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# **The Main Results of the Amendment to the Internal Quality Evaluation Report on Educational, Creative and Related Activities of the University of Defence in Brno for 2018**

*The Amendment to the Internal Quality Evaluation Report on Educational, Creative and Related Activities of the University of Defence in Brno for 2018 was discussed by the Scientific Council of the University of Defence in Brno on 17 April 2019 and approved by the Academic Senate of the University of Defence in Brno on 15 May 2019.*

In 2018, the University of Defence in Brno (hereinafter referred to as "UoD") carried out an internal evaluation of the quality of educational activities, creative activities and related activities. The following study programmes (fields of study) implemented at the University faculties (Management and Employment of the Armed Forces, Military Technologies, Technology for Defence and Security, Paramedic, Military Logistics and Protection of Troops and Population) and lifelong learning programmes implemented at the Centre for Security and Military-Strategic Studies were evaluated as part of the internal evaluation of educational activities in 2018.

As part of the internal evaluation of the quality of creative activity, creative activity was evaluated at all faculties of the UoD and at the NBC Defence Institute. The evaluation of the so-called related activities included the evaluation of the management and administration of the University, the fulfilment of its third role, the provision of marketing activities, the provision of external relations and the implementation of the so-called support activities.

The evaluation results are included in partial evaluation reports on study programmes, partial evaluation reports on lifelong learning programmes, interim reports on educational activities of a faculty or centre, interim reports on creative activities of faculties or institutes and interim reports on the evaluation of related activities.

### **The main results of the Amendment to the Internal Quality Evaluation Report on Educational, Creative and Related Activities of the University of Defence in Brno for 2018:**

#### **a) Educational Activities**

In the case of the Faculty of Military Leadership and the Faculty of Military Technology, this mainly involved the adoption and implementation of measures to reduce the higher drop-out rate of students in the first year of the evaluated military master's degree programmes. The measures were aimed at changing the structure of subjects in the 1st and 2nd semesters, increasing the number of tutoring hours for selected 1st year subjects, and introducing so-called mentors for 1st year students.

The UoD provided counselling for all students by qualified experts in the fields of psychological, pedagogical, socio-legal, study and career counselling.

In order to obtain feedback from students of the evaluated study programmes, a pilot testing of the Student Evaluation of the Quality of Course Teaching application was prepared and implemented in 2018 as a tool for getting feedback for teachers.

The second area that received attention at the individual faculties of the UoD, in accordance with the conclusions of the internal quality evaluation carried out in 2017, was the area of internationalisation, aimed at meeting the required standard of the degree of openness of the study programme. The Strategy of the Faculty of Military Leadership in the field of internationalisation for years 2019 to 2022 has been prepared, setting goals and priorities in the field of student and teaching mobility.

Part of the implemented activities was the organisation of the so-called International Day, which was held at the Faculty of Military Leadership each semester of the evaluated year 2018. A similar approach of presenting educational activities provided by partner educational institutions was applied at the Faculty of Military Technology. In the case of the Faculty of Military Health Sciences, the aim was to find a similar study programme within the bachelor's degree programmes that corresponds in its structure to a similarly focused programme at the UoD. This activity will subsequently be implemented in the next academic year.

## **b) Creative Activities**

At the level of the University of Defence, measures were taken in 2018, including the creation of an updated Strategy for Creative Activities of the University of Defence for the years 2019 to 2025.

A university-wide discussion was initiated on the revision of the minimum requirements for candidates for habilitation and appointment procedures at the UoD, consisting of both quantitative and especially qualitative requirements revision, reflecting the current requirements of academic practice.

Similarly, the so-called motivation order defining the nature of motivation rewards for excellence in creative activity at the UoD was revised. This suppressed those results that did not correspond to the desired publishing trend towards publications published mainly in so-called impacted journals.

At individual faculties, creative activity was the subject of targeted meetings of the Dean's collegiums and faculty methodological days.

## **c) Related Activities**

The UoD has defined its vision, mission and development goals in its strategic documents. There is a functional management system in place, a system of internal regulations, and other interrelated management documents. The system has rules for the implementation of study programmes, for creation, approval and modification of a study programme or areas of study, as well as policies for the appointment and removal of study programme guarantors. The activities of the UoD are planned, implemented, regularly monitored and evaluated. All activities are aimed at fulfilling the objectives set out in the strategic documents.

The implementation of support activities is focused mainly on the provision or management of personnel, financial and information resources, movable and immovable property, the University's electronic information system and information services, publishing activities, counselling services, catering and accommodation services.

In terms of actions taken in 2018, measures were implemented to redesign the School Regiment and Language Centre websites. At the same time, however, in the case of the School Regiment, the revision of the content of the texts and visual material has not been completed and will be completed by the end of the first quarter of 2019.

A complete planning of all teaching activities was implemented in the Timetable application.

Pursuant to Section 77b(3) of Act No. 111/1998 Coll., on Higher Education and on Amendments and Supplements to Other Acts (Act on Higher Education), the University makes available reports on internal quality evaluation of educational, creative and related activities and supplements to these reports to the bodies and members of the bodies of the UoD and its units, the National Accreditation Bureau and the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports.