Quality above all!

Dr. András Takács is the newly elected Dean of the Faculty of Business and Economics of the University of Pécs. I asked him about his plans.

You were actively involved as Vice-Dean in the previous era. Why did you apply for the post?  
I felt that, after seven years of experience, I had the aptitude, the motivation and I am at the stage in my life and career when I can devote the most energy to this. It was a natural decision on my part.

The summary on the faculty website states that the faculty needs to respond to new challenges. One example is the change of model, which has led to new demands in connection with the Faculty.

It is not by chance that this faculty voted in favour of the model change, as we are practically benefiting from it, since we are one of the few faculties that have always operated according to market principles. From this point of view, the change of model is a validation of our efforts over several decades. There was no need for a major overhaul, in fact, the model change has set us on a much safer, more predictable path. It also gives us the opportunity to push the quantitative approach into the background altogether.

We are not in need of, nor interested in, forcing increases in the number of students we recruit; we can rely on our growing applicant base to recruit from the best applicants to form cohorts of manageable size.

What other challenges do you see? Coronavirus? Economic crisis? Russian-Ukrainian war?  
I have to say that the coronavirus is no longer a real risk from an educational point of view, as higher education has learned to deal with it. Overnight we can switch from face-to-face to online education, even during term time. Inflation and the significant rise in overheads are indeed serious risk factors, posing a new challenge for the university as a whole. Our faculty has a long-standing corporate approach, and we have reserves in our budget that will certainly allow us to address these risk factors without having to change our plans.