

Higher Education and Society: Changing and management

Dialogue together with the strategy partners outside country (France: Magali Dugas and video session with the presenters of BSUN universities)

Prof. Ruizan Mekvabidze

Zurab Zurabashili

gsu@grt.ge

14 November 2014

What is it?

- The increasing globalization of our social, cultural, economic, and political environment, the quality of higher education depends on the strength and vitality of institutions of higher education.
- We came to believe that in order to more fully meet our public purpose, we would need to dramatically expand our student financial aid program, substitute grants for loans, make our full financial aid program available to students from abroad, and provide additional opportunity through a modest expansion of our undergraduate enrollment.

Dialogue with the strategic partners

- France
- BSUN

What is it?

- University education is almost a requirement of a fully expressed citizenship. The university is an essential supplier of products and services on which the society is highly dependent, such as advanced training, expertise of various types, and new ideas. However, the capacity of the university as we know it to maintain such a central role will always remain uncertain and depends on the university's adaptability, its capacity for leadership, and the evolving nature of other key cultural and political ideas and institutions.

Principal tasks

- Terms the three principal tasks of the university are the preservation, transmission, and advancement of knowledge. These tasks and the freedom to interpret what they mean, however, are always in transition. At times the university's social role has been to serve as a bastion of the status quo and a defender of the interests and values of those currently in power.
- By observing the educational and scholarly commitments we can learn something of the importance of traditional values, the weight attached to innovation, the most vital sources of knowledge and wisdom, the value placed on particular cognitive abilities, the most highly prized virtues, and the nature of the broad hopes and aspirations of the society itself.

Principal tasks

- Nowadays, economics, research process and shaping of society is in transition to a new structure with a new set of rules provided by global economy and requirements of labor market. Relevant information and communication ability are the keys to Georgia economic and social growth. It is not self-evident that the knowledge society will become an inclusive and empowering society, but we know that education is a vital for the economic and social progress and for equal opportunities in our society.
- If we consider Teaching-Learning-Research as an engine for changes we need to undertake more specific Teaching-Learning and promote innovation teaching on a modern scale as a more practical and understanding subject with taking in mind that on the university level curriculum compatibility to requirements of labor market in transition is more than vital.



Please, think on these questions and
present your ideas

Thank You!