

General Regulations of the Statute on International Students Unions of the Educational Institution “Grodno State Medical University”

Part 1. Introduction

1. The following statute regulates activity International Students Unions at the Educational Institution “Grodno State Medical University” (hereinafter – GrSMU). A Union of international students (hereinafter – Unions) is a public student union.
2. There are five Unions in GrSMU: Nigerian or African, Middle Asian, Indian, Sri Lankan and Maldivian.
3. Unions’ activities are regulated by the Republic of Belarus Constitution, Educational Code, law on “Legal status of foreign and stateless nationals in the Republic of Belarus”, and legislation; Statute of the educational institution “Grodno State Medical University”, inner legal acts of GrSMU, and the following statute.
4. GrSMU administration, dean and vice-deans of the Medical Faculty for International Students of GrSMU (hereinafter – the Faculty) provide methodological and organizational support of Unions activities.

Part 2. Unions’ Main Aims and Tasks

5. The aim of Unions establishing and functioning is rallying GrSMU’s international students for a better academic performance, active involvement in public and cultural life of GrSMU, support of international students, and introduction to history and culture of the Republic of Belarus.
6. Unions main tasks are:
 1. provision of information and psychological support to international students of GrSMU;
 2. friendship and cooperation among international students of GrSMU;
 3. cooperation with an Embassy or Consulate of the native country in the Republic of Belarus;
 4. rendering help to international students of GrSMU in adaptation to social and cultural life; academic process in GrSMU;
 5. prevention of international students of GrSMU from violations;
 6. involvement of international students into public and cultural life of GrSMU, Grodno, and the Republic of Belarus;
 7. holding cultural, academic, scientific, sport and other events (concerts, conferences, meetings, forums with international students of GrSMU);
 8. introduction of international students of GrSMU cultural achievements and historical heritage of the Republic of Belarus;
 9. promotion of interaction between authorities of the university and medical faculty for international students and international students of GrSMU in questions concerning educational process in GrSMU.

Part 3. Unions’ Structure

7. The main managing body of unions is the Assembly of each Union (hereinafter – the Assembly) headed by Union’s Chairperson.
8. Between Assemblies, the managing body of a Union is a Council of each Union (hereinafter – the Council) headed by the Council’s Chairperson who is a union’s Chairperson.
By Rector’s Order, mentors of a Council are appointed. Their aim is to coordinate activities of a particular union.
Members of a Council and Union are rewarded for their active participation in a Council’s work by the Rector of GrSMU decision. The basis for a reward is a report by the Dean or application by a mentor of a Council for a significant contribution to a Council’s activities.
9. Each Union’s functioning bodies are Sectors of each Union (hereinafter –the Sector) which work in accordance with the present Statute is to achieve aims of the present Statute.

10. There are for constantly working sectors:
 1. academic and legal (making plans and their execution, students meetings organization, academic performance and attendance control, educational work with violators of Internal Regulations for students and Accommodation Rules of a hostel);
 2. accommodation and housing (sanitary control over blocks, where a Union members reside, following Accommodation Rules of a hostel, Fire Safety Rules, management of block's senior people work, cultural and sport events organization together with hostels' educators);
 3. cultural (organization and holding cultural events together with Vice-Dean for extra-curricular activities, tutors and hostels' educators);
 4. sport (sport events organization together with physical training teachers).
11. A Sector is headed by the leader of a sector who, as member of a Council, forms a sector with 3–5 people.
12. Sector's members can have their own meetings organized by their leader.
13. The superior body of Union management is a Council of Unions operating in accordance with the Statute approved by the Rector of GrSMU.

Part 4. Assembly Procedure and its Competence

14. An Assembly is considered authorized if 2/3 of the Union's members are present. Each member and Union's mentor are given one vote.
15. An Assembly is held when it's necessary but no less than once a year. By Chairperson's initiative, an Assembly may be extra-ordinary.
16. A memo is made and announced by the Chairperson.
17. Each member of a Union has got one vote at an Assembly. If votes are even, the Chairperson's decision is final.
18. All decisions at an Assembly are made by the majority of all present members.
19. Voting results are reflected in an Assembly minute. Minutes are comprised by a secretary and signed by the Chairperson.
20. A decision taken at an Assembly is obligatory for all union members.
21. The Chairperson's Deputy can head an Assembly if the Chairperson delegates necessary duties.
22. An Assembly members have the following rights to:
 1. appoint the Chairperson, Deputy, secretaries of an Assembly and Council;
 2. approve members of a Council comprised by the Chairperson of a Union (a Council), Deputy, Leaders of Sectors, Council's secretary;
 3. approve main activities of a Union;
 4. admit new members to the Union or expel present members;
 5. approve the Union's working plan;
 6. approve an annual report of the Chairperson.

Part 5. Rights and Duties of the Chairperson

23. The Chairperson is appointed at an Assembly for a two-year term. The term can be prolonged.
24. The Chairperson's duties are to:
 1. comprise an annual plan of the Union's activities;
 2. call the Union's Assembly;
 3. coordinate the Deputy and leaders of sector's work;
 4. prepare an annual report on the Union's activities and submit it at the annual Assembly and the Faculty's Council;
 5. keep the data on the number of the union's members.
25. The Chairperson has a right to:
 1. make decisions and give instructions or commands to the members of the Council;
 2. familiarize with projects of the administration of the Faculty's decisions that concern the Union's activities;
 3. make proposals on planning, organization, and advancement of work and cooperation with international students at GrSMU to the administration of the Faculty;
26. The Chairperson is allowed to cease the duties before the term ends in case of illness, expulsion, or other reasons. For that, the Chairperson must put forward this question for further discussion at the

regular Assembly and announce the decision, followed by re-election. The acting Chairperson before a re-election is the Chairperson's Deputy.

27. The Chairperson can be released of the duties before term ends activities in case of unfulfilling the duties in accordance with the aims and tasks of the Statute or its violation. The proposal on duties release must be put forward by no less than 1/3 of the Union's members. 2/3 of the Union's members must vote for it for the positive outcome. With positive outcome, elections of a new Chairperson must take place within one month. The Chairperson's Deputy is at the head of the Union till next elections of the Chairperson.

Part 6. Members of the Union, their Rights and Duties

28. To become a member of the union, a student needs to submit an application.
29. The rights of the Union members are to:
1. elect and be elected in managing bodies of the Union;
 2. take part in activities, to fulfill aims and tasks of the Union;
 3. receive information of the Union activities and make proposals for activities advancement;
 4. take part in any activities of the Union;
 5. leave out the union;
 6. do any other actions that do not violate the present Statute;
30. The members of the Union are obliged to:
1. follow the present Statute;
 2. take part and do not miss (without a valid reason) the Union's meetings;
 3. follow the Union's decisions;
 4. provide support for activities that fulfill aims and tasks of the Union;
 5. fulfill the obligations;
 6. maintain good reputation of their country;
31. Union's membership is ceased at:
1. a member's own will;
 2. graduation from GrSMU;
 3. expulsion due to violations of the present Statute;
 4. re-organization or liquidation of the Union.

Part 7. Mentors of the Council

32. Mentors from the Dean's office are also members of the Union's Council.

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