

**EXCERPT FROM DECISIONS OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL
UNDER PROTOCOL No. 18 from 17.02.2025**

Statement from the Supervisory Board regarding the Annual Financial Report of MU–Varna for 2024:

In 2024, the trend of increasing revenues of MU–Varna and expedient and effective management of expenses continued. This shows stable and consistent financial management, which ensures sustainable development of the University and achievement of its goals. The Supervisory Board gives **a positive statement** on the budget implementation report for 2024 and proposes that it be adopted by the Academic Council and the General Assembly of the Medical University of Varna.

Regarding: adoption of the annual financial report of MU–Varna for 2024.

The Academic Council has decided:

1. Adopts the annual financial report of the Medical University of Varna for the 2024 calendar year, including the Report on the cash execution of the budget and the accounts for funds from the European Union by units, activities, paragraphs, and subparagraphs of the Unified Budget Classification.
2. Approves the amount of expenses incurred for representation purposes for 2024.
3. Approves the amount of expenses incurred for the activities of the Student Council for 2024.
4. Approves the amount of expenses incurred for social, domestic, and cultural services for the workers and employees of the Medical University of Varna.

regarding and change of the annual schedule of the educational process at MU–Varna for the 2024/2025 academic year.

The Academic Council has approved an amendment to the annual "Schedule of the Educational Process for the 2024/2025 Academic Year" for full-time students in the educational and qualification degrees: "Professional Bachelor", "Bachelor", and "Master" at the Medical University of Varna, **by extending the period** set for the liquidation exam session from **27.08.2025 to 12.09.2025**.

regarding the enrollment of foreign guest lecturers in the education of students in the different majors at the Medical University of Varna.

The Academic Council has decided:

The participation of foreign guest lecturers in the education of students in the different majors by a decision of the Faculty Council, upon proposal by the Department Council, coordinated with the Vice-Rector of Academic Affairs, the head of the main unit, and the Rector. The proposal indicates the names of the lecturer, the number of classes, duration of the training (the period for which the contract is to be signed), the topics of the curriculum, and the discipline from the curriculum of the respective major.

For the needs of the Medical College, the affiliates, and the Department of Foreign Language Training, Communications and Sports, the proposals are submitted to the Academic Council by the director of the relevant structural unit, based on a decision of the council of the main unit/Department Council for the affiliate.

The Medical University of Varna can cover the travel and accommodation expenses of foreign guest lecturers.

The Medical University of Varna signs a contract for conducting a training and ensures payment (if requested) of 80 euros per academic hour to foreign guest lecturers included in the training of students.

The Academic Council has approved the relevant amendments to the "Internal Rules for Managing Processes When Entering into Service Contracts with External Contractors, Private Entities, for the Execution of Activities Specific to Medical University "Prof. Dr. P. Stoyanov" – Varna".

regarding the remuneration of part-time lecturers when conducting training in courses at the Vocational Training Center.

The Academic Council has decided:

In Appendix No. 2. "Remuneration of Part-Time Lecturers at the Vocational Training Center" to the *Internal Rules for Process Management When Entering into Service Contracts with External Contractors, Private Entities, for the Execution of Activities Specific to Medical University "Prof. Dr. P. Stoyanov"*, a new item 4 is created with the following content:

"For certain courses conducted at the Vocational Training Center, in view of the specifics of the profession and the training conducted, the Academic Council may determine a remuneration different from that specified in items 1, 2, and 3."

regarding authorization of companies assisting in attracting foreign applicant students at MU–Varna.

The Academic Council has decided:

1. Approves for the upcoming admission of the 2025/2026 academic year the authorization of companies assisting in attracting foreign applicant students at MU–Varna,
2. Companies are issued an authorization letter following a template adopted by a decision of the Academic Council from 02.12.2024, providing an opportunity to promote and advertise the University, including through the use of advertising materials provided by MU–Varna (photos, videos, brochures, etc.) and presenting the conditions for admission among potential foreign candidates.
3. The Medical University of Varna does not enter into contracts with the intermediary companies and does not pay any remuneration, including commissions, for candidates referred by them.

regarding the refusal to recognize higher education acquired at a foreign higher education institution of a candidate for enrollment in a doctoral program.

The Academic Council has decided to refuse recognition of higher education, EQD "Master" in Pharmacy of for the purpose of enrolling in a doctoral program at Medical University "Prof. Dr. Paraskev Stoyanov" – Varna.

regarding approval of the candidates participating in the second stage of the National Program "Young Scientists and Postdoctoral Fellows – 2" of the Ministry of Education and Science.

The Academic Council has decided: Approves the candidates participating in the second stage of the National Program "Young Scientists and Postdoctoral Fellows – 2" of the Ministry of Education and Science in the Faculty of Dental Medicine, Faculty of Pharmacy, and Faculty of Public Health, according to Appendix No. 1 hereto.

regarding the announcement of a competition for additional admission of full-time and part-time doctoral students for the 2024/2025 academic year.

The Academic Council has decided to announce a competition for **additional admission for** full-time and part-time doctoral students for the 2024/2025 academic year in accordance with the Decision of the Council of Ministers on Doctoral Programs as follows:

Code	Fields of Higher Education, Professional Fields, and Doctoral Programs	Forms of Training	
		Full-time	Part-time
1	2	3	4
7	Health and Sports		
7.1.	Medicine		
	Obstetrics and Gynecology	2	
	Cardiology		1
	Cardiac Surgery	1	1
	Surgery (Department of General and Operative Surgery)	2	

	Pharmacology (incl. Pharmacokinetics and Chemotherapy)	1	
	Physiotherapy, Balneology, and Rehabilitation		1
7.2.	<i>Dental Medicine</i>		
	Prosthetic Dentistry (Department of Dental Material Science and Prosthetic Dentistry)	1	
	Surgical Dentistry	1	
7.4.	Public Health		
	Public Health Management (Department of Social Medicine and Health Care Organisation)	1	
	Public Health Management (Department of Economics and Health Care Management)	1	
	Health Care Management – Shumen	1	
	TOTAL:	11	3

regarding extension of an employment contract under § 11 of the Transitional and Final Provisions of the Higher Education Act.

The Academic Council approves the decision of the Faculty Council of the Faculty of Pharmacy to extend the employment contract of **Prof. Dr.** for a period of one year (*third extension*), effective from 26.02.2025, Department of Pharmacology, Toxicology and Pharmacotherapy, Faculty of Pharmacy, Medical University of Varna.

regarding approval of participation fees and sponsorship rates for the "Fourth National Stroke Conference with International Participation" in the period 07–08.06.25.

The Academic Council approves the following fees for the "Fourth National Stroke Conference with International Participation" in the period 07–08.06.2025, which will be held in person in the First Auditorium of MU–Varna:

1. Fees for participation in the scientific event:

- ✓ Specialist participants: 100 BGN.
- ✓ Postgraduate participants: 50 BGN.
- ✓ Free participation for all students, as well as employees of the Medical University of Varna and St. Marina University Hospital, Varna.

2. Forms of participation and fees for companies, the prices indicated are excluding VAT:

Sponsorship with presentation – 1500 leva;

Sponsorship provides:

- ✓ Plenary time – 20 min;
- ✓ Company advertisement video during coffee breaks;
- ✓ Logo in conference materials – area proportional to sponsorship;

Sponsorship without presentation – 1000 leva.

Sponsorship provides:

- ✓ Company advertisement video during coffee breaks;
- ✓ Logo in conference materials – area proportional to sponsorship;

The funds related to the event, received in the account of the Medical University of Varna, will be used to cover the costs of organizing the conference.

regarding announcement of competitions:

- to announce a competition for the academic position of **Assistant** in the field of higher education 7. Health and Sports, professional field 7.1. Medicine, specialty: **Imaging Diagnostics – three positions, 0.5 full-time position each, Department of Imaging Diagnostics, Interventional Radiology**, Faculty of Medicine, Medical University of Varna, and **0.5 full-time position for the Clinic of Imaging Diagnostics** at St. Marina University Hospital, Varna.
- to announce a competition for the academic position of **Associate Professor** in the field of higher education 7. Health and Sports, professional field 7.1. Medicine, specialty: **Nuclear Medicine –**

one position, 0.5 full-time position for **TS Nuclear Medicine** at the Department of Nuclear Medicine, Metabolic Therapy and Radiotherapy, Faculty of Medicine, Medical University of Varna, and **1** full-time position for **the Clinic of Nuclear Medicine and Metabolic Therapy** at St. Marina University Hospital, Varna.

- to open a position of a Lecturer for the **Medicine** major – **three, each 0.5** full-time position for **the Department of Oncology** at the Faculty of Medicine, Medical University of Varna, for teaching Propaedeutics of Internal Medicine and Oncology, EQD Master of Medicine.

- to open the position of a Specialty Lecturer for the discipline Roentgenology, Radiology – BLT and ELT – **1 position, 0.5** full-time position Specialty Lecturer in Nuclear Medicine for the TS Nuclear Medicine at the Department of Nuclear Medicine, Metabolic Therapy and Radiotherapy, Faculty of Medicine, Medical University of Varna.

- to open a position of Specialty Lecturer for teaching the discipline Roentgenology, Radiology – BLT and ELT, **1 position, 0.5** full-time position Specialty Lecturer – Radiotherapy for TS Radiotherapy at the Department of Nuclear Medicine, Metabolic Therapy and Radiotherapy, Faculty of Medicine, Medical University of Varna.

regarding the election of Head of Department of the Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences.

After a vote by the Department Council under Protocol No. 2/17.02.2025 and approval by the Faculty Council with Protocol No. 35 of 17.02.25, **Prof. Zornitsa Ivanova Zlatarova-Angelova**, MD, PhD, DSc was elected as Head of the Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences for a new four-year term, **effective from 18.02.2025**.

regarding the selection of a teacher of Bulgarian as a foreign language.

The Academic Council has decided to select a lecturer in Bulgarian as a foreign language at the Department of Slavic Languages and Communications in the Department of Foreign Language Teaching, Communications and Sports.

regarding contracts with part-time lecturers

The Academic Council has decided to sign civil contracts with part-time lecturers for the summer semester of the 2024/2025 academic year for the Nursing and Midwifery programs at the Shumen Affiliate.

regarding the adoption of an individual training plan in doctoral programs

The Academic Council has adopted **an individual training plan for a PhD student enrolled in a doctoral program at the Medical University of Varna**, a full-time PhD student in the Health Care Management doctoral program, field of higher education: 7. Health and Sports, professional field 7.4 Public Health with a dissertation titled "Role of the Midwife in Supporting Vulnerable Families and Their Children from 0 to 3 Years Old".

regarding updating the curricula for the 2023/2024 academic year of the programs: "Artificial Intelligence in Biomedicine" and "Artificial Intelligence in Healthcare".

The Academic Council has approved an update to the curricula of the programs: "Artificial Intelligence in Biomedicine" and "Artificial Intelligence in Healthcare", with the addition of the option to complete the training by passing a state exam. The amendment enters into force with the curriculum for the 2023/2024 academic year.

regarding announcement of a competition for the academic position of Associate Professor.

to announce a competition for holding the academic position **Associate Professor** in the specialty: Eye Diseases (Bulgarian- and English-language training), in the field of higher education: 7. Health and Sports, professional field: 7.1. Medicine – **0.5 full-time position**, Department of Optometry

and Occupational Diseases, Faculty of Public Health, and **1 full-time position** for University Specialized Eye Hospital, Varna.

regarding the organization and conducting of additional exam session for students of the programs: "Artificial Intelligence in Healthcare" and "Artificial Intelligence in Biomedicine".

The Academic Council has decided:

1. An additional exam session shall be organized and held in the period from February 19, 2025 to March 7, 2025 inclusive, with the exception of March 1–3, 2025, to take exams from past periods of study for students of the "Artificial Intelligence in Healthcare" and "Artificial Intelligence in Biomedicine" programs at the Faculty of Public Health, conducted in a part-time form of study,

2. Students who have successfully passed all exams for the first and second semesters of studies in the "Artificial Intelligence in Healthcare" and "Artificial Intelligence in Biomedicine" programs after the additional liquidation exam session shall continue their studies in the third semester following an individual curriculum approved by the Dean of the Faculty.

3. Students who are lecturers and employees of the Medical University of Varna are exempt from paying a fee for the additional exam session, determined by the Academic Council.

regarding additional financing for the purchase of an ultrasound device for eye and orbit examination.

The Academic Council has decided to additionally finance the purchase of an eye and orbit ultrasound examination device (A-, B-scan), for which a decision was made by the Academic Council under Protocol No. 14/02.12.2024.

regarding supplement to the Annual Publishing Plan for 2025

The Academic Council has approved an addition to **the Annual Publishing Plan for 2025, section TEXTBOOKS AND HANDBOOKS, consisting of the publication: Professional Communication in English: Pharmacy**.

Chairman of the Academic Council:

Prof. Dimitar Raykov, MD, PhD, DSc, Rector