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ADMINISTRATIVE AND LEGAL STATUS OF THE STUDENT SELF-GOVERNMENT IN UKRAINE

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Among the important areas of higher education reform in Ukraine is the development of students' self-government. In terms of the democratization of education, humanization of principles, decentralization of higher education institutions, the synergy of all participants in the educational process dealing with everyday issues as well as strategic directions of separate educational institutions is becoming vitally important. The initiative of the students makes possible the resolution of priority issues, like: improving the quality of education and preventing of corruption in the ranks of educational institutions.

Today, significant proliferation and development in Ukraine has become a type of students' organization as student self-government in educational institutions of different accreditation levels, which gradually turn substructures of higher education institutions into separate organizations. Despite the fact that the student self-government in Ukrainian version has rather short history, some common trends have already been formed during its formation, and, what is the most significant, common problems requiring detailed study and analysis, basic working mechanisms to address these problems in different levels, from national to higher education institutions have been outlined. Modern civilization general trends of make system impact forming on the reform of higher education in Ukraine, which primarily provides its democratization. Strategic directions of higher education are determined by the Constitution of Ukraine, Education Law, Higher Education National Doctrine, decrees of the President of Ukraine, the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine. An important part of this process is to increase the role of student self-government, which helps attract students to higher educational establishment in wide scope.

According to the Constitution of Ukraine, Article 36, the citizens of Ukraine have the right to freedom of association in political parties and public organizations; to exercise and protect their rights and meet the political, economic, social, cultural and other interests. Taking into consideration the fact that students in our country are the most numerous, mobile and intelligent part of the population, it's evident, that they can successfully create their government. The student self-governments are under control at all levels and accountable to the General Assembly or conferences of

relevant levels. The student self-government activity is guided by the laws and decisions of the specially authorized central executive authority in the field of education and the relevant central authority, which the higher education institution is subordinate to, by the statute of university. For its part, the self-student government of Sumy State University functions to ensure fulfillment by the students of their duties and to protect their rights. It is involved in the management of the University and promotes harmonious development of student's personality, future organizer and leader skills formation. Self-student government is established on a voluntary basis at the initiative of the enrolled elected persons and is an integral part of University public authorities. It protects the rights and interests of persons enrolled in higher education, and their participation in the management of higher education institution. The activity of the student self-government is aimed at improving the educational process, its quality, providing education and spiritual culture of students, increasing their social activity.

Nowadays the student self-government is represented not only at the higher education level, but also at the state level. In June 2005, Kyiv hosted the conference of Ukrainian Student Council under the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine guidance. All-Ukrainian Student Council was created. Delegates from the student self-governments of more than 150 universities from all state regions, in general, about one million students approved the Ukrainian student council and elected members of its board. The formation of Ukrainian Student Council has become possible due to many factors, namely, the principles of the Bologna process which considers a student as a partner; understanding the need to create a coordinating body among the student parliaments and councils that have been created in various universities and institutes throughout Ukraine. According to the law, project on student self-determining system guarantees the student self-government, legal and organizational principles of its establishment and functioning. The law is aimed at enhancing the role of the student self-government in social relations in the field of education.

According to the Law of Ukraine about Amendments to the Law of Ukraine "On Higher Education" as to the issues of student self-government, Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine resolves: to bring amendments to The Law of Ukraine "On Higher Education". Thus, we can conclude that the student self-government in Ukraine is still far from European standards, but we have examples to follow.