

**Ordinance N135/5 as of September 11, 2013 of the Minister of Education and Science of
Georgia**

Tbilisi

**About confirmation of the statute of Legal Entity under Public Law – Ivane Javakhishvili
Tbilisi State University**

Pursuant to the article 61 of the general administrative code, the paragraph “h” of the first clause of the article 7 of the law on “Higher Education”, N187 resolution of the Government of Georgia as of July 29, 2013 about “Reorganization of Non-commercial Legal Person Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University (identification code 204864548)” and on the basis of paragraph “1” of the clause 2 of the article 3 of the statute approved by the N37 resolution of the Government of Georgia as of May 21, 2004 about “Approval of the Statute of the Ministry of Education and Science of Georgia ”, **I order:**

Article 1

Approve the statute of the Legal Entity under Public Law – Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University in accordance with the appendix.

Article 2

Declare unenforceable the ordinance N208/5 of the Minister of Education and Science of Georgia as of December 28, 2011 about “Approval the Statute of Non-commercial Legal Person – “Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University”.

Article 3

The ordinance shall come into force immediately upon its publishing.

**Minister of Education and
Science of Georgia**

Tamar Sanikidze

Statute of the Legal Entity under Public Law – Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University

Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University is an autonomous higher education institution, a scientific and research and educational center established on the basis of classic European university model.

The first Georgian independent university established in 1918 on the steps of the Georgian educators, by Ivane Javakhishvili and his like-minded persons is a symbol of the civilization, democracy and self-sufficiency of the Georgian State, which aims at giving modern standard education to the students, at educating citizens having high level of state mind and conscience, integrating into the single European educational and scientific sphere.

Independence, academicism, fundamentalism and innovation, national and universal values define the specificity and unicity of the University.

The doors of Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University are open for all the students and professors, notwithstanding the race, skin-color, language, sex, religion, political or other opinions, national, ethnical and social appurtenance.

Chapter I

General Provisions

Article 1. Bases of the University Activities

1. Legal Entity under Public Law – Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University (hereinafter referred to as the “University”) is an autonomous institution aiming at conducting activities of higher education and scientific researches. It carries out the

educational programs of all the three academic higher education level, professional education programs, continuous professional improvement and resident programs.

2. The activity of the University is based on the Constitution of Georgia, international legal regulations, law of Georgia “About Higher Education”, requirements of other legislative and subordinate acts and this statute.
3. The full name of the University is: Legal Entity under Public Law – “Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University”. The abbreviation of the University name is “TSU”. Legal address of the University Administration is: N1 Ilia Chavchavadze Ave. Tbilisi, Georgia.
4. The University hold official seal, bank accounts, official web-site – www.tsu.edu.ge and other attributes of the legal person.
5. The official language in which the studies are carried out in the University is Georgian (teaching in other language, except private/individual courses, is permitted if it is prescribed by international convention or is agreed with the Ministry of Education and Science of Georgia).
6. The University in its own name acquires titles and obligations, concludes agreements and can claim at the court of law as a claimant or defendant.
7. Considering its purposes, the University acts through the whole territory of Georgia and beyond it.

Article 2. The Scope and Activity of the University

1. The main objectives of the University are as follow:
 - a) To facilitate development Georgian and world cultural values, orienting on ideals of democracy and humanism;
 - b) To get higher education correspondent to the interests and possibilities of the person, meet demands of qualification improvement and retraining;

- c) To realize personal potential, develop creative skills, prepare persons having competence in conformity of modern requirements, provide competitiveness of persons having higher education on inner and foreign labor markets, to offer qualified higher education to the interested persons which is correspondent to the requirements of the students and the society;
 - d) To prepare new scientists and their retraining, make and develop conditions for scientific research in order to provide the development of the State and viability of the higher education system itself;
 - e) To develop university education and research potential;
 - f) To develop three-stage academic study cycle at the University (undergraduate, post-graduate and PhD programs), develop certified doctor/dentist educational programs, professional programs, professional educational programs, continuous education, other educational programs, fundamental and practical scientific researches, carrying out high technologies and modern experiments, develop university traditions through innovative researches and teaching methods;
 - g) Integration of the University into European educational and scientific sphere;
 - h) To carry out joint educational programs and scientific and research projects together with the Georgian and foreign higher educational institutions;
 - i) To create a student-oriented university environment;
 - j) Professional improvement of the staff;
 - k) To protect academic independence;
 - l) Care about personal and professional development of the students and academic staff;
 - m) Generation and transfer of the knowledge, preparation of competitive staff;
 - n) Promotion of the mobility of the students and academic staff of the University.
2. In order to achieve goals prescribed by the first clause of this article, the University:

- a) Prepares a person for such professional activity that requires the use of academic and scientific knowledge;
- b) Takes care of the qualification improvement of its staff;
- c) Encourages the improvement of the social conditions of the students;
- d) Takes care of creating of the conditions of studies for the students with limited possibilities;
- e) Cooperates with other higher education and scientific and research institutions of Georgia;
- f) Encourages the international cooperation and interchange of the students and the professors with relevant foreign educational institutions;
- g) Takes part in implementation of state and/or other kind of programs according to the rules defined by the legislation;
- h) Serves to the development of science through learning, teaching and professional development in a free, democratic and socially legal environment;
- i) Awards an appropriate academic degree (degrees) and qualification;
- j) Ensures to make such other conditions that will encourage the implementation of the goals prescribed by the first clause of this article;
- k) Carries out other authorities granted by the legislation.

Article 3. The Status of the University and State Control

The University is established with legal status of Legal Entity under Public Law and the state control over its activities is exercised by the Ministry of Education and Science of Georgia pursuant to this statute and rules defined by the legislation.

Article 4. Symbols of the University and University Holiday

1. The University has its emblem, logo, flag and anthem.

2. The University holiday is 8th February – the day of establishment of the University.

Chapter II

Structure and Management

Article 5. Governing Bodies of the University and Structure

1. The governing bodies of the University are: Rector, Academic Board, Senate, Head of Administration and Quality Assurance Unit of the University.
2. The governing bodies of the main educational unit of the University – the Faculty are: Faculty Council, Dean and the Quality Assurance Unit of the Faculty.
3. The structure of the University consists of the main educational units – faculties, independent scientific and research units, university library, additional educational units, advisory council of the Rector, structural units of the administration of the University (administration) and of additional structural units, such as: Rector's Executive Office, executive office of the head of the administration, secretariat of the Senate and of the secretariat of Academic Board.
4. The auxiliary/additional education units of the University carry out auxiliary/additional educational activities and are authorized to take part in the study process.
5. The independent scientific and research units of the University carry out scientific and research activities and are authorized to participate in the study process.
6. The structure and rules of activities of the structural units defined by the clauses 4 and 5 of this article are determined by the statute of these structural units and which are approved according to the rules set by this statute.
7. In the University library scientific and research-related and historical and cultural documents are kept and organized in collections.

8. The University library includes an administration, structural units - libraries and reading halls which are allocated on the territories according to the profiles, as well as of storerooms/book stacks.
9. The University library:
 - a) Facilitates the process of University studies and scientific research, availability of library documents kept in library book stacks according to the modern library requirement for the students and academic staff;
 - b) Establishes library collections according to the educational and scientific requirements of the University;
 - c) Ensures registering, catalogue-making, classification of library units and their protection;
 - d) Ensures differential service to the readers in the reading halls, in the subscription department and in the libraries of the structural units of the University.
10. The structure of the University is approved by the Senate upon joint presentation of the Rector and the Head of Administration, which is reflected in the statute of the University.
11. The decision on forming or annul of educational structural units, independent scientific and research units is taken by the Academic Board and is approved by the Senate. The rules of activities of the educational structural units, independent scientific and research units are determined by this statute and the appropriate provision approved according to the regulation set by the present statute.

Article 6. The Principles of the University Management

1. The University ensures:
 - a) The publicity of the decisions of the University, reports of the Rector and the head of administration and separate administrative-legal acts;

- b) Academic freedom/independence of academic staff and the students;
 - c) Participation of the academic staff and the students in taking decisions and in the controlling of their fulfillment;
 - d) Equal conduct notwithstanding ethnical appurtenance of the person, sex, social level, political and religious opinions, etc.
 - e) Fairness and transperence of the elections at the University, publicity of competitions.
2. The unlimited norms of these principles could not be determined by the provisions of the structural units of the University.

Article 7. Academic Board

1. The Academic Board is a higher representative collegial body for carrying out academic (educational-scientific) activity. The Academic Board is made up of the Chairman of the Academic Board – the Rector and the members of the Academic Board being plenipotentiary members of the Council.
2. The members of the Academic Board are elected by all the members of academic staff and the representatives of the faculty member-students self-governances on the basis of direct, independent and equal elections via secret voting.
3. A member of the Academic Board is elected for the period of 4 years.
4. 2 representatives of each faculty are elected in the Academic Board. Elected will be considered two candidates having the best results according to the voting.
5. Full professor or associated professor is elected as a member of the Academic Board. A person can be elected as a member of the Academic Board only twice consecutively.
6. The bases of early termination of term of office of a member of the Academic Board are as follows:
 - a) Termination of his labor relations with the University;

- b) Acknowledgement as incapable or having limited capability by the court;
 - c) Enforceable guilty verdict;
 - d) Assignment to academic or administrative position in another higher educational institution;
 - e) Other cases defined by the legislation.
7. The membership of the Academic Board is subject to renovation by one third after 2 years.
8. In case of early termination of the authority of a member of the Academic Board, new elections may be held for a vacant position. A person is elected on the vacant position in terms for the period remained from the term of office of a member with terminated authority.

Article 8. The Authority of the Academic Board

1. Pursuant to the legislation and in order to carry out the goals prescribed by this statute, the Academic Board:
- a) Elaborates and approves strategic plan of the University development;
 - b) Upon the presentation of the faculty, approves educational and scientific-research programs and strategic plans for the development of the faculty;
 - c) Encourages/facilitates integration into the European region of higher education, development of the programs of the cooperation between educational institutions, mobility and integrated teaching, as well as programs for scientific researches;
 - d) Based on the free and equal election, upon secret voting and upon introduction of the listed majority, elects a chairman of the Academic Board – the Rector;
 - e) According to the listed majority presents a short-listed candidate in the competition for the position of the Head of Administration;

- f) According to the listed majority presents a motivated proposal about early termination of the authority of the head of administration;
- g) Presents to the Senate a new candidate of the head of administration within one month after the termination of authority of the head of administration;
- h) Participates in discussion of the statute of the University, provisions of the structural units and annual report of the head of administration;
- i) At the beginning of the academic year confirms the ratios for the unified entry examinations, as well as the number of the students at the faculties upon the presentation of the councils of the faculties;
- j) In cases determined by the Georgian legislation, defines the ratios for the post-graduate examinations according to the regulations prescribed by the decree of the Minister of Education and Science, as well as the number of the students at the faculties upon the presentation of the councils of the faculties;
- k) Upon the presentation of the councils of the faculties, defines limit of minimal competence for the examinations determined by the international exams and confirmed by the Ministry of Education and Science of Georgia;
- l) Defines the rules of recognition of credits received in other educational institutions;
- m) Upon presentation of the faculty council, approves the provisions of the dissertation committee of the faculty, including the rules of membership and of the dissertation committee and election of its chairman;
- n) Presents to the Senate a candidate for the position of the head of Quality Assurance Unit of the University for its approval;
- o) Defines the unified rules for hiring academic staff and competition, remuneration quantity and conditions and presents them to the Senate for the further approval;
- p) Presents the annual report to the Senate;
- q) Elects the head of the University library;

- r) Upon the introduction of the Quality Assurance Unit of the University, approves the evaluation rules of educational and scientific and research works;
- s) Defines rules and conditions of election on an academic position and dismissal of the persons over 60 as well as defines the remuneration for the persons having title of emeritus;
- t) Takes decision to create and annul educational units, independent scientific and research units and presents it to the Senate for further approval;
- u) Defines the limit of teaching load and presents it to the Senate for further approval;
- v) Confirms regulatory methods of the educational process;
- w) Upon the resolution approves provisions of additional educational units, independent scientific and research units and presents them to the Senate for further approval;
- x) Confirms the unified management model of educational and scientific structure of the faculty;
- y) Approves the provisions of Quality Assurance Unit of the University and presents them to the Senate for further approval;
- z) Upon the introduction of the faculty council takes decision on awarding the title of honorable Doctor of Philosophy and Emeritus;
- aa) Makes competition committees responsible for selection persons on academic positions, confirms their members and the work results of the committee;
- bb) Defines medals, awards and prizes of the University and confirms the conditions and rules for their receipt;
- cc) Carries out other authorities granted to it according to this statute and the Georgian legislation.

2. If the taking decision defined by the first clause of this article is related to financial and economic issues, the presence of financial and legal justification of the administration and appropriate structural units of the University is necessary.
3. The Academic Board is authorized, in virtue of the violation of the Georgian legislation by the Rector, or improper fulfillment of his/her obligations and/or on grounds of carrying out the activities improper to the Rector, to consider the early termination of the term of office of the Rector at the demand of one third of the members of the Academic Board. The decision on early termination of the term of office of the Rector is taken by secret voting and by the listed majority. The Rector does not participate in balloting. The appealing of the decision taken on this issue shall not suspend a disputable act.
4. In case of early termination of the authority of the Rector, before the election the new one, but not more than 6 months' period, the Academic Board appoint the acting Rector which has the whole authority and powers of the Rector granted to him/her pursuant to the Georgian legislation and this statute;
5. The congregation of the Academic Board is convoked on the initiative of the Rector and by not less than one third of the members of the Academic Board.
6. The Rector's membership of the Academic Board will be ceased in case of termination of his/her authority.

Article 9. The manner of congregations and organizational provision of the activities of the Academic Board

1. At the first congregation of the newly elected Academic Board the power of elected members is approved in the same manner as the power of the members of the Representative Board of the University.

2. The Academic Board is presided by the Rector of the University. In case of temporary inability to fulfill his/her obligations as a president of the Academic Board, the duties of the chairman of the Academic Board are fulfilled by the ranking member (father) of the Board that is defined by the decision of the Academic Board.
3. The Academic Board as a rule is gathered once every two weeks or as required.
4. The organizational, documental, legal and informational service of the members of the Academic Board is provided by the office of the Rector and the secretariat of the Academic Board.
5. The office of Rector and the secretariat of the Academic Board, in accordance with the Chairman of the Academic Board, forms the list of issues to be discussed at the congregation and gives it to the members of the Academic Board.
6. The members of the Academic Board have power to add issues to the agenda and inform about this the office of Rector and the secretariat of the Academic Board not later than 2 days prior the congregation.
7. The chairman of the Academic Board immediately upon the start of the congregation shall present the draft of agenda to be approved by the majority vote of the attendees.
8. The Academic Board has power to take decisions on the procedures via open balloting or otherwise, via majority of attendees.
9. The congregation of the Academic Board has authority if it is attended by more than half of its members. The secretary of the Academic Board registers the members before the congregation and decision-making (registration data are attached to the instrument of the congregation and is an integral part of it).
10. The decision of the Academic Board shall be considered as adopted if it is backed by the majority of its members. Each member of the Academic Board has only one vote. The member of the Academic Board has no right to abstain from voting.
11. Except as otherwise defined by the Georgian legislation, the voting at the congregation of the Academic Board is open.

12. One fourth $\frac{1}{4}$ of the members of the Academic Board has right to demand secret voting/ hold the congregation behind the closed doors. Such decision will be made if backed by the majority of the members.
13. The congregations of the Academic Board are recorded by means of instrument and the secretary of the Academic Board ensures its regularity. The instrument are accompanied by all those materials that are in connection with the issues of the agenda. The authenticity of the instrument shall be proved by the signatures of the chairman of the congregation and the secretary. The last page of the instrument shall be stamped by the seal of the University.
14. The Academic Board has power to adopt the resolution, statement and representation which are signed by the chairman of the Academic Board.
15. The Academic Board has power relying on the majority of its members, with the participation of its members to create committees and groups working on particular issues. It is possible to create committees and working groups with the participation of invited experts, public persons, university employees and other interested persons.

Article 10. Board of Representatives (Senate)

1. The representative body of the University is the Board of Representatives which is elected on the basis of the representation of the faculties and separately by students and academic staff, in a proportional manner of their presence at the faculties at the moment of the Senate election.
2. The Senate is elected for 4 years, via secret voting on the basis of general, direct, equal elections.
3. The members of the Board of Representatives shall be at least twice more than the members of the Academic Board. The students comprise one third of the members of the Board of Representatives. An assistant-professor being at the same time a doctoral

candidate takes part in the elections as a student. The number of the students shall be rounded in favor of the students and in order to define their quantity

4. The head of the University library is a member of the Board of Representatives.
5. The basis of termination of the member status of a student or a professor of the Representative Board, is consequently termination of his/her academic or labor relations with the University.
6. In case of early termination of the authority of a member of the Board of Representatives (Senate), his post will be held for the remaining period by a candidate having majority's vote at the elections. In case if there is not such candidate the new elections shall be held in order to elect a new candidate for the same term of office.
7. Representatives of administrative or additional staff as well as members of the Academic Board have no right to be elected in the Senate.

Article 11. The Authority of the Senate (Board of Representatives)

1. The Senate, pursuant to legislation in order to carry out the activities determined by this statute, shall:
 - a) With participation of the Academic Board, develop and discuss drafts of the University Statute, Statute changes and present them to the Ministry of Education and Science of Georgia for further approval;
 - b) Develop and approve the bylaws of the University, Code of Ethics and the standards for disciplinary liability;
 - c) On the basis of joint presentation of the Rector and the head of administration, together with the Academic Board, discuss and confirm the structure of the University by the majority of member-attendees. The results shall be written in the Statute of the University;

- d) On the basis of the presentation of the faculty board, approve the provisions of the faculty, Upon nomination of the Academic Board approve the provisions of additional educational units of the University, independent scientific and research units and Upon nomination of the head of administration approve provision of structural units of administration;
- e) Elect speaker of the Senate;
- f) Confirm annual report of the head of administration;
- g) Upon nomination of the head of administration confirm the structure of the administration of the University, the manner of employment of additional staff, remuneration quantity and conditions (salary fund);
- h) Upon nomination of the Academic Board confirm the elections' manner of Academic Board and the Senate;
- i) Define the total quantity of members of the future Board of Representatives (Senate) in accordance with the legislation;
- j) Upon nomination of the head of administration and with participation of the Academic Board discuss the budget draft of the University;
- k) Upon nomination of the head of administration approve the budget of the University and the changes to it according to the legislation;
- l) Upon nomination of the head of administration confirm the rules and manners of forming the budget of the University, which besides the fundamental principles of budget-forming might include the margins of principal parameters as well;
- m) Upon nomination of the Academic Board, confirm a candidate to the position of the head of administration;
- n) Have authority to early terminate the term of office of the head of administration, based on the motivated proposal of the Academic Board or on its own initiative;
- o) With the participation of the Academic Board hear the annual report of the head of administration before the end of the first quarter;

- p) Upon nomination of the Academic Board confirm the manner of employment of academic staff, remuneration quantity and conditions;
 - q) Upon nomination of the Academic Board determine/confirm limited volume of teaching load of a professor;
 - r) Upon nomination of the Academic Board confirm the head of the Quality service Faculty of the University;
 - s) Have right to create temporary work groups;
 - t) Confirm flag, emblem and anthem of the University;
 - u) Carry out other authorities granted by this statute and the Georgian legislation.
2. If the decision-making defined by the first clause of this article is related to financial and economic issues, the presence of financial and legal justification of the administration and appropriate structural units of the University is necessary.
 3. The Senate is authorized to make decision, as well as, hear the information and make recommendations.

Article 12. The Speaker of the Senate

1. The congregations of the Senate is organized and presided by the Speaker, which is elected by the Senate for 4 years.
2. The Speaker:
 - a) Ensures the possibility to express freely one's opinion and complete and comprehensive discussion of issues;
 - b) Puts the issue on the balloting and announces its results;
 - c) Is authorized to present a proposal about external discussion and balloting of the issues subject to the agenda;
 - d) Is authorized to take part in the congregations of temporary work groups of the Senate;

- e) Signs the instrument of the Board congregations.
3. The bases for early termination of term of office of the speaker are defined by the current legislation.

Article 13. The Manner of the Work of the Senate

1. The first congregation of the Senate shall be convoked not later than 5 days after the elections of the Rector.
2. The first congregation of the newly elected Senate is presided by the ranking member of the congregation.
3. At the first congregation of the Senate the chairman of the election commission of the University informs the Board about election results and gives the chairman of the congregation the documentation proving the authority of the Board members (election protocols, materials about election results, carrying out manner, claims received, statements and facts about violation of election legislation and other election-related information).
4. The chairman of the congregation shall introduce the information and documentation received from the election commission to the persons attending the congregation.
5. The decision about acknowledgment of the authority of the Senate members shall include all those persons whose elections were considered legally justified by the election commission of the University and by the majority of the attendees.
6. In the event if the number of persons whose authorities were acknowledged by the Senate is less than half of the whole membership, the congregation ceases its work. The next congregation of the newly elected Senate is convoked by the chairman of the election commission of the University in 10 days after the electing at least more than half composition of the whole membership of the Senate.

7. The Senate from its own members elects a speaker of the Senate via open balloting by majority of votes. The person is considered as elected if he/she is backed by more than half of listed members of the Senate. In the event if there is more than one candidate and none of them has collected the enough quantity of the votes, the repeated balloting should be held on the same day between the candidates with best results. In case if the winner is not still identified, the congregation of the Board of Representatives shall be convoked again within 5 days and speaker-election procedure will be held again.
8. The congregation of the Senate is convoked on the initiative of the speaker or by at least one third of the members of Senate.
9. The congregations of the Senate shall be conducted by the speaker of the Senate. Information about the congregations of the Senate, place, time and agenda will be published on the stand at the premises of the University and on the official web-site of the University at least 3 days prior to the congregation and will be informed to all the members of the Board of Representatives (Senate).
10. The request to hold extraordinary congregation (session) will be presented in written to the speaker of the Senate. The request shall include the justification to hold extraordinary congregation. In case of necessity, the extraordinary congregation is convoked by the speaker.
11. The members of the Senate shall attend the congregation without special invitation. During the work of Senate, its member has right to participate in discussion of all the issues within the competence of the Senate according to set rules. The member has right to make suggestions, comments or amendments on the issues under discussion, to propose candidates and express his/her own opinion about candidates to be confirmed or appointed by the Board of Representatives, to ask questions, to have other authorities granted by applicable legislation and this statute.

12. The Senate which is represented by the complete majority of the members is entitled to form/create commissions and/or groups of its members working on particular issues. The commissions and work groups might be composed by invited experts, public persons, employees of the University and by other interested persons.
13. The responsible for the convocation of the congregations of the Senate lays on the secretariat of the Senate.
14. The congregation has power if it is attended by more than half of the whole membership of the Senate. Before the opening of the congregation and before decision-making the members shall make registration at the Secretary of the Senate. (The registration data are attached to the instrument of the congregation and is an integral part of them).
15. The Board of Representatives makes its decisions with the majority of its listed candidates.
16. The congregations of the Senate might be held behind closed doors;
17. Confidential issues are proclaimed closed completely or partly by the majority of attendees. The circle of the attendees at the close congregation (except Senate members) is defined by the speaker of the Senate.
18. During the congregation, the invited persons are obliged to keep the ethical standards and other requirements.
19. The secretariat of the Senate ensures the organizational, legal, documental and informational support to the Senate.
20. The secretariat of the Board of Representatives (Senate) on agreement with the speaker, makes list of the issues subject to the discussion at the congregation and distributes it to the members of the Senate. The speaker of the Senate immediately after the start of the congregation presents the draft of agenda to be approved by the majority vote of the members.

21. The members of the Senate are entitled to add issues to the agenda and inform the secretariat of the Senate about it at least two days prior to the start of the congregation.
22. The issues subject to discussion at the congregation are identified at least three days prior to the congregation (except the agenda of the extraordinary congregation) indicating the spokespersons as well.
23. The Board of Representatives is entitled to make decisions about procedure and manners of congregation conducting via open balloting by the majority of votes of the attendees.
24. The Senate is entitled to make decisions about all the issues within its competence.

Article 14. The Rector

1. The Rector is a head of the University, a person holding the highest academic position at the University, a chairman of the Academic Board.
2. The Rector of the University shall be elected by the majority of the members of the Senate voting in person and shall hold office for 4 years. In case if none of the aspirants shall have enough number of votes, the second round of voting shall have place and the best first and second place aspirants shall participate in it. In the event if in the second round of voting there will be no winner, the date of new elections shall be fixed not later than 5 days. The issues related to the election shall be approved by the Academic Board.
3. A person holding a degree of Doctor of Philosophy or any academic degree equal to it may be elected on the position of the Rector.
4. The announcement about the beginning of registration of aspirants to Rector shall be

published by The Academic Board at least one month prior to the beginning of registration, considering the principles of transparency, equality and fair competition.

5. Before elections of the Rector the Academic Board evaluates the action plans of each aspirant.
6. The same person might be elected on the position of the Rector for two consecutive years.
7. A person who held a position of the head of administration has right to hold the position of the Rector of the University, only after one term of office from the moment of termination of his/her term of office as a head of administration.
8. Pursuant to the current legislation the Rector:
 - a) Shall power to administer the University within his/her competence;
 - b) Represents the University while dealing with the third parties inside and outside of Country in academic and scientific circles;
 - c) Shall have power to make agreements and covenants, including contract between the University and a student in the name of the University;
 - d) Shall power to make financial and economic agreements, which are signed by the head of administration as well;
 - e) With presentation of Faculty and independent scientific and research unit, defines the list of academic and scientific positions and with the presentation of the head of additional educational unit defines the staff list of this structural unit and presents them to the head of administration in order to inscribe them in the payroll of the University;
 - f) Shall have power to approve the single payroll of the University;
 - g) Within his/her competence shall power to determine the main directions of management of independent scientific and research units;
 - h) Shall have power to appoint and discharge Vice-Rectors;
 - i) Shall have power to appoint and discharge a head of additional educational unit;

- j) Shall have power to approve/employ and discharge directors of independent additional scientific and research units based on presentation of independent additional scientific and research unit or on his/her motivated initiative;
 - k) Upon nomination of a dean appoints and discharges vice-dean in the field of science and research;
 - l) Based on the justified statement of the Faculty, decides the vacations/leave of the academic staff;
 - m) Together with the head of administration presents the draft of the structure of the University to the Senate;
 - n) Shall power to decide issues necessary for efficient administration of scientific and research and academic activities of the University, if they are not within the competence of any other structural unit or office;
 - o) Shall power to fulfill other activities prescribed by the law.
9. The Rector within his/her competence enacts individual administrative and legal acts – ordinances of the Rector.
10. The Rector has Vice-Rectors, whose number shall be defined by the payroll and their competence shall be regulated by individual administrative and legal act of the Rector.
11. If the office of the Rector is temporary vacant, the duties and the powers of the Rector shall be charged to one of his/her Vice-Rectors by an individual legal act of the Rector. The acting Rector is limited in performing the duties of a chairman of the Academic Boards and has no power to sign the documents proving professional education – diploma and degree.
12. The Rector shall have power to create consulting boards and commissions in order to decide issues within his/her competence and the activity of which shall be regulated by the individual legal act of the Rector.
13. Considering the interests of the University the temporary change of the office

(business trip) of the Rector is registered by the ordinance of the head of administration.

14. The leave (vacation) of the Rector is registered by the ordinance of the head of administration.

Article 15. Head of Administration

1. The Head of University Administration is the highest administrative official in the fields of financial, material and administrative resources, who represents the University in financial and economic relations.
2. The Head of Administration is appointed by the Senate via secret balloting and upon nomination of the Academic Board in a manner prescribed by the law. The Academic Board shall nominate the same person on the position of the Head of Administration only twice. In the event of the Senate's repeated refusal, the Academic Board shall nominate a new aspirant.
3. The term of office of the Head of Administration shall last for 4 years.
4. The same person shall be elected as a Head of Administration only twice consecutively.
5. Besides the general base for early discharging of the administrative official, the motive for termination the term of office of the Head of Administration may be:
 - a) The repeated refusal of the Senate to approve/adopt annual report and the budget;
 - b) A motivated decision of the Senate.

Article 16. The Power/Authority of the Head of Administration

1. In a manner prescribed by the Statute and the legislation, the Head of Administration:
 - a) Shall manage the University Administration;

- b) Shall have power in the name of the University to conclude financial and economic agreements according to the budget;
- c) Together with the Rector shall present the draft of the University Structure to the Senate for further approval;
- d) Shall draw up the University Administration structure and present it to the Senate for further approval;
- e) Shall draw up the single payroll indicating positions, quantities and salaries and approve it together with the Rector;
- f) Shall employ and discharge the staff of the University Administration;
- g) Shall conclude the labor contract with the staff of the University;
- h) Shall have power to appoint and discharge the deputies of Head of Administration and to distribute their functions;
- i) Upon nominating of the dean of the Faculty/faculty shall have power to appoint and discharge Vice-dean in the field of finances and economics and the staff of the Faculty Administration;
- j) Shall have power to define a manner of employment of additional staff, the remuneration and the conditions and presents it to the Senate for further approval;
- k) Shall have power to prepare the draft of the University budget for next year and presents it to the Senate for further approval;
- l) Shall prepare the annual report on performance and presents it to the Senate for further approval;
- m) Shall enact individual administrative and legal acts within his/her competence;
- n) Shall be responsible for legitimacy and effectiveness of financial and economic activities of the University;
- o) Shall perform other functions prescribed by this statute and the current legislation.

2. If the office of the Head of Administration is temporary vacant, the duties and the powers of the Head of Administration shall be charged to one of his/her deputies which is prescribed by the ordinance of the Head of Administration.
3. The Head of Administration reports to the Academic Board and the Senate.

Article 17. The Quality Assurance Unit

1. The educational and scientific and research works, as well as, professional qualification of the employs are subject to systematic evaluation, in which the students also take place and their results are public and available for all the interested persons.
2. The Quality Assurance Unit shall be created in order to evaluate the quality of educational and scientific and research works of the University as well as the qualification of the employees on systematic basis.
3. The Head of the Quality Assurance Unit shall be appointed by the Senate upon nomination of the Academic Board. The Head of Quality Assurance Unit shall be appointed for 4 years;
4. The Head of Quality Assurance Unit shall establish close connections and collaborate with relevant units of foreign countries and their educational institutions in order to establish transparent criteria and methodology for quality control.
5. The Head of Quality Assurance Unit within its competence shall enact individual legal act which is the act defining functional activities of the Quality Assurance Unit of the Faculty.
6. The Quality Assurance Unit shall ensure high quality of learning, teaching and evaluation through implementation of modern methods (modules, credit system, etc.) and manage and carry out the process of self-evaluation of the University academic activities.
7. The Quality Assurance Unit shall:

- a) Provide internal and external procedures of evaluation aiming at improvement of teaching quality at the University;
 - b) Form database of quality values of teaching at the University according to determined criteria and update it from time to time;
 - c) Inform Quality Assurance Units of the Faculty about normative requirements related to quality assurance, as well as changes made to it;
 - d) Receive information from the Quality Assurance Units in order to process it and to reflect it in database
 - e) Perform other activities that encourage high quality of learning, teaching and evaluation through implementation of modern methods (modules, credit system, etc.), as well as preparation of self-evaluation for the process of accreditation.
8. The Quality Assurance Unit of the University reports to the Academic Board and the Senate.

Chapter III

The Faculty

Article 18. Faculty Structure and Governing Bodies

1. The University Faculties are the principal scientific and research and administrative units of the University, which prepare the students in one or more specialties and award relevant qualifications to them.
2. The main educational units of the University are as follow:
 - a) Faculty of Humanitarian Sciences;
 - b) Faculty of Exact and Natural Sciences;
 - c) Faculty of Business and Economics;
 - d) Faculty of Social and Political Sciences;

- e) Faculty of Law;
 - f) Faculty of Medicine;
3. The structure of the faculty shall be determined by the statute of the faculty and shall include educational, scientific and research (cathedra, scientific and research institute, laboratory, teaching hospital, programmatic direction, etc.) and additional structural units.
 4. The governing bodies of the faculty are: Faculty Board, Dean and Quality Assurance Unit of the Faculty.
 5. The provisions of the Faculty shall be elaborated by the Faculty Board based on the Dean's presentation and presented to the Senate for further approval. The rules and manner of the activities of the Faculty Structural Units shall be determined by the provisions/bylaws of the faculty.

Article 19. The Faculty Board

1. The Faculty Board is the Board of Representatives which includes Academic staff elected upon nomination of structural units of relevant faculty and the representatives of students' self-governments. The number of the members of the Board of Representatives shall be defined by the provisions of the faculty.
2. The number of representatives of students' self-governments in the Faculty Board shall be defined by the provisions of the main faculty but not less than $\frac{1}{4}$ of the members of the Board.
3. The Faculty Board may be composed of not less 20 but not more than 40 members.
4. In the membership of the Faculty Board enters also the dean of the faculty as a member of the Board.

Article 20. The Authority of the Faculty Board

The Faculty Board:

- a) Shall define the budget draft of the faculty and presents it to the head of administration;
- b) Shall elect a dean based on free, fair and equal elections via secret balloting by the majority of the listed members;
- c) By the Dean's nomination shall elaborate structure and provisions of the faculty and present them to the Board of Representatives (Senate) for further approval;
- d) Shall elaborate the provisions of the Dissertation Council and present them to the Academic Board for further approval;
- e) Shall elect the head of Quality Assurance Department of the faculty;
- f) Shall be entitled to consider the early termination of term of office in case of the violation of law by the Dean, by improper fulfillment of his/her duties and obligations and/or by activities improper for the Dean, at the request of not less than 1/3 of the members of the principal educational units. The decision about early termination of term of office of the Dean shall be made via secret balloting, by the majority of votes of listed members. The Dean shall not take part in the balloting stipulated by this clause. The appealing of the decision made on this issue shall not suspend the enforceability of disputable act;
- g) In case of early termination of term of office of the Dean shall appoint an acting Dean from its members;
- h) Shall carry out other activities and authorities prescribed by this statute and legislative and subordinate acts of Georgia.

Article 21. The Dean

1. The Faculty Board shall elect the Dean by the majority of votes of its listed member for the period of 4 years pursuant to transparent, equal and fair competition

principles. In case if none of the aspirants shall have enough number of votes, the second round of voting shall have place and the best first and second place aspirants shall participate in it. In the event if in the second round of voting there will be no winner, the date of new elections shall be fixed not later than 5 days. The issues related to the election shall be approved by the Academic Board.

2. The same person might be elected on the position of the Dean for two consecutive years only twice. The announcement about the beginning of registration of aspirants to Dean shall be published by the Faculty Board at least one month prior to the beginning of registration
3. A person holding a degree of Doctor of Philosophy or any academic degree equal to it may be elected on the position of the Dean.
4. The Dean of the Faculty shall have two deputies in the financial and economic and educational fields.
5. The Dean shall:
 - a) Ensures the effective scientific and research process of the faculty;
 - b) Present the Faculty Board a strategic plan for development of the faculty and educational and scientific programs for further discussion;
 - c) Elaborate faculty structure and provisions and present them to the Faculty Board for further discussion;
 - d) Within his/her competence be entitled to execute the decisions of the Senate, Academic Board and Faculty Boars as well as legal acts of the University;
 - e) Have power to preside the congregations (meetings/sessions) of the Faculty Board ;
 - f) Have power to nominate deputies Dean to the Rector and Head of University Administration for further appointment;
 - g) Have power to nominate the staff of the Faculty Administration to the Head of the University Administration for further appointment;

- h) Have power to present draft list of academic and scientific positions to the Rector;
 - i) Be responsible for proper use of the Faculty budget;
 - j) Carry out other activities and authorities prescribed by this statute and legislative and subordinate acts of Georgia;
6. In order to decide the single issues, the dean within his/her competence enacts individual administrative and legal acts and ordinances which regulates all the legal acts related to the educational and scientific activities at the faculty.
 7. Considering the interests of the University the temporary change of the office (business trip) of the Dean as well as his/her leave/vacation shall be decided by the Rector and is registered by the ordinance of the Head of Administration.
 8. In case if the Dean is not able to perform his/her duties and obligations and there is no legal act determining the substitute of the Dean, his/her duties shall be automatically performed by a Deputy Dean in the financial and economic field and in case of his/her absence, the duties of the Dean shall be performed by a Deputy Dean in the educational and scientific field.

Article 22. Quality Assurance Unit of the Faculty

1. The Quality Assurance Unit shall be created in order to evaluate the quality of educational and scientific and research works of the faculty as well as the qualification of the employees on systematic basis.
2. The Quality Assurance Unit shall have power to collaborate with relevant units of foreign countries and their educational institutions in order to establish transparent criteria and methodology for quality control.
3. The Head of the Quality Assurance Unit shall be elected by the Board of Representatives of the faculty for 4 years;
4. A member of Quality Assurance Unit may be a member of the Faculty Board,

- associated or full professor.
5. The main task of the Quality Assurance Unit is to facilitate high quality of learning, teaching and evaluation through implementation of modern methods (modules, credit system, etc.) and manage and carry out the process of self-evaluation of the University academic activities.
 6. The Quality Assurance Unit of the faculty is a part of integrated University system of Quality Assurance Unit.

Article 23. The Dissertation Council

1. The Dissertation Council is a body having power to award an academic degree of doctor of philosophy and that is created at the faculty.
2. The Dissertation Council of faculty consists of all full and associated professors holding the academic degree of doctor of philosophy. Besides upon the decision of the Dissertation Council any person holding the academic degree of doctor of philosophy can be invited to be a member of the Dissertation Council.
3. The manner of composition of the Dissertation Council, election of its chairman and the activities shall be prescribed by relevant statute, which is approved by the University Academic Council upon presentation of the Faculty Board.

Article 24. The Power/Authority to Announce the Elections of Governing Bodies

1. The elections of the Rector shall be announced by the Academic Board of the University.
2. The elections of the Senate shall be announced by the Academic Board.
3. The elections of by the Academic Board shall be announced by Rector of the University.

Article 25. The Election Commission of the University

1. The Election Commission of the University shall be created/formed in order to hold elections of the governing bodies of the University.
2. The Election Commission consists of not less than 7 members. The membership of the Election Commission shall be determined by individual administrative and legal act of the Rector.
3. Considering the principles of fair and transparent elections, the Election Commission might include representatives of the students' self-governments and civil organizations experienced in organizing elections.
4. The Election Commission is entitled to make any decision regarding organizational issues of the elections. The Commission is obliged to hold elections in a manner prescribed by current legislation, University statute and individual legal acts.
5. The chairman and the secretary of the Election Commission shall be elected from the members at the first meeting, by majority of votes via secret balloting.
6. The chairman of the Election Commission presides the meetings of the Commission, signs decisions of the Commission and performs other duties and authorities within his/her competence.
7. The Secretary of the Election Commission makes the agenda and an instrument of the meetings, registers the letters received in the Election Commission, registers candidates wishing to participate in the elections and gives them the relevant references, makes an instrument summarizing the results of the elections and performs other duties and authorities within his/her competence.
8. A member of the Election Commission shall not be a person holding the administrative position at the University, as well as a candidate.
9. The chairman of the Election Commission, a secretary and other members of the Commission might receive remuneration for performing the duties and obligations prescribed by this rule in accordance with the University budget.

Chapter IV
Staff of the University

Article 26. Staff of the University

1. There are administrative, academic, scientific, teachers' and additional positions at the University.
2. A person might be employed on the position of acting administrative, academic, scientific and additional employee not more than 12 months, except in cases stipulated by legislation and the University statute.

Article 27. Academic Staff of the University

1. The academic staff of the University includes professors.
2. The professors are full professor, associated professor and assistant-professor.
3. The professors take part and/or manage study process and scientific researches.

Article 28. A Manner of Holding Academic Position

1. The academic position shall be occupied only via open competition which shall be in conformity with the principles of transparent, fair and equal competition.
2. The date and conditions of the elections shall be published I month prior to the documentation delivery in a manner prescribed by Georgian legislation and this statute.
3. The statement about opening competition shall be published on the official web-site

of the University and at the places well-seen by everyone in order to ensure the availability of such information.

4. In the statement there should be indicated the date of registration of the candidate, deadline for application delivery and the list of necessary documents.
5. The manner and date of the competition shall be defined by the Academic Board of the University and approved by the Senate.

Article 29. The Condition of Election to the Academic Position

1. A person holding the degree of a doctor or philosophy or equal to it and having the scientific and teaching experience of not less than 6 years, might be elected on the position of full professor.
2. A person holding the degree of a doctor or philosophy or equal to it and having the scientific and teaching experience of not less than 3 years, might be elected on the position of associated professor.
3. A doctor of philosophy or a doctoral candidate might be elected on the position of assistant-professor.

Article 30. Rights of the Academic Staff

1. The academic staff within the competence shall have right to:
 - a) Take part in management of the University, including in elections of the governing bodies;
 - b) Teach independently, perform research and publish scientific works;
 - c) Within the scopes of educational program, define independently the contents of the programs (syllabuses), teaching methods and techniques.
 - d) Once every five years, after one year from being appointed on the academic position, take a paid scientific and creative leave for not more than ten months,

- for the purpose of professional improvement. The staff holding academic position for two consecutive terms of office are not subject to one-year limitations above.
2. Academic staff shall:
 - a) Maintain code of ethics and the standards of disciplinary liability;
 - b) Perform duties and obligations under labor agreement and prescribed by the legal acts of the University;
 - c) After qualification improvement present report about fulfilled works;
 - d) Maintain the requirements determined by the present statute and legislation;
 - e) After the end of the scientific and creative leave, present report about fulfilled works;
 3. The University ensures the independence of academic staff in teaching and research and makes proper conditions for work.

Article 31. The Discharge of the Academic Staff

The bases for the discharge of academic staff shall be:

- a) Own request;
- b) Expiration of the terminable agreement;
- c) Strong or systematic violation of code of ethics and the norms of disciplinary liability;
- d) Infringement of terms and conditions of the agreement and/or requirements of the University legal acts;
- e) Retirement or awarding the title of emeritus;
- f) Other cases defined by the legislation.

Article 32. Labor Relations and Academic Titles of Academic Staff

1. The agreement with academic staff is concluded according to unified manner/rules of

employment of academic staff for the defined period.

2. The decision about awarding a title of honorary doctor or emeritus shall be made by the Academic Board based on nomination of the Faculty Board.
3. The title of emeritus is given to a person who at the moment of application:
 - a) Is 65 years old or more;
 - b) Holds the position of the University full professor;
 - c) Has been elected at least twice on the position of the University full professor;
 - d) Has not less than 20 years of scientific and teaching experience at TSU.
4. An exception from the paragraph “d” of the clause 3 of this article might be identified/determined by the Academic Board.
5. The title of emeritus is given to a person immediately upon expirations his/her labor agreement. An authorized person after the expiration of the half period of his/her labor agreement, but before its full expiration shall have right to aspire to the title of emeritus provided that he/she will resign from the position of full professor.
6. A person having title of emeritus shall receive monthly remuneration from the University. The quantity and the condition of remuneration shall be prescribed by the resolution of the Academic Board.
7. A person having title of emeritus has no right to hold the position of academic and/or administrative position at the same time.
8. A University full professor of 65 year or more, shall have power to decide or apply for the title of emeritus or for participating in the competition for an academic position at the University. In case if a person cannot hold the position of the professor after the application, he/she shall have no more right to aspire to the title of emeritus.
9. A person having title of emeritus may take part in educational and scientific activities of the University, perform payable works as well as gratis without holding any academic and administrative position.
10. A person having the title of emeritus, upon the decision of the University, may have

additional social benefits, use University resources and other privileges set by the University.

11. If a person having title of emeritus holds academic or administrative position in another higher educational institution, the University shall cease such person's monthly remuneration.
12. The manner and terms and conditions of employment and discharge of a person of 65 years old and more on the academic position of the University shall be prescribed by the decree of Academic Board.
13. The University shall have power to award a title of honorary doctor to a scientist or public person for special merits.

Article 33. Administrative Positions and Other Staff

1. The administrative positions at the University are as follow: Rector and Vice-Rector, Head of Administration and his/her deputy, Faculty Deans and their deputies, Head of Quality Assurance Unit of the University, head of quality assurance units of the faculties.
2. The manner and terms and conditions of employment/election and discharge of a person of 65 years old on the administrative position of the University shall be defined by the authorized subject.
3. The teaching staff is a teacher and senior teacher.
4. A teacher shall have power to conduct theoretical, practical and laboratory works without holding academic positions
5. The scientific positions are as follow: staff of independent scientific and research units, staff of scientific and research units of the faculty and other scientific staff inscribed in the payroll.
6. The additional staff is as follows: staff inscribed in payroll, temporary staff and other staff necessary for University functioning.

7. The University shall have power to invite a qualified expert without holding any academic or teacher's position in order to take part in educational and/or scientific and research process and/or in management of such process. The labor agreement with the invited expert shall be signed by the Chancellor upon the decision of Rector.

Article 34. Early Termination of Administrative Term of Office

The bases for early termination of administrative term of office are as follow:

- a) Own initiative (wish);
- b) Enforceable guilty verdict;
- c) Death;
- d) Acknowledgement as incapable or having limited capability by the court;
- e) Becoming 65 years old, except as otherwise defined explicitly and directly by this statute;
- f) Discharge from the academic position of this University if this is a premise for holding relevant administrative position;
- g) Other cases defined by Georgian legislation and/or the University statute.

Article 35. Incompatibility of Duties

1. A person holding administrative position shall not have power to hold any other administrative position at the University at the same time, or be a head of any structural unit of the University.
2. If an academic position is an assumption for holding an administrative position or being a member of governing body, than the authority of person who holds administrative position or has the authority in the governing body, after the termination of his/her term of office on such positions, shall be automatically

terminated upon confirmation the results of the competition with the exception if such person is not elected on relevant academic position.

3. A member of the Academic Board shall have no power to hold any administrative position at the same time, except a position of Rector or be a member of the Senate.
4. A speaker of the Senate shall not have power to hold any administrative position at the same educational institution except a position of Rector.
5. A position of director of the independent scientific and research unit of the University is incompatible with the administrative as well as additional position at the University.
6. In case if the director of independent scientific and research unit of the University holds academic position as well, he/she shall not receive a remuneration defined by the payroll.
7. A person shall not have right to hold two academic positions at the same time.

Chapter IV

Student

Article 36. A student of the University

1. A student of the University is a person who is enrolled in the University pursuant to the law of Georgia “About Higher Education” or “About Professional Education” in a manner prescribed by the University statute and performs studies of professional

educational programs, under-graduate, post-graduate or certified medical worker/dentist or doctoral programs.

2. The manner of enrollment at post-graduate and doctoral programs is defined by the statute of relevant faculty.

Article 37. Status and Rights of a Student

1. A person is given a status of a student on the basis of the ordinance of the Rector about enrollment at the University and is valid until the termination of his/her legal relations with the University.
2. The status of a student shall give him/her power to use benefits for the students.
3. A student shall have right:
 - a) To receive qualified education;
 - b) To take part in scientific researches;
 - c) Use material-technical, library, informational and other facilities of the University in accordance with this statute, bylaws and individual acts of the University considering fair and equal conditions;
 - d) To elect his/her representative via secret balloting or be elected in the Students' self-government, in the Senate and in the governing bodies of principal management bodies of educational unit, on the basis of general, direct and fair and equal elections, in a manner defined by the legislation and this statute;
 - e) To establish freely and/or become a member of the Students' organizations considering his/her interests;
 - f) To freely express his/her own opinion and justified refuse to share the ideas offered during the studies;

- g) To receive scholarship, financial or material assistance from the State, University or other fonts in accordance with Georgian legislation and this statute, as well as other benefits;
 - h) To select educational program;
 - i) To participate in elaboration of individual educational program;
 - j) To make performance appraisal of the academic staff from time to time;
 - k) Perform other rights prescribed by Georgian legislation and University legal acts.
4. The university sets benefits/privileges for the student with limited capability in order to create the necessary conditions for the education of such students, whether via scholarship, specified material-technical base or any other privileges.

Article 38. The Obligations of the Student

A student is obliged to learn all the subjects defined by the University program which he/she on his/her own wish has chosen/selected, maintain the University statute, get familiar with relevant legal acts of the University from time to time and completely maintain them.

Article 39. The Disciplinary Liability of the Student

1. The disciplinary proceedings against the student should be proportional of the disciplinary misconduct and shall enforce only pursuant to the Georgian legislations, the law of Georgia “About Higher Education”, this statute, the “Code of Ethics” of the University and in cases stipulated by “Bylaws and norms of disciplinary liability” via fair proceedings.
2. The beginning of the disciplinary proceedings against the student shall not be a reason for limitation of the student’s right to take part in educational process except in cases defined by this statute and “Bylaws and norms of disciplinary liability”, if it endangers the rights and health of others and property and safety of the University. The decision

about disciplinary proceeding against the student shall be made by that faculty at which the student is enrolled. The student shall have power to attend the proceedings against him/her.

3. During disciplinary proceedings, the student shall have power to:
 - a) Receive justified decision about the beginning the disciplinary proceeding against him/her;
 - b) Attend disciplinary discussion and use right of advocacy;
 - c) Deliver to the relevant body of the University all the information and evidences having at hand;
 - d) Participate in examination of evidences obtained by the relevant body of the University;
 - e) Request that the case against him/her be discussed at the public/open meeting.
4. The decision about disciplinary proceeding shall be justified and grounded on evidences obtained in respect with the Georgian legislation and legal acts of the University.
5. The student shall have right to appeal the decision of the University towards him/her at the court of law.

Article 40. Students' Self-government

1. The Students' self-governments shall be created at the University according to the faculties via secret balloting based on general, fair and equal elections.
2. The totality of the students' self-government elected at the faculties is the self-government of the University which approves the provisions of the Students' Self-government.
3. The Students' Self-government pursuant to its provisions shall:
 - a) Ensure the participation of the students in administration of the University;

- b) Facilitate the protection of rights of students;
 - c) Elect its representative in the faculty Board;
 - d) Have power to elaborate proposals in order to improve administration system of the University and teaching quality and present them to the relevant governing body;
 - e) Perform other duties and rights prescribed by the statute.
4. The University administration shall have no right to interfere in the activities of the Students' Self-government.
 5. The assignments allocated for student events shall be reported in the parameters defined by economical classifier of the University budget.

Article 41. Suspension and Termination of Student's Status

1. The bases for suspension of Student's status shall be:
 - a) Not performing administrative (financial indebtedness) or academic registration;
 - b) Illness, if the impossibility to participate in educational process is evidenced by relevant document;
 - c) Study in the educational institution of foreign country;
 - d) Own application;
2. On the basis of paragraphs "b" and "c" of the first clause of this article, the student shall apply with the request about status suspension to the Rector of the University not later than in 5 weeks prior to the beginning of study process. After the expiration of date above the student shall have no power to request suspension of his/her status in the current semester and the permission to use the tuition fee in the next semesters. And on the basis of the paragraph "d" of the first clause of this article the student shall apply with the request about status suspension to the Rector of the University not later than in 2 weeks prior to the beginning of study process. After the

expiration of date above the student shall have no power to request suspension of his/her status in the current semester and the permission to use the tuition fee in the next semesters.

3. In case of long-term and grave illness the exception from the rules stipulated by the paragraph 2 of this article may be determined by the ordinance of the Rector.
4. The maximal term of status suspension is 5 years, except as otherwise determined in the law.
5. The background for the suspension of the student's status is as follows:
 - a) The suspension of the student's status for more than 5 years during the study period;
 - b) If the student terminates/graduates from relevant level of educational program;
 - c) Own application;
 - d) Failure to receive credit in the same obligatory educational program three times;
 - e) The decision made against the student upon disciplinary proceedings based on the Code of Ethics, "Norms of disciplinary liability";
 - f) Death;
6. Other issues related to suspension and termination of student's status shall be solved pursuant to the current legislation and in a manner prescribed by the legal acts of the University.

Chapter VI

Levels of Study at the University

Article 42. Levels of study

1. At the University there are three-level academic higher education at the University.
The first level of study may include educational program for training teachers.
2. At the University there are professional educational programs at the University.
3. At the University there is a special educational program in Georgian language.
4. During the first year of the study at the University, the educational program covers at an average 60-65 credits.
5. A person holding certificate of teacher, may obtain an academic degree of master if he/she will pass successfully 6--credits master's program.

Article 43. Awarding an Academic Degree and Issuance of Education Proving Document

1. After the graduation from the relevant educational level, the University awards a person with relevant academic degree.
2. After finishing each level of education a relevant diploma with standard annex shall be issued.
3. A person, who could not or did not finish the relevant educational level will be given the appropriate certificate.

Chapter VII

Financing, Budget, Property of the University and State Control

Article 44. The Budget of the University

1. The budget of the University for next year shall be drafted by the head of administration.
2. The head of administration shall elaborate the draft budget upon consulting with faculties and other structural units of the University.

3. The head of administration with the consent of the Academic Board shall present the draft budget of the University to the Senate.
4. The Senate shall consider the presented draft budget and approves it or returns it to the head of administration with appropriate comments.
5. If the head of administration agrees with the comments, the Senate shall approve the budget considering the presented comments.
6. In case if the head of administration does not agree with the comments of the Senate, he/she shall have power to return back the reasonably justified initial version of the budget to the Senate for further approval. The justification presented to the Senate shall be accompanied by the proposals of the Academic Board.
7. In the event if the Senate will not approve the budget again it shall become the basis for termination of term of office of the head of administration and the budget shall be approved upon its presentation by new head of administration.

Article 45. Financing of the University

1. The financing of the University is oriented to teach and to perform scientific researches, to prepare staff for the University, to training and professional improvement.
2. The sources of the University financing are as follow:
 - a) Tuition fee, which is covered by state grant and state post-graduate grant (only for accredited study program);
 - b) Via grants, donations or inherited incomes;
 - c) State scientific and research grants given on the basis of competition;
 - d) Programmed financing allocated by the Ministries;
 - e) Income received from fulfillment of the State order;
 - f) Income received from the works based on the agreements;

- g) Income received from any other activities, including economic activities permitted by Georgian legislation.

Article 46. The Economic Activity of the University

1. The University shall have right to carry out the economic activity permitted by Georgian legislation.
2. The University shall have power to establish private entrepreneur (commercial) and non- entrepreneur (non-commercial) legal persons according to the regulations defined by Georgian legislation.

Article 47. The Property of the University and State Control

1. The property of the University includes the property transferred by the state, by legal persons under private law and individuals as well as property acquired by own finances according to the rules defined by the legislation.
2. The state control over the University shall be executed by the Ministry of Education and Science of Georgia, which performs the supervision over the legitimacy, appropriateness (practicality) and effectiveness of the activities of the University as well as over its financial and economic activities. The Ministry of Education and Science of Georgia shall have power to request from the University any material and information necessary for exercising state control.
3. With the consent of the Ministry of Education and Science of Georgia the University shall be entitled to perform the following:
 - a) Real estate acquisition, assignment of its assets and mortgage;
 - b) Take loan;
 - c) Undertaking/warranty;

- d) Determination of payrolls and salary fund;
 - e) Other decisions in relation with the property of the University if they go beyond the ordinary activities.
4. The refusal of the Ministry of Education and Science of Georgia for performance of the activities defined by the clause 3 of this article should be justified. The refusal may be appealed in the Superior Agency and/or at the court of law.
 5. The acquisition of real estate of the University completely or partly, assignment or leasing, as well as any decision related to the property, if it goes beyond the educational and scientific and research activities, shall be made only by the Senate with the consent of the Ministry of Education and Science of Georgia and the Ministry of Sustainable Development of Georgia pursuant to Georgian legislation.
 6. In order to perform activities stipulated by paragraphs “b” and “c” of the clause 3 of this article the consent of the Ministry of Finance of Georgia is necessary.

Article 48. Draw up the University Balance Sheet and Control

The University is obliged to perform accounting of financial and economic activities of the University according to the rules defined by Georgian legislation, draw up the balance sheet and present it to the Ministry of Education and Science of Georgia for further approval. The annual balance sheet of the University shall be audited/checked by an independent auditor appointed by the Ministry of Education and Science of Georgia.

Chapter VIII

Reorganization, Liquidation

Article 49. The Reorganization and Liquidation of the University

1. The reorganization and liquidation of the University shall be carried out according to the rules stipulated by Georgian legislation.
2. Pursuant to Georgian legislation the reorganization and liquidation of the University shall be performed by the Government of Georgia upon presentation of the Ministry of Education and Science of Georgia.

Chapter IX

Changes to the Statute

Article 50. The Rules of Making Changes to the Statute

1. The draft of changes to the statute shall be elaborated by the Senate with the participation of the Academic Board and presented to the Ministry of Education and Science of Georgia for further approval.
2. Adoption of the University statute, its annulment, changes/amendments and additions to it shall be made according to the rule defined by the first clause of this article.

Chapter X

Transitive and Final Provisions

Article 51. Transitive Provisions

Considering the first clause of N187 resolution of the Government of Georgia as of July 29, 2013 about “Reorganization of Non-commercial Legal Person Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University (identification code 204864548)” the term of office/authority of the Academic

Board shall be valid till October 20, 2014, the term of office of current membership of the Senate (Board of Representatives) and its speaker shall be valid till November 2, 2014 and the term of office of the Rector and Head of Administration (Chancellor) shall be valid for the remained period of their authority.

Article 52. Final Provisions

1. The paragraph 7 of the clause 7 of this article shall come into force from October 20, 2014. The one third of the members of the Academic Board which are subject to upgrade/renovation shall be defined by voting. The voting and the principle of its performing shall be defined by the Academic Board at the congregation/session of the Academic Board.
2. The clause 7 of the article 10 of this statute shall come into force from November 2, 2014.
3. The clauses 5 and 6 of the article 35 of this statute shall come into force from January 1, 2014.