

FROM THE EDITOR

Recently, the issue of the specifics of a scientific journal has become very urgent. The need to constantly increase external indicators - the level of citation, transition to higher quartiles, inclusion into various databases ... It is clear that this is only part of the offensive that bureaucracy is leading against academic science. Effective managers versus scientists. It is worth mentioning the Bologna system, which involves bringing education to a desired uniformity, the move away from permanent positions, replaced by contracts for 5, 3 or even fewer years, the continuous increase in the requirements for the activities of academics and pure scientists. In other words, the sphere of science and education must be capitalized and put under control. In Russia, this process as a whole follows what is happening in the world, albeit with certain advances. Homo oeconomicus masterfully entered the University. The process is discussed in the well-known article by Willem Halffman, Hans Radder (The Academic Manifesto: From an Occupied to a Public University, 2015). This article very accurately defines the negative points of the process of "compelling creativity" in the academic field. These are: 1. Measurability for Accountability. 2. Permanent Competition under the Pretext of 'Quality'. 3. The Promise of Greater 'Efficiency'. 4. The Adoration of Excellence: Everybody at the Top! 5. Contentless Process Management. 6. The Promise of Economic Salvation.

Accordingly, the requirements for the effectiveness of scientific work are constantly changing, which is measured quantitatively - in articles, the attraction of outside money, increase in the number of hours for a teacher, but with a corresponding decrease in the number of hours for individual courses and types of work. As such, two-semester courses are reduced to one-semester. In the past, a teacher had 100 hours per year for the guidance of one post-graduate student, then that number dropped to 50 hours, now it is already 30 hours, etc.

In order to break out of the warm, suffocating embrace of effective management, the authors of the Manifesto offer the following ways of moving to a public university: from hierarchy to having a voice; administration as support staff; limiting wasteful control systems and a ban on mergers, since an increase in university size leads to increased bureaucracy (in Russia, however, this stage has already stopped); no wasteful competition between universities; the end of 'productivity' as a research assessment criterion ...

But, apparently, as long as Economism is the main trend in managing all processes today, such proposals cannot be realized, and journals are forced to survive in this bureaucratic environment.

