



UNIVERSITY
OF WARSAW

University Council

Minutes of the University Council video-conference

Date: Thursday, May 30th, 2019

Time: 13:00 – 15:00 CEST

1. Welcome and introduction

a. Adoption of the agenda

The Agenda was adopted with changes in time schedules, as the beginning of the video-conference was delayed due to technical problems.

b. Tour de table

During tour de table members of the Council presented brief information about their field of expertise and professional experience.

2. Technical and organizational matters

a. Meeting recording

The Council concluded that the minutes of Council's meetings will be prepared after each meeting and adopted by the Council, to inform the university community about the Council's work. Professor J. Bujnicki informed members of the Council about the possibility to have the meetings recorded. The subject was discussed and agreed that specific meetings or their parts may be recorded upon request of the Council, especially in case of very complex issues.

In regard of transparency Professor J. Bujnicki explained that the Council will be administratively and organisationally supported by Ms. Paulina Bełdyga, who was present during the video-conference, and informed members of the Council about the fact that Ms. Bełdyga coordinates work of rector and vice-rector of the University of Warsaw, which makes a direct link between the Council and the rector's office. Professor Bujnicki noted that the ex officio membership of the Chair of Student Council, Mr. Kamil Bonas, provides another direct link of the University Council with the university community.

a. Other urgent organizational matters

No other urgent organisational matters were brought up and discussed.

3. Tasks, responsibilities, and roles of the University Council (13:20-13:45)

a. Legal context

Prof. Bujnicki summarized the context of the New Act on Higher Education and university council as a completely new body in Polish HE system. He also informed participants about council's tasks defined in the act.

b. UW in the wide context: Expectations and concerns of the academic community

Prof. Bujnicki informed the members of the Council about his participation in the Senate meeting on Wednesday, May 29th. He recounted issues brought up by members of the university community during the meeting..

c. Urgent matters

Prof. Bujnicki informed the members of the University Council about two urgent tasks: the opinion on the draft statute and the adoption of the rules of procedures of the Council.

d. Expectations and views of the members of the Council

Members of the University Council agreed that taking into account all the issues brought up by members of the Senate, the discussion regarding the role of the Council and expectations of its members should be planned for the next meeting.

e. Working methods of the Council

Members of the University Council agreed that the working methods of the Council will be discussed along with the rules of procedures.

4. Draft statute – update on situation + course of work

Prof. Bujnicki informed the members of the Council that the first reading of the draft statute was finished on May 29th, and that the amendments introduced during the first reading have changed significantly some parts of the draft. The University Council will receive the new version of the draft statute as soon as possible.

5. Discussion of the most urgent tasks

a. Opinion on the draft statute

The Council discussed the draft statute and agreed to continue the discussion of the updated version of the document at the next plenary meeting. The participants agreed that the Chairman will invite representatives of the University Senate to meet with the University Council on June 10th and that members of the Council may establish individual meetings with the community of the University of Warsaw.

b. Rules of Procedure of the UW Council

It was agreed that the details of the Rules of Procedure will be discussed during the meeting on June 10th, and that the draft proposal (to be prepared by the administration of the University of Warsaw) will be distributed as soon as possible.

6. Planning of the UW Council meeting on June 10th (draft agenda attached) and subsequent meetings

It was conformed that the next meeting will take place in the University of Warsaw and starts at 10:30. Details of the meeting will be distributed as soon as possible.

Present:

Members of the Council: Janusz Bujnicki (Chair), Poul Holm, Krzysztof Redlich, Marynika Woroszyńska-Sapieha.

University of Warsaw: Paulina Bedyga