

THE COUNCIL OF VILNIUS UNIVERSITY PERFORMANCE REPORT 2025

In its activities, the Council of Vilnius University (hereinafter the ‘Council’) is guided by the provisions of the Statute of Vilnius University and by the competencies and functions delegated to the Council under this legal act. In its [2024 report](#) (published on 27 March 2025), the Council identified the main priorities for its activities in 2025.

The Council, which was established in December 2024 for a five-year term, continued its activities in 2025. There were some changes to the composition of the Council. Algimantas Markauskas resigned, and Dr Eglė Radzevičienė was elected to the Council in his place. She started her term of office as a member of the Council in December 2025. The information on the composition of the Council is available here: <https://www.vu.lt/en/university/structure/council>.

In 2025, twelve Council meetings and one electronic ballot were held, during which 19 resolutions were adopted. The Council has also provided the University Senate with an opinion on four other occasions, within its remit, on tuition fees approved by the Senate.

At the beginning of the year, the Council mostly focused on the first task of the new Council, the election of the Rector. This matter was addressed at three Council meetings, during which the candidate, his electoral programme, and his approach to the future of the University and directions for development were thoroughly familiarised with. During a secret ballot held on 23 January, the Council unanimously re-elected the only candidate to the position of the Rector, Prof. Rimvydas Petrauskas, for his second term of office. At the April meeting, upon proposal from the Rector, the Council appointed the Pro-Rector for Research, Dr Gintaras Valušis, to the position of the Vice-Rector of the University.

One of the key matters on the Council’s work plan for 2025 was the consideration of the Vilnius University Strategic Plan. In April 2025, the Council discussed its expectations for it and presented them to the originators of the Strategic Plan being drafted. Throughout the year, the Council actively participated in the development, improvement, and consideration of the new Vilnius University Strategic Plan. It was proposed to supplement the Strategic Plan with indicators of progress, the main strategic objective, and its monitoring indicators, with an emphasis on the University’s approach to leadership in the region. Proposals on individual strategic measures and the effectiveness of the results to be achieved were actively submitted.

Many of the matters discussed at Council meetings included infrastructure projects and the use of University assets. The Council approved the expansion of boundaries of Vilnius University territory by taking over the real estate of the State located in M.K. Čiurlionio, Ašmenos, and Vokiečių Streets in Vilnius, primarily necessary to fulfil the needs of social science units. The Council also approved the optimisation of asset management by eliminating unnecessary real estate objects in Šiauliai and Akmenė region, as well as the taking of credit for the implementation of important

projects. On the initiative of the Council, a presentation of the long-term infrastructure development plan of the University was heard at the June meeting and a more detailed presentation including analysis, sustainability of project support, management, and resource needs was agreed to be presented at later Council meeting.

The Council was also actively involved in addressing other matters related to the areas relevant to the University's activities. On the initiative of the Council, a new Description of the Procedure for the Allocation of the Appropriations from the State Budget for Science/Arts to Core Units of Vilnius University for 2026–2028 was prepared and approved, and a review and renewal of employee incentive procedures was initiated. Important matters in the area of studies (admission to University study programmes and student attraction marketing reports, study programme-related issues, matters of international students) and community (annual report of the President of VUSA, internal audit report) were heard and discussed at Council meetings.

As every year, the Council also focused on the planning, consideration, and execution of the University's budget (revenue and expenditure estimate). In this area, the annual reports on the revenue and expenditure estimates and on the Vilnius University management, use, and disposal of State assets in 2024 were also approved, as well as the annual financial statements and consolidated financial statements.

In order to improve its performance and to optimise its processes, the Council updated its Rules of Procedure and paid particular emphasis on the establishment of its six-month activity plan. In addition to formal and informal meetings, the Council members participated in the groups for the development of procedures for providing incentives to academic and non-academic staff and the procedure for the allocation of budget appropriations for science, as well as participated in the strategy meeting held on 6 May with members of the Senate and the Rector's team, during which they focused on the analysis of strengths, weaknesses, threats, and opportunities of Vilnius University carried out by the Senate and the development of a new University strategy. The Chair and Deputy Chair of the Council met with the Vice-Minister of Education, Science and Sport responsible for higher education to present the work of the Council and discuss the Ministry's expectations for the new University Strategic Plan. A Council meeting was held with the heads of the core academic units in order to find out their expectations and proposals for the activities of the Council, as well as the relevant problems requiring decision-making.

All resolutions adopted by the Council are available on the Council's website (<https://www.vu.lt/en/university/structure/council#resolutions>).

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