QUALITY OBJECTIVES
FOR THE INTERNAL QUALITY ASSURANCE SYSTEM
OF HIGHER EDUCATION
AT THE TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY OF KOŠICE
FOR THE YEAR 2023

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In accordance with the adopted TUKE Quality Policies of the Internal Quality Assurance System (hereinafter referred to as ´IQAS´) of Higher Education, the Management of the Technical University of Košice (hereinafter referred to as ´TUKE´) has declared the following IQAS Quality Objectives for the year 2023:

Objective 1 – Improve the performance of the IQAS of higher education at TUKE

1.1 Maintain a functional, efficient, and effective internal quality assurance system (IQAS) of higher education at the Technical University of Košice (TUKE)

    1.1.1 Successfully undergo the evaluation of the IQAS of TUKE by the Slovak Accreditation Agency for Higher Education (SAAHE) and its study programmes (SPs) and habilitation and inauguration procedures (HaIK).

(Deadline: 31 December 2023. Responsible: Management of TUKE, deans of faculties)

    1.1.2 Improve IQAS performance by training persons responsible for SPs and other stakeholders at TUKE faculties on the principles and procedures of the internal quality assurance system of higher education at TUKE and the SAAHE standards for IQAS, standards for SPs and SAAHE standards for HaIK aligned with ESG. Objective level: Train all persons involved in IQAS and quality assurance of SPs and HaIK.

(Deadline: 31 December 2023. Responsible: TUKE Accreditation Board, deans of faculties)

    1.1.3 Ongoing monitoring and periodic review in accordance with the organizational directive ´OS H1/TUKE/H1/01 Education´ and compare the SPs with similar programmes in Slovakia or abroad to explore opportunities for improvement and record the results in the TUKE RES information system and in the Report on Ongoing Monitoring and Periodic Review of SPs. *Objective level: Compare the core SPs at TUKE faculties with similar programmes in Slovakia or abroad.*

(Deadline: 31 December 2023. Responsible: deans of faculties, persons responsible for SPs)

1.2 Improve TUKE's position in international university rankings

    1.2.1 Compare and evaluate its position in the rankings of Slovak universities once a year in the TUKE Annual Activity Report.

(Deadline: 31 December 2023. Responsible: Vice-Rector for Education)

    1.2.2 Maintain or improve TUKE's position in international rankings and rankings of Slovak universities, with emphasis on the quality of science, research, and teaching process. *Objective level: Maintain the current status of TUKE, as a minimum*.

(Deadline: 31 December 2023. Responsible: Vice-Rector for Education, Vice-Rector for International Relations and Mobility)

1.3 Make IQAS monitoring more effective by linking the indicators in accordance with STN EN ISO 9001:2016 and the IQAS quality indicators, and review and analyse them on a regular basis. *Objective level: One set of according to the IQAS.*

(Deadline: 31 December 2023. Responsible: TUKE Management)

Objective 2 – To improve and further develop quality of education at TUKE

2.1 Increase the attractiveness of existing study programmes by creating interdisciplinary study programmes and new programmes to improve the employability of graduates in the labour market.

    2.1.1 Create internal legislative basis for the implementation of interdisciplinary study programmes and proposal of new SPs. *Objective level: Processes added to ´OS H1/TUKE/H1/01 Education´.*

(Deadline: 31 December 2023. Responsible: Vice-Rector for Education)

2.1.2 Based on feedback from internal and external stakeholders and the achievement of objectives as per quality indicators of study programmes, review and innovate the offer and content of programmes in line with international trends. *Objective level: Update all study programmes*.

(Deadline: 31 December 2023. Responsible: person responsible for SP)

2.1.3 Popularise and promote the results of science, technology, and arts in national and international environment by presenting study programmes and research on Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, education fairs, open door days (DOD).

(Deadline: 31 December 2023. Responsible: Marketing Office, relevant vice-deans of faculties, persons responsible for SPs)

2.2 Improve the basis and equality of opportunity for the admission of students to study programmes by ensuring a transparent and fair admission procedure

2.2.1 Adapt the offer of preparatory courses in line with the evaluation of the percentage of students who did not continue their studies in the second year in the first level of study. Objective level: Increase the number of students who continue their studies.

(Deadline: 31 December 2023. Responsible: deans of faculties)

2.2.2 Provide opportunities for the admission of students with specific needs by offering the services of the TUKE Access Centre in accordance with the individual needs of the student and the requirements of the study programme. Objective level: Maintain the current services and/or expand the range of services.

(Deadline: 31 December 2023. Responsible: deans of faculties, TUKE Access Centre)

2.3 Improve the course and completion of studies

2.3.1 Raise student awareness of the opportunity to express their opinion and thus increase interest in providing feedback on the quality of the study programme through anonymised access to surveys for all students, including international students and students with specific needs. *Objective level: Higher student engagement compared to the academic year 2021-2022.*

(Deadline: 31 December 2023. Responsible: Vice-Rector for Education, deans of faculties)

2.3.2 Encourage student interest in scientific research activities in a competitive environment by organizing a Student Scientific Conference (SSC) with international participation and awarding prizes for the best works. *Objective level: Achieve a level of involvement of international students at least at the level of one student/field of study per TUKE faculty.*

(Deadline: 31 December 2023. Responsible: Vice-Rector for Science, Research, and Doctoral Studies, deans of faculties)

2.3.3 Involve students in international mobility and training programmes through developing their language skills by offering language courses. *Objective level: Involvement of students in international mobility, at least at the pre Covid-19 pandemic level.*

(Deadline: 31 December 2023. Responsible: Vice-Rector for International Relations and Mobility, deans of faculties, Department of Languages, Social Sciences and Academic Sports (ÚJSŠ))

2.4 Improving student-centred learning, teaching, and assessment by monitoring and reviewing study programmes

2.4.1 Collect regular feedback from external stakeholders within the study programmes who are involved in the preparation of a new programme or the modification of an existing programme. *Objective level: Improve the effectiveness of the monitoring and review of SPs as compared to the academic year 2021/2022.*

(Deadline: 31 December 2023. Responsible: deans of faculties, person responsible for SP)

2.4.2 Improve the level of student satisfaction with the quality of teaching and teachers. Objective level: Satisfaction rate of at least 50% of the students involved.

(Deadline: 31 December 2023. Responsible: Vice-Rector for Education, relevant faculty vice-deans, person responsible for SP)

2.5 Sustainably provide qualified teachers

2.5.1 Enhance the quality of the educational process by promoting teacher development and innovation. *Objective level: Completion of a course in higher education pedagogy by all staff.*

(Deadline: 31 December 2023. Responsible: TUKE Management, deans of faculties, ÚJSŠ)

2.5.2 Encourage participation of teachers in international internships and mobility. *Objective level: Reach the pre Covid-19 pandemic level.*

(Deadline: 31 December 2023. Responsible: Vice-Rector for International Relations and Mobility, deans of faculties)

3. Objective 3 – Enhance the interconnection of research and education

3.1 Strengthen the link between education and creative activities of teachers so that the focus of the creative activities of all those responsible for the SPs and teachers providing profile SP courses corresponds to the learning outcomes of the study programme. *Objective: Once a year review all unique publications of the author (in accordance with Article 23, point 6 of the SAAHE Methodology for Standards Evaluation) and their consistency with the SP by the Board of the SP.*

(Deadline: 31 December 2023. Responsible: Vice-Rector for Science, Research and Doctoral Studies, Board of the SP)

3.2 Ensure research integrity; prevent plagiarism and other academic fraud by organizing webinars for teachers. *Objective level: provide training to all teachers who have not yet received training*.

(Deadline: 31 December 2023. Responsible: Vice-Rector for Science, Research and Doctoral Studies, relevant vice-deans of faculties, TUKE University Library)

3.3 Achieve an internationally significant level in terms of originality, rigor, and impact of the creative activity outputs so that these outputs contribute significantly to the development of TUKE's creative activities. *Objective level: At least A – Internationally significant level.*

(Deadline: 31 December 2023. Responsible: Vice-Rector for Science, Research, and Doctoral Studies, deans of faculties, relevant vice-deans of faculties)

Objective 4 – Improve transparency and information management

4.1 Publish information about study programmes in a form accessible also to foreign students and students with specific needs at least on the websites of TUKE and its nine faculties. *Objective level: Adapt the faculties' websites into a form accessible to international students and students with specific needs*.

(Deadline: 31 December 2023. Responsible: deans of faculties, Institute of Computer Technology (ÚVT) TUKE)

4.2 Increase income from project and entrepreneurial activities by developing research and development activities and project activities. *Objective level: Achieve income from these activities of at least €350,000.*

(Deadline: 31 December 2023. Responsible: TUKE Management, deans of faculties)