

Board of Governors, Tomas Bata University in Zlín
Minutes of 36th Board Meeting
Held in Zlín on 20 October 2016

Present:

Ing. Eva Bartoňová, PaedDr. Alena Gajdůšková, Ing. Libor Láznička, Ph.D., Libor Lukáš, PhDr. Irena Ondrová, Ing. Michaela Šojdrová, Prof. Ing. Jaromír Veber, CSc., doc. Ing. Jiří Volf, CSc.

Excused: Sonja Bata

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

The following agenda was proposed for the 36th meeting of the TBU Board of Governors (hereinafter referred to as “BG”):

Agenda:

- 1. Opening**
- 2. Report on the execution of resolutions adopted at the last meeting**
- 3. Rector’s report on the state of the University**
- 4. Discussion on the Implementation Plan of the Strategic Plan for Educational, R&D and Creative Activities of TBU for 2017**
- 5. Opinion of the Board as to legal actions by which TBU plans to create real burdens**
- 6. Miscellaneous**
- 7. Closing**

Agenda Item 1 - Opening

The meeting was opened by Ing. Libor Láznička, Ph.D., Chairperson of the Board, who welcomed all persons present and informed them about the proposed agenda of the 36th Board meeting, which was approved by all members of the Board of Governors without alterations. Mr. Libor Lukáš, Deputy Chairperson of the Board, was asked to verify the minutes of the 36th meeting and agreed to do so.

Dr. Láznička, Chairperson of the Board, informed the Board members about the intent of PhDr. Irena Ondrová to resign from the Board. Dr. Ondrová was a member of the Board since its establishment. Prof. Sáha thanked Dr. Ondrová for her work of many years in the Board and gave her the Rector’s Award “In Recognition for Your Significant Contribution to the Foundation and Development of Tomas Bata University”. Dr. Ondrová thanked all Board members for their cooperation, said goodbye to them and left the meeting.

Prof. Eva Jiříčková, with whom TBU has been collaborating in the long-term, was nominated as a new Board member; the nomination was submitted to the Minister of Education for approval.

Agenda Item 2 - Report on the execution of resolutions adopted at the last meeting

The issue of internal quality evaluation will be dealt with in Prof. Sáha’s presentation.

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

Prof. Sáha informed the Board members on the current numbers of students: The total number is 9,798 (6,552 Bachelor’s students, 2,806 follow-up Master’s students, 440 PhD students, 101 self-paying

international students). The number of international students has increased to 999. The highest numbers of students are registered at the FHS (2,229) and at the FaME (2,234); the highest numbers of applications for study have been submitted to the FaME and to the FMC. At present, TBU offers 111 degree programmes and 190 degree courses. The number of employees is 926 (out of which 517 academics and researchers and 409 other employees). An increase occurred particularly in the R&D staff category. Prof. Sába also mentioned R&D and creative activities, and the position of TBU in Czech and in international university rankings. TBU took the 95th place in the QS EECA University Rankings 2016. The inclusion of TBU in the top thousand higher education institutions in the Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2016-17 (rankings featuring 980 world's top universities), with TBU occupying the position 801+, is considered a great accomplishment. In the *Hospodářské noviny* - economy-oriented newspaper – ranking, the Faculty of Management and Economics (FaME) was ranked 6th among economically-oriented faculties in the CR, and the Faculty of Applied Informatics (FAI) was ranked second among faculties of informatics. In the “Týden” magazine ranking, the FMC was the runner-up and the FaME was placed third.

Prof. Sába also informed the Board members about the necessity to amend TBU internal regulations and to establish a Council for Internal Evaluation, which is an essential prerequisite for a higher education institution in order to obtain the so-called institutional accreditation, all of the mentioned in compliance with the amended version of the Higher Education Act.

Prof. Sába gave the floor to Dr. Černý.

RNDr. Alexander Černý, TBU Bursar, informed the Board members about the construction of the Educational Complex in Štefánikova Street in Zlín; the buildings are intended above all for the Faculty of Humanities. The construction is expected to be completed in September 2017. Besides, a partial renovation of the U2 building situated in Mostní Street was carried out this year between 15 May and 15 September 2016. Dr. Černý also spoke about project applications submitted to the Operational Programme “Research, Development and Education”, to the ERDF and ESF Calls for Higher Education Institutions. Moreover, Dr. Černý said that TBU was considering submitting a project to the Operational Programme “Enterprise and Innovation for Competitiveness”, which would also involve the construction and technical equipment of the Creative Industries Centre in Růmy Street.

Agenda Item 4 - Discussion on the Implementation Plan of the Strategic Plan for Educational, R&D and Creative Activities of TBU for 2017

Prof. Sába gave a presentation informing the Board members in detail about the document in question.

Discussion:

The Board members asked questions regarding the following issues:

- Implementation period of projects listed in the Implementation Plan of the Strategic Plan for Educational, R&D and Creative Activities of Tomas Bata University in Zlín for 2017 – implementation of the same projects in the following years, measurability of results achieved during the relevant year – complex projects are undoubtedly those implemented during a longer period of time, with a detailed plan of implementation specified for the individual years;
- What does TBU do to support education in technology? – The support of education in technology is dealt with in the communication plans of TBU and of TBU faculties (Secondary schools as partner institutions of TBU faculties, Secondary School Expert Activity, Junior University, hobby courses, Researcher's Night, Become a Scientist! and others);
- How about the TBU investment in human resources? A major part of projects submitted to the Operational Programme “Research, Development and Education” includes projects funded by

the European Social Funds, which actually represent an investment in human resources. TBU organizes language courses and other types of educational courses for staff; at present, the new Salary Regulations are going through an approval process, an increase in the salary rates by 8 % is expected;

- What kind of procedures related to the alteration to the Higher Education Act, including the internal quality evaluation, has been established at TBU? – The TBU Management Board has been dealing with the fulfilment of the requirements specified in the Act for several months; currently, internal regulations are being updated, staff trainings are held, both of the mentioned in close cooperation with other Czech universities;
- What about the coordination of cooperation with the entrepreneurial sphere? – Due to the different specializations, the cooperation is coordinated above all by the relevant faculties;
- The project entitled Commercialization at TBU (Technology Agency of the Czech Republic – GAMA programme) – detailed information will be provided at the next Board meeting;
- The interconnection between the Technology Innovation Centre (TIC) and TBU and the possible use of the Holešov strategic industrial zone by the University – the TIC collaborates above all with the Faculty of Management and Economics; the use of the strategic industrial zone is in particular suitable for well-established companies started by TBU graduates;
- Projects funded by Erasmus + and by Horizon 2020 – TBU is involved in a large number of projects aimed at educating students in business; the Erasmus+ programme is one of the most significant ones;
- The National RIS3 Strategy project – TBU participates in its implementation;
- The planned alterations in the Statute of the TBU BG were presented to the Board members – the mentioned alterations are in accordance with the amended version of the Higher Education Act; a fundamental alteration has been made in Article 10 Paragraph 3, which includes a new specification of the deadline for approval of documents by the Board of Governors (following the approval by the TBU Academic Senate).

Agenda Item 5 - Opinion of the Board as to legal actions by which TBU plans to create real burdens

Dr. Černý informed the Board members in detail about the intent of TBU to create real burdens in the CPS building and in the TBU Educational Complex building.

Voting on resolutions

Resolution No. 1/36

The TBU Board of Governors gave its consent to the Implementation Plan of the Strategic Plan for Educational, R&D and Creative Activities of TBU in Zlín, in the version as approved by the Academic Senate of TBU on 18 October 2016.

Out of seven TBU BG members present, seven members voted for the Resolution No. 1/36.

Resolution No. 2/36

The TBU Board of Governors gives its prior written consent to the conclusion of the Agreement on a Future Contract No. 1030028935/001 on the Creation of a Real Burden, and to the conclusion of the Agreement on a Future Contract No. 1030028938/001 on the Creation of a Real Burden.

Out of seven TBU BG members present, seven members voted for the Resolution No. 2/36.

Resolution No. 3/36

The TBU Board of Governors gives its prior written consent to conclusion of the Agreement No. OT – 014330029056/002 on the Creation of a Real Burden.

Out of seven TBU BG members present, seven members voted for the Resolution No. 3/36.

Agenda Item 6 - Miscellaneous

Ing. Šojdrová proposed to hold the next meeting of the Board at 10:00, other Board members agreed. Prof. Sába asked the Board members for their opinion regarding the possible sale of the Land Lot No. 1157/35 situated in the cadastral area of Příluky u Zlína.

Agenda Item 7 - Closing

Ing. Láznička, Ph.D. thanked all members for their active attendance and closed the meeting of the BG.

Zlín, on 21 October 2016

Minutes taken by: Mgr. Jana Brázdilová

Ing. Libor Láznička, Ph.D.
Chairperson of TBU BG

Libor Lukáš
Verifier of the Minutes