



UNIVERSITY
OF WARSAW

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE UNIVERSITY COUNCIL



2019

INTRODUCTION

The first University Council of the University of Warsaw was established by the decision of the Senate of the University of Warsaw in May 2019. Appointing only persons from outside the community of the University of Warsaw was one-of-a-kind decision in Poland. Such a composition of the University Council enables it to look at the functioning of the University, its internal structure and operating mechanisms, discussions and plans of new initiatives from a completely different, wider perspective. This solution can bring several benefits to the University, but also comes with great responsibility. Therefore, from the very beginning, the University Council wanted to support the University, its authorities, other bodies and the community, be an active participant of the discussion about the future and development of the University, provide advice and help, share external perspective and experience. Understanding the great complexity of an organisation such as the University of Warsaw is undoubtedly a challenge for people who had no relationship with the University before. Consequently, the University Council invited representatives of the University's community to discuss specific issues. These meetings enabled members of the Council to see how diverse the University is, figure out opinions on specific issues of persons engaged in 2 and responsible for particular tasks, compare their ideas and views with knowledge, experience and opinions of members of the University community.

prof. dr hab. Janusz Marek Bujnicki
Chairperson of the University Council



COMPOSITION OF THE UNIVERSITY COUNCIL

In 2019, the composition of the University Council of the University of Warsaw was as follows:

1. Professor Janusz Marek Bujnicki (chairperson);
2. Professor Pearl Dykstra;
3. Professor Poul Holm;
4. Professor Krzysztof Redlich;
5. Marynika Woroszyńska-Sapieha (deputy chairperson);
6. Katarzyna Zajdel-Kurowska;
7. Kamil Bonas.





TASK PERFORMANCE FORM AND PROCESS

In 2019, the University Council exercised its powers based on provisions of:

- the Act of 20 July 2018 – Law on Higher Education and Science (uniform text: Journal of Laws of 2020, item 85),
- Statute of the University of Warsaw (UW Monitor of 2019, item 190)
- Rules of the University Council (UW Monitor of 2019, item 252).

The work schedule of the University Council for 2019 included five meetings that were held on the following dates:

- 30 May (meeting by remote communication means);
- 9-10 June;
- 12 July (meeting by remote communication means);
- 15-17 September;
- 16-18 December.

Meetings were recorded in minutes that, after approval, were made available to the academic community of the University of Warsaw on the main website of the University, which ensured access to information on activities of the Council.



SCOPE OF WORKS OF THE UNIVERSITY COUNCIL DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD

Works of the University Council concentrated both on current issues related to the activities of the University and on the strategy for further development of the University of Warsaw.

Initially, expressing an opinion on the draft statute of the University of Warsaw was the main focus of work. In order to better understand issues and discuss proposed provisions of the draft statute, the University Council met not only with the Rector's Team, but also with Chairpersons of Senate committees.



Subsequently, the Council took up issues of strategic importance to the University including, inter alia:

- 4EU+ Alliance,
- Excellence Initiative – Research University,
- Multi-Annual Programme,
- University's Integrated Development Programme
- establishment of the federation with the Medical University of Warsaw.

The Council examined the effect of strategic initiatives on the development of the University in four dimensions, i.e. research, education, impact on the social and economic environment, as well as internal organisation, administration and management of the University.

Questions related to the aforementioned programmes and projects were discussed with members of the Rector's Team, faculty deans and heads of selected general university units, and also with the University Council of the Medical University of Warsaw in case of issues related to cooperation with the Medical University of Warsaw.



As a new element of the science and higher education system, and a new system for scientific activities evaluation, doctoral schools were considered to be of key importance for the future of the University of Warsaw. The meeting pertaining to parameterisation was focused on discussion of tools and mechanisms that the University has or plans to implement in order to ensure the best possible effect of categorisation. The new model of education of doctoral candidates at the University of Warsaw was discussed during the meeting with heads of doctoral schools and representatives of the Board of Doctoral Candidate Self-Government.

The University Council also worked on issues related to the election of the rector of the University of Warsaw. Members of the University Council familiarised themselves with the University's election procedures, including details of the indicative election mechanism. The Council defined the procedure in relation to the Council's duty to nominate candidates for the position of the rector.



During the Council's meetings with the participation of representatives of the chancellor's offices, the University Council also monitored the financial position of the University.

One of the meetings involved discussion with the Chancellor's Team aimed at providing members of the University Council with information on real estate management, infrastructure and IT services, as well as investments in progress and planned.



RESOLUTIONS OF THE UNIVERSITY COUNCIL

The following resolutions were passed at the meetings of the University Council:

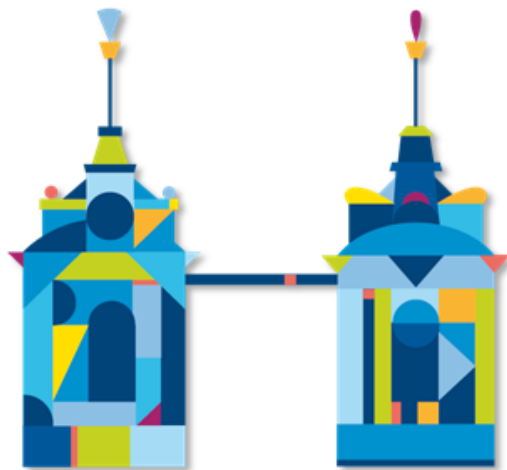
RESOLUTION No. 1 of 10 June 2019 on expressing an opinion on draft Statute
(UW Monitor, 2019, item 182);

RESOLUTION No. 2 of 17 September 2019 on the enactment of the Rules of the University Council
(UW Monitor, 2019, item 252);

RESOLUTION No. 3 of 17 December 2019 on the appointment of the Deputy Chairperson of the University Council for the 2019-2020 term
(UW Monitor, 2019, item 401);

RESOLUTION No. 4 of 17 December 2019 on the strategic importance of cooperation of the University of Warsaw with the Medical University of Warsaw
(UW Monitor, 2019, item 402);

RESOLUTION No. 5 of 18 December 2019 on the procedure of selecting candidates for the position of the rector for the 2020-2024 term
(UW Monitor, 2019, item 403).



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