

M I N U T E S

from the regular session of the Board for Cooperation and Trust with the Public at the Faculty of Computer Science at UTMS

The regular meeting of the Board for Cooperation and Trust with the Public was held on May 27, 2022, starting at 5:00 PM, using the Google Meet remote technology service.

Members present:

- Pero Spirov, Lidija Gorachinova-Ilieva, Zdravko Stojkov, Kristina Organdzieva, Vladimir Dimovski, Gerasim Vanchev, Zdravko Josifovski, Armend Iseni, Vlatko Stojanov, Mende Sekulovski

Absent members:

- Deni Gjorchevski, Dragan Kukeski, Pero Mitrov, Miroslav Koteski, Risto Joskov, Danilo Bejatovich

After determining the present and absent members, the President of the Board, Pero Spirov, concluded that more than half of the total number of members were present and that there was a quorum for the full operation and decision-making of the Board.

Agenda of the session

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Adoption of the minutes of the previous meeting
3. Consideration of a matter within the competence of the board
4. Miscellaneous.

1. Adoption of the agenda

The President proposed the agenda for the session. After a brief discussion, the Board unanimously adopted the proposed agenda.

2. Adoption of the minutes of the previous meeting

The President presented the minutes of the previous meeting of the Board for consideration. The members did not raise any objections or proposals for amendment, after which the minutes were unanimously adopted.

3. Consideration of a matter within the competence of the Board

Within this item, the Board considered issues related to practical training, professional practice and professional affirmation of students from the Faculty of Computer Science, with special emphasis on cooperation with IT companies and public institutions. In the introductory speech, it was emphasized that practical training is a key element in modern IT education and an important prerequisite for better applicability of the acquired knowledge. It was emphasized that there is a need for systematic planning and improvement of student practice models, especially in the higher years of studies.

During the discussion, the members of the Board assessed that the current cooperation with IT companies provides positive results, but that it can be further deepened through clearer mechanisms for involving students in real projects, analyses and development activities. It was emphasized that practical teaching should not be reduced to a mandatory form, but should be developed as a structured activity with clearly defined goals, outcomes and evaluation. Additionally, it was pointed out the possibilities for involving students in activities related to supporting state bodies and public

institutions, especially in areas of public interest such as digitalization, IT support and systems analysis.

Based on the observations presented, the Board adopted a recommendation to consider and conceptualize a more sustainable and flexible model for student internships and practical teaching, which would take into account the needs of the IT industry, the public sector and the educational goals of the Faculty. It was proposed to encourage institutional cooperation with companies and state authorities, as well as to create conditions for greater application of practical work in the higher years of studies. The adopted recommendation will be submitted to the competent authorities of the Faculty for further consideration and action.

4. Miscellaneous

No additional questions or suggestions were raised under the item "Miscellaneous".

Closing the session

Since the agenda was exhausted, President Pero Spirov closed the session at 6:30 PM.

President of the Board
Pero Spirov