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## MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY COUNCIL

16-18 December 2019

University of Warsaw

Krakowskie Przedmieście 26/28, 00-927 Warszawa

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY COUNCIL

Wednesday – 17 DECEMBER 2019

### (1) Meeting of the University Council

- Approving the agenda.

The agenda was approved unanimously.

- Approval of the minutes of the meetings of the University Council held on 15-17 September 2019.

The minutes of the meetings held on 15-17 September 2019 were approved unanimously.

- Technical and organisational matters.

Professor Bujnicki notified members of the University Council that interpreters will be present at some meetings and that the meeting with members of the Senate (on Wednesday) will be held in Polish (interpreter services will be provided).

Members of the Council were asked to submit their updated CVs and photographs that will be published on the website of the University Council.

- Deputy chairperson (voting): Marynika Woroszyńska-Sapieha was elected the deputy chairperson of the University Council.
- Approval of the schedule of meetings of the Council for 2020:
  - 20-21 February;
  - 7-9 June;
  - 30 September – 2 October;
  - 13-14 December.

### (2) Higher education reform in Poland, with special emphasis put on the new research evaluation system

Members of the University Council were provided with information about the scientific research evaluation system introduced in Poland by the new Law on Higher Education and Science, related documents, as well as activities and decisions that were taken or are planned by the University of Warsaw in order to face challenges related to this system change. Members of the University Council discussed this topic with the Rector's Team.



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### **(3) Financial planning and reporting**

A short description of the financial planning and reporting system was presented, followed by a discussion.

### **(4) Financial position of the University after the third quarter**

During the meeting, the financial position of the University after the third quarter of 2019 and the draft resolution of the Rector of the University of Warsaw on the interim budget for 2020 were discussed.

### **(5) Doctoral schools – a new element of the higher education system in Poland**

At the beginning, invited guests were asked to present their views on the doctoral school system implemented at the University of Warsaw. Then, members of the University Council asked several questions on principles for co-authoring of scientific papers, cooperation between schools, faculties and doctoral candidates, unification of education programmes, dissertation supervisor recruitment, new scientific disciplines emerging and the ability of the University of Warsaw to deal with issues such as e.g. neuroscience connected with humanities, solutions preventing exploitation of doctoral candidates as cheap labour, cooperation with the external world (external dissertation supervisors from outside the University of Warsaw, persons from outside the University of Warsaw sitting on doctoral committees).

Professor Bujnicki asked invited guests to present their opinion in writing and said that the Council would be interested in meeting again to discuss other issues.

### **(6) Meeting of the University Council: UW-WUM Federation**

During the meeting, the status of matters related to the establishment of the federation with the Medical University of Warsaw was presented, draft resolutions were discussed and approved with few amendments (unanimously).

TUESDAY – 18 DECEMBER 2019

### **(7) Meeting of the University Council**

At the beginning of the meeting, members of the University Council discussed the procedure for nominating candidates for the position of the Rector.

The second part of the meeting referred to preparation for the meeting with the Senate.

### **(8) Meeting with the Senate of the University of Warsaw**

It was the first meeting of the University Council and members of the University Senate. After a short introduction by M. Pałys, the Rector, Professor Bujnicki presented matters that are currently discussed by the Council and tasks taken up by the University Council since its establishment. Then, the supporting role of



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the Council as well as matters that the Council could analyse or engage in to provide support and help to the University d were discussed.

Issues discussed during the meeting were as follows:

- vision of the development of the University of Warsaw, goals and tasks should be accepted by the academic community;
- changes in the financial system introduced by the new Law on Higher Education and Science should involve changes to internal solutions inspiring organisational units;
- research evaluation;
- image of the University of Warsaw
- external view on weaknesses of universities and support in finding proper solutions;
- good use of excellent opportunities that opened up to the University of Warsaw.

Members of the Senate were asked to contact the Council whenever the need arises.

### (9) AOB

The Council voted on amended resolution on the procedure for nominating candidates for the position of the Rector. All four members of the Council present voted “for” this resolution.

The Council amended the section titled “Open call for candidates for the position of the Rector of the University of Warsaw.” At the same time, the decision was made to keep confidential all applications submitted in the procedure by persons interested in the position of the rector.

It was agreed that the information on the open call should be published as soon as possible. The Council was of the opinion that the call should be international and consequently the information thereon should be published on the “Times Higher Education” and/or “The Chronicle” websites. It was agreed that consultations on this matter with authorities of the University of Warsaw will be held.

The Council decided to continue work remotely and to use electronic communication means instead of holding additional meetings.



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**Participants:**

The University Council:

Prof. Janusz Bujnicki (Chair)  
Prof. Pearl Dykstra  
Prof. Poul Holm  
Prof. Krzysztof Redlich  
Marynika Woroszyńska-Sapieha  
Kamil Bonas

The University of Warsaw:

Paulina Bełdyga  
Bartosz Jurczak

**Guest participants:**

**(2) The reform of HE in Poland, with the emphasis on the new research evaluation system**

- Prof. Marcin Pałys, Rector
- Prof. Jolanta Choińska-Mika, Vice-Rector for Student Affairs and Quality of Teaching
- Prof. Maciej Duszczyk, Vice-Rector for Research and International Relations
- Prof. Andrzej Tarlecki, Vice-Rector for Human Resources and Financial Policy

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**(4) University financial situation after 3Q**

- Prof. Andrzej Tarlecki – Vice-Rector for Human Resources and Financial Policy
- Ms. Ewa Miłkaszewicz – Vice-Chancellor, Bursar
- Dr Artur Chełstowski – Vice-Chancellor for Economic Affairs
- interpreter

**(5) Doctoral Schools – a new element in the HE system in Poland**

- Prof. Cezary Cieśliński – director of the Doctoral School of Humanities
- Prof. Paweł Swianiewicz – director of the Doctoral School of Social Sciences
- Prof. Jerzy Tiuryn – director of the Doctoral School of Exact and Natural Sciences
- Natalia Greniewska – President of the Association of Doctoral Candidates
- Przemysław Decewicz – member of the Board of the Association of Doctoral Candidates