

OPINION

Advanced by Associate Professor Hrisula Nedyalkova - member of the scientific jury in the competition for occupation of the academic position "Associate Professor"

Area of higher education 1. Education sciences, Professional field 1.2. Pedagogy (Education theory and didactics - Educational technologies), (SG 97/10 10, 2019)

On: scientific, applied and professional-academic activity and production of Assistant Professor Natasha Lyubomirova Koleva PhD – the only candidate in the competition

I. Summary data on the applicant's scientific production and activities

Assistant Professor Natasha Lyubomirova Koleva PhD – the only candidate in the competition for occupation of the academic position "Associate Professor" in higher education 1. Pedagogical sciences, professional field 1.2. Pedagogy (Theory of Education and Didactics - Educational Technologies) – meets the requirements of the Rules of the Konstantin Preslavsky University of Shumen.

Assistant Professor Natasha Koleva PhD holds a Bachelor's Degree in Computer Science at Konstantin Preslavsky University of Shumen (2005), Master's Degree Program - Computer Systems and Networks at Angel Kanchev University of Ruse (2006), Master's Degree - School Pedagogy (2008). In 2016 defends her doctoral thesis. In the period 1993-1994 she is a technical secretary at the Bar Association, Shumen, from 2004-2009 - Technical Specialist at the Faculty of Pedagogy of Konstantin Preslavsky University of Shumen, from 2006-2009 is a part-time assistant, from 2009-2016 is an assistant, and since 2016 so far - Assistant Professor at the Faculty of Education, Department of Pedagogy and Management of Education.

In the competition the candidate Assistant Professor Natasha Koleva PhD participates with a sufficient volume of current scientific production. 16 publications were presented: 2 independent monographs, one of which is on the topic of the dissertation, 14 publications in collections and magazines in Bulgaria and in foreign online journals, of which 10 are independent and 4 are co-authored.

A total of 6 citations of the candidate are noted: 2 - in scientific publications, abstracted and indexed in world-renowned databases of scientific information, and 4 - in monographies and collective volumes with scientific peer review.

She has participated in 1 school, 9 university, 2 national and 3 international scientific and educational projects.

The candidate's scientific studies determine a sustained and creative interest in the thematic areas in which her research achievements are: Educational technologies with a focus on Information and Communication technologies in education and work in digital environment, Pedagogical diagnostics, Methodology and methods of pedagogical research etc.

The teaching activity of the candidate Assistant Professor Natasha Koleva PhD includes:

- Classroom classes:
 - o Information and communication technologies in education and work in digital environment

- Audiovisual and information technologies in training
- Pedagogical diagnostic
- Methodology and methods of pedagogical research
- Educational technologies
- Multimedia presentations, Computer technologies
- Extracurricular classes in Current pedagogical practice with students in the specialty "Pedagogy";
- Innovative approaches in methods of teaching – providing opportunities for individualizing students' learning in the studied course through access to educational resources and interactive tools for evaluating and self-assessing the results achieved.

II. Evaluation of the scientific and practical results and contributions of the creative production submitted for participation in the competition:

The reference of the major contributors to the candidate's production corresponds to real scientific and professional achievements, which are a result of many years of research and extensive professional experience. The most prominent are:

- A systematic review of European policies for the digital transformation of education has been made as a consequence of the new competency requirements of the modern citizens
- A detailed review of DigCompEdu European Framework for the Digital Competence of Educators and its applicability in the Bulgarian Education has been made
- A profile has been constructed and the typology of the pedagogues studied is defined in terms of their digital competences, based on the defined components in the European DigCompEdu framework.
- A working model for applying blended learning in the university education has been developed and tested.

A significant scientific contribution to the work of the candidate is the identification and reasoned systematization of the essential characteristics of blended learning as a modern form of the university education and the pedagogical conditions of its application.

Assistant Professor Natasha Lyubomirova Koleva PhD meets the requirements of the Academic Staff Development Act in the Republic of Bulgaria for occupying the academic position of "Associate Professor":

- She has a PhD degree in the same scientific field since 2016.
- Participates in the competition with scientific production, which is in the profile of the announced competition, meets the minimum national requirements under Art. 2b, para. 2 and 3 of the Academic Staff Development Act in the Republic of Bulgaria (with a minimum total score of 400, there are 427,49).

In terms of quantity and content I appreciate Assistant Professor Koleva's overall scientific production and academic activity as meeting the requirements of the announced competition.

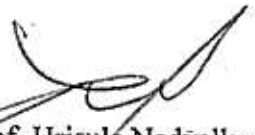
Conclusion:

The documents and materials submitted by the only candidate in the competition meet all the requirements of the Academic Staff Development Act in the Republic of Bulgaria. The scientific and the teaching qualification of Assistant Professor Natasha Koleva PhD is available. The results achieved by her in the educational and research activities correspond to the specific requirements of the Faculty of Pedagogy of the Konstantin Preslavsky University of Shumen.

Due to the proven scientific contributions and achievements that follow from the analysis of the scientific production and teaching activity of the candidate in this competition, I give my positive vote and propose to the members of the distinguished jury to award to Assistant Professor Natasha Lyubomirova Koleva PhD Academic Position Associate Professor in Higher Education 1. Education sciences, professional field 1.2. Pedagogy (Education Theory and Didactics - Educational Technologies).

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