



Minutes of the 58th Session of the Senate of EMUNI University

Date: Wednesday, 28 January 2026

Time: 14:00 (CET)

Format: Online (videoconference)

Chair: Vice-Chair of the Senate (acting on behalf of the President of the Senate, Prof. Dr. Rado Bohinc, who was excused).

Present: Edvard Kolar, Karim Moustaghfir, Saša Pišot, Jaka Vadnjal, Dorsaf Ben Malek, Luigia Melillo, Rosario Sinatra, Yazan Odeh, Moataz Samir Abdelhamid Elissawy

Lola Banon delegated her vote to the Chair.

Quorum was reached: 11 of 19

Secretary for the meeting: Karen Gladović

Agenda of the Session

1. Adoption of the proposed Agenda of the 58th Session of the Senate of EMUNI University
2. Adoption of the Minutes of the 57th Session of the Senate of EMUNI University
3. Adoption of the Amendments to the Doctoral Programme *Kinesiology for Quality of Life*
4. Adoption of the Amendments to the Master's Programme *Digitalisation and Human Rights*
5. Adoption of the Notification: *Ecoremediation and Sustainable Development*
6. Adoption of the Criteria for Transfer Between Programmes
7. Appointment of Members of the Ethical Commission
8. Adoption of the Rules on Quality Assurance (QA) Surveys
9. Information on the Process EMUNI – HR Excellence in Research Award (HRS4R)
10. Awarding and Recognition of Academic Titles
11. Any Other Business (AOB)

ITEM 1: Adoption of the Proposed Agenda of the 58th Session

The Chairperson, Prof. Dr. Rado Bohinc, presented the proposed agenda of the 58th session. No objections or requests for amendments were raised.

DECISION 1:

The Senate of EMUNI University adopted the proposed Agenda of the 58th Session.

YES - 11

NO - 0

ABSTAIN - 0

ITEM 2: Adoption of the Minutes of the 57th Session

The Chairperson invited members to comment on the Minutes of the 57th Session. One member abstained from voting, citing non-attendance at the previous session. No other comments or corrections were proposed.

DECISION 2:

The Senate of EMUNI University adopted the Minutes of the 57th Session of the Senate.

YES - 11

NO - 0

ABSTAIN - 0

ITEM 3: Amendments to the Doctoral Programme *Kinesiology for Quality of Life*

The Chairperson explained that the current structure limits flexibility, as students are required to select one elective in the first year and one in the second year from fixed lists. Due to small cohorts and organizational challenges, the proposal introduces a more flexible model whereby two elective courses are offered each academic year from a list of four, allowing students to choose regardless of the year of study.

No objections were raised.

DECISION 3:

The Senate of EMUNI University adopted the proposed amendments to the doctoral programme *Kinesiology for Quality of Life*.

YES - 11

NO - 0

ABSTAIN - 0

ITEM 4: Amendments to the Master's Programme *Digitalisation and Human Rights*

The Chairperson presented the amendments required by the new Higher Education Act, which stipulates that part-time study programmes must be delivered over a longer

period than one academic year. To allow students to complete the programme within two years plus one graduation year, the proposal introduces a full-time mode of study while retaining the possibility of part-time delivery upon demand.

The Senate also noted the proposed changes of course holders for selected courses, as outlined in the submitted documentation.

No further discussion followed.

DECISION 4:

The Senate of EMUNI University adopted the proposed amendments to the Master's programme *Digitalisation and Human Rights*.

YES - 11

NO - 0

ABSTAIN - 0

ITEM 5: Notification – *Ecoremediation and Sustainable Development*

The Chairperson informed the Senate that, under the new Higher Education Act, EMUNI University may notify accredited study programmes from other Slovenian or EU universities. EMUNI has concluded an agreement with Alma Mater Europaea University regarding the notification of the Master's programme *Ecoremediation and Sustainable Development*.

It was clarified that the programme meets all legal and accreditation requirements and that Senate approval is required to proceed with submission to the National Agency for Quality Assurance.

No objections were raised.

DECISION 5:

The Senate of EMUNI University adopted the notification of the Master's programme *Ecoremediation and Sustainable Development*.

YES - 11

NO - 0

ABSTAIN - 0

ITEM 6: Adoption of the Criteria for Transfer Between Programmes

The Chairperson explained that, pursuant to the new Higher Education Act, higher education institutions are required to adopt their own criteria for student transfers. The proposed criteria largely follow the standards previously set by the national quality assurance agency, with additional clarifications for second-year Master's and advanced-year doctoral transfers.

No questions or objections were raised.

DECISION 6:

The Senate of EMUNI University adopted the Criteria for Transfer Between Programmes.

YES - 11

NO - 0

ABSTAIN - 0

ITEM 7: Appointment of Members of the Ethical Commission

The Chairperson highlighted the growing importance of ethical oversight in research and publication processes. The following candidates were proposed and had agreed to serve:

- Prof. Dr. Khaled Sartawi
- Prof. Dr. Jaka Vadnjal
- Prof. Dr. Lola Banon
- Asst. Gal Pastirk

No objections were raised.

DECISION 7:

The Senate of EMUNI University appointed the proposed members of the Ethical Commission.

YES - 11

NO - 0

ABSTAIN - 0

ITEM 8: Adoption of the Rules on Quality Assurance (QA) Surveys

The Chairperson emphasized the need for formalized and consistent quality assurance procedures, particularly regarding student feedback and evaluation of study programmes. The proposed rules aim to improve the systematic collection and use of QA data.

No objections were raised.

DECISION 8:

The Senate of EMUNI University adopted the Rules on Quality Assurance (QA) Surveys.

YES - 11

NO - 0

ABSTAIN - 0

ITEM 9: Information on EMUNI – HR Excellence in Research Award (HRS4R)

The Senate was informed about EMUNI University's participation in the HR Excellence in Research Award process, undertaken within the UNICoast University Alliance framework. The Chairperson explained that EMUNI has conducted a self-assessment and confirmed alignment with the European Charter for Researchers and the Code of Conduct for the Recruitment of Researchers.

Members were invited to share experiences or best practices. No further comments were made.

DECISION 9:

The Senate of EMUNI University took note of the information regarding EMUNI's status and activities related to the HR Excellence in Research Award (HRS4R).

YES - 11

NO - 0

ABSTAIN - 0

ITEM 10: Awarding and Recognition of Academic Titles

The Chairperson gave the floor to Prof. Dr. Jaka Vadnjal, who reported on the outcomes of the most recent session of the Habilitation Commission.

Recognitions – Confirmed

Dr. Alessio Bartolacelli – Associate Professor of Business Law

Recognised based on the Italian habilitation granted by the Ministry of Education.

DECISION 11:

The Senate of EMUNI University recognised the habilitation of Dr. Alessio Bartolacelli and awarded the title of Associate Professor of Business Law.

YES - 11

NO - 0

ABSTAIN - 0

Dr. Lilla Garayova – Associate Professor of International Law

DECISION 12:

The Senate of EMUNI University recognised the habilitation of Dr. Lilla Garayova and awarded the title of Associate Professor of International Law.

YES - 11
NO - 0
ABSTAIN - 0

Dr. Giuseppe Naglieri – Associate Professor of Comparative Law

DECISION 13:

The Senate of EMUNI University recognised the habilitation of Dr. Giuseppe Naglieri and awarded the title of Associate Professor of Comparative Law.

YES - 11
NO - 0
ABSTAIN - 0

Dr. Katarína Šmigova – Associate Professor of Public International Law

DECISION 14:

The Senate of EMUNI University recognised the habilitation of Dr. Katarína Šmigova and awarded the title of Associate Professor of Public International Law.

YES - 11
NO - 0
ABSTAIN - 0

Dr. Zein Moustapha Tala – Assistant Professor of Business Law

DECISION 15:

The Senate of EMUNI University recognised the habilitation of Dr. Zein Moustapha Tala and awarded the title of Assistant Professor of Business Law.

YES - 11
NO - 0
ABSTAIN - 0

Dr. Yaron Nili – Associate Professor of Corporate Law

DECISION 16:

The Senate of EMUNI University recognised the habilitation of Dr. Yaron Nili and awarded the title of Associate Professor of Corporate Law.

YES - 11
NO - 0
ABSTAIN - 0

Amendments and Exclusions

- **Dr. Ali Mohmad Mourad** – Item withdrawn due to unmet formal criteria; no vote was conducted.
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Dr. Farah Jemili – Associate Professor in Computer Science

Correction of title from Assistant Professor to Associate Professor due to an administrative error identified by the Habilitation Commission.

DECISION 10g:

The Senate of EMUNI University recognised the habilitation of Dr. Farah Jemili and awarded the corrected title of Associate Professor in Computer Science.

YES - 11

NO - 0

ABSTAIN - 0

- **Prof. Dr. Denis Čaleta** – Decision postponed pending additional documentation; no vote was conducted.
 - **Dr. Daniel Schaebs** – Decision postponed pending additional documentation; no vote was conducted.
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Nominations – Confirmed

Dr. Melita Zajc – Associate Professor in Communicology

DECISION 17:

The Senate of EMUNI University awarded Dr. Melita Zajc the title of Associate Professor in Communicology (first appointment to the title).

YES - 11

NO - 0

ABSTAIN - 0

Diana Kranjc – Teaching Assistant in Kinesiology

DECISION 18:

The Senate of EMUNI University awarded Diana Kranjc the title of Teaching Assistant in Kinesiology (first appointment to the title).

YES - 11

NO - 0

ABSTAIN - 0

ITEM 11: Any Other Business (AOB)

Enrolment and Study Programmes

The Chairperson provided an overview of current enrolments:

- Total enrolled students: **37**
- Master's in Intercultural Business Communication: 18 students
- Master's in Kinesiology: 11 students
- Master's in Digitalisation and Human Rights: 6 students
- Doctoral Programme in Kinesiology: 2 students

Most students are international, primarily from the Southern Mediterranean region. The Chairperson noted ongoing financial and visa-related challenges but expressed optimism regarding future programme growth.

Accreditation Procedures

The Senate was informed of ongoing accreditation processes for the following programmes:

- Master's in Sport Management
- Master's in Business Law and Digitalisation
- PhD in Multicultural Studies and Resilience
- Master's in Military Geopolitics and Geoeconomics

Decisions from the National Agency are expected in the coming months.

Other Matters

Congratulations were extended to EMUNI University on the relocation to new premises in Koper.

Closing of the Session

The Chairperson thanked all members for their participation and constructive contributions. The session was officially closed at approximately 15:34 (CET).

Prepared by:
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Prof. Dr. Rado Bohinc
Chairperson of the EMUNI Senate

