

Order No 135/n as of September 11, 2013 of the Minister of Education and Science of Georgia

Tbilisi

On Approval of the Statute of Legal Entity of Public Law – Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University

Pursuant to article 61 of the General Administrative Code of Georgia, article 7, paragraph 1, subparagraph “h” of the Law of Georgia on Higher Education, Resolution No 187 of the Government of Georgia as of July 29, 2013 on Transformation (Reorganization) of Non-Entrepreneurial (Non-Commercial) Legal Entity – Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University (identification code 204864548) and article 3, paragraph 2, subparagraph “l” of the regulations approved by Decree No 37 of the Government of Georgia dated May 21, 2004 on Approval of the Statute of the Ministry of Education and Science of Georgia, I order:

Article 1

To approve the Statute of Legal Entity of Public Law - Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University in accordance with the appendix.

Article 2

To declare invalid Order No 208/n of the Minister of Education and Science of Georgia as of December 28, 2011 on Approval of the Statute of Non-Entrepreneurial (Non-Commercial) Legal Entity – Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University.

Article 3

The Order shall come into force immediately upon its publishing.

Minister of Education and Science of Georgia

Tamar Sanikidze

Statute of Legal Entity of Public Law – Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University

The Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University is an autonomous higher educational institution, a scientific research and educational center established on the basis on a classical European university model.

The first Georgian university established in 1918 by Ivane Javakhishvili and a group of his followers is the symbol of civilization, democracy and self-identity of independent Georgian state; its goal is to give the best possible education to students and promote their national thinking, as well as to integrate into a uniform European educational and scientific space.

Independence, academicism, fundamentalism and innovation, national and universal values largely determine the university's particularity and self-identity.

The doors of the Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University are open for all the students and professors, irrespective of their race, skin color, language, sex, religion, political or other views, national, ethnic and social belongings.

Chapter I

General Provisions

Article 1. Principles of the University Activities

1. Legal Entity of Public Law – Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University (hereinafter referred to as the “University”) is an autonomous institution with the key goal to direct higher education activities and scientific research. It implements educational programs of all the three academic higher education levels, vocational educational programs, continuing professional development and resident programs.
2. The university's activity is based on the Constitution of Georgia, international laws, the Law of Georgia on Higher Education, requirements of other Georgian legal acts and subordinate legislation and this statute.
3. The full name of the university is: Legal Entity of Public Law – Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University. The university name has the following abbreviation: TSU. Legal address of the university administration is: 1, Ilia Chavchavadze Avenue, Tbilisi, Georgia.
4. The university has an official seal, bank accounts, official website – www.tsu.edu.ge and other symbols of a legal entity.
5. The language of instruction at TSU is Georgian (instruction in other language, except individual courses, is permitted if it is envisaged by international agreement or is agreed with the Ministry of Education and Science of Georgia).

6. The university acquires rights and obligations and concludes agreements on its own behalf and can act as a claimant and a defendant in court.
7. Considering its purposes, the university acts on the entire territory of Georgia and beyond it.

Article 2. The Scope and Activity of the University

1. The main goals of the university are as follows:
 - a) To promote the development of Georgian and global cultural values; to orient itself towards the ideals of democracy and humanism;
 - b) To satisfy the needs of an individual to acquire higher education compatible with one's personal interests and capabilities, to master qualification and be retrained;
 - c) To realize personal potential, develop creative skills, train individuals whose competence is compatible with modern requirements, ensure the competitiveness of graduates on domestic and international labor markets, offer high quality education meeting the requirements of the student community and the public at large to the interested persons;
 - d) To train and retrain new research personnel in order to ensure the sustainability of the country's development and the system of higher education itself; to create, maintain and develop the favorable conditions for research activities;
 - e) To develop the university education and research potential;
 - f) To implement a three-stage academic study cycle at the university (undergraduate, postgraduate and PhD programs), develop certified doctor/dentist educational programs, vocational educational programs, continuing education and other educational programs, fundamental and applied research, high technology and modern experiments, develop university traditions through innovative research and teaching method;
 - g) To integrate the university into European educational and scientific space;
 - h) To implement joint educational programs and scientific and research projects together with Georgian and foreign higher educational institutions;
 - i) To create a student-centered university environment;
 - j) To ensure professional development of the staff;
 - k) To protect academic freedom;
 - l) To care about personal and professional development of students and academic staff;
 - m) To generate knowledge and train competitive staff;

- n) To encourage the mobility of students and academic staff;
- 2. To achieve the goals set forth in paragraph 1 of this article, the university shall:
 - a) Prepare an individual for such professional activity that requires the use of academic and scientific knowledge;
 - b) Care for raising qualification of its personnel;
 - c) Encourage the improvement of students' social conditions;
 - d) Take care of creating the conditions for education of students with disabilities;
 - e) Cooperate with other higher educational and research institutions of Georgia;
 - f) Promote international cooperation and interexchange of students and professors with relevant foreign educational institutions;
 - g) Participate in the state and/or other programs according to the rules set forth in the legislation;
 - h) Contribute to scientific development through learning, teaching and professional development in a free, democratic, social and legal environment;
 - i) Award an appropriate academic degree (degrees) and qualification;
 - j) Create such other conditions that will facilitate the implementation of goals set forth in paragraph 1 of this article;
 - k) Exercise other powers granted by legislation.

Article 3. University Status and State Control

The university has a status of a legal entity of public law and the state control over its activities shall be exercised by the Ministry of Education and Science of Georgia pursuant to this statute and the rules set forth in the legislation.

Article 4. University Symbols and Holiday

- 1. The university has its coat of arms, logo, flag and anthem.
- 2. The university holiday is February 8 –Foundation Day.

Chapter II

Structure and Management

Article 5. Governing Bodies and Structure

1. The main governing bodies of the university are: Rector, Academic Council, Representative Council (Senate), Head of Administration and Quality Assurance Service of the University.
2. The governing bodies of the main educational unit of the university – the Faculty are: Faculty Council, Dean, and Quality Assurance Service of the Faculty.
3. The structure of the university shall consist of the main educational units – faculties, independent scientific and research units, university library, auxiliary educational units, advisory council of the Rector, structural units of the administration of the university and auxiliary structural units, such as: Office of the Rector, Office of the Head of Administration, Secretariat of the Representative Council (Senate) and of the Academic Council.
4. The auxiliary educational units of the university shall carry out auxiliary educational activities and shall be entitled to take part in educational process.
5. The independent scientific and research units of the university shall carry out scientific and research activities and shall be entitled to participate in educational process.
6. The structure and rules of activities of the structural units defined by paragraphs 4 and 5 of this article shall be determined by the regulations of these structural units, which are approved according to the rules set forth in this statute.
7. The university library shall keep scientific-educational and historical-cultural documents in a form of collections.
8. The university library shall consist of an administration, structural units - libraries and reading rooms located on the territory according to the profiles, as well as of a storeroom.
9. The university library shall:
 - a) Facilitate the process of university education and scientific research, availability of library documents kept in library book stacks according to the modern library requirements for the students and academic staff;
 - b) Establish library collections according to the educational and scientific requirements of the university;
 - c) Ensure registering, catalogue-making, classification of library units and their protection;
 - d) Provide differential service to the readers in reading rooms, in the subscription department and in the libraries of the university's structural units.

10. The university structure shall be approved by the Senate upon joint nomination of the Rector and the Head of Administration, which is reflected in the statute of the university.

11. Decisions on setting up or abolishing educational structural units, independent scientific and research units shall be made by the Academic Council and approved by the Senate. The rules of activities of educational structural units, independent scientific and research units shall be determined by this statute and the appropriate regulations approved according to the rules set forth in this statute.

Article 6. The Principles of University Management

1. The university shall ensure:

- a) The publicity of all decisions made by the university, reports of the Rector and the head of administration and separate administrative-legal acts;
- b) Academic freedom of academic staff and students;
- c) Participation of the academic staff and students in decision making and controlling of their fulfillment;
- d) Equal treatment irrespective of a person's ethnicity, sex, social level, political and religious views, etc.
- e) Fairness and transparency of elections at the university, publicity of competitions.

2. Restrictive rules of these principles cannot be determined by the regulations of the university's structural units.

Article 7. Academic Council

1. The Academic Council is a higher representative body managing the university's academic (educational-scientific) activity. The Academic Council shall be composed of the Chairperson of the Academic Council – the Rector and the members of the Academic Council being full-fledged members of the Council.

2. The members of the Academic Council shall be elected by all members of academic staff and representatives of student self-governments – members of the faculty board through direct, independent and equal elections via secret ballot.

3. A member of the Academic Council shall be elected for a term of four years.

4. Two representatives of each faculty shall be elected in the Academic Council. Two candidates with the best results shall be considered elected.

5. Full professor or associate professor shall be elected as a member of the Academic Council. A person can be elected as a member of the Academic Council only twice consecutively.

6. The reasons for early termination of term of office of a member of the Academic Council shall be as follows:

- a) Termination of his/her labor relations with the university;
- b) Acknowledgement as incapable or having limited capability by the court;
- c) Entry into force of a guilty verdict;
- d) Assignment to academic or administrative position in another higher educational institution;
- e) Other cases defined by the legislation.

7. The membership of the Academic Council shall be subject to renewal by one third after 2 years.

8. In case of early termination of the authority of a member of the Academic Council, new elections shall be held for a vacant position. A person shall be elected on the vacant position for the period remaining from the term of office of a member with terminated authority.

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Article 8. Powers of the Academic Council

1. Pursuant to the legislation and in order to carry out the goals set forth in this statute, the Academic Council shall:

- a) Develop and approve the strategic development plan of the university;
- b) Upon submission of the faculty, approve educational and scientific-research programs and strategic plans for the development of faculties;
- c) Promote integration into the European Higher Education Area, development of curricula and programs of cooperation between higher educational institutions, mobility and integrated teaching, as well as development of research programs;
- d) Based on free and equal elections, elect the chairperson of the Academic Council – the Rector - via secret ballot, with the majority of its members on the list;
- e) Nominate a candidate elected through a competition for the position of the Head of Administration with the majority of its members on the list;
- f) Submit a well-substantiated proposal to the Senate concerning pre-term termination of powers of the Head of Administration with the majority of its members on the list;
- g) Submit a new candidate of the Head of Administration to the Senate within one month after termination of the term of office of the Head of Administration;
- h) Participate in the discussion of the statute of the university, regulations and budget of structural units, annual report of the Head of Administration at the Senate;

- i) Approve the coefficients for the unified entry examinations at the beginning of a new academic year, as well as number of students to be enrolled in the faculties upon submission of the faculty boards;
- j) In cases envisaged by the Georgian legislation, approve the coefficients for Master's examination in accordance with the procedure envisaged by Order of the Minister of Education and Science, also number of students to be enrolled in the faculties upon submission of the faculty boards;
- k) Upon submission of the faculty boards, set the minimal competence threshold for examinations envisaged by the list of international examinations approved by the Ministry of Education and Science of Georgia;
- l) Define the rules of recognition of credits awarded by other higher educational institutions;
- m) Upon submission of the faculty board, approve the regulations of the faculty dissertation committee, including the rules of composition of the dissertation committee and election of its chairperson;
- n) Submit a candidate for the position of the University's Head of Quality Assurance Service to the Senate for approval;
- o) Define the unified rules of recruitment of academic staff, terms and amounts of their remuneration and submit them to the Senate for approval;
- p) Submit annual report to the Senate;
- q) Elect the head of the university library;
- r) Upon the nomination of the University's Quality Assurance Service, approve the rules of evaluation of educational and research activities;
- s) Define the rules and conditions of election on an academic position and dismissal of persons over 65 as well as define the rules of remuneration for persons having a title of emeritus;
- t) Take decision to create and annul educational units, independent scientific and research units and submit it to the Senate for approval;
- u) Define the threshold of workload and submit it to the Senate for further approval;
- v) Confirm regulatory methods of the educational process;
- w) With the resolution approve regulations of auxiliary educational units, independent scientific and research units and submit them to the Senate for further approval;
- x) Approve the unified management model of educational and scientific structure of the faculty;
- y) Approve the regulations of the Quality Assurance Service of the University and submit it to the Senate for approval;
- z) Upon the nomination of the faculty council, take decision on awarding the title of Honorary Doctor of Philosophy and Emeritus;

aa) Set up competition committees responsible for selection of persons on academic positions, approve their compositions and results of their activities;

bb) Introduce medals, awards and prizes of the university and approve terms and conditions for their receipt;

cc) Carry out other powers granted to it according to this statute and Georgian legislation.

2. If decision making defined by paragraph 1 of this article is related to financial and economic issues, the presence of financial and legal substantiation of relevant structural units of the university administration is necessary.

3. The Academic Council shall be authorized, in case of violation of the Georgian legislation by the Rector, or improper fulfillment of his/her obligations and/or on grounds of carrying out the activities improper to the Rector, to consider the issue of early termination of the Rector's term of office upon the demand of one third of the members of the Academic Council. The decision on early termination of the Rector's term of office shall be taken by secret ballot, with the majority of its members on the list. The Rector shall not participate in balloting. Appealing of the decision made with regard to the above issue shall not result in the suspension of the disputed act.

4. (Removed – 15.09.2014, No 122/n).

5. A meeting of the Academic Council shall be convened on initiative of the Rector and by not less than one third of the members of the Academic Council.

6. The Rector's membership of the Academic Council shall be terminated in case of termination of his/her term of office.

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Article 9. Rule of Holding Academic Council Meetings and Organizational Provision of its Activities

1. At the first meeting of the newly elected Academic Council the power of elected members shall be approved in the same manner as the power of the members of the Representative Council of the University.
2. The Academic Council shall be chaired by the Rector of the University. In case of temporary inability to fulfill his/her obligations as the Chairperson of the Academic Council, the duties of the Chairperson of the Academic Council shall be fulfilled by the oldest member of the Council that is defined by the decision of the Academic Council.
3. The Academic Council as a rule shall be convened once every two weeks or as required.

4. The organizational, documental, legal and information service of the members of the Academic Council shall be provided by the Rector's Office and the Secretariat of the Academic Council.
5. The Rector's Office and the Secretariat of the Academic Council, through the agreement with the Chairperson of the Academic Council, shall form the list of issues to be discussed at the meeting and give it to the members of the Academic Council.
6. The members of the Academic Council shall be entitled to add issues to the agenda and notify the Rector's Office and the Secretariat of the Academic Council on it no later than 2 days before the meeting.
7. The chairperson of the Academic Council shall immediately at the beginning of the meeting present the draft agenda to be approved by a majority vote.
8. The Academic Council shall have power to make decisions on the procedural issues through open balloting or otherwise, by a majority vote.
9. The meeting of the Academic Council shall be valid if it is attended by more than half of its members. The Secretary of the Academic Council shall register the members before opening the session and decision making (registration data are attached to the minutes and represent its integral part).
10. The decision of the Academic Council shall be considered adopted if it is backed by the majority of its members. Each member of the Academic Council has only one vote. The member of the Academic Council shall have no right to abstain from voting.
11. Except as otherwise provided by Georgian legislation, the voting at the Academic Council meeting is open.
12. One fourth $\frac{1}{4}$ of the members of the Academic Council has the right to demand secret ballot/ holding of a closed meeting. Such decision shall be made if backed by the majority of members.
13. The meetings of the Academic Council shall be formalized by minutes and the Secretary of the Academic Council shall ensure its regularity. All the materials that are related to the agenda issues shall be attached to the minutes. The authenticity of the minutes shall be proved by the signatures of the chairperson of the meeting and the secretary. The university seal shall be affixed to the last page of the minutes.
14. The Academic Council has power to adopt a resolution, statement and representation which shall be signed by the chairperson of the Academic Council.
15. The Academic Council has power, with the majority of its members, to set up committees and working groups involving its members that will address particular issues. It is possible to set up committees and working groups with the participation of invited experts, public persons, university employees and other interested persons.

Article 10. Representative Council (Senate)

1. The representative body of the university shall be the Representative Council which shall be elected from amongst the representatives of the faculties, separately by students and academic staff, pro rata to their number in main educational units at the moment of electing the Representative Council.
2. The Senate shall be elected for a term of four years, via secret ballot on the basis of general, direct, equal elections.
3. The members of the Representative Council shall be at least twice more than the members of the Academic Council. The students shall comprise one third of the members of the Representative Council. An assistant professor shall participate in the elections as a student. While calculating the number of students, the number shall be approximated for the benefit of students.
4. The head of the university library shall be a member of the Representative Council.
5. The ground for termination of the status of a member for a student or a professor shall be the termination of his/her academic or labor relations with the university.
6. In case of early termination of powers of a member of the Representative Council (Senate), the vacancy shall be filled up for the remaining period of the term of office of the Council by the member who garners the most votes. If there is no such candidate, new elections shall be held to fill up the vacant position for the same term.
7. The representatives of either the administrative and auxiliary staff or the members of the Academic Council may not be elected to the Senate.

Article 11. Authority of the Senate (Representative Council)

1. To carry out the activities envisaged by this statute, the Senate, pursuant to legislation, shall:
 - a) Develop and with participation of the Academic Council discuss the draft of the University Statute, amendments to the Statute and submit them to the Ministry of Education and Science of Georgia for further approval;
 - b) Develop and approve internal rules of the University, Code of Ethics and disciplinary liability standards;
 - c) Upon joint nomination of the Rector and the Head of Administration and with the participation of the Academic Council, discuss and confirm the structure of the University by the majority of its members. The results shall be reflected in the Statute of the University;
 - d) Upon nomination of the faculty council, approve the faculty regulations; upon nomination of the Academic Council, approve the regulations of auxiliary educational units of the University, independent scientific and research units and upon nomination of the head of administration, approve regulations of structural units of administration;

- e) Elect Speaker of the Senate;
- f) Approve annual report of the Head of Administration;
- g) Upon nomination of the Head of Administration confirm the structure of the university administration, the rules of recruitment of auxiliary staff, terms and amount of remuneration (salary fund);
- h) Approve the rule of electing Academic and Representative Councils upon nomination of the Academic Council;
- i) Define the total number of members of future Representative Council (Senate) in accordance with the legislation;
- j) Discuss the draft budget of the university upon submission of the Head of Administration and with participation of the Academic Council;
- k) Approve the budget of the university and budgetary amendments upon submission of the head of administration;
- l) Upon nomination of the head of administration approve the rules of budgeting, which besides the fundamental principles of budgeting might include the margins of basic parameters as well;
- m) Approve a candidate to the position of the head of administration upon nomination of the Academic Council,
- n) Have authority to early terminate the term of office of the head of administration, based on the substantiated proposal of the Academic Council or upon its own initiative;
- o) With the participation of the Academic Council hear the annual report of the head of administration before the end of the first quarter of next year;
- p) Approve the rule of recruitment of academic staff, terms and amount of remuneration upon nomination of the Academic Council;
- q) Determine thresholds of workload of academic staff upon nomination of the Academic Council;
- r) Endorse the head of the Quality Assurance Service of the University upon nomination of the Academic Council;
- s) Have right to set up interim working groups;
- t) Approve the flag, coat of arms and anthem of the university;
- u) Carry out other powers granted by this statute and the Georgian legislation.

2. If decision making defined by paragraph 1 of this article is related to financial and economic issues, the presence of financial and legal substantiation of relevant structural units of the university administration shall be necessary.

3. The Representative Council shall be authorized to make a decision, as well as hear and take note of information, develop recommendations.

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Article 12. Speaker of the Senate

1. The meetings of the Senate shall be organized and chaired by the Speaker; the latter shall be elected by the Senate for a term of four years.

2. The Speaker shall:

a) Organize meetings of the Senate and preside over these meetings;

b) Ensure freedom of expression and comprehensive discussion of issues;

c) Put the issue to the vote and announce the results of voting;

d) Be authorized to submit a proposal about discussing and voting on the issue put on the agenda at a special session;

e) Be authorized to participate in the meetings of interim working groups of the Senate;

f) Sign the minutes of the Council meetings.

3. The grounds for early termination of term of office of the speaker shall be defined by the current legislation.

Article 13. The Rules of Procedure of the Senate

1. The first meeting of the Senate shall be convened by the Rector no later than 5 days after election of the Council.

2. The first meeting of the newly elected Senate shall be presided over by the oldest member of the session.

3. At the first meeting of the newly elected Senate the chairperson of the university's election commission shall inform the Council about election results and give the chairperson of the meeting the documentation proving the authority of the Council members (election protocols, materials about election results, complaints received, statements and facts about violation of election legislation and other election-related information).

4. The chairperson of the meeting shall introduce the information and documentation received from the election commission to the attendees.

5. The decision about acknowledgment of the authority of the Senate members shall include all those persons whose election was considered valid by the election commission of the University and by the majority of the attendees.

6. If the number of persons whose powers were acknowledged by the Senate is less than half of the whole membership, the meeting shall terminate its work. The next meeting of the newly elected Senate shall be convened by the chairperson of the university's election commission within 10 days after electing at least more than half of the Senate members.

7. The Senate shall elect the speaker from its own members via open balloting by majority of votes. A person shall be considered elected if he/she is backed by more than half of the Senate members on the list. If there is more than one candidate and none of them has garnered enough votes, the repeat ballot should be held on the same day between the two candidates with best results. In case if the winner is not still identified, the meeting of the Representative Council shall be convened again within 5 days and speaker-election procedure will be held again.

8. The meeting of the Senate shall be convened upon initiative of the speaker or by at least one third of the Senate members.

9. The meetings of the Senate shall be conducted by the speaker of the Senate. Information about the Senate meetings, their place, time and agenda shall be published on the stand at the premises of the University and on the official website of the University at least 3 days before the meeting and shall be delivered to all the members of the Representative Council (Senate).

10. The request to hold an extraordinary session shall be presented in written to the speaker of the Senate. The request shall include the substantiation to hold an extraordinary session. In case of necessity, the extraordinary session shall be convened by the speaker.

11. The members of the Senate shall attend the meeting without special invitation. During the work of Senate, its member has the right to participate in discussion of all the issues within the competence of the Senate according to the rules set. The member has the right to make suggestions, comments or amendments on the issues under discussion, to propose candidates and express his/her own opinion about candidates to be confirmed or appointed by the Representative Council, to ask questions, to have other powers granted by applicable legislation and this statute.

12. The Senate which is represented by absolute majority of its members shall be entitled to set up commissions and/or groups of its members working on particular issues. The commissions and working groups might be composed of invited experts, public persons, employees of the university and other interested persons.

13. The responsibility for convening Senate meetings shall lay on the Secretariat of the Senate.

14. The meeting shall be valid if it is attended by more than half of the Senate members. Before opening of the meeting and before decision-making the members shall undergo registration at the Secretary of the Senate (the registration data shall be attached to the minutes of the meeting and represent an integral part of them).

15. The Representative Council shall make its decisions with the majority of its members on the list. Each member of the Representative Council shall have one vote.

16. The Senate meetings may be closed;

17. Confidential issues shall be announced as closed completely or partly by the majority of attendees. The circle of attendees at the closed meeting (except Senate members) shall be defined by the speaker of the Senate.
18. During the meeting, the invited persons shall be obliged to meet ethical standards and other requirements.
19. The Secretariat of the Senate shall ensure organizational, legal, documental and information support to the Senate.
20. The Secretariat of the Senate, through the agreement with the speaker, shall make the list of issues to be discussed at the meeting and distribute it to the Senate members. Immediately after beginning the meeting the speaker of the Senate shall present the draft agenda to be approved by a majority vote of its members.
21. The members of the Senate shall be entitled to add issues to the draft agenda and inform the Secretariat of the Senate about it at least two days before beginning the meeting.
22. The issues subject to discussion shall be identified at least three days before the meeting (except the agenda of an extraordinary session) and the speakers shall be indicated as well.
23. The Representative Council shall be entitled to make decisions on procedural issues via open balloting by a majority vote.
24. The Senate meetings shall be formalized by minutes and the Secretariat of the Senate shall ensure its regularity. All the materials that are related to the agenda issues shall be attached to the minutes. The authenticity of the minutes shall be proved by the signatures of the Speaker and the Secretary of the Senate.
25. The Senate shall be entitled to make decisions on all the issues within its competence.

Article 14. The Rector

1. The Rector is the head of the university, a person holding the highest academic position at the university, chairperson of the Academic Council.
2. The Rector of the University shall be elected by the majority of the Senate members on the list and shall hold office for a term of four years. If none of the candidates garner enough votes, the second round of voting shall be held and the two candidates with the best results shall participate in it. If no winner is revealed during the second round of election, the date of new elections shall be appointed no later than within 5 days. The issues related to the election procedures shall be determined by the Academic Council.
3. A person holding a degree of Doctor of Philosophy or any academic degree equal to it may be elected on the position of the Rector.
4. The announcement about the beginning of registration of candidates shall be published by the Academic Council at least one month before the beginning of registration, based on the principles of transparency, equality and fair competition.

5. Before elections of the Rector the Academic Council shall evaluate the action plans of each candidate.

6. The same person can be elected on the position of the Rector for only two consecutive terms.

7. A person who held a position of the head of administration shall have the right to hold the position of the Rector of the University only after one term of office from the moment of termination of his/her term of office as the head of administration.

8. Pursuant to the current legislation, the Rector shall:

a) Have power to administer the university within his/her competence;

b) Represent the University while dealing with the third parties inside and outside the country in academic and scientific spheres;

c) Have power to conclude agreements and covenants, including contracts between the university and its students on behalf of the university;

d) Have power to conclude financial and economic agreements, which are signed by the head of administration as well;

e) Define the list of academic and scientific positions upon nomination of the faculty and independent scientific and research unit, and define the staff list of this structural unit upon nomination of the head of auxiliary educational unit and submit it to the head of administration to include them into the payroll of the university;

f) Approve a uniform payroll of the university;

g) Determine the main directions of management of independent scientific and research units within his/her competence;

h) Appoint and dismiss Vice-Rectors;

i) Appoint and dismiss the head of an auxiliary educational unit;

j) Approve or dismiss directors of independent scientific and research units upon nomination of independent scientific and research units or upon his/her motivated decision;

k) Appoint and dismiss vice-deans in the field of science and research upon nomination of the dean;

l) Settle the issue of vacations/leave of the academic staff based on a well-substantiated statement of the faculty,

m) Together with the head of administration submit the draft of the university structure to the Senate;

n) Settle the issue necessary for efficient administration of scientific, research and academic activities of the university, if they are not within the competence of any other structural unit or office;

o) Perform other functions envisaged by law.

9. The Rector within his/her competence shall enact individual administrative and legal acts – orders of the Rector.

10. The Rector has deputies, whose number shall be defined by internal regulations and their competences shall be regulated by an individual administrative and legal act issued by the Rector.

11. If the Rector is temporarily unable to perform his/her functions, his/her duties shall be performed by one of the deputies that shall be defined by an individual legal act issued by the Rector. The acting Rector shall be limited in performing the duties of a chairperson of the Academic Council and shall have no power to sign the documents proving higher and professional education – diploma and degree.

12. The Rector shall be entitled to set up advisory committees and commissions in order to decide issues within his/her competence; the activities of these committees and commissions shall be regulated by an individual legal act of the Rector.

13. Considering the interests of the university, temporary change of the Rector's workplace (business trip) shall be formalized by the order of the head of administration.

14. The leave (vacation) of the Rector shall be formalized by the order of the head of administration.

15. In case of early termination of the Rector's authority, the election board, consisting of persons holding PhD degree or any academic degree equal to it, shall elect the acting Rector (who will have all powers granted to the Rector by Georgian legislation and this statute).

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Article 15. Head of Administration (Chancellor)

1. The Head of Administration is the highest administrative official in the fields of financial, material and administrative resources, who represents the University in financial and economic relations.

2. The Head of Administration shall be approved by the Senate via secret ballot and upon nomination of the Academic Council as envisaged by the law. The Academic Council can nominate the same person on the position of the Head of Administration only twice. In case of the Senate's repeated refusal, the Academic Council shall nominate a new candidate.

3. The term of office of the Head of Administration shall last for 4 years.

4. The same person can be elected as the Head of Administration only twice consecutively.

5. The motives for early termination of the term of office of the Head of Administration may be:

- a) Repeated refusal of the Senate to approve annual report and budget;
- b) A motivated decision of the Senate.
- c) Grounds for terminating labor contract envisaged by the organic law of Georgia “Labor Code of Georgia.

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Article 16. Powers of the Head of Administration

1. In a manner prescribed by the Statute and the legislation, the Head of Administration shall:

- a) Be in charge of administration of the university;
- b) Be entitled to enter into financial and economic agreements on behalf of the university commensurate with the budget of the university;
- c) Together with the Rector, submit the draft of the university structure to the Senate for approval;
- d) Define the University administration structure and submit it to the Senate for approval;
- e) Define the uniform payroll indicating positions, amount and salaries and approve it together with the Rector;
- f) Appoint and dismiss the administrative staff of the University;
- g) Conclude labor contracts with the University staff;
- h) Appoint and dismiss deputy heads of administration and distribute their functions;
- i) Appoint and dismiss faculty administration staff upon nomination of the faculty dean;
- j) Develop the draft rules of recruitment of auxiliary staff, their remuneration and conditions and submit them to the Senate for approval;
- k) Lead the process of drafting the faculty budgets and submitting them to the Senate for approval, as well as formation and approval of the draft budget of the university by the Senate;
- l) Prepare an annual report on performance and submit it to the Senate for approval;
- m) Enact individual administrative and legal acts within his/her competence;
- n) Be responsible for legitimacy and effectiveness of financial and economic activities of the University;
- o) Perform other functions prescribed by this statute and the current legislation.

2. If the Head of Administration is temporarily unable to perform his/her functions, his/her duties shall be performed by one of the deputies that shall be defined by an Order of the Head of Administration.

3. The Head of Administration shall be accountable to the Academic Council and the Senate.

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Article 17. Quality Assurance Service

1. The educational and research activities of the university, as well as, the process of professional development of its personnel shall be subject to regular evaluation, in which the students shall also take place, and the results of which shall be public and available to all interested persons.

2. The Quality Assurance Service shall be created to evaluate the quality of educational and research activities, as well as the qualification of the employees on a regular basis.

3. The Head of Quality Assurance Service shall be appointed by the Senate upon nomination of the Academic Council. The Head of Quality Assurance Service shall be appointed for a term of 4 years;

4. The Head of Quality Assurance Service shall establish close contacts and collaborate with relevant units of foreign countries and their educational institutions in order to establish transparent criteria and methodology for quality control.

5. The Head of Quality Assurance Service within his/her competence shall enact an individual legal act which is the act defining functional activities of the Quality Assurance Service of the Faculty.

6. The Quality Assurance Service shall promote high quality of education through introducing modern methods of learning, teaching and evaluation (modules, credit system, etc.) and shall manage and carry out the process of self-evaluation of the University's academic activities.

7. The Quality Assurance Service shall:

a) Provide internal and external procedures of evaluation aiming at improvement of teaching quality at the University;

b) Form the database of instruction quality at the University according to determined criteria and update it from time to time;

c) Inform Quality Assurance Services of the Faculty about normative requirements related to quality assurance, as well as any changes made to it;

d) Receive information from the Quality Assurance Services in order to process it and reflect it in database;

e) Perform other activities that encourage high level of education through introducing modern methods of learning, teaching and evaluation (modules, credit system, etc.), as well as preparation of self-evaluation for the process of accreditation.

8. The Quality Assurance Service of the University shall be accountable to the Academic Council and the Senate.

Chapter III

The Faculty

Article 18. Faculty Structure and Governing Bodies

1. The University Faculties are the basic scientific, research and administrative units of the University, which prepare the students in one or more specialties and award relevant qualifications to them.

2. The main educational units of the University are:

a) Faculty of Humanities;

b) Faculty of Exact and Natural Sciences;

c) Faculty of Business and Economics;

d) Faculty of Social and Political Sciences;

e) Faculty of Law;

f) Faculty of Medicine;

g) Faculty of Psychological and Educational Sciences.

3. The structure of the faculty shall be determined by the statute of the faculty and shall include educational, scientific-research (department, scientific-research institute, laboratory, clinic, programme direction, etc.) and auxiliary structural units.

4. The governing bodies of the faculty are: Faculty Board, Dean and Quality Assurance Service of the Faculty.

5. The Faculty regulations shall be developed by the Faculty Board upon the nomination of the Dean and submitted to the Senate for approval. The rules of activities of the faculty structural units shall be determined by the faculty regulations.

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Article 19. The Faculty Board

1. The Faculty Board is a representative body of the faculty, comprising academic staff elected upon nomination of structural units of relevant faculties and representatives of student self-governments. Number of the members of the Board shall be defined by the faculty rules and regulations.
2. Number of the representatives of student self-governments in the Faculty Board shall be defined by the rules and regulations of the main faculty but it should not be less than $\frac{1}{4}$ of the members of the Board.
3. The Faculty Board may be composed of not less than 20 and no more than 40 members.
4. The faculty Dean shall also have a status of a member of the Faculty Board.

Article 20. Authority of the Faculty Board

The Faculty Board shall:

- a) Define the draft budget of the faculty and submit it to the head of administration;
- b) Elect the Dean based on free, fair and equal elections via secret balloting by the majority of members on the list;
- c) Upon the Dean's nomination, develop strategic development plan of the faculty, as well as educational and research programs and submit them to the Senate for approval;
- d) Upon the Dean's nomination, develop the faculty's structure and regulations and submit them to the Senate for approval;
- e) Develop the regulations of the Dissertation Council and submit them to the Academic Council for approval;
- f) Elect the Head of Quality Assurance Service of the Faculty;
- g) Be entitled to consider the issue of early termination of term of office in case of violation of the law by the Dean, improper fulfillment of his/her duties and obligations and/or carrying out activities improper for the Dean, at the request of not less than $\frac{1}{3}$ of the members of the board of the basic educational unit. The decision about early termination of term of office of the Dean shall be made via secret balloting, by the majority of members on the list. The Dean shall not take part in balloting stipulated by this clause. Appealing of the decision made on this issue shall not suspend the operation of the disputed act;
- h) In case of early termination of term of office of the Dean, appoint an acting Dean from its members;
- i) Carry out other activities and powers set forth in this statute and legislative and subordinate acts of Georgia.

Article 21. The Dean

1. The Faculty Board shall elect the Dean by a majority vote of its members for a term of 4 years pursuant to the principles of transparency, equality and fair competition. If none of the nominees garners enough votes, the second round of voting shall be appointed and the two nominees with the best results shall participate in it. If the second round fails to reveal the winner, the date of new elections shall be appointed no later than within 5 days. The issues related to the election procedures shall be defined by the Academic Council.

2. The same person can be elected on the position of the Dean for only two consecutive terms. The announcement about the beginning of registration of nominees shall be published by the Faculty Board at least a month before beginning the registration.

3. A person holding a degree of Doctor of Philosophy or any academic degree equal to it may be elected on the position of the Dean.

4. The Dean of the Faculty shall have two deputies in educational and scientific fields.

4¹. A professor or associate professor from the relevant faculty of the university can hold the position of a Deputy Dean.

5. The Dean shall:

- a) Ensure the effective scientific and research process of the faculty;
- b) Submit strategic development plan as well as educational and research programs to the faculty board for discussion;
- c) Develop the faculty structure and regulations and submit them to the Faculty Board for discussion;
- d) Be entitled within his/her competence to execute the decisions of the Senate, Academic Council and Faculty Boards as well as legal acts of the University;
- e) Preside over the meetings of the Faculty Board;
- f) Submit Deputy Deans to the Rector and Head of Administration for approval;
- g) Nominate the staff of the faculty administration to the Head of Administration for further appointment;
- h) Submit the draft list of academic and scientific positions to the Rector;
- i) Be responsible for purposeful use of the faculty budget;
- j) Carry out other activities and powers envisaged by this statute and legislative and subordinate acts of Georgia;

6. In order to solve individual issues, the Dean within his/her competence shall enact individual administrative and legal acts and orders which regulate all legal issues related to the educational and scientific activities at the faculty.

7. Considering the interests of the faculty or the university, the decision on temporary change of the Dean's workplace (business trip), as well as his/her leave/vacation shall be made by the Rector that is formalized by the order of the Head of Administration.

8. If the Dean is temporarily unable to perform his/her duties and obligations and there is no legal act determining the substitute of the Dean, his/her duties shall be automatically performed by a Deputy Dean in the educational field and in case of his/her absence, the duties of the Dean shall be performed by a Deputy Dean in the scientific field.

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Article 22. Quality Assurance Service of the Faculty

1. The Quality Assurance Service shall be created to evaluate the quality of educational and research activities of the faculty as well as the qualification of the employees on a regular basis.

2. The Quality Assurance Service shall have power to collaborate with relevant units of foreign countries and their educational institutions in order to establish transparent criteria and methodology for quality control.

3. The Head of Quality Assurance Service shall be elected by the Faculty Board for a term of 4 years;

4. A member of the Faculty Board, associate or full professor can become a member of the Quality Assurance Service.

5. The main task of the Quality Assurance Service shall be is to facilitate high quality of education through using modern methods of learning, teaching and evaluation (modules, credit system, etc.) and preparation of self-evaluation for accreditation process.

6. The Quality Assurance Service of the faculty shall be a part of integrated university system of Quality Assurance Service.

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Article 23. Dissertation Council

1. The Dissertation Council is a body awarding an academic degree of doctor of philosophy.

2. The Dissertation Council of the Faculty consists of all full and associate professors holding the academic degree of doctor of philosophy. Besides upon the decision of the Dissertation Council

any person holding the academic degree of doctor of philosophy can be invited to become a member of the Dissertation Council.

3. The rule of composition of the Dissertation Council, election of its chairperson and its activities shall be prescribed by relevant statute, which is approved by the University Academic Council upon submission of the Faculty Board.

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Article 24. Authority to Announce Elections of Governing Bodies

1. The elections of the Rector shall be announced by the Academic Council of the University.
2. The elections of the Senate shall be announced by the Academic Council.
3. The elections of the Academic Council shall be announced by the Rector of the University.

Article 25. The University Election Commission

1. The University Election Commission shall be formed to ensure holding of elections of the university's governing bodies.
2. The Election Commission shall consist of not less than seven members. The membership of the Election Commission shall be determined by an individual administrative and legal act of the Rector.
3. Considering the principles of fair and transparent elections, the Election Commission might include representatives of student self-governments and civil society organizations experienced in organizing elections.
4. The Election Commission shall be entitled to make any decision regarding organizational election issues. The Commission shall be obliged to hold elections under the rules set forth in the current legislation, University Statute and individual legal acts.
5. The chairperson and the secretary of the Election Commission shall be elected from the members at the first meeting, by majority of votes via secret ballot.
6. The chairperson of the Election Commission shall preside over the meetings of the Commission, sign decisions of the Commission and perform other duties and powers within his/her competence.
7. The Secretary of the Election Commission shall make the agenda and meeting minutes, register the letters received in the Election Commission, register candidates willing to participate in the elections and give them relevant references, make final vote tallies and perform other duties and powers within his/her competence.

8. A person holding an administrative position at the University, as well as a candidate participating in elections cannot be a member of the Election Commission.

9. The chairperson of the Election Commission, the secretary and other members of the Commission might receive remuneration for performing the duties and obligations envisaged by this rule in accordance with the university budget.

Chapter IV

University Staff

Article 26. University Staff

1. There are administrative, academic, scientific, teachers' and auxiliary positions at the University.

2. A person may be employed on administrative, academic, scientific and auxiliary positions for not more than 12 months, except for the cases stipulated by legislation and the University Statute.

Article 27. Academic Staff of the University

1. The academic staff of the University shall include professors and assistants.

2. The professors shall be full professors, associate professors and assistant professors.

3. The professors shall participate in and /or manage learning process and research activities.

4. Under guidance of assistant professor, associate professor or assistant professor shall carry out seminar and research activities in frames of educational process ongoing in basic educational units.

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Article 28. The Rule of Obtaining Academic Positions

1. An academic position can be obtained only through open competition which should be in compliance with the principles of transparency, equality and fair competition.

2. The date and conditions of the competition shall be published a month before receiving the documents in a manner prescribed by Georgian legislation and this statute.

3. The announcement about opening a competition shall be posted on the official website of the University and shall be placed in the places visible to everyone in order to ensure the publicity and availability of such information.

4. The announcement shall indicate the date of registration of candidates, deadlines for receiving applications and the list of necessary documents.

5. The competition shall be announced by the Rector through an individual administrative and legal act. The competition shall be held in compliance with the principles of transparency, equality and fair competition. Holding of the competition shall be ensured by the competition commission, which shall be set up by the Academic Council of the University upon nomination of the Rector. The winners revealed by the competition commission through voting (competition results) shall be submitted to the Academic Council for approval.

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Article 29. Terms and Conditions for Electing on Academic Positions

1. A person holding the degree of a doctor of philosophy or equal to it and having the scientific and teaching experience of not less than 6 years, can be elected on the position of full professor.

2. A person holding the degree of a doctor of philosophy or equal to it and having the scientific and teaching experience of not less than 3 years, can be elected on the position of associate professor.

3. A person holding the degree of a doctor of philosophy or equal to it can be elected on the position of assistant professor for a term of four years.

4. A PhD student can be elected on the position of assistant for a term of four years.

5. It is permitted for qualified personnel to take academic positions envisaged by paragraphs 1-4 of this article. In this case a person's qualification can be confirmed by professional experience, special training and/or publications. A person, who has necessary competence for generating the results envisaged by the program, shall be considered a person with relevant qualification.

6. Under conditions defined by paragraph 5 of this article, the rule of obtaining an academic position shall be determined by the rule of recruiting academic personnel.

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Article 30. Rights of Academic Staff

1. The academic staff within its competence shall have the right to:

a) Participate in management of the University, including in elections of the governing bodies;

b) Independently conduct teaching, research and publish scientific works;

c) Within the scopes of educational program, define independently the contents of the programs (syllabuses), teaching methods and techniques.

d) Once every five years, after one year from being appointed on the academic position, take a paid scientific and creative leave for not more than ten months, for the purpose of professional improvement. The staff holding academic positions for two consecutive terms are not subject to one-year limitations above.

2. Academic staff shall:

- a) Observe the code of ethics and standards of disciplinary liability;
- b) Perform duties and obligations under labor agreement and prescribed by the legal acts of the University;
- c) After qualification improvement present a report on the work fulfilled;
- d) Meet the requirements set by the present statute and legislation;
- e) After the end of the scientific and creative leave, present a report on the work fulfilled;

3. The University shall ensure the independence of academic staff in teaching and research and create relevant conditions for their activities.

Article 31. Dismissal of Academic Staff

The grounds for dismissal of academic staff shall be:

- a) Own request;
- b) Expiration of the term of labor contract;
- c) Rough or systematic violation of code of ethics and disciplinary liability norms;
- d) Infringement of terms and conditions of the agreement and/or requirements of the University legal acts;
- e) Retirement or awarding the title of emeritus;
- f) Other cases defined by the legislation.

Article 32. Labor Relations and Academic Titles of Academic Staff

1. A contract with academic staff shall be concluded for a term defined by unified rules of employment of academic staff.

2. The decision about awarding a title of honorary doctor or emeritus shall be made by the Academic Council upon nomination of the Faculty Board.

3. The title of emeritus shall be awarded to a person who at the moment of submitting an application:

- a) Is 65 years old or more;

- b) Holds the position of full professor of the university;
 - c) Has been elected at least twice on the position of the university full professor;
 - d) Has not less than 20 years of scientific and teaching experience at TSU.
4. An exception from subparagraph “d” of paragraph 3 of this article can be determined by the Academic Council.
5. The title of emeritus shall be awarded to a person immediately upon expiration of his/her labor agreement. An authorized person after expiration of a half term of his/her labor agreement, but before its full expiration shall have the right to seek the title of emeritus provided that he/she will resign from the position of full professor. Upon awarding the title of emeritus, he/she will be dismissed from the position of the university professor.
6. A person having a title of emeritus shall receive monthly remuneration from the University. The terms and amount of remuneration shall be defined by the resolution of the Academic Council.
7. A person having a title of emeritus has no right to hold academic and/or administrative positions simultaneously.
8. A University full professor aged 65 or more shall be authorized to decide or apply for the title of emeritus or for participating in the competition for an academic position at the University. If a person fails to obtain the position of the professor after making an application to participate in the competition, he/she shall have no right to seek the title of emeritus.
9. A person having the title of emeritus can take part in educational and scientific activities of the university, perform both paid and unpaid work without holding any academic and administrative position.
10. A person having the title of emeritus, upon the decision of the University, may have additional social benefits, use university resources and other privileges set by the university.
11. If a person having the title of emeritus obtains academic or administrative position in another higher educational institution, the university shall cease such person’s monthly remuneration.
12. The terms and conditions of recruitment and dismissal of a person aged 65 and more on the academic position of the University shall be defined by the decree of Academic Council.
13. The University shall have the right to award a title of honorary doctor to a scientist or public figure for special merits.

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Article 33. Administrative Positions and Other Staff

1. The following shall be the administrative offices at the University: Rector and Vice Rector, Head of Administration and his/her deputy, Faculty Deans and their deputies, Head of Quality Assurance Service of the University, heads of quality assurance services of the faculties.
 - 1¹. At the University:
 - a) Base salary of the Rector shall be determined within the limits of multiplication of maximum amount of a professor's salary by not less than 1,15 coefficient and not more than 1,35 coefficient;
 - b) Base salary of the Head of Administration shall be determined within the limits of multiplication of maximum amount of a professor's salary by not less than 1,10 coefficient and not more than 1,30 coefficient;
 - c) Base salaries of the Head of Quality Assurance Service of the University and the Head of Quality Assurance Service of basic educational unit shall be determined within the limits of multiplication of maximum amount of associate professor's salary by not less than 1,10 coefficient and not more than 1,30 coefficient;
 - d) Base salary of the Dean of basic educational unit shall be determined within the limits of multiplication of maximum amount of salary for a relevant academic position by not less than 1,10 coefficient and not more than 1,30 coefficient;
2. The issue of appointment and election as well as dismissal of a person up to 65 years on the administrative position of the University shall be solved by an authorized person.
3. The teaching staff shall consist of teachers and senior teachers.
4. A teacher shall be entitled to conduct theoretical, practical and laboratory works without holding an academic position.
5. The scientific positions are as follows: staff of independent scientific and research units, staff of scientific and research institutes of the faculties and other scientific staff determined by the university's internal regulations.
6. The auxiliary staff is as follows: staff determined by the university's internal regulations, contract staff and other staff necessary for the university activities.
7. The university shall be entitled to invite a qualified expert without holding any academic or teacher's position in order to take part in educational and/or scientific and research process and/or in management of such process. The labor agreement with an invited expert shall be signed by the Chancellor upon the Rector's decision.

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Article 34. Pre-term Dismissal from Administrative Position

The grounds for pre-term dismissal of an administrative employee shall be as follows:

- a) At his/her own will;
- b) Enforcement of the court ruling on his/her conviction;
- c) Death;
- d) Decision of the court that he/she is incapable or has limited capability;
- e) Reaching the age of 65, except for the case, when otherwise envisaged by this statute;
- f) Dismissal from an academic position of this university provided that holding of this academic position is the precondition of holding a relevant administrative position;
- g) Any other case envisaged by Georgian legislation and/or the Statute of the University.

Article 35. Incompatibility of Positions

1. A person holding an administrative position shall not be entitled to simultaneously hold either other administrative position or be the head of structural unit at the same university;
2. When the precondition for holding an administrative position or membership of a governing body is holding of an academic position, the authority of person who holds administrative position or has the authority in the governing body, after the termination of his/her term of office on such positions, shall be automatically terminated upon confirmation of the competition results with the exception if such person is not elected on a relevant academic position.
3. A member of the Academic Council shall have no power to simultaneously hold any administrative position, except a position of the Rector, or to be a member of the Senate.
4. A speaker of the Senate shall not have power to hold any administrative position at the same educational institution.
5. A position of director of an independent scientific-research unit of the University is incompatible with the administrative as well as auxiliary positions at the University.
6. If the director of an independent scientific-research unit of the University combines an academic position as well, he/she shall not receive remuneration defined by the payroll for the director of an independent scientific-research unit.
7. A person shall not have the right to hold two academic positions simultaneously.
8. Election of a person on the position of the Head of Administration shall represent the ground for early termination of his/her term of office on an academic position.

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Chapter IV

Student

Article 36. A Student of the University

1. A student of the University is a person who is enrolled in the University pursuant to the Law of Georgia on Higher Education or the Law of Georgia on Professional Education as well as the Statute of the University to undergo studies on professional educational programs, undergraduate, postgraduate or certified medical worker/dentist or doctoral programs.
2. The rule of enrollment in postgraduate and doctoral programs shall be defined by the statute of a relevant faculty.

Article 37. Status and Rights of a Student

1. A person shall be granted the status of a student on the basis of the Order of the Rector on enrollment at the University, which shall be valid until the termination of his/her legal relations with the University.
2. The status of a student shall give him/her power to use benefits for the students.
3. A student shall have the right:
 - a) To get quality education;
 - b) To participate in research activities;
 - c) To make use of the university's material and technical, library, information and other resources in accordance with the procedures envisaged by this statute, internal regulations and individual acts of the university;
 - d) To elect a representative and be elected to the student self-government, also the managerial bodies of the Representative Council and basic educational units through secret balloting on the basis of general, direct and equal elections in accordance with the legislation and this statute;
 - e) To establish freely and/or join student organizations in accordance with his/her interests;
 - f) To freely express his/her opinion and refuse to share those ideas, proposed thereto during the learning process in a well-substantiated manner;
 - g) To receive scholarship, financial or material assistance, as well as other benefits from the State, the University or other sources in accordance with Georgian legislation and this statute;
 - h) To select educational program;
 - i) To participate in elaboration of individual educational program;
 - j) To evaluate the performance of academic staff from time to time;
 - k) To execute other powers envisaged by Georgian legislation and the university's legal acts.

4. The university shall set benefits/privileges for students with disabilities in order to create necessary conditions for their comprehensive education whether via scholarship, special material-technical base or any other privileges.

Article 38. Obligations of a Student

A student shall be obliged to learn all the subjects defined by the University program, which he/she selected at his/her own will and learning of which is compulsory; to observe the university statute; to get familiar with relevant legal acts of the university from time to time and fully meet their requirements.

Article 39. Disciplinary Liability of a Student

1. The disciplinary proceedings against a student should be proportional to a disciplinary misconduct and shall be enforced only in cases envisaged by Georgian legislation, the Law of Georgia on Higher Education, this statute, the Code of Ethics of the University, internal regulations and disciplinary liability norms through fair procedures.

2. The beginning of disciplinary proceedings against a student shall not limit a student's right to participate in educational process except of the cases envisaged by this statute, internal regulations and disciplinary liability norms if it endangers the rights and health of others and property and safety of the University. The decision about disciplinary proceeding against a student shall be made by the board of that faculty at which the student is enrolled. A student shall have the right to attend the proceedings against him/her.

3. During disciplinary proceedings, a student shall have the right to:

- a) Receive a well-substantiated decision in writing about beginning the disciplinary proceedings against him/her;
- b) Attend a disciplinary hearing and exercise his/her right to defence;
- c) Provide a relevant body of the university with all information and evidence having at disposal;
- d) Participate in examination of the evidence obtained by the relevant body of the University;
- e) Request that the case against him/her be discussed at a public meeting.

4. The decision about disciplinary proceedings should be substantiated and based on the evidence obtained through observing the Georgian legislation and legal acts of the University.

5. The student shall have the right to appeal the decision of the university against him/her in court.

Article 40. Student Self-Government

1. Student self-governments shall be created at the university according to the faculties via secret balloting based on general, fair and direct elections.
2. The unity of student self-governments elected at the faculties is the self-government of the university, which approves the regulations of the student self-government.
3. The student self-government pursuant to its regulations shall:
 - a) Ensure the participation of students in administration of the university;
 - b) Facilitate the protection of student rights;
 - c) Elect its representative in the faculty board;
 - d) Elaborate proposals in order to improve the university's administration system and teaching quality and submit them to the relevant governing body;
 - e) Perform other duties and rights prescribed by the regulations.
4. The university administration shall have no right to interfere with the activities of the student self-government.
5. The assignments allocated for student events shall be reported in the parameters defined by economical classifier of the university budget.

Article 41. Suspension and Termination of Student Status

1. The grounds for suspension of student status shall be:
 - a) Failure to undergo administrative (financial indebtedness) or academic registration;
 - b) Illness, if the inability to participate in educational process is evidenced by relevant document;
 - c) Studies in a foreign higher educational institution;
 - d) Own application;
2. On the basis of subparagraphs "b" and "c" of paragraph 1 of this article, a student shall apply with the request about status suspension to the Rector of the University not later than within 5 weeks after beginning a learning process. After expiration of this date the student shall have no right to request suspension of his/her status in the current semester and the permission to use the tuition fee in the next semesters. On the basis of subparagraph "d" of paragraph 1 of this article, a student shall apply with the request about status suspension to the Rector of the University not later than within 2 weeks before beginning a learning process. After the expiration of this date the student shall have no right to request suspension of his/her status in the current semester and the permission to use the tuition fee in the next semesters.
3. In case of long-term and grave illness the exception from the rules stipulated by paragraph 2 of this article may be determined by the Order of the Rector.

4. Maximum term of status suspension is 5 years, except as otherwise provided by law.
5. The ground for suspension of student status shall be as follows:
 - a) Suspension of student status for more than 5 years during the study period;
 - b) If a student graduates from a relevant level of educational program;
 - c) Own application;
 - d) Failure to receive credit in the same compulsory educational program three times;
 - e) The decision made by the faculty board against the student upon disciplinary proceedings based on the Code of Ethics and Internal Regulations and Disciplinary Liability Norms;
 - f) Death;
6. Other legal issues related to suspension and termination of student status shall be solved pursuant to the current legislation and the rules set forth in the university's legal acts.

Chapter VI

Stages of Education at the University

Article 42. Stages of Education

1. There is a three-stage academic higher education at the university. The first stage may include the teacher training program. .
2. There are vocational education programs at the university.
3. There is a special educational program in Georgian language at the university.
4. An educational program shall cover average 60-65 credits per year at the university.
5. A holder of a teacher's certificate shall acquire master's degree in case of successful passing of 60-credit educational program.

Article 43. Awarding an Academic Degree and Issuance of Education Proving Document

1. After graduation from a relevant educational stage, the university shall award a relevant academic degree to a person.
2. After finishing each level of education a relevant diploma with standard annex shall be issued.
3. A person, who fails to finish a relevant educational level, shall be given an appropriate certificate.

Chapter VII

University Financing, Budget, Property and State Control

Article 44. Budget of the University

1. Drafting of the next year budget of the university shall be coordinated by the Head of Administration.
2. The next year draft budget of the university shall be developed through consultations with faculties and other structural units of the university.
3. The Head of Administration, through the agreement with the Academic Council, shall submit the draft budget to the Senate for approval.
4. The Senate shall consider the submitted draft budget and either approve it or return it to the Head of Administration with appropriate comments.
5. If the Head of Administration agrees with the comments, the Senate shall approve the budget considering the presented comments.
6. If the Head of Administration does not agree with the comments of the Senate, he/she shall have the right to return back reasonably substantiated initial version of the budget to the Senate for further approval. The proposals of the Academic Council shall be attached to the substantiation submitted to the Senate.
7. If the Senate does not approve the budget again, it shall become the basis for termination of term of office of the Head of Administration and the budget shall be approved upon its submission by new Head of Administration.

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Article 45. Funding of the University

1. The funding of the university shall be oriented to teaching and research activities, as well as staff training, retraining and professional development.
2. The sources of funding are listed below:
 - a) Tuition fee, which is covered by the state grant and state postgraduate grant (only with regard to an accredited higher educational programs);
 - b) Funds received through grants, donations or a will;
 - c) Research grants awarded by the state on the basis of competition;
 - d) Program financing allocated by the ministries;
 - e) Incomes received from fulfillment of the state order;

- f) Incomes received from the work fulfilled on the basis of agreements;
- g) Incomes received from other activities, including economic activities permitted by Georgian legislation.

Article 46. Economic Activities of the University

1. The university may carry out economic activities permitted by Georgian legislation.
2. The university shall have power to establish entrepreneurial (commercial) and non-entrepreneurial (non-commercial) legal entities of public law according to the regulations defined by Georgian legislation.

Article 47. Property of the University and State Control

1. The property of the university comprises the assets transferred thereto by the state, natural and legal entities of private law, as well as the assets acquired by the institution at its own expense.
2. The state control over the university shall be executed by the Ministry of Education and Science of Georgia, which performs the supervision over the legitimacy, expediency and effectiveness of the university activities as well as over its financial and economic activities. The Ministry of Education and Science of Georgia shall have power to request from the University any material and information necessary for exercising state control.
3. With the consent of the Ministry of Education and Science of Georgia, the university shall be entitled to perform the following:
 - a) Real estate acquisition, alienation and mortgage of university-owned assets;
 - b) Taking a loan;
 - c) Warranty;
 - d) (Removed - 15.09.2014, №122/n);
 - e) Other decisions related to the university's property if they go beyond ordinary activities.
4. The refusal of the Ministry of Education and Science of Georgia for implementation of the activities envisaged by paragraph 3 of this article should be well-founded. The refusal may be appealed in the superior state agency and/or in court.
5. Acquisition, alienation or leasing of real estate of the university completely or partly, as well as any decision related to the property, if it goes beyond the educational and scientific-research activities, shall be made only by the Senate with the consent of the Ministry of Education and Science of Georgia and the Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia pursuant to Georgian legislation.

6. In order to perform the activities stipulated by subparagraphs “b” and “c” of paragraph 3 of this article, the consent of the Ministry of Finance of Georgia is necessary.

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Article 48. Drawing up and Auditing the University’s Balance Sheet

The University shall be obliged to perform accounting of financial and economic activities of the university according to the rules defined by Georgian legislation, draw up the balance sheet and submit it to the Ministry of Education and Science of Georgia for approval. The annual balance sheet of the university shall be audited by an independent auditor appointed by the Ministry of Education and Science of Georgia.

Chapter VIII

Reorganization, Liquidation

Article 49. Reorganization and Liquidation of the University

1. Reorganization and liquidation of the university shall be carried out according to the rules set forth in Georgian legislation.
2. Reorganization and liquidation of the university shall be carried out by the Government of Georgia upon nomination of the Ministry of Education and Science of Georgia and in accordance with Georgian legislation.

Chapter IX

Amendments to the Statute

Article 50. The Rules of Making Amendments to the Statute

1. The draft amendments to the statute shall be developed by the Senate with the participation of the Academic Council and submitted to the Ministry of Education and Science of Georgia for approval.
2. Adoption of the university statute, its annulment, making amendments and additions to it shall be carried out according to the rule defined by paragraph 1 of this article.

Chapter X

Transitional and Final Provisions

Article 51. Transitional Provisions

1. Pursuant to paragraph 1 of Resolution No 187 of the Government of Georgia as of July 29, 2013 on Transformation (Reorganization) of Non-Entrepreneurial (Non-Commercial) Legal Entity – Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University (identification code 204864548), the term of office of the Academic Council shall be valid till October 20, 2014, the term of office of current members of the Senate (Representative Council) and its Speaker shall be valid till November 2, 2014 and the term of office of the Rector and Head of Administration (Chancellor) shall be valid for the remaining term of office.
2. With the purpose of establishing the Faculty of Psychological and Educational Sciences envisaged by subparagraph “g” of paragraph 2 of article 18, the direction of psychological sciences shall be separated from the Faculty of Social and Political Sciences, and the direction of educational sciences shall be separated from the Faculty of Humanities in order to establish the Faculty of Psychological and Educational Sciences through the merger of the above mentioned directions.
3. The governing bodies, within their competence and in accordance with current legislation, shall ensure the implementation of all necessary procedures related to establishing and functioning of the Faculty of Psychological and Educational Sciences envisaged by subparagraph “g” of paragraph 2 of article 18 of this statute.
4. All the measures (including organizational measures) necessary for establishing the Faculty of Psychological and Educational Sciences envisaged by paragraph 2 of article 18 of this statute shall be completed no later than December 31, 2014.

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Article 52. Final Provisions

1. Paragraph 7 of article 7 of this statute shall come into effect from October 20, 2014. One third of the members of the Academic Council, which is subject to renewal, shall be defined by sortition. The sortition and the principle of its holding shall be defined by the Academic Council at its meeting.
2. Paragraph 7 of article 10 of this statute shall come into effect from November 2, 2014.
3. Paragraphs 5 and 6 of article 35 of this statute shall come into effect from January 1, 2014.
4. For the purposes defined by subparagraph “c” of paragraph 3 of article 32, full professor elected on this position before enactment of this statute shall be considered a professor envisaged by this statute.

5. Before enactment of this statute, the requirements set by this statute for assistant professors shall not apply to assistant professors elected on academic positions before expiration of their terms of office.
6. Paragraph 4¹ of article 21 of this statute shall come into effect from March 1, 2015.

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