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## **AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MONTENEGRO EVERYONE SHOULD BE DOING HIS/HER JOB IN LINE WITH THE LAW**

**Centre for Civic Education (CCE) notes that the current election campaign is earnestly beginning to affect the events at the University of Montenegro (UoM), which continues to be an instrument for party games, compensations and calculations. It seems that the only difference is now already prepared taking over of the UoM by the stronger coalition partner. The worst is that in the entire political party disputes is leading to the neglect of the interests of the UoM itself, interests of the students and employed academic and professional staff.**

**A sudden interest of the Administration Board for the work of some faculties should be considered in this context, as well as decision-making process aimed towards additional centralisation of the UoM and reduction of faculty's power. In this way, already identified problems aren't being solved, but only camouflaged by triggering of the new ones.**

**CCE calls the rector of UoM take part at the UoM's Administration Board's session, which is scheduled for Wednesday (10 October). Rector is the one responsible for efficient and effective work and order at the University, as well as for guidance in the field of business policy, which is determined by the UoM's Administration Board, and not the Chairman of the Administration Board, who currently illegally takes over the powers of the rector trying to organize and manage the UoM. Their party allocations should not affect the legality of the UoM work.**

Also, it is not within the jurisdiction of the Chairman of the Administration Board to prepare annual and other financial reports, but to take them in consideration when submitted by the Rector. In addition, it is not within his jurisdiction to impose emergency administration at the Law faculty, without having first analyzed now already submitted financial reports, and having determined whether there are grounds for this type of sanction. However, within his jurisdiction is indeed to check the legal status of the persons applying for the dean position at the UoM, as well as some other professors' at the UoM working without a contract, which is obviously trying to be avoided by creating scandals at the Law faculty, so that, according to the CCE, 'unfit' dean could be replaced.

It is interesting the decision of the Administration Board of the UoM, made at the session held on 1 October to abolish the Instruction for the application of the Article 55 para. 9 of the Statute of UoM no. 07-2177 and to publish it in the Bulletin without explanation. This



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Instructions defined in detail the procedure and terms of appointment, termination of office and dismissal of the dean or director of organizational units of the UoM.

**The abolition of the Instruction, which has been in force since December 2010, made in the eve of the Administration Board session scheduled for 10 October where a decision regarding the status of the dean of Economic and Law faculty should have been made, indicates appointment of the suitable dean and replacement of the unfit one, in other words, imposing an authoritarian decision-making principle by abolishing the existent procedures, all of which fundamentally undermines the autonomy of the UoM.**

The CCE emphasizes that this Administration Board's decision is illegal, because it is directly contradictory with the UoM's Statute, which clearly states that deans are elected and dismissed in the same manner as the rector.

CCE expects from the Chairman and members of the Administration Board, that each item on the agenda will be discussed with arguments and fairly at the session, and that the correct and unbiased decisions without political, family and other interest's influence will finally be made regarding the two most important items, namely **integrity of the Dean of the Law faculty and legality of the legal status of the Dean of Economic faculty.**

The Chairman of the Administration Board must be familiar with the fact of perennial tolerance of financial malfeasance of the previous Law faculty's Dean **Ranko Mujović**, which we pointed out in numerous press releases and letters to the rector, and to which the only answer was silence of the administration. Also, the Chairman of the Administration Board should not ignore the opinion of the Labour Inspectorate, which clearly found that the UoM could not conclude an employment contract with dr Dragan Lajović, because he already was employed by the Investment Development Fund, which means that working relation was established contrary to the Labor law, because our labor legislation does not recognize dual full-time working relationship. **Or, the Chairman of the Administration Board, Duško Bjelica, should publicly state what is known to the general public and which comes down to the standpoint that everything is allowed to the party eligible ones at the University, while regarding others, even the smallest reasons for office, title etc. challenging are being searched for.**

CCE will continue, as many times before, to monitor the work and order at the UoM conducted by its bodies is being carried out, and to inform citizens on every (un)doing of these bodies, which directly results in damaging credibility and overall jeopardizing of the state university and its professors.

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