

OPINION

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concerning the materials submitted for the competition for the occupation of the academic position **PROFESSOR** in the Area of Higher Education **1. Pedagogical sciences, Professional Area 1.3. Pedagogy of Teaching ... (Music Teaching Methodology) at Plovdiv University "Paisii Hilendarski"**.

In the competition for "Professor", announced in the State Gazette, issue 57 of 26.06.2020 and in the website of Plovdiv University "Paisii Hilendarski" for the needs of the Department of Music at the Faculty of Pedagogy, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Tanya Viktorova Burdeva is the only candidate who submitted documents.

1. General presentation of the procedure and the applicant

By order of the Rector of Plovdiv University "Paisii Hilendarski" (PU) I was appointed as member of the scientific jury in a competition for the academic position "Professor" at the Department of Music of Plovdiv University in the field of higher education 1. Pedagogical sciences, Professional Area 1.3. Pedagogy of Teaching ... (Music Teaching Methodology).

The set of materials is in accordance with the Regulations for development of the academic staff of the University of Plovdiv and the Law For The Development Of Academic Staff In The Republic Of Bulgaria. The set includes administrative documents, as well as documents proving the research activity of the candidate. The application is compliant with the required by law total number of hours for lectures and exercises, which is evident from the reference provided by the applicant. The report provides information about 3 lecture courses, which are included in a textbook for students, as well as data on 4 doctoral students who successfully defended their dissertations by 2019. Two of them are full-time lecturers and one is part-time lecturer at the University of Plovdiv. One of them is full-time lecturer at the Academy of Music, Dance and Fine Arts in Plovdiv.

Three monographs are presented: "*Methodology of music education in preschool age*", "*The Drama Game of in the teaching of music in preschool age*" and "*Philosophical and psychological aspects of music art*" are presented. The candidate specifies that "Philosophical and psychological aspects of music art" was published on the basis of a defended dissertation for awarding of educational and scientific degree PhD. The candidate presents 21 articles. The children knowledge books and teaching aids are 7. Four of them are written in joint authorship. The books for the teacher and methodical manuals are 17 (8 are written in joint authorship). They have been published by Publishing House BULVEST 2000.

2. General characteristics of the candidate's activity

The curriculum vitae of Assoc. Prof. Tanya Burdeva shows her rich experience in the field of methodology of teaching music in kindergarten and primary school, the music theory and history of school music education. She has been working at the University of Plovdiv since 1987. Previously she has worked as a music teacher. She obtained the educational and

scientific degree PhD in 1997 and she is an Associate Professor in Music Teaching Methodology since 2001. She has rich administrative experience - Head of the Department of Music, coordinator of 4 bachelor's and master's programs. Undoubtedly, Assoc. Prof. Burdeva has organizational skills and competencies. Her activities include participation in projects and work with graduates and doctoral students. Her participation in commissions for preparation of accreditation documents, as well as in expert groups of the National Evaluation and Accreditation Agency, is a confirmation of her academic commitment and professional attitude to the quality of the programs and their content.

It should be noted that despite the administrative burden, T. Burdeva follows and develops her research ideas and goals, closely related to her teaching activities. The quantitative dimensions of the scientific production during the period following her appointment at the rank of associate professor till now, meet the relevant administrative requirements for participation in a competition for the academic position of *Professor* and as far as I understood from the candidate herself, not all publications are included in the list. In the course of her teaching and administrative activities, Assoc. Prof. Tanya Burdeva has published numerous articles and reports, textbooks and teaching aids for students, textbooks and teaching aids for educational field "Music" for different groups in kindergartens, as well as methodical manuals for teaching music in preschool age.

The review of her teaching activity confirms that she is completely related to the topic of the announced competition. Her research interests coincide with the field of the competition, which is a prerequisite for the successful development of the respective Professional Area at the Faculty of Pedagogy of Plovdiv University.

The research activity of Assoc. Prof. Burdeva follows in a logical sequence the in-depth analysis and development of the methodology of music education, which meets the need for modern knowledge and satisfies the interests of students and teachers.

The theoretical and practical developments of Assoc. Prof. Dr. Tanya Burdeva in the main monographs and other works that are submitted for consideration, have indisputable value and are directly oriented to scientific and educational work.

Regarding the topic I am impressed by the following: on the one hand there is a clear orientation to basic and important for the professional field issues - musical perception and development of musical abilities, attitudes, interests, musical and aesthetic taste. On the other hand she has demonstrated interest in various aspects of the methodology of teaching music, including empathy, play-dramatization, fairy tales, therapy, integration of *music* with other arts.

The scientific production outlines a topical area for theoretical and applied research in the field of music education methodology. The scientific interests the candidate include studies in the theory and methodology of music education and the development of musical abilities.

Assoc. Prof. Burdeva is a recognizable author in professional and scientific circles. She is author of many children knowledge books and teaching aids for preschool age, as well as books for the teacher. This part of her activity convincingly confirms her pedagogical contributions to the professional area. All this is a solid base for participation in the competition.

Assoc. Prof. Burdeva has rich experience in teaching, research and project activities, related to her area of scientific interest and her academic workload.

The long-standing teaching and administrative activities of Assoc. Prof. Dr. Tanya Burdeva and her real research contribution, correspond to the professional area announced for competition by the Faculty of Pedagogy of PU of Plovdiv University "Paisii Hilendarski".

The candidate has presented a significant number of scientific papers published after the defence of her doctoral thesis and after the occupation of the academic position Associate Professor.

There are original scientific and applied contributions in the works of the candidate. The theoretical developments have practical application, most of them are directly oriented to the educational work. I have no critical remarks or recommendations.

My personal impressions – we have been working together for many years and I can say that she is a colleague who can be relied on. Everyone who works in a team with many people knows how valuable it is to take your work to heart, to be responsible for deadlines, for requirements in various and diverse activities related to training, projects, preparation of accreditation procedures, etc.

CONCLUSION

The scientific and teaching qualifications of Assoc. Prof. Dr. Tanya Burdeva are unquestionable. The materials submitted meet the requirements of the Law for the development of academic staff in the Republic of Bulgaria, the Regulations for implementation of this Law and the respective Regulations of Plovdiv University.

After getting acquainted with the materials and scientific works presented and after analyzing their significance and their scientific contributions, I find it reasonable to **give my positive assessment and recommend to the Scientific Jury to prepare a report-proposal to the Faculty Council of the Faculty of Pedagogy for the election of Tanya Viktorova Burdeva to the academic position Professor at the University of Plovdiv "P. Hilendarski" - Professional Area 1.3. Pedagogy of Teaching ... (Music Teaching Methodology).**

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