

2006 AMENDMENT

to the Brno University of Technology 2006-2010 Mission Statement concerning its teaching, scientific, research, development, artistic, and creative activities

In this 2006 amendment to the Brno University of Technology 2006-2010 Mission Statement concerning its teaching, scientific, research, development, artistic, and creative activities (the Amendment in the sequel), the BUT leading officials provide support for the implementation of some objectives set out in the Brno University of Technology 2006-2010 Mission Statement concerning its teaching, scientific, research, development, artistic, and creative activities (the BUT Mission Statement in the sequel). Thus, it details the general long-term objectives and priorities that are essential for the development of BUT from 2006 to 2010.

Each chapter is only concerned with the 2006-related issues. It does not include those of a more general nature listed in the BUT 2006-2010 Mission Statement.

When working on concrete tasks and pursuing the strategic goals, the BUT leading officials will implement the strategy of multi-source funding. The development programmes of the Ministry of Education, Youth, and Sports play an important role in this process. Within their framework and in connection with this Amendment, by the end of October, BUT will submit development projects based on such programmes providing about 83 million CZK in funding.

For the 2006 budget year, all the students enrolled by 31st October 2005 will be subsidized internally according to the number of students recalculated by the Subsidy-Granting Rules set by the Ministry of Education, Youth, and Sports, taking into account the modified student numbers as agreed upon.

Gradual implementation in the BUT management of the suggestions, recommendations, and comments of the final report of the EUA evaluation committee is among the basic objectives pursued by the BUT leading officials in 2006.

Chapter I. Internationalization

Those parts of the BUT organisational chart related to further development of international programmes of study and education will be changed. These changes will raise cooperation in teaching with partner universities both within and outside of EU to a higher level. The BUT leading officials expect a further increase in student and teacher mobility within the Socrates/ Erasmus, Leonardo da Vinci, TEMPUS III, CEEPUS etc. programmes.

In connection with the preparation and opening of common preparation studies for international students, especially for the talented students from developing and transforming countries, the first stage of this Brno Centre of European Studies project will be launched in 2006 with BUT fulfilling the basic organisational requirements and incorporating the conclusions of the EUA conference, by taking part in international higher-education fairs and by carrying out further dissemination and marketing activities.

Chapter II. Academic Quality and Excellence

As part of the long-term strategy of personnel development at BUT in 2006, the BUT leading officials will design a system of regular self-evaluation of academic staff submitting it to the BUT Academic Senate for approval.

The BUT leading officials will decide on the implementation of the most suitable model for inter-faculty courses funding and subsequently – in line with the recommendations of the EUA

evaluators – work out a proposal of and economic analysis for the establishment of a central department for language teaching at BUT.

Since universities are supposed to provide its students with specialised knowledge as well as with a wide spectrum of general education and social and cultural skills – to increase their social adaptability and chances in the labour market – BUT will offer more courses in humanities and social science. To this end, a proposal will be worked out for the establishment of a central BUT department. This proposal will include an economic analysis.

As part of working out the BUT basic strategic objectives concerning creative activities, organisational and legal conditions will be created for the establishment, administration, and drawing on a fund for the support of work on research projects that require cooperation on the part of the solution provider.

Due to pressure for **more professional management** of BUT, in 2006:

- a) Electronic data collection will be used for feedback from student enquiries conducted at all faculties. Experience of other universities will be used for this data collection and evaluation.
- b) The existing strategy of BUT external relations will be put into practice more rigorously – BUT leading officials will react to the activities going on at other universities in an external environment, to the BUT students' needs and to the development of cooperation of BUT with regional businesses and industries. To this end, they will work out a proposal with and economic analysis for establishing a BUT Information Centre whose strategic task will be to achieve a positive relationship of wide public and experts to BUT.
- c) A project for restructuring Rector's Office will be submitted and commented on. The project will include a network graph modelling the changes in organisation to be taken, the wage funds needed for retraining the staff. All the faculties and the BUT Academic Senate will be notified of this project.

Within the **integration of academic activities** and promotion of cooperation among the Brno universities associated the in Brno Centre of European Studies, the BUT leading officials will concentrate on organising the annual EUA conference in autumn 2006 (as part of a coordinated BCES development project).

On the occasion of the international EUA conference held in Brno, the VUTIIUM Presss will organise a meeting of European university presses (as part of a coordinated BCES development project). The main points on the agenda of the meeting will include the completion of a joint academic distribution network, the use of the state-of-the-art technologies, and other possibilities of setting up consortiums.

Concerning the development of creative activities in 2006:

- a) to analyse the possibility of the BUT units becoming involved in the thematic programmes of the National Research Programme II, which is under preparation. Depending on the outcomes of the analysis, conditions will be created for the units to participate in the thematic programmes,
- b) to coordinate the activities of the of BUT units concerning the submitting of proposals for research funding by institutional means, primarily, by selecting a suitable strategy for submitting applications for the funding of further research plans announced by the Ministry of Education, Youth, And Sports,
- c) in addition to the basic research, the BUT units should shift more focus to applied research projects or industrial research projects receiving funding from the providers in various departments,
- d) conditions must be created for the BUT units to be able to become involved in the implementation of international projects. This should include the providing of information on the

existence of individual project types, their subject areas, orientation, and methods to be used to apply for funding,

e) to strengthen cooperation with the entities willing and able to commercialise the results of research and development in which BUT participates. Industrial enterprises region-based companies should be among the major partners.

Conditions will be created on the *Pod Palackého vrchem* campus for a campus library (or a new library department) to be built to coordinate the sectional libraries of the Faculty of Electrical Engineering and Communication.

Measures will be taken for the new identification cards of BUT students and staff to be also used in the ALEPH library system.

Chapter III. Quality and Culture of Academic Life

BUT will continue close active cooperation with the Centre for Higher-Education Study on the Assessment of the Quality of Higher-Education project. The results of a pilot project for testing the project parts concerned with the quality and culture of academic life at BUT will be evaluated and, subsequently, implemented.

While securing the improvement of quality and culture of academic life, the BUT leading officials will pay attention to the **social affairs of students** and staff (in particular to issues related to scholarships, professional and personal development of staff) and to the support for the handicapped groups of students.

In Brno 26th October 2005

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Rector of BUT

The 2006 Amendment to the BUT Mission Statement was:

- discussed by the BUT Scientific Board on 7th October 2005,
- commented on by the BUT Board of Trustees on 10th October 2005,
- approved by the BUT Academic Senate on 11th October 2005.