# PAVOL JOZEF ŠAFÁRIK UNIVERSITY IN KOŠICE



# **Evaluation of student questionnaire surveys at the university**

In accordance with the Rector's Decision no. 8/2021 issuing the Rules of the internal system of quality assurance and verification of education, scientific, research, development, artistic or other creative and supportive activities at the Pavol Jozef Šafárik University in Košice (UPJŠ) in the first month of the winter semester (usually September/mid October 2022) an anonymous questionnaire survey of students' satisfaction with the teaching process at the UPJŠ is performed. Students can respond to questions about studying at the university, access to information, the environment, assessment out-of-courses options, or to give any of their own suggestions.

The students were offered 37 questions, which were divided into 5 sections:

- organization of the teaching process,
- information about the events at the faculty and teaching conditions,
- work environment,
- educational environment and educational support,
- support of extracurricular activities at the university.

Students responded by selecting an answer from the given options, and at the end, they had the opportunity to contribute their own ideas and insights that could contribute to increasing their satisfaction. All student used the electronically questionnaire (in AiS2).

The results from the analysis will be used to improve the learning process and are a good example for other students to participate in the survey in the future, contributing to making student satisfaction data at the university more objective.

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# Academic year 2021/2022

The questionnaire in the academic year 2021/20221 was completed after the academic year-end in September/October 2022 by a total of 78 students of English study programs, what is less than in AY 2020/2021. Everyone involved in the survey thanked you for your willingness and patience in answering to questions, as well as suggestions and notices. Despite the fact that not a large number of university students have taken part in the survey, all statements and opinions are very valuable to the University leadership, since they contribute to improving the learning process and foster a creative work environment.

The objectives of organized feedback are:

- to identify and analyse students' views on university teaching and identify positive responses as well as bottlenecks in the learning process,
- to discuss problematic areas with the university departments concerned;
- to take measures to remedy the identified deficiencies.

#### **Evaluation of questionnaire**

Half of the students who responded anonymously were male and half female, mostly from the **Faculty of Medicine** (95 %). When evaluating satisfaction, the possible answers were "very satisfied, "satisfied", "dissatisfied" and "very dissatisfied" to simplify the analysis. Most students completed the printed form of the questionnaire.



#### 1 Organization of the teaching process

Up to 77 % of students answered that the timetables of lectures/workshops and seminars were adhered to and think that their content schedule has been respected. Most of the students agree that they were informed about the learning objectives, contents and conditions of completion of the subject at the beginning of the course. Teachers' motivating approach was positively evaluated 54 %, but 24 % of students said "mostly disagree/strongly disagree". Mostly of students think that their performance assessment was objective, more than 40 % was satisfied or very satisfied with quality of the diploma theses supervision. More than 40 % of students assesses the services provided by your study advisor as very satisfied or satisfied and only 8 % was dissatisfied or very dissatisfied, but 35 % write "I have never used their services/I wasn't aware they exist".

















# 2 Information about events and studying conditions

The students (~ 50 %) were aware of activities at the faculty as well as the opportunities for internships (e.g. Erasmus). They gained most information from the personal communication with students, e-mails, and AIS. Up to 58 % of students said they did not take part in the election of student representatives to AS. About 50 % of the students answered that the availability of the current study literature is excellent/very good/good. The 15 % of students think that modern teaching technology is used occasionally or not used at all (8 %), which is an improvement over the survey in previous AY. The students (65 %) write that are informed about activities of the UNIPOC and 87 % said they was informed about the possibilities of supporting students with special needs.



















#### **3** Work environments

About 45 % of the students who participated in the survey are satisfied with the material provision of the learning process (e.g. technical equipment of lecture rooms, practical rooms), and 17 % (20 % in previous AY) were not satisfied with the faculty premises (e.g. buildings, rooms, social facilities, meals). More than 20 % of the students were satisfied with the provided accommodation and for more than 25 % it is "can't access". Communication with support staff (e.g. study department, library) was rated as excellent/very good/good more than 37 % of the students, but for 10 % of respondents it is "insufficient". Only more than 40 % of the students assess the atmosphere at faculty as friendly and motivating. More than 20 % of respondents say that have encountered inappropriate behaviour at the University/Faculty (e.g. signs of bullying - mobbing, harassment) and about 40 % of the students would welcome the opportunity to use mediator services to deal with conflicts and misunderstandings.















#### 4 Educational environment and education support

The students (54 %) assessed the educational environment in which they are as excellently/very well/well equipped (professionally and technically). In terms of e-learning, most students actively met during distance learning, e-books/eTextbook and electronic teaching materials. The students 33 % use e-learning daily (36 % in previous AY) and 21 % of them use it at least once a week. Students mostly use portal lms.upjs, existing electronic learning objects and websites/e-materials. Less than 11 % of respondents use AiS2 Tools. The respondents (~ 44 %) use e-learning elements as a replacement of lectures, to complete the given exercises, tests and in the preparation of own work. Students would like to learn more about these forms of study via seminars and an e-course or introductory training.









# **5** Support of the extracurricular activities

About 36 % of respondents state that they did not have the opportunity to be actively involved in the creation of timetables, and about 39 % of them found that their schedule allowed them to take part in extracurricular activities. The 36 % of students not participate and 22 % of the

students "unsure" about participating in extracurricular events organized at the university/faculty. Almost 29 % of students think they have not been able to actively participate (33 % "unsure") in planning, making of decisions, development of a study field at faculty.













# Students' observations and comments

The questionnaire survey also devoted space to the students 'observations, for example: appreciation of well-organized teaching, teachers' appreciation, attention was also paid to the evaluation of distance learning. Students were able to express what bothers them most about the faculty or university, what they would change or welcome. All comments and opinions are given due attention in order to improve and enhance teaching and to best prepare university students for internships.

The distance form of education was perceived very differently, from identification to complete rejection. Practically all student preferred presence form of study at the practical exercises. The distance form of lectures is evaluated very positively; students especially appreciate the possibility of recording them.

The students critically evaluate the approach of some teachers as well as study departments - especially uplifting behavior. Students point out the lack of practical training, most of them lack practical skills that they could directly use in their future profession. Many perceive as insufficient e.g. study/laboratory equipment, libraries with study literature, rest areas. The students would appreciate timely information from faculty management of any changes related to teaching.

# **Conclusions and proposed measures**

- 1. To seek solutions for students' passive approach to events at the university/faculties by deepening cooperation with faculty leaders, improving the work of study advisors and supporting the student-teacher collegial relationship.
- 2. To motivate students to actively participate in the teaching process not only by significantly supporting students' professional activities, also by improving cooperation with student associations/organizations and students in Study program board.
- 3. Introduce and use a "mediator" in solving problems.