

CURRENT LIFE AND PERSPECTIVES OF ECONOMIC FACULTY

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Economic faculty as a structural unit of Lviv national agrarian university has been functioning for already over half a century being focused on training highly qualified specialists of economic profile for agriculture and other branches of national economy.

Specialists at economic faculty are trained according to the curricula for the degrees of Bachelor, Specialist and Master. In 2016–2017 academic year Bachelors, Specialists and Masters are trained for the following specialties:

- 252 International Economic Relations;
- 051 Economics;
- 071 Accounting and Taxation;
- 072 Finance, Banking and Insurance;
- 073 Management;
- 076 Business Trade and Exchange.

To formulate a qualitative contingent of full-time and extra-mural students the deanery and departments of the faculty conduct vocational guidance with potential students at the places of their living and work.

The faculty compiled and published booklets about both university and the economic faculty, in particular the faculty's departments; the data of the cost of studies for different special fields; the list of subjects needed for entry competition to certain specialties; research and work perspectives; comparative table on the pay for studies at agrarian university and a number of other Lviv universities (the Ivan Franko university of Lviv, Lviv Polytechnic University etc) and much other useful information for applicants and their parents.

The faculty's departments get in touch with schools in accordance with the ratified programmes of vocational guidance.

To achieve better results in vocational guidance each department of the faculty is appointed to a certain administrative district.

Vocational guidance allowed to provide the competitive situation for every budget student position at the faculty.

In 2016 the license volume for the educational degree of Bachelor for all special fields of the faculty amounted 435 persons and for the degree of Master – 180 persons.

The license volume comprises 56 persons of the state order for Bachelor degree and 76 persons of the state order for Master degree.

In 2016 127 persons became the first-year full-time students of the degree «Bachelor» 27 persons of the degree «Specialist» and 106 persons of the degree «Master».

Till January 1, 2017 603 full-time and 602 extra-mural students studied at the faculty. 799 persons of the total number of students study at the expense of juridical and natural persons.

The deanery also conducted vocational guidance in the colleges functioning both inside and outside the structure of LNAU.

The vocational guidance resulted in acceptance of 44 students of the following specialties (shortened form of training):

Accounting and Taxation – 12 students; Finance, Banking and Insurance – 12 students; Economics – 4 students; Management – 8 students; International Economic Relations – 6 students; Business, Trade and Exchange – 2 students. 37 of the mentioned above persons represent colleges of LNAU and 7 persons come from other colleges after they have got our vocational guidance there.

Educational process at the faculty is provided by 8 special departments and 1 department of common education (the Department of Economic Theory).

In 2016–2017 academic year six of the nine departments of the economic faculty are the graduate ones (teaching basic economic disciplines). Six graduate departments are headed by Doctors of Economics, Professors.

Till January 1, 2017 educational process and research activities at the faculty were secured by 72,25 persons are staff members (109 natural persons of the academic staff). 6,75 of them are staff Doctors of Economics, Professors; 55,25 staff PhDs, Associate Professors. The total share of the faculty's lecturers with a scientific degree and status amounts 85,3%.

The faculty's staff reserve is aimed at the planned defense of Doctoral and PhD theses.

The faculty got academic schools associating PhDs and Doctors of Economics under the

guidance of Doctors of Economics, Professors Cherevko H. V., Lypchuk V. V., Kostyrko I. H., Yatsiv I. V., Kolodiychuk V. A., Onysko S. M., Yanyshyn Ya. S.,

These schools function in the form of a postgraduate societies. Till 2015 the number of post-graduate students and fellows at the faculty was 16 persons. In 2016 it is 3 persons.

According to the established and ratified schedule, lecturers have advanced trainings in other higher educational establishments of Ukraine and abroad. During this period they exchange their achievements in scientific and pedagogic activities and improve their skills in lecturing, holding practicals, seminars and methodological developments.

In 2016 21 lecturers of the faculty had one-month training in the universities of Ukraine and 6 lecturers – in foreign universities with getting certificates of half-a-year probation in Staropolska higher school(Kielce, Poland). In 2017 another group of 10 lecturers of the faculty will have the chance to get certificates about half-a-year probation in the universities of Poland.

The academic staff of the university, thus, has got the opportunities of a sufficient scientific potential, pedagogical experience and improved qualification.

The proper level of qualitative teaching is guaranteed by keeping to the principles of consequence and rational combination of theoretical and practical components of education.

To secure the qualitative teaching of students of all specialties on the proper level the faculty organized the fund of methodological and software provision for all disciplines accompanied by their electronic versions.

The faculty publishes much methodological and scientific literature (284 titles of methodological recommendations in 2016 – 104% of the plan or 3,9 published units per 1 staff member per 1 year.)

Besides, teachers of the faculty compiled and published 2 manuals, 1 textbook, 1 practicum. The majority of lectures has got their electronic versions.

To obtain theoretical knowledge and get practical skills students have internships. Bases for internships at the faculty are agrarian enterprises with which the faculty sign corresponding agreements. Till January 1, 2017 there were 71 bases for internships of the

students of the degree «Bachelor» and 61 bases for candidate – Masters.

Students also get opportunity to have advance training and production internships abroad.

When analyzing organization of educational process at the faculty one must stress the importance of individual work of teachers with students: additional consultations, increased number of lessons held under industrial conditions, including those functioning at subsidiaries of the departments.

The faculty's department organized 41 subsidiaries giving teachers the opportunities to hold their lessons under industrial conditions which influence sufficiently the result of special training. Students have here the possibilities to learn fresh technologies of production and procession of new type of manufacture, advanced forms of organization of production with involving foreign investments, promotion of domestic commodities into external markets etc.

To provide the educational process with Ukrainian and foreign scientific literature there is a library of educational and scientific editions with funds of 550,000 copies which annually continue to be enriched with new books.

Teaching and methodical literature is also contained in methodical rooms of the departments. Funds of these rooms are constantly enriched by lecturers themselves and numerous sponsors of the faculty.

The faculty – has 6 methodical rooms at the following departments:

- the Department of Accounting and Taxation – room № 424;
- the Department of Finance, Banking and Insurance, room № 415;
- the Department of Economics, room № 315;
- the Department of International Economic Relations, room № 419;
- the Department of Law and Business, room № 306;
- the Prof. Ye. Khraplyvyi Department of Management, room № 324.

Students' provision with text-books, manuals and methodological materials, on the whole, corresponds to the established requirements. Nevertheless, our library lacks some new books because of introduction of fresh disciplines in 2016–2017 academic year.

The faculty's research work is conducted by teachers, postgraduates and students at corresponding departments according to the complex problem: «Organizationally – Economic Mechanism of Securing Innovative Development of Agrarian Sector of Economy and Villages» ratified for 2016–2020.

In connection with this the deanery also set the following objectives: to widen problems and volumes of contractual works; to compile and publish 5 manuals; to oblige every lecturer to compile at least 3 scientific publications in professional editions and to participate in scientific and practical conferences; to improve organization and planning of research works of students; to secure regularity of the work of the students' research societies attached to departments; to improve the system of qualitative training of students and to enlarge their participation at All-Ukrainian Discipline and Professional Olympiads; to enlarge the list of complex problems of diploma projects at the faculty's departments; to secure students' scientific works submitting for the competition (at least 3 units from each department).

The faculty's research activity arrived at certain achievements. In 2016 the faculty published the following scientific works: 9 monographs, 1 textbook, 2 manuals, 518 articles which is in 55 publications more comparing with the previous 2015 year. In 2016, on the whole, every staff member of the faculty published 7 papers.

10 lecturers of the faculty have got publications in Scopus and Web of Science scientific and metrical bases. Besides, another four articles have been submitted there for publication.

Each year the faculty publishes 2 professional journals:

1. «Visnyk LNAU»(Proceeding of LNAU): Series «Economy of AIC». The Editor-in-Chief: acting Prof. Yanyshyn Ya. S.

2. «Ahrarna Ekonomika» (Agrarian Economy). The Editor-in-Chief: Prof. Cherevko H. V. In 2016 this edition was included to Kopernicus base.

Opportunely, the research works involve branches of departments where various scientific developments are tested. Within 2015–2016 Ukrainian enterprises adopted 26 developments of our faculty's scholars. Our lecturers also approved their research results at various scientific and practical conferences. In 2016 206 our lecturers participated in international

conferences; 67 persons took part in national conferences and 48 persons – at the scientific forums of local level.

The faculty constantly holds various conferences, scientific workshops and round tables. In particular, in 2016 there were 9 round tables and 6 scientific work shops here.

The scientific work at the faculty is also conducted by means of the researches of contractual type. In 2016 – 1 and in 2017–3 contractual problems were researched by our scholars.

The faculty's teachers participate in Ukrainian and foreign grants and projects. In 2016 Koverko Yu. A. received the Grant of the President of Ukraine aimed at the support of young scholars (the Order of the President of Ukraine № 97/ 2016 RP from Apr.13 2016) to research the problem «Problems and Perspectives of Rural Households in the Period of Institutional transformations». The sum of Grant is 60,000hrn. In 2017 another teacher of the faculty, the senior teacher Korchyńska O. O. submitted her own scientific project to get the same grant. In the period of Jan. 1, 2017 – Dec. 31, 2019 Doc. of Economics, act. Prof. Kolodiychuk V. A. will take part in the research «Management of the Development of Agricultural Markets, Agrarian and Ecological Logistics in the System of Foodstuff Safety within State Budget Financing» (1618, 62 thousand hrn). The project was submitted for the competition in the Ministry of Education and Science (MES) together with Dnipro State Agrarian and Economic University.

To intensify the faculty's activity aimed at receiving grants and participation in international programmes and projects the working groups have been formed (the Dean's order № 29 from Oct. 26, 2016). These groups are to discuss our teachers' applications for participation in the programmes. In 2017 these are Erasmus Plus, direction: Credit and Degree Mobility (the deadline of submitting is Feb. 2, 2017) and Jean Monnet (the deadline of submitting is Feb. 23, 2017). Besides, the faculty's scholars work at developing and getting individual Grants of the President of Ukraine (the deadline of submitting is March 1, 2017) and Grants and Prizes of National Academy of Agrarian Sciences (the deadline of submitting is Dec., 2017).

In 2017 Prof. Cherevko H. V. submitted his individual project for participation in Jean Monnet competition within Erasmus Plus Programme.

As to the student's scientific developments, there are 9 scientific societies at the faculty. In 2016 the scientific work associated about 200 students who published then 352 scientific abstracts. The most advanced results here are demonstrated by the Department of Accounting and Taxation releasing annually the Selection of Students' abstracts; the Ye. Khraplyvyi Department of Management and the Department of International Relations which publish regularly their Proceedings on the results of the students' scientific and practical conferences.

Our students are active in the scientific life of the faculty. In 2016 101 students participated in international conferences, 87 persons – in All-Ukrainian ones and 113 persons spoke on the level of the university. The most active and successful students were rewarded honorary diplomas and gratitudes.

Students of economic faculty participate in the competition of scientific works. In the period of 2015–2016 our students got 5 prize positions (3 diplomas of the 2nd and 2 diplomas of the 3rd degrees) in All-Ukrainian Competition of Students' Scientific Works.

Students' Olympiads outside the university embraced 27 students. The results of our student's participation in All-Ukrainian Olympiads in the period of 2015–2016 were as follows: 4 prize positions (1 diploma of the 1-th degree, 2 diplomas of the 3-rd degree).

The faculty developed long-term programme of qualitative training of students for their participation in Professional and Discipline Olympiads. Such programme foresees intensifying the functioning of students' scientific societies by means of their rational planning and holding subject sessions with the faculty scholars and representatives of special departments.

On May 25, 2016 the faculty for the first time held the University's Olympiad of economic disciplines among the students of colleges of Western Ukrainian region. The competition was represented by the participants from 17 colleges. 12 of them became later on our students of the shortened form of training.

In 2016 three Master theses were written to the order of the Agency of Development of Territorial Society of Kamyanka Buzka District Council and were presented at the session of district council. Another three diploma theses were written to the order of the Department of Agro-Industrial Development of Lviv regional Administration.

For several times in succession students of the faculty have participated in V. Pinchuk Stipend Programme «Zavtra UA». By the results of this year selection two students will take part in the third stage of competition in Kyiv.

Several times in succession students of the faculty have possessed the prize positions at the university competition «The Best Student Researcher of LNAU» and «The Best Students' Scientific Society of LNAU».

Training of highly-qualified specialists, nowadays, is impossible without learning advanced experience and scientific achievements of native and foreign scholars. The faculty, therefore, keeps permanent scientific relations with research and educational institutions of Czech Republic, Poland, Germany, Belarus, Lithuania and the USA. Our international activity and scientific cooperation is focused on the collaboration in education and research spheres.

The research work at the faculty also foresees participation of the academic staff in scientific and practical conferences abroad as well as participation of prominent foreign scholars, in the scientific forums of LNAU. When having advanced training at foreign universities our scholars try to learn, primarily, the structure of educational system there and peculiarities of their research approaches.

One of the points of educational work at the faculty is an exchange of students with other universities for passing production internships abroad. In 2016 within the programme «LOGO – ecologically clean farmsteads» 5 our students had their production internship in Germany. Over 100 persons had internships in Poland.

In the period of 2015»2016 within the programme «The Aid to Ukrainian Students» 6 students studied for 1 term at Czech Agrarian University. Within the programme «Polish Erasmus for Ukraine» two students and one postgraduate had an advanced training at Rzeszow and Lublin Polytechnic Universities.

In 2017 we plan studying of 15 Candidate-Masters and 10 lecturers of the faculty within the programme of double diplomas in Poland.

The faculty developed and realized complex plan of educationally- instructional work. The prime attention here is focused on formulating the students' deep patriotic feelings, their responsibility for studies, assiduity and high morality as characteristic features of Ukrainian people. To conduct educationally-instructional work in academic groups in 2016–2017

academic year the deanery attracted 42 lecturers (21 PhDs, 12 senior teachers, 9 assistants).

Instructional work in academic groups foresees form periods, parties, meetings with prominent people, visiting theatres, museums, exhibitions, students' participation in amateur arts, sport sections, clubs, cultural and sport actions. Form periods in every academic group are held according to the schedule and ratified plans and are, in the main, dedicated to certain topics. Tutors also discuss here some current information concerning studies and discipline of students.

The faculty is well-equipped with advanced facilities for holding lectures, seminars and practical's on a decent level. All rooms are repaired and furnished with update furniture.

In 2017 the faculty plans to open the lecture hall in memory of Professor Vasyl Halanets (room № 328).

The faculty departments are provided with a sufficient number of computers, soft-wares, copying devices, multimedia and interactive boards. Nevertheless, in some cases our students and teachers have to deal with rather outdated equipment. Even the Department of Information Technologies, for example, lacks 12 new PCs. To improve the situation we plan to purchase the new educating complete set for higher schools in Ukraine (company 1C; enterprise 8).

The faculty has determined the following perspectives of its further development.

1. Formulation of the students' contingent on the basis of intensive vocational guidance with attraction of full-time and extramural students and extension of the state order of licensed volumes of students' admission.

2. Improvement of staff provision with scientific and pedagogic workers of higher qualification (to enlarge the number of Professors, Doctors of Sciences at the Department of Finance, Banking and Insurance; to stimulate the Doctoral programme efficiency by means of annual directing one doctoral Candidate there; to attract and accept recognized experts with sufficient practical experience to the staff of graduate departments).

3. Improvement of forms and methods of educating (to improve curricula of gradual training of specialists and the structural scheme of teaching disciplines, to intensify cooperation with affiliated departments through attraction of

representatives of these organizations for holding lessons under industrial conditions and having advanced training there; to raise the level of practical training and to improve the system of students' production internships by means of long-term agreements with scientific and production associations, departments and institutions of agro-industrial complex; to refresh constantly the catalogue of bases for students' production internships).

4. Development of teachers and students research activities (to extend the research volumes on contractual problems; to secure half-a-year teachers' advanced training at foreign higher schools and to enlarge the possibilities of advanced training and studies of students and post-graduates by international programmes of academic and credit mobility; to enlarge the number of scientific publications in editions included to international scientifically-metrical base (Scopus and Web of Science); to stimulate the faculty teachers for their participation in Ukrainian and international grants competitions and projects; to improve the system of qualitative training of students and to extend their participation in All- Ukrainian Discipline and Professional Olympiads; to organize international conferences, seminars and exhibition actions).

5. International scientific cooperation (to set up contacts with foreign universities in order to organize students' internships, advanced training and studying at double diplomas possibilities abroad).

6. Instructional work (to discuss the problems of the faculty entering campaign at form periods in order to attract students to vocational guidance; to inform regularly the students' parents about their children's studies and behavior).

7. Provision of teaching material facilities (to set stationary multimedia devices in lecture halls and, in this way, to improve lecturing at the faculty; to improve the material facilities of class – and teacher's room coming from financial possibilities of the university and sponsors support).

The said above may allow to conclude that staff, teaching, information and material facilities of the economic faculty on the whole, correspond to the conventional requirements and are able to guarantee the decent quality of teaching students.

