



EXCERPT FROM THE MEETING OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL MINUTES No. 40 OF 11 May 2026

Regarding the announcement of a competition for the academic position of “Senior Assistant”.

The Academic Council resolved to announce a competition for the academic position of “Senior Assistant” — one position, 0.25 full-time equivalent, in the specialty of “Plastic, Reconstructive and Aesthetic Surgery,” within the field of higher education 7. Healthcare and Sport, professional field 7.1. Medicine, for the Department of General and Operative Surgery at the Faculty of Medicine. The requirement under Art. 112, Para. 2, Item 3 of the Regulations for the Development of the Academic Staff of the Medical University of Varna shall not apply, insofar as it concerns the requirement that candidates must have served as lecturers under an employment contract at a higher education institution (HEI) and/or a scientific organisation (SO) and/or as honorary lecturers at an HEI and/or SO for no less than 2 years in total, with a teaching load of no less than 40 hours per year on average.

Regarding the approval of the election of the Director of the Department of Foreign Language Training, Communications and Sport.

The Academic Council elects Assoc. Prof. Iliana Tsvetanova Doykova, Ph.D. in Philology, as Director of the Department of Foreign Language Training, Communications and Sport for a second four-year term, effective from 21.05.2026 to 20.05.2030 inclusive.

Regarding the approval of the Academic Year Schedule for MU-Varna for the 2026/2027 academic year.

The Academic Council approves the attached annual “Academic Year Schedule for 2026/2027” for full-time students enrolled in the educational and qualification degrees of “professional bachelor,” “bachelor,” and “master” at the Medical University of Varna.

Regarding the approval of a fee for the course “Ultrasound and Doppler Diagnostics in Obstetrics and Gynaecology.”

The Academic Council resolved to approve a fee of €153.39 / BGN 300 for participation in individual training on the topic “Ultrasound and Doppler Diagnostics in Obstetrics and Gynaecology,” with a duration of 5 teaching days.

Regarding the approval of the election from the concluding session of the scientific jury.

The Academic Council elects Dr. Yonka Ivanova Kornovska, MD, PhD, as Associate Professor in the specialty of “Obstetrics and Gynaecology,” within professional field 7.1. Medicine, field of higher education 7. Healthcare and Sport, at a 0.5 full-time equivalent position in the Department of Health Care, Shumen Affiliate.

Regarding the signing of a cooperation agreement.

The Academic Council resolved to conclude a Cooperation Agreement between the Medical University of Varna and the Society of Laparoscopic and Robotic Surgeons (SLS).

Regarding the restructuring of the Second Department of Internal Medicine.

The Academic Council resolved to restructure the “Second Department of Internal Medicine” effective from 18.05.2026, as follows:

1. The current Second Department of Internal Medicine shall be closed.

2. Four new departments shall be established from the existing teaching sectors:
 - Department of Endocrinology and Metabolic Diseases;
 - Department of Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition;
 - Department of Nephrology, Haemodialysis and Toxicology;
 - Department of Haematology.
3. Employees in the educational sectors shall be reassigned to the respective departments as of the same date. Competitive procedures initiated before 18.05.2026 for the teaching sectors shall be considered announced for the needs of the respective departments. Doctoral students enrolled in the Department shall be considered enrolled in the departments corresponding to the scientific field (specialty under Ordinance No. 1 on the acquisition of specialty in the healthcare system) of their dissertation.

Regarding the restructuring of the First Department of Internal Medicine.

The Academic Council resolved to restructure the “First Department of Internal Medicine” effective from 18.05.2026, as follows:

1. The current First Department of Internal Medicine shall be closed.
2. Two new departments shall be established from the existing teaching sectors:
 - Department of Cardiology and Rheumatology;
 - Department of Pulmonary Diseases and Allergology.
3. Employees in the teaching sectors shall be reassigned to the respective departments as of the same date. Competitive procedures initiated before 18.05.2026 for the teaching sectors shall be considered announced for the needs of the respective departments. Doctoral students enrolled in the Department shall be considered enrolled in the departments corresponding to the scientific field (specialty under Ordinance No. 1 on the acquisition of specialty in the healthcare system) of their dissertation.

Regarding the announcement of competitions for the academic positions of “Assistant,” “Senior Assistant,” “Associate Professor,” and “Professor.”

The Academic Council resolved to announce a competition for the academic position of “Assistant” in the field of higher education 7. Healthcare and Sport, professional field 7.1. Medicine, specialty “Oncology” — 1 position, 0.5 full-time equivalent for the Department of Oncology at the Faculty of Medicine of the Medical University of Varna, and 1 full-time equivalent for the Clinic of Medical Oncology at St. Marina University Hospital in Varna.

The Academic Council resolved to announce a competition for the academic position of “Senior Assistant” in the field of higher education 7. Healthcare and Sport, professional field 7.1. Medicine, specialty “Obstetrics and Gynaecology” — one position, 0.5 full-time equivalent for the Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology at the Faculty of Medicine of the Medical University of Varna, and 1 full-time equivalent for the Maternity Ward at the Specialized Hospital for Active Treatment in Obstetrics and Gynecology “Prof. Dr. D. Stamatov” EOOD – Varna.

The Academic Council resolved to announce a competition for the academic position of “Associate Professor” in the field of higher education 7. Healthcare and Sport, professional field 7.1. Medicine, specialty “Orthopaedics and Traumatology” — one position, 0.5 full-time equivalent for the Department of Orthopaedics and Traumatology at the Faculty of Medicine of MU-Varna, and 1 full-time equivalent for the Clinic of Orthopaedics and Traumatology at St. Marina University Hospital in Varna.

The Academic Council resolved to announce a competition for the academic position of “Professor” in the field of higher education 7. Healthcare and Sport, professional field 7.1. Medicine, specialty “Maxillofacial Surgery” — one position, 0.5 full-time equivalent for the Department of General and Operative Surgery at the Faculty of Medicine of the Medical University of Varna, and 1 full-time equivalent for the Clinic of Maxillofacial Surgery at St. Marina University Hospital in Varna.

Regarding the extension of employment contracts beyond the age of 65 pursuant to § 11 of the Transitional and Final Provisions of the Higher Education Act.

The Academic Council resolved to extend, for a period of one year beyond the age specified in Art. 328, Para. 1, Item 10 of the Labour Code, the employment contract of Prof. Dr. Zlatislav Stoyanov Dimitrov, MD, PhD, DSc, effective from 01.06.2026 (third extension).

The Academic Council resolved to extend, for a period of one year beyond the age specified in Art. 328, Para. 1, Item 10 of the Labour Code, the employment contract of Assoc. Prof. Dr. Nikolay Todorov Evtimov, MD, PhD, DSc, effective from 22.05.2026 (second extension).

Regarding the announcement of competitions for the academic position of “Senior Assistant.”

The Academic Council resolved to announce a competition for the academic position of “Senior Assistant” in the field of higher education 7. Healthcare and Sport, professional field 7.4. Public Health, specialty “Nursing Care” — 1 position, 0.5 full-time equivalent for the Department of Health Care, Faculty of Public Health, and 1 full-time equivalent (7 hours) for the Clinic of Radiation Therapy at St. Marina University Hospital in Varna. Additional competition requirements: candidates must hold the educational and scientific degree of “Doctor” (PhD) in the specialty “Management of Health Care” and a professional qualification in “Nursing.”

The Academic Council resolved to announce a competition for the academic position of “Senior Assistant” in the field of higher education 7. Healthcare and Sport, professional field 7.4. Public Health, specialty “Management of Health Care” — 1 position, 0.5 full-time equivalent for the Department of Health Care, Faculty of Public Health, and 1 full-time equivalent (8 hours) for the Second Clinic of Cardiology, Department of Non-Invasive Cardiology at St. Marina University Hospital in Varna. Additional competition requirements: candidates must hold the educational and scientific degree of “Doctor” (PhD) in the specialty “Management of Health Care” and a professional qualification in “Nursing.”

Regarding the membership of the Medical University “Prof. Dr. Paraskev Stoyanov” – Varna in an international network.

The Academic Council resolved:

1. The Medical University of Varna endorses the principles of health-promoting universities set out in the Okanagan Charter;
2. The Medical University of Varna shall apply for membership and become a full member of the International Health Promoting Campus Network (IHPCN), effective from 2026.

Regarding the establishment of a commission to prepare documentation in connection with the programme accreditation of a new doctoral programme in “Medical Biology” within professional field 7.1. Medicine, field of higher education 7. Healthcare and Sport.

The Academic Council resolved to have the necessary documentation prepared in accordance with the criteria of NEAA (National Evaluation and Accreditation Agency) for initiating the procedure for programme accreditation of a new doctoral programme in “Medical Biology” in professional field 7.1. Medicine, field of higher education 7. Healthcare and Sport, by a commission comprising:

Chair: Assoc. Prof. Galina Aleksieva Yaneva, PhD. in Biology – Head of the Department of Biology.

Members:

1. Assoc. Prof. Desislava Marinova Marinova, MD, PhD – Department of Biology
2. Assoc. Prof. Tsonka Slavova Dimitrova, PhD in Biology – Department of Biology
3. Chief Asst. Prof. Dr. Ivan Hristov Vachkov, MD, PhD – Department of Biology
4. Chief Asst. Prof. Nikoleta Dobrominova Ivanova, PhD in Biology – Department of Biology
5. Chief Asst. Prof. Galina Traykova Nenkova, PhD in Biology – Department of Biology
6. Chief Asst. Prof. Maria Kiryakova Tsvetkova, PhD in Biology – Department of Biology
7. Asst. Prof. Svetla Dimitrova Slavova – Department of Biology
8. Asst. Prof. Dr. Stoyan Nikolov Stoyanov – Department of Biology
9. Asst. Prof. Kosta Savov Tepedelenev – Department of Biology
10. Lecturer Ivayla Nikolaeva Kuleva – Department of Biology
11. Irena Sashova Georgieva – Head of the Doctoral School Department
12. Lyudmila Boyarova – Head of the Human Resources Department

13. Romyana Radeva –Head of the University Library
14. Eng. Zhaneta Radkova – Head of the Publishing Department
15. Simona Uzunova – Head of the Quality Management and Accreditation Department
16. Teodora Ruseva – Expert, Quality Management and Accreditation Department
17. Neli Todorova – Expert, Quality Management and Accreditation Department

Regarding the approval of the updated Curriculum for the 2026/2027 intake, specialty “Pharmacy.”

Vote: In favour – 35; Against – 0; Abstentions – 0

Prof. Raykov announced the decision of the Academic Council: On the basis of Art. 30, Para. 1, Item 5 of the Higher Education Act, Art. 51, Item 6 of the Regulations on the Activities of the Medical University of Varna, and Art. 47, Para. 3 of the Regulations on Academic Activities at the Medical University of Varna, the Academic Council approves:

1. The updated Curriculum for the 2026/2027 intake, specialty “Pharmacy,” educational and qualification degree “master,” full-time study, with the professional qualification of “Master Pharmacist,” Bulgarian-language instruction;
2. The updated Curriculum for the 2026/2027 intake, specialty “Pharmacy,” educational and qualification degree “master,” full-time study, with the professional qualification of “Master Pharmacist,” English-language instruction.

Appendices: 1. Curriculum for the 2026/2027 intake, specialty “Pharmacy,” Bulgarian-language instruction. 2. Curriculum for the 2026/2027 intake, specialty “Pharmacy,” English-language instruction.

Regarding the approval of curricula for the specialties of the Medical College of Varna for the 2026/2027 academic year.

The Academic Council approves the curricula for the specialties of the Medical College of Varna for the 2026/2027 academic year:

1. Dental Technician
2. Public Health Inspector
3. Medical Cosmetician
4. Medical Laboratory Technician
5. Medical Optician
6. Radiographer
7. Rehabilitation Therapist
8. Pharmacy Assistant

Regarding the extension of an employment contract beyond the age of 65 pursuant to § 11 of the Transitional and Final Provisions of the Higher Education Act.

The Academic Council resolved to extend the employment contract of Prof. Elena Grozeva Zheleva for a period of one year (third extension), effective from 27.05.2026.

Chair of the Academic Council: Prof. Dr. Dimitar Raykov, MD, PhD, DSc – Rector