Regulation No. 37/2020 of the Rector of the University of Warmia and Mazury in Olsztyn of 26 March 2020

on changes in the operation of the University in the state of epidemic caused by the SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus

Acting pursuant to Art. 23, 40 and 51 of the Act of 20 July 2018 – Law on Higher Education and Science (consolidated text Dz.U. of 2020, item 85), the Act of March 2, 2020 on special solutions related to the prevention, countermeasures and combating of COVID-19, other infectious diseases and emergencies caused by them (Dz.U. of 2020, item 374) and Art. 17.4 of the Statute of the University of Warmia and Mazury in Olsztyn, attached as the Appendix to Resolution No. 494 of the Senate of the University of Warmia and Mazury in Olsztyn of 21 May 2019 on the Statute of the University of Warmia and Mazury in Olsztyn, in conjunction with the Regulation of the Minister of Health of 20 March 2020 (Dz.U. of 2020, item 491, as amended) and Regulations of the Minister of Science and Higher Education: of 11 March 2020 on temporary restriction on the operation of some entities of the higher education and science system concerning the prevention, countermeasures and combating of COVID-19 (Dz.U. of 2020, item 405, as amended) and of 23 March 2020 on temporary restriction on the operation of some entities of the higher education and science system concerning the prevention, countermeasures and combating of COVID-19 (Dz.U. of 2020, item 511), it is ordered as follows:

Art. 1

- 1. All didactic activities carried out in the seat and in the branch of the University of Warmia and Mazury in Olsztyn are suspended.
- 2. Teachers conducting courses:
 - 1) in all first degree, second degree and uniform master degree programmes, hereinafter referred to as "studies";
 - 2) in doctoral programmes and in the doctoral school;
 - 3) in post-graduate studies and in other forms of education

are obliged to use remote forms of teaching from the date this order becomes effective until it is revoked, provided that the type of the course permits its implementation in the remote form and will enable the students to achieve learning outcomes assumed for the given course.

- 3. In order to implement didactic activities referred to in para. 2, the following remote teaching tools are recommended:
 - 1) Microsoft Teams in the Office365 suite, except the forms of education referred to in para. 2.3);
 - 2) the e-learning Moodle platform;
 - 3) the LMS ILIAS educational platform.
- 4. The use of other tools is permitted provided that they ensure the appropriate quality of the courses conducted and do not involve costs to be incurred by the University and the students.
- 5. Course coordinators shall choose the tool for conducting remote classes in consultation with, respectively, the dean/the director of the branch/the director of the Public Health

- School or a person they authorise, the head of the doctoral studies, the director of the doctoral school, the head of the university-level unit or the head of the postgraduate studies.
- 6. Teachers conducting courses are obliged to immediately notify the participants of a given student group of the selected remote teaching tools, using the following forms of communication:
 - 1) e-mail correspondence using the USOS-web system;
 - 2) announcements on the website of the unity.
- 7. Proper implementation of the didactic process with the use of remote teaching methods is supervised by:
 - 1) the dean, the director of the branch and the director of the Public Health School with regard to studies;
 - 2) the head of the doctoral studies with regard to doctoral studies;
 - 3) the director of the doctoral school with regard to the doctoral school;
 - 4) the head of the postgraduate studies with regard to post-graduate studies;
 - 5) the heads of the university-level units conducting foreign language and physical education courses.
- 8. As of 30 March 2020, classes shall be held according to the current timetable. It is acceptable to change the day of the week and the time of classes after consultations with the student group participants and the dean. This rule also applies to the classes which were not held in the period from 12 March to 29 March 2020.
- 9. As a consequence of changing the form of conducting courses into distance learning mode, it is allowed to adjust the conditions for verifying achievement of learning outcomes specified in the syllabus to the changed form of the courses.
- 10. The adjustment of the conditions for verifying achievement of learning outcomes to the changed form of the courses should be done by the course coordinator in consultation with course participants or the Student Self-Government, and additionally, it should:
 - 1) take into account the specificity of the selected remote teaching tool;
 - 2) ensure reliable verification of achieving all learning outcomes specified in the syllabus;
 - 3) be accepted by persons supervising the proper implementation of the teaching process, referred to in Art. 1.7.
- 11. Employee's consultations with students, doctoral students or course participants shall be held remotely, excluding the possibility of direct contact.
- 12. The use of the University Library collection in the library premises and in all branches and reading rooms is suspended.

Art. 2

- 1. It is prohibited to organise any academic, sports or artistic events on the premises of the University or outside its location.
- 2. All academic, sports and artistic events organised by the University of Warmia and Mazury in Olsztyn and other events of this type organised by external entities in the premises of the University of Warmia and Mazury in Olsztyn are cancelled.
- 3. It is prohibited to conduct any activities of sports sections, student agencies or clubs or catering units, except for providing take away catering services.

4. Sports facilities of the University of Warmia and Mazury in Olsztyn, including the University Swimming Pool are closed. For activities conducted in those facilities by external entities, the decisions shall be made on a case-by-case basis by the head of the Centre for Physical Education and Sports.

Art. 3

- 1. All trips of employees, students and doctoral students of the University of Warmia and Mazury in Olsztyn and visits of foreign guests are suspended.
- 2. Accommodation of new persons in student dormitories is suspended and external visitors are not allowed.

Art. 4

Employees, students and doctoral students who have returned from abroad are obliged to:

- 1) immediately notify the dean, the director of the university-level unit, the director of the doctoral school or the immediate superior, respectively, about this fact;
- 2) remain in their place of residence for 14 days as of the date of return and follow the recommendations of the Chief Sanitary Inspector.

Art. 5

- 1. Regulation No. 32/2020 of the Rector of the University of Warmia and Mazury in Olsztyn dated 11 March 2020 on preventing the spread of coronavirus SARS-CoV-2 as amended is repealed.
- 2. This Regulation becomes effective as of 26 March 2020 and shall remain in force until further notice.

Rector

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