



# THE OMBUDSMAN FOR ACADEMIC ETHICS AND PROCEDURES OF THE REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA

## DECISION REGARDING VIDA STANIULIENĖ'S TEACHING AID

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The **Ombudsman for Academic Ethics and Procedures of the Republic of Lithuania** (hereinafter – Ombudsman), <...> conducted investigation regarding Vida Staniulienė's possible violation of the principle of academic integrity and examined the information submitted by V. Staniulienė, Klaipėda State College, the European Social Fund Agency and the documents of Rolandas Medžiūnas notification No. G-113 of 2 April 2014, received in the Office of Ombudsman for Academic Ethics and Procedures of the Republic of Lithuania (hereinafter – Office of Ombudsman), and **determined that:**

Investigation has been started on the initiative of the Ombudsman for Academic Ethics and Procedures of the Republic of Lithuania regarding plagiarism possibly conducted by V. Staniulienė, the Dean of the Faculty of Health Sciences of Klaipėda State College.

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*With regard to the expertise, ordered by the European Social Fund Agency and conducted by Dr. Aldona Jociūtė on 25 April – 8 May 2014, which establishes that in the teaching book of V. Staniulienė "Child Health Care" (up to 30 March 2015): "material of the works of four authors, owning copyright protection mark, has been used without indicating **the sources used and the authors' names** in the text of the work. <...> Part one of the article 22 of the Law on Copyright and Related Rights of the Republic of Lithuania sets forth that "small published works or a short extract from a published work may be reproduced as an example for teaching purposes, however, indicating, if possible, the source used and the author's name", it should be stated that V. Staniulienė in her teaching book "Child Health Care" used the borrowed text, however, she did not make references and thus **violated the point 4.11.5 of the Ethics Code of Klaipėda State College academic community** which states that "plagiarising, i.e. presentation of the borrowed text <...>as one's own" violates the provision of scientific activity based on honest research and pursuit of the truth. It should be noted that from 30 March 2015 the corrected versions of the teaching book of V. Staniulienė do not contradict the provisions of the Ethics Code of Klaipėda State College academic community.*

### **The Ombudsman decided:**

To inform Klaipėda State College and the Ministry of Education and Science about the Ombudsman's decision.

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