and scientific positions and submits it to the head of administration (chancellor) in order to reflect it in the project of the unified staffing schedule of the university;

b¹) Is authorized to appoint the acting director of the independent scientific-research unit of the university;

c) Concludes and terminates labor contracts with university staff, issues orders on their appointment and dismissal;

d) Within the scope of their competence, determines the main directions of the management policy of the university's scientific-research units;

e) Resolves other issues necessary for the effective management of the educational-scientific and academic activities of the university, if they do not represent the authority of another university management body, other structural unit or official, according to the legislation of Georgia;

f) Issues individual administrative/legal acts/orders on matters falling under their competence;

g) Exercises other powers granted to them by the legislation of Georgia, this charter and administrative-legal acts of the university.

7. The rector is authorized to create consultative councils and commissions in the form of a deliberative body, whose activities are regulated by the individual administrative-legal act of the rector.

8. The rector has deputies (including one vice-rector), whose number is determined by the staff schedule of the university, and their authority is regulated by the individual administrative-legal act of the rector.

9. It is not allowed to give the deputy rector the authority to sign the document confirming higher education.

10. Based on the interests of the university, the temporary change of the rector's workplace (secondment), as well as vacation, is formed by an individual administrative/legal act/order of the head of the administration.

11. In case of temporary impossibility of the rector to exercise their powers, their duty is performed by the vice-rector, and in the absence of the vice-rector, one of the deputies determined by them.

12. In accordance with the legislation of Georgia, in the case of early termination of the rector's authority, as well as in the case of failure to elect a rector, the Academic Council shall, within 14 days, by secret ballot, elect an acting rector for a period of no more than 6 months. The same person can be elected acting rector only once.

Article 15. Head of Administration (Chancellor)

1. The head of administration (chancellor) is the highest administrative manager of the university in the field of financial, material and administrative resources, who represents the university in financial and economic relations.
2. The head of the administration (chancellor) is approved by the representative council (senate) on the recommendation of the academic council by secret ballot, in accordance with the law. The same person can be presented by the Academic Council to the Representative Council (Senate) only twice. In case of repeated refusal of the representative council (senate), the academic council will present a new candidate for the head of the administration (chancellor).
3. The term of office of the head of administration (chancellor) is four years.
4. The same person can be elected as the head of the administration (chancellor) only twice in a row.

Article 16. Authority of the head of administration (chancellor).

1. The head of the administration (chancellor) according to the rules established by the legislation and statutes:
 - a) Heads the administration of the university;
 - b) Is authorized to conclude financial and economic transactions on behalf of the university in accordance with the university's budget;
 - c) Establishes the project of the university administration structure and submits it to the representative council (senate) for approval;
 - d) Establishes a draft of the uniform rules for hiring support personnel, the draft of the amount and terms of their remuneration and submits it to the Representative Council (Senate) for approval;
 - e) Directs university faculties and independent scientific-research units to draw up their own budget project and submit it to the Representative Council (Senate), to form and approve the unified budget project of the University by the Representative Council (Senate);
 - f) Prepares the annual report of the completed work and submits it to the Representative Council (Senate) for approval;
 - g) Issues individual administrative-legal acts within their competence;

h) Is responsible for the legality and effectiveness of the university's financial and economic activities;

i) Submits the candidacy of their deputy to the rector for the purpose of appointment;

j) Exercises other powers granted to them by the legislation of Georgia, this charter and the administrative-legal acts of the university.

2. The head of the administration (Chancellor) is accountable for their activities to the Academic Council and the Representative Council (Senate).

3. In case of temporary inability of the head of administration (chancellor) to exercise their powers, their duties are performed by the deputy (if any) or an authorized person designated by them.

4. In addition to the general grounds for early dismissal of an administrative official, the grounds for early termination of the authority of the head of administration (chancellor) are:

a) Repeated refusal of the representative council (Senate) to approve the annual report and budget;

b) Motivated decision of the representative council (Senate);

c) Grounds for terminating the labor contract stipulated by the Organic Law of Georgia "Labor Code of Georgia"

Order of the Minister of Education and Science of Georgia dated February 27, 2015 No. 16/N - website, 27.02.2015.

Order No. 53/n of the Minister of Education and Science of Georgia dated March 16, 2017 - website, March 17, 2017.

Article 17. University quality assurance service

1. Educational and scientific-research work, as well as the quality of professional development of the university staff are subject to systematic evaluation, in which university students also participate, and the results of which are public and available to all interested persons.

2. In order to systematically assess the quality of educational and scientific-research work of the university, as well as the professional development of the staff, the quality assurance service of the university is established.

3. The head of quality assurance of the university is approved by the representative council (senate) on the recommendation of the academic council. The academic council

determines the requirements for the head of quality assurance of the university.

4. The head of the quality assurance service of the university is elected for a term of 4 years.

5. The quality assurance service of the university establishes a close relationship and cooperates with the relevant services of foreign countries and their higher educational institutions to establish transparent quality control criteria and their assurance methodology.

6. The quality assurance service of the university provides:

a) Internal and external assessment procedures, the purpose of which is to improve the quality of teaching at the university;

b) Creation and updating of the database on the indicators of the quality of teaching in the university according to the established criteria;

c) Information regarding the normative requirements related to quality assurance, as well as the changes implemented therein, for the quality assurance services of the faculties;

d) Information from the quality assurance services of the faculties on issues belonging to this field for further processing and their reflection in the database;

e) Other activities that promote a high level of teaching quality through the introduction of modern learning, teaching and assessment methods (modules, credit system, etc.) and preparation of self-assessment for the accreditation process;

f) High level of research quality by introducing modern research methods;

g) Development of the rules for internal evaluation of the scientific and research activity of the independent scientific and research unit of the university and submit it for approval to the Academic Council, in accordance with the international standards of evaluation of scientific and research activity (participation of foreign evaluators in the evaluation process, use of various forms of scientific bibliometrics, etc.).

7. The quality assurance service of the university is accountable for its activities to the Academic Council and the Representative Council (Senate).

8. In case of early termination of the authority of the head of the quality assurance service of the university, the representative council (senate) approves the person acting on the recommendation of the academic council, and elections are scheduled within 10 days after the termination of the authority.

9. In case of temporary impossibility of the head of the quality assurance service of the

university to exercise their powers, their duties are performed by the deputy (if any), or an authorized person designated by them.

Order No. 53/n of the Minister of Education and Science of Georgia dated March 16, 2017 - website, March 17, 2017.

Order of the Minister of Education, Science, Culture and Sports of Georgia dated December 4, 2019 No. 230/N - website, 05.12.2019.

Order No. 38/N of the Minister of Education, Science, Culture and Sports of Georgia dated March 24, 2020 - website, March 24, 2020.

Article 17¹. Supervisory Board

1. In order to ensure the university's autonomy and academic freedom, to carry out appropriate measures, to fulfill the tasks defined by the university's strategic development plan, and to identify and avoid systemic risks related to this process, a supervisory board is established by the decision of the representative and academic councils.

2. The supervisory board consists of the chairman (president) of the supervisory board and not less than 7 and not more than 19 members. Representatives of the university's academic and/or scientific staff, foreign and local experts may be elected as members of the Supervisory Board.

3. The Chairman of the Supervisory Board (President) is elected by the Academic Council by secret ballot, with the majority of the members present, for a term of 4 years, on the recommendation of the Representative Council (Senate). The members of the Supervisory Board are elected for a term of 4 years by secret ballot, by the majority of the members present, by the Academic Council on the nomination of the Chairman (President) of the Supervisory Board.

4. Supervisory Board:

a) Participates in the development of the university's mission, strategic and action plans and monitoring their implementation;

b) Observes the university life, together with the academic and representative councils discusses the risks related to the university's activities and governance strategies, in order to help and support the effective management of the university system;

c) Evaluates the activities of the university administration, the quality of educational programs, research and innovation policy, the effectiveness of the use of material, financial and intellectual resources, the conformity of the goals of the structural units of the university with the general strategic ones and submits the conclusion for a response to the academic and representative councils;

d) in order to issue recommendations on university issues, conducts research on employment and other profile markets and conducts negotiations with employers, manufacturers and technology owners, investment funds, international and local partners;

e) Develops recommendations regarding compliance with university authorization

standards;

f) Promotes university achievements both domestically and internationally;

g) In accordance with the goals of the Supervisory Board, participates in the preparation of other strategic issues at the suggestion of the management bodies (managing entities) of the University.

5. The Supervisory Board is authorized to:

a) Request information necessary for the implementation of its functions;

b) If necessary, invite experts in the relevant field.

6. The procedure and criteria for the election of the chairman (president) and members of the supervisory board, the grounds for their dismissal will be developed and approved by the academic council.

7. The structure of the Supervisory Board, the rules of activity and decision-making, the rights and duties of the chairman (president) and members are determined by the statutes and regulations of the board, which are approved by the representative and academic councils of the university on the recommendation of the chairman (president) of the supervisory board.

Order of the Minister of Education, Science, Culture and Sports of Georgia dated December 4, 2019 No. 230/N - website, 05.12.2019.

Chapter III Faculty

Article 18. Faculty structure and faculty management bodies

1. The faculty is the main educational unit of the university, which ensures training of students in one or more specialties and providing them with appropriate qualifications.

2. Faculty management bodies are: faculty council, dean, faculty quality assurance service.

3. Faculty includes administration, teaching (academic department, chair, college, etc.), scientific-research (scientific-research institute, laboratory, clinic, program direction, etc.), independent scientific-research and auxiliary (library, etc.) structural units.

4. There is also a faculty advisory and manager position at the faculty. According to the rules established by this statute, the Faculty may establish a Board of Caregivers.

5. The structure and statutes of the faculty, as well as the statutes of the structural units of

the faculty (except for the independent scientific-research unit) are approved by the representative council (senate) upon submission of the faculty council. The regulation of the independent scientific-research unit of the faculty is approved by the council of the faculty.

Order No. 53/n of the Minister of Education and Science of Georgia dated March 16, 2017 - website, March 17, 2017.

Order No. 53/n of the Minister of Education and Science of Georgia dated March 16, 2017 - website, March 17, 2017.

1. ფაკულტეტის წარმომადგენლობითი ორგანოა ფაკულტეტის საბჭო, რომლის შემადგენლობაში შედის ფაკულტეტის აკადემიური პერსონალის ყველა წევრი, ფაკულტეტის დამოუკიდებელი სამეცნიერო-კვლევითი ერთეულის სამეცნიერო თანამდებობის მქონე ყველა პირი და სტუდენტთა თვითმმართველობის წარმომადგენლები.

2. ფაკულტეტის საბჭოში სტუდენტთა თვითმმართველობის წარმომადგენელთა რაოდენობა განისაზღვრება ფაკულტეტის დებულებით, მაგრამ არ შეიძლება იყოს საბჭოს შემადგენლობის 1/4-ზე ნაკლები.

საქართველოს განათლებისა და მეცნიერების მინისტრის 2017 წლის 16 მარტის ბრძანება №53/ნ - ვებგვერდი, 17.03.2017წ.

მუხლი 20. ფაკულტეტის საბჭოს უფლებამოსილება

1. The authority of the faculty council is determined by this statute and the regulations of the faculty council. The regulations of the Council are approved by the Faculty Council.

2. Faculty Council:

a) Determines and submits to the head of administration (chancellor) the draft budget of the faculty;

b) On the basis of free and equal elections, by secret ballot, elects the dean by the majority of the list;

c) On the recommendation of the dean, develops and submits a strategic plan for the development of the faculty, educational and scientific-research programs to the academic council for approval;

d) Based on the proposal of the dean, develops the structure and regulations of the faculty and submits it to the representative council (senate) for approval;

e) Develops the regulations of the Dissertation Council and submits it to the Academic Council for approval;

f) Elects the head of the quality assurance service of the faculty;

g) Is authorized to consider the issue of early termination of the dean's authority at the

request of at least 1/3 of the members of the Faculty Council, based on the dean's violation of Georgian legislation, improper performance of duties assigned to the dean and/or performance of activities unsuitable for the dean. The decision on early termination of the dean's term of office shall be made by secret vote, by the majority of the members. The dean does not participate in the voting provided for in this clause. Appealing the decisions made on these issues does not result in the suspension of the contested act;

h) In case of premature termination of the dean's authority, appoints an acting dean;

h¹) Approves the director of the faculty's independent scientific-research unit upon submission of the scientific council of the faculty's independent scientific-research unit;

h²) By submission of the independent scientific-research unit of the faculty, approves the procedure for hiring the scientific personnel of the independent scientific-research unit of the faculty;

h³) On the submission of the independent scientific-research unit of the faculty, approves the statute of the independent scientific-research unit of the faculty and the additional conditions for occupying the scientific position of the independent scientific-research unit of the faculty;

h⁴) Approves the rule of internal evaluation of the scientific-research activity of the faculty's independent scientific-research unit upon submission of the quality assurance service of the faculty;

i) Approves the decisions made by the Ethics Commission of the Faculty;

j) Exercises other powers granted by this charter, the legislation of Georgia and its own regulations.

Order No. 53/n of the Minister of Education and Science of Georgia dated March 16, 2017 - website, March 17, 2017.

Article 21. Dean

1. The faculty council elects the dean of faculty for a term of four years. The same person may be elected to the position of dean only twice in a row. The announcement on the start of registration of candidates for the position of dean is published by the faculty council at least 1 month before the start of the registration of candidates, in accordance with the rules established by the university regulations for holding elections, observing the principles of transparency, equality and fair competition.

¹. A university faculty professor or associate professor can be elected as a dean.

2. The Dean:

- a) Ensures the effective course of educational and scientific activities of the faculty;
 - b) Submits the faculty's strategic development plan, educational and scientific-research programs for consideration to the faculty council;
 - c) Develops and submits the structure and regulations of the faculty to the faculty council for approval;
 - d) Within the scope of their competence, are responsible for the implementation of the decisions of the Representative Council (Senate), the Academic Council and the Faculty Council;
 - e) Presides over the sessions of the faculty council;
 - f) In accordance with the Law of Georgia "On Higher Education" and this statute, they are responsible for the targeted use of the faculty's budget;
 - g) Exercises other powers provided for by the legislation of Georgia, this charter and administrative-legal acts of university and faculty management bodies (governing entities).
3. The dean, in accordance with their competence, issues individual administrative-legal acts/orders that regulate all legal issues related to educational and scientific activities within the faculty.

Order of the Minister of Education and Science of Georgia dated February 27, 2015 No. 16/N - website, 27.02.2015.

Article 22. Faculty quality assurance service

1. For the purpose of systematic internal assessment of the quality of educational and scientific-research work at the faculty, as well as the professional development of its academic staff and scientific staff, a quality assurance service is established for the continuous development of the education quality assurance system, which operates in accordance with the faculty's regulations.
2. The quality assurance service of the faculty is authorized to cooperate with foreign countries and relevant services of the higher educational institution to establish transparent quality control criteria and their assurance methodology.
3. The head of the quality assurance service of the faculty is elected by the faculty council for a term of four years. The faculty council determines the requirements for the head of the quality assurance service of the faculty.
4. In case of temporary inability of the head of quality assurance service of the faculty to exercise their powers, the duties are performed by their deputy (if any) or an authorized

person designated by them.

5. The main task of the faculty's quality assurance service is to support the provision of a high level of teaching quality through the use of modern methods of learning, teaching and assessment (modules, credit system, etc.) and preparation of self-assessment for the accreditation process.

5¹. The quality assurance service of the faculty evaluates the scientific-research activity of the independent scientific-research unit of the faculty on the basis of the internal evaluation rule of the scientific-research activity of the independent scientific-research unit of the faculty, which is developed by the quality assurance service of the faculty and approved by the faculty council.

6. In case of early termination of the authority of the head of the quality assurance service, the faculty council appoints an acting person and within 10 days after the termination of the authority, elections are held.

Order of the Minister of Education and Science of Georgia dated February 27, 2015 No. 16/N - website, 27.02.2015.

Order No. 53/n of the Minister of Education and Science of Georgia dated March 16, 2017 - website, March 17, 2017.

Order of the Minister of Education, Science, Culture and Sports of Georgia dated December 4, 2019 No. 230/N - website, 05.12.2019.

Order No. 38/N of the Minister of Education, Science, Culture and Sports of Georgia dated March 24, 2020 - website, March 24, 2020.

Article 23. Faculty Council

1. The faculty council includes: dean (chairman), their deputy, manager, heads of structural units of the faculty, head of the quality assurance service of the faculty, representatives elected by the quota of this faculty in the management bodies of the university.

2. The authority of the council is determined by the regulations of the faculty.

Article 24. Manager

The assistant position includes a manager who is appointed and whose powers are determined by the individual administrative-legal act of the rector.

Article 25. Council of Trustees

1. By a decision made by a simple majority of votes of the members of the Faculty Council, a Board of Trustees may be established at the Faculty.

2. The composition of the Board of Trustees is approved by the Academic Council of the University upon the submission of the Faculty Council.

3. The mission of the Board of Trustees is:

- a) To contribute to the development of the faculty based on the knowledge of educational and scientific directions, the essence of academic and intellectual processes and the specificity of problematic situations, making decisions taking into account the latest information, cooperation, attracting charitable contributions, promoting its strengthening with the latest achievements of science and technology;
- b) Cooperation in raising the academic quality and actualization of the faculty's educational and scientific programs.

Article 26. Dissertation Council

1. The Dissertation Council is the body awarding the academic degree of Doctorate.
 2. Dissertation council is established according to the relevant field/specialty at the university or faculty. The academic council of the university takes the decision on the creation of the dissertation council/councils.
 3. The procedure for forming the Faculty Dissertation Council and electing its chairman is determined by the regulations approved by the Academic Council on the submission of the Faculty Council. The procedure for drawing up the University Dissertation Council and electing its chairman is determined by the regulations approved by the Academic Council upon the submission of the faculty council/councils and independent scientific-research unit/units.
- 3¹. The Dissertation Council of the faculty consists of all professors and associate professors of the relevant field/specialty of the faculty, as well as the senior scientific employee and the main scientific employee of the relevant field/specialty of the independent scientific-research unit of the faculty. The University Dissertation Council may consist of all professors and associate professors of the relevant field/specialty of the university, as well as the senior scientific employee and chief scientific employee of the relevant field/specialty of the independent scientific-research unit of the university, or from professors and associate professors of the relevant field/specialty of the university, as well as senior scientific employees and chief scientific employees of the relevant field/specialty of the independent scientific-research unit of the university. The members of the University Dissertation Council are selected in accordance with the criteria and rules defined by the Academic Council.
- 3². The Faculty Dissertation Council and the University Dissertation Council may include representatives of relevant fields/specialists from Georgia and abroad, in accordance with the criteria and rules determined by the Academic Council.

4. (Removed - 04.12.2019, No. 230/N).

Order of the Minister of Education and Science of Georgia dated February 27, 2015 No. 16/N - website, 27.02.2015.

Order No. 53/n of the Minister of Education and Science of Georgia dated March 16, 2017 - website, March 17, 2017.

Order of the Minister of Education, Science, Culture and Sports of Georgia dated December 4, 2019 No. 230/N- website, 05.12.2019.

Chapter III1 Independent scientific research unit

Order No. 53/n of the Minister of Education and Science of Georgia dated March 16, 2017 - website, March 17, 2017.

Article 26¹. Criteria and rules for establishing an independent scientific research unit

1. The status of an independent scientific-research unit of the university can be granted to the scientific-research institute, center, etc., which, in terms of the volume, quality and international cooperation of its scientific activity, is internationally visible, competitive at the national level, and which makes a significant contribution to the relevant field/ in the development of industries, which is determined through the following indicators:

a) Scientific products created by the scientific staff of the scientific-research unit - published papers with an impact factor in international and local scientific journals (does not apply to Georgian sciences), in internationally indexed (peer reviewed) journals, in the materials of international scientific conferences (Proceedings); monographs, textbooks, dictionaries, atlases, maps published in leading foreign and local publishing houses; has developed techniques and technologies; has databases and field samples; The scientific-research unit is involved in international scientific networks, engages in significant publishing activities (meaning printed and electronic databases, scientific periodicals, language corpus, etc.);

b) National and international scientific-research projects implemented by the scientific staff of the scientific-research unit;

c) Studies promoting the development and management of sectors of the country's economy, promoting innovative activities (normative documents, state program, concept, etc.);

d) Objects of intellectual property of the scientific staff of the scientific-research unit (if the profile of the scientific-research unit allows it);

e) Participation and/or organization of scientific staff in national and international scientific-research events (conference, exhibition, symposium, seminar, workshop, seasonal school, etc.);

f) Existence of program funding based on peer review by foreign expert/experts of the relevant field/subfield.

2. The status of scientific-research unit of the faculty can be granted to the scientific-research unit which, in terms of the scope and quality of its scientific activity, is visible at the national level, but of less importance at the international level, which is determined using the following indicators:

a) Publications published by the scientific staff of the scientific-research unit (papers published in scientific magazines and conference materials (Proceedings), etc.);

b) Scientific-research projects carried out by the science staff of the science-research unit;

c) Participation of scientific personnel in scientific-research events (conference, symposium, seminar, workshop, seasonal school, etc.);

d) Existence of program funding based on peer review by foreign expert of the relevant field/subfield.

3. The decision to establish an independent scientific-research unit of the university is made by the Academic Council and approved by the Representative Council (Senate).

4. The decision to establish an independent scientific-research unit of the faculty is made by the faculty council and approved by the representative council (senate).

5. The statute of the independent scientific-research unit of the university is approved by the representative council (Senate) on the recommendation of the academic council, and the statute of the independent scientific-research unit of the faculty is approved by the faculty council.

Order No. 53/n of the Minister of Education and Science of Georgia dated March 16, 2017 - website, March 17, 2017.

Article 26². Structure and management of an independent scientific research unit

1. The structure of the independent scientific-research unit is determined by the statute of the independent scientific-research unit.

2. The management bodies of the independent scientific-research unit are the scientific council of the independent scientific-research unit and the director of the independent scientific-research unit.

3. Scientific and non-scientific structural units of the independent scientific-research unit, the rules of their management and activity are determined by the regulations of the independent scientific-research unit.

4. The head of the scientific structural unit of the independent scientific-research unit is selected by the scientific council based on an open competition and approved by the director in accordance with the regulations of the independent scientific-research unit.

The head of the scientific structural unit of an independent scientific-research unit may be elected by a person who meets the requirements established for the chief scientific employee or senior scientific employee of this independent scientific-research unit. If a person does not hold the position of chief scientific employee or senior scientific employee of an independent scientific-research unit, in case of being elected to the position of the head of the scientific structural unit of an independent scientific-research unit, he is also considered to have been elected to the appropriate scientific position.

5. The procedure for choosing/appointing the head of the non-scientific structural unit of the independent scientific-research unit is determined by the regulations of the independent scientific-research unit.

Order No. 53/n of the Minister of Education and Science of Georgia dated March 16, 2017 - website, March 17, 2017.

Article 26³. Scientific council of an independent scientific-research unit

1. The chief scientific employees of the independent scientific-research unit form the scientific council of the independent scientific-research unit.

2. Scientific council of the independent scientific-research unit:

a) Discusses and resolves issues of scientific management and development of an independent scientific-research unit;

b) In case of implementation of the higher education program, participates in the process of monitoring the performance of the research component;

c) Performs other functions provided for by this law, other legislative and sub-legal acts of Georgia and the statute of the independent scientific-research unit.

3. The activities of the scientific council of the independent scientific-research unit are managed by the chairman elected by the majority of its members.

4. The powers of the chairman of the scientific council of the independent scientific-research unit, the term of office, the procedure for election and termination of the authority are determined by the regulations of the independent scientific-research unit.

Order No. 53/n of the Minister of Education and Science of Georgia dated March 16, 2017 - website, March 17, 2017.

Article 26⁴. Director of an independent scientific-research unit

1. The activity of the independent scientific-research unit is managed by the director of the independent scientific-research unit.

2. The candidature of the director of the independent scientific-research unit for a period of 5 years will be selected by the scientific council of the independent scientific-research unit based on an open competition and submitted to the academic council/faculty council for approval. In case of justified refusal of the academic council/faculty council to approve the candidature, the scientific council of the independent scientific-research unit will present the same candidate or select another candidate. In case of repeated refusal of the academic council/faculty council to approve the candidature, the acting director of the independent scientific-research unit of the university is appointed by the rector, and the acting director of the scientific-research unit of the faculty is appointed by the rector upon the proposal of the dean. The scientific council of the independent scientific-research unit is obliged to select a new candidate for the director of the independent scientific-research unit no later than 6 months. The acting director of the independent scientific-research unit is appointed by the academic council/faculty council before the candidacy of the director of the independent scientific-research unit is approved.

3. The position of the director of an independent scientific-research unit can be held by a person who meets the requirements established for the chief scientific employee of this independent scientific-research unit and whose age does not exceed 65 years. If a person has not held the position of chief scientific employee of an independent scientific research unit, in case of holding the position of director of an independent scientific research unit, he is also considered to have been elected to the position of chief scientific employee. Reaching the age of 65 years does not result in termination of directorship.

4. The same person can hold the position of director of an independent scientific-research unit only twice in a row.

5. The procedure for selecting the candidature of the director of the independent scientific-research unit and the powers of the director are determined by the regulations of the independent scientific-research unit.

Order No. 53/n of the Minister of Education and Science of Georgia dated March 16, 2017 - website, March 17, 2017.

Article 26⁵. Authority of an independent scientific-research unit

An independent scientific-research unit has the right to:

- a) To carry out fundamental and applied scientific-research activities;
- b) To carry out consulting and expert activities in the manner established by the legislation of Georgia;
- c) To organize and/or participate in various level (local, national and international) scientific conferences and other scientific events with own or acquired financial support;
- d) Within the scope of their competence to cooperate - sign agreements and/or memoranda for the purpose of drawing up and implementing joint scientific-research projects with Georgian and foreign scientific-research institutions;

e) To participate in the preparation and implementation of higher educational programs, as well as in the performance of bachelor's and master's theses and dissertations by students, in accordance with the rules determined by the university;

f) To involve students in scientific grant projects, local and international scientific conferences and scientific-research events in the manner determined by the university;

g) To carry out other activities stipulated by the legislation of Georgia and the regulations of the independent scientific-research unit.

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