

VYTAUTAS MAGNUS UNIVERSITY DORMITORY SELF-GOVERNMENT REGULATIONS

I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. Vytautas Magnus University Dormitory Self-government Regulations (hereinafter - Regulations) determine the range of Vytautas Magnus University (hereinafter – University) dormitory self-government, goals of activity, order of elections.
2. Concepts and abbreviations used in the Regulations:
Agreement for Accommodation – an agreement between the University and a person who, under the established University order, is allotted a living place in the University dormitory;
Resident – a person who has entered into the Agreement for Accommodation with the University and is living in the dormitory for a period longer than 2 (two) months;
SRC – the University Student Representative Council;
SAD – the Student Affairs Department.

II. DORMITORY'S SELF-GOVERNMENT

3. Dormitory's self-government – activities of the Residents, that are legalised by the University, which goals are to solve communal questions of Residents at it is implemented through:
 - 3.1 General Resident Meeting (hereinafter – Meeting) – highest authority of Resident self-governance, established to deal communal issues of Residents;
 - 3.2 Dormitory council (hereinafter - DC) – collegial Resident self-government body acting in the dormitory of the University.
 - 3.3 Chairperson of Dormitory council (hereinafter – Chairperson) – sole Resident self-government body acting in the dormitory of the University, who legally represents interests of Dormitory residents and mediates in cases of misunderstandings or problems between residents and University's (dormitory's) administration.
4. Dormitory self-government activities are coordinated by SAD in cooperation with SRC.

III. GENERAL RESIDENT MEETING

5. Meeting may be convened to discuss and (or) deal with public questions and problems of residents. Meeting shall be chaired by the Resident, who has initiated the meeting, Chairperson, SRC president or a proxy appointed by the president.
6. Every Resident has one vote in the Meeting. Decisions that were adopted in the Meeting are legal if they were approved by no less than 50 Residents. Chairperson and responsible members of University (Dormitory) administration must take the decisions of the Meeting into account.

IV. DORMITORY COUNCIL

7. For activities of the Dormitory council, Chairperson is directly accountable to SAD and SRC, upon whose request or by his/her own discretion has to inform them about his/her plans and operating activities and under personal possibilities participate in meetings, that are convened by SAD or SRC.
8. Chairperson forms and heads for the Dormitory council. Mandates of the Dormitory council are provided and removed by the Chairperson. The member of Dormitory council may be removed for inappropriate functions by the director of SAD by an agreement of president of SRC. Member of DC may resign by informing about his/her decision the Chairperson, who informs SAD and SRC. DC member automatically loses their mandate, if their Agreement for accommodation is terminated.
9. DC members help the Chairperson implement following goals:
 - 9.1 To represent the interests of the dormitory Residents in University's (dormitory's) administration;
 - 9.2 To represent University (dormitory) requirements among residents;
 - 9.3 To maintain the integrity of community;
 - 9.4 To carry out social and cultural activities;
 - 9.5 To mediate in cases of misunderstandings or problems between residents or residents and administration.

V. PROCEDURE OF SELECTION OF DORMITORY COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON

10. Dormitory Council Chairperson selection is administrated by SAD, electoral procedure is conducted by SRC, Chairperson is elected by the Meeting.
11. In the beginning of each academic year in public spaces of the University and dormitories SAD and SRC announces the competition for a position of each of University's dormitories council Chairperson and indicates the requirements of the selection, terms and other conditions.
12. Candidate to a position of Chairperson (hereinafter – Candidate) has to complete the application – questionnaire, submits documents, that are referred in the requirements of the competition and other information, which in his/her opinion is relevant.
13. Formal requirements to stand as a candidate to a Chairperson position are:
 - 13.1. Motivation to become the Chairperson of the Dormitory council;
 - 13.2. Operational outlines of Dormitory Council;
 - 13.3. Experience in public activities;
 - 13.4. To be living in the dormitory, in which person is a candidate, for no less than 6 months;
 - 13.5. To not have any penalties in the University;
 - 13.6. In individual cases may be referred other additional requirements.
14. Formal analysis or submitted application is performed and the decision about the suitability of candidates to participate in the competition, is made by SAD.
15. Selection is performed by SAD together with SRC under these procedures:
 - 15.1. All candidates are invited for an interview with representatives of SAD and SRC;
 - 15.2. During the interview candidates are assessed taking into consideration their submitted documents and suitability to become the Chairperson of the Dormitory council;
 - 15.3. The selection criteria are not are not defined, therefore performers of selection have right to determine which student may be selected as a candidate to become a Chairperson.

16. All selected candidates, whose number is determined by performers of selection, have a right to candidate to a position of the Chairperson. Candidates, who were not selected at the time of selection, does not have no right to appeal.

V. PROCEDURE OF ELECTION OF DORMITORY COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON

17. In the beginning of each academic year, within a specified times et by SAD and SRC, on the initiative of SRC, the Meeting for Chairperson selection is organised under these procedures:

17.1. Information about the convened meeting, by indicating procedure of Chairperson election, date, time and place is publicly announced for residents;

17.2. Meeting is chaired by the president of SRC or his/her authorised person.

17.3. During the meeting:

17.3.1. During the meeting chairperson presents results of University dormitory council Chairperson selection and introduces candidates to the Chairperson position. Candidates to Chairperson position, have right to introduce themselves for participants of the Meeting and answer their questions.

17.3.2. Residents appoint a commission of votes' calculation, which is responsible for calculation of votes and publication of results. Members of votes' calculation commission cannot be candidate to a position of the Chairperson.

17.3.3. Each resident receives a voting bulletin, in which all candidates to the Chairperson position are indicated. It is voting in favour of only one candidate. As a Chairperson is elected the candidate, who:

17.3.3.1. Obtains majority of votes, but no less than $\frac{1}{2}$ of residents, who are participating in the meeting, votes.

17.3.3.2. If none of the candidates obtain $\frac{1}{2}$ of votes, the second ballot is performed by electing one of two candidates with the same highest number of votes. In the second ballot the elected person is the one, who obtains majority of votes.

17.4. The votes' counting commission shall write the General Resident Meeting protocol signed by the chair of the meeting and all members of the vote counting commission. The protocol shall be kept in SAD.

18. The duration of terms of the Chairperson shall be one year. Mandate starts after votes' counting commission announces the elected Chairperson and expires after election of another Chairperson.

19. The Chairperson shall have a right to resign by informing about it SAD and SRC.

20. The Chairperson can be suspended for failure to properly fulfil obligations or functions, by the decision of the Director of SAD with an approval of the President of SRC. The Chairperson automatically loses his/her delegated powers if his/her Agreement for accommodation is being terminated.

21. After Chairperson loses his/her powers, new Chairperson shall be elected under procedures that are indicated in these regulations.

22. If only one candidate is contesting in the Chairperson election and candidate was selected in accordance with the procedure referred to in the section V of these regulations, when he/she is appointed to the position of Chairperson by the decision of SAD Director and SRC, without holding the residents meeting. Residents should be publicly informed about the appointed Chairperson by the SRC, SAD and Chairperson itself.

VII. FINAL PROVISIONS

23. The exceptions to this Description shall be applied by the Rector or by the person authorized by the Rector.

24. On the basis of its position Chairperson is exempted from paying Dormitory accommodation fees for the duration of the appointment. Moreover, Chairperson and other members of DC, taking into account their activity and in accordance with the legal acts of the University, may be awarded various tax allowances, scholarships or other types of encouragement.
