

THE ROLE OF THE DEPUTY DEAN IN DEVELOPING STUDENT LEADERSHIP IN HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS

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Abstract. This article analyzes the role of the deputy dean for youth affairs in developing student leadership in higher education institutions, and the impact of their educational and organizational activities. Effective approaches are also examined through examples of projects, trainings, and social activities aimed at developing leadership skills.

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Introduction. Today, increasing student engagement in higher education institutions, involving them in social life, and developing leadership skills are among the most pressing issues. In this process, the role of the Deputy Dean for Youth Affairs is invaluable. They serve as the primary guide not only in the upbringing of students but also in developing their initiative, responsibility, and social awareness.

Main body. Through the work carried out by the Deputy Dean, students' leadership abilities are being developed by involving them in student unions, various clubs, social projects, and volunteer activities. In particular, the organized seminars and trainings, motivational meetings, and experience exchange programs strengthen students' ability to freely express their opinions, work in teams, and take on responsibilities. Students with developed leadership skills are usually distinguished by their social activity among classmates. They actively participate in various organizational processes within the institution and serve as a positive example for their peers. The main task of the Deputy Dean is to identify, encourage, and support such young people.

Conclusion. In shaping student leadership in higher education institutions, the deputy dean acts as a bridge. They establish effective communication between students and administration, as well as between students and society, ensuring the social, spiritual, and moral development of young people. Therefore, specialists working in this position

must possess modern leadership skills and have a deep command of communicative culture.

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