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**Avicenna – Batumi Medical University
Framework Regulation of
The Student Self-Government**

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Chapter I - General Provisions

Article 1. Scope of Regulation

1.1. The Framework Regulation of Student Self-Government (hereinafter – the Regulation) establishes the rules for the formation of student self-government of the higher educational institution – LLC “Avicenna – Batumi Medical University” (hereinafter – “Avicenna” or the “University”), defines the scope of activities of the student self-government (hereinafter – the “Self-Government”), determines the principles for the formation of its governing bodies, and regulates the framework of communication between the Self-Government and the structural units of the University.

1.2. This Regulation constitutes the legal basis for the establishment of the Self-Government and for the independent development by the Self-Government of its internal regulations governing student self-government activities.

1.3. The purpose of this Regulation is, in accordance with the legislation of Georgia, to define the formation of student self-government and its independence from the University administration in order to ensure the implementation of student governance at the University, promote broad student participation in decision-making processes, protect students’ rights and facilitate their full realization, safeguard students’ active and passive electoral rights, and ensure equal, non-discriminatory representation of the University’s student body within the structure of the Self-Government.

Article 2. Legal Basis of the Regulation

2.1. This Regulation complies with the requirements of the Law of Georgia “On Higher Education” and the relevant subordinate normative acts adopted pursuant to this Law.

2.2. The provisions of this Regulation shall be consistent with the provisions of the Charter of LLC “Avicenna – Batumi Medical University”. In the event of any inconsistency between the provisions of this Regulation and those of the University Charter, the provisions of the University Charter shall prevail for the purpose of regulating the disputed legal relationship.

2.3. The provisions of the “Student Self-Government Regulation” adopted by the Self-Government on the basis of this Regulation shall comply with the provisions of this Regulation. Any decision adopted by the Student Self-Government that exceeds the scope defined by this Regulation shall be null and void.

2.4. Any matter related to the activities of the Self-Government that is not regulated by this Regulation and/or by the Student Self-Government Regulation adopted on the basis thereof shall be regulated or interpreted in accordance with the applicable legislation of Georgia.

Article 3. Representative Rights of University Students

3.1. All students of the University shall have the right, on the basis of universal, direct, and equal elections conducted by secret ballot, to elect and to be elected as representatives to the Student Self-Government. In addition, in accordance with the procedures and rules established by the University's legal acts, students shall have the right to be elected to the governing body of the University's primary educational unit (hereinafter – the School) and to participate in the decision-making process of the Council of that unit (School).

3.2. The Student Self-Government shall ensure representation of students from all academic years (courses) of all educational programs of the University.

Article 4. Principles of Independent Operation of Student Self-Government

4.1. The Student Self-Government is independent and shall conduct its activities in accordance with this Regulation and the Student Self-Government Regulation adopted by it on the basis hereof.

4.2. The Student Self-Government shall operate independently in the performance of its functions. Representatives of the University administration and/or academic staff shall not be entitled to interfere in the activities of the Student Self-Government or to use their official position within the University for the purpose of exerting influence or pressure on the Student Self-Government.

4.3. The accountability of the Student Self-Government to the structural units of the University shall be limited to the following:

- a) to the Academic Council of the University – with regard to the implementation of the Self-Government's action plan approved by the Academic Council;
- b) to the Director and Rector – with regard to reporting on the targeted and proper use of funds allocated to the Student Self-Government by the University; *(as amended by the Rector's Order No. 01-09/33, dated 25 December 2025)*
- c) to the School Council – with regard to the performance by the student members of the School Council nominated by the Self-Government of the powers and responsibilities of student members of the School Council as defined by the School Regulation;
- d) to the Student Ombudsman nominated by the Self-Government – with regard to the fulfillment of the duties of the University Student Ombudsman as defined by the Regulation of the University Student Ombudsman and other applicable legal acts.

4.4. Oversight over the conduct of the Student Self-Government's activities, without interference in its operations, shall be exercised by the Rector of the University.

Chapter II - Formation of the Student Self-Government

Article 5. Procedure for the Formation of the Student Self-Government

5.1. The Student Self-Government shall be formed on the basis of universal, equal, and direct elections conducted at the University by secret ballot.

5.2. The University shall provide organizational support for the elections. For this purpose, it shall ensure that students are informed about the elections, determine the election period in consultation with the main educational unit (School) in order to maximize student participation, announce the elections by an order of the Rector, allocate appropriate premises on campus for the conduct of elections, and ensure the establishment of the Election Commission and the body of observers. *(as amended by the Rector's Order No. 01-09/33, dated 25 December 2025)*

5.3. The right to participate in the elections (both active and passive electoral rights) shall be granted to all students who hold an active student status at the time of issuance of the Rector's order announcing the elections.

Article 6. Stages of Student Self-Government Elections

6.1. The Student Self-Government elections shall consist of the following procedures (stages):

- a) determination of the election period;
- b) registration of candidates and submission of their action plans; *(as amended by the Rector's Order No. 01-09/33, dated 25 December 2025)*
- c) meetings with candidates (pre-election campaign of registered candidates); *(as amended by the Rector's Order No. 01-09/33, dated 25 December 2025)*
- d) conduct of the elections (voting);
- e) counting of votes, announcement of the final results, and formation of the Student Self-Government; *(as amended by the Rector's Order No. 01-09/33, dated 25 December 2025)*
- f) holding the first session of the Student Self-Government and the election of the Chairperson and governing bodies.

Article 7. Determination of the Election Period

7.1. The elections of the Student Self-Government of the University shall be determined as follows:

- a) in the case of the first elections, upon the enrollment of not less than 50 students at the University. The election period shall be determined in such a manner as to ensure the maximum possible participation of students in the elections; *(as amended by the Rector's Order No. 01-09/14, dated 07 July 2023)*

b) in the case of subsequent elections, no later than 3 (three) months prior to the expiration of the term of office of the existing Student Self-Government. The election period shall be determined in such a manner as to ensure the maximum possible participation of students in the elections.

7.2. The Rector of the University shall issue an order appointing the elections, either upon a formal request submitted by the Chairperson of the Student Self-Government or on the Rector's own initiative.

7.3. The Rector's order shall specify:

- a) the number of members of the Student Self-Government by educational program(s) and/or by each course of study; *(as amended by the Rector's Order No. 01-09/33, dated 25 December 2025)*
- b) the date for the registration of candidates and submission of their action plans; *(as amended by the Rector's Order No. 01-09/33, dated 25 December 2025)*
- c) the date for meetings with candidates (pre-election campaign of registered candidates); *(as amended by the Rector's Order No. 01-09/33, dated 25 December 2025)*
- d) the composition of the Election Organizing Committee;
- e) the composition of the Election Commission;
- f) the composition of the body of observers;
- g) the place and date of voting;
- h) the date of announcement of the election results.

7.4. The university order on the announcement of the Student Self-Government elections shall be published on the University's website and communicated to all students with active status. *as amended by the Rector's Order No. 01-09/33, dated 25 December 2025)*

Article 8. Registration of Candidates and Submission of Action Plans

8.1. Any student who holds an active student status at the time of issuance of the Rector's order announcing the elections shall have the right to nominate his or her own candidacy in the Student Self-Government elections.

8.2. Repealed. *(as amended by the Rector's Order No. 01-09/33, dated 25 December 2025)*

8.3. A candidate wishing to participate in the Student Self-Government elections shall, within the registration period, submit to the Student Self-Government Election Organizing Committee the following:

- a) an application for participation in the elections;
- b) a copy of an identity document/passport. *(as amended by the Rector's Order No. 01-09/33, dated 25 December 2025)*

c) an activity plan describing the activities proposed by the candidate to be carried out in the capacity of a member of the Student Self-Government. *(as amended by the Rector's Order No. 01-09/33, dated 25 December 2025)*

8.4. The registration of candidates shall be ensured by the Election Organizing Committee. The presentation of action plans shall be organized by this Committee and conducted publicly at the University. *(as amended by the Rector's Order No. 01-09/33, dated 25 December 2025)*

8.5. A candidate who fails to submit an application and/or all documentation required under this Article within the time limits established by the Rector's order shall not be subject to registration.

Article 8¹ . Pre-Election Campaign of Candidates

8.1.¹ A candidate for election to the governing body of the Student Self-Government shall have the right to conduct a pre-election campaign. During the conduct of the pre-election campaign, all candidates shall enjoy equal rights.

8.2.¹ Campaigning on the day of voting is prohibited.

8.3.¹ Pre-election campaigning and agitation may be carried out through various activities permitted by law.

8.4.¹ Pre-election campaigning and agitation shall not interfere with the educational process at the University.

8.5.¹ The University administration shall facilitate the proper and fair conduct of elections within the University. *(as amended by the Rector's Order No. 01-09/33, dated 25 December 2025)*

Article 9. Election Organizing Committee

9.1. For the purpose of ensuring the organizational and informational support of the Student Self-Government election process, an Election Organizing Committee shall be established. For the first elections, the Election Organizing Committee shall be formed by an order of the Rector of the University. *(as amended by the Rector's Order No. 01-09/33, dated 25 December 2025)*

9.2. The Election Organizing Committee shall consist of no fewer than 3 (three) and no more than 5 (five) members. *(as amended by the Rector's Order No. 01-09/33, dated 25 December 2025)*

9.3. The Election Organizing Committee shall include students nominated by an initiative group of the University's students and, where organizational support is required, a staff member of the University's Student and Alumni Support and Career Development Service. *(as amended by the Rector's Order No. 01-09/33, dated 25 December 2025)*

9.3¹ . For each subsequent election, the decision on the establishment of the Election Organizing Committee shall be made by the Student Self-Government. *(as amended by the Rector's Order No. 01-09/33, dated 25 December 2025)*

9.4. Student members of the Election Organizing Committee shall not be entitled to participate in the Student Self-Government elections as candidates.

9.5. The Election Organizing Committee shall ensure:

- a) control over the public posting and dissemination of information on the Student Self-Government elections to students;
- b) informing interested persons about the elections and the applicable procedures;
- c) registration of candidates, receipt of their activity plans, and ensuring their secure storage;
- d) organization of meetings with candidates;
- e) ensuring that interested persons are provided with access to the candidates' activity plans.

9.6. The University shall ensure the allocation of appropriate premises and equipment necessary for the operation of the Election Organizing Committee.

Article 10. Meetings with Candidates and Review of Activity Plans

10.1. Following the expiration of the deadline for candidate registration established by the Rector's order, the Election Organizing Committee shall schedule the date of meetings with the candidates for the Student Self-Government and the presentation of their activity plans.

10.2. Meetings with candidates shall be held on the premises of the University. During the meeting, each candidate shall present his or her activity plan to the attending students, respond to questions raised by attending students and other candidates, and shall be entitled to address questions to other Student Self-Government candidates.

10.3. On the day of the meeting with candidates, the Election Organizing Committee shall make the action plans publicly available, with due respect for copyright, in order to enable all interested persons to review them. *(as amended by the Rector's Order No. 01-09/33, dated 25 December 2025)*

Article 11. Preparation of Ballot Papers

11.1. No later than 1 (one) week prior to the date of the Student Self-Government elections determined by the Rector's order, the Election Organizing Committee shall ensure the preparation of ballot papers and their transfer to the Election Commission.

11.2. Each ballot paper shall indicate:

- a) the ballot paper number;

- b) the educational program / academic year (course);
- c) all candidates nominated from the respective educational program / academic year (course);
- d) the signature of the Chairperson of the Election Organizing Committee certifying compliance of the ballot paper with the requirements set forth in this Article.

11.3. The Secretary of the Election Commission shall verify the accuracy of the information indicated on the ballot papers and shall formalize the act of transfer and acceptance of the ballot papers with the Election Organizing Committee.

Article 12. Preparation of Electoral Lists

12.1. No later than 1 (one) week prior to the date of the Student Self-Government elections determined by the Rector's order, the Election Commission shall ensure the compilation of the list of student voters by educational program(s)/course(s) and its public display at the University, by polling station(s). *(as amended by the Rector's Order No. 01-09/33, dated 25 December 2025)*

12.2. The electoral list shall include all students who held an active student status at the time of issuance of the order announcing the Student Self-Government elections.

12.3. A student who has not been included in the electoral list shall be entitled to submit a complaint to the Election Commission within 3 (three) days from the date of publication of the list.

12.4. The Election Commission shall review the student's complaint within 1 (one) day and shall adopt a reasoned decision on the inclusion of the student in the electoral list or on the refusal to satisfy the complaint.

Article 13. Election Commission

13.1. For the purpose of conducting the Student Self-Government elections, organizing the voting process, and counting votes, an Election Commission shall be established by an order of the Rector of the University.

13.2. The Election Commission shall consist of 5 (five) members, including:

- a) 3 (three) members nominated by student initiative groups;
- b) 1 (one) representative of the University administration;
- c) 1 (one) representative of the academic staff of the University.

13.3. Student members of the Election Commission shall not be entitled to participate in the Student Self-Government elections as candidates.

13.4. The Election Commission shall ensure:

- a) preparation of electoral lists in accordance with the procedure established by this Regulation;
- b) receipt and verification of ballot papers;
- c) registration and accounting of completed ballot papers;
- d) organization of the election process and accounting of the ballots completed by voters; *(as amended by the Rector's Order No. 01-09/33, dated 25 December 2025)*
- e) response to violations registered by the body of observers.

13.5. For the first Student Self-Government elections, the Election Commission may be formed by an order of the Rector, in a manner different from that provided for in Clause 13.2. *(as amended by the Rector's Order No. 01-09/33, dated 25 December 2025)*

Article 14. Body of Observers

14.1. Oversight of the objective and transparent conduct of the Student Self-Government elections shall be ensured by the Body of Observers.

14.2. Any interested student shall be entitled to register as an observer for the Student Self-Government elections.

14.3. The University shall be authorized to include representatives of the administration and/or academic staff in the Body of Observers.

14.4. At the request of a student initiative group, it shall be permissible for students of other higher educational institutions, members of academic staff, or other external persons to be included in the Body of Observers.

14.5. The formation of the University's Body of Observers list (registration of interested persons) shall be ensured by the Election Organizing Committee.

14.6. The list of observers shall be approved by the Election Organizing Committee. *(as amended by the Rector's Order No. 01-09/33, dated 25 December 2025)*

Article 15. Election Process

15.1. On the day of the elections, a student entitled to vote shall be authorized to appear at the designated polling area within the University campus during the time period determined by the Rector's order for the conduct of the elections.

15.2. Prior to receiving a ballot, the student shall present an identity card or an international passport to a member of the Election Commission. *(as amended by the Rector's Order No. 01-09/33, dated 25 December 2025)*

15.3. A member of the Election Commission shall verify the student's details in the electoral list and issue to the student a ballot corresponding to the candidates of the relevant program/course. *(as amended by the Rector's Order No. 01-09/33, dated 25 December 2025)*

15.4. The issuance and receipt of the ballot paper shall be confirmed by the student's signature in the relevant register.

15.5. After receiving the ballot, the student shall proceed to a designated private voting area, select the preferred candidate from the ballot, mark the candidate's name accordingly, and place the ballot in a sealed ballot box located in the polling room. *(as amended by the Rector's Order No. 01-09/33, dated 25 December 2025)*

15.6. Representatives of the body of observers shall be authorized to attend all stages of the Student Self-Government election process, except for the moment when a student casts their vote in the designated private voting area. *(as amended by the Rector's Order No. 01-09/33, dated 25 December 2025)*

Article 16. Counting of Votes

16.1. Upon the expiration of the time period designated for the Student Self-Government elections by the Rector's order, the Election Commission shall compare the number of ballot papers issued with the number of students who appeared for voting.

16.2. If the number of ballot papers issued corresponds to the number of students who appeared for voting, the Commission shall open the ballot box and count the number of ballot papers contained therein.

16.3. If the number of ballot papers contained in the ballot box corresponds to the number of ballot papers issued, the Commission shall commence the vote-counting process.

16.4. During the vote-counting process, votes cast for candidates of each educational program / academic year (course) shall be counted separately.

16.5. Ballot papers from which it is not possible to determine the candidate for whom the student voter cast a vote, as well as ballot papers on which votes have been cast for more than one candidate, shall be considered invalid and shall not be taken into account during the vote-counting process.

16.6. The vote-counting process shall be mandatory to commence immediately upon the completion of the voting process and shall be completed on the same day.

16.7. The Body of Observers shall be entitled to attend the vote-counting process.

Article 17. Minutes of the Election Commission Meeting

17.1. The course and conduct of the Student Self-Government elections shall be recorded in the minutes of the Election Commission meeting.

17.2. The minutes of the Election Commission meeting shall indicate:

- a) the number of students who appeared for voting;

- b) the number of ballot papers issued;
- c) the number of ballot papers removed from the ballot box;
- d) the number of ballot papers declared invalid;
- e) the number of votes received by each candidate;
- f) complaints and observations submitted by the body of observers regarding violations of the election procedures defined by this Regulation (if any); *(as amended by the Rector's Order No. 01-09/33, dated 25 December 2025)*
- g) the winning candidates by each educational program / academic year (course).

17.3. The minutes of the Election Commission meeting shall be signed by all members of the Commission.

17.4. The following documents shall be attached to the minutes of the Election Commission meeting as annexes:

- a) the list of student voters;
- b) the list of students who appeared for voting, with their signatures;
- c) the act of transfer and acceptance of ballot papers;
- d) ballot papers declared invalid;
- e) other information, as determined by the decision of the Election Commission.

Article 18. Determination of Winning Candidates

18.1. Based on the results of vote counting, the Election Commission shall determine the winning candidates for each educational program / academic year (course), i.e., the candidates who have received the highest number of votes, in accordance with the procedure established by this Article.

18.2. Repealed. *(as amended by the Rector's Order No. 01-09/33, dated 25 December 2025)*

18.3. Repealed. *(as amended by the Rector's Order No. 01-09/33, dated 25 December 2025)*

18.4. Repealed. *(as amended by the Rector's Order No. 01-09/33, dated 25 December 2025)*

18.5. In the event that, as a result of the elections, fewer candidates receive votes than the number of seats specified by the Rector's order, the Commission shall decide to include the remaining seats in a second round of elections. *(as amended by the Rector's Order No. 01-09/33, dated 25 December 2025)*

18.6. In the event that, as a result of the elections, more candidates than the number of seats specified by the Rector's order receive an equal number of votes, the Commission shall decide to proceed with a second round of elections for those candidates. *(as amended by the Rector's Order No. 01-09/33, dated 25 December 2025)*

18.7. If violations of the election process are identified that may have had a direct positive or negative impact on the number of votes cast for any candidate, the Commission shall be authorized to decide on declaring the elections invalid for the relevant educational program / academic year (course) or in their entirety, and to appoint a second round of elections.

Article 19. Second Round of Elections

19.1. A second round of the Student Self-Government elections shall be conducted in the following cases:

- a) if the first round of elections has been declared invalid in whole or in part, for a specific educational program and/or a specific academic year (course), by a decision of the Election Commission;
- b) if the number of votes received by candidates for the seats specified by the Rector's order is equal; *(as amended by the Rector's Order No. 01-09/33, dated 25 December 2025)*
- c) if the seats specified by the Rector's order are not filled. *(as amended by the Rector's Order No. 01-09/33, dated 25 December 2025)*

19.2. The second round of elections shall be conducted in accordance with the procedure established by this Regulation, within 1 (one) week from the date of completion of the first round.

19.3. If the first round of elections has been declared entirely invalid by a decision of the Election Commission, the second round shall be conducted for all candidates registered for the elections.

19.4. If the first round of elections has been declared partially invalid by a decision of the Election Commission, the second round shall be conducted for all candidates of the relevant educational program / academic year (course).

19.5. If, in the first round of elections, candidates have received an equal number of votes, the second round shall be conducted for the remaining seats of the relevant educational program / academic year (course), only among those candidates.

19.6. In the event that, in the first round of elections, the seats specified by the Rector's order are not filled, a second round shall be conducted for the remaining seats within the relevant program/course, with the participation of all registered candidates. *(as amended by the Rector's Order No. 01-09/33, dated 25 December 2025)*

19.7. The procedures for conducting the voting process of the second round, documenting the activities of the Election Commission, and determining the winning candidates shall be carried out in accordance with Articles 15–16 of this Regulation.

Article 20. Announcement of Election Results and Formation of the Student Self-Government

20.1. Following the completion of the second round of elections, the final minutes of the Election Commission shall determine the members of the Student Self-Government for all educational programs / academic years (courses).

20.2. The list of members of the Student Self-Government shall be approved by an order of the Rector.

20.2.¹ Within 24 hours from the announcement of the election results, a candidate, observer, member of the Election Commission, or voter shall have the right to submit a complaint to the Election Commission regarding a violation of the election procedures defined by this Regulation. In addition, the election results may be appealed before the Batumi City Court within 30 days. *(as amended by the Rector's Order No. 01-09/33, dated 25 December 2025)*

20.3. Within 1 (one) month from the issuance of the Rector's order on the formation of the Student Self-Government, the first meeting of the Student Self-Government shall be held. *(as amended by the Rector's Order No. 01-09/33, dated 25 December 2025)*

20.4. Within the framework of its first meeting, the Student Self-Government shall:

- a) elect from among its members the Chairperson of the Student Self-Government;
- b) be authorized to establish other governing bodies, such as Deputy Chairpersons, committees, interest groups, and other structures;
- c) determine the working group responsible for developing the Student Self-Government action plan;
- d) nominate candidates for student membership in the School Council;
- e) nominate a candidate for the position of Student Ombudsman;
- f) determine the frequency of Student Self-Government meetings, as well as the procedures for agenda setting, discussion of issues, and decision-making.

20.5. The Student Self-Government shall be obliged to submit its action plan and budget to the Academic Council of the University within 2 (two) months from the date of its first meeting.

20.6. If the Student Self-Government fails to submit its action plan within 3 (three) months from the announcement of the election results, the Rector of the University shall be authorized to terminate its mandate and announce early elections of the Student Self-Government.

20.7. Early elections shall be conducted in accordance with the procedure established under this Chapter.

Chapter III – Powers and Authority of the Student Self-Government

Article 21. Powers of the Student Self-Government

21.1. The University Student Self-Government shall:

- a) ensure student participation in university life;
- b) promote the protection of students' rights and elect the Student Ombudsman (as well as representatives of the Student Ombudsman, taking into account the proposal of the Student Ombudsman, the number of students, and the volume of students' appeals addressed to the Student Ombudsman); *(as amended by the Rector's Order No. 01-09/14, dated 07 July 2023)*
- c) elect its representatives to the Council of the primary educational unit (School);
- d) develop proposals aimed at improving the University's governance system and the quality of education;
- e) independently develop the Regulation of the Student Self-Government and exercise other powers provided for by this Regulation;
- f) carry out the activities defined in its action plan within the framework of the budget agreed upon with the University.

21.2. The University administration shall not be entitled to interfere in the activities of the Student Self-Government.

Article 22. Term of Office of the Student Self-Government

22.1. The term of office of the Student Self-Government shall be 2 (two) years.

22.2. The mandate of a student member of the Student Self-Government may be terminated prior to the expiration of the term in the following cases:

- a) upon submission of a personal written resignation;
- b) by a decision of two-thirds (2/3) of the Student Self-Government, if the member's activities harm the interests of the University and/or the Student Self-Government, in accordance with the procedure established by the Student Self-Government Regulation;
- c) due to the termination of the student status.

22.3. If, no later than 6 (six) months prior to the expiration of the term of office of the Student Self-Government, the mandate of more than one-third (1/3) of its members is terminated, early elections of the Student Self-Government shall be conducted for the vacated seats, for the remaining term of office of the existing Student Self-Government..

Article 23. Governing Bodies of the Student Self-Government

23.1. The Student Self-Government shall be headed by the Chairperson of the Student Self-Government, who shall be elected by all members of the Student Self-Government at the constitutive meeting.

23.2. The Chairperson of the Student Self-Government shall:

- a) represent the Student Self-Government in its relations with the University;
- b) plan the activities of the Student Self-Government and convene and chair its meetings;
- c) lead the process of developing the action plan and budget of the Student Self-Government and monitor the implementation of the action plan;
- d) be responsible for ensuring that the activities of the Student Self-Government are conducted in compliance with the requirements of this Regulation;
- e) exercise other powers determined by the Regulation of the Student Self-Government.

23.3. The Chairperson of the Student Self-Government shall be accountable to the Student Self-Government and to the Academic Council of the University with regard to the implementation of the action plan submitted by the Student Self-Government, and shall be accountable to the Rector and the Director with regard to the targeted and lawful management of University funds. *(as amended by the Rector's Order No. 01-09/33, dated 25 December 2025)*

23.4. The term of office of the Chairperson of the Student Self-Government shall be 2 (two) years.

23.5. The grounds for early termination of the mandate of the Chairperson of the Student Self-Government shall include:

- a) failure to implement the annual action plan of the Student Self-Government;
- b) misuse or non-targeted use of the Student Self-Government budget;
- c) a vote of no confidence declared by more than two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the Student Self-Government;
- d) the circumstance provided for in Article 22, paragraph 2 of this Regulation;
- e) other circumstances provided for by the Regulation of the Student Self-Government.

23.6. In the event of early termination of the mandate of the Chairperson of the Student Self-Government, the Student Self-Government shall elect, from among its members, an Acting Chairperson for the remaining term of office.

23.7. The Student Self-Government shall be authorized to elect other governing bodies, such as Deputy Chairpersons, sectoral departments, and other structures. Decisions regarding the titles, subordination, and composition of such governing bodies shall be adopted by the Student Self-Government by a majority vote.

23.8. The powers and competencies of the governing bodies of the Student Self-Government shall be determined by the Regulation of the Student Self-Government adopted by the Student Self-Government.

Article 24. Action Plan of the Student Self-Government

24.1. The action plan of the Student Self-Government shall define the activities to be carried out by the Student Self-Government during the year, aimed at achieving the objectives set forth in Article 21 of this Regulation and in the Regulation of the Student Self-Government. The action plan shall specify the activities envisaged, identify the Self-Government bodies responsible for their implementation, determine the budget necessary for the implementation of such activities, and establish performance indicators for their execution.

24.2. The action plan shall be developed for a period of one academic year.

24.3. The draft action plan shall be submitted by the Chairperson of the Student Self-Government to the Academic Council of the University for review and approval.

24.4. The Academic Council shall be authorized to withhold approval of the action plan of the Student Self-Government in the following cases:

- a) if the objectives set out in the action plan are not consistent with the goals of the Student Self-Government or with the mission, vision, and objectives of the University;
- b) if the objectives set out in the action plan are unrealistic, or if the human and/or financial resources allocated for their implementation are manifestly inadequate or irrelevant;
- c) if the budget of the action plan exceeds the amount of funding allocated to the Student Self-Government under the University budget, and the consent of the General Meeting of Partners to increase the Student Self-Government budget has not been obtained.

24.5. The Academic Council shall be authorized to provide non-binding recommendations to the Student Self-Government regarding specific objectives of the action plan.

24.6. Based on the action plan approved by the Academic Council, the activities of the Student Self-Government shall be planned and carried out during the respective reporting year.

24.7. Failure to implement the action plan, unless justified by unforeseen and insurmountable circumstances, may constitute grounds for termination of the mandate of the Chairperson of the Student Self-Government.

Article 25. Budget of the Student Self-Government

25.1. The Student Self-Government and the activities implemented by it shall be financed from the University budget. The Student Self-Government shall be authorized to seek additional funding from external sources.

25.2. The Student Self-Government shall be entitled to define its objectives within the limits of the funding allocated under the University budget or to submit a reasoned initiative for an increase in the budget.

25.3. A request by the Student Self-Government for an increase in the budget shall be considered by the General Meeting of Partners of the University, based on the approval of the Academic Council and the conclusion of the Rector and/or the Director. *(as amended by the Rector's Order No. 01-09/33, dated 25 December 2025)*

25.4. The Student Self-Government shall be authorized to apply to the University's Finance and Accounting Service for assistance and consultation in the budgeting process of its action plan. *(as amended by the Rector's Order No. 01-09/33, dated 25 December 2025)*

25.5. The University shall be authorized to monitor the targeted use of expenditures incurred by the Student Self-Government within the scope of the budget allocated to it.

25.6. Responsibility for the effective and targeted use of the Student Self-Government budget shall rest with the Chairperson of the Student Self-Government.

Article 26. Representation in the School Council

26.1. The Student Self-Government shall, upon a request of the Dean, elect and nominate student representatives to the Council of the University's primary educational unit – the School Council.

26.2. The number of student members of the School Council shall be determined by the School Regulation.

26.3. The procedures for the election of student members (representatives) of the School Council shall be determined by the Regulation of the Student Self-Government. The Student Self-Government shall be authorized to nominate as student representatives both members of the Student Self-Government and other students, subject to their consent.

Article 27. Student Ombudsman

27.1. The Student Self-Government shall elect, from among its members and for the duration of the term of office of the Student Self-Government, a student rights defender – the Student Ombudsman, whose primary function shall be to protect students' rights and legitimate interests at all levels and in relations with any entity of the University.

27.2. The Student Ombudsman shall:

- a) be authorized to collect information on violations of students' rights and legitimate interests and submit such information to the competent bodies of the University for appropriate response;
- b) be authorized to participate in the resolution of disputed matters in support of the student concerned;
- c) participate in disciplinary proceedings involving students;
- d) develop and submit recommendations to the Academic Council of the University aimed at protecting and better realizing students' rights and legitimate interests;
- e) exercise other powers provided for by the Regulation of the Student Ombudsman.

27.3. The Student Ombudsman shall be independent in the performance of his or her duties and shall be guided by the Regulation of the Student Ombudsman and the relevant legal acts of the University.

27.4. The grounds for termination of the mandate of the Student Ombudsman shall include:

- a) submission of a personal resignation;
- b) a decision of two-thirds (2/3) of the Student Self-Government, if the activities of the Student Ombudsman do not comply with the provisions of the Regulation of the Student Ombudsman;
- c) termination of the student status.

27.5. Matters related to the activities of the Student Ombudsman shall be regulated by the "Regulation of the Student Ombudsman of LLC Avicenna – Batumi Medical University". *(as amended by the Rector's Order No. 01-09/33, dated 25 December 2025)*

Article 28. Regulation of the Student Self-Government

28.1. The procedures governing the activities of the Student Self-Government shall be regulated by a document developed and adopted by the Student Self-Government – the Regulation of the Student Self-Government.

28.2. The Regulation of the Student Self-Government shall comply with this Framework Regulation with regard to the key areas of activity of the Self-Government, the scope of its powers, and the procedures for decision-making on key matters.

28.3. The University shall be authorized to intervene in the process of approval of the Regulation of the Student Self-Government and/or in the process of introducing amendments and supplements thereto only in cases where such provisions are inconsistent with this Regulation.

28.4. The Regulation of the Student Self-Government shall be accessible to all interested parties through the official website of the University.

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Article 29. Authority Competent to Approve the Initial Version of the Regulation

29.1. In accordance with the Charter of the University, this Regulation has been adopted and approved by the General Meeting of Partners of the university.

Article 30. Entry into Force of the Regulation

30.1. This Regulation shall enter into force upon its approval by the General Meeting of Partners.

30.2. Amendments and supplements to this Regulation shall enter into force upon their approval by the Rector of the University, unless a different future date for the entry into force of such amendments is determined by the Rector's order

Article 31. Conduct of the First Student Self-Government Elections

31.1. Following the entry into force of this Regulation, and upon the enrollment of not less than 50 students at the University, the Rector of the University shall appoint the first Student Self-Government elections. The Student Self-Government formed as a result of such elections shall develop the Regulation of the Student Self-Government in accordance with this Regulation. *(as amended by the Rector's Order No. 01-09/14, dated 07 July 2023)*