

REGULATIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL OF VILNIUS UNIVERSITY LIFE SCIENCE CENTRE

I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. The International Advisory Council (hereinafter referred to as the Advisory Council) of Life Sciences Centre (hereinafter referred to as LSC) of Vilnius University (hereinafter referred to as the University) is a group of persons who comply with the requirements set down to the leading scientists and (or) a partnership professor or a partnership associate professor which has been formed seeking to help LSC of the University carry out world-class research and acquire a greater international recognition.

2. The main aim of the Advisory Council is to put forward recommendations to LSC of the University concerning the issues of organising scientific research and assessment, contribute to formulating the research themes and help it in forecasting trends of scientific research.

II. FORMATION OF THE ADVISORY COUNCIL AND PRINCIPLES OF WORK

3. The Advisory Council consists of 7 (seven) persons who, following consultations with the scientists of LSC of the University, the Vice-Rector for Research of the University and the Department for Research and Innovations, are approved by the LSC Council for a five-year term.

4. Candidates for the members of the Advisory Council who comply with the requirements laid down in Article 1 can be put forward to the LSC Council by the LSC scientists, the Head of the LSC, members of the Directorate of the LSC, other members of the LSC administration and the LSC Council.

5. The approved members of the Advisory Council shall sign the Confidentiality Agreement (Annex 1).

6. The composition of the Advisory Council shall be publicised on the Internet website of the LSC.

7. The functions of the Advisory Council shall be as follows:

- 7.1. to assist the LSC Director and LSC Board in assessing, analysing, and forecasting international research trends, identifying perspective research areas in the context of the societal and business needs;
- 7.2. to assess the research potential and topics of the LSC, and advice on further development of LSC research capacities;
- 7.3. to promote and assist in establishment of international cooperation and international visibility of the LSC;
- 7.4. to make recommendations to the LSC Director and LSC Board on the development, modernisation and internationalisation of the studies programs, in particular doctoral studies;
- 7.5. to advise the LSC Director and LSC Board on issues related to the university-business collaboration and commercialization of LSC Intellectual property

8. Members of the Advisory Council shall have the right to receive information from the University, the LSC and, without violating the Confidentiality Agreement, to exchange this and other information necessary to the implementation of the planned functions.

9. Meetings with a usual length of one or two working days shall be the form of the activity of the Advisory Council. The Chairperson of the meeting elected by the members of the Advisory Council shall preside over the meetings.

10. The meeting of the Advisory Council shall be convened on the decision of the Head of the LSC (the Director) at least once within a calendar year. Additional meetings can be held by means of remote communications.

11. The Head (the Director) of the LSC, members of the LSC Council, members of the LSC Directorate, the Vice-Rector for research of the University, other persons invited by the Advisory Council or the Head (the Director) of the LSC can participate in a meeting of the Advisory Council.

12. The Advisory Council shall usually adopt their decisions by mutual agreement. If necessary, voting can be announced and decisions shall be made by a majority of votes of the participants in the meeting. In case the votes end in a tie, the decisive vote shall rest with the member of the Advisory Council who is presiding over the meeting.

13. The decisions of the Advisory Council are recommendatory in nature (hereinafter referred to as Recommendations).

14. The Head (the Director) of the LSC shall forward without delay the Recommendations adopted to the LSC Council, the Rector of the University and the Vice-Rector for Research. All scientists of the LSC and members of the Directorate shall have the right to become acquainted with the Recommendations.

15. Information about the activities of the Advisory Council and the Recommendations adopted shall be publicised on the LSC Internet website. The Recommendations shall be publicised in so far as they do not violate the principles of confidentiality.

16. The Head (the Director) of the LSC and (or) the Council, in urgent cases or seeking to make the provisions of the Recommendations presented by the Advisory Council more exact, shall have the right to address the Advisory Council at another time too, not only during the meetings.

17. A member of the Advisory Council shall have the right to resign from the Advisory Council having notified the Head (the Director) of the LSC thereof in writing.

III. FINAL PROVISIONS

18. Having coordinated with the Senate Research Committee of the University, the LSC Council shall approve the Regulations of the Advisory Council.

19. The LSC shall inform the Vice-Rector for Research of the University about the formed Advisory Council and present him/her with the minutes of the meetings of the Advisory Council.

20. The Head (the Director) of the LSC shall be responsible for organising the activities of the Advisory Council.

21. The LSC of the University shall cover the expenses of the members of the Advisory Council incurred on them by their participation in the activities of the Advisory Council.

CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT

Vilnius University

(Name and surname of a member of the Advisory Council)

No. _____ 20 ____

As a member of the International Advisory Council (hereinafter referred to as the Advisory Council) of the Life Science Centre (hereinafter referred to as LSC) of Vilnius University, I **pledge the following:**

1. to preserve and to use confidential information which will become available to me while taking part in the activities of the Advisory Council exclusively for the purpose and in the procedure established by the laws and other legal acts of the Republic of Lithuania;
2. not to disclose information that I received while taking part in the activities of the Advisory Council to third parties;
3. to use the documents entrusted to me and the information obtained exclusively for the purpose of fulfilling the functions of a member of the Advisory Council.

It has been explained to me that confidential information means all information about the activities of Vilnius University and the LSC of Vilnius University received, with the exception of the information, which is publicly available or concerning which written confirmation of the LSC of Vilnius University was obtained stating that it is not confidential, or if it must be disclosed by order of law enforcement authorities or other institutions of competent jurisdiction that have the right to obtain confidential information.

I have been informed that violation of this Agreement might cause compensation for damages and losses incurred on Vilnius University.

(Signature of a member of the Advisory Council)

(Name, surname of a member of the Advisory Council)