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UNIVERSITY OF MONTENEGRO MUST PROTECT ITS REPUTATION AND THE REPUTATION OF THE LAW FACULTY

Centre for Civic Education (CCE) calls the Rector of the University of Montenegro to undertake all actions within his authority and to implement measures in order to finally introduce order, legal work and adequate quality of teaching process in certain subjects at the Law Faculty.

The state of affairs at the Law Faculty is, for quite some time, a subject of concern not only for responsible academic community, but as well for the Montenegrin public. Dean of the Law Faculty seriously undermines the image and credibility of the faculty and the University of Montenegro, which one unit he heads. He is presenting and publicising his own decisions as decisions of the Scientific and Teacher's Council that did not even had sessions, numerous and still unclear scandals are linked to his name, as well as offensive treatment of colleagues, etc. By recent termination of the session, which he stopped because of alleged misbehavior of professor Milan Popovic, things have escalated to the level that requires immediate and effective response of the leading people from the University of Montenegro, because dean was the one behaved improperly disparaging the other and disparaging those who were not on his side.

It is worth reminding that, by the provisions of the Law on Higher Education and Statute of the University of Montenegro, Scientific and Teacher's Council represents the professional body in charge for most important issues connected with the introduction and changes of the study programmes, subjects and teaching methods, as well as monitoring of the student's work, verification of summer semester marks, election of representative for the Senate and election of the representative within the Vocational Council. Since April this year, the problems started and Council did not meet from due to the fact that it was unclear what is its structure followed with the confusions that dean directly contributed lead by his personal interests.

CCE regrets that young people upon completed studies can't apply for MA and PhD studies at this faculty, since the autocracy conducted by Mujovic leads to the lack of motivation of professors and students, strengthening allegations on corruptive acts at the University of Montenegro. Some of the examples are in absence of decisions concerning applications of MA and PhD theses, since there is no previously formed Commission for reviews and defense. Also, it is very important to note that only at the Law Faculty commission examination within graduate studies is conducted without the subject teacher, who was not unable to attend, and that is allowed only when subject teacher is absent due to the justified reasons. In addition to this, there are number of other examples of irregularities at the Law Faculty and University of Montenegro can't be silent about this.

CCE urges the Managing board of the University of Montenegro to call for extraordinary elections for the new dean of the Law faculty, based on the Statute of the University of Montenegro. It is unacceptable that this academic institutions is lead by the person whom one can find as frequent actor of various scandals and who put personal interest ahead of the public interest.

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