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Venue: Belarus State Economic University

Lecturers: 1) Natalia Popok, dean of the School of International Business Communications

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Topic: "Student engagement: sharing leadership and co-creative change".

The training was held with the heads of departments and leading specialists of the School of International Business Communications.

The trainings followed this general pattern:

1. The trainer outlined the goal of the training as well as some specific objectives.
2. The trainer gave a clear explanation of the point in question with specific examples.
3. The participants practiced by doing exercise in groups of 4-5.
4. The participants practiced by doing exercise with the trainer.
5. Both the trainer and the participants summarized what had been discussed during the training and specify the key points as well as action points.
6. All points are supported with full written notes to take away.

Among the objectives of this very training one can mention the following ones:

- 1) to evaluate the extent of students' involvement in the university life;
- 2) to estimate the roles they perform at the university;
- 3) to outline the strategies for enhancing students' potential as the participants of the university life.

At the beginning of the training, the trainees were asked to find out the mission of our university as well as the values it follows. Then the trainees discussed the roles students perform at the university, namely:

- students as co-creators
- students as evaluators
- students as producers
- students as implementors.

Each of the abovementioned roles implies certain functions and responsibilities. During the discussion the participants concentrated on the extent students are allowed to perform their functions and carry out responsibilities at the university.

At the end of the training the trainees were offered to complete the chart to indicate the existing level of students' engagement in the life of the university and the desired one. The trainers also asked the trainees to work out the possible strategies the university should follow to reach the desired level of students' involvement.

To prepare the training, the trainees had used the materials provided during the lectures and training held in Braganca in October, 2013, as well as the materials on Students' Council available on the university's website.