This year, the various Open University authorities discussed new undergraduate programs of study; the development of research tracks in Master’s degree programs; the formulation of a plan for a PhD program, which was approved by the Academic Committee; the University’s relations with the Council for Higher Education; as well as budgetary and academic issues.*

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Dr. Nitza Geri, Dept. of Management and Economics, was promoted to Senior Lecturer
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Dr. Tali Heiman, Dept. of Education and Psychology, was promoted to Senior Lecturer
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Dr. Michael Langberg, Computer Science Division, joined the senior faculty with the rank of Senior Lecturer
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