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THE MANAGING BOARD OF UNIVERSITY OF MONTENEGRO SHOULD TAKE ITS RESPONSIBILITY AND ACT

The Centre for Civic Education (CCE) stabs again at the several violations of law by the University of Montenegro, i.e. its faculties' units, other bodies and administrative organs, in particular the Managing board.

The University of Montenegro's Managing Board (UoM's MB) hasn't responded once to the requests sent by the CCE during previous months on the basis of the Free Access to Information Law. The president of the Managing board **Duško Bjelica** constantly stresses his commitment to respect legislation and order, but he doesn't show the same attitude when it comes to respect the Free Access to Information Law. This opens doors to doubts on what he is additionally hiding and what his intentions are in Managing board if these double standards are applied.

The CCE publicly asks the reasons why the president of the Managing board refuses to provide following information, which are required under the Law: **what is the amount of financial debt of the Rectorate of the University of Montenegro at date 10/10/2012; how much did the University of Montenegro earn for the academic year 2011/2012 through tuitions of undergraduate students, specialist students and master students and through implementation of projects and leading of negotiations; conclusion of negotiations; allowance for usage of special equipment and premises of the University; delegation of tasks to organizational unit and of other activities on several level that fall within the budget of the University of Montenegro; copies of all employees (professors, assistants, associates, demonstrators, etc.) of all organizational units of the University of Montenegro at all levels employed during the academic year 2011/2012; which actions and measures have been taken concerning the double employment of the professor Miloš Bešić and Srđan Vukadinović.**

Due to a not-updated, illegal and not-transparent behaviour of the Managing board of the University of Montenegro and failure to provide afore-mentioned information within legal deadline set by law, the CCE filed a complaint to the Ministry of Education and Sport. The CCE hopes that the involvement of the Ministry will affect the behaviour of the Managing board and ensure it returns back to legality. In case this doesn't happen, the CCE will address the Administrative Court.

CCE believes that the Managing board of the University of Montenegro is responsible for the financial problems and for the deficit of six million euro. Namely, a bad statute decision requires internal revision and direct accountability of the Managing Board, which reports on its duties, as necessary, at least once every six months. Therefore, there is no doubt that the Managing board has been aware all time of the financial situation of the University and that it could and had to react earlier. Responsibility for a lack of adequate responses must be fully taken by the previous members of the Board, who were in charge at the time the internal revision of University of Montenegro was carried out.

On the other hand, **CCE welcomes the initiatives taken by the Managing board to put an end to the irregularities in the assignment of flats at the University of Montenegro, and we expect light to be fully thrown on this issue.** In the media, this allocation is often depicted as controversial and „shameful“, and the CCE also repeatedly called for a rationalization of the University means, which comprehends also the reimbursement of some of these questionable allocated flats.

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