

OPINION
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REGARDING THE COMPETITION FOR THE ACADEMIC POSITION
"PROFESSOR" BY PROFESSIONAL FIELD 1.3. PEDAGOGY OF TRAINING
IN... (METHODOLOGY OF TRAINING IN TECHNOLOGIES AND
ENTREPRENEURSHIP IN PRIMARY CLASSES), PUBLISHED IN STATE
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CANDIDATE: ASSOC. PROF. PhD. NIKOLAI IVANOV TSANEV

Compliance of the procedure and the submitted documentation with the current one regulatory framework

Only one candidate participated in the competition - Associate Professor Nikolay Tsanev. I present a written opinion regarding the qualities of the candidate and the assessment of his production, with which he participates in the above-announced procedure on the basis of the Regulations for the conditions and procedures for acquiring scientific degrees and holding academic positions at SU "St. Kliment Ohridski", adopted by decision of the Academic Council on October 31, 2018, amended and supplemented by decisions of the Academic Council of September 25, 2019 and October 30, 2019.

The documents and materials presented by Assoc. Prof.PhD Nikolay Tsanev comply with the Regulations for the terms and conditions for acquiring scientific degrees and holding academic positions. By examining the submitted documentation, it is established that the procedure has been followed.

General biographical presentation of the applicant and teaching status:

The evaluation of the candidate is based on the general characteristics and professional biography provided in the documents. The applicant's areas of professional interest are related to:

- formation and development of professional and key competencies in an academic environment;
- development of professional and key competencies through the practical training of the students of the specialty;

- motivating and engaging students in active and conscious participation in learning and learning-practical activities;
- development of author's programs in the study disciplines led by the candidate - the holistic and competence approaches are the basis of the development of these programs.

The teaching activity is according to the direction of the competition. The candidate has participated in research projects. The competition is provided with the necessary hours in the announced direction.

Scientific production.

After analyzing the scientific works submitted for review, it is established that the thematic areas of the publications of Associate Professor Nikolay Tsanev are:

- formation of professional competencies through various forms of practical training for students;
- application of an author's operative professional-competency model in the field of technology and entrepreneurship education methodology;
- research of current ideas, concepts and good practices on the problems of technology and entrepreneurship in the general educational preparation of students of primary school age;
- research of competencies, as well as the essence of teaching and learning in technological education from the traditionally accepted approaches in Bulgaria;
- research and substantive analysis of topics that are closely related to the philosophy of constructivism;
- a pedagogical system has been approved for the formation of professional competences for methodical work of students from the PNUP and NUPCHE specialty
- others.

Compliance with the scientometric indicators for occupying the academic position.

A total of 27 publications are included for the competition procedure, of which 4 monographs are directly related to the issues of the competition.

A significant part of the applied scientific creativity of Associate Professor N. Tsanev is related to the issues of the competition and includes the study documentation.

His presentation in international and scientific forums confirm him as a university professor with positions.

The scientific works submitted for the competition meet the national requirements (under Article 2b, Paragraphs 2 and 3 of the RSARB) and, accordingly, the additional requirements of SU "St. Kliment Ohridski" for occupying the academic position of "professor" in the scientific field and professional direction of the competition.

Evaluation of the candidate's scientific works

Thematically, N.Tsanev's publications fully correspond to the profile of the announced competition for acquiring the academic position of "professor". Their topical relevance and innovativeness in the search for inherently integral approaches and solutions to the studied phenomenon are indisputable. They are concentrated around the discussed section, namely possibilities of digital educational technologies for increasing the quality and effectiveness of training. In this section, several separate research focuses, thematic centers, each of which brings certain scientific and practical-applied contributions, are distinguished. The scientific research activity of N. Tsanev is focused on the intersection between pedagogical, methodical, scientific and technological knowledge, defined and researched. His main research interest is where the achievements in technology and entrepreneurship and the pedagogical aspects in their interpretation intertwine and enter into symbiosis. As a reviewer of his monographic works, I have expressed my positive attitude towards the presentation and summarization of essential issues in the field of technology methodology and entrepreneurship.

Contributions and citations

The contributions that Assoc.Prof. Tsanev makes for his scientific works and publications are presented in the report he personally provided. I fully agree with the candidate's contributions.

As for the citations of the candidate, the good and representative citation of Assoc.Prof. Tsanev in the database by individual researchers, etc. is evident.

Scientific contributions

In terms of content, the publications of Assoc.Prof.PhD Nikolay Tsanev reflect current problems of the methodology of technology and entrepreneurship education. Theoretical contributions stand out above all in the study of theoretical-applied problems of students' practical training.

Summary of materials proposed for review:

- A concept of competence formation through various forms of pedagogical interaction is derived. The works offer the author's statements and solutions, as well as current research positions, educational technologies, ideas and results. The highlights of the organization of the educational environment, the methods and means for achieving optimal competences in the field of mastering technology and entrepreneurship education are brought out.

Teaching job

The teaching activity of Assoc. Prof. PhD Nikolay Tsanev spans several periods and is not only related to teaching at FNOI/SU. This implies not only the development and offering of an analysis of a methodological system for students' mastery of competencies, but also the implementation of policies, strategies or programs in the field of technology and entrepreneurship education methodology.

The taught academic disciplines present the candidate's academic awareness and competencies to synergize knowledge from different scientific fields.

The candidate declares his contributions to the development of original programs in the academic disciplines. It refers to the holistic and competence approaches, which are the basis of the curricula developed by Assoc. Prof. PhD Nikolay Tsanev.

Conclusion:

On the basis of the above positive evaluations of the teaching, publication and creative activity of associate professor PhD Nikolay Ivanov Tsanev, I express in writing my positive opinion about his candidacy in the competition and recommend to the members of the Scientific Jury and the members of the FS at the Faculty of Sciences for of Education and Arts at the University of Sofia to vote positively for Assoc. Prof.PhD Nikolay Ivanov Tsanev in the announced competition for the academic position of "Professor" in: PROFESSIONAL FIELD 1.3. PEDAGOGY OF TRAINING IN... (TECHNOLOGY AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP TRAINING METHODOLOGY IN PRIMARY SCHOOLS CLASSES), PUBLISHED IN STATE GAZETTE, NO. 48 OF 28.06.2022.

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Member of the scientific jury: ..

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