

## **Board of Governors, Tomas Bata University in Zlín**

### **Minutes of 49<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting**

**Held in Zlín at 10:00 on 1 December 2023**

**Present:** Ing. Eva Bartoňová; PaedDr. Alena Gajdůšková; Prof. Eva Jiříčná; Ing. Libor Láznička, Ph.D.; Libor Lukáš; Ing. Michaela Šojdrová; Prof. Ing. Jaromír Veber, CSc.; Assoc. Prof. Ing. Jiří Volf, CSc.

**Excused:** Thomas Archer Bata

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

Prof. Mgr. Milan Adámek, Ph.D.

Rector

Ing. Silvie Vodinská

Bursar

Assoc. Prof. Martin Sysel, Ph.D.

Chairperson of the TBU Academic Senate

The following agenda was proposed for the 49<sup>th</sup> meeting of the TBU Board of Governors (hereinafter referred to as “BG”):

#### **Agenda:**

1. Opening
2. Election of Deputy Chairperson of the Board of Governors
3. Rector’s report on the state of the University
4. Amendment to the Internal Evaluation Report for 2023
5. Implementation Plan of the 21+ TBU Strategic Plan for Educational and R&D Activities - 2024
6. Miscellaneous
7. Closing

#### **Agenda Item 1 – Opening**

The meeting was opened by Dr. Láznička, Chairperson of the BG. He welcomed all members present and introduced the new Bursar of TBU, Ing. Silvie Vodinská. The Board members approved the agenda proposed for the 49<sup>th</sup> Board meeting. Dr. Gajdůšková was asked to verify the Minutes and agreed to do so.

#### **Agenda Item 2 – Election of Deputy Chairperson of the Board of Governors**

Ing. Michaela Šojdrová was nominated as a candidate for the post of the Deputy Chairperson of the TBU Board of Governors, and agreed to the nomination. In a secret ballot, Ing. Šojdrová was elected to hold the post.

#### **Agenda Item 3 – Rector’s report on the state of the University**

Prof. Adámek, Rector of TBU, informed the Board members about the current state of the University. TBU has 9,505 students (as of 31 October 2023), 1,053 employees, and offers 219 degree programmes, 62 of which are taught in English. The international cooperation continues to develop – currently, there are 1,200 international students enrolled on degree programmes carried out at TBU. Professorial appointment procedures have been held recently at TBU, with 5 new Professors appointed. Discussions about the future development of TBU are underway with the representatives of the Zlín Regional Authority (focusing on options for an increase in the number of students, preventing the outflow of

graduates to large cities). TBU is preparing new degree programmes in Paramedic and in Radiologist, which will help provide staff for the healthcare system of the Zlín region.

The Rector also mentioned investment projects implemented at TBU this year: The renovation of the Central Refectory and construction modifications to be carried out in lecture rooms at the FMC. The 5<sup>th</sup> stage of the renovation of the U12 building (nám. T. G. Masaryka 3050), which houses a Residence Hall and TBU Nursery School, is planned for summer 2024. TBU has also purchased a plot of land situated in front of the U11 building, where a parking lot is planned to be built. Major projects are in preparation, such as the overall modernization of the U2 building (FaME) located in Mostní Street in Zlín, the construction of a multifunctional sports hall in Zlín in Jižní Svahy, and the construction of a new building of the Faculty of Technology.

Among the important events to take place in spring 2024, Prof. Adámek mentioned the election of a new Dean of the FaME.

#### **Agenda Item 4 - Amendment to the Report on Internal Quality Evaluation of TBU in Zlín for 2023**

In his presentation, Prof. Adámek, TBU Rector, focused on the Amendment to the Report on Internal Quality Evaluation of TBU in Zlín for 2023.

#### **Resolution No. 1/49**

The TBU Board of Governors discussed the Amendment to the Report on Internal Quality Evaluation of Teaching, R&D and Creative and Related Activities Carried Out at TBU in Zlín in 2023, in the version approved by the TBU AS on 17 October 2023.

Voting on the Resolution No. 1/49

Out of 8 TBU BG members present, 8 members voted for the Resolution No 1/49.

#### **Agenda Item 5 - Implementation Plan of the 21+ TBU Strategic Plan for Educational and R&D Activities - 2024**

Prof. Adámek, TBU Rector, informed the BG members about the Implementation Plan of the Strategic Plan of TBU in Zlín for 2024. He pointed out the prioritized aims in the following areas: Education, research, development and creative activities, internationalization, third role and human resources.

Electronic voting on the Plan will take place in January 2024.

#### **Agenda Item 6 – Miscellaneous**

Prof. Adámek asked the Board members for approval of the proposed change in the ADAPT (Adaptable, Digital, Agile, Progressive, Transformation) project implemented by TBU in Zlín. The change consists in adjusting the budget in Specific Goals A1 and A3, transfer of funding between budget chapters and between individual Specific Goals (transfer from Material Costs to Services and Non-Production Costs).

#### **Resolution No. 2/49**

The TBU Board of Governors gives its consent to the submitted Amendment No. 6 to the project No. NRP\_TBU\_MEYS-16585/2022 (Specific Goal A) prepared in accordance with terms and conditions listed in the “Call for Submission of Project Applications to the National Recovery Plan for Higher Education Institutions for 2022-2024”.

Voting on the Resolution No. 2/49

Out of 8 TBU BG members present, 8 members voted for the Resolution No 2/49.

## Discussion

### The BG members showed appreciation for:

- Close cooperation between TBU and the Zlín Regional Authority, particularly for the launch of new healthcare degree courses; according to them, this trend of the development of TBU should be encouraged in the future as well, particularly in order to ensure medical care in the region.

#### asked:

- whether TBU is working on the establishment of a student club, which is missing in Zlín

Rector: TBU is in the process of checking the possibility of establishment of a student club, which would probably be run by the Halls of Residence and Refectory.

- whether TBU offers courses in blockchain

Rector: Classes have been offered for 3 years as part of elective courses run at the FAI; other activities are carried out by the FaME.

- whether TBU plans to join the Alliance of European Universities

Rector: Yes, the TBU International Office is working on the submission of the application.

- whether the Green University programme continues at TBU

Rector: Yes, issues such as sustainable development or environmental protection are very important for TBU. TBU is intensively focusing on such issues and has included them in the degree programmes offered.

#### recommended:

- that TBU should take advantage of the current favourable prices of construction work for the construction of a new building of the Faculty of Technology.
- that TBU should introduce Lifelong Learning courses for public sector administration staff.

### Agenda Item 7 – Closing

Dr. Libor Láznička, Chairperson of the Board, closed the meeting, thanked for the preparation thereof and wished the BG members all the best for 2024.

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

PaedDr. Alena Gajdůšková  
Verifier of the Minutes

Zlín, on 5 December 2023  
Minutes taken by: Mgr. Jana Lutonská