

MINUTES

from the regular session of the Committee for Cooperation and Trust with the Public at the Faculty of Informatics at UTMS

The regular session of the Committee for Cooperation and Trust with the Public was held on December 20, 2024, starting at 5:00 PM, in the premises of the Faculty of Informatics.

Members present:

- Pero Spirov, Sime Arsenovski, Kristina Organdzieva, Gerasim Vanchev, Simona Ristovska, Deni Gjorchevsky, Orce Simov

Absent members:

- Zdravko Josifovski, Armend Iseni, Krasimir Petreski, Sofce Jovanovska, Toni Malinovski

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 discussed the importance of cybersecurity as an area of high public interest and its connection to the current needs of the IT industry and society as a whole. In the introductory discussion, it was emphasized that cybersecurity is a key prerequisite for the safe functioning of digital systems, institutions and the economy, especially in conditions of increased digitalization and dependence on information technologies. The members emphasized that this area has strategic importance and requires continuous attention from all relevant stakeholders.

During the discussion, it was pointed out that cybersecurity has a direct impact on the protection of personal and institutional data, as well as on citizens' trust in digital services and systems. The members of the Board emphasized that the increase in the number and sophistication of cyber threats imposes a need for continuous improvement of knowledge, skills and awareness in this area. It was emphasized that educational and scientific institutions have an important role in raising public awareness, as well as in providing professional support and expertise.

Based on the observations presented, the Board assessed that continuous monitoring of the societal implications of cyber threats and their impact on the public interest is necessary. In conclusion, a

recommendation was adopted for greater public engagement and systematic information in the area of cybersecurity, with the aim of strengthening trust, resilience and security of the digital environment, whereby the recommendation will be submitted to the competent authorities 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.

Chairman of the Board
Pero Spirov