



Good Practices in Student Engagement with Society

PRIDE OF FACULTY OF ENGINEERING ECONOMICS AND MANAGEMENT AT RTU (IEVF LEPNUMS)

Fostering Student Engagement through AI-driven Qualitative Quality Assurance Practices

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1. GENERAL INFORMATION

Title: RTU Pride of FEEM (IEVF Lepnums)

Organization: *Riga Technical university (RTU)*

Country: *Latvia*

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One liner: *RTU Faculty of Engineering Economics (FEEM) is has last long annual traditions started and executed by students parliament to support academic personnel by giving feedback on their work and praising the best ones.*

Short Summary:

The Faculty of Engineering Economics and Management (thereafter – FEEM) is one of the nine faculties of Riga Technical University and is constantly evolving and expanding. Nowadays FEEM is one of the biggest faculties at RTU with almost 3,500 students. As in all faculties of the university, also in FEEM student's parliament is established. Student's Parliament of FEEM (hereafter – SP) is created to represent FEEM students in both - academic and social rights, and cultural life. The aim of the SP is to promote a creative, innovative, and conducive environment for learning as well as recreation at FEEM. SP of FEEM is a cooperation-oriented organization, so a lot is thought about cooperation with FEEM and RTU management, RTU Student Parliament, as well as other universities and organizations.

More information about the SP of FEEM you may find in the web:

<http://www.ievfsp.rtu.lv/>

2. CASE OVERVIEW

RTU is the largest science-based university in the Baltic States established in 1862. RTU has over 150 years of history as a center of scientific excellence and has Nobel Prize winners, Presidents and Prime Ministers as former professors and students. Riga Technical University is a modern internationally recognized university. It is the only polytechnic university in Latvia and the largest university in the country. RTU is focused on becoming a third-generation university that not only provides high-quality education but also conducts advanced research and ensures innovation and technology transfer, practically implementing scientific discoveries.

- *14000+students in 9 faculties*
- *3500+International students*
- *69 countries where students come from*
- *61 Study programs in English at 9 faculties*
- *State university*

RTU is a modern internationally recognized university. It is the only polytechnic university in Latvia and the largest university in the country – it educates and trains almost 15 thousand students.

RTU is focused on becoming a third-generation university that not only provides high quality education, but also conducts advanced research and ensures innovation and technology transfer, practically implementing scientific discoveries. In the nine faculties of RTU it is possible to obtain high-quality education not only in engineering but also in social sciences and humanities.

Study programs implemented by RTU have been positively evaluated by international experts and are officially accredited. RTU is constantly developing its infrastructure by constructing a campus on Ķīpsala Island. On completion, the campus will be the most advanced engineering study center in the Baltic Region.

RTU has 9 faculties, among them Faculty of Engineering Economics and Management:

- *3500+students in 5 institutes*
- *1200+International students*
- *69 countries where students come from*

- *31 Study programs in Latvian and English, all study levels, including doctoral studies*
- *170 academic personnel representatives and 77 researchers*
- *More than 23 600 graduates*
- *Founded in 1966, includes 5 research centers and 6 scientific laboratories*

3. IMPLEMENTATION

Starting from 2003 Parliament is organizing the annual event for academic personnel under the title “Pride of the FEEM”. This is 100% initiative of the students which has already become a tradition.

Students are initiating and organizing surveys and interviews with all bodies involved in academic life – students, academic personnel, administration of the university, industry representatives and even with international partners – other universities. Based on the information collected, SP in voting decides about different nominations to award to academic personnel. There are different nominations from year to year, but one stays always – “The best teacher of the year”.

Students make videos about each nomination, which includes also interviews with an academic staff member, to show the best of each person.

The event is announced at least a month before and all academic personnel plan participation in the event as a very important part of their daily activities. Events are always organized by students – planned and moderated. At this event students have different performances - student singers and bands play nice music, there are several unexpected surprises. Even more, students actively work with industry to attract sponsors for this event.

Indeed, this is a very motivating example of students’ engagement!



"FEEM Pride" awards ceremony 2019

This year, for the nineteenth time, the "FEEM Pride" awards ceremony took place, where we awarded the teaching staff and administrative staff of the Faculty of Engineering Economics and Management of the past year.

Photo gallery: <https://www.rtu.lv/lv/ievf/ievf-par-mums/galerija-ievf/kategorija/ievf-lepnums-2019>



Prof. Elina Gaile-Sarkane receiving the award "The Best friend in RTU Administration." (2023).

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