

Board of Governors, Tomas Bata University in Zlín
Minutes of 44th Board Meeting Held in Zlín on 21 May 2021
as an Online Meeting Using Microsoft Teams

Board members attending the meeting: Ing. Eva Bartoňová, Thomas Archer Bata, PaedDr. Alena Gajdůšková, Prof. Ing. Eva Jiříčná, M. Arch., Ing. Libor Láznička, Ph.D., Libor Lukáš, Ing. Michaela Šojdrová, Prof. Ing. Jaromír Veber, CSc., Assoc. Prof. Ing. Jiří Volf, CSc.

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

Prof. Ing. Vladimír Sedlařík, Ph.D.	Rector
RNDr. Alexander Černý	Bursar
Assoc. Prof. Ing. Martin Sysel, Ph.D.	Chairperson of the TBU Academic Senate (AS)

The following agenda was proposed for the 44th 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 previous meeting
3. Election of the Deputy Chairperson of the TBU Board of Governors
4. Report by the Rector on the State of the University
5. Discussion on the TBU Annual Activity Report 2020
6. Discussion on the TBU Annual Economic Report 2020
7. Discussion on the TBU Budget Plan 2021 and on the Medium-Term Outlook for the TBU Budget 2022–2023
8. Opinion of the Board as to the financial investment in the TBU Nursery School
9. Discussion on an agreement on the establishment of a real burden (servitude), placement and operation of communication lines and equipment
10. Information on the intent to purchase real estate
11. Miscellaneous
12. Closing

Agenda Item 1 – Opening

The online meeting of the TBU Board of Governors was opened by PaedDr. Alena Gajdůšková, Chairperson of the Board. She welcomed all members attending the meeting and presented the agenda proposed for the 44th Board meeting. The agenda was unanimously approved by all Board members. Dr. Libor Láznička was asked to verify the minutes of the 44th meeting and agreed to do so. All 9 Board members were attending the meeting so that the Board constituted a quorum.

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

Resolutions adopted at the previous meeting of the Board did not include any tasks not fulfilled as yet.

Agenda Item 3 - Election of the Deputy Chairperson of the TBU Board of Governors

Mr. Libor Lukáš was nominated as a candidate for the post of the Deputy Chairperson of the BG, and accepted the candidacy. In a secret online ballot held using Microsoft Teams he received 8 votes.

Agenda Item 4 - Report by the Rector on the State of the University

In his presentation, Rector Prof. Vladimír Sedlařík informed the Board members about the development at the University in detail. Currently, TBU has 9,138 students, out of which 944 international students.

9,919 applicants submitted applications to study at TBU, a higher number than in the same period of last year. Most TBU Faculties experienced an increase in the number of applications; a slight decrease was only noticeable at the Faculty of Technology. TBU focuses on reducing student dropout rates while maintaining an adequate quality of degree programmes and courses offered. TBU uses a new tool for the prevention of plagiarism - TURNITIN. Due to the coronavirus pandemic, the Study and Examination Regulations were updated. It is now enabled to hold exams, final state exams and thesis defences online. There was also an increase in the number of employees, the current number is 1,020. Five new Professors and 5 Associate Professors were appointed. The dynamics of the increase in outputs and citations registered in the Web of Science database are satisfactory.

TBU was very successful in the area of internationalization: A TBU graduate received the Award for the Best International Graduate at a Czech University. The student and staff mobility was limited in the past year due to the coronavirus pandemic.

The Rector also mentioned the position of TBU in the THE International Ranking (TBU's final rank is 1000+, TBU received a positive assessment mainly in the areas of Business and Management, Accounting and Finance and Chemistry and Science), and other important awards: the TBU Footwear Research Centre received the prestigious Red Dot Design Award, and a disabled student of the Faculty of Technology received the Siemens Award.

Furthermore, the Rector informed the Board members about TBU's activities during the Covid 19 pandemic, when there was a surge of solidarity and willingness among students and staff with the aim of helping those in need. He considers the significant innovation in study-related materials and an increase in IT skills to be the positive effects of this difficult period.

The Rector also mentioned the cooperation between TBU, the Zlín Regional Authority and the Zlín Municipal Authority.

Agenda Item 5 - Discussion on the TBU Annual Activity Report 2020

Rector Prof. Vladimír Sedlařík informed the Board members about the TBU Annual Activity Report 2020.

Discussion

The Board members:

- particularly appreciated the involvement of TBU in the combat against the coronavirus pandemic, with TBU playing a key role in the region. They also thanked the University for the manner how TBU was focusing on work with special needs students.
- They appreciated that TBU was actively involved in the Erasmus+ programme.
- They proposed to conclude a tripartite partnership and cooperation agreement between the Zlín Municipal Authority, the Zlín Regional Authority and TBU.
- They asked about how examinations and course credits were organized during the pandemic.

Rector: All our actions were in accordance with the current government measures.

Resolution No. 1/44

The TBU Board of Governors discussed the TBU Annual Activity Report 2020 in the version approved by the TBU Academic Senate on 18 May 2021.

Voting on the Resolution No. 1/44:

Out of 9 TBU BG members attending the meeting, 9 members voted for the Resolution No. 1/44.

Resolution No. 2/44

The TBU Board of Governors appreciates the manner how TBU has dealt with the Covid crisis and the involvement of TBU's scientific capabilities in addressing the needs for overcoming the pandemic. The TBU Board of Governors thanks very much for the participation of employees and

students in the necessary volunteering activities.

The TBU Board of Governors recommends that the Faculty of Logistics and Crisis Management should focus on issues related to the Covid-19 pandemic in terms of analysing the critical infrastructure management system at all levels of public sector administration and of preparing proposals aimed to improve the same system.

Voting on the Resolution No. 2/44:

Out of 9 TBU BG members attending the meeting, 9 members voted for the Resolution No. 2/44.

Assoc. Prof. Jiří Volf and Dr. Libor Láznička had to leave the meeting. Mr. Libor Lukáš, Deputy Chairperson of the Board, was elected as the next verifier of the registration and agreed to do so.

Agenda Item 6 - Discussion on the TBU Annual Economic Report 2020 "

RNDr. Alexander Černý, TBU Bursar, informed the Board about the financial management of TBU in 2020. His presentation comprised a summary of all important items included in the revenue and cost structure for 2020 compared to the previous year. For selected key data, development series were presented at least for the last 4 years. Anomalies caused by the limitation of particular activities (Halls of Residence and Refectory) were explained. The development of financial resources included in the individual funding sections was clearly explained and justified. None of the Board members had a significant comment.

Ing. Šojdrová had to leave the meeting.

Resolution No. 3/44

The TBU Board of Governors discussed the TBU Annual Economic Report 2020 in the version approved by the TBU Academic Senate on 18 May 2021.

Voting on the Resolution No. 3/44:

Out of 6 TBU BG members attending the meeting, 6 members voted for the Resolution No. 3/44.

Agenda Item 7 - Discussion on the TBU Budget Plan 2021 and on the Medium-Term Outlook for the TBU Budget 2022–2023

RNDr. Alexander Černý, TBU Bursar, summarized in his presentation the basic data on the structure of TBU's revenues and costs planned in 2021, based on the decision on grants and subsidies provided by the Ministry and by other bodies to TBU.

For 2022 and 2023, the presentation, prepared in the same structure, included grants and subsidies which TBU expects to receive in the individual years; the amounts were calculated on the basis of the current development of the funding allocated. TBU's own resources were professionally estimated on the basis of the development in recent years. None of the Board members had a significant comment.

Resolution No. 4/44

The TBU Board of Governors gave its consent to the TBU Budget Plan 2021 in the version approved by the TBU Academic Senate on 20 April 2021.

Voting on the Resolution No. 4/44:

Out of 6 TBU BG members attending the meeting, 6 members voted for the Resolution No. 4/44.

Resolution No. 5/44

The TBU Board of Governors gave its consent to the Medium-Term Outlook for the TBU Budget 2022-2023 in the version approved by the TBU Academic Senate on 20 April 2021.

Voting on the Resolution No. 5/44:

Out of 6 TBU BG members attending the meeting, 6 members voted for the Resolution No. 5/44.

Agenda Item 8 Opinion of the Board as to the financial investment in the TBU Nursery School

The TBU Nursery School asks the Board members to give their consent to the contribution to the running of the Nursery School in 2021. The TBU Academic Senate approved the provision of additional funding to cover the operating loss of the TBU Nursery School amounting to no more than CZK 850,000. This sum must be provided from non-public resources.

Resolution No. 6/44

The TBU Board of Governors gives its prior written consent to the financial contribution to the TBU Nursery School registered as a legal entity (contribution to cover the a part of the running costs in 2021) amounting to no more than CZK 850,000.

Voting on the Resolution No. 6/44:

Out of 6 TBU BG members attending the meeting, 6 members voted for the Resolution No. 6/44.

Agenda Item 9 - Discussion on an agreement on the establishment of a real burden (servitude), placement and operation of communication lines and equipment

RNDr. Alexander Černý, TBU Bursar, explained that TBU would have to conclude an agreement on the establishment of a real burden – servitude with the CETIN company, which provides electronic communications networks. The Board members will give their opinion on the contract later on by electronic voting.

Agenda Item 10 - Information on the intent to purchase real estate

Rector Prof. Vladimír Sedlařík informed the Board members about the ongoing renovation of the TBU Assembly Hall located in the U2 building in Mostní Street in Zlín (planned to be completed this autumn) and of the TBU Residence Halls situated in Štefánikova Street (completion planned in September 2022). He also informed about the development in the planned construction project “Complete Renovation of the U1 building” comprising the construction of a new building; he also informed the Board members about the intent to purchase a sports facility situated in Růmy Street and about the plan to build a car park in front of the U11 building in Nad Ovčírnou Street.

Discussion:

The Board members supported the presented projects related to the building of the TBU infrastructure.

Agenda Item 11 - Miscellaneous

PaedDr. Alena Gajdůšková proposed that an informal meeting of the Board be held with the participation of Deans of TBU Faculties and appreciated the discussions between the TBU Management Board and the Council of the Zlín Regional Authority, during which she was present.

Agenda Item 12 - Closing

PaedDr. Alena Gajdůšková, Deputy Chairperson of the Board, thanked all members for their attendance at the Board meeting and closed the meeting.

PaedDr. Alena Gajdůšková.
Chairperson of TBU BG

Libor Lukáš
Verifier of the Minutes

Zlín, on 21 May 2021