

Meeting of the Academic Senate 17/2/2014

Present:

Jana Příkrylová, Lucie Horáková, Martin Juhas, Josef Bradáč, David Holman, Jan Dvořák, Michal Vejvoda, Tomáš Krabec and Vilém Patzelt

Guests:

Mgr. Petr Šulc, Rector, Ing. Jan Dušek, Director and Mgr. Lenka Stejskalová, MBA

Agenda:

1. Check of tasks
2. Rector's and Director's information on the situation of Škoda Auto University – studies and financial plan
3. Miscellaneous
4. Setting the next date of Academic Senate meeting

1/ The Higher Education Council was informed of the nomination of Rector Mgr. Petr Šulc for membership in the Higher Education Council. The student nomination of Bc. Daniel Suchánek for 2014 is valid (based on a statement of the Higher Education Council).

2/ Ing. Dušek presented the results of Škoda Auto University for the period 9-12 2013, the results are positive and the funds are transferred to 2014. Objectives and budget were also included in the presentation (2014-2018), this year's budget should be balanced by acquiring additional funds from new partners of the university and implementing offers of additional education outside of the university.

The Rector then presented the Strategy of Škoda Auto University in the academic field, dealing with the state of accreditations of Bachelor's and Master's degree programmes, modernisation of educational processes and fields

of study. Other topics included the state of raising funds for R&D from external sources as well as obtaining accreditation for Doctoral studies. Further information included the progress of international accreditation and other points.

In the following discussion, the Rector and Director answered these questions:

- How will any potential budget deficit be addressed, if projected income will not be obtained?
 - Partially solved by the risk fund, reserves from potentially other negotiations with Škoda Auto
- Study on rebranding the university – under what conditions will the study itself be implemented, or its results?
 - The study will be implemented at the expenses of Škoda Auto considering that if rebranding was an option, financial impacts and their compensation will be taken into account.
- Are internships guaranteed?
 - Internships are guaranteed, meeting on internships will be held in early March, according to the schedule, there are enough internship positions.
- Does a field of study focusing on law taught in English have any sense?
 - It does, if we find a target group of foreigners with the ambition to work in the Czech Republic or the EU. It is a variant for further academic discussion.

The Academic Senate acknowledges the information provided by the Rector and Director.

3/ Miscellaneous

- a) Students have asked for better conditions for rest between classes to be made.

The Director has asked the students for solution suggestions so that implementation options can be discussed

Responsible persons: J. Dvořák and M. Vejvoda

- b) The student curia submitted a complaint on the status of the teacher–student relationship, where in some cases communication from the teacher is too slow or not present at all.

The Chairwoman of the Academic Senate and the Rector have asked the student curia for additional information so that the issue can be addressed in a specific manner

Responsible persons: V. Patzelt and L. Horáková

- c) The classroom reservation system for students is designed to enable students to use empty classrooms for their study needs. The student curia has asked for instructions on how to proceed.

The Director approved the project and confirmed its funding. The student curia will provide documents.

- d) Problems that occur within the school premises need to be reported to the management. They will be addressed directly by management of the Na Karmeli centre.
- e) The student curia presented a complaint regarding the behaviour of students in written examinations – copying and cheating using communication technology.
- Students presented a model of monitoring of written examinations, including a financial calculation.

The Academic Senate recommends that actions be taken by the Rector to address this issue quickly to prevent any cheating and define clear rules on how to treat those students that violate these rules. Furthermore, in collaboration with the Director, consider implementation of the model presented by students.

4/ Given the fact that the Academic Senate is to meet 3-4 times a year, the closest meeting date will be specified based on progress in addressing the issues discussed and time availability of both curia.

Members of both curia should inform the Chairwoman of the Academic Senate of their date preference for the summer semester as soon as possible.

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