

THE PROGRAMME BOARD MEETING RECORD

Name of the degree programme: Economics and Public Policy

Faculty: ECON: Faculty of Economics and Administration

Type: Bachelor's

Chair of the Programme Board: doc. Ing. David Špaček, Ph.D.

Date of the meeting: 19.09.2023

Name	Position
<i>David Špaček</i>	<i>Guarantor of the degree programme</i>
<i>Milos Fišar (not participated)</i>	<i>Academic staff of the degree programme</i>
<i>Martin Guzi</i>	<i>Academic staff of the degree programme</i>
<i>Robert Jahoda</i>	<i>Academic staff of the degree programme</i>
<i>Ondřej Krčál</i>	<i>Academic staff of the degree programme</i>
<i>Lorena Maribel Chávez Reyes</i>	<i>Student representative</i>
<i>Martin Kollárik (not participated)</i>	<i>Employer/graduate representative</i>
	<i>Others*</i>

** Add another line if needed*

1. *Describe the significant and non-significant changes that have taken place in the degree programme during the last evaluation period (since the last evaluation meeting or since the last development plan was discussed).*

Comment:

The Programme Council has met for the first time. Although the programme was accredited from 27.10.2020, due to the low number of students enrolled it was fully launched since September 2022.

Only the following non-significant changes have been made to the programme and they were outlined during the Programme Council meeting – some courses (History of Economic Thought, Presentation Skills in English, Introduction to Public Policies, Economic Policy) were shifted to another semester in order to better reflect on knowledge and capabilities students obtain during the programme. In the case of the course ‘History of Economic Thought’, its ECTS value was changed, from 10 to 5 in order to unify the amount of accredits across the Faculty. The code of one course – Academic Writing – has been changed also.

No significant changes have been implemented and are expected in the programme in the short-term horizon, especially because the programme has been fully launched only recently and the life experience of the programme is thus short.

2. *Describe the extent to which the objectives have been met and evaluate the development plan drawn up during the last evaluation.*

Comment:

This was the very first meeting of the Programme Council, so no objectives or any development plan had been formally drawn up before.

- Evaluate the past year of the realization of the degree programme (e. g. admission procedure, academic failure, final state examination, internalization). Please specifically address the results of the student quality assessment (subject survey and other instruments), what measures have been taken, and with what results.

Comment:

As already noted, the programme has been fully launched only recently and, therefore, the guarantor does not have sufficient data to evaluate it.

The programme struggles with the low number of students enrolled. This is partly a result of visa procedures applied in home countries of applicants for the programme. According to the student representative in the Council, minor changes made to the programme improved the programme. Still, the timetable of the programme may be sometimes stressful (e.g., due to relatively long blocks of teaching of some complex courses) and possibilities to solve this (e.g., to spread the teaching across the week in a more balanced way) will be checked with the Studying department of the Faculty.

- Formulate further recommendations for the future development of the degree programme (using the table or summarizing verbal comments).

The objective of the degree programme development	Measures leading to the objective implementation	Implementation of measures (year or cycle)
<i>Make effort to increase the number of applicants to the programme</i>	<i>More focused promotion of the programme using the promotion mechanisms of the Faculty and the key departments participating in the programme (Department of Public Economics + Department of Economics)</i>	On continuous basis
<i>Try to balance the timeschedule of programme in order to avoid long blocks of complex courses.</i>	Changes to the programme timetable made in close cooperation between the guarantor, teachers and the studying department of the faculty	Academic year 2024
<i>Discuss and decide the role of the course on econometrics in the programme</i>	Discussion between the guarantor and partners from the Department of Economics	Academic year 2024 or 2025

Summary:

5. *Space for comments and observations beyond the above topics.*

Comment:

It was agreed during the meeting that the position of the course Academic Writing will be discussed between the guarantor of the programme (David Špaček) and the guarantor of the course (Martin Guzi) with an aim to consider needs of students and current practices in other programmes.