In accordance with Article 2 of the Federal Law “On M.V. Lomonosov Moscow State University and St Petersburg University”, the Government of the Russian Federation decrees as follows:

To approve the attached Charter of the Federal State Budgetary Educational Institution of Higher Education “St Petersburg University”.

(as amended by RF Government Regulation N 594 of June 16, 2015)

Chairman of the Government of the Russian Federation
V. PUTIN

Approved by Regulation N 1241 of the Government of the Russian Federation of December 31, 2010

CHARTER
OF THE STATE BUDGETARY EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION
“ST PETERSBURG UNIVERSITY”

I. General Provisions

1. Saint-Petersburg State University (hereinafter referred to as “St Petersburg University”) was established by the Decree of Peter I dated January 22, 1724, and enacted by the Decree of the Russian Governing Senate dated January 28, 1724.
2. In accordance with Decree N 1487 of November 30, 1992, “On the basic sites of cultural heritage of the peoples of the Russian Federation” issued by the President of the Russian Federation, St Petersburg University has been classified as a basic site of the peoples of the Russian Federation.

3. The Russian Federation shall be considered the founder and owner of the property of St Petersburg University is the Russian Federation.  

(section 3 as amended by RF Government Regulation N 58 of January 31, 2012)

3.1. On behalf of the Russian Federation, the functions and powers of the founder in relation to St Petersburg University are exercised by the Government of the Russian Federation.

Certain individual functions and powers of the founder shall be carried out by the Ministry of Science and Higher Education of the Russian Federation and the Federal Agency for State Property Management, in accordance with the delimitations specified in this Charter.  

(as amended by RF Government Regulation N 1152 of September 28, 2018)

The functions and powers of the owner of the property transferred to St Petersburg University shall be exercised by the Federal Agency for State Property Management in the manner prescribed by the legislation of the Russian Federation.

In accordance with the legislation of the Russian Federation, the supervision of the activities of St Petersburg University shall be exercised by the Government of the Russian Federation, the Ministry of Science and Higher Education of the Russian Federation, and the Federal Agency for State Property Management. 

(as amended by RF Government Regulation N 1152 of September 28, 2018)

(subsection 3.1 introduced by RF Government Regulation N 58 of January 31, 2012)

3.2. The Government of the Russian Federation exercises the following functions and powers of the founder:

(a) approving the Charter of St Petersburg University as well as introducing amendments to it;

(b) concluding and terminating the employment agreement with the Rector of St Petersburg University;

(c) approving the state task for the provision of public services (the performance of work) (hereinafter referred to as the “state task”) in accordance with the principal activities specified by this Charter;

(d) repealed by RF Government Regulation N 252 of March 29, 2014;

(e) repealed by RF Government Regulation N 252 of March 29, 2014;

(f) concluding and terminating the employment agreement with the President of St Petersburg University;  

(as amended by RF Government Regulation N 594 of June 16, 2015)

(g) exercising other functions and powers of the founder in accordance with the legislation of the Russian Federation. 

(subsection 3.2 introduced by RF Government Regulation N 58 of January 31, 2012)

3.3. The Government of the Russian Federation may delegate its powers provided for by subsection 3.2 of this Charter to federal executive authorities in accordance with the procedures established by the legislation of the Russian Federation. 

(subsection 3.3 introduced by RF Government Regulation N 58 of January 31, 2012)
3.4. The Ministry of Science and Higher Education of the Russian Federation shall perform the following functions and powers of the founder:

(as amended by RF Government Regulation N 1152 of September 28, 2018)

(a) formulating and submitting to the Government of the Russian Federation the state task in accordance with the principal activities specified by this Charter;

(b) determining the procedure for drawing up and approving the plan of financial and operating activities of St Petersburg University, as well as the report on the performance of St Petersburg University in accordance with the requirements established by the Ministry of Finance of the Russian Federation;

(c) establishing the procedure for determining fees to be paid by individuals and legal entities for services (work) related to the principal activities of St Petersburg University and rendered in excess of the established state task, as well as those within the established state task in cases provided for by federal laws;

(d) determining the maximum limit of overdue payables of St Petersburg University, exceeding which entails employer-initiated termination of the employment contract with the Rector of St Petersburg University in accordance with the Labour Code of the Russian Federation;

(e) identifying the types of highly valuable movable property;

(f) compiling, maintaining and approving the institutional list of public services provided and activities performed by St Petersburg University.

(paragraph (f) introduced by RF Government Regulation N 1337 of December 12, 2016)

(subsection 3.4 introduced by RF Government Regulation N 58 of January 31, 2012)

3.5. The Federal Agency for State Property Management shall exercise the following functions and powers of the founder:

(a) approving the management and disposal of highly valuable movable property assigned to St Petersburg University or acquired by St Petersburg University out of the funds allocated to it by the founder for acquisition of such property;

(b) approving the management and disposal, including real estate lease, of immovable property assigned to St Petersburg University;

(c) giving preliminary approval to major transactions negotiated by St Petersburg University that match the criteria established by Article 9.2, Section 13 of the Federal Law “On Non-profit Organizations”;

(d) making decisions on approving interested-party transactions involving St Petersburg University, as determined by the criteria established in Article 27 of the Federal Law “On Non-profit Organizations”;

(e) approving the transfer by St Petersburg University to non-profit organizations, in its capacity as their founder or contributing participant, of funds (unless otherwise established by the terms of their provision) and other property, except for the highly valuable movable property assigned to St Petersburg University by the owner or acquired by St Petersburg University out of the funds allocated to it by the owner for the purchase of such property and immovable property;

(f) approving, subject to applicable requirements established by the federal legislation, contributions by St Petersburg University of monetary funds (unless otherwise established by the terms of their provision) and other property, except for highly valuable movable and immovable property, to authorized (share) capital of business entities or otherwise transferring such property to them as their
founder or contributing participant;

(g) determining the procedure for drawing up and approving the report on the use of federal property assigned to St Petersburg University, in accordance with the requirements established by the Ministry of Finance of the Russian Federation;

(h) approving the inventory of highly valuable movable property assigned to St Petersburg University or acquired by St Petersburg University out of the funds allocated to it by the founder for acquisition of such property;
(as amended by RF Government Regulation N 252 of March 29, 2014)

(i) approving the inventory of immovable property assigned to St Petersburg University or acquired by St Petersburg University out of the funds allocated to it by the founder for acquisition of such property;
(as amended by RF Government Regulation N 252 of March 29, 2014)
(subsection 3.5 introduced by RF Government Regulation N 58 of January 31, 2012)

4. St Petersburg University is a creative community of professors, teachers, students, researchers, engineering and technical employees, committed to attaining truth, humanism and justice.

5. St Petersburg University conducts its educational and research activity in accordance with the Constitution of the Russian Federation, the legislation of the Russian Federation, other regulatory acts issued by government authorities, this Charter, internal rules of labour conduct, internal regulations for St Petersburg University students, and other internal rules and regulations.
(as amended by RF Government Regulation N 594 of June 16, 2015)

Specific terms of the legal status of St Petersburg University are determined by the Federal Law “On M.V. Lomonosov Moscow State University and Saint-Petersburg State University”.

6. In accordance with the procedures determined by the legislation of the Russian Federation, St Petersburg University research and education complex can be created, which may comprise legal entities, including institutes.

7. Organizational structures of political parties, social-and-political and religious movements and organizations (associations) cannot be created and are not allowed to operate at St Petersburg University.

8. The full name of St Petersburg University is Federal State Budgetary Institution of Higher Education “Saint-Petersburg State University”.
(as amended by RF Government Regulation N 594 of June 16, 2015)

Abbreviated names: Saint-Petersburg State University, St Petersburg University or SPbU.

The full name of St Petersburg University in English: Federal State Budgetary Educational Institution of Higher Education “Saint-Petersburg State University”.
(as amended by RF Government Regulation N 594 of June 16, 2015)

Abbreviated names of St Petersburg University in English: Saint-Petersburg University, St Petersburg State University, SPbU.
(as amended by RF Government Regulation N 594 of June 16, 2015)

9. The official address of St Petersburg University: Universitetskaya Emb., 7/9, St Petersburg, 199034, Russia

10. St Petersburg University is a legal entity; it has its own coat of arms and other symbols, the name, the set-apart property, a standalone balance sheet, business accounts with the territorial
authority of the Federal Treasury and accounts for operations with funds carried out in accordance with
the currency legislation of the Russian Federation, officials seals with the name of the University,
bearing the image of the National Emblem of the Russian Federation, as well as other seals, stamps and
letterheads in the established standard form.
(section 10 as amended by RF Government Regulation N 58 of January 31, 2012)

11. St Petersburg University has the right, on its own behalf, to acquire and exercise property and
non-property rights, to bear obligations, to act as a plaintiff or a defendant in court.

St Petersburg University is liable for its obligations to the full extent of the property assigned to it
by the right of operative management by the property owner and acquired out of the income received
from the paid services provided and from other income-generating activities, with the exception of the
highly valuable movable property assigned to St Petersburg University or acquired by St Petersburg
University out of the funds allocated to it by the owner, and the immovable property.
(This paragraph was introduced by RF Government Regulation N 58 of January 31, 2012.)

The property owner is not liable for the obligations of St Petersburg University, except for the case
established by Article 33, Section 12, of the Federal Law “On introducing amendments to certain
legislative acts of the Russian Federation in connection with the improvement of the legal status of state
(municipal) institutions”.
(This paragraph was introduced by RF Government Regulation N 58 of January 31, 2012.)

12. The goals, objectives and activities of St Petersburg State University are set as follows:
(as amended by RF Government Regulation N 58 of January 31, 2012)

(a) serving the needs of individuals and the society in terms of intellectual, cultural, moral and
spiritual development;

(b) training highly-qualified professionals, possessing independent research skills in various fields
of study and areas of expertise;
(as amended by RF Government Regulation N 58 of January 31, 2012)

(c) training, retraining and professional development of the academic personnel;

(d) organizing and conducting fundamental, exploratory and applied research in a wide range of
research areas and development projects, including those connected with using restricted-access
information classified as a state secret;

(e) preserving, developing and amplifying the ethical and cultural traditions of St Petersburg
University, educating young people in the spirit of these traditions, enhancing the role of the humanities
in the educational process;

(f) participating in the organization and implementation of continuing education;

(g) spreading the humanistic worldview and knowledge;

(h) implementing activities in the field of health care, including provision of primary and secondary
health care, such as high-tech medical care;
(paragraph (h) introduced by RF Government Regulation N 1337 of December 12, 2016)

(i) studying, consolidating and disseminating best practices of medical organizations in the field of
surgery and related fields of medicine, as well as implementing innovative efforts in the field of
medicine and related fields of science and practice, including introduction of new medical technologies.
(paragraph (i) introduced by RF Government Regulation N 1337 of December 10, 2016)

13. St Petersburg University carries out the following principal activities within the framework of
the state task:
(as amended by RF Government Regulation N 58 of January 31, 2012)

(a) developing and implementing educational programmes of secondary professional and higher education within the state task, educational programmes of basic general and secondary general education, as well as additional educational programmes in accordance with the licence to carry out educational activities;
(paragraph (a) as amended by RF Government Regulation N 594 of June 16, 2015)

(b) conducting fundamental and applied research;
(as amended by RF Government Regulation N 58 of January 31, 2012)

(c) professional development and retraining of personnel with a university degree and academic personnel with higher academic degrees;

(d)-(f) repealed by RF Government Regulation N 58 of January 31, 2012;

(g) organizing sports and fitness as well as creative and cultural activities intended for students;
(as amended by RF Government Regulation N 594 of June 16, 2015)

(h) international cooperation, organization of international events in the field of research and education, culture and sport;

(i) information support for the activities of St Petersburg University, its employees and students; establishment, development and use of information networks, information resources of global computer networks, databases and programmes;

(j)-(k) repealed by RF Government Regulation N 58 of January 31, 2012;

(l) ensuring operation of gas, electric, heating, water supply, sanitary drainage and low-current networks which are controlled and managed by St Petersburg University;
(as amended by RF Government Regulation N 594 of June 16, 2015)

(m) medical activities to provide secondary health care, including high-tech medical care not covered by compulsory health insurance; medical services as part of clinical testing of preventive, diagnostic, treatment, and rehabilitation methods, as well as pharmaceutical activities;
(paragraph (m) as amended by RF Government Regulation N 1337 of December 10, 2016)

(n) organizing and conducting expert examinations and expert assessment work, as well as preparing expert reports upon requests from government bodies.
(paragraph (n) was introduced by RF Government Regulation N 594 of June 16, 2015)

13.1. St Petersburg University has the right to provide services (perform work) specified by Section 13 of this Charter, for businesses and individuals for a fee on equal terms for the same services (work), including chargeable educational services, in accordance with the legislation of the Russian Federation; to perform work (provide services) aimed at supporting the educational process, research work, medical care and operation of St Petersburg State University; to carry out international and foreign economic activities related to the support of the educational process and research work of St Petersburg University, including organization and provision of internships and international internships for students of St Petersburg University; to send students abroad for study visits and perform research and development work in the following areas:
(as amended by RF Government Regulation N 1337 of December 10, 2016)

(a) metrology, standardization, certification and environmental certification;

(b) development of weapons, military technology and dual-use technology;
(c) geographic, geodetic and cartographic activities and environmental protection;

(d) modelling and monitoring of the state and physical processes in the Earth’s geospheres (tectonosphere, hydrosphere, atmosphere, ionosphere, magnetosphere), in near space and in planetary atmospheres;

(e) communications, information security and technical information protection;

(f) psychology, economics, marketing, auditing, law and records management;

(g) restoration of cultural heritage sites (historical and cultural landmarks);

(h) conducting tests of instruments, equipment and other technologies;

(i) development, design, research and introduction of measuring equipment;

(j) development of physico-mathematical models for prediction of catastrophic natural phenomena and exploration activities;

(k) geotechnical, hydrogeological, geological, geophysical and geological exploration.

(subsection 13.1 introduced by RF Government Regulation N 58 of January 31, 2012)

14. St Petersburg University shall have the right to pursue the following other activities not included among its principal activities only insofar as they contribute to achieving the goals for which St Petersburg University was established and comply with the said goals:

(as amended by RF Government Regulation N 58 of January 31, 2012)

(a) and (b) repealed by RF Government Regulation N 58 of January 31, 2012;

(c) information support services and other types of information services in the established field; services providing access to archival documents and library services;

(d) analytical, applied and technological work aimed at creating intellectual property and brand identifications, enjoyment of the rights to them, including trademark rights and rights for service marks of St Petersburg State University, with the exception of such property and identifications, the rights to which belong to the Russian Federation or other persons;

(e) marketing and sales of audiovisual products, educational programmes, information and other resources;

(f) hosting academic conferences, seminars, workshops, symposiums, Olympiads and other academic, educational and socio-political events;

(g) printing and publishing activity; marketing and sales of educational materials, academic publications, reference books, dictionaries, methodological literature, periodicals, popular science literature and other printed materials;

(h) expert evaluation, including such services as expert evaluation of textbooks, teaching handbooks and other educational literature, evaluation of research and educational projects and programmes for various areas of expertise (fields of study) in the designated field;

(i) translation services;

(j) sales of foodservice industry products and provision of public catering services;

(k) medical activities for provision of primary health care, secondary health care, including high-tech medical care; pharmaceutical activities and provision of prosthetic and orthopaedic services, as
well as production and maintenance of medical equipment;
(paragraph (k) as amended by RF Government Regulation N 1337 of December 10, 2016)

(l) activity in the field of communications, including provision of communications services, such as
the services in the field of information and telecommunication systems and telematic services; data
transmission services and local telephone services, as well as provision of chargeable IT services to third
parties;
(as amended by RF Government Regulation N 594 of June 16, 2015)

(m) creating conditions for recreation and health improvement of SPbU students, employees,
children of SPbU students and employees and other individuals in children’s recreation camps, holiday
centres, community centres, recreation centres, sports and fitness centres operated and managed by St
Petersburg University; provision of health and fitness services, as well as sports and entertainment
services;

(n) reprographic services, copying and duplicating services, services for copying educational,
methodological, informational and analytical content, and other materials;

(o) domestic and household services, support services for students of St Petersburg University;
provision of student residential premises operated and managed by St Petersburg University; hotel
services, communal and household services in SPbU halls of residence;
(as amended by RF Government Regulation N 594 of June 16, 2015)

(p) sales of products manufactured using the funds received from income-generating activities, for
purposes of supporting the educational process and research work;

(q) repealed by RF Government Regulation N 58 of January 31, 2012;

(r) sales of promotional merchandise with the symbols, trademarks and service marks of St
Petersburg University;
(paragraph (r) introduced by RF Government Regulation N 594 of June 16, 2015)

(s) displaying films and video films for educational and academic research purposes;
(paragraph (s) introduced by RF Government Regulation N 594 of June 16, 2015)

(t) excursion activities for educational and academic research purposes;
(paragraph (t) introduced by RF Government Regulation N 594 of June 16, 2015)

(u) consulting, accounting, auditing, engineering, marketing, legal and psychological services;
(paragraph (u) introduced by RF Government Regulation N 1402 of November 22, 2017)

(v) providing inventory records and storage, as well as safety and security, of museum objects and
museum collections; identifying, collecting and studying museum objects and museum collections;
conducting educational and research activities, as well as demonstrating museum objects and museum
collections to the general public by means of public display, reproductions in printed publications, on
electronic and other types of media; posting information about museum objects and museum
collections to online information and telecommunications network;
(paragraph (v) introduced by RF Government Regulation N 1402 of November 22, 2017)

(w) providing museum objects and museum collections kept at St Petersburg University for
exhibitions, photographing, filming, video recording (reproduction) and document reprinting; providing
such services as photographing, filming, video recording (reproduction) of museum objects and museum
collections, copying of archival documents and reprinting of documents, pursuant to the procedures
established by the laws of the Russian Federation;
(paragraph (w) introduced by RF Government Regulation N 1402 of November 22, 2017)
(x) authorising commercial use of the images of museum objects and the trademark in the manner established by the laws of the Russian Federation;
(paragraph (x) introduced by RF Government Regulation N 1402 of November 22, 2017)

(y) exercising, in accordance with the legislation of the Russian Federation, exclusive rights to intellectual property created and acquired as a result of the activities of St Petersburg University;
(paragraph (y) introduced by RF Government Regulation N 1402 of November 22, 2017)

(z) providing digital images of museum objects and museum collections kept at St Petersburg University for temporary chargeable and free use, if this does not violate the authors’ rights of third parties;
(paragraph (z) introduced by RF Government Regulation N 1402 of November 22, 2017)

(aa) storage, compilation, recording and use of archival documents created as a result of the activities of St Petersburg University.
(paragraph (aa) introduced by RF Government Regulation N 1402 of November 22, 2017)

14.1. Income received from St Petersburg University activities indicated in subsection 13.1 and Section 14 of this Charter and property acquired out of this income shall be put at the independent disposal of St Petersburg University in the manner prescribed by the laws of the Russian Federation.
(subsection 14.1 introduced by RF Government Regulation N 58 of January 31, 2012)

14.2. For the purposes of its educational, scientific and other statutory activities, St Petersburg University, in accordance with the established procedure and under obtained licenses, conducts the following activities:

(a) activities related to circulation of narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances and their precursors, as well as cultivation of narcotic plants (with regard to the circulation of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances listed in Schedules I, II and III in the list of narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances and their precursors subject to control in the Russian Federation, and with regard to the circulation of precursors of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances listed in Table I of Schedule IV of the list of narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances and their precursors subject to control in the Russian Federation);
(paragraph (a) as amended by RF Government Regulation N 1402 of November 22, 2017)

(b) collection, processing, storage, transportation, disposal, use and safety assurance of donated blood and its components, hematopoietic (stem) and other cells obtained from blood, bone marrow and other human tissues to support the diagnostic and treatment process;

(c) activities related to the use of infectious agents, including their storage, as well as operation, maintenance and storage of equipment and other material and technical infrastructure necessary for implementation of this type of activity;

(d) activities related to conducting clinical trials of medical drugs and technical tests, toxicological studies, clinical trials of medical devices;

(e) activities related to sources of ionizing radiation and radioisotopes with short half-lives, including their production, distribution, operation, maintenance and storage.
(subsection 14.2 introduced by RF Government Regulation N 1337 of December 10, 2016)

15. St Petersburg University issues documents of education and(or) qualification, bearing official symbols of the Russian Federation, certified by the seal of St Petersburg University, in the format approved by St Petersburg University in accordance with the legislation of the Russian Federation. These documents give their holders the same rights as those possessed by holders of state-recognized documents of corresponding education and(or) qualifications.
(as amended by RF Government Regulation N 594 of June 16, 2015)
St Petersburg University has the right to independent academic recognition, in accordance with its own established procedure, of international full degrees and (or) international qualifications. (This paragraph was introduced by RF Government Regulation N 594 of June 16, 2015.)

16. St Petersburg University independently forms its organizational structure, unless otherwise established by federal laws.

Regulations on a functional unit are approved by the order of the Rector of St Petersburg University. (section 16 as amended by RF Government Regulation N 594 of June 16, 2015)

17. The heads of functional units of St Petersburg University are appointed by the Rector of St Petersburg University in the manner provided for by this Charter.

18. St Petersburg University has the right to voluntarily join associations (societies) that have been established for the purposes of developing and improving education and operate in accordance with the legislation of the Russian Federation. St Petersburg University has the right to participate in the establishment of scientific societies, support them and participate in their activities, to establish and join associations of legal entities (societies, unions), establish non-profit and other organizations in the manner prescribed by the laws of the Russian Federation. (as amended by RF Government Regulation N 594 of June 16, 2015)

19. St Petersburg University has the right, with the consent from the owner, to transfer funds (unless otherwise established by the terms of their provision) and other property to non-profit organizations as their founder or participant, except for the highly valuable movable property assigned to St Petersburg University by the owner or acquired by St Petersburg University out of the funds allocated to it by the owner for the purchase of such property, and immovable property. (This paragraph was introduced by RF Government Regulation N 58 of January 31, 2012.)

19. St Petersburg University shall have the right, without the consent of the owner of its property and upon notifying the Ministry of Science and Higher Education of the Russian Federation, to act as a founder (individually or jointly with other parties) of business entities engaged in practical application (implementation) of the results of intellectual activity (computer software, databases, inventions, utility models, industrial prototypes, selection inventions, integrated circuits topographies and production secrets (know-how)), exclusive rights for which belong to St Petersburg University. (as amended by RF Government Regulations N 58 of January 31, 2012, and N 1152 of September 28, 2018)


21. St Petersburg University establishes scientific contacts, enters into agreements on scientific and technical cooperation, and participates in the implementation of projects and programmes, including international ones.

22. St Petersburg University performs the functions of an expert institution for the Presidential Administration of the Russian Federation, the Government of the Russian Federation, federal bodies of state power and public authorities of constituent entities of the Russian Federation, in accordance with the legislation of the Russian Federation.

23. St Petersburg University has the right to carry out activities related to the production of short-lived isotopes, as well as the use of infectious agents. (as amended by RF Government Regulation N 594 of June 16, 2015)

24. The Charter of St Petersburg University and amendments to it shall be approved by the Government of the Russian Federation. (as amended by RF Government Regulation N 594 of June 16, 2015)
25. St Petersburg University has its Representative Office in the Republic of Crimea. Registered address: Gruzinova Street, 1a, Trudoliubovka Village, Bakhchysarai Region, 298441, Russia. (section 25 as amended by RF Government Regulation N 594 of June 16, 2015)

26. The institute, the faculty and the academic department are educational and research functional units of St Petersburg University. (as amended by RF Government Regulation N 594 of June 16, 2015)

The institute operates on the basis of standard regulations on an Institute of St Petersburg University, approved by the order of the Rector of St Petersburg University. (This paragraph was introduced by RF Government Regulation N 594 of June 16, 2015.)

The faculty operates on the basis of standard regulations on a Faculty of St Petersburg University, approved by the order of the Rector of St Petersburg University.

The institute and the faculty shall be established, restructured and dissolved on the basis of the order of the Rector of St Petersburg University after a respective discussion at the Academic Council of St Petersburg University. The Faculty of Military Training operates in accordance with statutory acts of the Russian Federation, regulating military training of the citizens of the Russian Federation, and internal regulations of St Petersburg University. (as amended by RF Government Regulation N 594 of June 16, 2015)

The academic department operates on the basis of standard regulations on an Academic Department of St Petersburg University, approved by the order of the Rector of St Petersburg University.

The academic department shall be established, restructured and dissolved on the basis of the order of the Rector of St Petersburg University after a respective discussion at the Academic Council of St Petersburg University. (as amended by RF Government Regulation N 594 of June 16, 2015)


27.1. St Petersburg University shall ensure the protection of information constituting a state secret and other information protected by law, in accordance with the tasks assigned to it and, within its competence, shall undertake measures for mobilization training, civil defence, prevention of emergency situations and emergency response. (subsection 27.1 introduced by RF Government Regulation N 58 of January 31, 2012)

II. Repealed by RF Government Regulation N 594 of June 16, 2015

III. Educational Activities of St Petersburg University

34. The educational activities of St Petersburg University shall be implemented in accordance with the educational programmes. The paragraph was repealed by RF Government Regulation N 594 of June 16, 2015.

35. St Petersburg University implements educational programmes of higher education on the basis of independently established institutional educational standards or federal state educational standards. Requirements for the implementation environment and successful completion of educational programmes of higher education included in the institutional educational standards independently established by St Petersburg University cannot be lower than the corresponding requirements of the federal state educational standards.

42. Russian that is the national language of the Russian Federation is the language of instruction used in the educational process at St Petersburg University. In cases specified in a particular educational programme or by an international agreement or an agreement with a student, other languages can also be used as languages of instruction.

43. The academic year for students receiving full-time education and part-time evening education starts on September 1 and ends in accordance with the academic schedule of the main educational programme.

The starting date of the academic year can be moved, but for no more than 2 months.

For students receiving full-time education and part-time evening education, vacations during one academic year are set to last for a total of at least 7 weeks, of which at least 2 weeks fall on the winter period.

The academic year start and end dates for external students are established by the academic schedule.

44. Academic studies at St Petersburg University have the form of lectures, consultations, seminars, practical classes, laboratory work, written papers, independent study, colloquiums, student research work, practical training, project preparation (term paper), and other types of learning and teaching activities prescribed by St Petersburg University.

For all types of classroom-based teaching sessions, the classroom hour shall equal 45 minutes.

Practical training and internships, including thesis internships, shall be implemented on the basis of contracts concluded by St Petersburg University with businesses, institutions and organizations, or directly at St Petersburg University.


46. St Petersburg University shall assess the academic progress and performance of students enrolled in educational programmes through continuous assessment, interim assessment, final assessment (final state assessment), as well as other forms of monitoring the academic performance and progress of students in accordance with the regulations approved by the order of the Rector of St Petersburg University or an official authorized by the Rector.

47. In the course of the learning process, student academic progress shall be assessed using the following marks: “excellent”, “good”, “satisfactory”, and “unsatisfactory”. A parallel assessment of academic progress and performance of students enrolled in educational programmes of higher education can be made in accordance with the requirements of the European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System (ECTS) (A - excellent, B - very good, C - good, D - satisfactory, E - mediocre, F - unsatisfactory). For continuous assessment and interim assessment of student academic progress in accordance with the internal regulations of St Petersburg University, other assessment systems can also be used.
For subjects and types of work using such forms of final or interim assessment as a pass/fail examination, “pass” and “fail” can be designated as the marks by the internal regulations of St Petersburg University.

(section 47 as amended by RF Government Regulation N 594 of June 16, 2015)

48. In order to determine the structure of higher education programmes and student workload, a credit system is used. The number of workload credits required to complete a main professional educational programme shall be established by a relevant federal state educational standard or an educational standard. The number of workload credits required to complete an additional professional educational programme shall be established by the order of the Rector of St Petersburg University or an authorised official designated by the Rector.

(section 48 as amended by RF Government Regulation N 594 of June 16, 2015)

49. Transfers of St Petersburg University students from one year to another, transfers from one educational programme to a different one of the same level but with a different type of enrolment, transfers of students from other educational institutions of higher education, and reinstatement of students who previously were enrolled at St Petersburg University shall be implemented in accordance with the laws of the Russian Federation, and, where not covered by the legislation of the Russian Federation, in accordance with internal regulations of St Petersburg University.

(section 49 as amended by RF Government Regulation N 594 of June 16, 2015)

50. Students of St Petersburg University receiving education on contractual (fee paid) basis have the right to transfer (change their tuition terms) to state-subsidised places funded from the federal budget, following a decision of a special committee. The transfer (change in tuition terms) is implemented on a competitive basis, subject to availability of state-subsidised places. The procedure for student transfers (changes in tuition terms) shall be set in accordance with the legislation of the Russian Federation, as well as internal regulations of St Petersburg University.

(section 50 as amended by RF Government Regulation N 594 of June 16, 2015)

51. The enrolment of a student at St Petersburg University shall be terminated in the following cases:

(as amended by RF Government Regulation N 594 of June 16, 2015)

(a) voluntary withdrawal or withdrawal for health reasons;

(a)(i) repealed by RF Government Regulation N 594 of June 16, 2015;

(b) due to the transfer of the student to another educational organization to complete the educational programme there;

(paragraph (b) as amended by RF Government Regulation N 594 of June 16, 2015)

(c) due to completing the relevant educational programme and successfully passing the final attestation (final state attestation), followed by the issuance of the education document;

(d) due to a failure to fulfil obligations under the education agreement, including delay in payment;

(as amended by RF Government Regulation N 594 of June 16, 2015)

(e) due to a failure of the student to fulfil the obligation to follow diligently the educational programme requirements, and poor academic performance - due to academic failure:

arising from receiving 3 or more “unsatisfactory” (F) marks and (or) “fail” marks during the interim assessment;

arising from an “unsatisfactory” (F) and (or) “fail” mark when re-sitting an examination in one subject as presented to the interim assessment committee;
arising from a failure to successfully re-submit failed coursework and/or re-sit failed examinations or tests within the established deadlines;
(paragraph (e) as amended by RF Government Regulation N 594 of June 16, 2015)

(f) due to receiving an unsatisfactory mark at the final attestation (state final attestation), as well as failure to appear on time at the final attestation (final state attestation) without a valid excuse;
(paragraph (f) as amended by RF Government Regulation N 594 of June 16, 2015)

(g) due to non-compliance with or violation of this Charter, internal rules of student conduct, accommodation rules in the halls of residence, other internal regulations of St Petersburg University related to organization and implementation of its educational activities;
(paragraph (g) as amended by RF Government Regulation N 594 of June 16, 2015)

(h) in case of submitting a written work, including an internship report, a term paper, or a diploma paper or project created by another person(s) or containing wrongful appropriation, and in the case of submitting falsified documents and (or) certificates during the educational period;
(paragraph (h) as amended by RF Government Regulation N 594 of June 16, 2015)

(h)(i) in case of criminal charges brought against the student in court;
(subparagraph (h)(i) introduced by RF Government Regulation N 58 of January 31, 2012; as amended by RF Government Regulation N 594 of June 16, 2015)

(i) due to non-returning from a student leave of absence, maternity leave and child care leave;
(as amended by RF Government Regulation N 594 of June 16, 2015)

(j) in case of death;
(paragraph (j) as amended by RF Government Regulation N 58 of January 31, 2012)

(k) due to a court declaration of presumed death;
(paragraph (k) introduced by RF Government Regulation N 58 of January 31, 2012)

(l) due to a court judgement of incapacity.
(paragraph (l) introduced by RF Government Regulation N 58 of January 31, 2012)

52. Students shall be withdrawn and excluded from studies by the order of the Rector of St Petersburg University or an authorised official designated by the Rector, in accordance with the legislation of the Russian Federation and the internal regulations of St Petersburg University.
(as amended by RF Government Regulation N 594 of June 16, 2015)

The termination of enrolment provided for in paragraphs (a) - (c), Clause 51 of this Charter, is regarded as honourable withdrawal.
(as amended by RF Government Regulation N 594 of June 16, 2015)

The termination of enrolment provided for in paragraphs (d) - (i), Clause 51 of this Charter, is considered as expulsion without a justifiable reason.

53. A student who was withdrawn or excluded from studies on the grounds provided for by paragraphs (a), (d) - (f) and (i), Section 51 of this Charter, may be reinstated at St Petersburg University by the decision of the Rector of St Petersburg University or an authorised official designated by the Rector.

A student who voluntarily withdrew from studies at St Petersburg University before completing the main professional educational programme can be reinstated within 5 years after their voluntary withdrawal, subject to availability of vacant places at St Petersburg University and on the same terms of tuition.
A student who was withdrawn or excluded from studies at St Petersburg University for health reasons or on the grounds provided for by paragraphs (d) - (f) and (i), Section 51 of this Charter, can be reinstated within the time period set by internal regulations of St Petersburg University, but not later than 5 years after their withdrawal or exclusion, subject to availability of vacant places at St Petersburg University and on the same terms of tuition.

A student who before their withdrawal or exclusion was enrolled to a government-funded place can be reinstated to receive education on contractual (fee paid) basis, subject to their consent.

A student who before their withdrawal or exclusion from studies received education on a contractual (paid) basis cannot be reinstated to a government-funded place.

Students expelled on the grounds provided for by paragraphs (g), (h) and (h)(i), Section 51 of this Charter, cannot be reinstated for studies at St Petersburg University.

(subsection 53 as amended by RF Government Regulation N 594 of June 16, 2015)

54. After passing the final attestation (state final attestation), the student enrolled to a main professional educational programme, upon their application and within the study period required to complete the main professional educational programme of higher education, is given a vacation, followed by their withdrawal from studies at the University due to successful completion of their programme.

(subsection 54 as amended by RF Government Regulation N 594 of June 16, 2015)

55. Individuals who did not pass their final attestation or who received unsatisfactory marks at the final attestation, as well as those who completed a part of the educational programme and (or) were withdrawn or excluded from studies at St Petersburg University are issued an academic transcript for the specified education period or part of the specified education period, in the standard form established by St Petersburg University.

(section 55 as amended by RF Government Regulation N 594 of June 16, 2015)

IV. Research Activity of St Petersburg University

56. The main objectives of St Petersburg University in the field of research are implementation of fundamental and applied research, application of the latest scientific achievements and technologies in the education process, development of knowledge-intensive projects for the purposes of economic development and national security, in accordance with the strategic plan of St Petersburg University.

(as amended by RF Government Regulation N 594 of June 16, 2015)


58. The activities of St Petersburg University in the field of research shall be set as follows:

(a) developing of advanced areas of research;
(as amended by RF Government Regulation N 58 of January 31, 2012)

(b) providing the required theoretical level and practical focus of the conducted research work;
(as amended by RF Government Regulation N 58 of January 31, 2012)

(c) participating in competitions for research grants and contracts for research projects carried out within government and non-government programmes and within the scope of corresponding foundations;

(d) forming multidisciplinary teams;

(e) providing support for the integration of research and educational activities;
(f) fulfilling research and development orders for legal entities and individuals under commercial contracts;

(g) disseminating the latest scientific achievements; publishing academic, methodological and reference literature as well as scientific periodical literature, including publications containing scholarly results and scientific findings obtained through research work conducted at St Petersburg University;

(h) supporting and developing research infrastructure, data and computational resources as well as physical resources.

V. Governance of St Petersburg University

59. St Petersburg University is governed in accordance with the legislation of the Russian Federation and this Charter, with its governance based on the principle of combining single authority and collectivity.

60. The conference of the academic staff, representatives of other categories of university staff, and students (hereinafter referred to as the Conference of St Petersburg University) is a collegiate governing body of St Petersburg University with the responsibility to elect members of the Academic Council of St Petersburg University.

(section 60 as amended by RF Government Regulation N 594 of June 16, 2015)

61. The procedure for electing delegates to the Conference of St Petersburg University shall be determined by the Academic Council of St Petersburg University. In this case, members of the Academic Council of St Petersburg University cannot comprise more than 50 percent of the total number of delegates.

(as amended by RF Government Regulation N 594 of June 16, 2015)

The Conference of St Petersburg University date and the agenda shall be determined by the order of the Rector of St Petersburg University.

(This paragraph was introduced by RF Government Regulation N 594 of June 16, 2015.)

A Conference of the St Petersburg University is considered valid if at least two thirds of the delegates listed are present at the Conference of St Petersburg University. The decision made by the Conference of St Petersburg University is considered valid if more than 50 percent of the delegates present at the Conference of St Petersburg University voted in favour of it.

(as amended by RF Government Regulation N 594 of June 16, 2015)

62. The Academic Council of St Petersburg University is an elected representative body that shall exercise the following rights:

(a) determining the procedure for electing delegates to the Conference;

(b) electing deans of the faculties and heads of academic departments;

(paragraph (b) as amended by RF Government Regulation N 594 of June 16, 2015)

(c) discussing the establishment, restructuring and dissolution of institutes, faculties and academic departments of St Petersburg University.

(paragraph (c) as amended by RF Government Regulation N 594 of June 16, 2015)

(d) considering the matters connected with the nomination of members of SPbU academic staff for the academic titles of Associate Professor and Professor;

(paragraph (d) as amended by RF Government Regulation N 594 of June 16, 2015)

(e) petitioning for conferring honorary titles of the Russian Federation on the members of the academic staff of St Petersburg University and for awarding them with national awards, ministerial
awards and honours;
(paragraph (e) as amended by RF Government Regulation N 594 of June 16, 2015)

(f) conferring honorary titles of St Petersburg University to the academic staff of St Petersburg University, awarding them with university prizes and badges of honour, medals and other awards of St Petersburg University, out of the funds received from income-generating activities;
(paragraph (f) as amended by RF Government Regulation N 594 of June 16, 2015)

(g) repealed by RF Government Regulation N 58 of January 31, 2012;

(g)(i) establishing committees and other working bodies of the Academic Council of St Petersburg University.
(subparagraph (g)(i) introduced by RF Government Regulation N 594 of June 16, 2015)

(h) considering the matters connected with assigning scholarships to first-year and second-year students from low-income families who are enrolled in bachelor’s degree programmes and specialist’s degree programmes while showing “good” and “excellent” academic performance, as well as the amount of the merit-based increased academic scholarship and the year of study starting from which it shall be awarded; nominating candidates from among young researchers and doctoral students for scholarships of the President of the Russian Federation; nominating candidates from among undergraduate students and doctoral students for scholarships of the President of the Russian Federation and the Government of the Russian Federation; nominating candidates for personal scholarships established by the Government of the Russian Federation;
(paragraph (h) as amended by RF Government Regulation N 594 of June 16, 2015)

(i) considering candidates for academic staff positions in the cases established by the internal regulations of St Petersburg University;
(paragraph (i) as amended by RF Government Regulation N 594 of June 16, 2015)

(j) considering other issues within the scope of responsibilities assigned to the Academic Council of St Petersburg University by the laws and regulations of the Russian Federation and this Charter;
(paragraph (j) as amended by RF Government Regulation N 594 of June 16, 2015)

(k) repealed by RF Government Regulation N 594 of June 16, 2015;

(l) repealed by RF Government Regulation N 594 of June 16, 2015.


63. The Rector, Vice Rectors, the President and Directors of Institutes of St Petersburg University are members of the Academic Council of St Petersburg University by virtue of their office. Other members of the Academic Council of St Petersburg University are elected by secret ballot at the Conference of St Petersburg University.

The deans of the faculties, as well as the Academic Secretary of St Petersburg University, stand for election to the Academic Council of St Petersburg University by virtue of their office. Other candidates for membership in the Academic Council of St Petersburg University stand for election to the Academic Council of St Petersburg University as nominated by the academic councils of the faculties and institutes of St Petersburg University.

The Rector of St Petersburg University is the Chairman of the Academic Council of St Petersburg University.

The Deputy Chairman of the Academic Council of St Petersburg University is appointed by the order of the Rector of St Petersburg University from among the members of the Academic Council of St Petersburg University.
The quota for representation in the Academic Council of St Petersburg University assigned to an institute of St Petersburg University is 5 people, including the Director of the institute of St Petersburg University. The quota for representation in the Academic Council of St Petersburg University assigned to a faculty, except for the Faculty of Military Training, is 5 people, including the Dean of the faculty in the case of their election.

Pursuant to the procedure established by internal regulations of St Petersburg University, the Academic Council of St Petersburg University shall include 6 representatives from among the students, as well as one representative from each of the following: the Council of Young Scientists, the Faculty of Military Training, the Department of Sports and Physical Culture of St Petersburg University, the representative body of St Petersburg University staff - the primary trade union, and the representative body of the student’s union of St Petersburg University.

(Section 63 as amended by RF Government Regulation N 594 of June 16, 2015)

64. Membership in the Academic Council of St Petersburg University of a person who is a member of the Academic Council of St Petersburg University by virtue of their office, as well as the dean of a faculty and academic secretary shall be terminated if they resign or are reassigned to another position.

Membership in the Academic Council of St Petersburg University of an individual elected on the nomination of academic councils of SPbU faculties and institutes shall be terminated if the member of the academic staff voluntarily withdraws from the Academic Council of St Petersburg University, resigns or is reassigned to another position.

Membership in the Academic Council of St Petersburg University of a student shall be terminated in the case of their voluntary withdrawal from the Academic Council of St Petersburg University or termination of their enrolment at St Petersburg University.

Membership in the Academic Council of St Petersburg University of a representative of the Council of Young Scientists of St Petersburg University shall be terminated in the case of their voluntary withdrawal from the Academic Council of St Petersburg University, resignation (termination of enrolment), as well as loss of their status as a member of the Council of Young Researchers of St Petersburg University.

Membership in the Academic Council of St Petersburg University of a representative from the representative body of St Petersburg University staff - the primary trade union, and the representative body of the student’s union of St Petersburg University shall be terminated in the case of their voluntary withdrawal from the Academic Council of St Petersburg University, resignation (termination of enrolment), as well as loss of their status as a member of the respective representative body.

(Section 64 as amended by RF Government Regulation N 594 of June 16, 2015)

65. In the case of early termination of membership in the Academic Council of St Petersburg University, a new member of the Academic Council of St Petersburg University may be elected at a meeting of the Academic Council of St Petersburg University. Changes in the composition of the Academic Council of St Petersburg University shall be formalized by the order of the Rector of St Petersburg University. The election of a new member of the Academic Council of St Petersburg University is for the duration of the current Academic Council of St Petersburg University.

The Academic Council of St Petersburg University is elected for a maximum term of 5 years. Early termination of the powers of a current Academic Council of St Petersburg University shall be conducted on the basis of a written appeal addressed to the Rector of St Petersburg University by at least half of the members of the Academic Council of St Petersburg University.

(Section 65 as amended by RF Government Regulation N 594 of June 16, 2015)

66. The agenda for the meetings of the Academic Council of St Petersburg University shall be approved by the Rector of St Petersburg University. The Rector of St Petersburg University shall have the
right to make decisions with regard to any preliminary consideration of the issue submitted to the meeting of the Academic Council of St Petersburg University by the committees of the Council.

67. The meeting of the Academic Council of St Petersburg University is valid if at least two thirds of its members are present.

68. Decisions within the scope of responsibilities assigned to the Academic Council of St Petersburg University are taken by a simple majority vote of the members of the Academic Council present at the meeting, with the exception of cases established by the regulatory acts of the Russian Federation.

Decisions within the scope of responsibilities assigned to the Academic Council of St Petersburg University can be taken without holding a meeting (a joint presence of members of the Academic Council of St Petersburg University for the purposes of discussing items on the agenda and making decisions on issues put to vote) by absentee voting (voting by notice). Such a vote can be conducted by exchanging documents through postal, electronic or other means of communication which can ensure the authenticity of sent and received messages and provide their documented confirmation. (This paragraph was introduced by RF Government Regulation N 594 of June 16, 2015.)

The procedure for absentee voting shall be determined by the internal regulations of St Petersburg University. (This paragraph was introduced by RF Government Regulation N 594 of June 16, 2015.)

69. Decisions of the Academic Council of St Petersburg University shall be recorded in the minutes of the meetings and shall come into force after their approval by the order of the Rector of St Petersburg University or an authorised official designated by the Rector. (as amended by RF Government Regulation N 594 of June 16, 2015)

70. The Academic Council of St Petersburg University meets as and when necessary, but at least once in 2 months, except for the summer period.

71. The Academic Council of St Petersburg University shall organize the Ethics Committee. The Ethics Committee shall be composed of honorary professors of St Petersburg University, who will review the compliance of the staff members and students with their obligations under this Charter to follow the moral and cultural traditions of St Petersburg University as well as generally accepted moral and ethical standards, and to carefully preserve cultural and moral values. The Ethics Committee shall have the right to take an issue for consideration at its own discretion, or at the request submitted by staff members and (or) students of St Petersburg University. The Ethics Committee is entitled to make a decision concerning compliance of the behaviour of a St Petersburg University employee or student with the said traditions, values and principles, as well as provide advice and clarification on issues related to compliance of certain facts and events with the said traditions, values and principles. (as amended by RF Government Regulation N 1402 of November 22, 2017)

72. Everyday management of St Petersburg University shall be the responsibility of the Rector.

73. The Rector of St Petersburg University is appointed and relieved from office by the President of the Russian Federation.

74. The Rector of St Petersburg University shall have the following powers and responsibilities:

(a) to determine the structure of St Petersburg University and approve payroll and job description schedule of St Petersburg University, as well as to issue orders on establishing, restructuring and dissolving the functional units of St Petersburg University;

(b) to manage the educational, research, economic, financial and other activities of St Petersburg University on the principle of combining single authority and collectivity, in accordance with this Charter
and the laws of the Russian Federation;

(c) to issue orders, establishing the educational standards and requirements in accordance with the Federal Law “On M.V. Lomonosov Moscow State University and Saint-Petersburg State University”;

(d) to act, without the need for a power of attorney, on behalf of St Petersburg University and to represent its interests in relationships with government bodies, local authorities, legal entities and individuals;

(e) to manage and dispose the property and funds of St Petersburg University in accordance with the legislation of the Russian Federation;

(f) repealed by RF Government Regulation N 58 of January 31, 2012;

(g) to open business accounts with the territorial authority of the Federal Treasury and accounts for operations with funds carried out in accordance with the currency legislation of the Russian Federation; (paragraph (g) as amended by RF Government Regulation N 58 of January 31, 2012)

(h) to serve as chair of the Academic Council of St Petersburg University and to chair the Conference of St Petersburg University; (paragraph (h) as amended by RF Government Regulation N 594 of June 16, 2015)

(i) to issue orders on holding the Conference of St Petersburg University; (as amended by RF Government Regulation N 594 of June 16, 2015)

(j) repealed by RF Government Regulation N 594 of June 16, 2015;

(k) to issue internal regulations of St Petersburg University;

(l) to conclude, alter and terminate employment agreements with employees of St Petersburg University;

(m) to administer incentive and disciplinary actions;

(n) to conclude contracts, government contracts and agreements;

(o) to issue powers of attorney;

(p) to conduct other activities on behalf of St Petersburg University, in accordance with the legislation of the Russian Federation and this Charter;

(q) to delegate part of their responsibilities to other officials of St Petersburg University;

(r) to issue orders on conducting elections of the members of academic councils of faculties and institutes as well as members of the councils for educational programmes; to issue orders approving the composition of these councils, following the results of elections as well as occasional elections during the term of the said councils; (paragraph (r) introduced by RF Government Regulation N 594 of June 16, 2015)

(s) to issue orders on holding elections of members of the teaching staff councils of the functional units, on approving the composition of the said councils based on the results of elections, as well as occasional elections during the term of office of the said councils; (paragraph (s) introduced by RF Government Regulation N 594 of June 16, 2015)

(t) to review and approve the report on internal evaluation of St Petersburg University. (paragraph (t) introduced by RF Government Regulation N 594 of June 16, 2015)
75. Vice Rectors are employed under a fixed-term employment agreement, with the expiration date that cannot exceed the term of office of the Rector of St Petersburg University. The number of Vice Rectors and the assignment of their responsibilities shall be established by the Rector of St Petersburg University.

76. The Board of Trustees of St Petersburg University shall be established in order to help achieve the current and long-term development objectives of St Petersburg University and to attract additional financial resources to support its activities. The matters within the purview of the Board of Trustees of St Petersburg University shall include the following:

(a) assistance in shaping the strategy and implementation of the strategic plan for the development of St Petersburg University;

(b) facilitating cooperation of St Petersburg University with government institutions, non-governmental and business organizations;

(c) assistance in the development of international cooperation of St Petersburg University in the fields of education, research, technology and culture;

(d) assistance in attracting funds from extrabudgetary sources;

(e) assistance, in accordance with the legislation of the Russian Federation, in the formation of the endowment fund to be used for the development of St Petersburg University;

(f) assistance in developing external and internal audit systems of St Petersburg University;

(g) evaluation of the activities of St Petersburg University in terms of the effectiveness of its policies in the field of education, research and innovation.

77. The composition of the Board of Trustees of St Petersburg University shall be established by the Academic Council of St Petersburg University and approved by the Rector of St Petersburg University for an indefinite period. A member of the Board of Trustees of St Petersburg University can withdraw their membership by sending a written notice to the Rector of St Petersburg University and the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of St Petersburg University.

The meeting of the Board of Trustees of St Petersburg University is valid if more than half of its members is present. The meeting of the Board of Trustees of St Petersburg University can be held in the form of a videoconference or conference call. Decisions of the Board of Trustees of St Petersburg University are made by a majority vote of its members present at the meeting. In the case of equally divided votes, the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of St Petersburg University has a casting vote.

The Board of Trustees of St Petersburg University meets at least once a year.

78. At St Petersburg University, other councils may be created for various fields of activity.

79. The President of St Petersburg University is elected at a meeting of the Academic Council of St Petersburg University by secret ballot by a simple majority of votes for the term of up to 5 years. After the election of the President of St Petersburg University, an employment agreement is concluded between him/her and the founder for the duration of up to 5 years. The employment agreement with the President of St Petersburg University shall be terminated in accordance with the labour legislation of the Russian Federation, including such grounds as termination of an employment agreement with the head of organization.

A candidate who is elected by secret ballot, receiving more than 50 percent of the votes of the members of the Academic Council of St Petersburg University, is considered elected if at least two-thirds of the listed members of the Academic Council of St Petersburg University participated in the vote.
Not later than 2 months before the expiration of their employment agreement, the President of St Petersburg University shall present an end-of-assignment report at a meeting of the Academic Council of St Petersburg University.

The procedure for electing the President of St Petersburg University shall be defined by the Academic Council of St Petersburg University.

)section 79 as amended by RF Government Regulation N 594 of June 16, 2015

79.1. The President of St Petersburg University, in consultation and coordination with the Rector of St Petersburg University, shall exercise the following powers:

(a) participating in the work of the Board of Trustees and other bodies of St Petersburg University;

(b) participating in the development of the strategic plan of St Petersburg University;

(c) participating in the matters related to improving the academic, research, educational and management activities of St Petersburg University.

subsection 79.1 introduced by RF Government Regulation N 594 of June 16, 2015

79.2. The President of St Petersburg University shall represent St Petersburg University in relations with government bodies, local authorities, public and other organizations, as well as exercise, on behalf of the Rector of St Petersburg University, other powers not directly specified in Subsection 79.1 of this Charter.

subsection 79.2 introduced by RF Government Regulation N 594 of June 16, 2015


82. Other elected representative bodies can be created at St Petersburg University - academic councils (for faculties, institutes, other functional units of St Petersburg University, research and (or) educational programmes, etc.) elected by general meetings (conferences) of the academic staff. The procedure for the establishment and operation, composition and authority of these bodies shall be determined by the Academic Council of St Petersburg University.

as amended by RF Government Regulation N 594 of June 16, 2015

VI. Students and Staff of St Petersburg State University


84. Students, regardless of the types of enrolment and tuition terms (government-funded or paid education), have equal rights and bear equal responsibilities established by the legislation of the Russian Federation, this Charter and internal regulations of St Petersburg University, unless otherwise provided for by the legislation of the Russian Federation.

85. In addition to the rights provided for by the legislation of the Russian Federation on education, students shall have the following rights:

(a) to be elected to the Academic Council of St Petersburg University;

(as amended by RF Government Regulation N 594 of June 16, 2015)

(b) to participate in discussions on and dealing with the matters related to educational and extracurricular activities;

(as amended by RF Government Regulation N 594 of June 16, 2015)

(c) to make free of charge use of the libraries and information resources, educational, infrastructure and research facilities of St Petersburg University in the manner prescribed by internal
regulations of St Petersburg University;
(paragraph (c) as amended by RF Government Regulation N 594 of June 16, 2015)

(c)(i) to make use of the medical and recreational infrastructure, cultural and sports facilities that are assigned to St Petersburg University by the right of operative management, in the manner prescribed by internal regulations of St Petersburg University;
(subparagraph (c)(i) introduced by RF Government Regulation N 594 of June 16, 2015)

(d) to participate in research projects, conferences and symposiums;

(e) to participate in academic mobility programmes under procedures outlined by St Petersburg University;

(f) to submit their written works for publication, using, among others, St Petersburg University resources;

(g) to receive reserve-officer military training alongside their degree, in accordance with the legislation of the Russian Federation;

(h) to appeal against orders and instructions of St Petersburg University officials in the manner prescribed by the legislation of the Russian Federation;

(i) to receive non-material incentives for academic excellence and active participation in research and social activities of St Petersburg University.

86. Undergraduate students, doctoral students, medical residents and interns receiving full-time education funded from the federal budget shall be provided with scholarships, in the manner prescribed by the legislation of the Russian Federation.
(section 86 as amended by RF Government Regulation N 594 of June 16, 2015)

87. St Petersburg University has the right to establish personal scholarships, social scholarships and other social benefits using the funds received from income-generating activities, donations from commercial and non-profit organizations and individuals, as well as other sources not prohibited by law.

88. Students can be provided with accommodation at the university halls of residence for the period of study, in accordance with internal regulations of St Petersburg University. A contract shall be concluded with every student living in the halls of residence.

89. Students shall have the following responsibilities:

(a) to comply with the laws of the Russian Federation, with the requirements provided for in this Charter, the internal regulations of student conduct, accommodation rules in the halls of residence, and other internal regulations of St Petersburg University;
(as amended by RF Government Regulation N 594 of June 16, 2015)

(b) to comply with the mandatory requirements of the relevant educational programme, established by the standard curriculum (individual schedule) and regulations governing student obligations with regard to the taught programmes, approved by the order of the Rector or an authorised official designated by the Rector, such as, without limitation, attending teaching sessions and fulfilling all types of tasks envisaged by the subject and practical training syllabuses;
(as amended by RF Government Regulation N 594 of June 16, 2015)

(c) to follow the established academic schedule or the individual schedule in taking continuous assessment, interim and final assessment of their performance, in strict compliance with the relevant curriculums as well as the subject and practical training syllabuses;
(as amended by RF Government Regulation N 594 of June 16, 2015)
(d) to maintain the moral and cultural traditions of St Petersburg University and generally accepted moral and ethical standards; to carefully preserve cultural and moral values;
(as amended by RF Government Regulation N 1402 of November 22, 2017)

(e) to preserve and take good care of the property of St Petersburg University;

(f) to comply with other duties provided for by the legislation of the Russian Federation and internal regulations of St Petersburg University.

90. Non-fulfilment or violation of this Charter, internal rules of student conduct, accommodation rules in the halls of residence, other internal regulations of St Petersburg University related to organization and implementation of its educational activities can entail such disciplinary actions against an offending student as an admonition, reprimand, or expulsion, pursuant to Section 51 of this Charter.
(section 90 as amended by RF Government Regulation N 594 of June 16, 2015)


93. St Petersburg University employs staff members in positions of research and teaching staff (research and teaching employees who are members of the academic staff), medical, administrative, engineering, operations, educational support and services staff, and other employees.
(section 93 as amended by RF Government Regulation N 1337 of December 10, 2016)


96. Employment agreements for filling research and teaching staff positions at St Petersburg State University can be both concluded for a fixed or indefinite term. The specific term of the employment agreement shall be established in accordance with the legislation of the Russian Federation. Prior to the expiration of the competitive selection term or within the term of a fixed-term employment agreement, formal evaluation of an employee can be conducted in order to insure that they meet the requirements for a corresponding academic staff position.

97. Before the conclusion of an employment contract for an academic staff position as well as transfer to such a position, a competitive selection procedure for filling a respective position shall be effectuated. The Regulation on the procedure for filling research and teaching staff positions at St Petersburg State University shall be approved by the Rector of St Petersburg University.
(as amended by RF Government Regulation N 594 of June 16, 2015)


99. Staff members of St Petersburg University shall have the following rights:

(a) to elect and be elected to the governing bodies of St Petersburg University;

(b) to participate in discussions on and dealing with the matters related to the activities of St Petersburg University;

(c) in the manner prescribed by the legislation of the Russian Federation and internal regulations of St Petersburg University, to make free of charge use of libraries and information resources, to have access to information and telecommunication networks and databases, educational and methodological materials, to use educational and methodological services of St Petersburg University;
(paragraph (c) as amended by RF Government Regulation N 594 of June 16, 2015)

(d) to appeal against orders and instructions of St Petersburg University officials in the manner prescribed by the legislation of the Russian Federation;

(e) to enjoy other rights in accordance with the legislation of the Russian Federation, this Charter,
internal rules of labour conduct, other internal regulations of St Petersburg University, employment agreements and job descriptions.
(as amended by RF Government Regulation N 594 of June 16, 2015)

100. Staff members of St Petersburg University shall have the following responsibilities:

(a) to comply with the laws of the Russian Federation, the requirements provided for in this Charter, internal rules of labour conduct, and other internal regulations of St Petersburg University;
(as amended by RF Government Regulation N 594 of June 16, 2015)

(c) to perform their work conscientiously and in accordance with the employment agreements and job descriptions; to follow health and safety procedures;

(d) to maintain order and discipline at St Petersburg University; to preserve and take good care of the property of St Petersburg University;

(e) to notify, in due time, the officials of St Petersburg University if they are unable, due to a valid reason, to carry out their duties;

(f) to respect confidentiality of personal information, as well as confidentiality of other information designated as restricted access information by the legislation of the Russian Federation;

(g) to give a written notice to the immediate superior or another official designated by the internal regulations of St Petersburg University if, in the course of performance of their employment duties or a specific task assigned by St Petersburg University, they obtain a result which might constitute an object of legal protection (a business intellectual property asset);

(h) to maintain the moral and cultural traditions of St Petersburg University as well as generally accepted moral and ethical standards, and to carefully preserve cultural and moral values;
(as amended by RF Government Regulation N 1402 of November 22, 2017)

(i) to use the teaching methods developed at St Petersburg University that have not yet been made publicly available only for their educational work performed at St Petersburg University;

(j) to perform other duties provided for by the internal regulations of St Petersburg University.

101. The research and teaching staff of St Petersburg University, in addition to the rights stipulated by Section 99 of this Charter, shall have the following rights:

(a) to freely choose their teaching and educational methods, research methods, teaching manuals, teaching materials, and textbooks in accordance with the educational programmes approved by St Petersburg University pursuant to the established procedure, and methods for assessing student knowledge;

(b) to independently determine the content of academic courses in accordance with the educational standards;

(c) to participate in research work, ensuring a high scientific level of the educational content and development of new fundamental knowledge;

(d) to be provided with organizational, administrative and logistical support of their professional activities.

102. The research and teaching staff of St Petersburg University, in addition to the responsibilities stipulated by Section 100 of this Charter, shall have the following obligations:

(a) to ensure high efficiency of the educational and research process, to promote the
development of students’ independence, initiative, and creative abilities;

(b) to take an active part in the methodological work and further development of the educational process, to search for new, more effective teaching methods and strategies, to apply modern technologies in education;
(as amended by RF Government Regulation N 594 of June 16, 2015)

(c) to develop students’ professional qualities in their chosen field of study;

(d) to respect the personal dignity of students, to take care of their cultural and physical development, to assist them in organization of their independent work;

(e) to conduct research; to actively engage undergraduate students, attendees, doctoral students and other categories of students in research work;

(f) to engage in professional development on a regular basis;

(g) not to disclose state secrets and confidential information.


VII. Training Academic Personnel with Higher Academic Degrees and Organizing Professional Development and Retraining of Personnel
(as amended by RF Government Regulation N 594 of June 16, 2015)

107. Training academic personnel with higher academic degrees is conducted in the following forms:
(as amended by RF Government Regulation N 594 of June 16, 2015)

(a) post-doctoral studies;

(b) transferring St Petersburg University staff with a candidate of sciences degree to research staff positions for preparation of post-doctoral theses;

(c) doctoral studies, medical residency training, internship and assistantship training;
(as amended by RF Government Regulation N 594 of June 16, 2015)

(d) assigning independent (non-resident) doctoral and post-doctoral student status for preparation of doctoral and post-doctoral theses.

108. Professional development at St Petersburg University may take the form of internships. St Petersburg University can send its employees for a study visit to other organizations, institutions, including foreign ones, as well as to legislative, executive and judicial authorities, subject to approval of their head, so that they could study the best practices and acquire new professional and organizational skills in order to perform duties at their current or a higher position. St Petersburg University may offer internship to individuals sent by heads of other organizations, institutions, legislative, executive and judicial authorities on the basis of an internship contract that indicates the purpose and the term of internship. The procedure for organizing an internship is established by the order of the Rector of St Petersburg University or an authorised official designated by the Rector.
(section 108 as amended by RF Government Regulation N 594 of June 16, 2015)

109. Individuals accepted for internship in accordance with the provisions of this Charter shall have the status of interns of St Petersburg University. Each intern shall have a supervisor appointed by the order of the Rector of St Petersburg University or an authorised official designated by the Rector, from among St Petersburg University employees. Interns of St Petersburg University shall not have the status of students.
110. Interns of St Petersburg University shall have the right, in the manner prescribed by the legislation of the Russian Federation and internal regulations of St Petersburg University, to make free of charge use of libraries and information resources, to have access to information and telecommunication networks and databases of St Petersburg University.

111. Interns of St Petersburg University shall have the following responsibilities:

(a) to comply with the laws of the Russian Federation, the requirements provided for in this Charter, internal rules of labour conduct and other internal regulations of St Petersburg University;

(b) to perform their duties conscientiously and in accordance with the internship contract; to follow health and safety procedures;


VIII. Economic Management of St Petersburg University

122. For the purposes related to conducting activities stipulated by this Charter, buildings, facilities, property complexes, equipment, and other essential property to be used for consumer, social, cultural, and other purposes shall be assigned to St Petersburg University by the right of operative management.

123. St Petersburg University shall be provided with land property to be used on a permanent basis (in perpetuity) in the manner prescribed by the laws of the Russian Federation.

124. St Petersburg University has the right to act as a party to a lease agreement in the manner prescribed by the laws of the Russian Federation.

125. St Petersburg University cannot negotiate transactions that can entail alienation or encumbrance of the property assigned to St Petersburg University by the right of operative management or property acquired out of the funds allocated to it by the founder for acquisition of such property, with the exception of cases when such transactions are allowed by federal laws.

St Petersburg University cannot, without the owner’s consent, dispose of highly valuable movable property assigned to St Petersburg University by the owner or acquired by St Petersburg University out of the funds allocated to it by the owner for the purchase of such property, and of immovable property. (This paragraph was introduced by RF Government Regulation N 58 of January 31, 2012.)

St Petersburg University can independently manage and dispose of any other property assigned to it by the right of operative management, unless otherwise provided by law. (This paragraph was introduced by RF Government Regulation N 58 of January 31, 2012.)

125.1. St Petersburg University can make large transactions that match the criteria established by Article 9.2, Section 13 of the Federal Law “On Non-profit Organizations” only with prior consent of the Federal Agency for State Property Management.

The said transaction made in violation of the requirements of the legislation of the Russian Federation can be held invalid on a claim brought by St Petersburg University or the Federal Agency for State Property Management if it is proven that the other party to the transaction knew or should have known that there was no prior consent obtained from the Federal Agency for State Property Management.
The Rector of St Petersburg University shall be liable to St Petersburg University to the extent of losses incurred by St Petersburg University as a result of such transaction made in violation of the requirements of this Charter, regardless of whether the transaction was held invalid.
(subsection 125.1 introduced by RF Government Regulation N 58 of January 31, 2012)

125.2. An interested-party transaction defined as matching the criteria established by Article 27 of the Federal Law “On Non-profit Organizations” can be made by St Petersburg University only with prior consent of the Federal Agency for State Property Management.
(subsection 125.2 introduced by RF Government Regulation N 58 of January 31, 2012)

126. The income received by St Petersburg University from income-generating activities and the property acquired out of this income can be independently disposed of by St Petersburg University and shall be accounted for separately. The price-setting procedures for work and services performed (rendered) by St Petersburg University shall be determined in accordance with the legislation of the Russian Federation.
(as amended by RF Government Regulation N 594 of June 16, 2015)

127. St Petersburg University shall duly provide the information about the property assigned to it, including property acquired out of the funds received from income-generating activities, to the federal executive body maintaining the register of federal property.

128. In accordance with the procedures established by the legislation of the Russian Federation, St Petersburg University shall acquire and use exclusive rights to intellectual property and equivalent brand identifications of legal entities, merchandise, work, and services that are subject to legal protection.

The exclusive right to intellectual property created by an employee of St Petersburg University in the course of performance of their employment duties or a specific task assigned by St Petersburg University (a business intellectual property asset), as well as the right to receive a patent or other title of protection to it, shall belong to St Petersburg University, unless otherwise provided for by the contract between the employee and St Petersburg University.

129. St Petersburg University funding shall come from the following:

(a) subsidies from the federal budget to provide financial support for the fulfilment of the state task;
(b) subsidies from the federal budget for other purposes;
(c) funds from the federal budget to perform public obligations to an individual which are subject to fulfilment in cash;
(d) funds obtained from income-generating activities;
(e) voluntary donations and endowment contributions from individuals and legal entities, including foreign citizens and foreign legal entities, as well as property received by way of inheritance under a will;
(as amended by RF Government Regulation N 594 of June 16, 2015)
(f) funds received under contracts with individuals and legal entities in the form of payment for accommodation, use of communal and household services in the premises assigned to St Petersburg University by the right of operative management;
(g) funds received from tenants and leaseholders, subscribers, and sub-subscribers as repayment of expenses for operation, communal, administrative and household services;
(h) funds received from selling waste and scrap, containing precious metals and natural diamonds;
(i) funds received in the form of fees for providing tender documentation submitted by participants of calls for tenders related to procurement of goods (work, services) for government needs;

(j) funds received from insurance companies as compensation under contracts of compulsory third-party liability insurance of motor vehicle owners;

(j)(i) funds received from compulsory health insurance;
(subparagraph (j)(i) was introduced by RF Government Regulation N 1337 of December 10, 2016)

(k) funds received from other sources provided for by the legislation of the Russian Federation.
(section 129 as amended by RF Government Regulation N 58 of January 31, 2012)

129.1. Financial provisions to support the fulfilment of the state task shall take into account the costs of maintaining the immovable property and the highly valuable movable property assigned to the St Petersburg University by the founder or acquired by St Petersburg University out of the funds allocated to it by the founder for acquisition of such property, as well as expenses related to paying taxes on the said property as a taxable asset.

If the immovable property and the highly valuable movable property assigned to St Petersburg University by the founder or acquired by St Petersburg University out of the funds allocated to it by the founder for acquisition of such property is rented out with the consent of the Federal Agency for State Property Management, financial support for such property shall not be provided by the founder.
(subsection 129.1 introduced by RF Government Regulation N 58 of January 31, 2012)

130. St Petersburg University, in accordance with the established procedure, shall perform the following:

(a) organize the capital improvement of buildings and facilities, management of buildings and facilities as well as utility and engineering networks on its balance sheet;
(as amended by RF Government Regulation N 594 of June 16, 2015)

(b) act as a public contracting authority for major construction work, reconstruction and technical re-equipment of construction sites and federal property assets assigned to St Petersburg University by the right of operative management;

(c) grant the right to use intellectual property under license agreements, with the exception of the intellectual property the rights to which belong to the Russian Federation;

(d) determine, in accordance with the employment and labour laws of the Russian Federation and other enactments regulating labour relations, the salary structure, including the size of position salaries, salary supplements and compensation uplifts, such as extra payment for work in conditions different from standard work conditions, additional incentive premiums and increments, as well as the bonus scheme.

IX. Accounting, Reporting and Control

131. St Petersburg University shall keep budgetary and accounting records and submit budgetary and accounting reports in accordance with the procedures established by the Ministry of Finance of the Russian Federation, and shall maintain tax records and submit all necessary reports and documents to the tax authorities at the place of registration.

132. The types of statistical reporting of St Petersburg University, addresses, terms and procedures for its presentation shall be established by the state statistical authorities.

133. Officials of St Petersburg University shall be subject to disciplinary action, and shall be held
administratively and criminally liable for any misreporting, in accordance with the legislation of the
Russian Federation.
(as amended by RF Government Regulation N 594 of June 16, 2015)

134. Compliance with the legislation of the Russian Federation with regard to the budgetary and
financial discipline at St Petersburg University shall be monitored by the authorized government bodies.

X. International and Foreign Economic Activities
of St Petersburg State University

135. St Petersburg University shall have the right to maintain international cooperation in the field
of higher and additional education, research and (or) scientific and technological, teaching and other
activities, in accordance with the legislation of the Russian Federation and the international treaties of
the Russian Federation.
(as amended by RF Government Regulation N 594 of June 16, 2015)

136. The main areas of international activity of St Petersburg University include the following:

(a) participating in programmes of bilateral and multilateral exchange of students and academic
staff;

(b) implementing joint research and applied research projects, organizing congresses, conferences, symposiums and other events;

(c) conducting fundamental and applied research as well as development projects under contracts
with foreign legal entities;

(d) repealed by RF Government Regulation N 594 of June 16, 2015;

(e) inviting foreign teachers, researchers and experts to participate in the educational process and
research work;

(f) sending St Petersburg University staff members abroad on business and internship trips;

(g) training foreign citizens and stateless persons on the basis of implemented educational
programmes, as well as providing additional paid educational services to foreign citizens under contracts
with legal entities and (or) individuals;

(h) providing consulting services to foreign organizations;

(i) participating in international and foreign grant competitions;

(j) signing cooperation agreements with foreign legal entities and (or) individuals;

(k) participating in international higher education improvement programmes;
(as amended by RF Government Regulation N 594 of June 16, 2015)

(l) participating in international societies and other associations of educational institutions and
research organizations;

(m) maintaining international cooperation in other areas in accordance with the legislation of the
Russian Federation.

137. St Petersburg University has the right to engage in foreign economic activity in accordance
with the legislation of the Russian Federation and this Charter.

XI. Internal Regulations Governing the Activity
of St Petersburg State University

138. Internal regulations governing the activity of St Petersburg University shall include the following:

(a) collective agreements and contracts concluded in accordance with employment and labour laws of the Russian Federation;

(b) administrative and executive orders issued by the Rector of St Petersburg University;

(c) administrative and executive orders issued by Vice Rectors, heads of branches and representative offices of St Petersburg University, and other duly authorized officials of St Petersburg University.

139. Internal regulations of St Petersburg University adopted before this Charter entered into force shall be amended or repealed by the officials or governing bodies of St Petersburg University, pursuant to their authority as provided for by this Charter.

Internal regulations of St Petersburg University adopted before this Charter entered into force shall remain in action until their amendment or repeal insofar as they are not in conflict with this Charter.

XII. Restructuring and Liquidation of St Petersburg State University

140. St Petersburg University may be restructured by the decision of the founder, in accordance with the legislation of the Russian Federation.

141. Liquidation of St Petersburg University may be carried out in accordance with the legislation of the Russian Federation upon the decision of the founder or upon a court decision.

Upon liquidation of St Petersburg University, the funds and other property net of payments to cover the obligations of St Petersburg University, and the property against which, in accordance with federal laws, a recovery action cannot be instituted to settle the obligations of St Petersburg University, shall be transferred to the owner of the property and used to fund the development of higher education.

(as amended by RF Government Regulation N 58 of January 31, 2012)

142. In the case of restructuring of St Petersburg University, all documents (administrative, financial, personnel records, and others) shall be handed over to the successor of St Petersburg University, pursuant to the legislation of the Russian Federation.

In the absence of a legal successor, permanent records shall be transferred to the appropriate archives for state storage.

143. In the case of the liquidation of St Petersburg University, the liquidation committee - and in the case of restructuring, St Petersburg University - shall be responsible for safe-keeping of the information classified as a state secret as well as its storage media by developing and implementing information protection, security and fire safety measures.