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INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION STRATEGY

INTRODUCTION

INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AT UNIVERSITY APEIRON

International cooperation requires two-way communication, and therefore requires that the University intensively develop long-term international relations that are and will be of multiple use to both students and faculty, as well as the community and the overall environment of the University.

International mobility contributes to the achievement of several key objectives, such as: to assist developing and emerging countries to build their capacity, generate income for the economy and the higher education sector, improve the teaching and administrative practices of higher education institutions, following international criteria, participation in international knowledge flows, and attracting but also retaining talent and research from the host country.

The University considers international cooperation an investment in the future and fully respects and applies the principles of international cooperation in its daily work and activities: transparency and equality, academic inclusion in society, excellence, research work, alumni, and a culture of dialogue and cooperation.

In order to strengthen the internationalization process, it contributes to the strengthening of the University Apeiron ability to become a modern, successful, recognizable, desirable and socially responsible institution and a driver of social development, it is necessary that this process be properly designed, that is, to follow the trends in socio-economic and technical-technological environment both locally and globally. In this regard, it is necessary to reflect on the expectations of society, the mission of the university in the era of globalization and the fourth industrial revolution. This will define the strategic thinking approach and logic at University Apeiron.

MISSION

The mission of the University is to provide academic, specialist and lifelong education, research and development of highly qualified personnel for the academic and professional field through the development of modern study and other programs, as well as to create an environment for developing informed, professional, creative and critical thinking.

VISION

The University's vision is to follow high professional, educational and scientific-research processes to achieve high European standards in all the above mentioned areas and to contribute through each of them to the economy and society in BiH on the path of human sustainable development.

STRATEGIC GOALS

In accordance with the mission and vision, the strategic goals of the University for the period are:

1. The University realizes education based on high quality of knowledge, practical work and student motivation, which forms flexible profile staff prepared for lifelong learning in accordance with the needs of the individual and the community, that is, the whole society and economy.
2. The scientific research work is encouraged and developed through all its programs and institutions in all fields of origin at the University.
3. The University is a highly organized institution that reaffirms its social responsibility through its continued contribution to human sustainable development.
4. The University is actively involved in the economy and at different levels of the social community, and contributes to the economic and social transition to a sustainable society based on knowledge and innovation.
5. The University systematically and organized supports the mobility of teaching staff and students.

KEY OBJECTIVES OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

Based on the University's development strategy, the following key goals for international cooperation are proposed:

- Increasing the mobility of teaching staff,
- Increasing and promoting student mobility,
- Participation in joint educational and research projects,
- Expanding and improving cooperation with universities,
- Development of curriculum collaboration in all three study cycles,
- Encourage guest lectures by local and foreign lecturers,
- Encourage the participation of foreign professors in the writing of scientific papers to be published in the journal of the University,
- Encourage the writing and publication of scientific-professional articles by in-house teaching staff in internationally recognized journals.

INCREASING THE MOBILITY OF TEACHING STAFF

The University intends to enhance academic exchange of teaching staff by finding and maintaining relationships with partner institutions in the long run, which will also contribute to active academic cooperation. The mobility of the resulting staff will contribute to the

development of professional competences, thereby increasing the quality of the teaching process and study programs. The University will provide relevant contacts to partner institutions in order to deepen bilateral cooperation.

INCREASING AND PROMOTING STUDENT MOBILITY

The compliance of the study programs with the programs of the partner institutions enables the exchange of students and the recognition of exams based on the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS). Also, full-time study programs will be offered for students from other countries, but the distance learning program will also be tailored to students from other countries. Student mobility is one of the key segments of the Bologna Teaching Method, whereby the University encourages student mobility and promotes international exchange experiences and seeks to increase student exchange rates.

PARTICIPATION IN JOINT EDUCATIONAL AND RESEARCH PROJECTS

The University will endeavor to participate continuously in international projects in the field of education and scientific research. Also, the University will accept all other opportunities for participation in international projects and will seek to establish new partnerships with universities from the countries of the region that can apply for current international projects.

EXPANDING AND IMPROVING COOPERATION WITH UNIVERSITIES

Through its activities, the University will seek to expand the range of institutions in the field of science and education with the aim of establishing sustainable international cooperation. Collaboration will be encouraged with leading universities that can contribute to application, formulation and implementation international projects. Joining the existing networks of universities and international organizations will enable more immediate and lasting networking in the fields of science and education. The University will also encourage cooperation with lesser-known universities in the region to strengthen its position and contribute to the development of the academic community.

DEVELOPING CURRICULUM COLLABORATION ACROSS ALL THREE STUDY CYCLES

The University will continue to improve all its curricula throughout the three educational cycles, as it has done so far. By taking good practices from existing and future partner institutions, it will innovate existing curricula, which will raise inter-institutional cooperation to a higher level and improve and modernize the educational process at the University in line with international trends.

ENCOURAGE GUEST LECTURES BY LOCAL AND FOREIGN LECTURERS

The University will organize lectures by visiting professors by providing accommodation and providing adequate assistance in administrative affairs. Experiences of visiting professors will

contribute to the application and acquisition of knowledge and practices in the scientific research process.

ENCOURAGE THE PARTICIPATION OF FOREIGN PROFESSORS IN THE WRITING OF SCIENTIFIC PAPERS TO BE PUBLISHED IN THE JOURNAL OF THE UNIVERSITY

Since the University publishes a scientific journals in which papers can be published, foreign professors have the opportunity to submit papers electronically, thus encouraging their active participation in the writing of scientific papers. Through the university electronic media, efforts will be made to promote the journal, as well as the works of foreign professors, which will give impetus to more active work in writing scientific papers.

ENCOURAGE THE WRITING AND PUBLICATION OF SCIENTIFIC ARTICLES BY IN-HOUSE TEACHING STAFF IN INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNIZED JOURNALS

University teaching staff are actively involved in writing and publishing scientific and professional articles, both regionally and internationally. The University will continuously seek to encourage teaching staff to undertake research work and to publish their papers and the results of their research work in internationally recognized journals.