

Board of Governors, Tomas Bata University in Zlín

Minutes of 51st Board Meeting Held in Zlín at 10:00 on 26 November 2024

Present: Ing. Eva Bartoňová; PaedDr. Alena Gajdůšková; Prof. Eva Jiříčná; Ing. Libor Láznička, Ph.D.; Ing. Radim Holíš

Excused: Thomas Archer Bata, Ing. Michaela Šojdrová; Assoc. Prof. Ing. Jiří Volf, CSc.; Prof. Ing. Jaromír Veber, CSc.

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

Attending as guest:

Libor Lukáš

The following agenda was proposed for the 51st meeting of the TBU Board of Governors (hereinafter referred to as “BG”):

Agenda:

1. Opening
2. Rector’s report on the state of the University
3. Amendment to the Internal Evaluation Report for 2024
4. TBU’s membership of the association “APIL” – Association for Innovation in Logistics
5. Implementation Plan of the 21+ TBU Strategic Plan for Educational and R&D Activities – 2025
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 a new member of the TBU Board of Governors, Ing. Radim Holíš, Governor of the Zlín Region, who will replace Mr. Libor Lukáš, whose membership expired on 30/09/2024, but who was invited as a guest and awarded a medal for his contribution to the Board’s activities. Subsequently, the Board members held a minute’s silence for RNDr. Alexander Černý, a former Bursar of TBU, who died on 12 November 2024.

The Board members approved the agenda proposed for the 51st Board meeting. Dr. Gajdůšková was asked to verify the Minutes and agreed to do so.

Agenda Item 2 – Rector’s report on the state of the University

Prof. Adámek presented the Plan of Investment Activities for 2021–2030. He mentioned the renovation and modernization of the U7 building and the renovation and modernization of the Assembly Hall, with both projects having been completed already.

At present, the building of the U12 Hall of Residence is being renovated, and the construction of a new U1 building for Faculty of Technology has begun. A new TBU Student Club is planned to be completed next year.

The plan also includes a modernization of the U2 building.

Furthermore, Prof. Adámek informed the Board members about the multifunctional sports hall, planned to be erected near the U5 building, where it will be necessary to find a source of funding. He also mentioned the efforts to find buildings for new halls of residence, which are in great demand at TBU. Prof. Adámek also presented a plan for the use of photovoltaics, where the return of investment is expected to be approximately 6.5 years.

Prof. Adámek, Rector of TBU, informed the Board members about the current state of the University. TBU has 9,908 students (as of 29 September 2024), and a total of 2,023 graduates in the academic year 2023/24.

Prof. Adámek also informed the Board members about new Bachelor's programmes. Namely about the degree programme in Paramedic, to be carried out at the Faculty of Humanities, and about the degree programme in Mechanical Engineering and Production Technology, to be carried out at the Faculty of Technology. The degree programmes in Radiologist and in Semiconductor Materials, which are being prepared by the Faculty of Technology, are in preparation.

Agenda Item 3 - Amendment to the Report on Internal Quality Evaluation of TBU in Zlín for 2024

In his presentation, Prof. Adámek, TBU Rector, focused on the Amendment to the Report on Internal Quality Evaluation of TBU in Zlín for 2024. No questions or comments regarding the Amendment were asked/made by the Board members.

Resolution No. 1/51

The TBU Board of Governors discussed the Amendment to the Report on Internal Quality Evaluation of Teaching, R&D, Creative and Related Activities Carried Out at TBU in Zlín in 2024, in the version approved by the TBU Academic Senate on 1 October 2024.

Voting on the Resolution No. 1/51

Out of 5 TBU BG members present, 5 members voted for the Resolution No 1/51.

Agenda Item 4 - TBU's membership of the association "APIL" – Association for Innovation in Logistics

Prof. Adámek, TBU Rector, presented to the Board members the application submitted by the FLCM with the aim of joining the Association for Innovation in Logistics on behalf of TBU.

Resolution No. 2/51

The TBU Board of Governors gives its prior written consent to TBU's membership of the association "APIL" – Association for Innovation in Logistics; all costs related to the membership of this association shall be funded by the FLCM.

Voting on the Resolution No. 2/51

Out of 5 TBU BG members present, 5 members voted for the Resolution No 2/51.

Agenda Item 5 - Implementation Plan of the 21+ TBU Strategic Plan for Educational and R&D Activities - 2025

Prof. Adámek, TBU Rector, informed the Board members about the Implementation Plan of the Strategic Plan of TBU in Zlín for 2025. He listed the prioritized aims in the following areas: Education, research, development and creative activities, internationalization, third role of TBU in Zlín, human resources, internal environment at TBU and strategic management.

Subsequently, electronic voting on the Plan will take place.

Agenda Item 6 – Miscellaneous

Discussion

Ing. Radim Holíš, Governor of the Zlín Region **stated** that he was proud to be a member of the TBU Board of Governors. He added that TBU is an important partner of the Zlín Region and appreciated the accreditation of a new degree programme in mechanical engineering.

The Board members **discussed** the importance of courses/specializations in technology for the society as well as for motivation of secondary school students to enrol on such courses at universities, and emphasized the importance of a new approach to teaching of mathematics in the Czech Republic.

The Board members **showed interest** in a motivation system aimed to support R&D and creative activities.

The BG members **showed appreciation** for involvement in TBU in European projects.

Subsequently, a closed meeting of the Board of Governors took place.

Agenda Item 7 – Closing

Dr. Libor Láznička, Chairperson of the Board, closed the meeting and wished the Board members all the best for 2025.

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

PaedDr. Alena Gajdůšková
Verifier of the Minutes

Zlín, on 29 November 2024
Minutes taken by: Bc. et Bc. Dominika Gerychová