



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

DECISION REGARDING THE EXPEL OF STUDENT U. R. FROM SIAULIAI UNIVERSITY

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Vilnius

The **Ombudsman for Academic Ethics and Procedures of the Republic of Lithuania** (hereinafter – Ombudsman), <...> examined the complaint of the student U. R. (we have impersonalized the data) (hereinafter – applicant) received in the Office of Ombudsman for Academic Ethics and Procedures of the Republic of Lithuania (hereinafter – Office of Ombudsman) on 09 October 2014 and material submitted by Siauliai University, and **determined that:**

The applicant asks for the opportunity to continue studies as the second-year student of remote study programme of Special Pedagogy at Siauliai University (hereinafter – University).

The applicant signed the Contract of Studies No. 059-SS-2013-87 on 13 August 2013 with the Faculty of Studies of Social Welfare and Disability of Siauliai University as the first-year undergraduate student of remote study programme of Special Pedagogy financed by the State.

The applicant says in his appeal that he could not participate in spring session because of disease. The clause 34 of the Description of Procedure Of Liquidation of Academic Debts, Postponement of Examinations, and Re-Examination in order to get Higher Evaluation of Siauliai University approved by the Order No. V-737 of 25 November 2013 states that “The student or listener, who cannot come to examination (test) on the time specified in the schedule because of disease or other important reason, may ask the Faculty’s dean to postpone the examination”. <...> The certificate that justifies absence from the examination session, practical and laboratory works covers only the period from 26/05/2014 until 06/06/2014. The applicant has not provided any documents, which would justify his absence from practical and laboratory works and practices, to the Office of Ombudsman.

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The applicant was expelled from Siauliai University by the Rector’s Order No. R0220140107 of 19 September 2014.

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Upon having evaluated the documents submitted by the applicant and the University and the legal acts, which regulate the procedure of liquidation of academic debts and postponement of examination, **the Ombudsman** <...> **decided:**

1. To recognize the applicant’s complaint as unjustified.
 2. To inform Siauliai University and the Ministry of Education and Science about the Ombudsman’s decision.
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