

Pursuant to Article 41, Paragraph 50 of the Statute of the University of Belgrade, the Senate of the University of Belgrade at its session held on 19 March 2014, adopted the following

## **STRATEGY FOR THE INTERNATIONALIZATION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF BELGRADE**

### **1. INTRODUCTION: FRAMEWORK**

Following its tradition of openness and mindful of its international reputation, geographical position and potential, the University of Belgrade continues to invest efforts to promote the policy of establishing amicable and productive academic relations with universities worldwide, as well as to promote international student, faculty and non-faculty exchange.

### **2. AIMS**

#### **2.1. GENERAL AIMS**

2.1.1. Further inclusion of the University of Belgrade into the mainstream of academic cooperation in the region, Europe and the world.

2.1.2. Creating such environment to model students capable of being operative in other cultures and environments, by providing adequate:

a) Study programmes

b) Exchange programmes for students who wish to complete part of their study programmes abroad;

c) Joint programmes of academic and professional studies (undergraduate, graduate, special and doctoral) with universities abroad;

d) Visiting opportunities for both foreign faculty and students;

e) Information abroad on vacancies for teaching positions at the University of Belgrade. In order to encourage faculty from other countries to apply for and accept teaching positions at the University of Belgrade, the management of the University of Belgrade and other University services will, in cooperation with the Ministry of education, make a special effort to provide adequate accommodation.

f) Training of the University services staff to work with foreign students and faculty.

## 2.2. SPECIFIC AIMS

2.2.1. Creating ample opportunities for faculty and student exchange and employing foreign faculty in order to add an international perspective to study programmes and their implementation, as well as to the faculty development programmes.

2.2.2. Forging stronger links with former students who live abroad by supporting alumni associations.

2.2.3. Educating students internationally competent in their respective fields.

## 3. OBJECTIVES

3.1.

3.1.1. Point to the importance of internationalization

3.1.2. Provide adequate financial support for internationalization

3.1.3. Provide for adequate evaluation of potential partner institutions

3.1.4. Develop institutional and organisational framework for internationalization

3.1.4. Provide for coordination of internationalization across the University

3.2.

3.2.1. Provide for internationalization of study programmes

3.2.2. Increase offer of study programmes in English and other foreign languages

3.2.3. Prepare students for international professions

3.2.4. Add international elements to existing study programmes

3.2.5. Develop and support international study programmes

3.2.6. Support and further develop foreign language programmes as integral part of effort toward internationalization

### 3.3.

3.3.1. Attract larger numbers of foreign students at all levels: undergraduate, graduate and doctoral. In order to achieve this objective, it is necessary to:

- introduce and start issuing student visas for foreigners
- provide sufficient and adequate accommodation in students' halls of residence as well as in private accommodation, through licensed agencies that will guarantee standard quality and prices of accommodation
- provide for adequate health insurance for foreign students
- provide adequate facilities for student's social life, similar to the International Friendship Club in the past
- introduce a centralized system of recordkeeping for foreign students at the University of Belgrade through alumni associations, which would enable follow up on their careers after they return to their home countries

The University's short term objective is to ensure that in the next three years 5% of all students enrolled be foreigners, whereas its long term objective is 10% of foreigners of all students enrolled.

The position of the University of Belgrade on world ranking lists makes it attractive for potential students from the region and from African and Asian countries.

It is also very important to offer realistic fees that would also be accessible for foreign students.

### 3.3.2. Intensify marketing of the University of Belgrade

Provide adequate support for foreign students to successfully complete their studies at the University of Belgrade

### 3.3.3. Develop adequate services to accommodate larger number of foreign students at the University of Belgrade

#### 4. CONCLUSION

Having all the above in mind, the Rectorate of the University of Belgrade and its services in charge accept responsibility to:

4.1. Promote and sustain relations with universities and international institutions abroad

4.2. Represent the University in all matters involving the elements of internationalization

4.3. Cooperate in the matters of formulation, implementation and representation of the international projects

4.4. Identify, analyze and disseminate information concerning international cooperation

4.5. Coordinate and monitor the participation of the University in various networks, consortiums, associations and institutions of international cooperation and update the relevant information

4.6. Support the services in charge of international mobility of faculty, students and other staff at the University and coordinate their activities

4.7. Together with the services in charge, organize international conferences at the University level and visits by representatives of foreign universities and international institutions.

4.8. The faculties and institutes of the University of Belgrade carry out their individual international cooperation programmes and provide participation in international projects in cooperation with and coordinated by the Rectorate and the services in charge.