

OPINION

Subject: Competition for the academic position of "Associate Professor"
at Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski "
in the field of higher education 1. Pedagogical sciences, professional field
1.2. Pedagogy (ICT in education, e-learning of students with special educational needs),
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Administrative markers

By order № RD 38-321 / 21.07.2020 of the Rector of Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski "I have been appointed a member of the Scientific Jury and preparation of an opinion.

One candidate participates in the announced competition: Chief Assistant Dr. Blagovesna Stoyanova Yovkova. On the basis of fulfilled requirements for format and content of the submitted documents the candidate is admitted to participate in the competition.

The documentation is completed and presented in a format corresponding to the regulation of PRAS of Sofia University and the normative requirements of ZRASRB.

My opinion is based on information from the administrative documents, evidence and publications of the candidate provided to me (in electronic media).

Academic status, qualification and professional realization

The current academic status and qualification of Chief Assistant Dr. Blagovesna Stoyanova Yovkova are in accordance with the criteria of the competition. The minimum requirements for holding the position of "Associate Professor" are met: Group A - 50 points, Group B - 100 points, Group D - 268.8 points, Group D - 225 points.

The reference presented by the University Library of Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski ", is an evidentiary document for the weight of the personal contribution of the candidate in the scientific products published in co-authorship.

The candidate has two master's degrees - in "Bulgarian language and literature and a teacher in secondary schools" (1995) and in "Special pedagogy, hearing and speech rehabilitation" (2000). In the period 2007-2010. acquires additional competencies in the

research field, successfully completing 3 doctoral specializations. In 2010 he defended his dissertation and obtained the educational and scientific degree "Doctor" in pedagogy. Since 2013 he has started a teaching career at the Faculty of Pedagogy at Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski" as a part-time assistant in "ICT in education".

Possessing a professional qualification in two different scientific fields is a significant aspect in the general qualification profile of the candidate and expands the perimeter of his information and professional field.

In her professional development, Chief Assistant Dr. Blagovesna Stoyanova Yovkova passed the hierarchy of academic levels: assistant (2008-2013), in 2013. becomes chief assistant, occupying this position until now.

I accept that the candidate has a sufficiently high basic and additional qualification status, as well as the necessary academic experience for the position for which he is applying.

Teaching activity

The teaching activity of the candidate Chief Assistant Dr. Blagovesna Stoyanova Yovkova is related to her scientific interests. Develops and teaches lecture courses, develops and conducts seminars and laboratory exercises, develops curricula, situating its activities in three main (relatively separate) areas: Information and computer technology in education, Training of children and adults with special needs, Inclusive education (in the broadest sense). Scientific and teaching issues are in the undeveloped research field of e-learning methodology, looking for solutions to the problem of optimal design of e-environment, to create effective e-resources, the specific features of assessment in the e-environment.

Research and publication

The package of publications proving the scientific and publishing activity of the candidate includes a habilitation thesis (1), a monograph (1) on a dissertation, articles and reports in peer-reviewed and indexed scientific journals (12), articles and reports published in non-peer-reviewed journals with scientific review or published in edited collective publications (9).

The earlier monograph "Interactive educational multimedia in the teaching of oral speech in children with hearing impairment" is rather practical and applied and is a finished product on the basis of which innovative and highly effective methods and technologies for pedagogical

intervention can be developed. when working with this specific (in terms of communication) contingent. The monograph "E-learning - opportunities to expand access to higher education for students with special educational needs" is indicative of the evolution of research competencies of the candidate. The issue is extremely relevant and in importance is comparable to the theories of global development of society and the place of the individual in it. Published articles and reports from scientific forums only confirm my opinion about the capabilities of the candidate, demonstrated in the monographs.

The presented textbooks and manuals are logically co-authored, cover the same problem topics in which the candidate demonstrates interests and are oriented to an audience with interests covering the same problem area. Four of the five products are aimed at supporting the development of children with hearing impairments, and the fifth (which is actually the first in chronological order of creation) is in the field of ICT.

The monographs, textbooks and articles presented by Chief Assistant Dr. Blagovesna Stoyanova Yovkova cover current and significant issues for modern pedagogy. The availability of own research and the impressive volume of used and analyzed literary (information) sources show in-depth knowledge of the issue, scientific approach to information analysis and last but not least style of writing, combining academicism and easy readability of the produced texts.

Participation in projects

The applicant demonstrates enviable activity and experience in project activities. He has participated in a total of 9 projects at international, national and university level. The thematic area of the projects in which the candidate participates is in sync with the research and teaching activities, which is indicative of the sustainability of interests and is an additional certificate and proof of competencies, experience, teamwork skills.

Conclusions

□ The candidate has a sufficiently high basic and additional qualification status for the position for which he is applying.

□ Professional experience - in hierarchical and content terms presuppose the presence of a wide range of professional skills. The candidate has academic experience - as a university lecturer in the positions of "assistant", "chief assistant".

□ The proposed scientific publications are sufficient in volume and content to cover the requirements of PRAS of Sofia University and the regulatory requirements of ZRASRB for holding the academic position of "Associate Professor".

□ In the presented publications the candidate shows a good quality level. For the most part, the publishing activity is content-oriented towards the application of ICT in the work with children and adults with special educational needs.

Conclusion:

Since I do not know the candidate, I form my assessment and opinion only on the basis of the submitted documents. This to some extent limits the multifaceted nature of the assessment (especially the personal qualities of the candidate), but I assume that it increases my objectivity. I am convinced of the presence of personal and professional qualities of the candidate, necessary for the academic position of "Associate Professor" in Pedagogy (ICT in education, e-learning of students with special educational needs).

I recommend to the members of the Scientific Jury that Ch. Assistant Professor Dr. Blagovesna Stoyanova Yovkova in the academic position of "Associate Professor" in Pedagogy (ICT in education, e-learning for students with special educational needs) in the field of higher education 1. Pedagogical sciences, professional field 1.2. Pedagogy.

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