

## Minutes of the Hybrid Meeting of the Scientific Board of the Faculty of Arts MU from 5 October 2023

Venue: Meeting room of the Dean's Office of FF MU, Building C, second floor + online

### 1. Application for Extension of the Accreditation of the Follow-up Master's Degree Programme Upper Secondary School Teacher Training in German Language and Literature

**Conclusion:** The Scientific Board of the FF MU approves the proposal to extend the accreditation of the follow-up Master's degree programme Upper Secondary School Teacher Training in German Language and Literature.

**Voting result:**

Number of members of the Scientific Board: 34

Number of votes cast: 24

Number of positive votes: 24

### 2. Habilitation Procedure of PhDr. Jaroslava Dosedlová, Dr. - Psychology

**Habilitation field: Psychology**

**The Chair:**

prof. PhDr. Marek Blatný, DrSc.

**Members:**

prof. PhDr. Margita Mesárošová, CSc.

doc. PhDr. Pavel Vacek, Ph.D.

prof. PhDr. Mojmír Svoboda, CSc.

Assoc. Prof. Yasuhiro Kotera

**Course of the Procedure:** At the beginning of the defence, the Chair of the Habilitation Board, Prof. Blatný, introduced the applicant and summarised the course of the board's work.

The habilitation lecture of PhDr. Jaroslava Dosedlová, Dr., was devoted to the psychological context of behaviour in relation to health. Based on the latest data published by the OECD in 2021 on the health status of the Czech population in comparison with other EU countries, the author presented the individual components of health-promoting and health-threatening behaviour as important determinants of health. She summarized the outputs of partial research tasks within three consecutive research projects supported by the GA ČR, which the applicant led as the principal investigator, and presented the significant relationships of demographic and personality variables to individual components of health-related behaviour. According to the author, the results of all these researches not only enrich the theoretical base of the field with a contribution to the current holistic concept of health, but also represent a platform of knowledge useful for prevention and intervention programs. The meaningfulness and relevance of research in the field of health psychology is also evidenced by the government-approved Strategic Framework for Health Care Development in the Czech Republic by 2030, whose main objectives are, along with the optimization of the health care system, to improve the health status of the Czech population, to strengthen health literacy and to involve science in solving priority health care challenges.

The lecture was followed by a discussion in which colleague Dosedlová answered numerous questions from the opponents and members of the Scientific Board.

**Conclusion:** The Scientific Board of the FF MU agrees with the proposal to appoint Ms. PhDr. Jaroslava Dosedlová, PhD, as an Associate Professor in the field of Psychology.

**Voting result:**

Number of members of the Scientific Board: 34

Number of votes cast: 28

Number of positive votes: 27

### **3. Habilitation Procedure Jeffrey Alan Smith, M.A., Ph.D. - History of Concrete Literatures (Germanic Literatures)**

**Habilitation field:** History of Concrete Literatures (Germanic Literatures)

**The Chair:**

prof. Mgr. Milada Franková, CSc., M.A.

**Members:**

Prof. Susan Belasco

Assoc. Prof. Amy Earhart

doc. PhDr. Stanislav Kolář, Dr.

doc. PhDr. Tomáš Pospíšil, Ph.D.

**Course of the Procedure:** At the beginning of the defence, the Chair of the Habilitation Board, Prof. Franková, introduced the applicant and summarised the course of the board's work.

The habilitation lecture sought to demonstrate the importance of an interdisciplinary approach to researching works of American literature and culture by using the short poem by Ernest Thayer as an example. The short parody poem "Casey at the Bat," written by Ernest Thayer in 1888, may be unknown to most of the world, but it is famous in America. The poem has been adapted in many media, including movies, animated films, plays and musicals, symphonic performances, and even ballet. Dr. Smith's presentation briefly described the poem and the legend that surrounds it, placing it in the historical context of the intense labor strife of an industrializing nation in the late 19th century and reflecting on what the poem's surprising structure reveals about the great question facing Americans at the time: would the United States of the coming (20th) century would continue to be defined by the older vision of "Republican virtue" long associated with its founding in the 18th century, or would it embrace a new and very different value system of a growing global cultural and economic empire?

The lecture was followed by a discussion in which Smith answered very complex questions from the opponents.

**Conclusion:** The Scientific Board of the Faculty of Arts MU agrees with the proposal to appoint Mr Jeffrey Alan Smith as Associate Professor in the History of Concrete Literatures (Germanic Literatures).

**Voting result:**

Number of members of the Scientific Board: 34

Number of votes cast: 25

Number of positive votes: 25

doc. Mgr. Irena Radová, Ph.D.  
Dean

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