

Board of Governors, Tomas Bata University in Zlín
Minutes of 26th Board Meeting
Held in Zlín on 30 September 2011

Present:

Mrs. Sonja Bata, PaedDr. Alena Gajdůšková, Ing. Josef Kubíček, Mr. Libor Lukáš, PhDr. Irena Ondrová, Ing. Michaela Šojdrová, Doc. Ing. Jiří Volf, CSc.

Excused: Ing. Eva Bartoňová

Also present, on behalf of Tomas Bata University in Zlín (hereinafter referred to as TBU):

Prof. Ing. Petr Sáha, CSc.	Rector
RNDr. Alexander Černý	Bursar
Ing. Andrea Kadlčíková	Director of Marketing and Communications, Secretary to the TBU Board of Governors
Ing. Alena Macháčková, CSc.	Chairperson of the TBU Academic Senate

The following agenda was proposed for the 26th meeting of the TBU Board of Governors (hereinafter referred to as “BG”):

1. Opening
2. Report on the execution of resolutions
3. Rector’s report on the development of the University
4. Discussion on the Update of the Strategic Plan for Education, Science, Research, Development, Innovation, Art and Other Creative Activities at TBU for 2012
5. Medium-term financial strategy of TBU between 2011 and 2015
6. Miscellaneous
7. Termination

Agenda Item 1 - Opening

The meeting was opened by Ing. Šojdrová, Chairperson of the BG. She welcomed all those present and wished Mr. L. Lukáš, Deputy Chairperson of the BG, a happy birthday. The proposed agenda was approved by all members of the Board of Governors without comment. PhDr. Irena Ondrová, Deputy Chairperson of the BG, was asked to verify the minutes of the 26th meeting and she agreed to do so.

Agenda Item 2 - Report on the execution of resolutions

Upon checking the resolutions adopted at the previous meeting of the BG, it was found out that there were no unaccomplished tasks left from the previous meeting. Ing. Šojdrová, Chairperson of the BG, thanked the members of the Board of Governors for the electronic voting taken by the Board.

Agenda Item 3 - Rector’s report on the development of the University

Prof. Sáha, Rector of TBU, informed the BG members about the development of the University in the previous period.

Agenda Item 4 - Discussion on the Update of the Strategic Plan for Education, Science, Research, Development, Innovation, Art and Other Creative Activities at TBU for 2012 (hereinafter referred to as “TBU Strategic Plan”).

The Update of the TBU Strategic Plan for 2012 is a part of the TBU Strategic Plan for 2011-2015.

The priorities for 2012 are, in particular, the following:

1. Quality and Relevance

2. Openness

3. Effectiveness and Funding

In the field of Quality and Relevance, the aim for TBU in the near future is to increase the responsibility for the employability of graduates and their success in the labour market, to improve the quality and efficiency of educational activities and to increase the level of R&D activities. Furthermore, TBU will aim to increase the competitiveness of the University in the international environment (to support mobility, improve the quality of cooperation with business and industry, develop the system of Lifelong Learning, strengthen the good reputation of TBU). In the field of Effectiveness and Funding, TBU will focus on the completion of the construction of the educational infrastructure and on funding for R&D and innovations from the institutional resources of the state budget.

Agenda Item 5 - Medium-term financial strategy of TBU between 2011 and 2015

RNDr. Alexander Černý, Bursar of TBU, informed the BG members about the financial strategy of TBU in the field of construction in the period from 2011 to 2015.

Agenda Item 6 - Miscellaneous

The members of the BG discussed the problems occurring at the Faculty of Logistics and Crisis Management in Uherské Hradiště. There was a significant decrease in the number of students at FLCM, because the degree programmes originally accredited for the Faculty of Technology had not been opened. The Faculty of Logistics and Crisis Management faces financial difficulties; the TBU Management has taken special measures in order to ensure operational capability of the Faculty. It is necessary to improve the personnel structure of FLCM, avoid unnecessary expense, and to increase the income, so that FLCM is stabilized and self-sufficient in the future. When discussing this matter, the members of the BG shared the same opinion: FLCM offers degree courses in specializations which are unique in the Czech Republic; courses taught in Uherské Hradiště are attractive to applicants. The accreditation concerning the Bachelor's programmes taught at FLCM was extended by another 3 years.

Mrs. Bata said that students have to learn how to present themselves, universities should teach them to have courage and self-confidence. In her opinion, graduates should be able to create jobs for themselves, and for the society. The basics of entrepreneurship should be taught at universities. Students should also learn to think globally.

The members of the BG expressed their support for the extension of the offer of Lifelong Learning courses, which they consider necessary.

Mr. L. Lukáš, Deputy Chairperson of the BG, recommended that all sections of the Update of the Strategic Plan for 2012 should be numbered and include names of the persons responsible for fulfilling the tasks. Prof. Sáha said in reaction that the document presented to the Board was written according to the outline given by the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports. At the meeting of the Rector's Advisory Council, the persons responsible for carrying out the relevant tasks have been assigned to the sections.

Ing. Šojdřová, Chairperson of the BG, said that a big advantage of Tomas Bata University was the fact that it had been named after the world-renowned entrepreneur Tomas Bata. Other prominent personalities are connected with TBU, e.g. J. M. Barroso and Prof. Eva Jiřičná, who have been awarded honorary degrees. She recommended collaboration with well-known personalities in the future, which will strengthen the good reputation of TBU.

Prof. Sáha, Rector of TBU, informed the members of the BG about the investigation of legal cases concerning TBU. He said that all cases had been closed, except for one of them which concerned the

accreditations at FLCM. This investigation is still pending; nevertheless, TBU does not agree with the preliminary findings of the investigation.

Prof. Sáha, Rector of TBU, informed all present members of the Board of Governors, that he was considering Prof. Jan Švejnar, a well-known economist, or Ing. Libor Láznička, Chief Executive Officer of the Barum Continental company, as candidates for membership of the TBU Board of Governors.

PaedDr. Gajdůšková proposed that the members of the Board of Governors should visit all TBU faculties and get acquainted with their activities in detail.

Ing. Macháčková invited the members of the Board of Governors to attend the next meeting of the TBU Academic Senate.

Agenda Item 7 - Termination

The members of the BG expressed their gratitude to the TBU Academic Senate and to the TBU Management for overcoming a difficult period. In their opinion, the presentations show that the situation at TBU has stabilized and the activities of TBU are on the rise again.

Resolution No. 1/26

The TBU Board of Governors has given its consent to the Update of the Strategic Plan for Education, Science, Research, Development, Art and Other Creative Activities of TBU in Zlín for 2012.

Out of seven TBU BG members present, seven members voted for the Resolution No. 1/26.

Resolution No. 2/26

The TBU Board of Governors takes cognizance of the information provided about the medium-term financial strategy of TBU between 2011 and 2015.

Out of seven TBU BG members present, seven members voted for the Resolution No. 2/26.

Resolution No. 3/26

The Board of Governors accepted with pleasure the information about the suspension of cases concerning TBU and investigated by the police, and expressed their gratitude to the TBU Management for activities leading to the protection of the good reputation of the University.

Out of seven TBU BG members present, seven members voted for the Resolution No. 3/26.

Resolution No. 4/26

The Board of Governors recommends that the TBU management should consider legal action aimed at protecting the good reputation of the University.

Out of seven TBU BG members present, seven members voted for the Resolution No. 4/26.

Date: 5 October 2011

Minutes taken by: Mgr. Jana Brázdilová

PhDr. Irena Ondrová
Deputy Chairperson of TBU BG

Ing. Michaela Šojdrová
Chairperson of TBU BG