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Chronicles of the relocated university**

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The publication is dedicated to the 105th anniversary of the university founding and is intended for scientists, teachers, students of education and can be used in research work and the educational process.

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Dear colleagues, friends, readers!

In November 2022 we celebrate the 105th anniversary of Kherson State University.

We are forced to do it not at home, not in our native walls, but in the Precarpathian region - on the premises of Vasyl Stefanyk Precarpathian National University in hospitable Ivano-Frankivsk, where our university was temporarily relocated. But we celebrate with incredibly high spirits, because on November 11th, the Armed Forces of Ukraine liberated Kherson and the entire right-bank of Kherson region! The Flag of Ukraine is fluttering again on the square in front of the main building of Kherson State University!

This means that very soon we will return home, to Ukrainian Kherson.

Changing circumstances is not a reason to change traditions, which in KSU are stronger and more stable than any Russian darkness. During the celebration of the 105th anniversary of our institution we loudly declare to the whole world that Kherson State University has been and will be. We have withstood and overcome the challenges of occupation, propaganda, pressure, and displacement! This is our answer to the occupiers and traitors!

On the anniversary, the Chronicles of Kherson State University for the period from 2018 to 2020 and the second part for 2021 were published. Now you are holding in your hands the third part of the Chronicles about the life of the university during the period of temporary occupation of Kherson region and our forced temporary relocation to Ivano-Frankivsk. I emphasize - temporary. We record our history and look confidently to the future!

We believe that soon we will return home and start writing a new history of the restoration and development of our university! Because I cannot imagine Kherson region without Kherson State University!

Glory to Ukraine!

**Sincerely,
Rector of Kherson State University, Professor
Oleksandr SPIVAKOVSKIY**



THE INTRODUCTION

*Kherson State University:
the forward movement only*

Kherson State University is

- 105 years of glorious history;
- 110 000 graduates;
- 9 faculties;
- more than 100 educational programs;
- almost 4000 patriotic students;
- about 400 best scientific and pedagogical workers.

*This is a high reputation and leadership positions
in all rankings among higher education institutions in the region.*

Our structure includes:

- Berislav Specialty Pedagogical College named after V.F. Benkovsky and Henichesk Professional College;
- 3 dormitories;
- 4 educational buildings;
- a Botanical Garden;
- a swimming pool;
- Sports, and Recreation Camp «Burevestnik»;
- Training Center on the Dnipro River;
- a medical center
- a canteen, etc.



June 8, 2022 marked four years since Professor Oleksandr Spivakovskiy has been holding the position of Rector of Kherson State University, who during this time managed to build a team of like-minded people, professionals who profess common life values, whose professional activities are aimed at developing the human capital of Kherson region and native university.

in particular, annually at least 10% of the funds received by the university from various sources that were directed to the development projects. A great deal of work was also carried out to involve external investment, partnership with international institutions, to create joint projects with public authorities and local governments, which were supposed to be co-financed.



***University family of KSU.
Vyshyvanka Day. 05.20.2021***

Despite the coronavirus pandemic, over the past 4 years, the university has steadily developed in accordance with the approved Strategic Development Plan of Kherson State University for 2018-2023 years. Almost 10 million dollars were invested in the development of infrastructure, the creation of a comfortable and modern educational environment and the support of scientific and innovative activities of the university.

A clear formulaic approach to the use of financial resources was introduced,

Together with Kherson Regional State Administration, Kherson Regional Council, Kherson City Council in our cooperation we follow the principle of parity. On the one hand, Kherson State University is part of the economic, social, cultural ecosystem of the city of Kherson and Kherson region, we are one of the largest taxpayers to the budget of the city of Kherson (almost UAH 20 million in 2021), we form the human capital of the region. On the other hand, regional authorities contribute to the providing



conditions for students of Kherson region to receive quality, modern education in local institutions of higher education, thus reducing the outflow of human capital from Kherson region. Because we have to use our own resources, relying on our own experience and local patriotism to develop and build up our region. Now this principle became crucial, since the Victory of Ukraine and a lot of work on the revival of the economy, infrastructure, the formation of an educated generation of young people are ahead.

Another fundamental principle followed by the university team: Kherson State University is a corporation dedicated to serving the educational, cultural, sports, creative, and social needs of higher education students.

Before the start of the full-scale russian invasion of Ukraine on February 24th, 2022, Kherson State University



Opening by Jana Lebedeva



***Presentation of the inclusive space
in the building № 5***



External lift in the building № 5



**Coworking hall in the building № 5.
How it was and how it became.**

immediately after restrictions related to the coronavirus pandemic resumed full-time studies. This was facilitated by the high level of vaccination among the staff and students.

On February 21st, we were happy to return to the usual university life! On February 22nd, we opened new infrastructure facilities. A few days before the occupation of Kherson region, an updated modern library and coworking room were opened in the building № 5. We also launched an external elevator lift for people with disabilities to ensure availability and accessibility to our educational building № 5, where two powerful faculties are located. At the opening honored guests were present, recalls Rector of Kherson State University Oleksandr Spivakovskiy.

The opening of modern halls of the Scientific Library and coworking hall is a result of investment in the development by Kherson State University.

The construction of the external elevator is a result of cooperation between Kherson State University and Kherson City Council, which unanimously supported the allocation of UAH 1.5 million from

the city budget for creating an inclusive environment.

On February 24th, the University was preparing to hold the final conference within the framework of the Project «Decentralization Brings Better Results and Effectiveness» (DOBRE). The participants of this large Project were our scientists, representatives of territorial communities, regional administration...

Among the strategic objectives set by the team of Kherson State University were the preservation and improvement of ranking positions in international and all-Ukrainian ratings, the providing of quality educational services, the formation of not only professional but also personal trajectory of young people based on European and democratic values, patriotism. We also manage to maintain the status of the best university of Kherson region and a leader of the educational and scientific environment of the south of Ukraine.

At the same time, educators, as well as all Ukrainians and the world community, observed what was happening on our borders with Russia, knew about the accumulation of military equipment



in annexed Crimea. In advance, Kherson State University decided to arrange shelters in the main building and in the dormitory. On February 24th, unfortunately, we were convinced that we did it right. With the beginning of the full-scale invasion, the university became a shelter for students, staff, Kherson residents living nearby.

«Today we need determination to cope with the challenges of the war and temporary occupation of Kherson region, to maintain the authority of Kherson State University. Our priorities are the preservation and support of the staff, students, the admission campaign, the development of our intellectual, scientific, innovative potential», Rector Oleksandr Spivakovskiy considers.



KSU positions in national and international rankings



THE MOST TERRIBLE DAY OF LIFE

February 24th, 2022, the beginning of Russian impudent full-scale invasion of Ukraine, is the most terrible day in the lives of tens of millions of Ukrainians.

Rector of the university Oleksandr Spivakovskiy recalls,

«On February 23rd, I was on an business trip in Kyiv. On February 24th, I woke up early, I felt something unusual. Then the phone «woke up»... At 6 am we were already on our way to Kherson. There was crazy traffic around. It seems that the whole capital woke up and got into cars. Traffic jams, anxiety, news roundup, the first understanding that the war had started. We went to Kropyvnytskyi. There were columns of cars coming towards us. Later I found out that at that time, law enforcement officers, the regional leadership were leaving the region on command... And we, on the contrary, returned to Kherson because there is home, family, university, students, employees. There was a feeling that the world that had been built for decades had collapsed. No one was ready to accept the new reality.

Although on February 23rd, on my Facebook page I shared my own sense of the moment: «The last border of the civilized world is the Ukrainian army!!!» We truly realized that Russia threatens the values and philosophy of Europe, and Ukraine, despite all the attempts of Russia to impose its own view of the path, still strived to be a part of the European community. «We are the nation of free people who speak different languages but breathe common values for the free future of our children and grandchildren».

Considering the support that Ukraine has had all these 7 months of the war, the world also felt and still feels the threat.

On February 24th, the majority of employees of Kherson State University were at their workplaces or in touch.

Rector Oleksandr Spivakovskiy called on the university community to stay calm, be united, believe in the Armed Forces

of Ukraine. «We care about our students and staff, we take the necessary steps to ensure safety. And remember, there is always an opportunity to use shelters at the university and the Campus», Oleksandr Spivakovskiy noted in his appeal published on the official website of the university <https://www.kspu.edu/PublisherReader.aspx?newsId=15461>.

The operational headquarters was established under the leadership of Vice-Rector for Financial, Economic and Scientific-Pedagogical Work Maksym Vinnyk, who coordinated his actions with local authorities.

On the same day, Order № 180-D «On the Work of the university in the Conditions of the Martial Law in Ukraine on February 24th, 2022» was issued. According to the order, the educational process at Kherson State University was suspended (the resumption of the educational process was regulated by separate orders at the university).

The employees of Kherson State University have been transferred to perform their duties remotely (at home). However, the management, administration and separate departments of the university worked offline, providing the vital activity of the educational institution.

The Kherson State University has also approved the Instruction on the procedure for actions of university staff and students in case of an emergency (threat of extremist/terrorist acts or military actions).

On February 26th, the Academic Council of Kherson State University made a political decision, supporting the appeal to educators of Russia and the world! It was a common position of the community on the assessment of the Russian invasion.

It was difficult for many members of the Academic Council to even get in touch, but, despite this, the discussion and voting were held almost in full strength in a mixed format. The Academic Council



unanimously supported the common voted for the appeal. Now we understand position on the events in Ukraine. Out of that everyone voted with his heart. 45 members of the Academic Council 39

ТЕКСТ ЗВЕРНЕННЯ

Дорогі українці, шановні міжнародні партнери та друзі!

Ми - освітянська спільнота Херсонського державного університету - засуджуємо факт російської агресії, вторгнення російських військ в Україну! У ХХІ столітті світ став свідком, а українці безпосереднім об'єктом безпрецедентного злочину по відношенню до Людства. Ми пишаємось Збройними Силами України, нашими земляками, які ціною власного життя відстоюють кожен метр української землі, утримують Київ, інші міста та рідний наш Херсон.

Ми звертаємось до наших колег у Росії: розраховуємо на ваш вплив на суспільне ставлення росіян до путінської агресії, доносить людям об'єктивну інформацію! Наші студенти та викладачі, цивільне населення міста замість навчання та роботи вимушені переховуватись в укриттях та бомбосховищах. Починаючи з 24 лютого, ми постійно здригаємось від пострілів, із завмиранням серця слідкуємо за новинами, з обуренням дізнаємось про втрати серед мирного населення, в тому числі дітей, знищенні будинки наших близьких та знайомих... Це неприпустимо у цивілізованому світі! Гинуть військові з обох сторін, гинуть наші та ваші сини, брати, чоловіки...

Ми звертаємось до наших міжнародних партнерів: посильте сигнал української влади і українського народу до лідерів ваших країн! Потрібні жорсткі санкції проти Росії, ми чекаємо дієвої міжнародної підтримки, бо хочемо продовжувати жити і працювати у вільній, незалежній країні, а не під владою диктатора. Україна - наша Богом дана Земля! Повірте, ми цінуємо те, що ваші країни вже роблять для України і вдячні за це, але акцентуємо: Росія кинула виклик всьому світові, це агресор, який не зупиняється!

Віримо у перемогу Української армії, Українського народу в протистоянні з російським агресором! Пишаємось нашими земляками!

Вчена рада Херсонського державного університету
Ректор Херсонського державного університету
Олександр Співаковський



TEXT OF THE APPEAL

Dear Ukrainians, dear international partners, and friends!

We, the educational community of Kherson State University, condemn the fact of russian aggression, the invasion of russian troops in Ukraine! In the 21st century, the world has witnessed, and Ukrainians have become the direct object of an unprecedented crime against Humanity. We are proud of the Armed Forces of Ukraine, our compatriots, who at the cost of their lives are protecting every meter of Ukrainian land, holding Kyiv, other cities, and our native Kherson.

We appeal to our colleagues in russia: we are counting on your influence on the public attitude of russians to putin's aggression, conveying people with objective information! Our students and teachers, civilians, instead of studying and working, are forced to hide in covers and bomb shelters. Since February 24th, we have been constantly shuddering from the shots, following the news with a sinking heart, with indignation finding out the losses among civilians, including children, the destroyed houses of our relatives and acquaintances... This is unacceptable in the civilized world! Military from both sides are dying, our and your sons, brothers, husbands are dying...

We address our international partners: strengthen the signal of Ukrainian authorities and Ukrainian people to the leaders of your countries! Tough sanctions are needed against russia, we expect effective international support, because we want to continue to live and work in a free, independent country, not under the rule of a dictator. Ukraine is our God-given land! Believe us, we appreciate what your countries are already doing for Ukraine and are grateful for it, but we emphasize: russia has challenged the whole world, it is an aggressor that does not stop!

We believe in the victory of the Ukrainian army, Ukrainian people in the confrontation with russian aggressor! We are proud of our compatriots!

***The Academic Council of Kherson State University
Rector of Kherson State University Oleksandr Spivakovskiy***

KEY ISSUES OF THE SYSTEM LEVEL, on which the behavior scenarios depend, including the type of evacuation or its absence

Analyzing in hot pursuit what processes have taken place in higher education institutions of Ukraine after February 24th, 2022, it is necessary not only to gather information, but also to systematize it and transform it into certain algorithms of actions, to plan future steps of revival, first of all, human capital, looking already over the horizon. We are faced with what philosopher Nassim Nicholas Taleb calls a «black swan», and we must build resistance to negative events and be able to use positive events.

This is important right now, because there are no identical stories - the cases of universities of Kherson, Mariupol, Berdiansk, Mykolaiv, Kyiv, Western

Ukraine and Luhansk and Donetsk regions are different, and each is unique.

The state has experience of relocation of Ukrainian higher education institutions from the territories of Donetsk and Luhansk regions in 2014. It made it possible not to get confused in the first days and clearly build relationships between the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine and universities. But it is impossible to rely only on that experience now because each region has its own cases, its own external and internal environment, which affects the algorithms of actions.

If we talk about Kherson State University, we should distinguish three time stages that we have gone through



*Square in front of the main building
of Kherson State University*

and continue to undergo, forming a new ecosystem of relationships, values, strategic plans.

The first stage - until March 14th, when Rector Oleksandr Spivakovskiy was with the staff and students in occupied Kherson and was a direct participant in all processes. Then, at the request of the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine, he had to go to the government-controlled territory to be able to ensure the work of the university.

On March 14th, Rector of Kherson State University Oleksandr Spivakovskiy was forced to leave Kherson.

«On March 13th, I received a call from a former colleague in the deputy corps of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine with the words: «We have to leave immediately, tomorrow the russian guard and the FSB will come to Kherson, they will search and detain everyone who has a pro-Ukrainian position». It was a difficult decision. On the one hand, the university, the collective, all my life here in Kherson, and on the other hand, I am in the sanctions lists of russia,

the FSB is not the military, they are going to clean the city from the pro-Ukrainian population. I agreed this issue with the Minister of Education and Science of Ukraine because he is my direct supervisor, with whom I have a contract. A night for the packing, though what packing... How can you put your whole life in Kherson in one car? Those who left the occupation understand me. We gathered as a family, went through Oleksandriivka to Mykolaiv. At that time, it was the only unofficial evacuation corridor, but in reality it was a «gray zone» with russian block posts and shelling. These are terrible memories when a masked soldier points a gun at you and starts asking questions, checking something... I will never forget it. But we left... Then I found out that they came to my house with searches, then there were arrests and captures of friends and acquaintances who decided to stay in Kherson, then there was the seizure of the entire infrastructure of KSU, the deputy governor of Kherson region Kateryna Hubarieva moved into my house, after her some FSB officers, there was an explosion



The Day of Unity. February 16th, 2022



in the garage... Unfortunately, such things are commonplace in Kherson, and no one will protect you, because even the laws of the Russian Federation are violated by the Russians themselves, appropriating other people's homes, robbing them», - Oleksandr Spivakovskiy recalls.

The decision to leave at that time was the only right one, because on the territory controlled by the Government of Ukraine, the Rector was immediately able to begin coordinating the transfer of the entire digital infrastructure of the university to secure storage facilities so that the occupiers would not have any digital trace of KSU, negotiated funding and solved organizational issues of our institution, in particular the temporary relocation and deployment of the KSU Office in Ivano-Frankivsk. He was and is in constant contact with the staff regardless of where

they are - in Ivano-Frankivsk, in occupied Kherson, in Ukraine or abroad.

The second stage - until April 16th, that is, until the moment of relocation of the Management Center of Kherson State University on the basis of Vasyl Stefanyk Precarpathian National University (Ivano-Frankivsk). After that, the work took place in the format of two offices, when most of the staff and students were in danger in the occupied territory.

The third stage - from June 14th, when the occupation authorities seized the premises of KSU in Kherson, and the university lost physical access to its infrastructure. Although before that even classes were held in some disciplines, and on our square in front of the main building the flags of Ukraine and the EU were fluttering. At the same time, almost half of our teachers and more than 40% of our students are still in the occupied territory.

Therefore, we will focus on some areas of our activities during the period of martial law, temporary occupation, and relocation of the Management Center of Kherson State University to Ivano-Frankivsk:

- the humanitarian situation in Kherson region after the full-scale invasion of Ukraine by Russia on February 24th, 2022 - as a basis for making systemic decisions;
- the support and preservation of the lives of all participants in the educational process - as a priority of the Volunteer Center at the university and the KSU administration;
- the relocation of the KSU Management Center, digital infrastructure, preservation of human resources - as a guarantee of providing all business processes of the university;
- the organization of the educational process in the wartime - as the fulfillment of the main function of the university to provide quality education;
- the strengthening of the international activity and maintaining the scientific potential - as a guarantee of development and leadership of KSU in the educational environment;
- the adherence to traditions, the relentless creative search, and the continuous communication - as a guarantee of the uniqueness of the case of Kherson State University.

The humanitarian situation in Kherson region



***Lines for products.
March 12th, 2022***

In order to have an idea of the decision-making algorithms, it is necessary to understand the situation in which Kherson State University has been working and Kherson region has been living since February 24th, 2022.

Almost from the first days of the full-scale invasion Kherson region was under occupation. On March 3rd, the regional center - Kherson - was seized by the Russian military. And this is the only regional center of Ukraine that the invaders managed to capture. In fact, Kherson has become both a symbol of public resistance for Ukraine and a symbol for Russia, a demonstration platform through which the invaders are trying to legalize their presence in independent Ukraine by conducting a pseudo-referendum on the allegedly voluntary accession of Kherson region to Russia. In addition to political and ideological components, it is important for Russians to keep Kherson region and capture as many territories of southern Ukraine as possible from the economic and strategic point of view. This is an opportunity to get access to the water for Crimea, to the energy system of Ukraine, to the overland route for the supply of their weapons for continuing the invasion and protection of the occupied territories.

As of May 7, 2022, after the annexation of Crimea in 2014, Kherson

region has the largest share - 94% of the temporarily occupied territory, according to liveuamap.

There was not any green corridor for the evacuation of civilians, any humanitarian corridor with medicines, children's goods, food for all the months of temporary occupation. The invaders created an artificial humanitarian catastrophe, depriving people of the most necessary and forcing them to receive their humanitarian aid. In the first month of occupation there was a significant shortage of food and medicines. Later, the local business established the supply of goods to the regional center of Kherson region, and volunteers delivered food and medicines to rural settlements. Since June, goods and medicines have been coming to Kherson mostly from occupied Crimea or through the only unofficial corridor since June - through Vasylivka village in Zaporizhzhia region. These two directions, as of August,



***Empty store shelves.
Kherson, March 12th, 2022***



***Several days in line to leave for controlled territory.
July, 2022***

are still used by residents of the occupied south for evacuation. Leaving through Vasylivka is a difficult way, which people choose at their own discretion, relying only on themselves, because no one can provide security. Waiting in a queue of thousands of private cars and buses can last from 3-4 days to a week. Searches, robberies, detentions, shots, shooting of cars with civilians - this is what can happen on this way. Per day through this corridor up to 500 vehicles leave the government-controlled territory and up to 30 thousand residents of the region stand in line to leave. The entry to the territory of occupied Kherson region is no less difficult, so the delivery of medicines and goods for children is extremely complicated.

According to the data provided by Kherson regional military administration, almost 60% of the population of the region left its territory. A significant part of the settlements of the region was destroyed as a result of active hostilities and constant shelling. In the regional center up to 40% of residents remained.

Since May 30, there has been no Ukrainian mobile communication in Kherson region. It worked unstably before, and now it is possible to contact the temporarily occupied territory only through the Internet, which is completely controlled by the russians, because all traffic goes through Crimea. Residents of Kherson region can contact the free territory only through VPN services.

On July 1, the only bank that still operated in Kherson region - Privatbank - left the region, on June 30, «Ukrposhta» stopped working in the region. All this led to the deterioration of the financial situation of people, especially retirees and recipients of social benefits.

Since July, the occupants have been actively implementing the ruble zone, physically removing the hryvnia from circulation, and forcing people to receive russian pensions and social benefits. There is a condition for this - acquisition of russian citizenship through obtaining a russian passport.

Since August, communication between the settlements of the left and right banks of the Dnipro has been practically stopped due to the damage of the Antonivka Road Bridge, the bridge over the dam of Kakhovka HPP (Kakhovka Hydroelectric Power Plant), the bridge over the Ingulets river near the village of Dariivka. All this led to an increase in food prices, which were mainly supplied to the regional center by farmers from the left bank of the Dnipro. The cost of household goods and medicines, which were supplied from Crimea and sold through retail chains created by the occupiers on the basis of «grabbed» retail space from Ukrainians, has significantly increased.

At the same time, pressure on patriotic citizens is intensifying. The occupiers and their appointed «leaders» are forcing educators to turn to russian educational standards. Threats, abductions, torture, disappearances - these are the realities in Kherson region.

From 23 to 27 of September, a russian pseudo-referendum was held in Kherson

region and other temporarily occupied territories of Ukraine. The occupation election commission reported that 80% of Kherson region residents allegedly voted for the region's accession to Russia.

Many of the staff and students of Kherson State University decided to evacuate at their own risk, either through the existing corridors (for example, through Vasylivka, Zaporizhzhia region) or through Crimea, which, as it is known, has been temporarily occupied by the Russians since 2014. Both ways are dangerous, very difficult and financially unaffordable for most residents of the occupied territory.

As of early September, 44% of full-time students and almost 50% of teachers are still in the temporarily occupied territory. Almost 98% of the staff of Kherson State University work according to the Ukrainian legislation. All employees receive state-guaranteed salaries in full, and students receive academic and social scholarships. And this has a great importance! Cases of betrayal and collaboration are rare.



*Difficult departure through Vasylivka. Dean Ihor Pylypenko.
July, 2022*



We turn experience into algorithms of actions

We are transforming the experience gained during the period of martial law, occupation, relocation of the Management Center of Kherson State University, for almost eight months of war, into opportunities. Therefore, the main tasks that need to be solved after the de-occupation of Kherson region and Ukraine in general are not even a restoration of the material base of the university - everything can be rebuilt, but the preservation of human capital, the integration into the European educational environment, the

motivation of students and teachers, as well as effective support from the state and international donors.

As there can be no university without students, there can be no country without youth, that is, without the future.

We have outlined for ourselves several priorities that have remained unchanged for 8 months of work of Kherson State University under martial law, occupation, displacement. We approved them at the meeting of the Conference of the labor collective on June 21.

THE PRIORITIES OF KHERSON STATE UNIVERSITY UNDER THE MARTIAL LAW

life, safety and support of participants in the educational process;

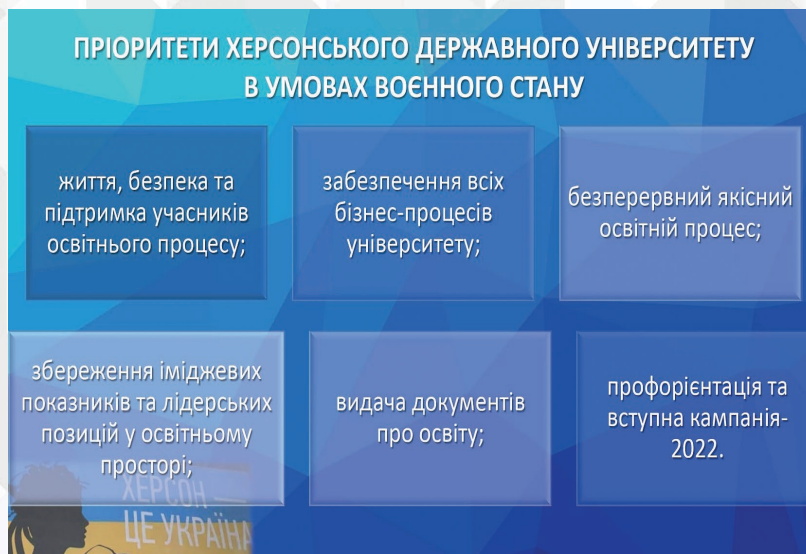
ensuring all business processes of the university;

continuous quality educational process;

preservation of image indicators and leadership positions in the educational space;

issuance of documents on education; career guidance and admission campaign-2022.

These Chronicles are an opportunity to systematize the information and, based on the analysis of what has already happened, to look a little further, beyond the horizon, in order to outline the plans for the development of human resources infrastructure. After all, Kherson State University will definitely return to its premises, to its native Kherson. In November 2022 we will celebrate the 105th anniversary of the university. Unfortunately, not yet in free Ukrainian Kherson.



KSU priorities in martial law conditions



The Support from partners

In the most difficult times for Ukraine, Kherson State University received letters from partner universities with words of support and readiness to help teachers and students who found themselves in difficult living conditions.

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We express our gratitude:

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The University of Szczecin (Szczecin, Poland) (<https://usz.edu.pl>)

Adam Mickiewicz University (Poznan, Poland) (<https://amu.edu.pl>)

Côte d'Azur University (Nice, France) (www.univ-cotedazur.fr)

Hilbert College (Hamburg, New York, USA) (<https://www.hilbert.edu>)

“Cormack Consultancy Group” and personally Charles Cormack (Great Britain) (<https://www.consultcormack.com>)

Слупськ, 24 лютого 2022 р.

Ректору

Херсонського державного університету

проф. Олександру Співаковському

Шановний Пане Ректоре!

У цій складній ситуації, в якій опинилася Ваша країна, я від себе та від імені всієї академічної спільноти Поморської академії в Слупську хочу запевнити Вас у нашій єдності та підтримці вас – наших сусідів і друзів. Ми віримо, що Європа та світ будуть вживати заходів для захисту демократії та свободи, а також поваги до закону та людської гідності. Як Ваш університет-партнер, ми підкреслюємо нашу одностайну позицію щодо підтримки Вашого ставлення та заявляємо про нашу готовність допомогти.

З повагою,

dr hab. inż. Zbigniew Osadowski, prof. AP

Ректор Поморської академії в Слупську



ADAM MICKIEWICZ UNIVERSITY, POZNAN

Rector

Познань, 24.02.2022

Шановні Українські Колеги,

інформація про російську агресію в Україні непокоїть нас від початку 2014 року. Весь цей час ми активно підтримували Вас і вірили у дипломатичний шлях виходу з так важкої ситуації, але сьогоднішній ранок показав усьому цивілізованому світові, що агресор не має ні жалю, ні людяності.

В ці трагічні хвилини ми постійно думаємо про Вас, співчуваємо Вам і кожен день, нехай тільки морально, підтримуємо Вас!

Прийміть щирі слова співчуття та підтримки від мене та всієї академічної спільноти Університету ім. Адама Міцкевича в Познані.

З Україною в серці!

Проф. Богуміла Канєвска
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ПОСОЛЬСТВО
РЕСПУБЛІКИ КІПР
В УКРАЇНІ

Ref.# 592-03.08.036, of 25 May 2022

Mr. Oleksandr Spivakovskiy
Rector of Kherson State University

Dear Mr. Rector! Dear Community of Kherson State University! Dear Residents of Kherson!

I cannot come close enough in sharing the overall amount of sorrow and grief that you are experiencing, as the result of the Russian invasion to Ukraine. The war found me in Kyiv, from where I relocated a week after, also to the city of Ivano-Frankivsk (as partly did the Kherson State University), where I stayed for two months until my return to Kyiv was possible.

Last summer, our previous Ambassador visited Kherson and Mykolaiv, returned with the most marvelous impressions and we could not have predicted the scenery would so tragically alter in less than a year.

I want to assure you that we in Cyprus have a deep comprehension of what invasion, occupation with all the ensuing consequences mean. I did not experience it in my homeland, but I am honoured to be with you, on your land, to support you on a personal, as well as on a professional level, at these unprecedented times. Let me convene the unreserved solidarity of Cyprus with the people and the Government of Ukraine.

In this regard, my country has adopted a series of measures from sanctions to facilitations in order to alleviate the burden of the Ukrainian people. Under the Union Civil Protection Mechanism, Cyprus has gathered an unprecedented volume of humanitarian aid and adopted a Temporary Protection Directive that grants residence permit, access to labour market, housing and medical assistance. Through the European Peace Facility, we provide equipment and supplies to the Ukrainian Armed Forces. Moreover, the Council of Ministers has approved a proposal by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sport and Youth concerning the provision of support to pupils and students from Ukraine, so that they can continue their education in Cyprus. The decision concerns public, private and academic institutions.

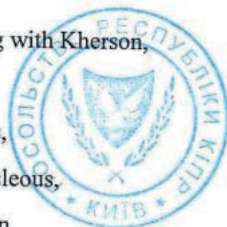
Dear residents of Kherson, from the first moments of the Russian invasion to Ukraine, Cyprus was and will continue to be on your side. Our sincere condolences for the tragic loss of human lives. Our prayers and thoughts are with you. Ми переможемо, Слава Україні!

Standing strong with Kherson,


Sincerely yours,

Lina Themistocleous,

Head of Mission





Nice, Friday 25th February, 2022

Jeanick BRISSWALTER
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Prof. Aleksander Spivakovsky
Rector of Kherson State University

Dear friends,

We are still in shock by the news of the unjustified invasion of your country and the terrible attack on the city of Kherson, where your University is located.

I can imagine the state of mind and anxiety that students and staff of your University must be experiencing.

Strong links unite our two universities and I want to use this message of friendship to show our support for your university and more generally for the Ukrainian people who are currently undergoing an ordeal as hard as it is revolting.

This morning, I brought together several of my vice-presidents to study the best ways to come to your support. Targeted actions are planned, but please do not hesitate share with us what actions would be the best support for you in the short and medium term.

I know that you are in contact with some of my vice-presidents. Please stay connected with them as much as possible and give us news.
We will do our best to help you.

King regards

Université Côte d'Azur
Le Président


Jeanick BRISSWALTER

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Président d'Université Côte d'Azur



Шановний Пан Ректор,

Ми сповнені тривоги та смутку через події, які наразі відбуваються в Україні, і хочемо висловити Вам щирі співчуття, як університету-партнеру.

We are deeply saddened and highly concerned about Russian troops invading Ukraine and dare not even to imagine what a difficult situation this must be. Please rest assured that our International Office is in close contact with all incoming exchange students from your institutions, those who are already in Klagenfurt and those who were supposed to arrive in the coming days. Should it be deemed of help from your point of view, we would also be more than willing to explore possibilities for granting additional scholarships for exchange students from your institution. If there is any other way to support you in this terrible situation, please do not hesitate to let us know.

With my very best wishes,

Oliver Vitouch

| Prof. Dr. Oliver Vitouch |
| Rector |



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HILBERT COLLEGE

March 1, 2022

To our Ukrainian Friends:

We are alarmed and saddened by Russia's tragic assault on your country. Our prayers are always with you as you bravely face this horrible time. We condemn this needless Russian aggression and call on all academic communities around the world to do the same.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to Hilbert College for any help during this trying time. Our entire community of students and employees are there for you.

Regards,

Michael Brophy
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L' Ambasciatore d' Italia

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Kyiv, 24 MAG. 2022

Da Nector,

We are fully aware that you are facing a very difficult moment. Let me reassure that Italy condemns in the strongest terms Russia's unjustified aggression against Your country and therefore fully reiterates its unwavering support to Ukraine's territorial integrity, including Kherson region.

Italy also fully supports the Ukraine candidacy to the EU since you are fighting a battle for the values of freedom and democracy. You fully deserve the right to be considered a member of the European family.



Your sincerely,
Pier Francesco Zazo

KHERSON STATE UNIVERSITY
RECTOR
Oleksandr Spivakovskiy



Oleksandr Spivakovskiy notes that our university highly appreciates the care and desire to support students and staff.

«It is very important for us to know that the world is aware of the aggression and genocide faced by Kherson and Ukraine,» the Rector emphasizes and thanks everyone who is trying to help.

We also received a letter of support from the staff of Vasyl Stefanyk Precarpathian National University. The colleagues collected cleansers and disinfectants, food, and personal hygiene products to help our region.

The community of the Jan Dlugosz University in Czestochowa (the Republic of Poland) also expressed their support

and invited to inform about the needs and amount of assistance. Santa Fe College (Gainesville, Florida) joined the support of Kherson State University.

On March 11, the Association of Rectors of France expressed its position on the situation in Ukraine and support in the intellectual struggle for Ukraine's independence.

«I am grateful to my friends - Vice-President of one of the largest universities in Europe - University of Nice-Sophia Antipolis - Philippe Lahire, Laurents Nelis, Professor Georges Mallet, and hundreds of my colleagues, with whom we have made 7 joint European academic projects!» - said Rector of KSU Oleksandr Spivakovskiy.



From February 24th to June 14th - before the university capture - blue and yellow ribbons were waved in the park



Here is the Ukrainian translation and the original position
of the Association of French Rectors..

From: News Tank Education & Research<redaction.her@newstank.fr> Paris – The Article № 244862 - Published 10.03.2022 at 16:52 The universities of France are «suspending until further notice the memorandum of understanding signed in 2013 with the Union of Rectors of Russia», reports on association 03/10/2022. Expressing its «astonishment», it thus reacts to the position of the Rectors of Russia, whose Conference (RUR) has issued a declaration of support for the invasion of the Russian Federation in Ukraine. The French universities emphasize that RUR «supports the armed conflict and encourages the «denazification» of Ukraine, thus transmitting wrong information from the Russian authorities».

«This declaration, signed by the Russian rectors on their own initiative or under pressure from their authorities, contradicts the values of European universities and on which they do not intend to compromise,» the French conference adds. The universities of France «fully support the decision of the EUA (European University Association) to suspend until further notice the participation of twelve members of the Union of Russian Rectors in its work» and «invites French institutions» to suspend again until further notice any form of institutional partnership with Russian universities-signatories while maintaining interpersonal relations compatible with the values of European universities.

De : News Tank Éducation & Recherche <redaction.her@newstank.fr>
Paris - Article n°244862 - Publié le 10/03/2022 à 16:52

France Universités « suspend jusqu'à nouvel ordre le protocole d'accord qu'elle a signé en 2013 avec l'Union des recteurs de Russie », annonce l'association le 10/03/2022. Faisant part de sa « stupéfaction », elle réagit ainsi à la prise de position des recteurs de Russie dont la Conférence (RUR) a publié une déclaration soutenant l'invasion de l'Ukraine par la Fédération de Russie.

France Universités souligne que la RUR « soutient un conflit armé et appelle à la «dénazification» de l'Ukraine, relayant ainsi les fausses informations du pouvoir russe».

«Cette déclaration, signée par les recteurs russes de leur propre chef ou sous la pression de leurs autorités, contrevient aux valeurs que portent les universités européennes et sur lesquelles elles n'entendent pas transiger», ajoute la conférence française.

France Universités «soutient pleinement la décision de l'EUA (European university association) de suspendre jusqu'à nouvel ordre la participation de douze membres de l'Union des recteurs de Russie à ses travaux» et «invite les établissements français à suspendre jusqu'à nouvel ordre toute forme de coopération institutionnelle avec les universités russes signataires tout en maintenant les relations interpersonnelles compatibles» avec les valeurs des universités européennes.



On March 9, 2022, Kherson State University prepared an open letter of appeal to all foreign friends and partners with asking to support the creation of a humanitarian corridor for the residents of Kherson. In the letter, the teachers refer to the Geneva Convention, which states the right of people to receive humanitarian assistance during hostilities.

The letter was sent to universities, journalists, radio, and TV channels of many European countries.

Текст:

З 24 лютого 2022 року Україна перебуває під підступними та обурливими обстрілами військ Російської Федерації. Два тижні залишили тисячі людей без доступу до їжі та необхідної допомоги. Херсон опинився на межі гуманітарної кризи через порушення статті 23 Женевської конвенції, яка регулює вільне постачання посилок з медикаментами, продуктами харчування та одягом.

Ситуація в Херсоні наразі є вкрай складною: люди гинуть і для виживання потребують гуманітарної допомоги. Всупереч усім зусиллям громадян України зібрати та доставити продукти харчування, ліки та одяг, російські окупанти не дозволяють вільне постачання всіх партій медикаментів, медичного приладдя та продуктів першої необхідності.

Навіть діти, породіллі та годувальниці, які, відповідно до статті 70.1. Додаткового протоколу I до Женевської конвенції, користуються особливими пільгами та особливим захистом, перебувають під загрозою голодної смерті. Через труднощі, пов'язані з пересуванням персоналу (порушення ст. 71 ДП I) Україна не може своєчасно реагувати та надавати допомогу. У Херсоні закінчуються борошно та дріжджі для випікання хліба, засоби особистої гігієни, знеболювальні речовини, інсулін та інші специфічні препарати та найважливіші продукти харчування. Більш того, у деяких районах не вистачає медперсоналу, зокрема хірургів. Порушення Женевської конвенції завдає шкоди найуразливішим верствам населення, зокрема літнім людям, жінкам, дітям та людям з обмеженими можливостями. Тож, для збереження життів необхідно створити зелений коридор.

Ми закликаємо вас допомогти й забезпечити вільне постачання гуманітарної допомоги до Херсона і захистити мирних жителів, щоб тисячі херсонських сімей, які борються за виживання, не були позбавлені доступу до своєчасної, рятувальної гуманітарної допомоги.

**З повагою
професорсько-викладацький склад
Херсонського державного університету**



The text:

Dear Sir/Madam,

Ukraine has been under a deceptive and outrageous military attack by the Russian Federation since February 24th, 2022. Two weeks of the war have left thousands of people without access to food and reliant on aid. Kherson is on a knife-edge to face the humanitarian crisis due to the breach of Article 23 of the Geneva Conventions that establish standards for consignments of medical supplies, food and clothing.

The situation in Kherson is extremely desperate with people dying or requiring humanitarian aid just to survive, despite all the efforts of Ukrainian citizens to collect and deliver food, medicine, and clothing. The russian invaders do not permit the free passage of all consignments of medical and hospital supplies and essential food supplies.

Even children and nursing mothers, who, under the Additional Protocol I Art. 70.1., are to be accorded preferential treatment or special protection, are at risk of starvation. Due to challenges involved in the movement of the relief personnel (breach of the API Art. 71), Ukraine cannot provide help in time. Kherson is running out of flour and yeast for baking bread, personal care products, painkillers, insulin and other specific medicines and essential foods. Moreover, in some locations, there is not enough medical personnel, surgeons in particular. The decrease in aid harms the most vulnerable citizens, including the elderly, women, children, and people with disabilities. Without a large-scale cross-border response, lives will be lost.

We are calling you on to help ensure the free passage of the humanitarian aid to Kherson and to help with the protection of civilians caught up in war, to ensure millions of Kherson's families struggling to survive are not denied access to timely, life-saving humanitarian assistance.

Your support has a vital role in saving lives.

Yours faithfully,

Academic Staff of Kherson State University

In the 52nd edition of the international scientific journal *Palaeartic Grasslands*, which the editorial board dedicated to Ukraine and its people who are heroically fighting the aggressor, an article of the international team of authors with the participation of scientists of the Department of Botany of Kherson State University Ivan Moisiienko, Nataliia Skobel, Oleksandr Khodosovtsev, Nataliia Zahorodniuk, Maryna Zakharova was published.

The whole world united around Ukraine. The cover was designed in yellow and blue colors in support of Ukraine, which is heroically struggling against the aggressor. The journal has an extensive and richly illustrated article by scientists

from the Department of Botany about the first results of the EDGG expedition in Ukraine in 2021. How beautiful our Ukraine is and how well we lived and worked here until the russians invaded!

The link to the web page of the publication:

<https://vegsci.blog.org/2022/03/03/palaeartic-grasslands-52-is-published-dedicated-to-ukraine-and-its-people/?fbclid=IwAR1T0Yyye3F4uwjGk8oNg19ohIquzeFh4xNzXCGRaRXgFzgoAfy1HtqUShl>

The link to the pdf-format of the publication: https://edgg.org/sites/default/files/page/Palaeartic_Grasslands_52.pdf



KSU is a shelter for participants of the educational process and Kherson citizens

The shelters, which were arranged in the main building of Kherson State University and dormitories in advance, with the beginning of the full-scale invasion of Russia completely performed their function. Kherson was occupied literally in the first days. At the same time, Russian equipment was chaotically shelling the city... Staying in the shelters and their mere availability provided a sense of safety, and they also made us realize that the university community is one family.

The students and staff of the university were united as never before! In the first nights in the shelters of the

university and dormitories there was a warm, kind atmosphere, a high level of self-organization, no panic. In early March, there were days when up to 800 people were in the shelters on the territory of the university at the same time.

At the beginning of March, about 50 students and almost 100 employees and postgraduate students of the university lived in the dormitories of KSU. A significant part of students went to their families' place of residence outside Kherson. But even in May-June there were still people living in the dormitories.



View from the window of the KSU dormitory



*In the first days of the occupation patriotic Kherson residents went to rallies against Russia.
March 2022. Photo by Oleksandr Korniyakov*



A shelter was set up at KSU



Rector Oleksandr Spivakovskiy and Vice-Rector Maksym Vinnyk in the university dormitory on March 4th, 2022



***Rector of KSU Oleksandr Spivakovskiy with his family in shelter.
February 26th, 2022***



Products for residents of the KSU dormitory. February 28th, 2022



Representatives of the Red Cross visited the KSU shelter



Medical help. Doctors examined the children and employees of KSU



Cartoons were organized for children from the shelter in the hall of the main building of KSU



Everything will be fine! A night in the shelter of the KSU dormitory



Life in the shelters of the KSU dormitories



In the dormitory. Even the clothes say that Kherson is Ukraine



Hot meals are provided for the residents of the dormitories.



First Vice-Rector Serhii Omelchuk, Vice-Rectors Dariia Malchykova, Maksym Vinnyk, deans and teachers took care of their colleagues and students, also collected, and delivered humanitarian aid to hospitals, where in early March there were many wounded Ukrainian soldiers who during the invasion kept the defense of the region... The students-volunteers also joined. Whenever possible, the staff were at workplaces, coordinated with the city authorities, in particular with Mayor Ihor Kolykhaiev.

A great responsibility lay on Vice-Rector Maksym Vinnyk, who, around the clock together with his subordinate departments, provided the functioning of the university.

Incredible patriotism and rejection of any fake information were demonstrated by the students who are members of the community of students in the Telegram channel (<https://t.me/c/1228602785/90808>). They stopped provocations immediately! Everyone understood that only verified information from official sources should be trusted.

On March 4, Rector of the university Oleksandr Spivakovskiy visited students and teachers living in the dormitories. He noted the patriotic mood. The Volunteer Center of the university, the administration of the campus and the university do everything to provide normal functioning of the dormitories.

«It was interesting to hear about the real state of affairs from the students themselves. I asked how the household is organized, whether they are provided with everything. I was impressed by the high level of self-organization and mutual support. It turns out that hot food is cooked for everyone in turn, delivered to the shelter and to the hall on the first floor, where all usually gather. There is medicine. The atmosphere is friendly! I got a positive charge!» - the Rector shared his impressions.

On March 4, the canteen at Kherson State University resumed its work. Hot meals were prepared here for those who

are in shelters and have no opportunity to do it on their own.

«Of course, we did not plan the long-awaited launch of the renovated canteen of Kherson State University under such circumstances.

However, the preparatory work that was previously conducted by Vice-Rector Maksym Vinnyk allowed to provide all the necessary conditions for cooking food for our students, teachers, staff, and Kherson residents who are in the shelters of the university», - Rector Oleksandr Spivakovskiy comments.

On the basis of the canteen there was everything necessary for preparing



Students in the dormitories of KSU cooked hot food together

food - appropriate conditions, equipment. Concerned employees of Kherson State University and those who were in the shelter were engaged in cooking. The work was well organized, cooks were on duty, there were no problems with products. The purchase and delivery of products was carried out by the Volunteer Center of KSU together with other volunteers of the city.



***Students cook
Ukrainian borsch***

Tasty, like at home! That is how students of Kherson State University, who live in dormitories, talked about their food ration. Every day they cooked food for all in turn, putting their soul into the dishes, because it is for friends. (<https://www.kspu.edu/PublisherReader.aspx?newsId=15499>)



***It is delicious, just like at home.
In the dormitory of KSU***

On March 7, it was restless in Kherson, right over the city center a rocket was destroyed. Its fragments fell on the territory of the university. Fortunately, no one was injured.

Self-organization, unity - this is what young people demonstrated every moment.

On March 22, the university students cooked Ukrainian national dish together, because what is Ukraine without varenyky! This is an opportunity to distract, to communicate in a friendly circle and, of course, to taste delicious food.

Even those who did not know how to make varenyky learned to make them. There were two types of varenyky: with potatoes and with cabbage.

And on April 5, the students of KSU mastered the art of cooking fragrant homemade bread with a crispy crust.

They baked according to a special Ukrainian recipe - with love and faith in Ukraine! The girls put their souls into each loaf.

On April 8, delicious, rich homemade borsch warmed and united the students of KSU at one table.

In the campus of KSU the traditional Ukrainian dish was cooked.

They cooked with special enthusiasm because borsch is a national brand of Ukrainian culinary culture! All liked it, all are satisfied!

The campus administration and the KSU Volunteer Center provided the necessary food products for students.

It was understood that in addition to cooking, such general events are intended to psychologically support each other, to give a sense of a united family that cooks together, tastes dishes together and experiences all the difficulties together.

Unfortunately, after the seizure of the premises of Kherson State University by the occupation «authorities» on June 14, it was impossible for students and staff to stay in the dormitories. The premises were used by the Russian military.



On March 7, the fragments of a downed missile fell on the territory of Kherson State University. Fortunately, no one was injured



***March 7. The fragments of the rocket on the territory of KSU.
«Is this a «greeting» to us on March 8?!» - Rector Oleksandr Spivakovskiy wrote on his Facebook page***

The Volunteer Center of KSU

The Volunteer Center of Kherson State University is an informal structure that was established long before the beginning of full-scale military operations on the territory of Ukraine. Together, students and teachers provided targeted assistance to social institutions, in particular to the orphanage. The gathering of aid for our military, who have been defending the state in eastern Ukraine since 2014, was continuing.

With the beginning of a full-scale war, the Volunteer Center took care of students, staff, veterans of the educational institution. The leader of the Center was Vice-Rector Alla Tsapiv, coordinators - the Head of the Department for Work with Gifted Youth Yuliia Yurina and the Head of the Scientific Society of the University



Teacher Mykola Homaniuk brought volunteer assistance to the dormitory of KSU. February 28, 2022

Tamara Mandych, the main assistants were employees of the Humanitarian Department of KSU, and all interested persons.

An interesting fact, the approval of Alla Tsapiv as Vice-Rector took place at the meeting of the Academic Council of Kherson State University on March 26. In the conditions of great external challenges, the university strengthened the team, continued to move forward to maintain our brand at a high level and support the students and the staff.

The Volunteer Center held a coordination meeting every morning, where information on the needs and condition of all students and staff was processed.

In the first days of the full-scale invasion, a significant part of the staff and students were in dormitories and shelters.

Considering that on the calendar it was the end of February - beginning of March, the spread of viral diseases was continuing, chronic diseases were exacerbated by stress.

Instead, even ordinary cold medicines were not available in the city, not to mention blood pressure medicines, cardiac preparations, etc. It turned out that all thyroxins, which are vital for many people, had disappeared from the market. At the first stage, we managed



Head of the Department for Work with Gifted Youth of KSU Yuliia Yurina brought aid. February 28, 2022



***Vice-Rector Maksym Vinnyk and Dean Ihor Pylypenko.
The Volunteer Center of KSU.
March 5, 2022***



***Dean Ihor Pylypenko and Vice-Rector Dariia Malchykova
in the Volunteer Center.
April 2022***

to communicate with representatives of the Red Cross Society in the region. They brought the necessary products and even sweets for the children who were in the shelter. Also, a doctor came to examine the children, made appropriate prescriptions, and provided medicines.

Thanks to the sponsorship of foreign partner universities and trade unions of teachers and students of KSU it was possible to purchase the necessary products for the residents of the dormitories.

Moreover, to form food packages that were delivered to the teachers of respectable age.

Also, the Volunteer Center systematically provided assistance to students, teachers and staff of the university who live in the dormitories.

In April, the Volunteer Center, thanks to a survey among students, staff, and teachers, expanded the areas of assistance to those who are under occupation. Vice-Rector for International, Social and Humanitarian, Research and

Education Affairs Alla Tsapiv noted that the work of the Center was possible due to the raising of funds from colleagues and friends. «This allows us to provide the necessary purchase of products, to prepare food packages.

During the period from March 18 to April 8, we issued 59 food packages for the academic staff of the university, for our former elderly employees. We have expanded the number of beneficiaries and included our postgraduate students and young scientists who are raising children on their own or have large families.»

The trade union organization of KSU staff has also activated its work. According to its Head Ihor Holovchenko, the trade union actively cooperated with the Volunteer Center. In particular, thanks to the coordinated work, it was possible to support and provide humanitarian aid to colleagues who needed it.

In the conditions of temporary occupation and, as a result, a number of humanitarian problems faced by Kherson



***Another batch of products from the Volunteer Center.
March 2022***

residents, the primary mission of the volunteers was the support of the university community, because not all students were able to go home, not all teachers of respectable age and labor veterans have the opportunity to provide themselves with food and medicine, and colleagues with small children also need to pay attention



***Secretary of the Academic Council Nataliia Voropai
in the Volunteer Center of KSU.
April 8, 2022***



***Vice-Rector Daria Malchukova
sorts medicines at the Volunteer
Center of KSU.
April 12, 2022***

to make the difficult present at least a little more comfortable. Search and purchase of necessary goods, logistics work, delivery of food packages and medicines to the addresses - this is the daily work of the Volunteer Center. And the volunteers considered their tasks completed when they saw the grateful smiles and hopeful looks of their receivers, because the entire university community is united in supporting each other and believing in the inevitable victory of unbreakable Ukraine!

The active work of the Volunteer Center lasted until the beginning of June. But in May, the staff began to feel the excessive attention of the occupiers and their appointed «authorities» to the activity of Kherson State University. It was becoming more and more dangerous to organize the work of the Center.

On June 14, the Volunteer Center actually stopped its public activity - the premises of Kherson State University were seized. At that time, the staff of KSU, who were volunteers, faced problems with the impossibility of receiving cash, which partners and benefactors sent to bank cards. In Kherson region the Ukrainian



***The activities of the Volunteer Center of KSU.
April 15, 2022***



**Sorting a batch of medicines
in the Volunteer Center.
May 2022**

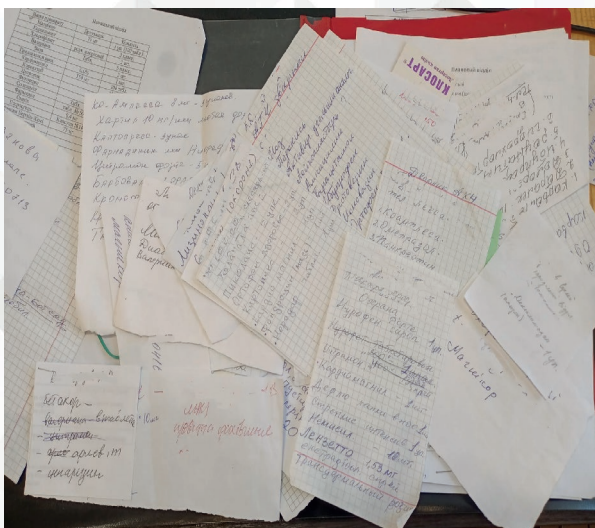
banking system actually stopped working. In the assortment of Kherson retail chains there were mostly russian-made goods supplied from Crimea. The stocks of wholesale warehouses, where Ukrainian goods were stored, were exhausted, as they had not been replenished since the beginning of the full-scale invasion - Kherson region was and remained blocked.

The dormitories of KSU were also seized, from where several dozens of students and staff were forced to move out in one day.

Thus, the work of the Volunteer Center now is the organization of the delivery of medicines to the occupied territory for the employees who remain in Kherson and the provision of targeted financial aid.



**The employees of the Humanitarian
Department of KSU sort medicines
delivered from the
government-controlled territory.
June 2022**



**The list of orders for medicines
to the Volunteer Center of KSU.
June 2022**

The material support for the staff and students

The material support is also important for the staff and students of Kherson State University in the conditions of life under occupation. In its involvement everyone who has the appropriate contacts, resources, opportunities and most importantly - the desire to help - was engaged.

In April, Rector of the university Oleksandr Spivakovskiy attracted the first tranche of assistance in the amount of 10 thousand dollars for the teachers and staff of our educational institution. 100 of our colleagues received 100 dollars in UAH equivalent on their cards. These are people who were forced to go to idle due to the impossibility of performing their duties, who had a difficult financial situation. Our university was looking for opportunities to support its employees in the conditions of complete blockade and occupation of most of the region. After all, people who remained in the occupation should not feel that someone left them, that they were left alone without help, without attention.

From the first days of the war, the community of Kherson State University felt a friendly shoulder of support from the colleagues and partners.

«Even in the conditions of difficult recovery from the horrors of the war, our friends and colleagues from Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv found strength and endurance for an important and good cause. The staff of the Faculty of Geography under the leadership of Serhii Zapototskyi made another purchase of the most necessary medicines for the representatives of Kherson State University,» - Vice-Rector for Educational and Scientific-Pedagogical Affairs Dariia Malchykova tells.

At the meeting of the university administration on April 11, First Vice-Rector Serhii Omelchuk reported on the participation of KSU in the American-Ukrainian project «Academic Integrity

Initiative». Three representatives of the university took part in it - First Vice-Rector Serhii Omelchuk and teachers of the Faculty of Computer Science, Physics and Mathematics Vitalii Kobets and Anastasiia Bystriantseva. Within the framework of the project, they had the opportunity to receive funds through the Fund for the Support of Ukrainian Universities, which were used for the purchase of medicines for the staff and scientific and pedagogical workers.

In April, the university, through the Head of the Press Center Oksana Kazakova and with the assistance of Vice-Rector Alla Tsapiv, attracted an international financial grant assistance from the Nova Ukraine Foundation in the amount of 3 thousand dollars. These funds were transferred to the account of the KSU Volunteer Center and were directed to the purchase of food packages, medicines for employees, veterans, and postgraduate students.

In general, assistance was constantly received for the university in the form of food products, hygiene items, medicines. With incredible efforts all this was delivered to the blocked Kherson and distributed according to the applications.





The Social and Psychological Service of KSU

The Social and Psychological Service has been working at the university for almost 10 years.

Since the first days of the war, specialists of the Social and Psychological Service have been actively involved in the social and psychological support of both university staff and residents of the city and region.

The main purpose of the Service is to increase the level of development of personal and professional potential of future specialist and provide psychological support to graduates, students, faculty and staff. The employees of the Service are psychologists, social workers and social pedagogues, each of whom represents a separate area of work.

In addition, all psychologists working at Kherson State University have become volunteers of the Social and Psychological Service and provide consultations for all who apply.

The authority of the Service is so high that there were attempts from the fake «Kherson State University», which «works» on the seized areas of KSU, to appropriate the achievements and name of this service. Taking into account these circumstances, the Social and Psychological Service of the university officially reported: we work only in the structure of the state higher educational institution of the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine.

They urged not to believe fakes, because health can be trusted only to specialists who have experience and authority! In Kherson region there are no such services anymore! Such a service functions only in Kherson State University!

Here are just a few events held by the Social and Psychological Service:

On March 15, the students and the staff of the university joined the meeting with a practical psychologist dedicated to the harmonization of the emotional state. The lecturer of the event was the head of the Psychological Service of Poltava

State Agrarian University, a practical psychologist with experience and a physical rehabilitologist by the second education Iryna Plaksiienko.

«The main purpose of our meeting is to provide interesting and effective exercises aimed at mastering emotions in a stressful situation without negative consequences for oneself,» the psychologist noted.

The meeting brought together about 100 teachers, students and staff from many higher educational institutions of Ukraine, including Kherson State University. At the event, the participants discussed simple and effective ways to overcome acute stress and quick relaxation, learned practical methods of self-regulation and harmonization of psychophysical state.

On the page in social networks, publications were regularly posted regarding both individual psychological exercises and general recommendations for reducing anxiety, decreasing fears and stress level.

Head of the Social and Psychological Service Ivan Krupnyk said that in the conditions of constant «scrolling», literally immersion in the sea of negative information, and as a result, gradual mental exhaustion, written advice became less and less effective. Therefore, the format of short anti-stress videos was initiated, in which, together with a psychologist, the staff and the students have the opportunity to learn the technique and receive the psychological help «here and now».





THE RELOCATION OF THE UNIVERSITY: PHYSICAL AND DIGITAL

*The Management Center of Kherson State University
has been temporarily relocated to the premises of Vasyl Stefanyk
Precarpathian National University (Ivano-Frankivsk)*

At the end of March, the issue of protection of information, personal data of education students and teachers, as well as the risks during the final certification and admission campaigns under the conditions of temporary occupation of Kherson region became acute.

At weekly meetings at the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine these issues were repeatedly raised. Kherson from the first days of March was and still (as of the moment of preparation of these Chronicles) remains the only regional centre that is under occupation. Therefore, certain restrictions in the administration, access to the registers of the Unified State Electronic Database on Education (USEDE), the security factor had to be taken into account when making certain decisions.

Unfortunately, the situation in Kherson was deteriorating, the pressure on those who profess Ukrainian and European values was increasing, detentions and abductions of activists with pro-Ukrainian views began. The city was under the total control of the Russian National Guard, FSB, and the military...

The Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine has set a strict requirement - the management centers of higher and professional higher education institutions of Kherson region have to be temporarily relocated to the government-controlled territory of Ukraine.

At the April meeting of the Academic Council of Kherson State University, the decision on the necessity of relocation of the university Management Center

was supported. This issue was resolved collectively, agreeing to such a step, the staff once again confirmed its position - Kherson State University is a Ukrainian institution of higher education, so everything should be done to preserve it and protect the rights to education of our students and the right to work of our staff.

On April 20, 2022, the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine issued Order No. 356 «On the Temporary Relocation of Kherson State University», which allowed to fully implement organizational, administrative, financial, educational activities, and other processes of the university's functioning under the martial law».

THE ORDER

For Kherson State University it is a forced and historic decision - the temporary relocation of the Management Center of Kherson State University to the base of Vasyl Stefanyk Precarpathian National University in Ivano-Frankivsk.

What was the reason for relocating the Management Center from the temporarily occupied to the government-controlled territory:

- the necessity to have a safe and stable system of the administration of all business processes of the university (it is impossible to provide it on the temporarily occupied territory) and to maintain communication with the relevant ministry;
 - to ensure timely payment of salaries to the staff and scholarships to the students.
- In the temporarily occupied territory, the access to the treasury accounts (Kherson Treasury has been already working at that



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Про тимчасове переміщення Херсонського
державного університету

Відповідно до статті 57¹ Закону України «Про освіту», Указу Президента України від 24 лютого 2022 року № 64 «Про введення воєнного стану в Україні», затвердженого Законом України від 24 лютого 2022 року № 2102-IX, Указу Президента України від 14 березня 2022 року № 133 «Про продовження строку дії воєнного стану в Україні», затвердженого Законом України від 15 березня 2022 року № 2119-IX, урахуваючи листи Херсонського державного університету від 14.04.2022 № 01-31/247, Прикарпатського національного університету імені Василя Стефаника від 13.04.2022 № 2022-01-26/25/515, з метою збереження життя та здоров'я громадян України, а також створення безпечного освітнього середовища, організацію здобуття освіти, освітнього процесу в умовах воєнного стану

НАКАЗУЮ:

1. Тимчасово перемістити Херсонський державний університет разом з Відокремленим структурним підрозділом «Бериславський фаховий педагогічний коледж імені В.Ф. Беньковського Херсонського державного університету», Відокремленим структурним підрозділом «Генічеський фаховий коледж Херсонського державного університету» (далі – Університет) (згідно з наявною ліцензією на освітню діяльність, сертифікатами про акредитацію, свідоцтвами про атестацію) на базу Прикарпатського національного університету імені Василя Стефаника (ідентифікаційний код юридичної особи - 02125266, місцезнаходження юридичної особи: вулиця Шевченка, 57, місто Івано-Франківськ, Івано-Франківська область) до завершення дії воєнного стану.



2. Ректору Прикарпатського національного університету імені Василя Стефаника (Цепенда І.) забезпечити належні умови для функціонування Університету, надати допомогу в переміщенні Університету та організації освітнього процесу.

3. Ректору Університету (Співаковський О.) в оперативному порядку:

1) забезпечити тимчасове переміщення Університету та організацію освітнього процесу;

2) інформувати працівників і здобувачів освіти Університету з усіх питань, що стосуються тимчасового переміщення Університету, організації освітнього процесу, забезпечення місцем проживання (гуртожитками) тощо.

4. Контроль за виконанням цього наказу покласти на першого заступника Міністра Вітренка А.

Міністр

Сергій ШКАРЛЕТ



time in Kropyvnytskyi) was limited, so it was necessary to provide the transition to the treasury accounts in Ivano-Frankivsk. This allowed to fulfil all financial obligations to the staff and the students. Funds, as before, are transferred to the card accounts of the employees and the students;

- only on the territory controlled by Ukraine it is possible to access the registers of the Unified State Electronic Database on Education (USEDE). In Kherson, this right was restricted according to security and personal data protection considerations. In Ivano-Frankivsk, an administrator's workplace was organized, it is possible to freely enter the USEDE, to enter the relevant information. This allowed our graduates to receive documents on education of the state standard, timely enter and correct information about students and entrants.

«We are sincerely grateful to our partners from Precarpathian University, in particular to Rector Ihor Tsependa, for

the shelter that KSU and our structural subdivisions - Beryslav and Henichesk Colleges - have received. The relocation of the Management Center is a well-considered and approved by the Academic Council of KSU decision. I thank my colleagues for their understanding and wisdom, constructive position. Wherever each of us is - in Kherson, in the region, in another region of Ukraine, in Ivano-Frankivsk or abroad - we are a united educational family, a team that will undergo all the challenges together and with dignity. Just for some time KSU will work in two places - in Kherson and Ivano-Frankivsk. I am sure that very soon we will all live and work in a free Ukrainian Kherson region», - noted Rector of the university Oleksandr Spivakovskiy.

We had to reassure the students and their parents, to explain that the relocation of the KSU Management Center will not negatively affect the educational process: all those who have completed the



Joint briefing of Rector Kherson State University Oleksandr Spivakovskiy and Rector of Vasyl Stefanyk Precarpathian National University Ihor Tsependa. May 4, Ivano-Frankivsk



academic plan will be reassigned to the next courses, and all those who have to receive documents on obtaining education will receive them in accordance with the legislation of Ukraine. Our teachers conducted the educational process in the distance form, there was a strict communication between the students and representatives of the departments and deans.

On May 4, a briefing of the rectors of Kherson State University and Vasyl Stefanyk Precarpathian National University was held. The main issue is the work of KSU in the conditions of temporary relocation of the Management Center to Ivano-Frankivsk.

Rector of KSU Oleksandr Spivakovskiy thanked the educational community of Precarpathian University for help, support and providing the necessary conditions for the work of the institution.

«Our cooperation is just that unifying example of the cohesion of Ukraine, the evidence that all Ukrainian educators have a common purpose - to educate an intelligent, patriotic young generation. In fact, this is a cluster model of partnership between two educational institutions, when we can use the best achievements of each other, improve and capitalize our students», - commented Oleksandr Spivakovskiy.

Precarpathian University provided for use one of the buildings, where the KSU administration, accounting, educational and methodological center and the USEDE administrator are currently working. Also, for temporary usage, the computer equipment and infrastructure for the deployment of electronic resources were provided, access to the Internet with the help of the Starlink was ensured. In addition, in the dormitories of Stefanyk University there are places for accommodation of representatives of Kherson State University.

«For today everything has been done so that Kherson State University could work. Now the main thing is to keep the educational process, to ensure the activity of universities in these difficult conditions.

I am convinced that on the first of September this year we will congratulate our colleagues in Kherson with the beginning of the new academic year», - said Rector of PNU Ihor Tsependa.

During the conversation with journalists, Oleksandr Spivakovskiy underlined that the value of Kherson State University is not in buildings, but in students, teachers, and staff.

«The work during the pandemic has taught us to operate remotely, we have strengthened our digital services. Therefore, now we can function in conditions when some of our staff are in Kherson, some in Ivano-Frankivsk, and some - even in other regions. However, wherever the teachers, staff or students are, we continue to work and provide the educational process», stated the Rector of KSU.

According to Oleksandr Spivakovskiy, the whole KSU team is working to ensure the sustainable functioning of the institution.

For example, on access to USEDE, treasury accounts, protection and storage of information, in particular personal information. Moreover, KSU keeps providing high-quality educational services and forming the human capital of the Kherson region and Ukraine.

On May 13, our universities began to implement the cluster model of cooperation. The academic staff of Kherson State University, who has moved to Ivano-Frankivsk, began to undergo a full-time scientific and educational internship at certain departments of Vasyl Stefanyk Precarpathian National University. KSU academic staff and postgraduates had the opportunity to study educational programs, educational and methodological complexes of specialized departments, and get acquainted with ICT and digital technologies that our colleagues at Vasyl Stefanyk Precarpathian National University work with.

Now we have started fruitful cooperation and exchange of views and ideas on improving educational, scientific, and international activities of Ukrainian



universities. Today higher education institutions in our country are taking all necessary steps to preserve quality education and provide our young people with the opportunity to study and live in their homeland.

On May 14, Vasyl Stefanyk Precarpathian National University celebrated University Day and the birthday of its patron Vasyl Stefanyk.

The staff of Kherson State University headed by Rector Olexandr Spivakovskiy congratulated colleagues and rector of PNU:

Dear Ihor Tsependa,

On behalf of the academic community of Kherson State University, please accept my most sincere congratulations on University Day and the birthday of the patron of your institution Vasyl Stefanyk!

Your university is one of the best in Ukraine, and we are proud of our warm friendship. Our academic community offers heartfelt thanks for the shelter, your support and help. It once again confirms

the unity of Ukraine from North to South, from West to East and the ability to lend a helping hand to each other in difficult times, to be together and become stronger together.

It is very symbolic that the histories of our institutions are similar. You have passed a glorious path from Stanislavsky Teachers' Institute to the classical National University. Our classical State University dates back to Yurievsky Teacher's Institute.

In our regions, we confidently maintain leadership because the main thing is the quality of knowledge of our graduates.

We wish you prosperity, continuous development and expanding horizons! In wartime, the whole of Ukraine wants only one thing - victory! Ukrainians prove their ability to resist on all fronts every day. Education is one of them! Therefore, may your journey be full of victories for the sake of patriotic, educated youth, our human capital, and the future!



***KSU Rector Olexandr Spivakovskiy
took part in the celebration of
the University Day of PNU in Ivano-Frankivsk***

Working in a two-office mode



***It is easy to find Kherson State University
in Ivano-Frankivsk - it is in the city center***

Despite the relocation of the main office (the Central Administration Office), KSU has continued to work in a two-office mode for a certain time (until the seizure of premises and the termination of physical access to the university on June 14).

Moving is not an evacuation, which is impossible due to the lack of a safe humanitarian corridor. Most of the employees are still in Kherson. The same situation is in our subdivisions. Those who made a personal decision to leave Kherson, Henichesk or Beryslav acted at their own risk.



***Ivano-Frankivsk, 14 Shevchenko
Street. The building of PNU,
which temporarily houses the
administrative center of KSU***

Some of our colleagues gradually moved to Ivano-Frankivsk.

The first people who took responsibility for organizing the work of the new office were Rector Oleksandr Spivakovskiy, First Vice-Rector Serhii Omelchuk and Vice-Rector Alla Tsapiv. Then they were joined by other vice-rectors, some heads of departments and services, and employees.

Vasyl Stefanyk Precarpathian National University has provided Kherson State University with a two-story historical building at Shevchenko Street, 14.

Displaced KSU employees were resettled in PNU dormitories. At the same time, the employees and representatives of the KSU administration, who were in Kherson, continued to work, ensuring the life of the university. Academic staff remotely carry out educational activities.

The same situation is in our structural units. Everyone, wherever they were, continued to perform their duties.

The sessions of Rector's Office and Academic Council and other meetings were held in two offices remotely in a hybrid mode, i.e. some employees were in Kherson, and some in Ivano-Frankivsk. A

certain number of employees are outside the region and abroad.

In order to improve the Electronic Document Management System, ensure the passage of e-documents, their electronic copies, and the relationship with e-document management systems of other institutions, the Rector's Order No. 346-Д dated 14.07.2022 «On registration of documents prepared at the university in the KSU24 system» was prepared. The order was drawn up taking into account the requirements for documenting management information in electronic form and organizing work with e-documents in the work process, as well as electronic interdepartmental exchange at the university.

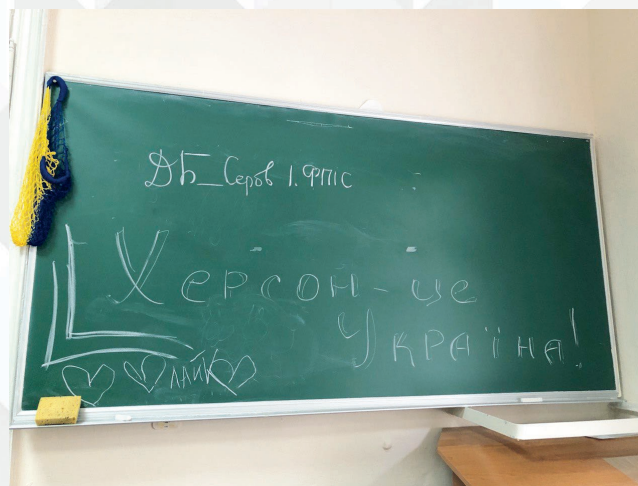
The seizure of the premises of Kherson State University, which took place on June 14, became a bifurcation point: the university physically lost control of its infrastructure. Employees no longer had the opportunity to be at their workplaces.

On behalf of the Rector, Vice-Rector Maksym Vinnyk terminated all contracts for the supply of utilities and communication services to Kherson State University. However, there was an issue with working

out algorithms for compensating the cost of utilities and paying for the premises of Vasyl Stefanyk Precarpathian National University, which KSU temporarily uses.

Thus, the University Administration submitted a proposal to the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine. It was a request to redirect the funds that were provided for compensation for the cost of utilities for Kherson State University to the PNU with the possibility of further use to create conditions for the educational and scientific activities of the displaced KSU.

In September, the university received a positive decision from the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine to allocate UAH 4 million to Vasyl Stefanyk Precarpathian National University to solve infrastructure issues of the displaced Kherson State University. On September 19, the Administration of two universities agreed on the plan and directions for the use of funds. For example, it is planned to reconstruct the heating system in the historical building of PNU in Ivano-Frankivsk, which was provided to KSU, as well as to ensure the development of the digital infrastructure of our university.



The inscription on the board in the auditorium of the KSU office in Ivano-Frankivsk



The team of the Ivano-Frankivsk office of KSU, August, 2022





Digital infrastructure relocation

In the first weeks of the Kherson region occupation, KSU faced the issue of its digital resources and services relocation and data protection stored on the university's servers. Even though the flags of Ukraine and the European Union were flying on the main square of KSU until June, the so-called "liberators" were interested in the university's activities.

The experience of the Kherson State Maritime Academy, whose administrative and academic buildings are located in the center of Kherson, has shown that the seizure of buildings can occur at any time. Then nothing can be returned or prove the need to take out some documents or material values. The premises of the Maritime Academy were seized in April. *«Intuitively, without fully understanding the threat, but taking into account the experience of the annexed Crimea and Donbas, from the first days of March we began to transfer all our information resources to the cloud. It was an internal order for the Digital Infrastructure Department of the university,» the Rector of Kherson State University Oleksandr Spivakovskiy says.*

The total amount of information managed by Kherson State University is up to 8 TB of data. The vast majority were stored on servers in the main building. These include personal data, corporate mail, documents, software tools, distance education systems (e.g., virtual university or KSUonline), journals, an official website, websites of structural units (e.g., swimming pool), and other digital resources, including the Virtual Museum of KSU. That's 24 resources in total.

«The task was to preserve as much as possible. Everything that has accumulated over the years, such as the intellectual digital potential of KSU academic staff, digital services, and archives. It was necessary to make sure that the occupiers could not get access to our data,» says Oleksandr Lemeshchuk, Acting Vice-Rector for Digitalization,

Innovation, Investment and Scientific-Pedagogical Affairs. «The data transfer was launched in difficult conditions. The Digital Infrastructure Department, which I then headed, worked around the clock. Our students and volunteers from local IT companies helped us. We also faced issues with the internet because the invaders jammed it. But we could not allow a single failure and were forced to work at night. For about 20 days, our team stayed at the university 24/7. Taking into account the curfew and the constant detours of the streets by the military, when the windows with lights on were shone with spotlights... I think you understand how unpredictable everything was.»

At the first stage, we transferred the information to virtual cloud servers. After the relocation of the administration of Kherson State University to Ivano-Frankivsk, the data was downloaded to two servers transmitted by Vasyl Stefanyk Precarpathian National University, which provided shelter to KSU. It was a vital assistance.

But there was a problem. Employees of the Digital Infrastructure Department were still in the temporarily occupied territory. There were difficulties with moving out, so the process of deploying all digital services in Ivano-Frankivsk was delayed. Moreover, the problems with the storage and transfer of digital information arose at all stages: from the choice of technological solutions to system architectures and managing environments.

«It was a challenge, but we overcame the obstacles with the help of our internal forces, our colleagues and volunteers from the IT company DataArt. In fact, the invaders in Kherson were left with empty server hardware. We managed to transfer almost everything, but remained software tools that were physically on disks and some systems that cannot be deployed, as they used outdated technologies,» Oleksandr Lemeshchuk tells.

By the way, it was the successful passing of the test with the transfer of digital infrastructure that prompted the university administration to motivate Oleksandr Lemeshchuk and assign him

the duties of vice-rector for digitalization, innovation, investment, and scientific and pedagogical work.

KSU Information and Analytical System

A separate stage of work is the transfer and deployment of the information and analytical system (IAS), which has been operating at Kherson State University since 1999 and provides almost all business processes.

IAS is a business service that allows keeping records of employees (address, qualifications, position, vacations, salary, sick leave, registration, benefits, time spent on work) and students (admission, specialty, graduation, distribution, academic leave, orders), accounting, control over material values. Due to the system, one can make and effectively track any changes.

It was the transfer and deployment of new servers of the IAS system that caused significant difficulties. A lot of work in this direction was carried out by its main users, such as the Digital Infrastructure Department, the HR Department, and the Accounting Department. They were

supposed to ensure the safety and impossibility of obtaining access to personal data by the occupiers.

At the same time, we continue to improve and integrate the system into other services, such as KSU24.

The current issues that developers are working on include:

- modernization of mechanisms for forming a certificate of training for a higher education student in the IAS;

- automatic formation of a diploma supplement in the IAS;

- one-time entry by the responsible person of the results of the final exams and tests to form a rating of students, the individual curriculum and diploma supplement;

- creation of the Electronic Archive module for storing students' personal files, creating an archival certificate;

- academic staff individual work accounting plan.



***Fleeing from Kherson, the fake Heads of KSU
ransacked computer equipment. November, 2022***

LABOUR RELATIONS

From the first day of the temporary occupation, one of the strategic directions of Kherson State University's work was the preservation, support and safety of the employees, workforce, and human resources which are the key to the success and development of the university. Accordingly, the university administration has made it a priority to fulfil all financial obligations to employees and students. Rector Oleksandr Spivakovskiy is constantly in contact with the Kherson Regional Military Administration, the Treasury in Kropyvnytskyi, where the Kherson Treasury was moved, the Ivano-

Frankivsk Treasury and the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine.

All employees and students received a 100% payment for February and March. Then there was the issue of organizing labor relations under martial law.

On April 4, at the KSU Administration session, Rector Oleksandr Spivakovskiy outlined the financial situation at the university.

On the one hand, funding is received from the Ministry to the general fund of the university budget. It means that the salary and scholarship will be paid as well as utility bills.



From left to right: first Vice-Rector Serhii Omelchuk, acting Vice-Rector Oleksandr Lemeshchuk, Rector Oleksandr Spivakovskiy, Vice-Rectors Alla Tsapiv and Dariia Malchykova, Vice-Rector Maksym Vinnyk. Ivano-Frankivsk, August, 2022

On the other hand, it is a way of replenishment of the special fund. Since not all students have the opportunity to pay tuition fees.

The university foresaw possible consequences.

There was a need to transfer some employees who cannot perform their duties during the war to idle time. These measures are temporary and do not apply to academic staff that work and receive wages according to their workload. At the same time, the Rector gave instructions to look for other options for supporting employees.

At that time, there was already some progress in this direction (see «Financial Assistance» and «Work of the KSU Volunteer Center» Chapters - Ed.), such as charitable assistance provided by our foreign partners, trade union funds and humanitarian aid.

On April 11, at the University Administration meeting, Vice-Rector for Financial, Economic, Scientific and Pedagogical Affairs Maksym Vinnyk informed about the idle time for employees who are not engaged in scientific and teaching work at Kherson State University. Before that, each dean of the faculty and the head of a department or structural division provided information about the workload and location of each of their employees.

Monitoring of location and real employment is carried out on academic and non-academic staff, which allows us to plan the staffing and salary financing based on the real working conditions of the university under the occupation, the movement of the KSU Administration to Ivano-Frankivsk, the lack of access to workplace, premises, and infrastructure due to the seizure of June 14.

The situation with the employment for each structural division, department and faculty is also monitored (idle time, termination of part-time work, suspension of employment contracts, leave at their own expense, leave, 100% load).



First Vice-Rector, Serhii Omelchuk

Due to it, one can plan the educational process and finance salaries. Of course, monitoring also takes into account cases of collaboration, which are few in KSU.

Moreover, the financial resource of the university made it possible to provide academic staff with funding for annual leave which is 56 days of vacation. At the same time, the legislation allowed limiting the period of vacation during martial law to 24 calendar days.

In the future, there are certain risks for the university due to the fact that a significant part of the academic staff is in the temporarily occupied territory.

And this is not even because of the threat of collaboration, but because of problems with internet connection and a threat to the personal safety of academic staff working in the temporarily occupied territory.

Due to this, academic staff may lose their technical ability to work.



Vice-Rector for Financial and Economic and Scientific and Pedagogical Work, Maksym Vinnyk



Vice-Rector for Educational and Scientific-Pedagogical Work, Daria Malchykova



Vice-Rector for International, Social and Humanitarian Issues, Research and Education, Alla Tsapiv



Acting Vice-Rector for Digitization, Innovative, Investment Activity and Scientific and Pedagogical Work, Lemeshchuk Oleksandr



Monitoring the location of students and employees

In order to have information about the needs of employees and students, their readiness to participate in the educational process, we introduced their location monitoring.

At the first stage, on behalf of the rector, all deans and heads of departments and services, structural divisions of KSU provided relevant weekly reports. Almost every day, a head of a department or a dean began with telephone conversations or correspondence on social networks with coworkers and students. It is an important psychological aspect because such control was needed not only for reports but to understand the point of view and state of people.

At the KSU Administration session on April 4, Vice-Rector for Educational, Scientific and Pedagogical Affairs Dariia Malchykova for the first time presented generalized information on the location of full-time students as of April 1, 2022.

Deans and Deputy Deans were once again urged to keep in touch with all students, provide maximum assistance to students in completing curricula and completing practical training and internships, and look for work modes that would be convenient for all participants of the educational process. Later, such monitoring was carried out every month. Thus, Kherson State University has information about each employee and student.

At the KSU Administration session, Vice-Rector Dariia Malchykova presented the data on the location of full-time students as of August 7, 2022. According to the monitoring, there were 17 students (0.86%) in Ivano-Frankivsk, 863 (43.85%) in the temporarily occupied territory, 573 (29.12%) in other regions of Ukraine, 453 (23.02%) abroad, 19 (0.97%) on academic leave, and 43 (2.18%) are not in touch or has joined the Armed Forces of Ukraine.

Structural and personnel changes

A team moves forward when it is flexible and ready to face challenges. Despite the martial law, occupation, and relocation of the KSU Administration to Ivano-Frankivsk we try to make decisions that contribute to the unification and synergy of team members and help to overcome all obstacles. Therefore, over the past six months, there have been personnel and structural changes in KSU. We had to get stronger every day. And, of course, to respond to the negative consequences of the occupation associated with collaboration. The decision of a few representatives of academic staff and key employees to terminate their employment relations with the university was a challenge for us. It is a common process in such conditions as

occupation, forced evacuation and health problems. In general the university team demonstrated strength and resilience, the ability to adapt to atypical circumstances.

At the session of the Academic Council on February 28, on the fourth day of the full-scale invasion of the Russian Federation, the member heard the report of the Vice-Rector for Educational, Scientific and Pedagogical Affairs Dariia Malchykova. Her contract was extended. Alla Tsapiv, (ex-)head of the Department of Postgraduate and Doctoral Studies, was elected vice-rector for International, Social, Humanitarian, Scientific and Pedagogical Affairs. Vice-Rector Serhii Kuznetsov was transferred to the position of Head of the KSU Cultural and Artistic HUB. In addition,



it was decided to change the distribution of delegation of authority between the vice-rectors, which is associated with further improvement of management activities at the university.

During the meeting on March 29, a new version of the KSU Legal Department Regulations was approved. A new version of the regulations on the cultural and artistic HUB of Kherson State University was also approved.

In April, Associate Professor of the Department of Pedagogy and Psychology of Preschool and Primary Education Veronika Denysenko was appointed acting head of the Department of Postgraduate and Doctoral Studies of KSU.

At the meeting of the Academic Council on May 30, changes in the structure of the university were approved. Thus, since September 1, 2022, the Foreign Language Education Office has become a part of the International Initiatives and Project Management Department.

Because of the dismissal of Nataliia Shakhman from the post of Dean of the Faculty of Medicine at her own request, Associate Professor Ihor Holovchenko was appointed as an Acting Dean. In September, the Academic Council of the University recommended the candidacy of Ihor Holovchenko for the post of Dean of the Faculty of Medicine. The appointment procedure has been initiated.

On August 1, Halyna Pyrozhok was appointed the Acting Principal of the Berislav Specialty Pedagogical College named after V.F. Benkovsky, a separate structural unit of KSU.

Oleksandr Lemeshchuk is responsible for the duties of the Vice-Rector for Digitalization, Innovation, Investment, Scientific and Pedagogical Affairs. Nataliia Kushnir remains an associate professor at the Faculty of Computer Science, Physics and Mathematics.



***Dean of Pedagogical Faculty,
Liubov Petukhova***



***Dean of the Faculty of Physical
Education and Sports,
Ivan Hlukhov***



***Dean of the Faculty of Computer
Sciences, Physics and Mathematics,
Tetiana Honcharenko***



***Dean of the Faculty
of Culture and Arts,
Mykola Levchenko***



***Dean of the Faculty of
Ukrainian and Foreign Philology
and Journalism,
Hoshtanar Iryna***



***Dean of the Faculty of Biology,
Geography and Ecology,
Ihor Pylypenko***



***Dean of the Faculty of Psychology,
History and Sociology,
Iryna Shaposhnykova***



***Dean of the Faculty
of Business and Law,
Andrii Soloviov***



***Dean of the Medical Faculty,
Ihor Holovchenko***

CONFERENCE OF THE UNIVERSITY'S LABOUR COLLECTIVE

The Conference of the Labor Collective of Kherson State University is a body that unites absolutely the entire community of the University. Even under martial law, we did not cancel the meetings. On the contrary, they strengthened the role of the conference as a collegial body that has a common point of view and action plan. On June 21, 78 delegates joined the online conference of the KSU Labor Collective. The meeting was moderated by the Chairman of the Conference Yurii Bieliaiev.



***Conference of the labour collective.
06.21.2022***

The rector of KSU Oleksandr Spivakovskiy informed about the results of work during the war and temporary displacement. He thanked the members of the team – academic and non-academic staff, students, the administration – who, despite everything, continue to do their job. Due to this, the university fulfils its main task, i.e., the organization of a high-quality educational process. Its quality was proved by the final exams successfully compiled by students of the 4th year of the first (Bachelor's) level of Higher Education, which according to the latest data was made up of more than 96% of students (as a result, 98.7% - Ed.). The quality of the work of the whole team is also reflected in the University's Leadership rating positions in all key indicators.

Rector Oleksandr Spivakovskiy emphasized that KSU continues to fulfil

all its obligations to academic and non-academic staff and students regarding the payment of salaries, and academic and social scholarships. He also noted that now the team expects a lot of work to conduct the Entrance Campaign 2022, strengthen digital technologies at the university and develop international activities.

First Vice-Rector Serhii Omelchuk informed on the work planning for the 2022/2023 academic year. He focused on the main priorities of the university's work:

- preserving the identity of KSU as a Ukrainian institution of higher education;
- preservation of the teaching and scientific potential and employees who have worked and keep working for the development of the university;

- maintaining a contingent of students of all degrees;

- Entrance Campaign 2022; formation of the university's financial policy;

- development of international cooperation; reorientation of information and communication infrastructure.

Nataliia Voropai, Executive Secretary of the University Admission Committee, reported on the specifics of the university's entrance campaign in 2022. She focused on the current entrance campaign features, the simplified admission procedure and providing the university with state-funded places.

Also, during the meeting, the participants voted for making changes to the board of the Academic Council as well as to the delegates of the KSU Labor Collective Conference.

Traditionally, representatives of higher education institutions gather before the start of the new academic year to sum up the results of the university's work over the past year and outline long-term plans for the future. This year was not an exception. On August 29, Kherson



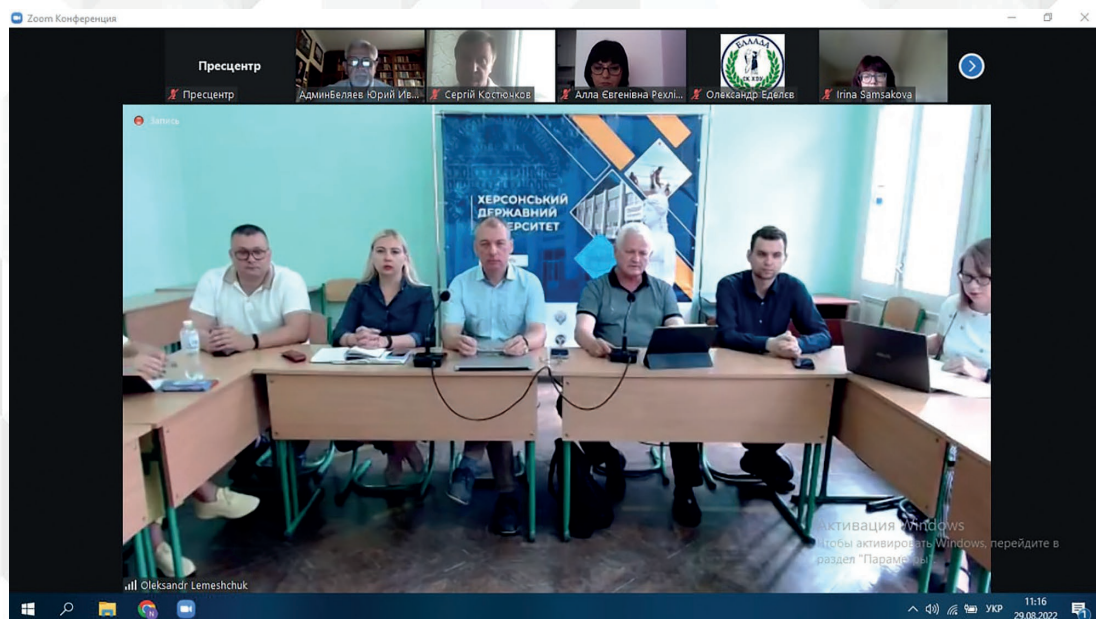
State University hosted the Labor Collective Conference. The event brought together the KSU administration, deans of faculties, conference members, as well as academic and non-academic staff, and students. A total of 130 people joined the meeting, which was held in a hybrid mode, 77 of them were members of the conference. The meeting was moderated by the Chairman of the Conference Yurii Bieliaiev.

The results of the KSU work in the 2021/2022 academic year were reported by the Rector Oleksandr Spivakovskiy. At the beginning of his speech, he thanked all the members of the team who survived and keep working. It is due to such people that Kherson State University implements its main task – the organization of a high-quality educational process. The rector also expressed some words of gratitude to the students for choosing KSU.

«I think my mission as the rector of the university is not only preservation, but also development. Since every challenge is an opportunity to become better, and stronger. Thus, our goal is to become a key university in the south of Ukraine after our return!» Oleksandr Spivakovskiy said.

Having heard the information of the rector of the university Oleksandr Spivakovskiy about the KSU performance in the 2021/2022 academic year, the members of the conference of the Labor Collective unanimously decided: to take the information into account, to consider the performance of Kherson State University in 2021/2022 academic year satisfactory.

The second item on the agenda was the report of First Vice-Rector Serhii Omelchuk on the approval of the work plan and regulations of Kherson State University for the 2022/2023 academic year. Professor Serhii Omelchuk noted that the document reflects all necessary business processes, but this is a temporary regulatory plan of the university's activities for the next academic year under the conditions of martial law in Ukraine and the temporary relocation of the university to the base of Vasyl Stefanyk Precarpathian National University. After hearing the information from First Vice-Rector Serhii Omelchuk, the conference members unanimously decided to approve the work plan of Kherson State University for the 2022/2023 academic year.



**Conference of the Labor Collective.
08.29.2022**



The Chairman of the Conference of the Labor Team, Yurii Bielchiaiev, during an online meeting, September 2022



Oleksandr Spivakovskiy, the Rector of Kherson State University, congratulated Yurii Bielchiaiev on his anniversary in liberated Kherson. 24.11.22



SEIZURE OF THE KHERSON STATE UNIVERSITY INFRASTRUCTURE IN KHERSON

The morning of June 14 will forever go down in the history of Kherson State University as one of the most tragic. On this day, accompanied by armed military personnel, the so-called «head» of the Department of Education of the occupation administration Tetiana Kuzmych and our former employee, who was dismissed from the post of principal of the Kherson Academic Lyceum named after Oleh Mishukov at KSU of Kherson City Council Tetiana Tomilina, entered the main building of the Kherson State University. It was her who was presented as the new «rector». This person had no legal or moral rights to hold this position, which is elective. But the academic staff is powerless against people with guns...

So, in a matter of minutes, the university was seized.

We were ready for a scenario in which representatives of the occupation «authorities» could enter the main building of KSU on Universitetska Street and «appoint» their «governing bodies». Employees of Kherson State University,

who previously worked in Kherson, left their workplaces. They continued to perform their duties remotely under Ukrainian law.

The seizure did not affect the educational process in any way, which continued remotely. All administrative processes continued to be implemented. Understanding all the risks, back in April, the KSU Administration Office was temporarily relocated to Ivano-Frankivsk. This is where administration takes place! And that is why it is possible to continue the educational process, pay salaries and scholarships, as well as order and print diplomas of the Ukrainian sample. Academic staff do not have weapons, their strength is intelligence, reputation, and dedication to the profession and Ukraine. The value of our university is not in the buildings, although considerable attention has always been paid to the development of infrastructure. The main value is the academic and non-academic staff, students, and graduates (alumni). It is them who keep the brand of the university



Vice-Rector of KSU Maksym Vinnyk

on top, which has a leading position among higher educational institutions of the Kherson region in all ratings.

On the same day, at about 11 a.m., the military took Vice-Rector Maksym Vinnyk out of the territory of Kherson State University in an unknown direction. All that time, when Kherson was under occupation, he ensured the life of the university and dormitories. He was at work 24/7, being devoted to the team and the university. It was the patriotic position and confident refusal to cooperate that provoked the abduction of our colleague.

Maksym Vinnyk is a peaceful and decent person, Candidate of Pedagogical Sciences, Associate Professor, Associate Professor of the Department of Computer Science and Software Engineering, Deputy editor-in-chief of the Information Technologies in Education Scientific Bulletin, a member of the editorial board

of the Pedagogical Sciences Scientific Bulletin, an honored worker of education of Ukraine, awarded the Diploma of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine, the Honorary Diploma of the Mayor and the National Academy of Pedagogical Sciences of Ukraine.

The staff of Kherson State University was shocked by the audacious abduction of Vice-Rector Maksym Vinnyk. We appealed to the whole academic community not only in Ukraine but also around the world with a request to spread information about his disappearance. We did not know the whereabouts of our colleague, who has a disability and needs constant medication.

In the appeal, the team stressed that academic staff do not have weapons. We are representatives of a humane profession and perceive any violence, threats, pressure as a serious crime committed by the invaders against the citizens of Ukraine!



***Armed soldiers accompanied the capture of KSU.
June 14th, 2022***



We demand that the occupation authorities immediately release Maksym Vinnyk!

On June 22, the Rector posted on Facebook:

«Our friend and colleague, Vice-Rector of Kherson State University Maksym Vinnyk, is already in the territory under Ukrainian control. I just called him and was informed that he is finally fine and safe!

He was released the other day. Those who know what life is like in the occupation understand why we did not immediately make this information public. Because no one could guarantee Maksym's safety in Kherson.

Now I can say a big thank you to everyone who was concerned about the fate of our friend and colleague.

Thank you to the Academic Community, our employees and students and other universities within the country and abroad. Thank you to the Ministry

of Education and Science of Ukraine, international and state Human Rights Institutions, law enforcement agencies, the public, journalists....to everyone!

Every word you said on the air, in every publication, post, mentioned in reports, including on the international stage, about the audacious abduction of Maksym Vinnyk in Kherson – these were the nails that we all drove into the minds of russians together. You can't kidnap people, it's a crime! Therefore, thank you to the» good people « who decided to release Maksym and gave him the opportunity to leave. I look forward to hugging a friend and colleague!» the Rector posted.

Maksym Vinnyk is still reluctant to talk about the three days he spent in the basement of the building that the invaders used as a torture chamber for Ukrainian patriots and where most of the Kherson residents they abducted were held.



***Vice-Rector Maksym Vinnyk is in safe.
Ivano-Frankivsk, June 2022***



According to the vice-rector, it was a basement of 2x2.3 m, in which there were up to 12 people at a time. There was no way to lie down or even sit down. People had to stand without sleep, water, and food.

The single light bulb that illuminated the concrete room seemed like a hot sun, so much heat it seemed to radiate. If we consider that it was June, and the Kherson heat wave had already begun, then being in a small room in the stuffiness was almost impossible to withstand. Some were not able to stand it...

These are terrible memories, which, unfortunately, are only one story out of thousands that, if you are lucky enough to get out alive, Kherson residents told, having experienced torture in the basement.

The situation with Maksym Vinnyk is not the only case of the abduction of representatives of Kherson State University by Russian invaders.

A university employee, the famous athlete Dmytro Afanasiev was abducted. On March 22, 2022, after the dispersal of a pro-Ukrainian peaceful rally in Kherson on Freedom Square, there was an assumption to detain his wife.

The man prevented this, but he was severely beaten. After that, the family visited the hospital, where Dmytro was diagnosed with numerous bruises and broken ribs. Two hours later, the Russian military arrived at Dmytro and his wife's home and conducted a search. They seized a hard disk drive from surveillance cameras and the mobile phones of family members. All the men who were in the house were detained, including Dmytro's friends.

On the morning of March 23, 2022, the house was researched and one of the detainees was released. Later he reported about torture. Other men remained in captivity and withstood beatings and humiliation. This information was reported to us by the wife of the detainee Dmytro Afanasiev.

The famous athlete was born on November 29, 1969, and served as

chairman of the Sports Club of Kherson State University. He is the coach of the Ukrainian National Taekwon-Do ITF team, chairman of the Kherson branch of the Taekwon-Do ITF Federation of Ukraine, and an international class instructor.

The KSU Academic community has called for the release of Dmytro Afanasiev!

As it became known, he was released after 2-weeks of humiliation. Now he is safe in the territory under Ukrainian control.

Another story is related to Iryna Horobtsova, a part-time student of the Faculty of Psychology, History and Sociology, a 3rd-year student of the specialty «Psychology», who was born in 1985.

Iryna was abducted from her home in Kherson on her birthday, May 13, 2022.

According to her family, Iryna is being held in Simferopol and accused of correcting the fire in the Kherson region. There is no connection with her.

The staff and students of Kherson State University appealed to the Minister of Education and Science of Ukraine Serhii Shkarlet to facilitate the release of the student from the captivity of the Russian invaders.

From the first days of the Kherson occupation, Iryna participated in pro-Ukrainian rallies and openly declared her position on social media. She is a good student and admired by the KSU academic staff and students.

Our team emphasized that Kherson and the Kherson region have been under temporary occupation almost from the first days of Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine. Kherson region is occupied, but not conquered, precisely because of the presence of a large number of pro-Ukrainian residents who risk their lives and freedom and demonstrate to the invaders our attitude to the «liberators». We are proud of Iryna and believe she will be released as soon as possible.

Unfortunately, there is still no information about the whereabouts and fate of our student.

Pressure on KSU employees from the occupation “authorities”

June 14, when the premises of Kherson State University were seized, was also the first day when the flags of Ukraine and the European Union were removed from the Square in front of the main building.

By that time, these symbols warmed our hearts, we felt protected and were a part of Ukraine. Now the Ukrainian flag is in our hearts. We are sure that we will return to the de-occupied Kherson and our home walls of the University.



*The square in front of the main
building of KSU*

Meanwhile, every day after the seizure increased the pressure on university employees who remain under occupation.

Few cases of collaboration have been observed up to this day. The first such starting point was the «holidays» that the invaders organized in Kherson on May 9, celebrating Victory Day.

A student of one of the faculties and a representative of our academic staff were caught in the lenses of propaganda photo and video cameras. They told us how long they had been waiting for so-called «russkiy mir» and how happy they were now.

At the same time, there was information about the voluntary approval to cooperate with the occupation «authorities» of the principal of our structural division – Berislav Specialty Pedagogical College named after V.F. Benkovsky Andrii Kostiuk. He voluntarily agreed to take the position of Gauleiter of the Beryslav district and began to persuade the teachers of the college to cooperate.

Employment contracts with collaborators were suspended.

Only on July 27, 2022, the Security Service of Ukraine informed Andrii Kostiuk in absentia about suspicion of committing a criminal offense under the article “collaboration”.

He is suspected of voluntarily taking up a position in illegal authorities established in the temporarily occupied territory (Part 5 of Article 111-1 of the Criminal Code of Ukraine), namely, becoming “chairman of the military-civil administration of the Beryslav Administrative District”.

As we have already mentioned, with the seizure of the premises, the new «rector» began forming the staff of the fake educational institution that she headed. Both academic and non-academic staff were encouraged to cooperate.

In the first days, Tomilina invited to the meeting all the heads of departments and services as well as the academic staff who were in Kherson at that time. Only a few employees from among the support staff agreed to work at the fake “Kherson State University”.



On July 21, T. Tomilina gave an interview to the Russian propaganda channel, where she said: «I could never imagine that I would be the rector of Kherson State University. I didn't even dream about it, and when I got this position, I was shocked that people just turned around and left.»

The fact that Ukraine, as a state, continues to fulfill all financial obligations to Kherson State University, and we, accordingly, to employees and students, does not allow the fake educational institution «created» by the invaders to form a staffing table.

The academic staff refuse to cooperate due to their pro-Ukrainian position. The similar situation is in the entire education sector.

As of August 15, more than 100 principles of educational institutions of the region left the occupied territory.

In Kherson, the occupation «authorities» were able to form collectives of only a few schools and 10 kindergartens from more than 171 educational institutions that are subordinate to the Kherson City Council.

«There are a lot of issues related to the employees who decided to work for the invaders. Firstly, it is on their conscience, and as far as I know, there are only few such people. Secondly, if there are confirmed facts, not gossip, we suspend employment agreements with such people and, accordingly, the calculation and payment of wages.

Such a person can be released, even if there is already an official suspicion from the Ukrainian law enforcement agencies in cooperation with the invaders, only by a court decision.

This is how we differ from the state that attacked us. Everything must be according to the law,» says Rector Oleksandr Spivakovskiy.

As for students, the location of each one is monitored, as well as their attendance at classes.

But the university may not possess full information about the student's

political position if they do not speak out openly in support of the occupation «authorities».

We are not investigative bodies, and we will respond to cases of treason to the Ukrainian state as best as we can.

Double education is wrong, especially if we are talking about a state funding place or receiving a scholarship from the state of Ukraine while studying at a fake KSU.

In general, the support of the educational space imposed by the aggressor in the temporarily occupied territories contradicts the Declaration of the corporate culture of KSU, the principles of patriotism and the obligation to comply with the legislation of Ukraine. Contingent control is the responsibility of faculty deans, who respond to the received information.

However, every day of the occupation poses more and more serious threats to the academic staff who has stayed in the Kherson region.

They are pressured, intimidated, abducted, and tortured, forcing them to agree to cooperate.

As of mid-August, about 50% of KSU academic staff are in the occupied territory.

The main ways of pressure on academic staff and Kherson residents include the lack of Ukrainian mobile communication, control over internet traffic through redirecting it to Russian operators, unstable internet communication in general, the leaching of UAH from circulation and the lack of a Ukrainian banking system. Moreover, PhD students and university employees who lived in KSU dormitories and did not agree to cooperate with the occupation «authorities» were evicted.

All these factors affect people, the vast majority of whom still heroically believe in the Armed Forces of Ukraine and keep waiting for de-occupation.



ORGANIZATION OF THE EDUCATIONAL PROCESS

The educational process renewal

During the COVID-19 pandemic, Kherson State University has not stopped its educational process even for a day. We worked remotely or in a hybrid mode, actively promoted vaccination, which covered 98% of academic and non-academic staff and almost 40% of students.

On February 21, the university resumed the educational process in the traditional face-to-face mode. Once again, an active student life seethed in our institution...

And suddenly we faced a full-scale invasion and suspension of the educational process.

According to the order No. 180-Д dated February 24, 2022 «On the work of the University under the conditions of the martial law in Ukraine on February 24, 2022» the educational process at Kherson State University is suspended (the resumption of the educational process will be regulated by the university's orders). According to Order No. 196-Д dated March 10, 2022 «On the organization of the university's work from March 14, 2022, under the martial law in Ukraine», the academic and non-academic staff of Kherson State University continued work remotely, except employees who:

- temporarily went abroad;
- located in Western Ukraine;
- is in military service;
- serves in Territorial Defense Forces;
- is an employee of the university's security service.

We organized duty of employees at workplaces and coordinated activities of departments with the university administration in such departments as the General Department, Personnel Department, Planning Department, Accounting, Contract Department,

Transport Service, Occupational Safety and Health Department, Administrative and Economic Subdivision, Engineering and Technical Department, Digital Infrastructure Department, campus, training center, sport, and recreational camp «Burevestnik».

Daily meetings of the KSU administration on the life of the educational institution were held.

The university extended the holidays for full-time students of the first (Bachelor's) and second (Master's) levels of higher education until March 25. At the same time, since March 14, the Henichesk Professional College of Kherson State University has resumed training for students with visual impairments and 11th-grade students.

Principal of the college Halyna Tolubets noted that the educational process at the Henichesk professional college is held in two modes: face-to-face for students who stayed in the hostel or are resident; remotely for the rest.

On March 28, Kherson State University resumed the educational process, although remotely.

Gradually, the university returned to its usual mode of operation and continued to perform its main function – the formation of an educated nation, the future of Ukraine.

«Now the priority task is to implement an individual curriculum and provide high-quality educational services to the students. Despite the complexity of the situation, both students and academic staff understand that quality must be ensured. This is a key tool for fighting the enemy. After all, even during the war, we can study well (receive excellent grades\marks),» Rector Oleksandr Spivakovskiy said.



It is high-quality education that is our response to the enemy, our signal that we do not give up, and that everyone, no matter where they are, do their job professionally.

Due to our academic staff, the hard work of First Vice-Rector Serhii Omelchuk and Vice-Rector for Educational, Scientific and Pedagogical Affairs Dariia Malchykova, the university ensured the implementation of curricula and obtaining a high-quality education. There is intelligence, strength, and motivation to teach patriotic and educated young people. It is impossible to defeat a nation that has a Spirit, Education, Culture, and common values. Every day, Ukrainians demonstrate unity in the fight against the enemy. This unity was demonstrated by the academic and non-academic staff as well as students who are part of this amazing movement to victory.

Since March 28, the educational process for students at all education levels has been fully resumed using information technologies synchronously and asynchronously (without fixed schedule) at the Henichesk Professional College and the Berislav Specialty Pedagogical College named after V.F. Benkovsky.

Since April 11, the educational process for PhD and Doctoral students has been resumed. From May 6 to May 17, 2022, the spring certification of students for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy and Doctor of Sciences was held, where reports of PhD and doctoral students were heard at the interdisciplinary online scientific seminars. The postgraduate practical training was held remotely and lasted from May 16 to May 27.

On April 26, at a session of the Academic Council of the University, the First Vice-Rector Serhii Omelchuk reported on the need to make changes to the procedure for submitting term papers and thesis for defense in the 2021/2022 academic year.

This year, as an exception, students were allowed to submit term papers in one

of three versions – printed, handwritten or electronic.

This did not affect the assessment during the defense.

As for thesis works, they are also allowed, as an exception, to be submitted for review, peer review and defense only in electronic form.

The same applies to accompanying documents – reviews, conclusions of the supervisor, peer reviews, copyright agreements etc.

The members of the Academic Council also approved the subject of thesis of the full-time and part-time students of the first (Bachelor's) level of higher education.

These decisions made it possible to complete the academic year on time and took into account the capabilities of students and teachers.

The emphasis was placed on the implementation of individual curricula by students in order to ensure timely transfer to the next year of study or complete training and receive the diploma.

At the same time, the KSU Administration was temporarily moved to Vasyl Stefanyk Precarpathian National University in Ivano-Frankivsk.

Based on the realities of the work of two offices, in Kherson and Ivano-Frankivsk, and in order to implement the right of students to high-quality education, we continued the educational process remotely, synchronously and asynchronously (with the ability to work without a fixed schedule) using the platforms KSUOnline, Zoom, Google Meet, messengers (Telegram, Viber, WhatsApp), e-mail and other means of communication. In addition, we provided individual counseling and, if necessary, individual deadlines for passing final exams and tests for students who have no opportunity to participate in the educational process, including those who have joined the Armed Forces of Ukraine or Territorial Defense Forces.

Preparation of the thesis by final-year students has begun. At the end of April, according to the approved plan,



KSU continued the anti-plagiarism checks, reviews, and peer reviews. This year, based on the conditions of martial law, the electronic version of a thesis was mandatory and quite sufficient.

The closer the time of thesis defense and final exams was, the more acute became the issue of the lack of stable internet connection in the temporarily occupied territories of the Kherson region.

Such problems were foreseen. Therefore, First Vice-Rector Serhii Omelchuk and Vice-Rector for Educational,

Scientific and Pedagogical Affairs Dariia Malchykova allowed conducting these procedures asynchronously. However, the requirement for video recording of the entire educational process and final exams remained.

The following decree also covered other issues related to the lack of stable cellphone service in the temporarily occupied territory of the Kherson region. In particular, additional terms for the elimination of academic debt and the work of commissions for the elimination

On May 12, the first Vice-Rector Serhii Omelchuk issued Decree No. 53 «On conducting final exams and registration of educational documentation during the martial law».

TEXT OF THE DECREE

1. Deans of faculties shall organize:
 - 1) the conduction of final exams and tests in the second semester of the 2021/2022 academic year remotely using ICT with the mandatory photo or video recording of the event;
 - 2) preservation of written and electronic works (e-thesis) of students for at least 1 (one) year, taking into account the following requirements:
 - 3) the results of current control over the implementation of the individual curriculum by students for all educational components, and the mandatory compliance of students with the requirements of the Academic Integrity Code should be brought to the attention of students before the final exams and thesis defense;
 - 4) the examiner is obliged to ensure reliable identification (establishment of identity authenticity) of a student;
 - 5) control measures are carried out remotely, taking into account the capabilities of technical means of audio and video communication of KSU academic staff and students, with the mandatory provision of equal opportunities for them to take the final exams and defense their thesis as well as the objectivity of evaluating their results;
 - 6) in case of an unstable internet connection, the students shall be ensured with the possibility of taking the final exams and defending their thesis on reserve days during the entire examination session and the liquidation of academic debt, which is not less than 5 working days.
 - 7) allow academic staff to conduct the exam online in the form of:
 - an oral examination, to prepare for the answer, a student must be provided with the time announced at the beginning of the exam;
 - using network-based computer and software tools, for example, a test with a fixed duration of its taking;
 - handwriting examination; in this case, 3-5 minutes before the end of the exam, a student must sign each sheet, make a photocopy of one's work and send it to the Examiner via email or by forming an electronic document with the answer to the exam ticket tasks. The total duration of the handwriting exam should not exceed 3 (three) hours.
2. In case a student is unable to take the final exams (until June 30, 2022), deans of faculties together with the head of the Educational Department Viktoriia Yatsenko shall ensure the setting of individual deadlines for passing the final exams or recommend the student to take an academic leave for up to one year.



of academic debt for the second semester of the 2021-2022 academic year were set for the full-time and part-time students of the 4th year of the first (Bachelor's) level of higher education. It was held from May 30 to May 31, 2022.

Kherson State University did its best to meet the requirements of students, final year ones in particular. But the requirements for the quality of education remained unchanged:

implementation of individual curricula;

elimination of academic debt;

successful defense of thesis;

passing the final exams.

On May 26, at the KSU Administration session, Vice-Rector for Educational, Scientific and Pedagogical Affairs Dariia Malchykova presented the results of final exams and tests of students of the second (Master's) level of higher education in the second semester of the 2021/2022 academic year.

On June 7, the final exams, and tests for PhD students of the 1st and 2nd years of training began. Since September 12, Kherson State University has started reporting doctoral students and postgraduates of all courses and forms of training on the implementation of an individual curriculum and an individual research plan.

The final exams were held as a scientific seminar with a presentation of the results of the scientific work of PhD and Doctoral students to the heads of certain departments, guarantors of educational and scientific programs, supervisors (advisors), students of the final year of Master's degree etc.

First Vice-Rector Serhii Omelchuk noted that traditionally in autumn PhD and Doctoral students of Kherson State University report on the progress and results of their work in accordance with individual plans.

«The purpose of such events is a constructive analysis of the accumulated results and the direction and adjustment

of the next stages of students' work,» Serhii Omelchuk commented.

In the temporarily occupied Kherson region, the first problems with internet connection and mobile service arose in April.

Then the invaders began switching the networks of Ukrainian internet service providers to Russian ones, which are located in Crimea. However, there were no significant issues with the internet on the territory of Kherson State University until the end of May. Until May 30, the invaders completely silenced Ukrainian mobile service and redirected internet traffic through Crimea.

In such a situation, the university had to keep working, specialists who were in the temporarily occupied territory had to fulfill their duties to ensure the protection of thesis, term papers and final exams, as well as to prepare documents for graduates to receive their diplomas.

The educational and methodological departments of the university found themselves in a situation that should have been called critical. According to Vice-Rector Dariia Malchykova, in such difficult conditions, it was necessary to communicate with the office in Ivano-Frankivsk, send documentation, monitor the educational process, which was constantly recorded, and video files were stored in a special archive.

«If half a year ago we were told that we would be able to successfully complete the academic year, issue educational documents and prepare orders for the transfer of students in such conditions and under pressure, I would never have believed it,» Dariia Malchykova commented.

«We have never worked in such conditions, and if we take into account that the educational, methodological and educational departments work mostly with papers without electronic versions, it is difficult to imagine what our employees had to go through.

The real horror came when we lost the physical ability to enter the premises of the university after its seizure.



If earlier we could count on the availability of communication, the internet provided by the university, then after June 14 we had to work from home, where there was no internet at all.

Our employees, in order to transmit some information, files, orders, receive reports and monitor the location of our academic staff and students, were forced to «catch» the internet in cafes or near the offices of internet service providers.

Of course, it was dangerous. But we managed. Although looking back, I can't even tell you how stressed we were, because the final exams were just going on and our departments should always be in touch.

Many of the university's business processes depended on us. I am proud of my colleagues, our women, they are real heroines!»

Digitalization of the educational process

KSU-24

It was the university's digitalization program, which was approved by the Academic Council about two years ago, that made it possible to continue the educational process and the work of the University in general, even during the occupation.

The experience of working during the quarantine period associated with the COVID-19 pandemic also helped.

Thus, the university has an information and communication base, tools, services, and platforms for implementing the educational process.

In addition, extensive work was carried out on the internal training system for academic staff and students.

Thus, the process of distance learning was not new for us. Due to the KSUonline platform, our academic staff and students can keep in touch with each other.

A year ago, the university started the implementation of the e-service «KSU-24».

Today, more than ever, we understand that this was the right and prudent step.

Taking into account the current conditions, we use these tools for organizing the educational process more intensively.

Document digitalization and filling of personal accounts of KSU employees and students with information help to carry out the necessary processes related to the training and the management of university business processes even in the conditions of distance learning in wartime.

Every week, during the KSU Administration sessions, Oleksandr Lemeshchuk reported on certain technical issues related to expanding the functionality of KSU-24.

For example, the possibility and necessity of uploading up-to-date information about the results of students' training, transcripts of records and individual plans to personal accounts.

As of now, the app is used by all representatives of the academic staff, while students are gradually joining. The app stores information about the schedule, individual curricula, and news. It is integrated with the official website and allows to conduct polls.

Today the KSU team develop and implement such modules:

- Integration with USEDE

- Expanding information about students and academic staff

- Ability to download the student's transcript of records

- Enabling educational modules



Integration with the state digital service Diia

Syncing with IAS

Signing of e-contracts.

In early October, an e-register was implemented.

This is an analytical platform that allows one to evaluate students, have data on class attendance, and provide access to training materials in synchronous and asynchronous modes.

The journal's tools will allow deans, departments, and services to quickly receive analytics across all faculties and students of all years of training to generate reports and monitor the quality of the educational process.

The modern young man cannot exist in a linear environment.

We all work online and use devices to perform business processes and administration, thus the university is constantly working to improve its virtual environment.

The example of Ukraine, which was the first in Europe to implement digital documents through the Diia app, inspires us. At one time, Kherson State University was one of the first in Ukraine to organize a card system for obtaining scholarships and salaries through PrivatBank. Since then, we have not stopped and integrated with Diia as well as simplified all processes through digitalization.

Kherson State University is taking part in a revolutionary project for the localization of foreign-language content in the educational environment.

Due to our partners from the USA, KSU has gained access to a unique resource based on AI that carries out simultaneous interpretation from a source language to a target one.

This will allow the university community to overcome a serious barrier, the language one, and become a subject of an open global educational environment.

Psychological context of the educational process

Never give up and get stronger

In the conditions of martial law and temporary occupation, it is very important to have an external expert view of the organization of the educational process, the psychoemotional state of the staff and students, get certain recommendations and implement them.

On a partnership basis, the "OsvitAnalitika" Analytical Center of Borys Grinchenko Kyiv University (Ivan Shemelynets, Yevhen Nikolaiev and Hryhorii Rii), in the framework of studying the losses of the Ukrainian higher education system caused by unprovoked and unfair armed aggression of Russia against our country, did a great job and prepared an analytical note «Organization of the educational process at Kherson State University under martial law: problems

and suggestions based on the results of a survey of its academic staff and students».

The survey was conducted from May 29 to June 10, 2022, using Google Forms. The questionnaire was sent to KSU academic staff and students with the assistance of the university administration. There are 603 responses from students and 79 responses from academic staff. About 16% of students and 17.5% of academic staff took part in the survey.

The survey contained the following sections:

Section 1. Daily and emotional conditions of work and study

Place and living conditions of respondents.

Only 6% of students and 4% of teachers surveyed have access to a bomb shelter with the proper level of security (specially equipped premises). 52% of students and 46% of teachers can use



the basement in case of an air alarm. Consequently, the living conditions of at least half of the respondents are not comfortable and/or safe.

Internet access for the vast majority of students and teachers is unstable, which means that it is very difficult to organize the educational process using distance technologies for most of the KSU community.

Health and psychoemotional state.

Here are just a few answers of students that allow you to understand exactly what kind of psychoemotional state they are in:

«Emotional state after the experience and what is happening now. A big bunch of problems.

I am in an unfamiliar place without relatives and money. I try to get in touch with relatives who remained in the occupied territory and have at least some connection with them. And don't forget about classes.

Students note that their effective learning is hindered by a poor psychoemotional state due to active military operations or their consequences, such as forced relocation, frequent air alarms, enemy aircraft, and threats of missile strikes.

A significant academic load leads to a decrease in motivation among students, who are in the occupied territories, emotional tension, unstable communication, and employment of students in other areas (work, volunteering). In addition, a large amount of homework, an unstable schedule in synchronous and asynchronous modes, and difficulties with access to the necessary tools and materials for learning have nothing to do with effective assimilation of knowledge.

«War! It's hard to think about classes when you constantly hear explosions, machine-gun bursts or fighter jets. No internet and mobile connection. It's hard to attend classes when you have to buy the essential goods just to survive, stand in queues for several days to withdraw

cash because it's a lottery, one chance to five that you will be able to do it.»

Does your current state of health prevent you from effectively participating in the educational process?

Section 2. Organization of the educational process

Problems of organizing the educational process under the current conditions

A fundamental feature of the situation to which academic staff have not adapted sufficiently is the inability for a significant number of students to participate in distance classes conducted in synchronous mode (live). In most cases, about half of the students attend live classes. 16% of students are unable to join online classes, 23% can do it periodically, while 60% of students noted unstable internet access.

Every fourth graduate cannot work effectively on the preparation of a thesis, and 40% of students faced some difficulties with it.

Changing in the teaching approaches under current conditions

The vast majority of academic staff in our survey report their more loyal attitude towards students under current conditions.

However, this statement can mean that academic staff does not take specific steps to facilitate students' learning. For example, to reduce the amount of material processed.

Academic staff on psychological changes in students' performance based on the results of classes under martial law.

The vast majority of academic staff notices some changes in student behavior. They became confused, lost motivation to study, and suffered from increased anxiety, emotional instability, and closeness in communication. This is especially noticeable among students who are in the occupied territory.

Some representatives of KSU academic staff have found a certain manipulativeness in the actions of students.



Students' suggestions regarding the organization of the educational process

77 KSU students shared with us their opinions and suggestions regarding the training organization in the current conditions.

We can single out the following:

- to simplify the procedure of the examination session, defense of qualifying papers and practice (move them to summer/autumn, assign grades according to the received current points «automatically», do not conduct oral examinations, etc.);

- make the educational process more flexible (reduce the volume of academic disciplines, allow students to submit papers without a set deadline, provide them with access to electronic journals of educational disciplines);

- consider the possibility of a more loyal attitude of teachers (giving more tasks that can be performed without a constant connection to the Internet, reducing the volume of independent tasks, not requiring attendance at online classes and assigning points for attendance);

- to support students in academic and extracurricular activities (to inform students more about external and internal academic mobility programs, to resolve the issue of payment of tuition under the contract).

Chapter 3. Our recommendations (given in full)

The analysis of the survey results of the university students and scientific and pedagogical workers, the review of normative legal acts and recommendations issued by the state authorities in the field of education after the beginning of the full-scale military invasion, as well as the analysis of international practices of organizing the educational process in the conditions of military conflicts allowed us to formulate a number of recommendations for a more effective organization of the educational process at KSU in such conditions.

1. During the survey, a minimal share of respondents noted that they currently live in dormitories. Instead, many of

our respondents are in the temporarily occupied territory. In order to enable the relocation of a greater number of participants in the educational process to the territory under the control of Ukraine, KSU should expand the possibilities of settling students and teachers in dormitories in the city of Ivano-Frankivsk and, possibly, in other unoccupied regions of Ukraine, and actively inform the participants of the educational process about such opportunities.

2. At KSU, the break in the educational process in connection with military operations was formally short-lived.

However, students complain of a negative psycho-emotional state due to the war, living in conditions of occupation, etc. About half of the education seekers currently do not have the opportunity to participate in training in a synchronous mode (live). According to our survey results, 11% of students completely and 53% of students partially lost access to the educational materials they needed. These circumstances mean the guaranteed presence of significant losses in mastering the program material in a significant number of students. One of the tools to reduce these losses, in our opinion, can be to define two key disciplines (from those studied in the spring semester of 2022 by students of the first-third year of the bachelor's degree and the first year of the master's degree), which are basic (prerequisites) for studying important disciplines in the fall semester. Subsequently, starting from August or September 2022, provide the opportunity to study these disciplines (in a full or «express» form) to those students who at that time will be in a relatively normal security situation and will have the opportunity (including communication) to participate in the educational process. Such study of disciplines should involve students who, according to the results of the final examination, received grades «D», «E», «FX» or «F» in the specified key disciplines.



3. The provision of the described additional educational service will not be financed from the state budget. It is also incorrect to expect its payment from the education seekers. Therefore, it is advisable for the KSU administration to focus its efforts on finding grant funding for the implementation of a similar program of minimizing educational losses within the framework of international technical assistance projects aimed at supporting displaced educational institutions and/or persons affected by military actions in Ukraine.

4. According to international recommendations, a mandatory step in adapting teaching to extreme conditions is to significantly reduce the amount of material from the discipline, which is worked out by teachers together with students.

According to the conducted survey, 68% of KSU teachers still do not resort to this measure.

Therefore, in the next semester, it is advisable to draw the attention of teachers to the exceptional importance of reducing the amount of studied material of the discipline due to the rejection of less important questions, giving preference to the most relevant and necessary questions, as well as questions that require less time to master them.

5. Due to the large number of students who are unable to participate in live remote classes (due to Zoom, which may not work in uncontrolled territory, Google Meet and similar systems), the option not to participate in live classes and 18 complete assignments at that time, when the student has the opportunity to do so, in the current conditions should be available to every student.

On the other hand, the need to conduct classes live for part of the group of students and work asynchronously with another part of this academic group means a significant increase in workload. You can rationally solve this dilemma by recommending to teachers to give priority

to the asynchronous method of processing the material of the discipline (including by sending students the necessary educational materials by email) and tasks, as well as to transform live classes into consultations for the part of students who need it.

At the same time, it is advisable to assign grades (points) only for the tasks completed by students, but not for their participation in online classes. In addition, see on this issue, the material of Olha Bershadskaya "How to restore teaching?" at the link: <https://www.skeptic.in.ua/bul22>.

6. It is appropriate to pay serious attention to monitoring the psychological state of the university employees and students with whom there is a connection, to pay attention to stress and the risks of the appearance of depressive states, to offer appropriate support to those who need it.

It is expedient to involve practicing medical psychologists in this work together with the Social and Psychological Service of KSU, probably in partnership with health care institutions.

7. It is advisable to minimize or completely exclude Russian-language sources (textbooks, publications, scientific publications, web resources, etc.) from use in the educational process and during research.

The recommendations prepared by the "OsvitAnalitika" Analytical Center of Borys Grinchenko Kyiv University were taken into account and many of them have already been implemented, which we will inform you about in detail in other sections of these Chronicles.

But for now, one important fact remains: despite external and internal challenges, despite war, occupation, evacuation, and all other difficulties, 98% of our bachelor's graduates were able to get in touch and pass the final certification remotely. They have already received documents on education, and 46 of our graduates - with honors!



Practices are an integral part of the educational process

Despite the difficult situation in the country, Kherson State University continued to provide a high-quality educational process, an integral component of which is practice. So, in April, students of the 3rd year of the Ukrainian and Foreign Philology and Journalism Faculty had a long training practice, which the future specialists took online.

«Even in modern realities, Kherson State University takes care of a safe and high-quality educational process. During the practice, the leaders used an individual approach to everyone, a flexible system of tasks and types of work, in order to facilitate the successful passing of the training practice even in the extremely difficult conditions of wartime.

In order to ensure this work, great efforts were made by practice leaders and representatives of practice bases,» Svitlana Klymovych, Head of the Department of Ukrainian and Slavic Philology and Journalism.

Kherson Academic Lyceum named after Oleh Mishukov at Kherson State University, Kherson Gymnasium №6 of Kherson City Council, University Press Center and travel agency «Anex tour» became the practice bases for students.

From September 1st, students of the 4th year of the specialty «Primary Education» of the Pedagogical Faculty began the internship «A child's first days at school». During the week, students studied the behavior and socialization of schoolchildren, and will also gain practical skills in the specifics of the First Lesson.

Kherson Gymnasium №16 with the study of the languages of national minorities of Kherson City Council, Kherson Gymnasium №14 of Kherson City Council and Institution of General Secondary Education №53 of Kherson City Council already traditionally accepted students for practice.

During the war, the schools united and work together on the basis of Gymnasium №16 in a remote format.

KSU never had any problems with this, because, for example, pre-school and general education institutions of Kherson region were happy to receive our students. Now, most of the schools and kindergartens are taken over by the occupiers and collaborators and are planting the Russian educational space.

In September, the University Administration appealed to the administrations and departments of education of the cities and regions of Ukraine with a request to organize remote internships, developed an appropriate internship program, and attached it to the appeals.

As Rector of Kherson State University, Oleksandr Spivakovskiy, reported, as of September 15th, we received the first feedback, which was simply amazing: we were officially refused due to lack of technical capabilities, although they confirmed that 94% of educational institutions in the region work in a distance format. In another territorial body of education, we have been verbally informed so far that an internship is possible if there is a payment for it.

«I will not indicate from which territorial education bodies we received such answers yet, because frankly I consider it an unfortunate misunderstanding. Otherwise, I cannot explain the position of officials who, instead of supporting students who, despite everything, want to get a quality Ukrainian education, refuse them. This is not a statesman's position, it is in general... I am sure that our students will be able to undergo industrial practices both at their place of stay in the territory under the control of the government of Ukraine, and remotely,» Oleksandr Spivakovskiy wrote.

Scholarship provision

On June 30th, another meeting of the scholarship commission was held with the participation of the First Vice-Rector, Vice-Rectors, deans, heads of services and departments, student assets. On the agenda there was the issue of approving scholarship ratings and awarding scholarships for the 1st semester of 2022/2023.

Packages of documents provided by deans based on the results of the meetings of the scholarship commissions of the faculties were reviewed in online mode, with the available quorum, for recording and personal voting. They were supported without discussions and problematic moments. The representatives of the student body had no questions. Thus, there is a decision on the scholarship for

our students of the second - fourth years of the bachelor's degree and the second year of the master's degree for the next academic year.

On September 30th, at the meeting of the scholarship commission, the issue of awarding scholarships to first-year students was on the agenda. In accordance with the decisions of the scholarship commissions of the faculties, it was decided to award scholarships to 126 students out of 357 students of the budget form of education. Also, during the meeting Oleksandr Spivakovskiy informed the audience that the issue of salary payments to employees and academic and social scholarships to students for September is currently closed.



*Meeting of the University Administration in a mixed format. Employees, who were in Kherson at that time, gathered in the Scientific Library.
April 4, 2022*



FINAL CERTIFICATION

One of the priorities that Kherson State University set for itself was the implementation of a high-quality educational process and the conduct of final certification at a high level.

This issue was thoroughly discussed for the first time on March 21st at a meeting of the University Administration. Several possible models were considered: each faculty, each Educational Program has its own specifics. Of course, the opinion of the students was also taken into account.

On April 4th, at a meeting of the University Administration, Daria Malchykova, Vice-Rector reported that the faculties have finally decided on how the annual certification will be conducted. To date, the form of attestation in the form of a qualifying paper has remained at several Faculties: Computer Sciences, Physics and Mathematics (in full); Culture and Arts (Educational Program «Culturology»); Psychology, History and Sociology (two educational programs - «Sociology» and «Social Work»); of Ukrainian and Foreign Philology and Journalism (educational program «Journalism»). At all other faculties, a decision was made to make changes to the Educational Program in terms of attestation. At those Educational Programs, where the form of attestation remains in the form of a qualifying paper, the examination of the subject of the qualifying papers has begun.

On May 17th, at a meeting of the University Administration, Serhii Omelchuk, first Vice-Rector reported on the attestation of holders of the Doctor of Philosophy and Doctor of Science Degrees in June 2022. This year, the reporting of winners will take place remotely, and last year's practice of interdisciplinary seminars continues, that is, combining certain programs for attestation.

On June 6th, Kherson State University began the final attestation of students of the 1st Bachelor's level of

higher education. Exams were held in remote format on the Zoom platform with mandatory video recording. On the first day of attestation, only approximately 5 to 7% of students in various faculties and educational programs could not participate in the attestation. Despite all the fears due to unstable Internet connection, this was a very positive indicator. It testifies to the motivation of the students, who understand the importance of this stage and found an opportunity to prepare for the certification in extremely difficult conditions. This is the result of the responsibility of each teacher, because a lot of work was done beforehand, there is control over the consistent implementation of individual study plans by students, a separate approach to each student.

A great burden fell on the members of the examination commissions, but they coped well. Together, they did everything to ensure that the educational process, even in difficult conditions, was of high quality, that the educational documents received by the graduates had weight, and that everyone knew that behind the diploma of Kherson State University are the knowledge, experience, and skills of the recipient. Because it is our graduates who create the reputation of Kherson State University.

On the second day of work of the examination commissions, students from 8 out of 9 faculties were involved in the attestation. Daily monitoring of the situation in each educational program took place. It is essential that the attestation process be honest and transparent, therefore video recording of everything that happened online was implemented. Interesting geography: students came for the certification from Kherson and the region; different parts of Ukraine and abroad. Of course, a certain part of the acquirers had problems with communication. Especially for those of



our students who are in the temporarily occupied Kherson region. Backup sessions are provided for them.

On the third day, there are already better indicators of the students' participation.

As of June 20, 96.2% of Bachelor's graduates of Kherson State University have passed the final certification and are preparing to receive educational documents.

Out of 956 graduates, 920 got in touch with examination commissions and successfully passed the certification remotely! This is a fantastic result in wartime conditions, when Kherson region is temporarily occupied and there is no Ukrainian mobile phone service! Because a significant number of our acquirers are located in Kherson region.

Such a result was difficult for our bachelors, and commissions, and members of the University Administration, and employees of the Educational and Educational-Methodological Departments, and the Digital Infrastructure Department. But this is a joint cool result, which indicates that Kherson State University follows a full cycle in the educational process.

«However, the certification revealed several problematic points that require a joint solution together with the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine. The questions concern the fate of those graduates who could not get in touch and pass the certification. There is a proposal that they should be deducted, and then renewed when the student comes into contact and is ready for the exams. But we are of the opinion that we should find out the situation of each of our students individually, because different things can happen to a person - he is under occupation, wounded, missing, serves in the ranks of the Armed Forces or the Territorial defense... Perhaps it makes sense not to make decisions for a certain time regarding graduates whose fate is unknown, but to wait a little, give another chance. Because the time is like this... We will always have

time to count down. It is important that the Ministry listens and allows students to resume their studies without waiting for the session period. If the student is ready to take the state certification, then the committee meets, the exam continues. As for students who study in junior courses and for some reason could not get in touch during the session, all of them will be transferred by order to the next course with the condition of completing the educational component that was not submitted due to the inability to get in touch, - the Rector of Kherson State University Oleksandr Spivakovskiy noted.

As of July 9th, 935 graduates (98.7%) of the first Bachelor's level of education completed their studies and received Diplomas of Higher Education.

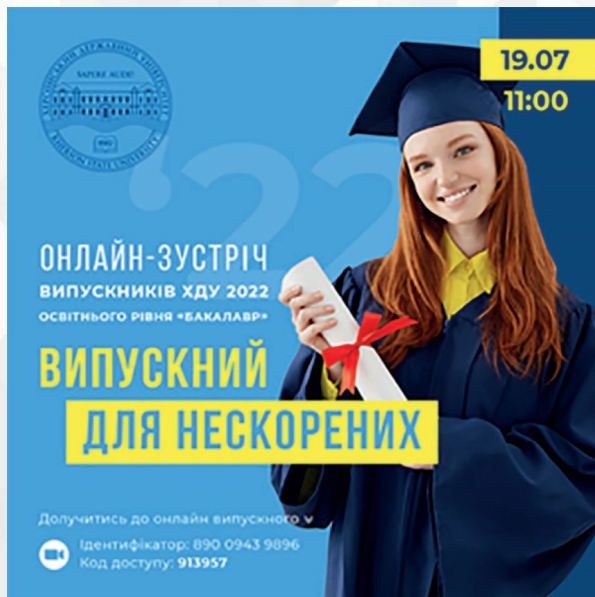
Diplomas were printed in Ivano-Frankivsk, at the temporary KSU management center location, as required by the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine.

Each diploma and its Supplement is traditionally personally signed by Rector of Kherson State University, Oleksandr Spivakovskiy, in order to transfer a piece of his soul and energy to the graduate.



Final Certification at the Faculty of Pedagogy in distance format

Graduation of the Invictus



This year, Kherson State University held bachelor's graduation on July 19th under the slogan «Graduation of the Invictus.» It was an online event, the center of which was Ivano-Frankivsk, where the temporarily relocated control center of Kherson State University operates on the

basis of Vasyl Stefanyk Precarpathian National University.

At 11 a.m. more than 500 participants of the graduation joined the Zoom Conference at the same time.

In Ivano-Frankivsk, Rector of Kherson State University Oleksandr Spivakovskiy, Rector of Vasyl Stefanyk Precarpathian National University Ihor Tsependa, First Vice-Rector Serhii Omelchuk, Vice-Rector Alla Tsapiv, Vice-Rector Maksym Vinnyk, Acting Vice-Rector for Digitization, Innovative, Investment Activity and Scientific and Pedagogical Affairs Lemeshchuk Oleksandr, Dean of Pedagogical Faculty Liubov Petukhova, Dean of the Faculty of Physical Education and Sports Ivan Hlukhov, Executive Secretary of the University Admission Committee Nataliia Voropai, Acting Head of the International Initiatives and Project Activities Department Yevheniia Revenko, Coordinator of the Information Center of the European Union at KSU Yevheniia Spivakovska, Manager of the Press Center Oksana Kazakova, teachers and



***Graduation of the unconquered.
Ivano-Frankivsk, 19.07.2022***



employees of Kherson State University, who were already in Ivano-Frankivsk at that time.

The celebratory event was also attended by distinguished guests: people's deputy of the 7th convocation, Chief of Staff of Kherson Regional State Administration since 2014-15th years, member of the Supervisory Board of KSU Andrii Putilov, Chief of Staff of Kherson Regional State Administration since 2014, Chief of Staff of Kharkiv Regional State Administration since 2020 Volodymyr

Kliutsevsky; Head of the Department of Education of Kherson City Council Nataliia Zhurzhenko, Deputy Head of the Department of Education of Kherson City Council Svitlana Omelchuk.

In the virtual space, in addition to graduates, almost the entire university community gathered at the meeting: vice-rectors, deans of faculties, teachers and students. Everyone joined the event from wherever they were, so the geography was extremely wide.



ПРИВІТАННЯ

ВІД РЕКТОРА

Вітаю випусників бакалаврських програм Херсонського державного університету!

В 105-річній історії нашого університету були різні етапи. Але на сучасній хвилі розвитку університету ви, дорогі наші бакалаври 2022-го року випуску, унікальні.

За чотири роки ви мали яскравий період традиційного навчання та студентського життя, потім гідно пройшли випробування пандемією коронавірусу, коли звичне життя людей усього світу зазнало обмежень. А потім трапилося те, що ми не могли уявити у страшному сні, про що знали лише з історії, книжок та фільмів – повномасштабне вторгнення росії, окупація рідної Херсонщини...

На питання: «У чому ваша суперсила?» – ви зараз гордо відповідаєте: «Ми – з нескореної української Херсонщини!» Ви не зламалися, ви знайшли в собі сили підтримувати один одного, успішно завершити навчання, отримати документи про освіту та поділитися власними історіями успіху під час онлайн «Випускного для нескорених»!

Пишаємось кожним з вас! Нехай ваша майбутня професійна траєкторія розвитку буде успішною! Саме вам відновлювати та розвивати Херсонщину та Україну! Ви – майбутнє нашої держави.

Ми обов'язково зустрінемося в українському Херсоні, в нашому Херсонському державному університеті і ще раз відсвяткуємо разом ваш випускний.

Слава Україні! Слава нескореним випусникам ХДУ!

З повагою - ректор Херсонського державного університету
Олександр Співаковський



***This year graduates of the Bachelor with diplomas in Ivano-Frankivsk.
07.19.2022***

Bachelor's graduation of 2022 was truly unique and unconquered, unconquered by the coronavirus pandemic or even war! For four years, our bachelors have successfully passed the tests of distance learning, the pandemic, and now the war, without losing their thirst for knowledge and without betraying their own dreams. After all, giving up is not an option for Ukrainians, not for Kherson State University!

At that time, Ukrainians had been fiercely resisting the invaders for 146 days, our defenders and civilians were dying every day. So, at the beginning of the event, a moment of silence was observed in memory of the dead.

«This year, we are graduating 965 Bachelors, of which 46 received diplomas for excellent academic achievements. You can only imagine the powerful work behind it! Over the years, each

of you has managed to build your own educational trajectory at Kherson State University, which will continue to develop harmoniously into the trajectory of your life. Unfortunately, we cannot meet all of you today, but we are extremely glad that some of you were able to come and receive your diploma in person. And I am sure that we will definitely return to the walls of our university, because the spirit of Kherson, like you, is indomitable!» - noted Rector of KSU Oleksandr Spivakovskiy.

Each of the deans had the opportunity to congratulate the graduates, and the graduates, in turn, thanked the University Management and teachers, who have walked this thorny path with them all these four years. One of the graduates aptly noted: what would modern Ukraine be like without teachers?

«You, dear teachers, have managed to firmly settle in our hearts. And today



This year two more graduates of the Bachelor received their diplomas in Ivano-Frankivsk in person

I want to say a big «thank you!». After all, modern Ukraine, what would it be without you, teachers. No matter what, you continued to fill us with knowledge. The coronavirus, the war, nothing in the world could have stopped you. And what you are doing is incredibly cool! Four years ago, when I entered the university, I was an 18-year-old girl who wanted to go to Europe as soon as possible, to leave Kherson as soon as possible, but now the girl, who has already graduated from the university, wants to go back, wants to come back home from Europe. So, I thank the university for two main things: that after completing my studies, I don't have the feeling that I wasted time, and that I want to return home,» said Mariia, a graduate of the Culture and Arts Faculty.

You can view the graduates' greetings of all faculties on the KSU official page of YouTube channel (https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLuL1dq6vVjh27MyiJ2_5KOP9iyTiqwTdU)

You can view the deans greetings on the KSU official page of YouTube channel (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oT>

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Three of this year's bachelor's graduates, who had the opportunity to personally participate in the event in Ivano-Frankivsk, were handed their education documents and supplements in person.

The KSU Rector Oleksandr Spivakovskiy thanked Ihor Tsependa for creating the conditions and helping in the temporary relocation of the Management Office of Kherson State University to Vasyl Stefanyk Precarpathian National University in Ivano-Frankivsk.

Oleksandr Spivakovskiy noted that today the universities are actively cooperating, and the KSU representatives have the opportunity to use the material base - the auditoriums and laboratories of Vasyl Stefanyk Precarpathian National University. *«This is not a story about competition between two Educational Institutions, but on the contrary, about a cluster model of interaction, cooperation and a timely shoulder of help and support to colleagues. Therefore, a fellow Rector can be considered not only a partner, a*

friend, but also the KSU godfather, because we have the opportunity to fully continue the life and development of our Institution,» said Oleksandr Spivakovskiy.

Rector of Vasyl Stefanyk Precarpathian National University Ihor Tsependa congratulated the Kherson State University graduates, who have now taken an important step in their lives. «I am convinced that you will be the pillar that will shape the Ukrainian image of Kherson region and Ukraine as a whole for decades. Remember that Carpathian Region and Ivano-Frankivsk will always be your second home, where they will always welcome you and will be happy for your success,» - Ihor Tsependa emphasized.

The Rector also presented a gift - a picture of angels, which, according to his words, will protect Kherson State University, students, and the whole staff.

At faculty meetings, deans informed graduates how they can get their Education Documents:

1. Personally applying to the University at the address: 14, Shevchenko Street, Ivano-Frankivsk.

2. By issuing a notarized Power of Attorney to a representative who will receive a document about education at the university at the above address.

3. By sending a statement, signed with a qualified electronic signature,

about sending a scanned document about education to the university official email address (office@ksu.ks.ua).

Those graduates who can receive their diplomas in person come to KSU in Ivano-Frankivsk. So, the graduation of the unconquered continues! On July 29th, two more of our bachelor's graduates received their diplomas in Ivano-Frankivsk. Rector Oleksandr Spivakovskiy, together with Vice-Rectors Maksym Vinnyk and Alla Tsapiv, congratulated Alina Hlushko and Valeriia Rybalko.

The girls noted that they fondly remember their student years, even despite all the difficulties that accompanied them during their studies. They are not saying goodbye to the university, because they plan to continue their Master's studies at Kherson State University.

«This is a unique graduation! They have gone through such trials that it is enough for several lifetimes. But this did not break our students, but on the contrary made them stronger. By the way, I was grateful that the girls noted the high quality of the distance education and the final certification organization. Modern youth understand this very well. We have really identified the development of digital services as one of the key priorities and we are relentlessly moving forward,» said Oleksandr Spivakovskiy.



***A present from Vasyl' Stefanyk PNU
to Kherson State University***

Planning of the educational process for 2022/2023

After the Final Certification and the «Graduation of the Unconquered» festive event completion, they began to plan for the next academic year.

Kherson State University is ready to start the educational process in any of the three formats - distance, mixed or classroom in Ivano-Frankivsk. After all, the institution has relevant agreements with Vasyl Stefanyk Precarpathian National University regarding access and use of their classrooms and laboratories.

To resolve the issue of the start and format of the new academic year, a survey was conducted among students and teachers. On the Rector instructions an online survey was conducted at the university. A Google questionnaire containing two questions was created. The first concerned the optimal date for the academic year start: on August 15th, as recommended by the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine, or on September

1st. The second is the format of education (distance, mixed or classroom).

In general, 1,406 university graduates took part in the survey. So, for the vast majority of students, September 1st is the optimal start date. 1309 students voted for it. As for the format of education, the majority chose distance education - 1,193 students, mixed - 121, and classroom - 90. That is, students pay attention to the safety factor.

By the university plan-regulations it was established that the beginning of educational classes in a mixed format in 2022/2023 academic year is for:

- 2, 3 and 4 years of the first (Bachelor's) level of higher education and 2 years of the second (Master's) level of higher education from September 1st, 2022;

- 1 courses of the first (Bachelor's) and second (Master's) levels of higher education from October 3rd, 2022.



Working meeting chaired by the First Vice-Rector Serhii Omelchuk in the KSU office in Ivano-Frankivsk, May, 2022



THE ADMISSION CAMPAIGN-2022

Outdoor landscape. Struggle to protect the rights of students from temporarily occupied territories

The situation in the educational sector requires constant attention at all levels. The pandemic, distance learning, and since February 24th, the full-scale invasion of the Russian Federation significantly affected the quality of the educational process, the psycho-emotional state of teachers and students. Since the beginning of the war, it has become clear that school children and students have unequal access to education. The situation in the temporarily occupied Kherson Region and in other regions of Ukraine under the control of the Government is radically different. Moreover, children's situations are completely different even in the Kherson region. There are settlements that are relatively calm, and there are those that are in the war zone under constant shelling.

Therefore, the question arose at the state level to determine algorithms for passing the final certification in institutions of general secondary education, taking into account the realities of temporarily occupied territories and territories where hostilities are taking place, and to develop new approaches to the admissions campaign in order to ensure the protection of the rights to higher education of all residents of Ukraine.

On March 10th, 2022, the Minister of Education and Science of Ukraine Serhiy Shkarlet, announced that, having joined forces with The Committee on Education, Science and Innovation of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine, the educational and parent communities they came up with a proposal for a one-time change of algorithms regarding the State Final Certification for students of the 11th grade and admission to Higher Education Institutions of Ukraine in 2022.

Taking into account the legal regime of martial law, which was caused by Russia's

military aggression, the aggressiveness of the Russian military and terrorist groups towards the national education and science system, it was proposed to cancel the preparation of the State Final Attestation (SFA), External Independent Testing (EIT), Unified Entrance Examination (UEE) and of the Unified Professional Entrance Examination (UPEE) as a competitive criterion for access to educational services.

«Such a decision is difficult, but necessary! After all, our main task is to reduce the level of any stress for children. They are going through a difficult period today, and we must make every effort to soften this period at least somehow,» the Minister emphasized.

Serhiy Shkarlet also noted that the cancellation of External Independent Assessment today is necessary to preserve the student contingent, the national intellectual potential, and encourage studying in Ukraine, even in such difficult times for our country and society.

During this period of uncertainty, trade unions played a major role. The Public Union «Council of Rectors of Ukraine» chaired by Professor Petro Kulikov is always an opportunity to conduct a professional discussion and initiate certain changes in Legislation and Regulatory Documentation, it is an open dialogue with the Ministry. The situation with the admissions campaign was regularly discussed at the meeting of the Union of the Council of Rectors of Higher Education Institutions of Ukraine, meeting of the Council of Rectors of Kherson Region. As a participant in the meetings, Rector of Kherson State University Oleksandr Spivakovskiy insisted on simplifying the Admission System considering the situation. He offered to allow admission based on the results of the Final Certification.



On March 31st, a fairly complicated extended meeting of the Council of Rectors of Ukraine took place, in which the university Rector, Oleksandr Spivakovskiy, took part. Issues related to the functioning of universities in the conditions of the war waged by our country against the aggressor were discussed. The key ones are:

1. Admission rules in conditions of war;

2. About the concept of Ukrainian Universities competitiveness;

Almost unanimously, the Council of Rectors proposed to the relevant Ministry and Committee of Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine, Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine to consider the extreme conditions in which our graduates find themselves during admission, in particular, the inequality of access to quality education, the impossibility of access to communications, the unprecedented migration flow of human capital from Ukraine... and to take as a basis for admission the certificates results. In some cases, on exclusive educational programs, multi-subject tests should be conducted. It is necessary to take into account the specifics of the situations in the territories where hostilities, temporary occupation, blockade were carried out... To understand the opponents of this approach, that corruption risks are practically zero compared to the danger of losing human capital, especially in destroyed cities, cities where the occupying power will continue to exist...

On April 1st, the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine held an online briefing on the specifics of the admissions campaign.

University Rector Oleksandr Spivakovskiy commented on his Facebook page: «I looked... Conclusion: how far they are from what is happening in the temporarily occupied territories! I am not even talking about the territories where hostilities are taking place. Now the details:

1. What multi-subject tests are we talking about for children who initially did not study because of the pandemic, and then - in bomb shelters;

2. What regional coefficients of 5% are we talking about when children and parents only think about how to leave this area;

3. Instead of motivation in the form of budgetary preferences, we have complex registrations and special requirements.

Proposal: make a «Marshall plan» for the human capital revival in Ukraine, especially in the areas of hostilities and temporary occupation! Otherwise, everything looks unsystematic, without understanding the consequences of the decisions announced today.

If there will be no educated people - there will be no Future!»

On April 6th, a regular meeting of the Unions of rectors of higher education institutions of Ukraine was held together with the Minister of Education and Science of Ukraine Serhiy Shkarlet. The key issue is the admission organization of our children to all levels of education in wartime conditions.

Brief conclusions made public by the Rector of the University Oleksandr Spivakovskiy:

1. The main goal is to give an opportunity, even in such difficult conditions, to enter Ukrainian universities, and not to leave the Motherland;

2. Maximum promotion of admission, through special algorithms, taking into account that most children did not have equal access to quality education;

3. Introduction of several waves of entry;

4. Maximum consideration of peculiarities in different territories;

5. Possibility of remote entry;

6. As soon as possible approval of the new Admission Terms;

On April 8th, the Council of Rectors of Kherson Universities took place. The key issues that were discussed related to the specifics of conducting training sessions and the specifics of the introductory campaign during the war. Conclusion:

1. To ensure the unconditional right of our students to receive quality Ukrainian



education and timely receipt of relevant diplomas;

2. To appeal to the Minister of Education and Science of Ukraine with a request to speed up the preparation of the Admission Terms in 2022 and to consider the peculiarities of different regions of Ukraine in this process.

On May 3rd, the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine approved the Procedure for admission to Higher Education in 2022. This document in no way took into account the entrants rights from temporarily occupied territories. Moreover, it created preconditions for residents of our native Kherson region to believe that Ukraine has forgotten about them.

Rector of the university, Oleksandr Spivakovskiy, reacted very emotionally on his Facebook page to the publication of the Admission Procedure: «As of now in Ukraine, after Crimea annexation in 2014, Kherson Region has the largest share - 94% of the temporarily occupied territory. The territory of Kherson region, according to the already «winged» expression of Arestovych, was fucked up. This caused the righteous indignation of thousands of residents of Kherson Region and not only! But! There is a real threat that this will happen for the second time. Only with the human capital that is the most valuable.

Look at what is happening: at a time when the whole country, despite the state of war and challenges, is preparing for the accession campaign, in the documents regulating the issue of accession in 2022, even the words «Kherson region» or «temporarily occupied territories of Kherson, Zaporizhzhya, ... regions» are missing! Our graduates were removed from the list of students! The excuse that you can enter certain specialties after an interview is not correct. This is an exception! If the right to education of at least one person is violated, then the task of the State is to protect and create conditions for everyone. That's what makes us different from, you know, which country. In our case, the rights of hundreds of graduates from Kherson region and

other temporarily occupied territories were violated!

The Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine approved the Procedure for the Higher Education Admission in 2022 (<https://mon.gov.ua/.../umovi-prijomu-dlya-zdobuttya...>), but for students from Kherson Region, in the majority of the territory of Zaporizhzhia Region, according to the specified Procedure, it is actually impossible to try to enroll in a budget form of education and the desired specialty. If the child did not leave Kherson Region to the controlled territory in order to pass the NMT, then he loses the chance to enroll in a budget form of education. We consider that due to the occupation, the lack of humanitarian green corridors throughout the war, not all families of graduates were able and will be able to afford to take their children out at their own risk.

Several questions still exist! For entrants from the Luhansk, Donetsk region and the Autonomous Republic of Crimea, in accordance with the Procedure, preferential admission under quota-2 is determined. This is an opportunity to get budget places, according to the order of the Ministry of Education and Culture #271 «On approval of the Admission Procedure for obtaining Higher, Professional pre-higher and Professional (vocational and technical) education for persons living in the temporarily occupied territory of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol, the temporarily occupied territory of certain districts of Donetsk and Luhansk regions, territories of settlements on the contact line».

On the other hand, not even separate regional coefficients have been determined for Kherson region, which significantly affects the competitive score for entrants.

What shall be done? Urgently review the admission conditions for children of the entire Kherson region, temporarily occupied territories of other regions of Ukraine, which are not specified in Resolution #271. In this way, we will be able to restore the faith of the residents of Kherson region in the fact that they have



Online meeting of the students with the President of Ukraine Volodymyr Zelenskiy

not forgotten about us. In this way, we will be able to create equal and transparent conditions for entrants and give the youth of Kherson region a chance for education.

While the glorious Armed Forces of Ukraine are recapturing every piece of Ukraine, and high-ranking officials are thinking and planning what to do next, children and parents of Kherson region believe and hope that the words «Kherson region was fucked up» will never be heard a second time.

«Kherson region is Ukraine, and our youth is its future! During the war, one must think about the future!!!», Spivakovskiy wrote.

On May 19th, the issue of protecting the rights of applicants and students and teachers of the temporarily occupied territories was raised at a meeting of students of Higher Education Institutions with the President of Ukraine Volodymyr Zelenskiy. KSU representatives had the opportunity to ask questions. The communication took place in an online format on the basis of Vasyl Stefanyk Precarpathian National University, where the KSU Management Center is temporarily located.

The meeting was attended by students from over 20 institutions of Higher Education in Ukraine. There were 11 locations: in Ivano-Frankivsk, Kyiv, Dnipro, Lviv, Kryvyi Rih, Odesa, Chernihiv and Kharkiv.

Yevheniia Revenko, KSU graduate student, Head of the International Initiatives and Project Management Department, thanked President of Ukraine Volodymyr Zelenskiy for the fact that, despite all the threats, he stayed in Ukraine, in Kyiv. This strengthened the spirit of Ukrainians who united in the struggle for their State.

Yevheniia Revenko also used the opportunity and during the marathon voiced to the President of Ukraine the



Postgraduate student Yevheniia Revenko asks the President of Ukraine Volodymyr Zelenskiy a question

issues that concern the residents of the temporarily occupied Kherson Region.

The first was related to the need to ensure a balance in a situation where students in the temporarily occupied territory are unable to pay for their studies. And accordingly, External Independent Assessment, which, among other things, finances the salaries of employees at the expense of contract students, does not have the funds to fulfill its obligations.

The second is the opening of opportunities for entrants from the temporarily occupied territories to enter Higher Education Institutions on the budget form. Currently, this is impossible without passing a national multi-subject test, which is conducted only in the controlled territory. At the same time, Kherson graduates are deprived the opportunity to leave the territory of the region - since the beginning of the temporary occupation, not a single official «green corridor» has worked, and now the occupier has blocked entry and exit in general, he is shooting at convoys of cars from «Volleys»...

«We felt that the President of Ukraine was interested in the issue, he was even surprised that in the temporarily occupied territory, the need for contract students to pay for their education was preserved. He gave the floor to the Minister of Education

and Science of Ukraine Serhiy Shkarlet, listened to him, and then had to interrupt with a question to the audience, if the participants of the marathon understood what to do with tuition fees? In the live broadcast mode, the President of Ukraine also questioned the Minister about the protection of the rights and interests of entrants from the temporarily occupied territories. He correctly emphasized: what the children, who, for security reasons, cannot go to the controlled territory to take the test, should do? How can they enroll?», - commented Rector of Kherson State University Oleksandr Spivakovskiy.

On the same day, a message was published on the website of President of Ukraine Volodymyr Zelenskiy (https://www.president.gov.ua/news/prezident-proponuye-poshiriti-sproshenij-poryadok-vstupu-do-75193?fbclid=IwAR1-sBM_Sdqppg0voFAc-OIE8sDEawSGEJvk7ZgrjwWmC3gCAxCuZf-cR7g):

«President of Ukraine, Volodymyr Zelenskiy, believes that students from all territories of our country, which are currently under the temporary occupation of the Russian Federation, should be able to enter Ukrainian universities under a simplified scheme. He said this during an online meeting with students and rectors of Ukrainian Higher Education Institutions.



***Participants of the online meeting
with the President of Ukraine***



The Head of State recalled that in 2020, a simplified mechanism for admission to Ukrainian Higher Education Institutions was introduced for graduates from the temporarily occupied territories of Donetsk, Luhansk regions and Autonomous Republic of Crimea. By Volodymyr Zelenskiy words, students from the temporarily occupied territories of Kherson and Zaporizhia regions should have the same opportunities.

«It is necessary to work out the issue of the temporarily occupied territories list. I will give instructions to prepare the necessary decisions,» the President of Ukraine emphasized.

Besides, responding to the students' appeal, the Head of State tasked the Minister of Education and Science Serhiy Shkarlet to develop a mechanism for solving the payment issue under contracts for students from the territories under occupation.

«Today, we recognize Kherson region as temporarily occupied territory. Therefore, it is not clear to me why a student from Kherson region should pay money,» Volodymyr Zelenskiy said.

The Head of State proposed to develop such a solution, which will help to remove this urgent problem for students from the temporarily occupied districts of Kherson, Zaporizhzhia, Kharkiv regions and Donbas».

This planned struggle for the students' rights from the temporarily occupied territories using all possible platforms and means of communication forced the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine to review the admission conditions.

On June 10th, Minister of Education and Science of Ukraine, Serhiy Shkarlet, stated that «for entrants who will not be able to leave the territory under the control of the Government or who have been forcibly relocated to the temporarily occupied territory (Autonomous Republic of Crimea, the city of Sevastopol, Separate districts of Donetsk and Luhansk regions),

the territory of the Russian Federation or the Republic of Belarus, entrance tests will be provided in the format of a remote individual oral interview or a creative competition. When enrolling in a contract form of education (for most specialties), it is enough for the entrant to submit a motivation letter.» That is, it means that students who are in the temporarily occupied territories do not need to take the national multi-subject test.

Another important message from the Minister - «we are fighting for every current and future Ukrainian student!» This completely coincides with our philosophy. We talked about the protection of the graduates' constitutional rights of Institutions of General Secondary Education in the temporarily occupied territories at all the meetings in which we participated, because we have been forming the human capital of Kherson region for many decades and we know what role our university plays in the development of the region.

On June 16th, Rector of Kherson State University Oleksandr Spivakovskiy took part in the meeting of the Presidium of the Union of Rectors of Higher Education Institutions of Ukraine. On the agenda was summing up the results of the 2021/2022 academic year, new conditions for licensing of Higher Education Institutions, discussion of work algorithms in the new academic year and the 2022 admissions campaign. There was a discussion on every issue, especially lively - about the future of higher education. It was about supporting the displaced Institution of higher education and entering the temporarily occupied territories. Minister of Education and Science of Ukraine Serhiy Shkarlet, who was present at the meeting, once again confirmed that Ukraine will fight for every young person, including the right to education of graduates from the temporarily occupied territories.

In July, final changes were made to the Rules of admission to institutions of higher, professional pre-higher education, in which such an option as



quota-2 appeared, which allowed students registered in particularly dangerous territories, which include the temporarily occupied Kherson region, to enter the first undergraduate course based on the results of an oral remote interview and motivation letter. The procedure for admission to the master's degree has also been simplified. Corresponding changes to the Admission Rules already approved by KSU were made at a meeting of the Academic Council. Also, a new version of the Admission Rules was approved for the structural subdivisions - Berislav Specialty Pedagogical College named after V.F. Benkovsky and Henichesk Professional College.

On July 16th, another issue that was raised at the May 19th meeting of President of Ukraine Volodymyr Zelenskyi with Ukrainian education seekers was resolved!

As the Minister of Education and Science of Ukraine, Serhiy Shkarlet, reported in his Telegram channel (<https://t.me/SerhiyShkarlet/1055>), the Government decided to allocate funds from the reserve fund of the state budget to compensate for the expenses of Higher Education Institutions for the training of specialists who had arrears for the second semester teaching. Due to the lack of income from tuition fees, it is impossible to ensure the timely payment of salaries to scientific and pedagogical and other employees, to pay for the provided communal services, etc.

13,000 students will be exempted from debt repayment, for which the Government has allocated almost 87 million hryvnias from the state budget. In this way, the state will pay universities the debts of contract students who, due to the start of full-scale military operations, being under occupation or in a war zone, are unable to pay for their studies. It is about protecting the rights and interests of students, entrants, and employees!

Oleksandr Spivakovskiy instructed Vice-Rector Maksym Vinnyk and the relevant services to work out the debt repayment mechanisms of the special

budget fund of Kherson State University and to summarize information about students who no longer have debts for education.

As of October, Kherson State University informed the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine about the existence of debt to the special fund, which is formed from tuition fees, in the amount of 3.2 million hryvnias. Information was provided for each faculty, for each recipient and systematized. We are waiting for the development of the Procedure for compensating universities for this debt and direct allocation of funds. So far, the universities have not received compensation from the State for paying for the education of students in the II quarter of 2022. Instead, the university fulfilled all its obligations to the students, despite the fact that many of them had arrears for their studies. Including the graduates of graduation courses, all without exception were admitted to the final certification.

On August 3rd, the Educational Information Resource «Osvita.ua» published the consolidated ranking of Higher Education Institutions of Ukraine in 2022. Among 250 Institutions of Higher Education, Kherson State University took 70th place. Every year, Kherson State University shows a positive trend and improves its previous results.

«As always, we are in the lead and have also improved our position compared to last year by 7 points and took the lucky 70th place in the rating! This is a real victory for every member of the university team, of each recipient, because everyone filled the treasure chest of achievements, high results, and victories. The university has passed the challenges of the pandemic with dignity and maintains a high quality of education, scientific activity during the period of martial law,» commented Rector of KSU Oleksandr Spivakovskiy.

The published independent rating is another signal to students that Kherson State University is a Higher Education Institution that provides quality Ukrainian education.



Interior landscape. Peculiarities of the entrance campaign at Kherson State University

Uncertainty regarding the format of this year's admissions campaign in the conditions of martial law did not prevent Kherson State University from starting preparations for it. High-quality and productive conduct of the admissions campaign was defined as one of the priorities of the university's activities.

On April 1st, Kherson State University joined the single day of career guidance among education seekers of Kherson, initiated by the Department of Education of the Kherson City Council. On April 4, at a meeting of the University Administration, Vice-Rector Alla Tsapiv presented a new concept of the university's career guidance activities in wartime conditions. In particular, communication with entrants on social networks has been resumed, interesting courses and lectures have been developed that will allow entrants to be interested in studying at the university, the creation of a new design of information booklets has been initiated, which is related to the innovations and uncertainty of the details of the 2022 admission campaign. On April 11th, the work of the Viber group «Applicant» was resumed, in which future entrants, their parents, representatives of the university's admissions committee, deans of faculties communicate in an open dialogue mode. As of the beginning of the active phase of the admission campaign (beginning of August 2022), the group had 1,132 members.

Main functions:
communication;
informing about the stages of the introductory campaign;
clarification of legislation, rules of entry;
technical support (assistance in setting up individual electronic offices of the entrant);
publication of interview schedules, creative contests, drawing up online queues.

From May 1st, the admissions committee of Kherson State University began active work. Despite all the difficulties and the occupation, Kherson graduates trusted the reputation of KSU and were interested in admission conditions: they called and came to our admissions office. For three days of May, its specialists processed more than 20 requests from applicants!

On July 14th, the order «On the specifics of the 2022 entry campaign during the period of martial law» was issued. In particular, Deans of Faculties, Heads of Departments are tasked with: 1) providing consulting work on the peculiarities of admission to educational programs of Kherson State University; 2) ensure the work of subject examination commissions, commissions for conducting interviews, commissions for conducting creative contests, commissions for conducting entrance tests for admission to study at the Degree of Higher Education «Bachelor», «Master» (medical, pharmaceutical and veterinary fields) on the basis of full general secondary education, professional attestation commissions for conducting professional entrance tests for admission to Higher Education Degree «bachelor» based on the educational and qualification level of a junior specialist, educational and professional degree of a professional junior bachelor, educational degree of a junior bachelor, professional attestation commissions for conducting professional entrance tests and an entrance exam in a foreign language upon admission to study for the Degree of Higher Education «Master» based on the obtained Degree of Higher Education (educational qualification level), commissions for consideration of motivation letters from applicants for admission to study for the Degree of Higher Education «Bachelor's degree», «Master's degree» for the period of the 2022 admission campaign.



Also, as part of the planning of the educational process for the next year, an important decision of the Academic Council was adopted on July 14th, that was put into effect by the rector's order to establish the cost of education for the period of martial law. In particular, from September 01st, 2022, during the period of martial law and for two months after its end, the cost of education will be 12,000 UAH for students of all levels of higher education and forms of education, who are studying at the expense of individuals or legal entities, and who do not have debts for payment as of August 31st, 2022, except for specialties for which the tuition fee is less than 12,000 UAH.

In this way, the University undertook not to increase the tuition fees, taking care of both the students and applicants in difficult conditions.

On May 16th, during a meeting of the Academic Council, Vice-Rector for Educational and Scientific-Pedagogical Affairs Dariia Malchykova, presented a project of information materials on the features of the 2022 admissions campaign, which specialists are preparing for potential students.

On July 1st, 2022, the University, together with the whole Ukraine, started an admissions campaign. From this day on, it was possible to register the entrant's personal electronic accounts. On July 2nd, creative competitions began in a remote format at two faculties - the Faculty of Culture and Arts and the Faculty of Physical Education and Sports.

On July 29th, applicants began submitting electronic applications remotely to selected universities through pre-registered personal accounts. In the morning, dozens of calls and messages were sent to the admissions committee of Kherson State University. Dozens of questions in our «Applicant» community in VIBER, which includes more than 1,000 of our potential students. Almost everyone had a problem with the confirmation of quota-2, that is, the benefit for admission, which is given to applicants whose place

of residence is registered in a particularly dangerous territory, to which Kherson region belongs now. This quota provides for the possibility of remotely entering the budget without HMT based on the results of an oral interview and a motivation letter.

Many of our future students from the occupied Kherson region specifically looked for a place where the connection «catches» and took a certain risk in order to submit documents to the University.

There was also good news! Despite certain inaccuracies in the system's operation, on the first day we already had up to a hundred applications to our university!

As of the evening of August 8th, 636 applications were submitted to Kherson State University from entrants entering the 1st year of general secondary education on the basis of the budget form of education. 543 applications for quota-2, i.e. from entrants from our native Kherson region!

On September 16th, Kherson State University started entrance tests for entrants to the 1st year based on a Bachelor's degree (Master's degree, education level specialist) to obtain full-time and part-time Master's Degrees. The exams lasted until September 19th according to the established schedule, which was posted on the website in advance. Preparatory work was also carried out: professional consultations were held, programs of entrance exams were approved and posted on the Departments' websites. The examination commissions included Faculty Deans, Department Heads, guarantors and teachers. The entrance tests were held remotely in the format of an online conference. The commission's decision was sent to entrants in their personal electronic accounts.

As of September 14th, 1,433 applications for admission were submitted to Kherson State University, of which 742 were for the Master's degree.

From September 12th to 15th, the entrance tests for postgraduate studies of the Kherson State University were held. According to the words of Serhii



Omelchuk, admission to the graduate school of Kherson State University for obtaining the educational-scientific level of Doctor of Philosophy PhD is carried out on a competitive basis in the relevant fields of knowledge, scientific specialties, and educational-scientific programs. Admission rules and programs were posted in advance on the university's official website for review. Entrance exams to postgraduate studies were conducted by subject commissions, the composition of which was approved by the Rector's order. Exams were held in oral form using information and

communication technologies in the mode of a web conference with mandatory video recording. A total of 25 applications were submitted (for 9 educational-scientific program), of which:

for places of state order - 15

for the funds of individuals or legal entities - 10.

Entrants who did not have time to apply for admission in the main summer admission had an additional opportunity to do so. The second wave of the admissions campaign at the university lasted from October 3rd till 21st.

The results of the admission campaign

According to the results of three rounds of admission, the family of Kherson State University has been added by 1041 students. Of this number, 501 entered the Bachelor's degree, 520 - the Master's degree, 20 are applying for the PhD degree - Doctor of Philosophy. Among more than a thousand of our new students, 866 are from our native Kherson region. This is the

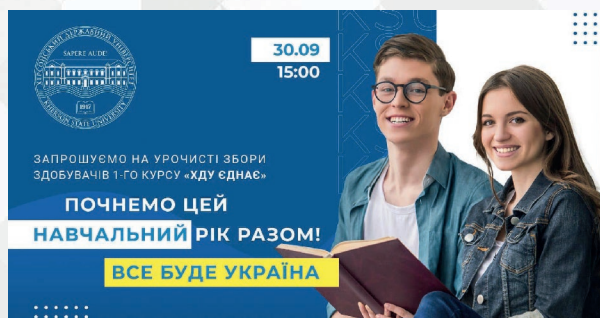
best answer to the organizers of the fake referendum! Despite all the propaganda and pressure, the youth of Kherson region believe in Ukraine and in quality Ukrainian education. They believe in KSU! This is a stunning result, a joint result of the work of the university team and motivated students who, despite all the difficulties, worked for the result.



Usually, during the Introductory Campaign, the square in front of the KSU main building looked like this. In 2022, the admission took place remotely, and our university is captured. We believe that next year we will meet our applicants in Kherson!

BEGINNING OF THE NEW 2022/2023 ACADEMIC YEAR

On September 1st, the educational process began for students of senior courses at all levels of education.



On the occasion of the Day of Knowledge, the indomitable community of Kherson State University united at the festive meeting «KSU Unites». The celebrations took place on the zoom platform, where the friendly family of our institution jointly started the new 2022/2023 academic year.

Oleksandr Spivakovskiy, the Rector of the university, opened the solemn meeting

with a welcome speech: «Kherson State University continues its activities! Despite the war and temporary occupation, we managed to preserve the most important thing - unity of spirit and faith in Ukraine, in the fact that Kherson was, is and will be Ukrainian. We wish everyone peace, harmony, an absolute victory, and an early return to our native Ukrainian Kherson!»

Rector of Vasyl Stefanyk Precarpathian National University (Ivano-Frankivsk) Ihor Tsependa joined the greetings: «We sincerely congratulate the heroic Kherson State University on the beginning of the new academic year, on the Day of Knowledge. This holiday once again proves the educational solidarity and friendship of Ukrainian universities in our example. We are proud and admire you, your desire to make every effort to make Kherson Ukrainian. We are sincerely glad for our friendship and cooperation!»

The deans of the faculties also congratulated the students and employees on the holiday, noting that all difficulties



Kherson State University team at the solemn meeting dedicated to the Knowledge Day. September 1, 2022, Ivano-Frankivsk



definitely make us stronger. At the meeting of «KSU Unites», the participants of the event honored the memory of the dead Ukrainians who gave their lives during the full-scale war. About a thousand students, teachers and employees joined the event.

On the instructions of the university Rector and in compliance with the requirements of the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine, work has begun on the creation of an automated system for collecting information on the organization of the educational process. This system includes a call to the appropriate register of attendance of classes by students and recordings of lectures, practical classes, and other materials from teachers. The principal position is a high-quality educational process and the availability of open information about what is happening at the University.

On September 12th, at the meeting of the University Administration, Vice-Rector for Educational and Scientific-Pedagogical Affairs Malchykova, gave a report on the beginning of the academic year, monitoring of educational activities, participation of students, and on



KSU freshmen at the solemn meeting in Ivano-Frankivsk

adjusting the academic load according to the enrolled contingent of students for higher education, document verification. It is important that during the period from September 1st till 9th, 1,613 training sessions were conducted, of which only 7% were in an asynchronous format, which indicates that even taking into account the existing communication problems of the participants of the educational process who are in Kherson region and of the general dispersion of students and teachers across Ukraine and the world,



KSU freshmen are the participants of the solemn event «KSU Unites!»

the distance educational process is of high quality, there is communication, all processes are controlled. The next step is to monitor the participation of students in educational classes.

On September 30th, Kherson State University celebrated the beginning of the academic year for first-year students «KSU unites». The university community congratulated the undefeated freshmen, who became part of a large and friendly university family. At the beginning of the event, the attendees honored all those who died as a result of armed aggression against Ukraine with a moment of silence.

This year, the celebrations for the beginning of the new academic year for first-year students were held at Kherson State University in a remote format for the first time. However, this in no way diminished the merits of our brave and patriotic freshmen who, despite the

propaganda, pressure, and danger caused by the full-scale invasion of Russia in Ukraine and the occupation of their native Kherson region, showed faith in Ukraine and chose to study at the Ukrainian Kherson State University. Currently, the majority of students and teachers are scattered around Ukraine and the world, acquaintance takes place through the screens of monitors and gadgets. Nevertheless, KSU has its own traditions of welcoming first-year students, which the audience was introduced to thanks to the video story.

First-year students located in Ivano-Frankivsk, where a large part of the participants of the educational process moved, had the opportunity to attend the celebrations in person and all of them received gifts from the university.

Friends and partners of the university, vice-rectors, deans, teachers



The KSU team and PNU Rector Ihor Tsependa during the solemn meeting of freshmen. Ivano-Frankivsk



KSU administration at the solemn meeting of freshmen

and employees, representatives of the student body joined the solemn event. In total - more than 300 participants!

Rector of KSU Oleksandr Spivakovskiy noted that Kherson State University accepted 843 new students for studies this year: 423 - Bachelors, 400 - Master's students, 20 – post-graduate students.

«And what is very important for all of us: 645 of them are young people from Kherson region. This is a great merit and work of our entire team and certainly those who defend our country at the front and do everything possible to liberate Kherson region. The day will come, and we will come back home to Kherson. And we will develop not only territories, but human capital, which will revive our region and the country,» the Rector noted.

Oleksandr Spivakovskiy also thanked the students who chose Kherson State University. And he emphasized that freshmen with the highest scores,

according to tradition, will receive tablets after the team returns to Kherson. There are 11 such students this year. This indicates a high level of trust of entrants to our university!

Later, guests of the event - regional and city leaders and representatives of the educational sector spoke before the audience.

Deputy Head of Kherson Military Administration Dmytro Butrii thanked the university staff for their work and congratulated the freshmen on the start of the new academic year. He emphasized that despite all the difficulties, the University continues to work and train highly qualified specialists. «The Ukrainian State was, is and will be! And the victory will definitely be ours. Believe me, we will rebuild all our territories. And Ukraine will be the most successful country in Europe because our people deserve and aspire to live in a European and developed state. And for this we need



specialists, experts of all fields. Today your front is training. The victory is close, you will definitely return to Kherson, to Kherson State University and receive your diplomas on completion of studies already there,» said Dmytro Butrii.

Deputy Chairman of the Kherson Regional Council - Head of the Executive Yurii Sobolevskyi joined the greetings. He addressed the first-year students, emphasizing that they were in good hands: «From the first days of the war, Kherson State University has taken a patriotic pro-Ukrainian position. It was you who opened the volunteer center, which gives help not only to employees and students, but also to a large number of residents of the city and region.

The position of the KSU team, which in the first days of the full-scale invasion gathered at the meeting of the Academic Council to emphasize that Kherson State University does not support Russian aggression and continues to work as a Ukrainian educational institution, is admirable. And this despite the threat to personal safety. I am sure that at KSU you will get quality education, become competitive in the labor market and be successful in your future professional activities.»

Head of Kherson City Military Administration Halyna Luhova, a graduate of our institution, wished the team and students' well-being, harmony and peace. She emphasized the fact that a large number of respectable and well-known people studied at KSU. Today, they hold leading positions in the city and region. «You made the right choice by choosing Kherson State University.

I am sure that a great future awaits you because you are on the right path. I wish each of you to find yourself in this life. Because you are priceless, with your support we will have a great future,» Halyna Luhova said.

Head of the Department of Education and Science of Kherson Regional military administration Tetiana Yushko wished that the new academic

year would be another step on the way to the development of the University. Also, using the opportunity, she congratulated educators on the Day of the Education Worker of Ukraine.

Head of the Department of Education of Kherson City Council Nataliia Zhurzhenko also joined in congratulating teachers on their professional holiday. And she wished the first-year students to confidently move towards their goals and success in their studies.

Rector of Vasyl Stefanyk Precarpathian National University Ihor Tsependa personally visited the event and congratulated the students and staff of the University, who noted that he was pleasantly surprised by the number of brave young people who became KSU students.

In his opinion, these are real personalities who have a core and are sincere patriots of their country, who want to be in Ukraine and, most importantly, to build it. He also emphasized that, in the person of Vasyl Stefanyk Precarpathian National University, KSU has a sincere friend and partner who is rooting for us and is always ready to help.

On behalf of the deans the Dean of the Faculty of Physical Education and Sports Ivan Hlukhov spoke. He noted the high achievements of the current freshmen and wished everyone to be strong not only in spirit but also in body.

During the event, the freshmen had the opportunity not only to hear the words of congratulations from the representatives of the faculties, but also to feel the atmosphere of unity of the university community - indomitability of spirit, patriotism and an unceasing thirst for development and prosperity.

The Humanitarian Department prepared a video presentation of the faculties, and the Student Parliament prepared a video message from the representatives of the faculties.

On October 7, a solemn meeting of students for postgraduate studies was held.



ACADEMIC COUNCIL

The Academic Council of Kherson State University, according to the University Regulations, is conducted at the end of each month. Even the establishment of the martial law and the transition to a remote format of work did not violate these rules.

For the first time since Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine, the Chairman of the Academic Council Volodymyr Oleksenko convened an extraordinary meeting on February 26. Only one issue was considered. The Academic Council of the University made a political decision - supported the appeal to educators from Russia and the world to condemn the military actions of Russia and the humanitarian catastrophe created by the invaders.

On February 28, a regular meeting was conducted. Out of 45 members of the Academic Council, 40 representatives were present remotely and in person (in room 256 of Kherson State University). Before the beginning of the meeting, a minute of silence was observed in memory of the fallen Ukrainian soldiers and civilians of Ukraine during these terrible days of the war started by Russia.

The meeting was attended by First Deputy Chairman of the Kherson Regional Council Yuri Sobolevskyi and Head of Affairs of the Executive Apparatus of the Regional Council Pavlo Aleksandrov. They reported on the situation in the region, on the work done by the authorities to coordinate and ensure the vital



***First Deputy Chairman of the Kherson Regional Council,
Yurii Sobolevskyi took part in the work of the Academic Council.
February 26, 2022***



activity of the city and the region. Such communication at that time was extremely necessary. People had and should receive official information firsthand. From the representatives of the regional authorities, we heard that Kherson State University was and remains an island of stability and reliability.

The Chairman of the Academic Council Volodymyr Oleksenko held the meeting according to the agenda. As it was formed in advance, and life has completely changed in recent days, some issues had to be postponed (for example, on international mobility programs), or vice versa to strengthen.

The latter concerned changes in the composition of the editorial boards of scientific publications of the university. This issue began to be prepared even before the invasion before the war. We are talking about the removal from the editorial boards of the current publications of scientists from the republic of belarus, a country that is a supporter of the military conflict.

This is the country from which the aggressor comes to our land. The Kherson State University website and documentation were monitored, and there is an official refusal to cooperate with the country that supports aggression. Similarly, a few years ago the university refused to cooperate with russia.

I am proud of our team, which professes common values, does everything possible and impossible to provide our students with quality education under Ukrainian educational and scientific programs at the Ukrainian university. We fulfill all the recommendations of the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine, we are in constant contact with the Minister Serhii Shkarlet», - Rector Oleksandr Spivakovskiy emphasized at the meeting.

After discussing the information of First Vice-Rector Serhii Omelchuk, they voted for amendments to the procedure for the rating assessment of scientific and pedagogical workers, departments, and faculties for 2019-2021. This issue was

discussed in detail with the academic staff and a collegial decision was submitted for consideration: to leave the individual rating of the academic staff for 2019-2021 as one that can be taken into account during the competitive selection for vacant positions of the academic staff, the determination of candidates for the award for the best young scientist and their financial incentives, the reasonable distribution of rates at the departments, and the adoption of other decisions on various types of incentives for academic staff during the academic year 2022/2023.

During the meeting, a new version of the Regulations on the Legal Department of KSU was approved. The new edition of the Regulation on the Cultural and Artistic HUB of Kherson State University was also approved. Director of the department Serhii Kuznetsov reported on the details. HUB should conduct active work even in the conditions of occupation and wartime. Yes, now there are no live art events, but in the virtual space the university should be active, engaged in the formation of patriotic spirit, cooperate with the city and regional departments of education, the community.

The Academic Council unanimously and unquestioningly supported the initiative of the Faculty of Psychology, History and Sociology to install a memorial plaque in the memorial complex of KSU to Viktor Patuliak, a graduate of 2014 majoring in the specialty «History», who in the first days of the war as a member of the Kherson border detachment laid down his own life for the sake of freedom, independence, territorial integrity, and inviolability of Ukraine. Glory to the Hero and eternal memory!

On April 26, at a meeting of the Academic Council chaired by Volodymyr Oleksanko, it was discussed that Kherson is the only regional center that is under occupation, so we must take into account certain restrictions in the administration, access and registers of the Unified State Electronic Database on Education (USEDE), the security factor when making



***Meeting of the Academic Council on May 30, mixed format.
Part of KSU staff is in the scientific library of KSU in Kherson***

certain decisions. The challenges that we had to overcome during the coronavirus pandemic taught us to be flexible, to work and teach remotely and at the same time to fulfill our main mission - to educate a patriotic, educated young generation, which is the future of Ukraine, our precious human capital.

First Vice-Rector of KSU Serhii Omelchuk reported on the need to amend the procedure for submitting term papers and qualification works for defense in the 2021/2022 academic year. Also, Serhii Omelchuk informed about changes to the commission on academic integrity of KSU and granting scientific publications the stamp of the Academic Council of the university. Even in difficult times, our scientists continue to work.

Vice-Rector for Educational and Scientific-Pedagogical Affairs Dariia Malchykova informed that according to the decisions made on changes in the form of final certification for students for the first (Bachelor's) level of higher education, it was decided to keep qualification works as a form of certification for individual

educational programs. Also, members of the Academic Council of KSU approved the topics of qualification works of students for the first (Bachelor's) level of higher education of full-time and part-time forms of education.

Consequently, the adopted decisions allow to complete the academic year in time and consider the possibilities of students and teachers.

At the meeting of the Academic Council on May 30, First Vice-Rector Serhii Omelchuk presented a detailed analysis of the implementation of priority directions of science development at Kherson State University. Despite the difficult periods, the university has quite positive dynamic changes in both all-Ukrainian and international ranking positions. We were, are and remain the best higher education institution in the region in many aspects. A few days before conducting the Academic Council, the rating of higher education institutions according to the Scopus scientometric database was published. KSU improved its position, rising two steps in the ranking of Ukrainian higher

education institutions and increasing the citation index (Hirsch index) to 17.

During the meeting, changes in the structure of the university were approved - from September 1, 2022, the Foreign Language Education Sector will be included in the structure of the Department of International Initiatives and Project Activities.

Vice-Rector for Educational and Scientific-Pedagogical Affairs Daria Malchykova reported on the approval of the list of certificate programs / elective components / educational disciplines of the cycle of general and professional training for the academic year 2022/2023 based on the results of the election by students. The development of high-quality certificate programs is what makes us unique, what makes the name and reputation of the university as a platform for not only formal but also non-formal education, the demand for which is growing constantly.

Among the issues of the Vice-Rector are the change of guarantors of educational programs, granting the recommendation of the Academic Council to manuals and teaching materials of teachers and staff of the university, preparation of curricula of the first (Bachelor's) and second (Master's) levels of higher education for entrants in 2022.

The Vice-Rector International, Social and Humanitarian, Research and Education Affairs Alla Tsapiv reported on the system of international activities of the university under the martial law. We continue to actively cooperate with Polish educational institutions - the Pomeranian Academy and Adam Mickiewicz University, as well as the University of Klagenfurt (Austria) within the framework of semester internships and double degree programs.

This year the educational and scientific project «Academic Bridge» was successful, thanks to which it was possible to unite lecturers from Ukraine, Europe and the world around the popularization of science.

Vice-Rector for Financial, Economic and Scientific-Pedagogical Work Maksym Vinnyk reported on the cost of education for higher education students.

Also during the meeting, they received an information report on the work of the Press Center during the period of the martial law. The Head of the Press Center Oksana Kazakova reported on this issue.

The members of the Academic Council approved a new edition of the Rules of Admission for Higher Education at Kherson State University in 2022 (speaker - Executive Secretary of the Admission



Chairman of the Academic Council Volodymyr Oleksenko and Dean of the Faculty of Ukrainian and Foreign Philology and Journalism Iryna Goshtanar



Committee Nataliia Voropai) and agreed on a new edition of the Rules of Admission for Professional Pre-Higher Education at Henichesk Professional College of Kherson State University in 2022 (speaker - Director of the College Halyna Tolubets).

At the meeting of the Academic Council on June 27 in the format of a zoom conference, all issues on the agenda were quickly processed. I emphasized that we continue to work, having everything we need - patriotic human potential, the best students, material support from the state, quality digital services, reliable partners in Ivano-Frankivsk and around the world. Therefore, we confidently start the admission campaign, the emphasis of which is on attracting and supporting entrants from the temporarily occupied Kherson region. Together we will shape the future of the Ukrainian Kherson region. Of course, our doors are open for everyone who wants to get a quality education at the best university in the South of Ukraine.

First Vice-Rector Serhii Omelchuk reported on changes in the composition of the editorial board of the scientific professional publication; granting the scientific publication the stamp of the Academic Council of KSU; approval of the list of elective educational disciplines of the cycle of general and professional training in educational and scientific programs for the preparation of students for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy for the academic year 2022/2023, the creation of a single specialized Academic Council for the award of the degree of Doctor of Philosophy; approval of the Regulations on the procedure for public defense of the dissertation of the student for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in KSU.

Among the issues of Vice-Rector for Educational and Scientific-Pedagogical Affairs Dariia Malchykova is the approval of the curricula of the first (Bachelor's), second (Master's) and third (Educational and Scientific) levels of higher education of all educational programs / specialties for entrants in 2022; amendments to the Procedure for expulsion, interruption of

study, renewal and transfer of persons receiving higher education at KSU for the period of the martial law in Ukraine; change of guarantors of educational programs; granting the recommendation stamp of the Academic Council to manuals and teaching materials of teachers and university staff.

Also, the participants approved the procedure for the implementation of international academic mobility programs of Kherson State University students and recommended students for international academic scholarships.

And this is a very important step, this is what we can already offer our students and future students as a significant advantage of obtaining education in our institution - the opportunity to receive a second diploma in parallel with studying at Kherson State University, to undergo an internship in the best universities in the world.

The results of the survey of students of the third (Educational and Scientific) level of higher education for the first semester of the 2021/2022 academic year were reported by the Head of the Quality Assurance of Education Department Tetiana Cherkashyna. She presented a detailed analysis of the survey, which was joined by 47.6% of students of 5 educational programs - Law, Pedagogical Sciences, Psychology, Software Engineering and Philology. According to the survey, students are satisfied with the quality of education and the educational process.

On August 29, at the meeting of the Academic Council, the First Vice-Rector Serhii Omelchuk highlighted the issue of approving the results of the rating assessment of scientific and pedagogical workers, departments and faculties. He appealed to the members of the Academic Council with a proposal to allocate additional rates from the reserve fund to establish individual academic workloads for academic staff who are in the TOP 10% of the teaching staff - a 20% reduction in the volume of academic workload per 1 rate, to the TOP 11-30% of the teaching staff - a



10% reduction in the volume of academic workload per 1 rate. Also among the issues of the First Vice-Rector - making changes to the composition of the editorial boards of scientific professional publications; providing 6 scientific publications with the stamp of the Academic Council of KSU; recognition of the results of the international internship of 3 scientific and pedagogical workers who passed it in full-time and mixed form on the basis of Polish universities; approval of the new edition of the Regulations on certification of students for the third (Educational and Scientific) level of higher education, due to changes in the procedure for defending doctors of philosophy.

Also, for the first time unanimously supported the decision on deprivation of the honorary title of Kherson State University.

The Academic Council revoked the academic title «Honorary Doctor of Science of Kherson State University» to Doctor of Medicine, Associate Professor Romaskevych Yuriy Oleksiiovych, awarded in 2017 because of his cooperation with the occupation authorities, participation in the so-called forum «We are together with Russia» and promotion of the ideas of Russian peace. This decision, like all others, will soon be published on the official website of the university. This is a principled position of the team, which in the seventh month of the martial law, occupation continues to work as a united patriotic team.

After hearing and discussing the information presented by the Vice-Rector for Educational, Scientific-Pedagogical Affairs Dariia Malchykova, the members of the Academic Council voted to change the guarantors of educational programs, as well as to amend, update and approve curricula for individual educational programs.

In addition, the participants supported the decision to amend the Procedure for expulsion, interruption of study, renewal and transfer of persons obtaining higher education at KSU and

the Procedure for providing an individual studying schedule, individual period of practice and passing the test and examination session. Relevant changes are necessary due to the martial law, taking into account the special conditions in which the students are.

Vice-Rector for International, Social and Humanitarian, Research and Education Affairs Alla Tsapiv reported on the recommendation of 4 KSU students for scholarships of the President of Ukraine and the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine.

Despite the difficult time, KSU continues to implement programs of international academic mobility for students. During the meeting, members of the Academic Council voted to send 6 KSU students to study at Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznan (Poland). The studying will take place during the first semester of the 2022/2023 academic year.

At the meeting of the Academic Council on September 26, the speaker on the first issue on the concept of digitalization of KSU in the conditions of temporary displacement and the martial law was Rector Oleksandr Spivakovskiy. *He noted: «We are in an extreme situation when we are forced to make non-standard decisions. In August, the staff conference identified digitalization as one of the key areas of development. The relevant Vice-Rector and his services have started the corresponding work. Now we are talking about the legalization of the algorithms by which we decided to work: this is an opportunity for our teachers to organize the learning process in synchronous and asynchronous format from anywhere in the world, and for our students to receive high-quality modern education. And all this with the help of digital tools to ensure quality control of the full implementation of educational programs / educational plans through the introduction of a digital journal, digital educational documentation in the business process management system «KSU24». I thank my colleagues for supporting the further integration of KSU into the digital environment.»*



First Vice-Rector Serhii Omelchuk's block supported the issue:

- On amendments and additions to the structure of the KSU edition of 2022.

- On approval of the Schedule of advanced training of scientific and pedagogical staff of the university for the academic year 2022/23

- On approval of candidates for the Award for the best young scientist of KSU.

- On approval of the editorial board of the collection of scientific works «Scientific Bulletin of Kherson State University. Series «Legal Sciences», determination of its profile and inclusion in the abstract and scientometric databases.

- On amendments to the composition of editorial boards of scientific professional publications.

- On granting the stamp of approval to the publications «Kherson State University on the Way to the Second Century (2021). The Chronicles (Part II)» and «Kherson State University on the Way to the Second Century (2022). The Chronicles (Part III)».

- On referring to the international advanced training of scientific and pedagogical staff of the university.

- On expulsion of students of the third (Educational and Scientific) level of higher education.

- On the change of supervisors for students of the third (Educational and Scientific) level of higher education.

In the set of questions, Vice-Rector for Educational and Scientific-Pedagogical Affairs Dariia Malchykova reported on the change of guarantors of educational programs; approval of the certificate programs; approval of the editorial board of the electronic almanac «Master's Studies»; providing the recommendation of the Academic Council of KSU to manuals and educational and methodological materials of teachers and staff. The participants voted to send 14 students to study at the Pomeranian Academy in Shupsk (Poland) and to award two young scientists at the expense of the trade union organization.

Positive in all senses was the consideration of the issue of approval of

the symbol (mascot) of KSU, which was uncontested by our scientist cat Vasyl. Now he keeps his front in Kherson, and before that he was the symbol of last year's admission campaign, souvenirs with his image were in demand among everyone who visited our shop. So, he is already a symbol of the university, which is very popular to all, and especially among young people.

Head of the Department of Quality Assurance of Education Tetiana Cherkashyna reported on the revision and updating of the educational program of the first (Bachelor's), second (Master's) levels of higher education and educational scientific program of the third (Educational and Scientific) level of higher education.

The Academic Council also listened to the report of the doctoral student of the 2nd year of study in the specialty 015 Professional Education Valentyna Buriak on the implementation of the individual work plan for the entire period of doctoral studies. On the results of the main session of the 2022 admission campaign in the conditions of temporary relocation and the martial law, the Executive Secretary of the Admission Committee Nataliia Voropai reported.

There is a loss of about 50% of the contingent compared to last year for admission to the Bachelor's degree, but for the Master's degree - the level of last year. And these are very good indicators, given all the challenges faced by students from the native Kherson region. Everything is being done to provide, as promised, all entrants under the quota-2 with budget places.

In the end, the Academic Council supported Associate Professor Ihor Holovchenko as a candidate for the post of Dean of the Medical Faculty. The issue of automatic extension of contracts with academic staff who expressed a desire to work in a team, considering the recommendations of the letter of the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine, was also supported.



The rating of scientific and pedagogical workers, faculties, departments

The introduction of rating evaluation of the activities of scientific and pedagogical workers, departments and faculties of the university is an integral part of the internal system of quality assurance of higher education of the university, stimulation of professional development, professionalism, productivity of scientific and educational activity, development of creativity and initiative of the teaching staff. The internal rating is aimed at improving the image of the university and its innovative development, promotion in national and international rankings, quality assurance in the European Higher Education Area, solving current and strategic tasks.

At the meeting of the Academic Council on March 28, they discussed the information of the First Vice-Rector Serhii Omelchuk, voted for amendments to the procedure for rating evaluation of scientific and pedagogical workers, departments and faculties for 2019-2021. This issue was discussed in detail with the academic staff and a collegial decision was made: to

leave the individual rating of the academic staff for 2019-2021 as one that can be considered during the competitive selection for vacant positions of the academic staff.

During May 2022, the heads of departments checked and confirmed the accuracy of the submitted and entered data in the individual ratings of scientific and pedagogical workers, departments, faculties.

On August 23, a meeting of the rating commission of Kherson State University was held, which finally approved the ratings.

Further, the Academic Council approved the results of the rating assessment of scientific and pedagogical workers, departments, and faculties by the First Vice-Rector Serhii Omelchuk.

Having received the information from the First Vice-Rector Serhii Omelchuk, the members of the Academic Council approved the results of the rating assessment of the academic staff by categories: «Doctors of Sciences, Professors»; «Candidates of Sciences, Associate Professors»; scientific

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ТОП (10 відсотків) в категорії «Доктори наук, професори»

1	Попович Ігор Степанович	6477,5
2	Ходосовцев Олександр Євгенович	5966,4
3	Мойсієнко Іван Іванович	5503,85
4	Бабічев Сергій Анатолійович	4173,4
5	Блинова Олена Євгенівна	3917,8

TOP (10 %) in the category «Doctors of Sciences, Professors»



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ТОП (10 відсотків) в категорії «Кандидати наук, доценти»

1	Дармостук Валерій Вікторович	2974	11	Саган Олена Валеріївна	958,8
2	Бистрянцева Анастасія Миколаївна	1487,8	12	Гоманюк Микола Анатолійович	865
3	Кравцов Геннадій Михайлович	1468	13	Чмут Анна Володимирівна	850,5
4	Бесчасний Сергій Павлович	1254	14	Федорчук Олександр Михайлович	831
5	Кушнір Наталія Олександрівна	1205,6	15	Анісімова Олена Едуардівна	777,8
6	Бурак Валентина Геннадіївна	1195,5	16	Давидов Олексій Віталійович	764
7	Блах Валерія Сергіївна	1162,8	17	Гончаренко Тетяна Леонідівна	759,7
8	Шахман Ірина Олександрівна	1067,4	18	Полторацький Максим Юрійович	751,9
9	Вінник Максим Олександрович	1018,7	19	Капарулін Юрій Валерійович	714
10	Глухов Іван Геннадійович	1000,4			

TOP (10%) in the category «Candidates of Sciences, Docents»

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ТОП (10 відсотків) в категорії «НПП без наукового ступеня»

1.	Захарова Марина Ярославівна	1082,7
2.	Орлова-Гудім Катерина Сергіївна	445,3
3.	Юрчук Юрій Юрійович	438
4.	Дробот Катерина Володимирівна	340,7

TOP (10 %) in the category «Scientific and pedagogical worker without a scientific degree»

and pedagogical workers without a scientific degree.

Also, it was decided to allocate additional rates from the reserve fund to establish individual academic workloads of scientific and pedagogical staff who are in the TOP 10% of the teaching staff - a

20% reduction in the volume of academic workload per 1 rate, to the TOP 11-30% of the teaching staff - a 10% reduction in the volume of academic workload per 1 rate.

This, in turn, will allow our teachers to devote more time to scientific activities.



Accreditation of the educational programs

In difficult conditions of the wartime and occupation Kherson State University continued to pass accreditation examinations of educational and educational-scientific programs.

On April 1, the guarantors of the third (Educational and Scientific) level of higher education of educational and scientific programs «Psychology», «Law», «Educational, Pedagogical Sciences», the entire scientific and pedagogical staff of the university, students were sincerely congratulated on receiving certificates from the National Agency for Higher Education Quality Assurance on accreditation.

The accreditation process began in the peaceful time, but thanks to the professionalism of our team, the positive conclusions of the experts of the NAHEQA, we managed to successfully go all the way. The educational programs «Sociology» and

«International Law» were accredited under a simplified procedure.

The educational program «Sociology» managed to pass the accreditation examination by February 15, and when the NAHEQA resumed its work after the liberation of Kyiv region, they received a positive decision and accreditation until 2027. The educational program «International Law» managed to download all the necessary information already under the occupation of Kherson and received formal accreditation for a year under a simplified procedure, which will be valid for the period of the martial law.

«For the next academic year, we have plans and have already applied for accreditation of 4 Bachelor's and 4 Master's degree programs. We do not stop!» - comments Vice-Rector Dariia Malchukova.



***We worked, studied and could admire such beauty every day.
We are glad that we will soon return to our native KSU!***



THE SCIENTIFIC ACTIVITY

At the rectorate session on April 4, First Vice-Rector Serhii Omelchuk informed that the scientific work in the conditions of war is carried out in the amount provided by individual plans, considering the current situation. As for the professional development of teaching staff, there is an opportunity for internships and advanced training in universities in other regions of Ukraine. There are relevant proposals from foreign partners from France, Germany, and Austria regarding the readiness to cooperate with our teachers remotely.

The issue of resumption of the educational process for postgraduate and doctoral students, the nuances of scientific and practical conferences, which are postponed to the next academic semester, were also discussed.

At the end of May, the first issue of the Black Sea Botanical Journal of Kherson State University for 2022 was published. The publication is included in the list of scientific professional publications of Ukraine (category B) and covers a wide range of issues of botanical science.

The editor-in-chief of the journal, Professor of the Department of Botany Oleksandr Khodosovtsev thanked all the authors, members of the editorial board and reviewers for continuing to work hard in such difficult times for Ukraine. And he emphasized that the editorial board is already waiting for new articles.

It should be noted that the Black Sea Botanical Journal, founded by the Department of Botany, has been published since 2005. The publication presents materials on botany, mycology, and lichenology, phytoecology, geobotany, geography of plants, history of flora and vegetation, evolution of plant life, protection of flora, conservation, resource management, introduction, methods of botanical research, history of botanical science.

From May 13, the Scientific Society of students, postgraduates, doctoral students, and young scientists of Kherson State University resumed holding thematic online meetings. The representative of the Scientific Society, a student of the Faculty of Business and Law of KSU Anna Likanova spoke on the topic «Supporting business in times of war».

At the rectorate session on May 23, First Vice-Rector Serhii Omelchuk informed about additional opportunities provided to the university in promoting academic integrity in scientific and academic affairs. The university has an opportunity to provide access for free verification of scientific texts, educational and methodological works, and academic tests of students (until the end of the year).

The First Vice-Rector also informed about the implementation of initiative scientific, and research works at the departments of the university. Thus, today 55 scientific and research works are being implemented at the departments of KSU, 17 of which will be completed during 2022.

On May 27, on the Osvita.ua website the results of the 2022 ranking of Ukrainian higher education institutions according to the Scopus scientometric database were published. Kherson State University once again takes the highest position among the higher education institutions of Kherson region, according to the annual rating. Our university is the only university in the region that is among the 100 best higher education institutions of the state in terms of citation of scientific articles, and Kherson State Maritime Academy is also in the TOP-100 (98th place). Compared to last year, we have improved our positions, rising two steps to 92nd place in the ranking, and increasing the h-index (Hirsch index) from 14 to 17.

It is important that every year we are confidently moving forward and have positive dynamics. This is a great merit



of the whole team of scientists of our university.

At the meeting of the Academic Council of Kherson State University on May 30, First Vice-Rector Serhii Omelchuk presented a detailed analysis of the implementation of priority areas of science development at Kherson State University:

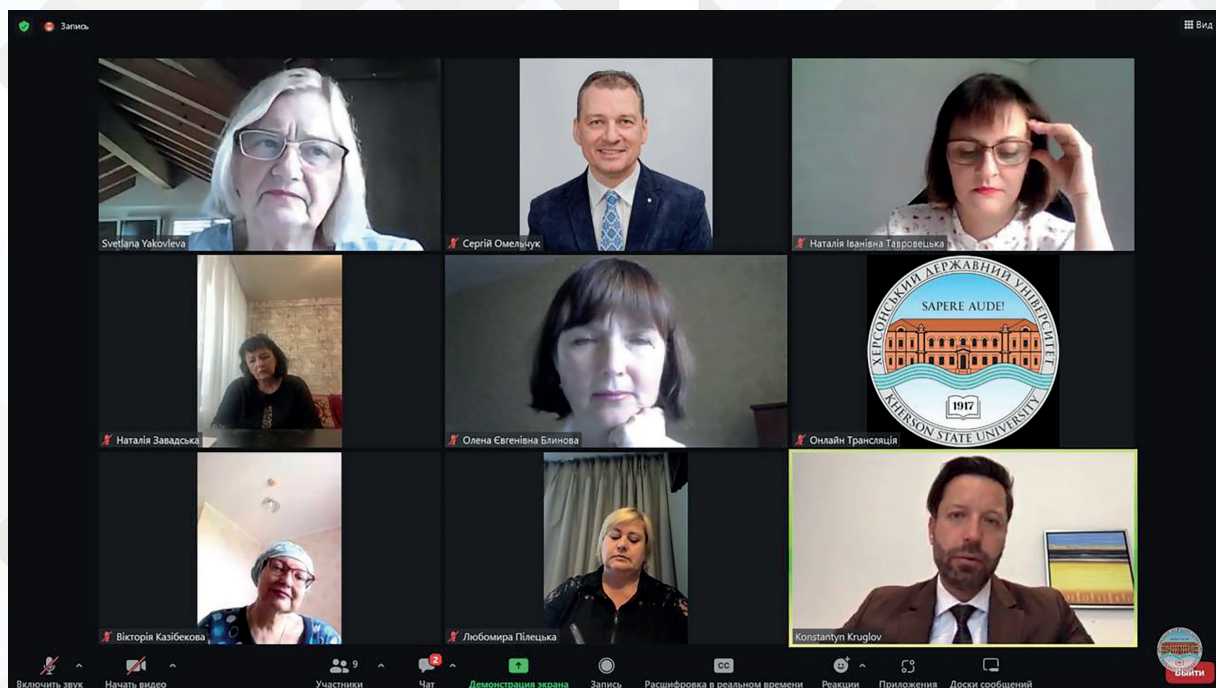
- research of problems of life sciences and development of biotechnologies, preservation and enrichment of bioresources and improvement of their quality and safety, preservation of biodiversity;

- research of problems of social sciences and humanities;

- research of the problems of physical, mathematical, and technical sciences (intellectual information and information-analytical technologies; integrated systems of databases and knowledge; national

information resources; technologies and means of developing software products and systems; technologies and means of mathematical modeling, optimization and system analysis of solving complex problems of national importance).

On August 26, Kherson State University held a meeting of the one-time Specialized Academic Council in the specialty 053 Psychology to conduct the defense of the dissertation for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy of the student Konstantyn Kruhlov. The defense was held online. In addition, an event of this level was taking place for the first time since the beginning of the full-scale invasion. The meeting of the Specialized Academic Council was chaired by Professor of the Department of Special Education of KSU Svitlana Yakovleva.



Defense of the dissertation



THE DAYS OF SCIENCE

In the period from May 16 to 27, a number of events dedicated to the Days of Science were held at Kherson State University.

Science is above all! This is the philosophy of Kherson State University. And martial law is not an obstacle to this. Moreover, quarantine has taught students and teachers to work, considering the challenges of the present. After all, the main thing is the desire. Therefore, this year the university decided to hold the Days of Science. The planned events are quite diverse and thorough. The presentation of the book by Rector of KSU Oleksandr Spivakovskiy «Oleksandr Spivakovskiy. What touched the heart...».

Also among the planned events are STEM - a week-long marathon «Dreaming and Achieving Scientific Results Together», a photo contest «Many-Sided Science», an online project «War Diary of a Scientist and Postgraduate Student» and online presentations - «Honorary Doctors of Science of KSU» - «Honorary Professors of KSU», a virtual excursion «New Paradigms and Research Directions of Scientists of Kherson State University».

On May 21, the Rector of Kherson State University congratulated colleagues and all scientists on Science Day:

«Low bow to the scientists of Kherson State University, who in different conditions - who accompanied by explosions in the temporarily occupied territory, who in relative safety, having found shelter, continue to work. You are Heroes!»

We traditionally celebrate Science Days with a number of events at our university. This time the highlight is a unique project «War Diary of a Scientist and Postgraduate Student». These are video stories of our young and already experienced scientists about how they work in the wartime. Very interesting stories that have collected hundreds of likes and thousands of views from social

media users. This shows that science is important, and scientists are interesting. Such as the participants of our other exclusive project «Academic Bridge». Since the beginning of the full-scale war, the whole world has been in touch with Kherson State University, well-known and respected lecturers and now, within the framework of the Days of Science, continue scientific discussions with our scientists and students. This has a very positive effect on the mood, shows to the endless support within the scientific community. We are grateful because it inspires us.

By the way, the first volunteers who supported colleagues from Kherson State University during the occupation were scientists from various higher educational institutions of Ukraine and abroad.

Today we gratefully remember our mentors - Honorary Professors and Honorary Doctor of Science of Kherson State University. You have set a very high level, and the modern generation of scientists of the university worthily continues the established traditions. We are developing and strengthening Ukraine together.

Happy holiday to all those for whom Science has become the meaning of life!

In the framework of the celebration of the Days of Science in Ukraine, Kherson State University launched a new online project «War Diary of a Scientist and Postgraduate Student». First Vice-Rector of KSU Serhii Omelchuk thanked the scientific community of the institution for the fact that even in the wartime they do not stop their scientific activities, continue to work on projects and research. All interested scientists could take part in the project - both experienced scientists and those who are just starting their scientific path.

«This is an opportunity for scientists and postgraduate students to share their own story of how, under the martial law,



being under temporary occupation in Kherson or in other regions of Ukraine and abroad, they continue to perform scientific research, work on the development of national science. These are stories about how not to lose hope, working on the development of science of our invincible Ukraine,» Serhii Omelchuk noted.

In the implementation of the project took part: First Vice-Rector of KSU, Professor of the Department of Ukrainian and Slavic Philology and Journalism Serhii Omelchuk, Vice-Rector, Professor of the Department of English Philology and World Literature named after O. V. Mishukova Alla Tsapiv, Doctor of Biological Sciences, Professor Oleksandr Khodosovtsev, PhD in History, Head of the Department of History, Archeology and Teaching Method, Natalia Kuzovova, Head of the Scientific Society of Students, Postgraduates, Doctoral Students and Young Scientists Tamara Mandych, third-year postgraduate student of the specialty «Educational, Pedagogical Sciences» Svitlana Chepurna, third year postgraduate student of the specialty «Educational, Pedagogical Sciences» Anastasiia Volianiuk, first-year postgraduate student of the specialty «Psychology» Natalia Nazarenko.

All diaries can be viewed on the KSU YouTube channel (<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC...>).

[com/playlist?list=PLuL1dq6vVjh24-YsFMOoyrZvwKTMzFySR](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLuL1dq6vVjh24-YsFMOoyrZvwKTMzFySR)

On May 17, the first meeting of the STEM-weekly marathon «Dreaming and achieving scientific results together» was held at Kherson State University within the framework of the Days of Science. The topic of the scientific conversation with the PhD in Biology Valerii Darmostuk was «First you work for a CV, and then CV works for you: expectations vs reality».

The initiators of the new project were the Department for Work with Gifted Youth led by Head Yuliia Yurina together with the Scientific Society of Students, Postgraduates, Doctoral Students and Young Scientists of KSU, headed by Tamara Mandych.

Greeting the guests, First Vice-Rector Serhii Omelchuk noted that, unfortunately, the circumstances are such: for the third year in a row, the scientific community of Kherson State University has been holding events to the Days of Science in Ukraine remotely. «In previous years, it was due to the pandemic, this year it is the war. But despite everything, we must do all possible

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***Cover of the book Oleksandr Spivakovskiy.
Something that touched lives***

for the development of science,» Serhii Omelchuk emphasized and introduced the young scientist to the audience.

Valerii Darmostuk is a young researcher of Kherson State University, a graduate of our higher educational institution, a representative of the scientific school of Professor Oleksandr Khodosovtsev. While studying in the postgraduate course, he prematurely defended his dissertation for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy. In addition, the scientist has a large number of scientific researches in the ranking scientific publications.

The STEM-week marathon «Dreaming and Achieving Results Together» continued with a meeting with Anastasiia Volianiuk, a postgraduate student of the third year of study the specialty 011 Educational, Pedagogical Sciences; a lecturer at the Department of Theory and Methods of Preschool and Primary Education of KSU on the topic «Dreaming and Achieving

Scientific Results Together». The young researcher made a thorough and informative presentation. She focused on the role of motivation for self-improvement in the wartime, described in detail the types of motivation, determining which type of motivation prevails in whom. The statistics on the involvement of Ukrainians in self-education was interesting.

The next meeting is with the Head of the Department of History, Archeology and Teaching Method Natalia Kuzovova «Strategies of Survival during the Holocaust». She is actively engaged in scientific researches and investigations in the field of history of Ukraine and Kherson region in particular. Her latest research, even at the international level, concerns the issues related to the study of the Holocaust. The topic is important, so there were no indifferent people: they drew parallels, understood the models of behavior, listened to quotes from interviews with witnesses. We should talk about our

history as much as possible - there is no doubt about it.

The marathon was continued by Head of the Archaeological Museum of the University Serhii Niemtsev. He presented the main results of the work of the KSU archaeological expedition in the period from 2015 to 2021. He shared his own experience - talked about the course of the expeditions and the features of their conduct. He also demonstrated the findings obtained during archaeological works at the Belozersk settlement and Skelka hillfort.

The next meeting is with Head of KSU Scientific Society Tamara Mandych. The topic was «The World of Words: Secrets of Success of a Philologist-Researcher». Tamara Mandych told about the world of words - multifaceted and metaphorical, about linguistic experiments and her own publication «Dictionary of Commentary Speech». According to the speaker, the secrets of success of a young philologist-researcher are in the ability to leave the

comfort zone, taking up the analysis of complex issues, in the search for creative approaches and in bringing all ideas to a victorious conclusion!

The presentations of all participants of the marathon can be watched on the official YouTube channel of KSU (<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLuL1dq6vVjh0LjOEg7kd5QbwOdDR8Kken>)

On May 18, the presentation of the book «Oleksandr Spivakovskiy. What touched the heart...». The publication covers the vital, professional, political path of Rector of Kherson State University, Professor Oleksandr Spivakovskiy.

The presentation of the book was held in the framework of a series of events that lasted in KSU on the occasion of the Days of Science in Ukraine. The event was held in a mixed format, at two main locations: internally - in the Project and Educational Center «Agents of Change» of Vasyl Stefanyk Precarpathian National University, remotely - in the Scientific Library of Kherson State University.



Oleksandr Spivakovskiy at the presentation of the book

This is a very private, but at the same time a significant event for Ukrainian education and society in general. After all, the book describes the life path of a passionate, well-known in Ukraine personality, educator, scientist, politician, one of the architects of the educational reform, People's Deputy of Ukraine of the VIII convocation, acting Deputy of the Kherson Regional Council, professor, rector, multifaceted person, leader who is able to see far beyond the horizon.

«Oleksandr Spivakovskiy. What touched the heart...» is a book about a Person who loves his country and native Kherson region and is grateful to all his Teachers. The book is dedicated to the blessed memory of Oleksandr Spivakovskiy's parents - Volodymyr Semenovych and Kseniia Fedorivna.

During the presentation, Oleksandr Spivakovskiy said that Kherson journalist

Iryna Hryhorieva worked on the book. The work lasted for a year and a half.

«Writing about such bright personalities as Oleksandr Volodymyrovych is difficult and responsible. There is always a possibility either to convey too much color or not enough. And in each case, the portrait would look false. I am sincerely grateful to all my co-authors who helped me in writing this book. I hope that our joint work will help someone to find the answer to the question of how to become a leader. And someone may discover an unexpected Oleksandr Spivakovskiy», - Iryna Hryhorieva shares her impressions.

Oleksandr Spivakovskiy himself says about the publication as follows: «What is the book about? About life, about Teachers, about Mathematics, about education, politics through the prism of those people whom fate brought together. It is through their evidence and memories



Participants of the book presentation in Kherson. Scientific library of KSU



Participants and guests of the book presentation in Ivano-Frankivsk

that many important things for me are presented. I thank each co-author for the happy moments of cooperation. I will be glad if my life formulas motivate someone to do good deeds for the development of Ukraine.»

During the presentation of the publication, a colleague and friend of Oleksandr Spivakovskiy - First Vice-Rector of KSU Serhii Omelchuk - paid attention to the passing symbol that accompanies the reader throughout the book - white birds, which are also depicted on the cover. According to Serhii Omelchuk, this is not accidental. Since childhood, Oleksandr Spivakovskiy's love for mathematics was instilled in him by his father, when he made white paper birds with him. It was not just a game: this is how little Sashko learned to count. He carried his love for mathematics and memories of these moments of childhood throughout his life. And today he tries to pass his passion for mathematics to his granddaughter. Just like then, but

together with his granddaughter, he makes paper birds, which have now become a symbol of the unity of generations.

In addition to friends, colleagues, teachers and students of Kherson State University, representatives of Vasyl Stefanyk Precarpathian National University also joined the event. Rector of PNU Ihor Tsependa noted an interesting concept of the publication, because it contains not only the thoughts of Oleksandr Spivakovskiy himself, but also a view from the outside - the memories of colleagues and friends about him. However, according to Ihor Tsependa, the best ones - are yet to come. He expressed hope that this is not the last biographical book, and the next one will include a new period - the period of life in Ivano-Frankivsk.

As it was mentioned, the publication reveals special pages of Oleksandr Spivakovskiy's life. In particular, the publication includes memories and stories of those with whom Oleksandr

Spivakovskiy worked and continues to work at Kherson State University. Thus, during the presentation, Advisor to the Rector Yurii Bieliaiev talked about the years of many years of joint work, who emphasized that Oleksandr Spivakovskiy is a person who knows how and is not afraid to overcome difficulties. He believes that there will be many new pages and achievements in Rector's life.

PhD in Pedagogics, Professor of KSU Valentyna Fediaieva said that they studied at our educational institution almost at the same time, worked together in the university administration for 15 years. «More than once we communicated with Iryna Hryhorieva, discussed different stages of life of our team, joint work. And I always underlined that Oleksandr Volodymyrovych is an extraordinary personality. He created himself, having passed the way from a student of our university to the Rector, while achieving significant scientific and professional achievements, as he pays a lot of

attention to improving his professional development,» Valentyna Fediaieva noted.

Chairman of the Student Parliament Denys Pazynych spoke at the event on behalf of KSU student activists.

At the end of the presentation, one of the copies of the book was presented by Oleksandr Spivakovskiy to the Rector of KSU Ihor Tsependa, expressing gratitude for the support and assistance to Kherson State University, and, of course, for the opportunity to hold the presentation on the basis of their institution. Also, several books were handed over to the Scientific Library of Vasyl Stefanyk Precarpathian National University.

The representatives of our educational institution, who are now in Kherson, will also have the opportunity to read the book after the copies are transferred to the Scientific Library of Kherson State University.

The community of Kherson State University does not lose hope that this year the book will also be presented during the



KSU Rector Oleksandr Spivakovskiy presents a copy of the book to PNU Rector Ihor Tsependa



***Tamara Mandych is on the Square of Freedom. Kherson Liberation Day.
November 11, 2022***

celebration of the 105th anniversary of the founding of our educational institution. According to First Vice-Rector Serhii Omelchuk, this book will be the first in a series of biographical publications about prominent personalities of Kherson State University. And definitely not the last.

On May 19, within the framework of the Days of Science an open online lecture by Professor Milan Khytro, one of the most famous modern scientists in the field of vegetation sciences, Head of the Department of Botany and Zoology, Faculty of Natural Sciences, Masaryk University (Brno, Czech Republic), was held. The topic of the lecture, delivered by the Czech scientist, was «Diversity of vegetation of Europe: on the way to generalization».

The meeting brought together not only students and teachers of Kherson State University, but also scientists from different universities, scientific institutions of Ukraine and abroad. In total - more than 80 participants.

On May 19, postgraduate student of the second year of study of the educational and scientific program «Psychology» Olha Kokovikhina took part in the popular science event «Night of Youth Science 2022 in the conditions of war». The event was organized by the Council of Young Scientists at the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine. The topic of Olha's speech was «The role of Ukrainian ultras in overcoming post-colonial complexes».

By the way, this is not the first time that representatives of the Scientific Society of Students, Postgraduates, Doctoral Students and Young Scientists of KSU have presented their research on this platform: in November 2021, the university was represented by researchers Anastasiia Volianiuk, Nataliia Holovko and Tamara Mandych, who presented the results of their work in Pedagogy, Physics and Philology to the attention of the all-Ukrainian audience, in accordance.

The Scientific Society chaired by Tamara Mandych actively shows its public

position among similar associations in Ukraine. This is confirmed by the gratitude to Kherson State University for the active participation of young scientists in the popular science event «Night of Youth Science-2022» in the conditions of the war.

In the framework of the celebration of the Days of Science at KSU, a virtual tour «New paradigms and directions of research of scientists of Kherson State University» was prepared (<https://youtu.be/zsxvLz6C530>).

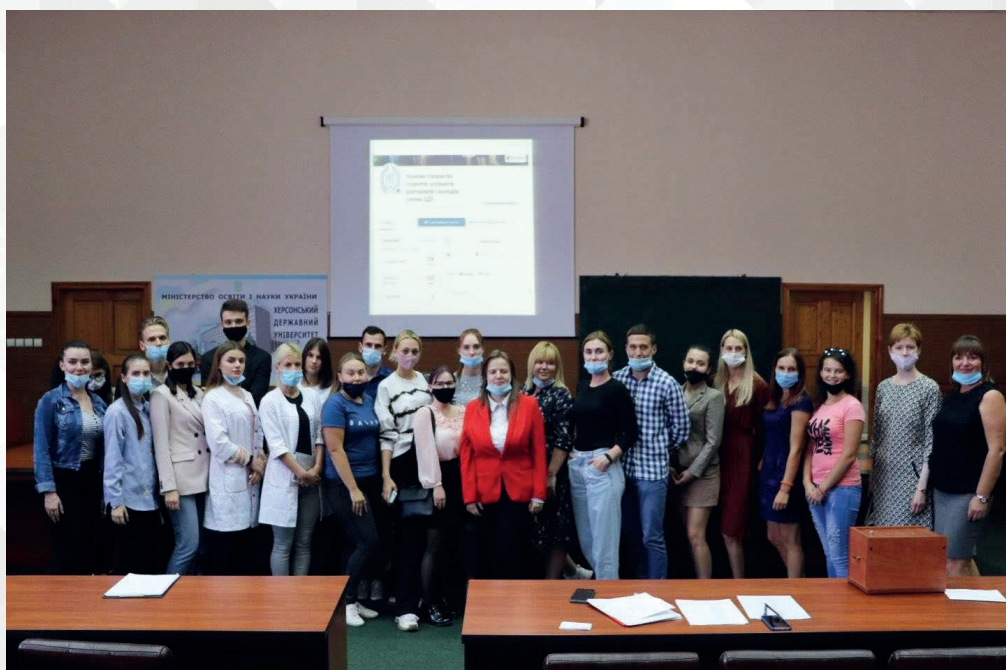
For more than a century of university history, a unique multidisciplinary fund of research results of our scientists has been collected. Director of the Scientific Library of Kherson State University Natella Arustamova told about the latest acquisitions.

In September, members of the Scientific Society of Students, Postgraduates, Doctoral Students and Young Scientists of KSU decided to try their hand at the competition «Young Scientist of the Year». Young scientists of KSU already have a positive experience

of participation in the competition. Last year Anastasiia Volianiuk and Valerii Darmostuk were nominated for the contest. They decided to join the initiative this year.

The main purpose of the contest is to recognize significant achievements of young scientists in various fields of knowledge and activities. Among the nominees are Tamara Mandych, Chairman of the Scientific Society of Students, Postgraduates, Doctoral Students and Young Scientists of KSU, Associate Professor of the Department of Geography and Ecology of KSU Roman Molikeych in the category Scientific Mentor (Head of Scientific Research), postgraduate student Anastasiia Volianiuk!

In September, the Scientific Society of Students, Postgraduates, Doctoral Candidates and Young Scientists of Kherson State University joined the Memorandum of Partnership signed by the Council of Young Scientists at the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine.



Scientific society of KSU students, postgraduates, doctoral students and young scientists. September, 2021

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**Наукове товариство ХДУ
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***Будемо вдячні за підтримку нашого колективу
та за підтримку колег з інших закладів,
із якими ми в одній номінації!***

З повагою - НТ ХДУ



THE SCIENTIFIC AND METHODOLOGICAL COUNCIL

On April 1, 2022, a meeting of the Scientific and Methodological Council was held at Kherson State University under the chairmanship of Vice-Rector for Educational and Scientific-Pedagogical Affairs, Chairman of the Scientific and Methodological Council Dariia Malchykova. The meeting was held at the invitation of the guarantors of educational programs.

Head of the SMC Dariia Malchykova reported on the progress of preparations for the 2022/2023 academic year. In particular, she provided clarifications on current issues of organizing the educational process under the martial law.

Head of the Educational Department Viktoriia Yatsenko reported on the preparation for the certification of students, the list of educational programs, specialties and qualifications for graduates of the 2021/2022 academic year of the first (Bachelor's) level of higher education, the preparation of documents on higher education of students. She noted the main dates for the preparation and certification of students for the second (Master's) level of higher education (1 year 9 months)

and the first (Bachelor's) level of higher education of full-time and part-time forms of education. Head of the Educational and Methodological Department Tetiana Korniiieva provided information on the coordination of work on the submission of the necessary documents for the renewal of the conditional accreditation of the educational program «International Law» of the first (Bachelor's) level of higher education in the second semester of 2021/2022 academic year. Head of the Admissions Department Nadiia Starodubets reported on the preparation for the admission campaign in 2022. She informed the participants about the features of the 2022 admission campaign.

On May 19, at the regular meeting of the SMC, Chairman of the Council Dariia Malchykova provided clarifications on current issues of the organization of the educational process under the martial law. Head of the Educational and Methodological Department Tetiana Kornisheva reported on preparations for the accreditation procedure for educational programs of the first (Bachelor's) and second (Master's)



Meeting of the Scientific and Methodological Council on December 16, 2021 still in peaceful Kherson, auditorium 256 of KSU

levels in the academic year 2022-2023 and provided information on the examination of educational and teaching materials submitted by the scientific and pedagogical staff in order to initiate a petition to the Academic Council of KSU to provide them with a recommendation stamp. Head of the Educational Department Viktoriia Yatsenko reported on the preparation of documents on higher education for students of the second (Master's) level (study period 1 year 9 months).

The results of the survey of students of the first (Bachelor's) level of higher education on the quality of organization and content of practices were presented by Head of the Department of Quality Assurance of Education Tetiana Cherkashyna. In particular, she emphasized that the assessment of the level of satisfaction of students on a 5-point scale is 4.72.

On June 23, an online meeting of the Scientific and Methodological Council of the University was held on the Zoom platform. Chairman of the Council Dariia Malchykova provided clarifications on current issues of the organization of the educational process under the martial law. The Head of the Educational and

Methodological Department reported on the approval of the working curricula and the recommendation for approval by the Academic Council of the university of the curricula of the first (Bachelor's), second (Master's) levels of higher education of all educational programs / specialties of full-time / part-time forms of education for the academic year 2022-2023 and provided information on the examination of educational and teaching materials submitted by scientific and pedagogical staff in order to initiate a petition to the Academic Council of KSU to provide them with a recommendation stamp. The Head of the Educational Department reported on the peculiarities of the organization, conduct and documentation of practical training in the conditions of the martial law.

Head of the Department for Quality Assurance of Education Tetiana Cherkashyna provided information on the periodic review of educational programs for training specialists in the field of higher education at all levels in accordance with the approved standards of higher education and on the survey of students for the second year of the second (Master's) level of full-time higher education on the quality



Participants of the meeting of the Scientific and Methodological Council in peaceful Kherson, December 12, 2021, auditorium 256 of KSU

of organization and content of practices. In particular, she emphasized that the assessment of the level of satisfaction of students on a 5-point scale is 4.75.

At the meeting of the Scientific and Methodological Council of the university on September 23, Chairman of the Scientific and Methodological Council of the university Dariia Malchykova congratulated the members of the Council on the beginning of work in the 2022/2023 academic year; presented the work plan of the Council for the current academic year; provided clarifications on current issues of the organization of the educational process in the conditions of the extension of the martial law in Ukraine and the temporary relocation of KSU; reported on measures to prepare and conduct accreditation of educational programs in the conditions of the martial law in 2022/2023.

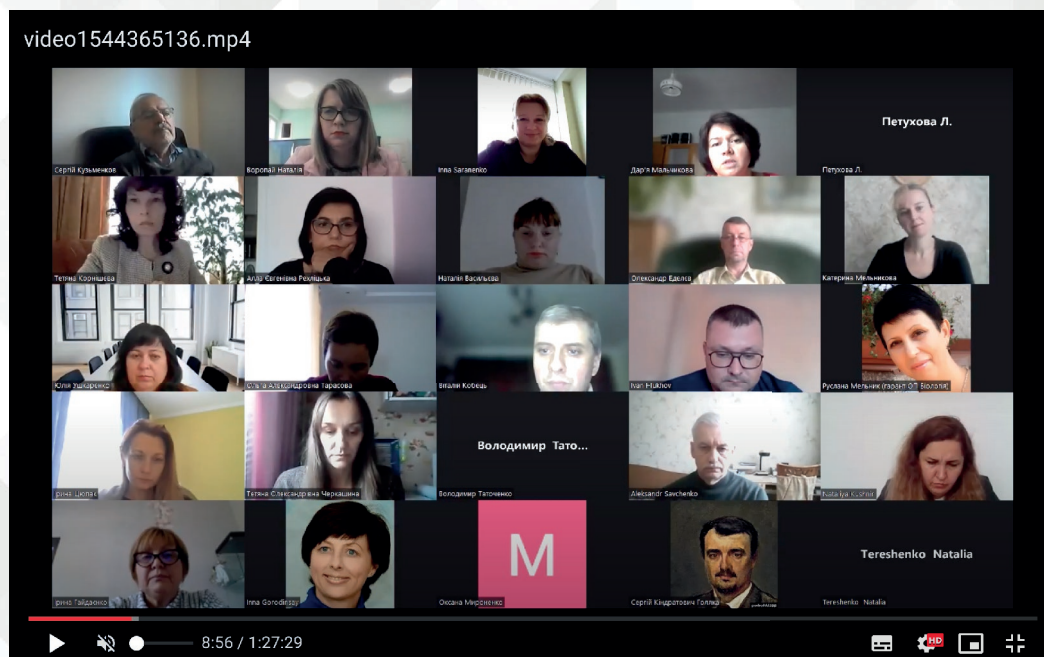
Acting Vice-Rector for Digitalization, Innovation, Investment Activity and Scientific-Pedagogical Affairs Oleksandr Lemeshchuk reported on the development of digital educational documentation.

Head of the Educational and Methodological Department Tetiana Kornisheva provided clarifications on

the requirements for the formation of the staffing of the educational process / educational programs at Kherson State University. She also noted the timing of monitoring the availability of syllabuses of educational components / disciplines on the KSU Online platform; reported on the approval of the certificate program for students for the second (Master's) level of higher education and provided information on the examination of textbooks submitted by academic staff in order to initiate a petition to the Academic Council of KSU to provide them with a recommendation stamp.

Head of the Educational Department Viktoriia Yatsenko reported on the preparation for the certification of higher education students, the list of educational programs, specialties and qualifications for graduates of the 2022/2023 academic year of the second (Master's) level of higher education.

Head of the Department of Quality Assurance of Education Tetiana Cherkashyna provided information on the planned revision of educational programs at all levels of higher education in 2023.



Meeting of the Scientific and Methodological Council in a remote format during the occupation of Kherson, September 2022



THE UNIQUE PROJECTS OF KSU

In the conditions of work during the martial law, it is vital for scientists, academics, and students to feel support from the outside. In the atmosphere of interaction and the desire to be part of something more, the KSU team created several interesting scientific and humanitarian projects. Kherson State University implemented them either independently or in cooperation with its partner universities and friends from all over the world.

The Academic Bridge

On March 18, the University launched the educational project «Academic Bridge», in which scientists from different countries held online meetings with students and academic staff of KSU.

Vice-Rector for International, Social, Humanitarian, Scientific and Pedagogical Affairs Alla Tsapiv noted that the project was initiated by the community of the Faculty of Biology, Geography and Ecology of Kherson State University. The faculty representatives addressed their Ukrainian and foreign colleagues to give several lectures for our students. The scientists supported the initiative, which was symbolically called «Academic Bridge». Researchers from Ukraine, the USA and Germany held lectures from March 19 to March 28. The topics were diverse and captured the attention of the representatives of KSU faculties and even departments.

On March 18, the first lecture «Ukraine on the map: between history and geopolitics» was held.

The speaker was Steven Seegel, an American scientist and Professor of Slavic and Eurasian Studies at The University of Texas at Austin.

He is a multi-faceted personality with a wide range of interests. Steven Seegel is a historian, translator, and writer.

He is the author of many scientific papers on Ukraine's history and book review podcasts.

The first event was attended by a significant number of listeners - about 100 people.

The second lecture was delivered by Mykola Borovyk, a doctoral student at the Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv and a researcher at the Sachsenhausen Concentration Camp Memorial. Topic «Who created the Soviet nations: Soviet national policy in public and scientific discourses».

The third lecture «Soviet nuclear tests in Kazakhstan» was held by Togzhan Kassenova, a senior researcher at the State University of New York (Albany, USA).

The fourth lecture on the topic «The Insidious Power of Kitsch» was presented by Bohdan Shumylovych, Head of Educational Projects at the Center for Urban History (Lviv).

The fifth lecture by Vitalii Chernetskyi, Professor of Slavic Studies, and Head of the Center for Russian, Eastern European and Eurasian Studies at the University of Kansas, was devoted to the topic «Postcolonialism and Ukraine in global contexts».

«Science and education overcome all boundaries and spaces. Kherson State University is a powerful and professional educational and scientific environment! We unite colleagues and friends around us. Everything will be Ukraine!» said Alla Tsapiv, Vice-Rector for International, Social, Humanitarian, Scientific and Pedagogical Affairs. She also expressed



gratitude to the organizers, moderators, lecturers, and listeners. The Vice-Rector noted that such online meetings were attended not only by representatives of KSU, but also by other educational and scientific institutions of our country.

On April 4, the second stage of the Academic Bridge educational and scientific project started. Lectures Schedule:

April 4 - «Introduction to Intellectual Property» (lecturer - Pawan Dutt, lawyer, lecturer at Tallinn University of Technology (TalTech)).

April 6 - «An Introduction on Relational Database» (lecturer - Philippe Lahire, Professor, Vice President of the University of the Cote d'Azur).

April 7 - «Evolutionary Biology of Lichen Symbioses» (lecturer - Toby Spribille, Associate Professor of Biological Sciences at the University of Alberta).

All lectures are available on the KSU YouTube channel (<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLuL1dq6vVjh2ElpsxE1jV2dXr3ZXdJoS>) at any time.



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У СВІТІ ТА
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**AN INTRODUCTION
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**DIVERSITY OF
EUROPEAN VEGETATION:
TOWARDS A SYNTHESIS**

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Online charity tour in Kherson region

These days, nature conservationists successfully use their knowledge and experience to organize wonderful events devoted to the natural locations in Ukraine. They also attract new visitors and volunteers and even help raise funds for charitable causes thanks to well-chosen event formats.

The top 5 include online charity tours to the Kherson region. It is a joint initiative of Head of the Department of Botany of Kherson State University, scientist and conservationist Ivan Moisiienko and the

Ukrainian Nature Conservation Group (UNCG). During such events, funds are raised from the participants' voluntary donations to help nature conservationists who protect the country in war.

There have already been three excursions to the natural pearls of the region, such as the Kherson hollows, the Valley of Mound's tract, and the Forest country of Gileia in the lower reaches of the Dnieper River. In total, we managed to collect UAH 24,177.



Kherson region is a land of hollows. Online tour of Kherson Region



Kherson State University with “Ukraine in the heart”

On March 23, The Art Project «Kherson State University with Ukraine in the heart» was launched.

KSU is more than 100 thousand graduates who have created the history and reputation of the University.

In such difficult times for Ukraine and the Kherson region, we more than ever need words of support, warm feelings and emotions that inspire and give hope and faith.

Thus, KSU Humanitarian Department initiated a marathon. They posted video messages on social networks and the official website of the University from friends, compatriots and graduates, who wholeheartedly seek to support and help students and employees, as well as all Kherson residents.

The first video was presented by our compatriot, a talented Ukrainian singer TARABAROVA (Svitlana Tarabarova). Then she was joined by Mariia Rak, a talented singer, super finalist of the TV Project «X-Factor» and participant in the vocal show «The Voice of Ukraine».

In three weeks, more than 20 Ukrainian celebrities have engaged with the initiative.

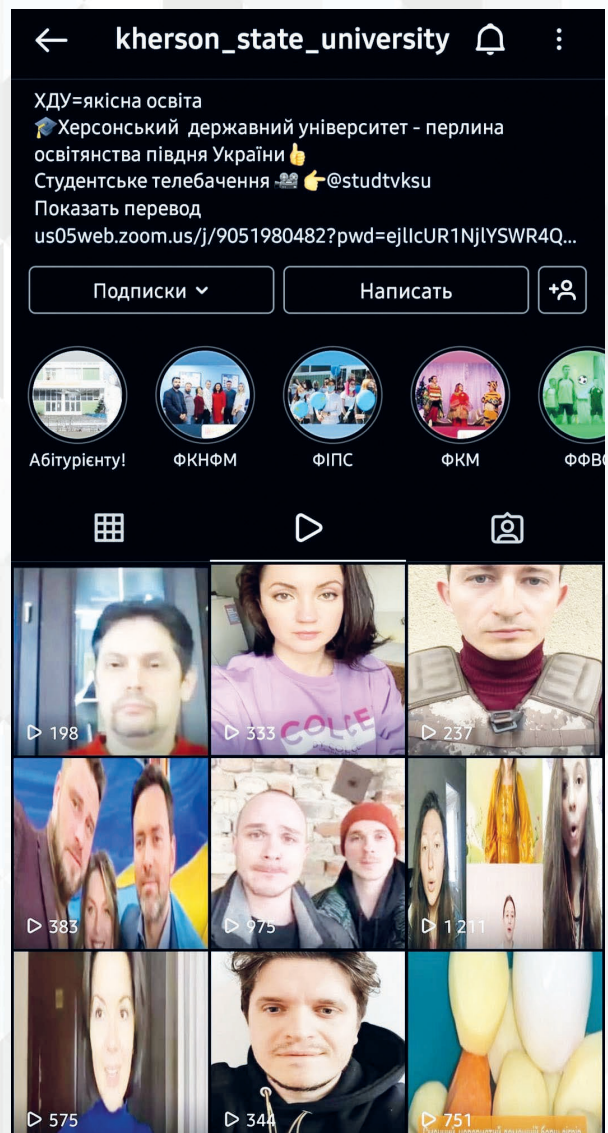
Almost all of them have visited Kherson, which, according to them, left only pleasant memories as a cozy and friendly Ukrainian city with its own identity and originality.

Among the participants were many graduates and friends of Kherson State University, who are now popular among the youth and occupy top positions in various ratings. For example, stand-up comedian Slava Bu, a host of the M1 TV channel, a resident and DJ of «KISS FM», the best dance radio station in our country, Oleksandr Klimtsov and a host of many TV programs Maksym Zborovskiy.

Alla Tsapiv, Vice-Rector for International, Social, Humanitarian, Educational and Pedagogical Affairs of

KSU, notes that such video messages are aimed at psychological support for our students and employees. The number of page views on social networks where videos are posted reaches 8 thousand, on some – about 13 thousand.

You can watch the video messages on the Facebook page of the Humanitarian Department, as well as on the official KSU Instagram account and Facebook page.



**Project Kherson State University with
Ukraine in the heart**

Flashmob # IStandwithKSU



Flashmob #IStandwithKSU

On August 22, on the eve of the new academic year, the KSU Humanities Department launched a flash mob for students. The goal of the initiative is to demonstrate support for the university and intention to keep studying at the Ukrainian KSU.

To join the flashmob, students posted videos or photos taken at the University on social networks and described their advantages of studying at KSU. And, of course, put the hashtag #IStandwithKSU.

The community of the Faculty of Ukrainian and Foreign Philology and Journalism was awarded by Rector of the university Oleksandr Spivakovskiy as the most active participant of the flashmob. It happened on September 30, during the celebrations devoted to the academic year beginning for first-year students. For its creativity and activity, the faculty received symbolic souvenirs from Ivano-Frankivsk as a keepsake.



Ivano-Frankivsk souvenirs for Kherson students



Flashmob "Kherson is my city"

In September, the Faculty of Culture and Arts of Kherson State University initiated the photo marathon «Kherson is my city», which is dedicated to the celebration of city day.



Факультет Культури і Мистецтв ХДУ
сейчас в **Херсон - це Україна.**

2 дн. · Херсон · 🌐

У четвертий день фото-марафону "Херсон - мое місто" ми показуємо вам наших студентів! Також до марафону приєднується і декан факультету культури і мистецтв ХДУ Левченко Микола Григорович 👍 📷



Flashmob «Kherson is my city»



English speaking club

On March 29, the KSU English Speaking Club resumed its meetings on Zoom. The topic of the first meeting was “A Friendly Chat”.

The English Speaking Club is a place for like-minded people, who aim to overcome language barriers, improve speaking skills, expand their vocabulary and enhance the English-speaking competence. The Foreign Language Education Office of the university, which initiated and organized the Club, decided not to cancel meetings but to resume communication.

«The best way to learn a foreign language is to practice it! And the practice of oral speech in a team with a native speaker is the best practice for mastering knowledge and improving skills,» said Alla Tsapiv, Vice-Rector for International, Social, Humanitarian, Scientific and Pedagogical Affairs.

Eric Matherly, an American researcher, and a regular guest of the Club, also joined the meeting.

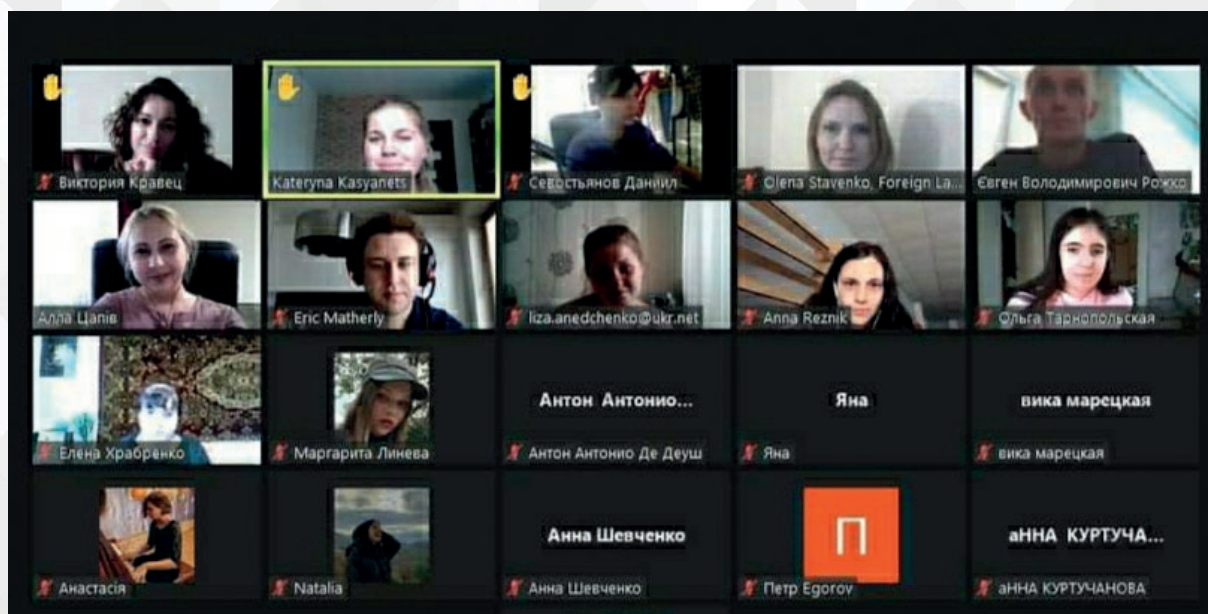
While the educational process continued, the meetings were held on Tuesdays and Thursdays and attended by interesting guests or native speakers. During April and May, the specialists of the Office held ten online meetings.

After the summer holidays, the English Speaking Club resumed its work on September 14. At the first meeting, participants had the opportunity to talk with Fulbright Program fellow, American researcher Eric Matherly, and other regular and new members of the Club.

Since September, representatives of the University of Kent (the UK), Anthony Manning and Russell Moul, have joined the Speaking Club. Classes are traditionally held every Tuesday at 4 pm.







Participants of the meeting of the English Speaking Club



INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES

The level of attention and support from the international community that the educational environment feels is worth it to continue our cooperation in a new way.

The university has strong ties with partners from many countries around the world. We are participants in internship and double degree programs. Every year, dozens of our students get foreign educational experiences. And we have always contributed to this because we understood that we need to learn and follow the best European and world experience as well as to adapt them to Ukrainian realities.

Today, the situation has radically changed. Until February 24, the opportunity to study at foreign universities was provided on a competitive basis, but

now such opportunities have increased several times. For all students.

On March 24, Rector of KSU, Oleksandr Spivakovskiy, took part in a video conference of Polish and Ukrainian rectors. The meeting was initiated by the Union of Rectors of Higher Education Institutions of Ukraine, also known as the Union of Rectors of Ukraine. There were 61 participants from both countries. They discussed current issues of the academic, scientific, and humanitarian assistance of the academic, scientific, and humanitarian councils of rectors of Poland and Ukraine. On the agenda: the status of the citizens and residents of Ukraine, students, and academics in particular, who came to Poland after February 24; the algorithm for obtaining tuition loans in



Participants of the visit to Poland



During the event in the Royal Castle of Warsaw under the patronage of President of Poland Andrzej Duda

Polish universities by Ukrainian students during martial law.

On June 9, a delegation of the Union of Rectors of Ukraine, headed by its chairman, Professor Petro Kulikov, arrived in Poland. A meeting with Professor Michael Murphy, president of the EUA, was held at the Warsaw University's Kazimierz Palace. The participants discussed the current issues of cooperation between higher education institutions in both countries, which has its history and traditions. Poland was the first country to lend a shoulder to Ukraine in the first days of a full-scale invasion by Russia. The Polish Academic Community was the first to implement certain measures to support our scientists and students during martial law. It was the Polish Academic Community that first implemented certain events to support Ukrainian academics and students during martial law.

As a part of the visiting program, the Union delegation took part in the meeting of the Presidium of the Conference of Rectors of Academic Schools in Poland (KRASP) and visited the University of Warsaw.

On the 2d day, the Union of Rectors of Ukrainian Higher Educational Institutions delegation took part in the plenary session of KRASP devoted to its 25th Anniversary. The event was held in the Royal Palace of Warsaw under the patronage of the President of Poland, Andrzej Duda. Among the participants were the Minister of Education and Science of the Republic of Poland, Przemysław Czarnek, and rectors from different European countries.

During the session, participants discussed the support means for Ukrainian universities. Everywhere rectors and officials have expressed solidarity with the people of Ukraine and readiness to support our universities. On the agenda:

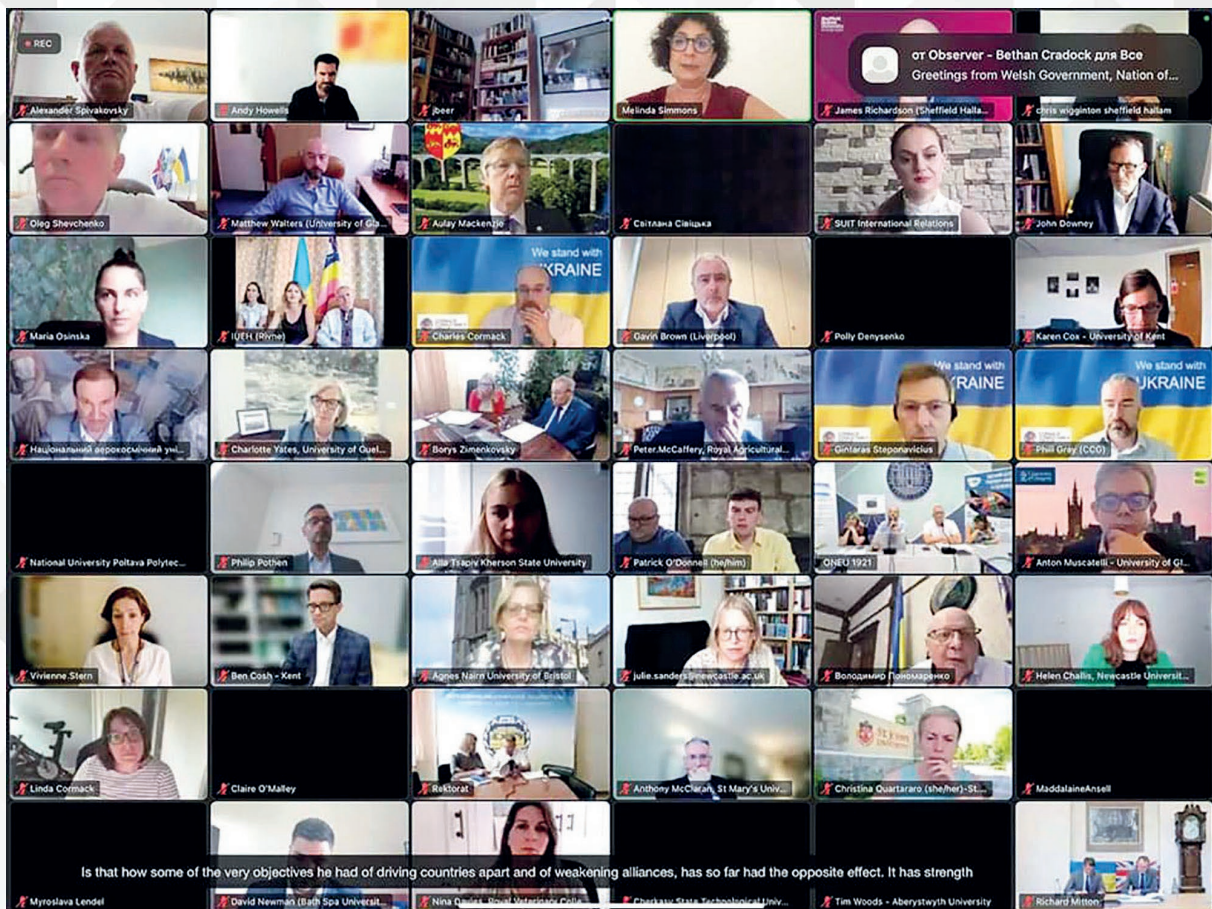
- the assistance for Ukrainian universities to join the international organizations that unite higher educational institutions, Magna Charta Universitatum in particular;
- increasing the participation of Ukrainian universities in the Erasmus+programme;
- receiving EU funds to restore the destroyed university infrastructure;
- institutional support for Ukrainian universities.

Such visits are a great opportunity to exchange thoughts and ideas with our European colleagues and to express our gratitude for the support already provided by our partner universities. Significantly, the European educational environment understands the need to preserve human capital in Ukraine. During the session, Oleksandr Spivakovskiy emphasized the integration of the curricula of Ukrainian and European universities and the priority

of double degree and internship programs. Together we should educate the Ukrainian young people, which will rebuild the country after our victory, as well as implement the best European experience.

As a part of European Days at KSU, the Acting Head of the International Initiatives and Project Activities Department, Yevheniia Revenko, presented students and academics with new opportunities provided by European Society and foreign universities:

- exchange program with the University of Vienna (Austria), which is relevant for Bachelor's students of the Faculty of Business and Law;
- scholarships from the Alpen-Adria Universität Klagenfurt (Austria);
- scholarships for doctoral students from the University in Katowice (Poland);
- grants for professionals documenting the war in Ukraine (journalists, writers, artists, etc.);



The signing of a cooperation agreement with the University of Kent

- the Fulbright Research and Development Program (the participants are under the age of 45 with two years of professional experience: lecturers; postgraduates; researchers who do not yet have an academic degree; PhDs; administrators of HEI, etc.);

- the Fulbright Visiting Scholar Program for conducting research at universities, scientific and research institutions in the United States (participants are academics and researchers).

The university community continues to participate in various projects and grants, as well as to submit new applications. For example, since January 2022, four large projects have been submitted by joint efforts of the Department's specialists, deans, and academics, and five more have been prepared, but their submission, unfortunately, was postponed due to war. The projects are related to the development of the higher education potential, educational mobility of students and employees etc.

Today, the university keeps implementing academic mobility programs

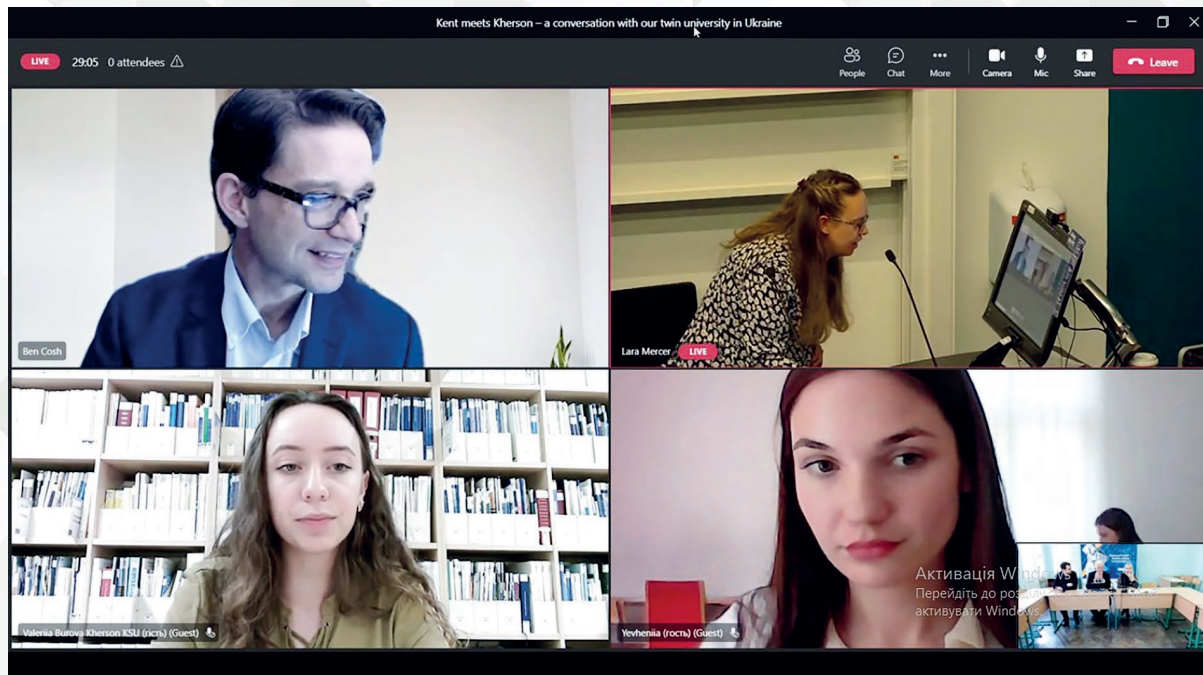
- double diplomas and semester exchanges – for its students at the Pomeranian Academy in Słupsk and the Alpen-Adria University in Klagenfurt.

Many opportunities have also opened for scientists from Ukrainian universities.

For example, the Polish Science Foundation (FNP) has announced funding for joint scientific projects (Poland-Ukraine) in the fields of Social Sciences and Humanities, with a total budget of UAH 1,686,610 for 12 months.

Due to the strengthening of the topic of European integration, which was proposed by the Ministry of Education and Science to include in the educational component, a window of opportunity was opened under the Jean Monnet Program 2022. A large scholarship fund for academics was created.

«Today opens a window of opportunity for Ukrainian universities. Therefore, Kherson State University should be as active as possible in the direction of international work – participation in projects and grants aimed at strengthening the development of the university,» Oleksandr Spivakovskiy said during the meeting of the Rector's Office on April 11.



**Online meeting with the University of Kent.
09.15.2022**



Dozens of leading training centers of international companies and educational centers provide opportunities for young people and anyone willing to acquire additional knowledge and skills through free courses. For example, Ukrainian students and academics can get free access to online courses on the COURSERA platform and UDEMI. The DataArt Educational Centre also provides an opportunity to join its projects.

The zoom platform has granted a license for academics. Thus, they have access to unlimited meetings for up to 1000 participants.

Microsoft has provided free licenses for its services.

Google Workspace is being actively implemented in business processes for corporate communication, mail, and calendars.

All this contributes to the creation of a modern educational and business environment at the University.

At the beginning of May, Kherson State University joined the UK-Ukraine Twinning Initiative. It was launched by Cormack Consultancy Group, a higher education consulting company in the UK, with the support of Universities UK International.

As part of the project, the University of Kent (the UK) became a partner of Kherson State University. The institutions have related educational programs and train students at three levels of higher education.

The first meeting of representatives of the two universities took place at the beginning of May and was led by the project Director of the Cormack Consultancy Group, Anzhela Stashchak.

The representatives of Kherson State University were: First Vice-Rector Serhii Omelchuk, Vice-Rector for International, Social, Humanitarian, Scientific and Pedagogical Affairs Alla Tsapiv, Acting Head of the Department of International Initiatives and Project Activities Yevheniia Revenko. At the meeting, the universities

presented their educational institutions and outlined vectors of further cooperation.

As the Vice-Rector for International, Social, Humanitarian, Scientific and Pedagogical Affairs, Alla Tsapiv, noted the priority areas of work are cooperation in the field of material and technical support, science, education and culture. She also stressed that the University of Kent is a powerful educational institution that provides educational services in many specialties. And such cooperation opens up new prospects for Kherson State University. Moreover, now Kherson HEIs, more than ever, need support and assistance.

Many joint meetings were held between the universities, where they discussed:

- possibility to invite guest lecturers from the University of Kent to teach in educational programs and held a lecture or a series of lectures;

- English Language Courses for KSU students, academic and non-academic staff;

- prospects of the double degree program;

- support of the material and technical base of the University.

On June 28, as part of the UK-Ukrainian Twinning Conference, Kherson State University signed a cooperation agreement with the University of Kent.

KSU became the only university from the South of Ukraine that joined the initiative and received a reliable partner. Moreover, our cooperation case was presented at an international conference.

In his welcoming speech, Rector of the university Oleksandr Spivakovskiy noted that for us, working together with the University of Kent is a vital support and opportunity to extend the life of the university from the South of Ukraine.

It is symbolic that the history of partnership relations started on the Constitution Day of Ukraine! Due to this partnership project, the UK and Europe

are getting closer to our students and employees!

On July 7, representatives of KSU visited the Pomeranian Academy (Slupsk). The delegation included Alla Tsapiv, Vice-Rector for International, Social, Humanitarian, Scientific and Pedagogical Affairs, and Yevheniia Revenko, Acting Head of the Department of International Initiatives and Project Activities of KSU. During the meeting, representatives of partner institutions discussed new forms of cooperation aimed at further fruitful relationships between universities. For example, the participants talked about the new Erasmus+ Virtual Exchange Program, new double degree programs and semester mobility exchange.

Since September, every week, the Department of International Initiatives and Project Activities has been creating a digest of proposals for international cooperation and activities, which is sent to the faculties.

On September 15, an online meeting was held between representatives of Kherson State University and the University of Kent (the UK).

The event was a part of international cooperation on the Twinning for Hope Initiative. Rector of KSU Oleksandr Spivakovskiy addressed his colleagues and expressed his condolences to the UK for the death of Queen Elizabeth II. He also called on countries and universities to stand together in resisting Russian aggression.

«Today, we see one of our main tasks as finding the latest, non-standard solutions that will allow us not only to preserve the university but also to develop it in the future. Now we are actively working on new projects, one of which is the localization of English – language content in the academic environment of Ukraine, as almost the only barrier today is the language. Modern digital technologies and artificial intelligence allow us to translate important content into the



KSU team delivered 100 laptops presented by the University of Kent to Ivano-Frankivsk



language we need without obstacles and restrictions, thus expanding the formats and boundaries of our cooperation,» Oleksandr Spivakovskiy said.

In turn, Karen Cox, Vice President of the University of Kent, expressed her support and admiration for Kherson State University.

Vice-Rector for International, Social, Humanitarian, Scientific and Pedagogical Affairs Alla Tsapiv and Head of Department of Computer, Engineering and

Mathematical Sciences at the University of Kent Ben Cosh presented the results of joint work of the universities during this period and outlined the nearest plans.

Postgraduate student Yevheniia Revenko and student Valeriia Burova also joined the event. They talked about their training experiences during the war and the challenges they had to face.

On October 2, KSU received 100 laptops from the University of Kent (UK).



***Vice-Rector Alla Tsapiv and 100 laptops
from the University of Kent***

«Now, more than ever, we appreciate the support and assistance from our partners. The University of Kent became our friend almost from the first days of the war. Today we received 100 laptops from the UK for our academic staff and students. We are sincerely grateful for this vital support! We are grateful to Cormack Consultancy Group for their wonderful project and willingness to be close to the Ukrainian academic community in such challenging times. Special gratitude to Anzhela Stashchak, a project Director of Cormack Consultancy Group, who accompanies our cooperation and helps with the organization and implementation of plans! Thank you to the management of the University of Kent! Russell Moul, Anthony Manning, you are amazing!!! Thank you to my team, Vice-Rector for International, Social, Humanitarian, Scientific and Pedagogical Affairs Alla Tsapiv, who work together and powerfully for our common goal”, the Rector of KSU Oleksandr Spivakovskiy comments.



Employees and students in the KSU office in Ivano-Frankivsk are already using the equipment donated by the University of Kent



Europe Days at KSU



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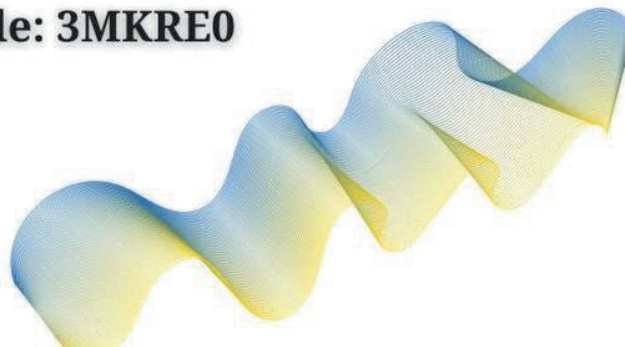
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Traditionally, in May, Kherson State University, like the whole country, actively celebrates Europe Days in Ukraine. This year, the university hosted events from May 16 to 27. Despite the hybrid mode, the program was exciting and rich in activities.

The events were organized by the Department of International Initiatives and Project Activities and the EU Information Center under the leadership of Alla Tsapiv, Vice-Rector for International, Social, Humanitarian, Scientific and Pedagogical Affairs.

The celebration of Europe Days took place at two venues: Kherson State University and Vasyl Stefanyk Precarpathian National University, where

the KSU Administration Office is now temporarily located.

As part of the events, the university received five video greetings from its international partners: Mischa Gabowitsch, historian, sociologist, and researcher at the Einstein Forum in Potsdam (Germany); Roman Drozd, Professor at the Institute of History of the Pomeranian University in Shupsk, Head of the Ukrainian Historical Society in Poland; Mayhill Fowler, Professor of The Stetson University; Eric Matherly, Fulbright Program fellow; Muhammed Demirbilek, Professor at the Faculty of Education of the Süleyman Demirel University; Tilmann Reuther, Professor of the University of Klagenfurt, scientific coordinator of cooperation with Ukrainian universities.



***A meeting of Rector Oleksandr Spivakovskiy
and Dean of the Pedagogical Faculty Liubov Petukhova
with the KSU students in Poland who are studying under
the International Exchange Program at the Pomeranian Academy in Slupsk.
November 2022***



***A meeting of Rector Oleksandr Spivakovskiy
and Dean of the Pedagogical Faculty Liubov Petukhova
with the KSU students in Slupsk***

You can watch the video greetings on the official KSU YouTube channel (https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLuL1dq6vVjh2gpFQrUO_kWjJDua11Ktf6).

In addition, on May 25, online meetings called «We and Europe are united» were held.

The event brought together about 100 participants: KSU Administration, academics, post-graduates, and students. Of course, Kherson State University family was joined by representatives of its partner institutions, with which we have long-term cooperation. Among them were Professor, Vice President of the University of the Cote d'Azur Philippe Lahire and Professor of the University of Klagenfurt Tilmann Reuther.

This year, thanks to Cormack Consultancy Group, KSU became a participant in the Unity International Project and got an excellent partner and friend – the University of Kent. For example, Anzhela Stashchak, Project Director Cormack Group and representatives of the University of Kent joined the greetings.

The holder of the Fulbright Program Scholarship Eric Matherly shared his impressions of his stay at Kherson State University and communication with students and staff.

Now he conducts classes in an online mode together with our academics and joins the meetings of the KSU English Speaking Club.



The unity of the academic community of Ukraine, Europe and the world is evidenced by the fact that many foreign scientists this year joined the Academic Bridge, an educational and scientific project organized by Associate Professor of the university Mykola Homaniuk. As part of the initiative, experts in various fields of knowledge from different parts of Ukraine, Europe and the USA gave lectures to our students and academic staff.

During the meeting, participants were presented with the international activities of KSU, participation in international educational and scientific events. Yevheniia Revenko, Acting Head of the International Initiatives and Project Activities Department, talked about new opportunities for our students and academics – projects and grants.

The meeting was moderated by Alla Tsapiv, Vice-Rector for International, Social, Humanitarian, Scientific and Pedagogical Affairs, and Andrii Yaromenko, Head of the Humanitarian Department. The event was attended by Rector of Kherson State University Oleksandr Spivakovskiy. He noted:

«I was glad to see my colleagues from the university, students, postgraduates and our international partners, with many of whom we have been cooperating for more than one year.

The geography of the participants once again emphasizes that Ukraine is united from South to North, from West to East, and our country is a part of the civilized world. I believe that borders run not only geographically, but also divide territories according to their mentality and value system.

They are common in Ukraine and Europe, unlike those manifested by the occupiers. And Europe Day is a day when we emphasize our unification and friendship. I want us to celebrate the birthday of our friendship next year not online but in Kherson, at Kherson State University, together with our European

friends and colleagues. Just like in recent years.

I conveyed my congratulations to the Vice President of the University of the Cote d'Azur, Philippe Lahire with whom we started the implementation of significant Information and Digital Project 23 years ago. Due to it, we still successfully administer all business processes at the university. I virtually shook hands with my friend, a Professor at the University of Klagenfurt, Tilmann Reuther. It is a great honor for us to have among our friends a well-known slavist, who has an excellent command of russian and Ukrainian and several other foreign languages.

He collaborates with philologists from different countries. It is evidence that there is respect and curiosity for linguistic diversity in the world and no oppression of a particular language and its speakers, no matter how much these narratives try to impose on us.

By the way, right now students of the Faculty of Ukrainian and Foreign Philology and Journalism are studying at the University of Klagenfurt under the academic mobility program.

It was a pleasure to meet our new partners, who will definitely become our friends.

With the beginning of a full-scale war in Ukraine, thanks to Cormack Consultancy Group, KSU became a participant in the Unity International Project and received an excellent partner and friend - the University of Kent. It was interesting to hear the impressions of staying at Kherson State University and communication with our students and staff from the scholarship holder of the Fulbright program, Eric Matherly. According to him, he had never met such active and motivated students before.

I wished all participants of the event peace, reliable friends and partners, once again congratulated them on Europe Day and expressed gratitude to our international friends for their support. Ukraine will definitely win!» the Rector said.



COMMUNICATION

No communication gap and no information vacuum are one of the priorities of Kherson State University. Communication is aimed at both students and employees, as everyone needs to know what processes take place at the university, what management decisions are made, and what consequences they have. It also applies to external communication, which allows Kherson State University to position itself in the information space of the region, the country and the world, provide up-to-date information and fight fakes.

A separate area of communication is the maintenance of communication and cooperation with the relevant Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine, the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine, the relevant Committee of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine, authorities and local self-government of the Kherson region, because KSU is an integral part of the ecosystem of the city, region and country.

In general, the policy of transparency in making all decisions is a principled position of KSU Rector Oleksandr Spivakovskiy. That is why any decisions of the institutional or procedural direction are subject to several examinations – from discussions at the level of student groups, assets, student self-government, the community of departments, and faculties, to sessions of the Rector's Office, Academic Council and Conference of the University's Labour Collective.

External communication

WITH THE WORLD

In the six months that have passed since the beginning of the full-scale invasion, the Rector, the First Vice-Rector, and Vice-Rectors, as well as some deans, heads of departments and other employees gave hundreds of interviews to Ukrainian and foreign mass media. Telling the truth, not being silent about the genocide and life under occupation, explaining how KSU works during the war are the main motivations for our communications.

In the first days of the full-scale invasion, Rector Oleksandr Spivakovskiy gave an interview to NPR National Public Radio. *«People should know the truth about the genocide that is happening today,»* he commented.

Vice-Rector Alla Tsapiv gave an interview for the BBC World Service. She noted: «We are trying to communicate with

foreign mass media, we have sent letters to our partner universities from different countries.

We talk openly about the war in the country.»

Anna Zhuravlova, Lecturer of the Department of German and Romance Philology, gave an interview to the Spanish TV channel Atlántico noticies. She frankly and honestly told the world about the war in Ukraine, about the death, violence and fear that gripped the country. Anna commented on the situation in Kherson, about the explosions and the presence of invaders in the city.

We will always tell the truth! We will continue to seek support!

During that time, only Rector of the university, Oleksandr Spivakovskiy, gave more than 50 comments to Kherson, all-Ukrainian and foreign media, including newspapers, online media, and television.

Communication with the central authorities of Ukraine

Special attention is given to the communication with the Ministry of Education and Science, the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine, and the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine.

The occupation radically changed the internal environment and living conditions of people and, of course, the work algorithms of Kherson State University. It was important to keep in touch with the central authorities, receive timely instructions and to inform them about problematic issues faced by the university, applicants, employees, and students.

Every week, First Vice-Rector Serhii Omelchuk and Vice-Rector Daria Malchykova attended meetings with the ministry dedicated to the issues of passing the final exams, the entrance campaign, and the specifics of the educational process organization. A direct communication was also established between the Rector of Kherson State University, Oleksandr

Spivakovskiy, and the Minister of Education and Science of Ukraine, Serhii Shkarlet. Thus, many issues were quickly solved.

In the first days of the full-scale invasion, it was significant to feel that the regional and city authorities of the Kherson region were in control of the situation and that we were not left to fend for ourselves. Thus, the participation of the First Deputy Chairman of the Kherson Regional Council, Head of the Executive Office, Yurii Sobolevskiy, and Head of Affairs of the Executive Apparatus of the Regional Council, Pavlo Aleksandrov, in the meeting of the Academic Council of the Kherson State University on February 28 was a point of light.

«Kherson State University was and remains a small island of stability and reliability. Kherson region was, is and will be part of Ukraine. Now all the authorities in Kherson are working. There



Deputy Minister of Education and Science for European Integration Oleksii Shkuratov visited the Office of KSU in Ivano-Frankivsk. 08.12.2022.



is also a regional headquarters, which was created jointly with the leadership of the Kherson regional state administration and the Kherson Regional Council to resolve humanitarian issues. Today we are in constant contact with the majority of heads of territorial communities who work 24/7 and solve humanitarian issues,» Yurii Sobolevskyi said.

The Rector, in turn, informed the staff that even under such difficult conditions, all payments are made through the Treasury, so there will be social payments, scholarships and salaries. He keeps in touch with the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine, Serhii Shkarlet in particular, regional and city authorities. In addition, from the first days, transparent relations were built with representatives of the Kherson regional military administration, on the cooperation of which depended on the constant and timely funding of the University and structural units, such as salaries and scholarships.

Moreover, in cooperation with the regional authorities, it was possible

to organize the evacuation of several employees to the territory under control of Ukraine.

On August 12, Deputy Minister of Education and Science for European Integration Oleksii Shkuratov visited Vasyl Stefanyk Precarpathian National University in Ivano-Frankivsk. He also went to the historical building, which was transferred to the temporary placement of the KSU Administration Office.

Rector of the university Oleksandr Spivakovskiy once again expressed his gratitude to Ihor Tsependa for the shelter and support. He also noted that the cluster form of interaction chosen by the universities would facilitate the exchange of experience and expand educational and professional opportunities for students and academics of higher education institutions. During the visit, they discussed the work of the KSU Office under the conditions of relocation, specifics of the entrance campaign and difficulties that students face in the temporarily occupied territories when choosing a Ukrainian Education.



***Temporarily Acting Mayor of Kherson Halyna Luhova
visited KSU in Ivano-Frankivsk***



They also touched upon the prospects of international cooperation with European educational institutions.

On September 5, the Office of Kherson State University in Ivano-Frankivsk was visited by Acting Mayor of Kherson Halyna Luhova.

During the visit, Acting Mayor of Kherson Halyna Luhova spoke with First Vice-Rector Serhii Omelchuk, Vice-Rector for Financial, Economic, Scientific and Pedagogical Affairs Maksym Vinnyk, Vice-Rector for International, Social, Humanitarian, Scientific and Pedagogical Affairs Alla Tsapiv and Dean of the Faculty of Physical Education and Sports Ivan Hlukhov.

The participants of the meeting discussed the structure, working conditions and the successful start of the new academic year. The representatives of KSU noted that due to cooperation with Vasyl Stefanyk Precarpathian National University, this year, it was possible to carry out the educational process in a hybrid mode.

Moreover, the participants discussed an issue regarding the possibility of the city council supporting the people of Kherson. Namely, employees and students of Kherson State University, who have now temporarily moved to Ivano-Frankivsk.

Communication of students

Our students also built their communication with the external world. On May 12, the first online meeting of student activists and trade unions of both Kherson State University and Vasyl Stefanyk Precarpathian National University was held, on the basis of which the KSU Administration Office temporarily operates. The event was moderated by Alla Tsapiv, Vice-Rector for International, Social, Humanitarian, Scientific and Pedagogical Affairs, and Serhii Kuznetsov, Director of the Cultural and Artistic Hub of the university.

«Students are a priority of any university and a driving force for the development of Ukraine. Students and academic staff of our university actively cooperate with other Ukrainian educational institutions and international organizations. I hope that today's meeting will contribute to establishing communication and cooperation between the student activists of our universities,» Alla Tsapiv emphasized.

The meeting was attended by more than 50 students from two higher educational institutions. The student activity of Kherson State University was

represented by the Chairman of the Student Parliament, Denys Pazynych, and the Chairman of the Primary Trade Union Organization of KSU students, Anhelina Shcherbyk. Vasyl Stefanyk Precarpathian National University was brought forward by Acting Chairman of the Student Senate, Viktoriia Lialiuk, and Chairman of the Primary Trade Union Organization of students and graduate students, Nazarii Diuk. They briefly spoke about their activities, learning under conditions of war and student volunteer activities, which are widespread in both universities.

In addition, the chairman of the PNU Primary Trade Union Organization Nazarii Diuk invited KSU student activists to visit their institution. The meeting was also attended by Oleksandra Pyslar, who headed the KSU Student Trade Union for about six years. She noted that students of Kherson State University have always communicated and maintained contact with representatives of different universities in the country, which allowed them to gain interesting experience and establish new connections. Especially today, in this difficult time, communication between students is vital.



KSU is a center of the Kherson community in Ivano-Frankivsk

It is important not only to communicate with the external world, but also to unite people around you. Kherson State University has become the center of the Kherson community in Ivano-Frankivsk. It unites residents of the Kherson region, who were forced to flee the occupied territory.

“We have already become a platform for the unification of the people of Kherson, who received shelter in Ivano-Frankivsk”, Rector of the university Oleksandr Spivakovskiy said with confidence. “We should stick together, support each other. Everyone must, within the limits of their strength and capabilities, bring closer the victory of Ukraine and, accordingly, the return home to free, Ukrainian Kherson”.

At the initiative of First Vice-Rector Serhii Omelchuk, a telegram channel called «Kherson-Ivano-Frankivsk Community» was created. There one can find interesting events, useful information, support and much more.

On May 13, the Cultural and Artistic Hub of the university together with students and academics of the Department of Tourism and Regional Studies of Vasyl Stefanyk Precarpathian National University conducted a tour of the picturesque Ivano-Frankivsk for relocated KSU academic and non-academic staff and Kherson residents.

On May 19, an event dedicated to Vyshyvanka Day was held in Ivano-Frankivsk on the basis of the KSU Office,



Tour of hospitable Ivano-Frankivsk



*The event is dedicated to Children's Day.
From KSU Vice-Rector Alla Tsapiv*



*The office of KSU in Ivano-Frankivsk was visited by sunny children.
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KSU team at the opening of HUB «I am Kherson» in Ivano-Frankivsk

which was attended by our employees and Kherson residents.

On June 1, Kherson State University, in cooperation with Vasyl Stefanyk Precarpathian National University, organized a festive event dedicated to International Children's Day.

On August 20, sunny children and their parents from our native Kherson region visited the KSU Office in Ivano-Frankivsk. Rector Oleksandr Spivakovskiy warmly welcomed old friends of the university.

«Kherson residents will always find each other to support and communicate! I've got an incredible boost of positive energy! Together we remembered our beautiful sunny city, our joint projects - performances in the inclusive theatre, which I always attended, and festivals in which the University provided partner support. These are warm memories that will have their continuation in real life. In free Ukrainian

Kherson, to which we will all return,» the Rector emphasized.

On September 5, HUB «I am Kherson» was opened in Ivano-Frankivsk. Representatives of Kherson State University also attended the event, because, since April, when its Administration Office was relocated to Ivano-Frankivsk, the University has been actively joining public initiatives to help IDPs.

Among the participants were representatives of the authorities, Head of the Kherson Regional Military Administration Yaroslav Yanushevych, Acting Mayor of Kherson Halyna Luhova, First Vice-Rector Serhii Omelchuk, Deputy of the Kherson City Council and Dean of the Faculty of Physical Education and Sports Ivan Hlukhov, and Lecturer of this Faculty Kateryna Drobot, as well as Kherson residents, who were forced to leave their homes and find shelter in the Carpathian region.

The HUB was created on the initiative of the Head of the Charitable Organization «Unconquered Kherson», Associate Professor of Kherson State University Volodymyr Klyutsevskiy. It also included NGO «Public Center «New Generation» (Head – Oksana Hliebushkina) and the Center for Coordination of Assistance to IDPs from the Kherson City Council (Coordinators – Yurii Rozhkov and Ivan Hlukhov).

Today there are about a hundred KSU students, academic and non-academic staff in Ivano-Frankivsk. The University Administration is sincerely grateful to the partners from Precarpathian University, Rector Ihor Tsependa in particular, for the shelter that Kherson State University and structural divisions such as Berislav Specialty Pedagogical College named after V.F. Benkovsky and Henichesk Professional College received. Since then, KSU has become the center of the Kherson community in Ivano-Frankivsk.

On October 2, HUB «I am Kherson» hosted celebrations dedicated to the Day of Education Workers of Ukraine. The event was attended by about 50 Kherson education workers, including representatives of the Kherson State University.

Brave and unconquered Kherson teachers and academics were invited to thank them for what they did and keep doing in the most difficult conditions of wartime – to educate young, strong, loyal patriots of Ukraine and protect the intellectual future of our country. Also, during the event, a moment of silence was observed to honor the memory of all those who died as a result of armed aggression against our country, including children, educators, military personnel and other citizens of Ukraine. Kherson education workers were congratulated by the Head of the Kherson Military Administration Halyna Lugova and the Head of the Department of Education and Science of the Kherson Regional Military Administration Tetiana Yushko. Rector Oleksandr Spivakovskiy congratulated the participants on behalf of Kherson State University, which has been training specialists in the field of preschool, primary, general secondary and higher education for 105 years.

The event was also attended by First Vice-Rector of the University Serhii Omelchuk, Vice-Rectors Maksym Vinnyk and Oleksandr Lemeshchuk, Dean of Pedagogical Faculty Liubov Petukhova and Dean of the Faculty of Physical Education and Sports Ivan Hlukhov.



Participants of the meeting dedicated to the Day of Education Workers of Ukraine in HUB «I am Kherson» in Ivano-Frankivsk



*Rector of KSU Oleksandr Spivakovskiy
during his speech in the HUB «I am Kherson»*



Internal communication

The principled position of the Kherson State University team is that there are no closed topics. Each employee and student should be informed about what is happening and get answers to their questions. In the conditions of martial law, occupation and propaganda, communication (even remote communication through various communication channels) is also an opportunity to identify problematic moments, learn about the psycho-emotional and material state of employees and students, provide timely support, and sometimes correct mistakes that cannot be avoided in a stressful situation.

Student self-government has always played a key role in the work of the university.

The student activists are present in all working and advisory bodies, such as the Academic Council, the Conference of the Labor Collective, the Rector's office and the Scholarship Commission. The principle of transparency and collegiality of decision-making makes it possible to convey to the student community the fullness of information about the life and activities of the university.

A big role has always been played by the KSU Talks community Telegram channel with up to 2.5 thousand of our students as its members. There is also a chat where each student can ask any representative of the KSU Administration, such as a Dean or the Rector. The channel works as a platform for discussing various situations, of course, sometimes it turns into an emotional chat. For example, it happened in the early days of a full-scale invasion. It was then that the Rector and employees calmed down the students and conveyed official reliable information through Telegram. At the same time, the University Administration communicates in faculty chats.

The goal was to prevent panic, provocations that could be organized by

the Russian special services, and to calm the students. This tool turned out to be effective, because in the group, during communication, the students themselves stopped any hysteria or provocation. Moreover, it was clear that young people adhere to a pro-Ukrainian position and have a critical mindset.

The traditions of holding meetings of the Presidium of the Rector's Office every Monday, the Academic Council session at the end of the month, and the meeting of the Conference of the university's Labor Collective once six months were preserved.

At the same time, online meetings of Deans and Deputy Deans with students were held at all faculties to inform them about the situation. Some meetings focused on the peculiarities of the educational process organization, such as the resumption of classes, innovations in the preparation of qualification papers, passing the final exams and tests, as well as obtaining documents and diplomas.

The situation with the temporary relocation of the KSU Administration Office to Ivano-Frankivsk also needed clarification. Students were informed that nothing changes for them because the educational process takes place remotely. This decision was made to protect their rights, interests, and personal data. Working during the pandemic has taught us how to operate remotely, and we have strengthened our Digital Services. Therefore, we can now work in conditions when some of our employees are in Kherson, some in Ivano-Frankivsk, and some in other regions altogether. Therefore, no matter where employees or students are, they can communicate and take part in the educational process.

When the premises of Kherson State University were seized in June, we reassured both students and employees. Moreover, it was necessary to inform them that the university keeps working as a



Ukrainian legal entity, the educational process continues, and everyone will receive Ukrainian education documents. The main message was that the value of Kherson State University is not in the buildings, but in its students and academic staff. And we try to preserve, unite, and support them as much as possible.

The team refused to cooperate with the collaborators. Using the name and reputation of the Ukrainian State University, the self-proclaimed «administration» of the institution tried to conduct an entrance campaign to the non-existent fake ksu.

We must not allow the invaders to use Kherson children for their «picture/shot».

It is the loss of the future! So, Kherson State University launched the information campaign «STOP FAKE», posting information messages on social networks and mass media of the Kherson region and Ukraine:

+ Kherson State University continues to operate under Ukrainian legislation. We work, issue Ukrainian diplomas, and enroll students. We have 9 faculties, more than 350 academics, 4000 patriotic students.

! The temporary KSU Office is located in Ivano-Frankivsk, 57, Shevchenko Street.

- The self-proclaimed and self-created structure of ksu in Kherson is a FAKE and clone of Ukrainian Kherson State University. The invaders seized the buildings of the KSU in Kherson, but this is not equal to the seizure of a Ukrainian University.

+ Kherson State University uses only the numbers of Ukrainian operators, Ukrainian mail servers and corporate mail of KSU for communication. Our contacts: community «Entrance 2022» on Viber group (<https://invite.viber.com/?g2=AQA dT4KYdk%2BTok35DA%2FANAvY97tpvq>

YRQ8WuSl45GV71udZDJQg3Fgs%2BXqc VB2Gj&lang=ru),

Admissions Committee:
+38(096)6130516, +38(095)4720711
(Viber, Telegram); e-mail – Examination@ksu.ks.ua.

- Fake KSU indicates contacts with mobile numbers of russian operators +7. Do not provide the occupier with your personal data! It's dangerous.

+ Kherson State University conducts consultations EXCLUSIVELY remotely, by phone or via messengers: Viber, Telegram.

- Fake KSU invites applicants and students to the haunted buildings of our university. Do not contact the occupiers! It can be life-threatening.

+ Kherson State University does NOT ask for original documents of applicants or students. Submission of documents for admission takes place through the registration of personal electronic accounts on the portal <https://vstup.edbo.gov.ua/>.

Consultations of the admissions committee through messengers and the «APPLICANT 2022» community in Viber. Admissions Committee: +38(096)6130516 and +38(095)4720711 (Viber, Telegram); e-mail - Examination@ksu.ks.ua.

- Fake KSU requires original documents for admission. Do not provide your personal data to the occupier! It can be dangerous.

+ Kherson State University issues diplomas of the Ukrainian model, which are recognized in EU countries and around the world. This is a legal and official education document. We print diplomas in Ivano-Frankivsk, the originals will be kept in Ivano-Frankivsk, and all graduates will receive scanned copies upon request. A paper original is not required upon admission or employment in Ukraine. All data on diplomas are available in the only unified electronic database on education and will soon appear in the «DIIA» phone application.



- Fake KSU promises «diplomas» from some russian University. This is some manipulation because Moscow does not need a fake KSU. Any «diplomas» issued by the fake KSU are not recognized in the world. You can work with such diplomas only in russia.!! Don't ruin your future, don't waste your time «studying» at the fake KSU.

+ Kherson State University is currently conducting an admissions campaign. For residents of Kherson region and other temporarily occupied territories, admission is based on an oral remote interview (it is not necessary to fill out the National multi-subject test) and a motivation letter. We have many budget places.

- The fake KSU did not announce the admission rules, for them the main thing is to create a picture that the admission took place. This is not fair! After entering the fake KSU, you will lose a year, because Kherson will be liberated soon, the fake KSU will disappear, and you will be left with nothing due to the deception of the occupiers, because you did not take advantage of the opportunity to become a student at a Ukrainian university.

+ At Kherson State University, studies according to the Ukrainian program will begin on September 1st (for senior years), from October 1st (for first years). Mixed education is distance and face-to-face (based in Ivano-Frankivsk).

We have kept the teaching staff of our university, all resources (documents, programs, courses are in digital format), we pay Ukrainian salaries and scholarships. We are ready to provide a quality educational process. After the liberation of the region, we will return and continue our work in Ukrainian Kherson.

- Fake KSU offers full-time education. But as of now, they do not have teachers, study programs and students. They are unable to organize a quality educational process. There are only apartments, but this is NOT equal to the opportunity

to organize a high-quality educational process!! Do not become hostages of russian propaganda!

+ The whole world is open to our students. Kherson State University has more than 30 Cooperation Agreements with Higher Education Institutions in Europe. Hundreds of our students are studying under the «Double Diploma» programs, receiving a diploma from the KSU and a diploma from the EU University. The whole world is open to our students.

- Fake KSU can focus only on russia, and russia is an outcast in the entire civilized world, it was excluded from University International Cooperation Programs!

+ Kherson State University was, is and will be! We have a 105-year history, experience, staff, and authority of the best university in the Kherson Region. We will definitely return to Ukrainian Kherson. We believe in the Armed Forces! Join KSU!

As a result, we have a team that shares common values, is patriotic and pro-Ukrainian and is ready to work for the development of the university and support of its brand. We also have good results of the introductory campaign. This shows that Kherson youth do not believe in «liberators» and fake education.

The address of the university Rector, Oleksandr Spivakovskiy, to the staff on June 15th, a day after the occupying authorities took over the buildings of the native University, had a lot of support:

“Dear employees of Kherson State University! Everyone who teaches, administers, and ensures the vital activity of our institution!”

I am addressing each of you personally! You are incredible, courageous, and responsible! Everyone is an individual, a true patriot of our institution! I say this with full responsibility, because together we experienced many difficult, but also many



joyful moments! Thank you to everyone, because everyone works for the benefit of Kherson State University in their place!

These are difficult times for our institution, but you can be sure that we are a united team.

Wherever you are: in occupied Kherson, in another region of Ukraine and even abroad - we are together!

We have not had physical access to the university buildings since June 14th, but we were prepared for such a scenario. Therefore, the possibility of remote administration of all work processes was foreseen in advance. Now this is happening in our office in Ivano-Frankivsk. Kherson State University continues to work remotely. We are an active legal entity, according to Ukrainian legislation.

All efforts of the representatives of the occupiers to convince you otherwise are worthless!

You and I have a long and not always easy history of mutual relations; we discussed, knew how to find a compromise, and always moved forward.

We all know one thing for sure: the position of the Rector of Kherson State University is an elective one. It was you who entrusted me with the right to manage the university, and together we developed our institution all these years. And it is I who bear personal responsibility to you for the fulfillment of all obligations assigned to me as a manager. To appoint a rector is not in our tradition and not in our system of values. I am sure that together we will celebrate more than one anniversary of our institution.

As the current Rector of a Ukrainian university, I assure you that no «new government» can fire you.

All of you are employees of Kherson State University, which is subordinated to the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine. Therefore, there is no need to write any applications for dismissal or employment to the self-proclaimed «leader».

Our university will continue to work remotely. We will fulfill all financial obligations to those on forced layoff and

those who work remotely. Everyone will continue to receive salaries on their bank cards.

Do not give in to the calls of the occupiers, do not agree to cooperation, stay at home, in conditions that are safe for you.

Those who are working - continue to work remotely. You and I have established an effective communication system that works even in conditions of limited communication.

Kherson State University was, is and will be Ukrainian. The main thing is you, dear employees, your safety, and buildings and apartments... We will restore everything and make it even better!

I am proud to work with you! We will pass this stage together!

Let's hold on!»

The pseudo-referendum, which the occupying «authorities» held on September 23rd-27th in the temporarily occupied territories of Ukraine regarding the inclusion of the Zaporizhzhia and Kherson regions into Russia, was aimed at psychological pressure on the patriotic citizens of Ukraine who remained in the occupied territories.

Rector of the University Oleksandr Spivakovskiy appealed to all compatriots to support the employees and students of KSU:

«Let's not lose hope!

Now I am addressing those of our employees, teachers, students who are in my native Kherson Region! You know, we pray for you every day, worry, and do everything we can to make you feel part of the big family of Kherson State University!

No matter what anyone says, the most important thing is your life and safety, so do everything you need to protect yourself and your loved ones.

I know for sure that Ukraine is in the heart of each of you, and the main dream is a free, peaceful, Ukrainian Kherson! I have the same feelings and everyone regardless of where we are.

We do everything to fulfill all obligations to you, so that you feel that the university and the state support you.

We will definitely meet, there will be hugs and tears of happiness, there will be new plans and relentless movement forward! Everything will be fine, I know it for sure. Therefore, we do not lose hope, even when it seems that the patient has broken in, that there is no strength... We have a common past, present, and there will definitely be a peaceful and happy future!»

The coordinate system, in connection with the extremely complex situation, requires non-standard solutions from us. Therefore, Rector of the university

Oleksandr Spivakovskiy and First Vice-Rector Serhii Omelchuk introduced the practice of communicating with colleagues in an individual format.

If there is a need to resolve official or personal issues, during martial law this can be done through personal or group communication online. To do this, you need to fill out a Google form, choosing a day and time.

An ID and password for individual access to the Zoom conference will be sent to the specified email address.



Students and teachers together, as in previous years, wrote the Dictation of National Unity on November 9. The participants of the flash mob were in different parts of Ukraine and the world, but together with KSU. This is one of the examples of unity and quality communication



Rector of PNU Ihor Tsependa and First Vice-Rector of KSU Serhii Omelchuk during the writing of the Dictation of National Unity in Ivano-Frankivsk



Scientists, public figures, politicians, soldiers write the Dictation of National Unity in the auditorium of PNU in Ivano-Frankivsk



Work of the university Press Center

The filling of official sources of communication acquired special importance and responsibility after the full-scale invasion of Russia and the territory of Ukraine on February 24th, 2022, the temporary occupation of Kherson and the Kherson region, the relocation of the University's Management Center in April 2022 to Ivano-Frankivsk, the seizure of the premises of the Kherson State University in Kherson.

During this period, the activities of the university and the site did not stop for a moment. On the first day of the war, an appeal to the educational community of the institution was prepared and published on behalf of the rectorate, on all subsequent days the press center informed about current events at the university, prepared and posted appeals and reactions of the administration or the university community to events in Ukraine.

The fact that the number of news views of the university's official website has increased several times indicates the importance of prompt information. If at the

beginning of 2022, the average attendance of one news was up to 100 views, then with the beginning of the full-scale invasion, some news gained several thousand views.

At the same time, the number of views of the university's official pages in social networks also increased.

On the initiative of the press center and Stud-TV, regular reporting on the work of the volunteer center of KSU was introduced, which helped participants in the educational process who were under occupation and had problems with providing medicine and food.

Every week, video stories about life in the dormitories, the patriotic attitude of students and teachers were released, which was a powerful signal for the Kherson region, Ukraine and the whole world about the steadfastness and patriotism of our university community.

A real sensation was caused by the video "Oi u luzi chervona kalyna" performed by university students. On the page of the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine - 347 thousand views, more

Аналіз інформаційної політики ХДУ в умовах повномасштабної війни, тимчасової окупації та переміщення центру управління до Івано-Франківська

STRENGTHS "сильні сторони" ➢ Лідерство ХДУ у інформаційному просторі Херсонщини серед інших ВНЗ; ➢ Комунікація з двома офісами ХДУ; ➢ Збереження команди Прес центру; ➢ Цікавий контент; ➢ Планування медійної активності; ➢ Дистанційний формат роботи; ➢ Підтримка від ЗМІ-партнерів в Херсоні та Івано-Франківську, сайту Херсонської міськради.	WEAKNESSES "слабкі сторони" ❑ Скорочення кількості публічних заходів як інформприводів; ❑ Зменшення відео контенту (з огляду на безпеку героїв сюжетів); ❑ Несталий інтернет; ❑ Скорочення кількості ЗМІ-партнерів та відповідно перепостів інформації ХДУ, відеосюжетів (закриття ЗМІ).
OPPORTUNITIES "можливості" ✓ Популяризація бренду ХДУ; ✓ Співпраця з партнерами з Івано-Франківська; ✓ Попит на патріотичний контент; ✓ Активізація у соц. мережах; ✓ Медійний супровід вступної кампанії; ✓ Активна робота Івано-Франківського офісу ХДУ як центру херсонського ком'юніті.	THREATS "загрози" ▪ Тривалий час окупації/посилення обстрілів підконтрольної території; ▪ Зменшення кількості публічних заходів як інформприводів; ▪ Втрата комунікації з офісом ХДУ у Херсоні; ▪ Проблеми зі зв'язком; ▪ Скорочення команди Прес центру.

Analysis of information policy of KSU



than 24 thousand likes, 867 reposts, 195 comments. Group with modern music on Facebook «Music for you»: 604 thousand views, 50 thousand likes, 1.6 thousand reposts, 472 comments.

At the May meeting of the Academic Council of the university, the manager of the Press Center, Oksana Kazakova, reported on the department's work since February 24th and presented a SWOT analysis of the information policy of Kherson State University. The team of the department demonstrates patriotism, friendliness and works harmoniously in a remote format. Currently, all the employees of the Press Center have left the temporarily occupied Kherson region.

Due to the closure of most local mass media (occupation and free journalism are not compatible), Kherson State University lost most of its media partners. Instead, the Press Center increased the publication of its own unique and interesting content, which is gladly picked up by relocated local mass media, as well as by all-Ukrainian and foreign mass media.

Ivano-Frankivsk mass media and the website of Vasyl Stefanyk Precarpathian National University have also become our partners. In order to strengthen the presence of Kherson State University in the information space, emphasis is placed on increasing the presence in social networks, popularizing the brand of the Kherson State University, conducting exploratory work regarding the fake Kherson State University and the worthlessness of the diplomas of the aggressor country.

During this year's admissions campaign, the activities of the admissions committee and the university as a whole were actively covered.

Production of a news digest of KSU for a week, the section «Our traditions», «Let's remember how it was» was introduced with the obligatory assurance that we will return to the walls of our native university and continue the educational process in Ukrainian Kherson.

In addition, the university is fully represented in the most popular social networks.

We experience our feelings and sensations in creativity

Since the beginning of the war of the Russian Federation against Ukraine, the students of the university have not remained aloof and expressed themselves as their hearts dictate.

The active and patriotic youth of our university began to write poems about their native land, the Armed Forces of Ukraine and fighting spirit.

The initiative was supported by Rector of the university Oleksandr Spivakovskiy, who likes to publish creative works of students on his Facebook page.

The Faculty of Culture and Arts is launching a Cultural and Educational Project «ART AGAINST WAR» aimed at condemning the war in Ukraine and popularizing Peace.

Currently, art has become one of the ways to confront the terrible reality that the

Ukrainian people are experiencing. With the help of artistic images, the uniqueness and originality of the work, the artist produces an idea about the inadmissibility and acceptability of wars in the civilized world.

Back in 2017, students of the Faculty of Culture and Arts, Anna Shapoval, Yuliia Shchetyna, Marharyta Demydova, Mariia Tsyhanova, became winners of the All-Ukrainian competition for student scientific works, presenting the study «Anti-war protest as a manifestation of the artist's social position (on the example of works of fine art of the 10-20s of 20th century)». Subsequently, the Faculty decided to start the cultural and educational project «ART AGAINST WAR», the purpose of which is to publish classic works of world anti-war art and literature, as well as the works of



Я - не акторка і не співачка,
Не танцівниця і не поет.
Я - українка, а не кріпачка!
Це мій найкращий,
надійний білет.

Я вірна дитина широкого
степу.
Найкраща у світі - моя
сторона!
Вкраїнські простори,
чарівність вертепу,
Херсону краса - золотава
струна...

Євгенія Зверяк



Nolas Komets

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Живи, Україно!
Наша єдина. Моя країно.
Живи країно, бо ми воедино,
Бо ми - Україна!
Я кожен день наодинці
молюся
І я не боюся, і мене не
зламати!
Промені сонця дарують
надію.
У кожному серці живе мрія,
Що все закінчиться.
Армія наша, я дякую Вам:
За відсіч Росії. І геть
ворогам!
Я дякую Вам!
Перемога за нами.
Нас не здолати і не
зламати,
Як і нашу мову крилату.
Ми - Україна. У нас серце
кричить: "перемагати"!

Микола Олександрович
Старушко ФФВС





students, teachers of KSU, and everyone who wants to.

The «ART AGAINST WAR» project has already been supported in the capital's Tuzov Gallery. They posted the works of artists with the hashtag #ArtAgainstWar and encouraged everyone to join. Most of the young activists of the Faculty of Culture and Arts - works of a visual nature. They are all different, but equally painful and soulful. <https://www.kspu.edu/PublisherReader.aspx?newsId=15511>

The most active student was Daniil Shuliev, fourth-year student, who created a series of drawings «War». Already in the artist's collection there are more than 20 paintings that have become a reflection of his state of mind and his view of aggression.

Oleksii Ponomarov, senior lecturer of the Faculty of Culture and Arts, Honored Artist of Ukraine, wrote and performed a song based on the poems of Natalia Shushliannikova, art director of the Kherson Academic Lyceum named after O.V. Mishukov of Kherson City Council at KSU, at the beginning of March.

Mykola Levchenko, Dean of the Faculty of Culture and Arts, was the initiator of writing a piece of music that would support the patriotic spirit of our university employees. This proposal was accepted with great enthusiasm by Oleksii Ponomarov and he created "Duma about Ukraine". The next author's song by Oleksii Ponomarov has the symbolic title «Ukrainian Land». Subsequently, Oleksii Ponomarov presented a composition for World Piano Day - «First rays of morning sun». In August, Oleksii Ponomarov created a new musical project «New Ukrainian Age».

In addition, we are proud that the former teacher of the Faculty of Physical Education and Sports, the winner of the All-Ukrainian talent show Viktor Romanchenko, also known as Fizruk, released a new song «Unbreakable».

The young people of our educational institution also try new forms of expression. In particular, the student of the Faculty of Culture and Arts, Milada Neivirt, created



Олександр Співаковський

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Пишаюсь нашими студентами. Ви найкращі ❤️



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«Ой у лузі червона калина», - співають і студенти Херсонського державного ... Показати більше



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KSU students performed "Oi u luzi chervona kalyna"

a video animation. The girl described the tragedy of the Second World War and its similarities with today's situation with a single word, which caused the title of the work «Again».

In April, university students participated in the video surprise "Oi u luzi chervona kalyna", performing their version of the song. It was a real sensation on the scale of Ukraine.

The fight for Ukraine continues on all fronts! In April, the project «Watermelon Tales» was launched in Kherson, aimed at creating modern Ukrainian-language content on a YouTube channel for children. Slava Kavun, a graduate of Pedagogical Faculty, took an active role in its implementation. The center of tourism and adventure KhersON acted as the initiator. They decided to launch the project not only to support children and their parents in this difficult time, but also to increase the number of children's Ukrainian-language content.



Prayer for Ukraine performed by the participants of Studi-Art

On May 7th, «Prayer for Ukraine» was released, performed by students of KSU from the People's Educational Theater «Study-Art».

On May 17th, on the occasion of International Family Day, the cultural and artistic Hub and university students

prepared a video greeting. The author of the video version is a senior lecturer of the Faculty of Culture and Arts, Honored Artist of Ukraine Oleksii Ponomarov (<https://youtu.be/gKL0I700XWI>)

Olha Hulciaeva, Senior Lecturer of the Department of Fine Arts, participated



Olha Hulciaeva at the exhibition

in the exhibition «With love for Ukraine» in Warsaw.

In September, students and teachers of the Faculty of Culture and Arts took part in the charitable art project «Kherson Region is Ukraine», aimed at supporting the temporarily occupied regions of Ukraine.

Both Ukrainian artists and illustrators, as well as all those willing, took part in the project. Thanks to art events and the sale of artists' works, funds were collected for the reconstruction of cultural monuments and the support of the Armed Forces of Ukraine in the liberation of southern Ukraine. The organizers of the initiative are the regional development agency of the Tavriia Union of Territorial Communities and the charity foundation «This Craft».

Mykola Levchenko, Dean of the Faculty of Culture and Arts, noted that this is not the first experience of cooperation for the Faculty. He said that students' works were sent to participate in the project: «The subject matter is quite broad, the works are made in various techniques. This indicates that students at the faculty master various technologies, which, as we can see, are successfully used in practice.»

In particular, the works of Daniil Shuliev, a graduate of the Faculty of Culture and Arts, are presented within the framework of the «Kherson region is Ukraine» project.

«Kherson...hurts» This is how students of the Department of Choreographic Art called their creative video work.



Fragment of the choreographic composition «It hurts... Kherson»



TRADITIONS AND MEMORABLE DATES

No matter how difficult it may be, the community of Kherson State University tries to adhere to long-standing traditions, to experience joyful and tragic moments together, to appreciate and remember the past, to build the future.

Traditions strengthen the team

On March 26th, the Pedagogical Faculty celebrated its 45th anniversary. Its history is full of remarkable achievements and victories - over the years, the Pedagogical Faculty has a lot to remember and a lot to be proud of. (Of course, the team has no less ambitious plans for the future as well) Currently, we are and remain the only institution of higher education in Kherson region that trains specialists in the field of preschool, primary and special education. For 45 years now, the Faculty has been producing teachers who form the future of Kherson Region and Ukraine. We are proud of the fact that thousands of our graduates create the reputation of our institution!

On this day, the founders of the Faculty were remembered. The Candidate of Pedagogical Sciences, Associate Professor, Excellence in Education of Ukraine, honorary professor of KSU, combatant in the Second World War, labor veteran Oleksii Prylepsykyi was the first Dean of the Pedagogical Faculty, at that time the Faculty of Preschool and Primary Education.

His successor was Doctor of Philological Sciences, Professor Ludmyla Rudenko, who headed the Faculty from 1990 to 1992 and also did a lot for its development and prosperity.

Since 1992, the Faculty has been managed by Liubov Petukhova, Doctor of Pedagogical Sciences, Professor, Honored Worker of Education of Ukraine.

The faculty has formed powerful scientific schools and a teaching staff consisting of 45 teachers, including

5 Doctors of Science, Professors, 36 Candidates of Science and 28 Associate Professors. In their teaching activities, the faculty team successfully combines the traditions of pedagogical education with new modern methods and forms, including the standards of the New Ukrainian School.

The uniqueness of the Faculty is that for many years the only Friedrich Froebel Educational Center in Ukraine has been operating here, on the basis of which, in particular, advanced training courses are held for educators of the city and the country. There is also an inclusive resource center for the rehabilitation of children with special educational needs, which is equipped with the only interactive floor in Kherson Region for conducting corrective and developmental classes.

The Pedagogical Faculty is a long-standing tradition, authority, and constant development! Now the community of the Faculty and the entire university is demonstrating unity, preparing to start the educational process in a distance format, to make it high-quality. And we will definitely celebrate the anniversary together with the victory of Ukraine!

On March 28th, Rector of Kherson State University Oleksandr Spivakovskiy celebrated his birthday. The staff of Kherson State University addressed their Leader with the following words: *«Every day we dedicate to the development of Kherson State University and higher education of Ukraine! We don't stop even when it's hard and someone says why do we do this. And we continue because we do what we believe in!»*



Pedagogical Faculty





Dear Oleksandr Volodymyrovych! You inspire and motivate, and we feel like a united team that only becomes stronger because of the trials that have befallen our home country.

Your whole life is connected with the university, all your actions are aimed at forming an educated, patriotic future of Ukraine! We heartily congratulate you on your anniversary! We wish you good health, family warmth, energy, new ideas and plans! Don't stop!

We believe in the Victory of Ukraine! We want to live in Ukrainian Kherson, work at the best university in Kherson region, and hear your signature phrases «Everything will be fine!» every day. and «Only forward!»

Doctor of Pedagogical Sciences, Professor, honored worker of science and technology of Ukraine, honorary citizen of Kherson Mariia Ivaniva Pentyliuk celebrates her birthday on April 6th! Sincere wishes, a tasty present and spring flowers from the university community were personally delivered to the birthday girl by the first Vice-Rector Serhii Omelchuk, the Vice-Rector for financial, economic, and scientific-pedagogical work Maksym Vinnyk and Head of the Scientific Society of the University Tamara Mandych.

Mariia Ivanivna is the real pride of Kherson State University! She has

brought up more than one generation of talented teachers, dozens of successful Candidates and Doctors of Science have been educated in her scientific school, and children are taught by her textbooks throughout Ukraine.

On August 30th, the traditional August online Conference of pedagogical workers of Kherson Region «Education, educators of Kherson Region are indomitable in the war» took place. The event was organized by Kherson State University, Kherson Regional Military Administration, Department of Education and Science of Kherson Regional Military Administration, the Department of Education of Kherson City Council.

KSU is traditionally a co-organizer and an active participant of such events, based on the fact that the Rector of the University is the Head of the Commission on Human Capital Development of Kherson Regional Council.

The Head of Kherson Regional Military Administration Yaroslav Yanushevych, the Chairman of Kherson Regional Council Oleksandr Samoilenko; First Deputy Chairman of Kherson Regional Council - Head of the Executive Office Yurii Sobolevskiy; Rector of Kherson State University, Professor Oleksandr Spivakovskiy; Tetiana Yushko, Head of the Department of Education and Science of

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**ХЕРСОНСЬКА ОБЛАСНА СЕРПНЕВА
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**ОСВІТА, ОСВІТЯНИ –
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Kherson Regional Military Administration; Nataliia Zhurzhenko, Head of the Education Department of Kherson City Council; Ihor Tsependa, Rector of Vasyl Stefanyk Precarpathian National University; educators of Kherson Region joined the work of the general panel.

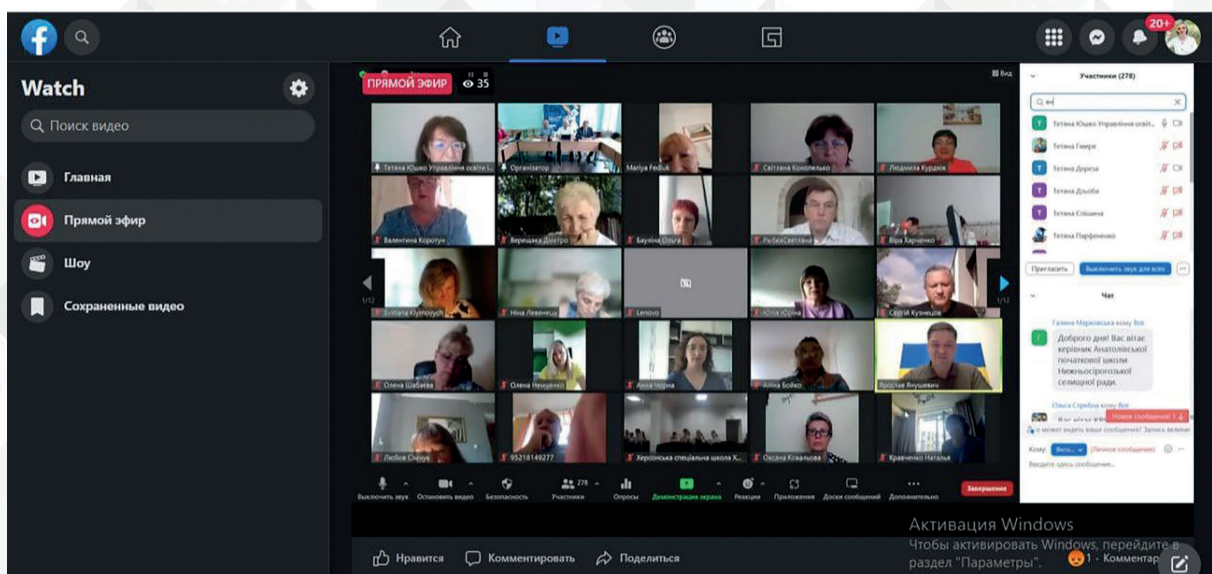
The First Vice-Rector of the university, Serhii Omelchuk, solemnly opened the event.

«The conference is a powerful signal to the residents of the temporarily occupied Kherson Region that educators are firmly holding their front. The fact that in extremely difficult conditions, when there is no communication, humanitarian corridors, when the occupiers put pressure on teaching staff and their parents, Kherson education - higher, general secondary, preschool, inclusive, extracurricular - is preserved, there is communication between the State Authorities and of local self-government, and the most important thing is plans for the future and the desire to work for the sake of Victory,» Serhii Omelchuk noted. He also emphasized: «Kherson State University works with everything necessary to ensure a high-quality educational process, training of teaching staff, because our graduates are the vast majority of those present at the conference.» And he added that more

than 500 educators joined the event in the virtual space.

Then, Tetiana Yushko moderated the event. Speaking before the gathering, she emphasized: «We must loudly declare that education works, that we will teach and raise children according to Ukrainian educational programs and form a patriotic generation of Ukrainians. As they did all the years of independence. The fact that regional leaders, leaders of territorial communities, and teachers are present at the event shows that the issue of education is the main and fundamental one for all of us.»

Head of Kherson Regional Military Administration Yaroslav Yanushevych, Head of the Kherson Regional Council Oleksandr Samoilenko and his First Deputy Yurii Sobolevskyi, Head of the Department of Education of Kherson City Council Nataliia Zhurzhenko, speaking before the educators, noted that every pedagogical worker has a huge responsibility, in addition to the main goal - to teach and educate Ukrainian citizens, and fulfill a great mission - to preserve the heritage of Ukrainian education, culture, history and continue to work with children and their parents. It is the teachers who, by their position, prevent many of them from being disappointed and fall, and



Participants of the online conference of pedagogical workers of Kherson region



inspire them to believe in Victory. During their speeches, the speakers expressed gratitude to everyone for their courage and loyalty to Ukraine!

A minute of silence was observed in memory of those who died as a result of the war unleashed by Russia. Among the dead are educators and children, in particular from the Kherson region. We will not forget!

The issue of preserving the human capital of Kherson region continues to be taken care of by Head of the Commission of Kherson Regional Council on the development of human capital, Rector of Kherson State University Oleksandr Spivakovskiy. After all, as an educator, he understands the need to provide education with high-quality professional staff even in the conditions of the challenges of wartime.

In his report, he focused on the words of support for educators, commented on the challenges faced by teachers and cited examples of successful cases of Kherson State University's work under martial law, which can be scaled to the work of all educational institutions in Kherson region, voiced proposals for continuing cooperation for the sake of development of human capital of Kherson region.

«I see my mission as an educator and the Head of the Commission of Kherson Regional Council for the development of human capital not only in the preservation of the educational network, but also in its development. We are not now fighting for the integrity of our lost buildings, which are also certainly important. We are fighting for our children, for influencing the consciousness of young people, because this is our Ukrainian future, these are the values that we should cherish. Every challenge is an opportunity to become better, stronger. Our common mission is to preserve the education of Kherson region, to make sure that our children can continue their studies in their native educational institutions according to Ukrainian programs, to be real Ukrainians. I am proud of the fact that I have the honor to hold the educational front of Kherson region together

with you in extremely difficult conditions,» said Oleksandr Spivakovskiy.

He also expressed his gratitude to the Rector of Vasyl Stefanyk Precarpathian National University, Ihor Tsependa, for his shelter and support.

In her speech, the Head of the Department of Education and Science of Kherson Regional Military Administration, Tetiana Yushko, focused on the achievements of our educators and the high results of graduates who took the National Multi-Subject Test. We have 100 students who studied in 43 educational institutions of the region and passed at least one subject for a maximum of 200 points. And this in extremely difficult conditions of martial law! Tetiana Yushko also focused on the organization of the educational network of Kherson Region, on the organization of the distance educational process according to Ukrainian programs on the basis of educational institutions, the heads of which are located in the territory under the control of the government of Ukraine. 44,000 children of Kherson region, including those who are under temporary occupation, have expressed their desire to study remotely in educational institutions of the region. And this is almost half of the school-aged children who are registered in Kherson Region!

Nataliia Zhurzhenko, Head of the Department of Education of Kherson City Council, noted in her speech that the three-year experience of working in the conditions of the pandemic taught teachers to work remotely using modern technologies. Of course, this is not how we all imagined the beginning of the new school year, but the fact that it will be Ukrainian, even in temporarily occupied Kherson, means that children, parents, teachers are unbreakable. She thanked her colleagues for understanding her high mission - not only educational, but also educative and unifying.

In addition to planning further activities and exchanging opinions, during the event, those present had the opportunity to view video materials



prepared by Kherson State University and feel the unity and confidence that the education of Kherson Region will be preserved. This is exactly what the heads of educational institutions emphasized in the video clip «Heads of educational institutions located in the controlled territory greet their colleagues.»

Schoolchildren of Kherson Region also congratulated their teachers and friends on the beginning of the new academic year. The students said that they miss their friends and school.

Unfortunately, many educational institutions have been destroyed. The war is destroying what we have so carefully built over the years - our educational infrastructure. The audience was shown a video about destroyed education, but indomitable educators.

Concluding the traditional August online conference of pedagogical workers of Kherson region «Education, educators of Kherson region - indomitable in the war», Tetiana Yushko emphasized: «We will rebuild everything, because the value and greatness is not in the buildings, but in the people who are beautiful, courageous, strong, patriotic.»

Confirmation of that - we are starting a new academic year.» She invited me to work in discussion panels, where educators could discuss important issues and jointly find ways to solve problems by making proposals.

The recording of the live broadcast of the online August conference of pedagogical workers of Kherson region «Education, educators of Kherson region - indomitable in the war» can be viewed by calling:

Within the framework of panel discussions, educators had the opportunity to discuss important issues and jointly find ways to solve problems by making proposals.

Kherson State University was the organizer of one of the discussion panels «Ensuring the functioning of educational institutions in conditions of martial law,

occupation and dispersion of participants in the educational process».

The First Vice-Rector, Serhii Omelchuk, noted that representatives of almost all higher education institutions of Kherson region gathered in the online space.

These are Kherson Agrarian and Economic University, Kherson State Maritime Academy, Kherson State University, Kherson National Technical University.

«In the form of a free discussion, we can exchange experience, share the problems and perspectives with which we begin this academic year, which is unique and difficult in that, unfortunately, all higher education institutions of Kherson Region begin it in conditions of displacement», - noted Serhii Omelchuk.

University cat Vasyl became the official symbol (mascot) of Kherson State University.

The corresponding decision was approved during the meeting of the Academic Council on September 26th.

Acting Vice-Rector for Digitization, Innovative, Investment Activity and Scientific and Pedagogical Affairs Oleksandr Lemeshchuk spoke about the implementation of this project. The Digital Infrastructure Department and the Press Center of the University were directly involved in the development of the symbol (mascot) concept.

The mascot is a digital image of the cat Vasyl, who is currently in Kherson and «protects» the university.

He will become not only the official mascot of the institution, but also a symbol of success and indomitability of Kherson State University.

Cat Vasyl has been living on the territory of the university for many years and during this time became a favorite not only of students, but also of the entire team.

There is even such a sign: to see Vasyl in the morning means that the day will be successful.



Wise cat Vasyl is a symbol (mascot) of KSU



Cat Vasyl in Kherson State University



Festive events

Vyshyvanka Day was celebrated on May 19th with the participation of the university community in a surprise party.

On June 1st, on the occasion of International Children's Day, Kherson State University and Vasyl Stefanyk Precarpathian National University (Department of Management of Socio-Cultural Activities, Show Business and Event Management of the Faculty of Tourism) organized and held a festive event.

On June 28th, the cultural and artistic HUB of the university, together with the Student Parliament and the Students' Trade Union Organization, recorded a video greeting to the Constitution Day of Ukraine.

On August 12th, Kherson State University celebrated the International Youth Day for the first time with the whole civilized world. This is certainly a confirmation that Ukraine is a European country where everyone has freedom, the right to their own development trajectory and the choice of the future!

On October 2nd, the KSU community celebrated the Day of Education Workers of Ukraine! Rector, Professor Oleksandr Spivakovskiy published his accost:

«Adamantine Ukrainian educators!»

You invested a part of your soul, knowledge, and heart in each of our defenders. A professional musician who became a defender of Mariupol, a nurse who serves as a paramedic, an entrepreneur who destroys enemies with modern drones, a teacher who hung a school board in her own yard and teaches children online, a teacher who takes exams from students from the trenches, a student, who died in the first days of the war, defending the city as part of the territorial defense, a young couple who were taken away with sacks on their heads by the occupiers because they refused to vote in the «referendum»... That's all, as well

as thousands of other Ukrainians - your pupils, your children whom you taught to be real and strong, intelligent, and decent people, Ukrainians. You are still teaching, holding our educational front.

Separate words of support for teachers and professors who are in the temporarily occupied territories, and endured, did not betray. Gratitude to teachers who, despite everything, continue to form the human capital of Ukraine, proudly bearing the title of teacher. I am proud of each of you! I am proud of the fact that for 105 years our native Kherson State University has been forming the educational elite! I am proud of my colleagues who continue to work in extremely difficult conditions! Thanks to my teachers! We believe in the victory of Ukraine, let's hold on! Happy holiday!»

The representatives of the student parliament, who prepared a touching video, joined in the congratulations.

We respect! We remember...

On March 2nd, our colleague Mykola Viktorovych Shevriakov passed away. This is the pride of our university - a talented teacher, Candidate of Biological sciences, Associate professor, labor veteran, graduate of our institution in 1965, honorary employee of Kherson State University.

Liubov Petukhova was his student and remembers Mykola Viktorovych with great warmth. Many generations of our graduates have the same memories.

In these difficult times, we try to be together with our employees, students who need help.

Our strength lies in unity and mutual support. Unfortunately, we cannot see off our dear colleague in a dignified manner - the city was blocked by the occupiers. But we will definitely remember, and his students will glorify their Teacher in the future!

And also... we will never forget who exactly prevented us from saying goodbye to Mykola Viktorovych in a human way.

On March 7th, 2022, by the Decree of the President of Ukraine Volodymyr Zelenskiy, six cities of our country were awarded the honorary title of «Hero City of Ukraine», including Kherson.

The educational community of Kherson State University did not stand aside and congratulated its native city on a new well-deserved status.

«This is recognition of the contribution of everyone who during these terrible 11 days of war did not whine, did not despair, did not run away, but acted and proved that Kherson people are strong in spirit and the best. Thanks to you, we have an unconquered city - Ukrainian Kherson!», said Rector of KSU Oleksandr Spivakovskiy and expressed his admiration for the civic position of our closest neighbors - Nova Kakhovka, Kakhovka, Henichesk, Kalanchak, Novooleksiivka. Support

other cities, towns, villages, and towns that are now winning.

Employees and students of Kherson State University are sure that only together Ukrainians will be able to overcome the enemy! Truth always wins!

March 13th marks the 78th anniversary of the liberation of Kherson from the Nazi invaders. From August 1941 to March 1944, the city was occupied by enemy troops. Among those who liberated Kherson was Nina Mykolaivna Chyzhychenko (20.03.1921-24.04.2008), Senior Lecturer in Political Economy at Kherson State Pedagogical Institute, a representative of one of the oldest Konovalenki teaching dynasties in Kherson region.

It so happened that currently our native city and all of Ukraine are facing military aggression from the Russian Federation. Today, in these difficult times for our country, the community of Kherson State University united and



Pavlo Paraskevich on his 100th Birthday



rallied around a common goal - to live in a free and peaceful Ukraine!

We are proud of our past, we are proud of our soldiers who protect us from the enemy today, we honor our ancestors, we appreciate everything they did for us. Their memory will always live in our hearts!

We are together! We will win! KSU is Ukraine!

On March 17th, the community of Kherson State University joined the nationwide moment of silence for those who died as a result of Russia's armed aggression against Ukraine.

Every day at 9:00 with the whole world...

Pavlo Kindratovych Paraskevych passed away on March 20th at the age of 101. The legendary personality of Kherson

State University, having passed the Second World War, he could not survive the war that came to his native land...

Pavlo Kindratovych Paraskevich - Candidate of Philological Sciences, Associate Professor, Head of the Department of Ukrainian Literature of the KhDPI (1977-1988), student of national education of the Ukrainian SSR, participant in combat operations in the Second World War, honorary professor of Kherson State University, honorary citizen of Kherson.

During the Second World War, Pavlo Kindratovych fought in the anti-aircraft artillery regiment of the 1st Ukrainian Front.

He participated in the liberation of Western Ukraine, Transcarpathia, Poland, Slovakia, and the Czech Republic.



The sculpture «Athena» is no longer on the square in front of the main building of KSU.



Awarded with orders and medals. In 1968, he began working as a teacher of Ukrainian literature at Kherson State Pedagogical Institute named after N.K. Krupska. He headed the

Department of Ukrainian Literature for 11 years. 35 years of his life are connected with our university. He wrote many scientific works, has a powerful creative output. More than one generation of his students proudly calls Pavel Paraskevich their teacher! I remember how in summer we congratulated Pavlo Kindratovich on his 100th anniversary, thanked him for his many years of work for the prosperity of our educational institution...

Outstanding figures, whose contribution to the development of Kherson State University, pedagogy and science cannot be overestimated, deserve the highest awards and our constant attention. Pavlo Kindratovych Paraskevych is a legend, a real personality!

This year, for the first time, the community of Kherson State University was unable to honor the memory of those who died in the Second World War, to thank our veterans for the victory over Nazism. 77 years after the end of the Second World War, people are dying from the weapons of Russian occupiers, entire cities are being destroyed, and Ukrainians are suffering just because they strive to be free and strong.

We cannot gather, as before, in our Park place, to honor the memory of the dead, but we are together spiritually, we feel the support of each other and the whole world.

History, unfortunately, repeats itself... Since March 2022, our native Kherson has been under occupation. The management center of Kherson State University has been temporarily moved to Vasyl Stefanyk Precarpathian National University (Ivano-Frankivsk). Our educational community already has the first names of those who died in this war...

Since July 10th, the sculpture «Athena» is no longer on the square in front of the main building of Kherson State University. The new «power» destroyed it. They say they broke it with sledgehammers.

«Like everyone whose life is connected with Kherson State University, I cannot explain to myself the reasons for this vandalism. Who could interfere with «Athena», who is considered the deity of spiritual activity, artistic ingenuity and thinking?! 15 years ago, in 2007, Yurii Ivanovych Bieliaiev, who was then the Rector of the University, and the late Oleh Vasyliovych Mishukov responded positively to the proposal of a Member of National Union of Artists of Ukraine, Kherson sculptor Yurii Shapko, to present the institution with the sculpture «Athena», recalls Rector Oleksandr Spivakovskiy.

The material was provided by the university, the sketch of the future sculpture was agreed considering Oleh Mishukov's proposal to add the Owl, which serves as a symbol of knowledge, wisdom, insight and erudition. By the way, it is the Owl that is on the emblem of the brainchild of Oleh Vasyliovych - the Academic Lyceum at KSU.

You can have different attitudes to the sculpture itself, to the place where it is placed, but there is something that has always united the community of Kherson State University.

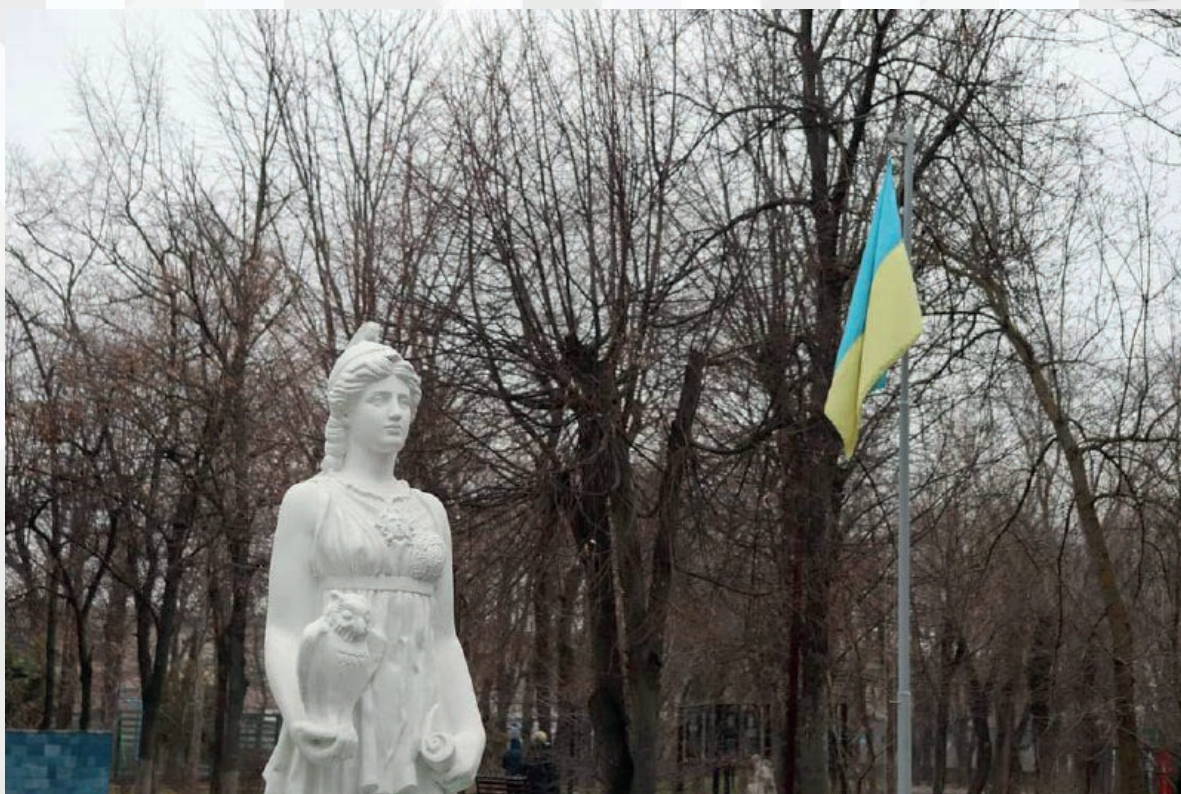
This is respect for history and traditions. It is in our traditions only to create, to build, to develop. Vandalism, destruction are unacceptable things. Although what can we expect from the people who seized our premises on June 14th, called themselves the new «leadership», and talk about a fake university in which there are no teachers and students?

We remember and honor our past, hold on with dignity in the difficult hours of the present and look to the future with hope. KSU was, is and will be!



Sculpture Athena, author is Yuriy Shapko





EPILOGUE

Nine calendar months of a full-scale war... Eight months of the occupation of Kherson... In terms of history - this is a moment, in terms of the fate of Ukrainians - a lifetime... Time sometimes slows down and drags on, then flies. During these months, the war separated hundreds of thousands of families, took away and destroyed the lives of thousands of people. During this period, we learned to freeze and wait, to accelerate and move like sprinters. For the sake of life, for the sake of our loved ones, for the sake of our VICTORY.

During these months, Kherson State University experienced both stagnation and acceleration. At the beginning of the occupation of Kherson Region, we felt that our hectic student-oriented life stopped, but for a few days - and we

concentrated on supporting each other, continued the educational process and began to move quickly forward to save the university, colleagues and students. We moved the management center to the city of Ivano-Frankivsk, established work in the conditions of two offices, survived the June occupation of the premises of Kherson State University by the occupation authorities, when it seemed that the world that we had created together for decades collapsed in an instant... In return, we received international aid, new friends, and partners, held the spring session and qualifying exams, prepared and issued diplomas for graduates, conducted a successful Admissions Campaign...

And finally, we waited! On November 11, the Armed Forces of Ukraine liberated



Speakers of the seminar on the Fulbright Program in Ukraine



Kherson and the right bank of the Dnieper from the occupiers! We are gradually bringing life back to Kherson State University. This is a wonderful gift to us for the 105th anniversary of the University, it is just happiness to know that Kherson is free.

We have no right and we don't want to stop! We have to work for the development of our native university, the quality education of our students and the successful future of our students. Wherever we are now - in Kherson, in other regions of Ukraine or abroad - we are all one family of Kherson State University. And the family is where they support and help, where there is no place for betrayal and despair!

We created this annals-chronicles with only one goal - after analyzing non-standard crisis situations (the so-called «black swan»), to look beyond the horizon and understand the algorithms of actions for the future. It is necessary to preserve quality Ukrainian higher education, motivate Ukrainian children to stay in the country and rebuild the state together, relying on the best European experience.

On September 23rd, Rector Oleksandr Spivakovskiy delivered a report «Key issues of relocation, interaction with the host higher education institution and scaling of problem-solving tools. Real experience and generalization» at the seminar «Management and strategic partnership between military intelligence agencies in conditions of war» under the Fulbright Program in Ukraine.

«Unity is what we all desperately need right now if we want to not just state the situation with the loss of educational infrastructure in the broadest sense of the term in the temporarily occupied territories, but seek to obtain algorithms for the revival and development of our territories after de-occupation. Relocated Higher Education Institutions lost only one resource – direct access to their material infrastructure, i.e. to premises and equipment. But with us we have our reputation, participants in the educational process, intellectual

potential, innovations, digital services... We compensate for the lack of material resources through a cluster partnership with Vasyl Stefanyk Precarpathian National University. And here the question of legalization of state investments arises, which can be directed to Kherson State University. Such support does exist, but it comes to us through the Precarpathian University. And this issue needs to be resolved at the state level.

The issue of managing human, financial, and documentary resources in conditions of temporary occupation, relocation, seizure of infrastructure, pressure, lack of communication, and the presence of a large number of participants in the educational process in the occupation is something that we have to talk about and work out each case, because the situations are different in each region and even in each higher education institution.

In my opinion, the Fulbright Program Office in Ukraine has undertaken serious analytical work and there are high hopes that the findings will be implemented in the relevant management system solutions. It is necessary to understand at the state level: if the territory is liberated, but there are no people there, the youth has not returned, then there is no question of development. The main mistake of putin's coordinate system: to capture the territory is ambiguous because to capture the hearts, souls and brains of people. Therefore, our common main task, along with the strategic plan for the revival of the country, with large-scale construction, is to start a large-scale reconstruction of human capital right now. All for the sake of the future of Ukraine and the native Kherson region!» - noted Oleksandr Spivakovskiy.

The situation in education clearly reflects the situation in society. Due to the full-scale invasion of russia into Ukraine, more than 10 million people were forced to leave their homes, 6.5 million of which were displaced within the country, 3.9 million went abroad. Most of these people are women and children. According to UNICEF, more than half of Ukrainian



children - 4.3 million out of 7.5 - were forced to leave their homes because of the war. According to the information of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine, there are almost 2 million young people among those who went abroad. Will young people return to Ukraine and what should be done to stimulate the whole generation to feel like citizens of Ukraine?

We need to work on the return of the human capital of Kherson region right now. The liberation of Kherson allowed us to start the process of inventorying the material and technical base of the university, arranging shelters, and ensuring the work of the KSU Office in Kherson.

A step-by-step map of the university restoration has been created, there are plans for development. So far, we are not talking about the full return of the team to the walls of their home institution and the resumption of the educational process. Kherson is under constant shelling from the left bank. We continue the educational process remotely. But we know for sure that soon the whole Kherson region will be liberated, and we will all meet in our native KSU.

Challenge 1. Movement

In March-May 2022, 25 independent higher education institutions and 19 separate structural divisions (colleges) were relocated.

More than 54,000 students study in displaced institutions and almost seven thousand teachers work. Universities are located in 16 cities of fourteen regions of Ukraine. All four State Universities of Kherson region (Kherson State Maritime Academy in this list) have been relocated.

The scale of university relocation in 2022 is significantly greater than in 2014. The very fact and scale of the relocation had a significant impact not only on the participants of the educational process, but also forced the university to adapt to existence in new realities.

Based on this, there are threats:

- loss (due to destruction or robbery) of infrastructure and material and technical base, which endangers the existence of individual educational programs;

- loss of contact with the participants of the educational process who are in the temporarily occupied territory;

- the loss of the contingent and, accordingly, the reduction of the burden on the scientific and pedagogical workers, which in the future may lead to the loss of the university status.

Challenge 2. Geography of participants in the educational process

One of the most acute problems of the displaced HEIs was the dispersion of people. After February 24, 2022, some students, teachers, and other employees of the HEI found themselves outside Ukraine, another part moved to the government-controlled territories of Ukraine, but a significant part of students continues to remain in the temporarily occupied territory of the left bank of the Kherson region.

Everyone is in different living and psycho-emotional conditions. Participants of the educational process who are abroad face language barriers, financial difficulties, problems with access to medical, legal services, accommodation.

Participants of the educational process, who are now in the liberated territory of Kherson region, feel in danger, because there is constant shelling of Kherson and the entire right bank of the region, there are problems with communication, living conditions.

Therefore, there is a threat of losing part of the team and students due to physical inability to work / study because of the need to arrange their lives in a new place, to hide from shelling. Sometimes it is better for a person to resign or take an academic leave than to work/study.

**NOVEMBER 11TH WILL FOREVER GO IN THE
HISTORY OF UKRAINE AS THE DAY OF THE KHERSON
LIBERATION FROM THE RUSSIAN OCCUPANTS**

A long-awaited and fateful event, which was eagerly awaited by the entire friendly family of Kherson State University. In Ukrainian Kherson, a Ukrainian flag is flying over the Ukrainian KSU! Everything is as it should be! Our patriot is Anna Yokich!





Employees and students of Kherson State University meet the Armed Forces of Ukraine and celebrate the liberation of Kherson.



















CELEBRATION OF THE 105TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF KHERSON STATE UNIVERSITY

On November 14, a solemn joint meeting of the Conference of the Labor Team and the Academic Council dedicated to the 105th anniversary of the founding of Kherson State University took place. The event brought together more than 700 participants: part of the university community was present at the KSU office in Ivano-Frankivsk, while others, including students, teachers, graduates and guests, joined online.







*The «Gold Medal of Kherson State University»
was presented to the Rector of the Vasyl Stefanyk
Precarpathian National University, Ihor Tsependa*



Rector of PNU Ihor Tsependa presented the KSU team with a symbolic gift - a painting depicting the Ukrainian Carpathians. After all, both Prykarpattia and Ivano-Frankivsk provided friendly shelter to the KSU family





During the celebrations, Nataliia Voropai - Executive Secretary of the University Admission Committee of KSU, academic secretary of the university, acting Head of the Department of Pedagogy and Psychology of Preschool and Elementary Education - for high professionalism in the organization of the Admission Campaign - 2022 to Kherson State University in conditions of war and temporary relocation of the institution



During the celebrations, Oleksandr Lemeshchuk was awarded with a name watch of KSU - acting Vice-Rector for Digitization, Innovative, Investment Activity and Scientific and Pedagogical Work - for high professionalism in the digitalization of the main business processes of the university in the conditions of war and temporary relocation of the institution



From February 24, an exhibition of photo works dedicated to the KSU life was opened in the KSU office in Ivano-Frankivsk. The author of most photos is Vice-Rector Maksym Vinnyk





KHERSON STATE UNIVERSITY HAS DEVELOPED A STEP-BY-STEP PLAN FOR THE REVIVAL OF THE INSTITUTION'S LIFE IN KHERSON

The robbed, but indomitable KSU.

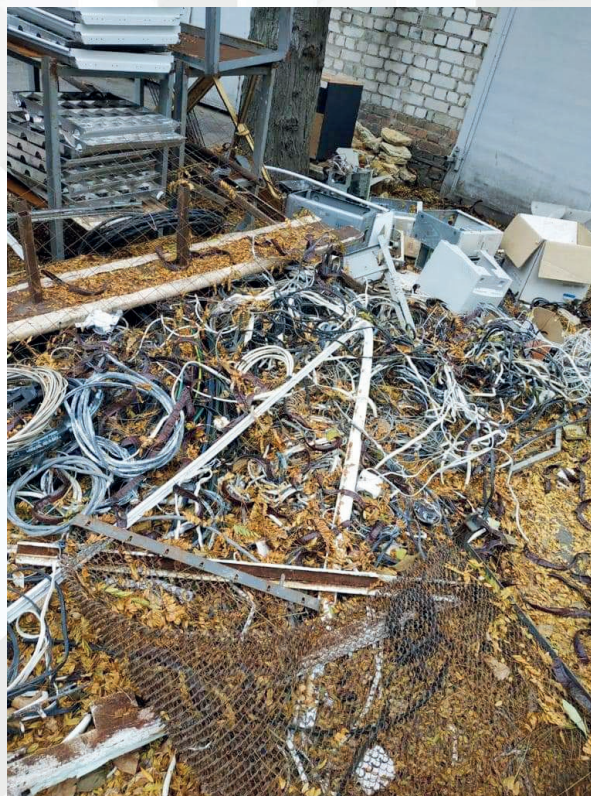
What the employees saw after the Kherson liberation, when they were able to gain access to the premises of the institution.



*Robbed hall of the KSU
Scientific Library*



*The symbol of KSU – the cat Vasyl -
waited for the Kherson liberation*



Leaving Kherson and KSU, the occupiers and collaborators robbed the institution



This is how the KSU Museum looked like after the occupiers



The facade of the KSU main building

**The first meeting
of the Rector of Kherson State University
Oleksandr Spivakovskiy with the team in Kherson
after the city liberation,
November 24, 2022**









Kherson State University has a warm space for employees to work. Starlink, generator, computer equipment were installed.



**FRIENDLY AID FOR KHERSON STATE UNIVERSITY.
THE VOLUNTEER CENTER OF KSU
HAS RESTORED WORK IN KHERSON.**



Oleksandr Spivakovskiy, KSU Rector, handed over soft toys to the pupils of Kindergarten № 20 «Piramidka». He brought the gifts from distant but friendly Ternopil, where the All-Ukrainian educational forum «New dimensions of security: challenges and solutions» was held on November 16th with the participation of the Minister of Education and Science of Ukraine, Serhiy Shkarlet. November 24, 2022



Kherson State University received a humanitarian shipment from the National University of Bioresources and Nature Management of Ukraine (Kyiv).

The Rector of KSU Oleksandr Spivakovskiy expressed his gratitude to the Rector of NUBiP Stanislav Nikolaienko, teachers, employees, and students who collected help for the indomitable educators of Kherson. Kherson, November 30, 2022











Sumy State University handed over 20 computers to KSU.
Rector Oleksandr Spivakovskiy thanked to the Rector of Sumy State University Vasył Karpusha for his support.



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