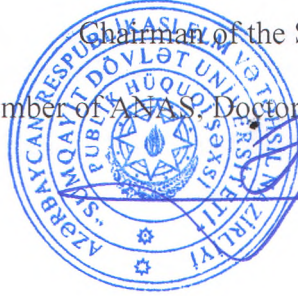


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## **DECISIONS**

of the Scientific Council of **Sumgayit State University**  
Meeting dated March 12, 2025 (Protocol No. 8)

The regular meeting of the Scientific Council of Sumgayit State University was held on March 12, 2025. The agenda included 7 items (agenda attached). Out of 40 members of the Scientific Council, 38 members were present.

The Scientific Council adopted the following decisions through open and secret voting procedures (decisions on awarding academic titles were made by secret ballot) (Protocol No. 8 attached):

### **Agenda Item I**

**On the implementation of the Strategic Development Plan of SSU**  
(Reporter: Vice-Rector for International Relations, Assoc. Prof. Konul Abbasli)

**1.1.** The report of the Vice-Rector for International Relations, Assoc. Prof. Konul Abbasli, on the implementation measures of the Strategic Development Plan shall be taken into consideration.

**1.2.** The systematization of the content, division of responsibilities, and accountability within internal regulations governing the structural units of SSU, in accordance with the Strategic Development Plan, shall be completed.

**1.3.** Joint scientific research activities between SSU researchers and foreign universities shall be organized, and efforts shall be made to ensure the publication of joint scientific articles and materials in highly indexed journals and conference proceedings.

**1.4.** Measures shall be strengthened to increase the use of the English language in teaching and to implement dual degree programs in line with priority specialties.

**1.5.** Activities aimed at establishing and implementing a continuous professional development system to enhance the qualifications of academic staff shall be continued and improved.

1.6. The Vice-Rector for International Relations, Assoc. Prof. Konul Abbasli, shall be entrusted with coordinating these modern activity areas, ensuring continuous oversight, and submitting proposals to the Scientific Council when necessary.

## **Agenda Item II**

**On the approval of the Activity Plan of SSU for 2025**  
(Reporter: Vice-Rector for International Relations, Assoc. Prof. Konul Abbasli)

2.1. The report on the 2025 Activity Plan of SSU shall be taken into consideration, and the Activity Plan shall be approved.

## **Agenda Item III**

**On the current state and modernization of SSU's Information Technology infrastructure**  
(Reporters: Advisor to the Rector on IT Programs Ahmad Ahmadzada and Head of IT Department Sahil Aliyev)

3.1. The reports on the current state and modernization of IT infrastructure shall be taken into consideration.

3.2. Modernization of the network and infrastructure shall be carried out, including renewal of all network lines, provision of equipment in accordance with modern standards, phased installation of network lines across all university buildings, provision of Wi-Fi equipment, and replacement of outdated computers.

3.3. To improve server and security systems, server rooms shall be renovated in accordance with security standards, equipped with appropriate cooling systems, and a centralized control system for surveillance cameras shall be established in stages.

3.4. The preparation of a detailed work schedule for these large-scale activities, coordination with relevant structural units, and submission of the final document to the Rectorate shall be assigned to the Advisor to the Rector on IT Programs, Ahmad Ahmadzada.

## **Agenda Item IV**

**On expanding the involvement of students and academic staff in international exchange programs**

(Reporter: Head of the Department of International Cooperation and Strategic Projects, Habiba Nazirova)

4.1. The report on expanding participation in international exchange programs shall be taken into consideration.

4.2. It shall be noted that participation of students and academic staff of Sumgayit State University in international exchange programs is continuously prioritized, and significant efforts are being made to expand these activities.

4.3. The Head of the Department of International Cooperation and Strategic Projects, Habiba Nazirova, shall be tasked with strengthening activities aimed at increasing mobility of students and academic staff through international exchange programs, as well as developing and implementing mechanisms to accelerate the attraction of international students and faculty to SSU.

## Agenda Item V

**On the activities of the Library Information Center of SSU**  
(Reporter: Director of the Center, Leyla Allahverdiyeva)

5.1. The report of the Director of the Library Information Center, Leyla Allahverdiyeva, shall be taken into consideration.

5.2. It shall be noted that at the meeting of the Scientific Council of SSU dated December 16, 2024 (Protocol No. 4), a decision was adopted on the liquidation of the former library and the establishment of a new innovative structure equipped with a modern ICT system.

5.3. The restructuring of the Library Information Center in accordance with modern requirements, its provision with ICT systems, transformation into an attractive reading space for students, and the improvement of the electronic library shall be positively evaluated.

5.4. The Director of the Library Information Center, Leyla Allahverdiyeva, shall be tasked with ensuring continuous attention to updating the library fund in line with needs, accelerating the digitalization of the library, providing access to international databases, and increasing the effectiveness of activities in this direction.

## Agenda Item VI

**Current**

(Scientific Secretary: Prof. M.M. Samadov)

**Issues**

6.1. On additional payments to industry specialists involved in teaching in SABAH groups at the Master's level in the Spring semester of the 2024/2025 academic year:

### 6.2. Approval of Dissertation Topic

6.2.1. The dissertation topic of Rufat Mazahir Bakhshaliyev, doctoral student of the Department of Business Administration, entitled "**Directions for Modeling the Activities of Banking and Credit Institutions in the Regions**", shall be approved, and Prof. Sh.T. Aliyev, Doctor of Economic Sciences, shall be appointed as the scientific supervisor.

**Basis:** Decision of the Scientific Council of the Faculty of Economics and Management dated July 9, 2021 (Protocol No. 10).

### 6.3. Awarding of Academic Titles

6.3.1. Permission shall be granted to submit a petition to the Higher Attestation Commission (HAC) for awarding the academic title of **Professor** to Ilham Ildirim Mardanov, Professor of the Department of History, Geography and Methodology, in the specialty 5408.01 – *Physical Geography and Biogeography, Soil Geography, Geophysics and Geochemistry of Landscapes*.

6.3.2. Permission shall be granted to submit a petition to the HAC for awarding the academic title of **Associate Professor** to Afaq Abdul Ganiyeva, Associate Professor of the Department of Philosophy, Sociology and Political Science, in the specialty 6213.01 – *Music Art*.

6.3.3. Permission shall be granted to submit a petition to the AAK for awarding the academic title of **Associate Professor** to Natavan Ahmadali Allahverdiyeva, Associate Professor of the Department of Teaching Technologies of Mathematics and Informatics, in the specialty 1211.01 – *Differential Equations*.

Scientific Secretary:



Prof.M.M.Mammadov