Senate Diary

The Senate of the UP held its first Senate meeting of the academic year on 21st September.

"We have reached the planting of the 655th lily, i.e. this is the 655th academic year of the University of Pécs since its foundation in 1367. We have recently faced many challenges: reorganisations, a crown virus epidemic, an energy crisis. In connection with the latter, we set up an ad hoc working committee, partly at the request of UQF. The aim is to develop a plan to map out where we can make savings. We are on the nail on the head, but saving is a task that is always a way forward. The state will provide additional support if we ourselves are able to reduce consumption to a certain level. Let us hope there are no more surprises. In the hope that from now on there will be nothing but pleasant surprises." - said Rector Dr Attila Miseta, and then placed a golden lily in the installation in the middle of the Senate Hall to mark the end of another year.

The Rector went on to list the awards and prizes, and then described the changes in the university committees.

The Senators decided on personnel matters.

As of 1st July, Dr Attila Miseta has been reappointed as Rector of the UP. The old-new Rector has changed the composition of the Rector's leadership, as he will be assisted by a total of five Vice-Rectors. The remit of the deputy rectors has made it necessary to amend the Terms of Reference. For this reason, the Rector has proposed amendments to the Rules of Organization and Functioning of the University of Pécs, the Rules on the Composition, Functioning, Tasks and Powers of the Committees of the Senate of the University of Pécs, the Rules on the Organisation of the Administration of the University of Pécs, and the Chairpersons of the Academic Council, the Committee on Finance, Administration and Development, and the University Habilitation and Habilitation Examination Committee. With minor modifications, the proposal was adopted by the Senators.

Dr. András Komócsi, Vice-Rector for Academic Affairs, presented the proposal for the amendment of the Doctoral Regulations of the UP. This regulation had been revised three years ago, the amendment was justified on the one hand by the new legislative changes affecting doctoral education and administrative changes related to doctoral education, and on the other hand by the Doctoral Councils and Doctoral Schools, which requested that the tasks and competences be defined in the regulation in an appropriate way. In addition, an internal audit audit carried out last year also justified a revision of the regulations, which, among other things, recommended updating them. The senators accepted the proposal.

The Senate of the UP adopted the new Procurement and Public Procurement Regulations and, in this context, repealed the Public Procurement Regulations and the Regulations on Procurement Procedures without Public Tender. "The amendment can also be considered as one of the deregulation steps," said Dr. Zoltán Schepp, Vice-Rector of the University of Pécs in charge of the management area. He also drew attention to the fact that among the topics of the recently launched European Union debates are those that are likely to affect public procurement rules. "We are looking for ways to improve and speed up these processes", Dr. Zoltán Schepp stressed. "There are also domestic good practices", the rector added, "which could be operational and could be adapted to the UP. Obviously, we also have to take risk factors into account, and the evolution of the broader legal environment may also influence our room for manoeuvre," said Dr Attila Miseta.