

Board of Governors, Tomas Bata University in Zlín
Minutes of 29th Board Meeting
Held in Zlín on 26 April 2013

Present:

Mrs. Sonja Bata, Ing. Michaela Šojdrová, PaedDr. Alena Gajdůšková, Ing. Libor Láznička, Ph.D.,
Mr. Libor Lukáš, Ing. Josef Kubiček, Doc. Ing. Jiří Volf, CSc.

Excused: Ing. Eva Bartoňová, PhDr. Irena Ondrová

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
Doc. MgA. Jana Janíková, ArtD.	Dean of the Faculty of Multimedia Communications
Doc. Ing. Roman Čermák, Ph.D.	Dean of the Faculty of Technology
Prof. Ing. Roman Prokop, CSc.	Vice-Dean of the Faculty of Applied Informatics

The following agenda was proposed for the 29th meeting of the TBU Board of Governors (hereinafter referred to as “BG”):

1. Opening
2. Check on the execution of resolutions adopted at the last meeting
3. Rector’s report on the state of the University
4. Discussion on the TBU Annual Activity Report 2012
5. Discussion on the TBU Annual Economic Report 2012
6. Information provided by the Deans about the development of TBU faculties
7. Miscellaneous
8. Termination

Agenda Item 1) Opening

The meeting was opened by Ing. Michaela Šojdrová, Chairperson of the BG. She welcomed all members present. The proposed agenda of the 29th Board meeting was approved by all members of the Board of Governors without any comments. Mr. Libor Lukáš, Deputy Chairperson of the BG, was asked to verify the minutes of the 29th meeting and he agreed to do so.

Ing. Michaela Šojdrová, Chairperson of the BG, reminded the Board members of the electronic voting taken on 5 November 2012 and on 27 March 2013. The resolutions adopted have been posted on the TBU website.

Agenda Item 2) Check on the execution of resolutions adopted at the last meeting

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.

Agenda Items 3, 4, 5) Rector’s report on the state of the University

Prof. Sáha, Rector of TBU, informed the Board members about the position of TBU in comparison to other Czech higher education institutions, and that as regards the number of students (11th place), the number of graduates (10th place), the number of points included in the Registry of R&D Results according to the latest evaluation (13th place) and mobility (outgoing students – 12th place, incoming students – 15th place). Furthermore, Prof. Sáha spoke about the interest in studies at TBU (total number of applications submitted in 2012 = 13,995, total number of students enrolled = 5,342), about the

number of academic staff (497, out of which 48 international academics). He pointed out that, thanks to the CEBIA-Tech project, an increase in the numbers of eligible results of scientific and research activities occurred at the Faculty of Applied Informatics. These results can be expected to be of importance for the evaluation particularly in the upcoming years. The same is expected at the Faculty of Technology. The priority directions in research, development and creative activities at TBU are degree courses in technology, applied informatics and degree courses connected with creative industry. The aim is to create a design centre in Zlín so that our graduates do not have to look for a job outside the region.

Prof. Petr Sába also informed the Board members about a meeting with representatives of the 'Continental' company in Hannover. In future, TBU could play the role of a research centre in the field of rubber-processing industry. Thus, postdoctoral programmes carried out at TBU would be supported.

Institutional Development Plan of TBU for 2012

In accordance with the instructions given by the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports (Letter Reg. No. MSMT-4358/2013-30) the TBU Board of Governors discussed the fulfilment of the Institutional Development Plan 2012 (IDP). The subject of the evaluation was the assessment of those activities carried out which are funded by Development Programmes for public higher education institutions for 2012, and that as regards:

- Compliance of the IDP 2012 with the Strategic Plan of TBU in Zlín for 2011-2015 and with its Update for 2012
- Overview of aims achieved in relation to the indicators set in the IDP 2012
- Assessment of the methods leading to the fulfilment of aims
- Compliance regarding the set amount of investment and non-investment financial resources

Prof. Petr Sába informed the Board members about the TBU Annual Activity Report 2012, about the conclusions of the TBU Annual Economic Report 2012 and about the TBU Budget 2013.

Discussion:

PaedDr. Gajdůšková informed the Board members about the possible use of the project "Youth Guarantee" aimed to support the employment of young people aged under 25 and presented by the European Commission. Will the diversification of higher education institutions, which is currently under discussion, do harm to TBU?

Prof. Sába: We do not think so. We are aware of the fact that selected specializations should be carried out on an excellent level at the University. At TBU, these are at least three directions – applied informatics, technology and creative specializations.

L. Lukáš: I would like to appreciate the stabilization of the situation at TBU. TBU has taken a clear direction, the financial management of TBU is correct. The Board will continue to be helpful. He reminded the Board members of the Technology Innovation Centre established in cooperation between TBU and the Zlín Region with the aim to interconnect the academic and the private sector. The Technology Innovation Centre could be used as a source of ideas for deepening the cooperation between TBU and the private sector.

Mrs. Sonja Bata: She pointed out that continuing education develops quickly in North America, on-line courses are offered. The cooperation between the University and the plastic material industry may be useful; e.g. jointly organized conferences may attract attendees from all over the world to Zlín. Everywhere in the world there is a problem with unemployment, therefore, it is important to teach

students during their studies already how to start their own business.

Dr. Lázníčka: He asked about the correlation between the student numbers and the points included in the Registry of R&D Results. For what reason does TBU consider its performance as improved in this sphere?

Prof. Sáha: The results are being included in the system with a certain delay (of several years). Moreover, the minimum period which is evaluated is five years. What is important is the dynamics of growth, which is satisfactory.

Ing. Šojdrová: Everything indicates that the University is preparing for a possible diversification. High investments from the Operational Programme “R&D for Innovations” create potential for excellent research. Which research directions have currently the highest number of eligible outputs?

Prof. Sáha: The Faculty of Technology has achieved the best results. A huge improvement has been noticed at the Faculty of Applied Informatics. Multidisciplinary fields of study are those with the best prospects in future.

Resolution No. 1/29

The TBU Board of Governors gave its consent to the TBU Annual Activity Report 2012 and to the Annual Economic Report 2012.

Out of seven TBU BG members present, seven members voted for the Resolution No. 1/29.

Resolution No. 2/29

The TBU Board of Governors gave its consent to the presented TBU Budget for 2013.

Out of seven TBU BG members present, seven members voted for the Resolution No. 2/29.

Resolution No. 3/29

The TBU Board of Governors has been informed about the assessment of the Institutional Development Plan of Tomas Bata University in Zlín for 2012 and states that all the aims assessed have been duly fulfilled according to the instructions given by the provider. The success rate of the fulfilment of the set indicators exceeded 80%.

Out of seven TBU BG members present, seven members voted for the Resolution No. 3/29.

Agenda Item 6) Information provided by the Deans about the development of TBU faculties

- Presentation given by Doc. Jana Janíková, Dean of FMC
- Presentation given by Prof. Roman Prokop, Vice-Dean of FAI
- Presentation given by Doc. Roman Čermák, Dean of FT

Each presentation was followed by a discussion:

- Possible use of new technologies at the Bata Institute - FMC
- Possibility to renew and continue the activities of the cancelled Design Centre located in Brno
- IT Teaching at Secondary Schools – a degree course with good prospects – to be carried out in cooperation between FHS and FAI
- Graduates from degree courses in rubber technology should be more practice-oriented
- Numbers of students at the Faculty of Technology in relation to compulsory indicators of the project ‘Laboratory Centre of the Faculty of Technology’ (funded by the Operational Programme ‘R&D for Innovations’)

Agenda Item 7) Miscellaneous

Ing. Šojdrová informed the Board members about the continuing cooperation concerning student practical training during inspection activities; this cooperation is based on the Agreement concluded between TBU and the Czech School Inspectorate.

Agenda Item 8) Termination

Ing. Šojdrová appreciated the presentations given by the Deans of TBU faculties. With consent of the Board members, Ing. Šojdrová proposed that representatives of the three remaining faculties should attend the next meeting of the Board. Ing. Šojdrová thanked all members of the TBU BG for their attendance and terminated the meeting.

Zlín, on 29 April 2013

Minutes taken by: Ing. Andrea Kadlčíková

Libor Lukáš
Deputy Chairperson of TBU BG

Ing. Michaela Šojdrová
Chairperson of TBU BG