THE RECTOR

Having regard to the Decree-Law n.111 of August 6th 2021 and the Minister of University and Research provision of 31st August 2021 concerning provisions on the possession and display by students of the COVID-19 Green Certification to access university facilities;

Having regard to the resolutions adopted by the Academic Senate, at its meeting of 29th June 2021, and by the Board of Directors during the meeting of July 1st 2021 which set out the procedures to carry out the teaching activities in the 2021/2022 academic year and the end of the 2020/2021 academic year;

Recalled the notes of the Minister of University and Research protocol n.10892 of August 7th 2021 which refers to the contents of the Decree Law of August 6th 2021, n. 111, on the adoption of new provisions in view of the start of the academic year 2021/2022, in the light of the new context of the pandemic framework and the evolution of the vaccination plan and the note of the Minister of University and Research protocol n.11602 of August 31st 2021 with which provide further clarifications in relation to the application of the provisions in force, in light of the changes in the regulatory framework, as well as the outcome of a discussion held with the Unions on August 26th 2021;

Having regard to the resolution adopted by the Academic Senate at the meeting held on September 7th 2021, which clarify the provision adopted during the meeting held June on 29th 2021 related to the measures to deliver the teaching activities;

Noted the December Decree-Law n. 221, which extended the state of emergency to March 31st 2022 due to the outbreak;

Having regard to the Rectoral Decree n.2354 of December 20th 2021 with which the format of the teaching activities for the academic year 2021/2022 are extended until March 31st 2022, without prejudice to the possibility of making changes based on the evolution of the pandemic in the area and in compliance with the preventive measures undertaken due to the state of emergency.

Given that the development of the pandemic situation calls for an urgent adjustment of the provisions outlined in the above-mentioned University measures, aiming to better tackling the spread of the infection;

Following the discussion today with the Department Directors and pending ratification in the next session of the Academic Senate,
the following arrangements for delivering lectures and exam sessions:

LESSONS
For classes scheduled in January and February 2022, unless of further changes in the pandemic scenario, the maximum capacity of the classrooms is 50% of the available seats. The reservation of the seat is mandatory other than different university facilities where the classrooms capacity exceeds the number of attendants.
In case of classes where the number of students exceeds the maximum capacity of the room involved, live streaming lessons may also be an option.
In any case, the provisions of the Academic Senate resolution of June 29th 2021, related to the necessity to include all the tools available in Elly platform (video-recording of the lectures and audio-video material) among the teaching material available to students, remain valid.

EXAMINATIONS
1. According to the provisions adopted in the first semester of the current academic year, the exam session in presence has the priority, under the following safety conditions:
   a. the available seats are marked with UniPR logo, settled at a proper distance in compliance with the 1 meter rule per seat; priority must also be given to a proportionated distribution of students within the classroom if the number of people attending is smaller than the number of seats available;
   a. use of FFP2 or FFP3 protective face masks (UNI EN 149: 2009);
   b. hand sanitation when entering the classrooms.
Moreover, the "Criteria for the prevention of SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) infection in the performance of training and curricular activities - A.Y. 2021/2022", sent via note of the General Director with the protocol n.2256 of 7th September 2021(https://www.unipr.it/node/28232), continues to apply unless of incompatibility with the new measures adopted.
2. Unless of further changes in the pandemic scenario, the faculties involved may suggest the distance exam format during January and February 2022 sessions in case of:
   a. According to the departmental regulations, the impossibility to guarantee appropriate spacing in compliance with the safety measures set out in the previous point;
   b. The teachers involved in the exam session is in compulsory quarantine.
3. Unless of further changes in the pandemic scenario, during the exam sessions scheduled in January and February 2022 and carried out in presence, the student may request to take the exam in distance mode if one of the following situations occur:

a. isolation status due to SARS-CoV-2 positivity or quarantine;

b. inability to attend in presence due to exemption from Covid-19 vaccination, duly certified as per the Ministry of Health provision of August 4th 2021;

c. conditions that prevent the student from reaching the university venues due to the confinement of the area of residence hence long-distance travel is not allowed;

d. proven personal reasons related to the pandemic, self-certified by notification sent to the teacher responsible for the course at least two days before the date of the exam session.

4. In case of distance exam format for the reasons set out in points 2 and 3, the faculty responsible of the course may decide whether to arrange an oral or written test; in the latter case, proctoring systems may not be used.

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