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Foreign Experiences in Developing Business Processes in the Field of Educational Services and Opportunities for their Application in Uzbekistan

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Abstract: The field of educational services is undergoing significant transformation globally, with various countries implementing innovative business processes to enhance educational quality and accessibility. This article explores foreign experiences in developing business processes in education and examines how these practices can be adapted and applied in Uzbekistan.

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1. Introduction

In the context of rapidly developing education worldwide, the development and optimization of business processes in the field of educational services are becoming increasingly important in ensuring quality, efficiency, and stability. Various models, strategies, and innovative practices have been implemented in countries around the world to improve the management and provision of educational services. These international experiences provide valuable information on best practices, challenges, and potential solutions that can be adapted to local conditions.

Uzbekistan is increasingly focusing on modernizing its education system, striving to demonstrate opportunities for applying foreign experiences in developing business processes in education. The country's ambitious goals of transforming education, encouraging innovation, and aligning it with global standards require the adoption of effective business processes that streamline operations, optimize resources, and enhance the quality of educational services.

Education plays a central role in the development of a country. When we look back at history, we witness that developed nations have consistently focused on this field as a crucial condition for the future and progress of their countries. Even today, economically stable countries allocate the majority of their budgets to improving the quality and effectiveness of education.

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Therefore, the effective use of their positive experience, the determination of important directions for societal development based on the integration of the educational process, plays a crucial role in today's reforms in our country. [1]

This article examines foreign experience in developing business processes in the field of educational services, and examines how countries have integrated technology, innovation, and strategic management to improve educational outcomes. In addition, the possibilities and challenges of applying these foreign models in the context of education in Uzbekistan are analyzed, with an emphasis on local adaptation and the potential for long-term growth in the sector.

Through this study, the purpose of the paper is to provide a roadmap for policymakers, educators, and business leaders in Uzbekistan to better leverage the power of effective business processes in education.

2. Materials and Methods

For over twenty years, academics, educators, policymakers, and business leaders have underscored the necessity of fostering "twenty-first century" abilities in an environment characterised by fast knowledge expansion and swift technological and procedural transformations.

These qualities include:

- Critical thinking and problem solving skills
- The ability to locate, analyse, synthesise, and apply knowledge to unfamiliar situations
- Interpersonal skills that facilitate collaboration and effective engagement in cross-cultural environments
- Self-directed capabilities that enable individuals to manage their own tasks and intricate projects
- Competence in resource acquisition and tool utilisation; and the ability to communicate proficiently through various mediums; [2]

An examination of the websites of prominent European colleges uncovers several best practices in this domain. This abundance of examples eliminates the need to wait for national, regional, or European documents specifically addressing university-business partnership. Instead, universities may take the lead as initiators in bridging the gap with the business sector, contributing to the improvement of capacity building, research, and innovation.[3]

Over the last four decades, private philanthropy has profoundly affected higher education fundraising campaigns at private and public universities and colleges in the United States. Prior to that time, the prevailing pattern indicated that educational institutions need no assistance from private philanthropy. The Comprehensive Manual for University Fundraising in 2023/2024 [4.5.6]

Research Methodology

This study employs a qualitative research approach to explore foreign experiences in developing business processes in educational services and their potential application in Uzbekistan. The methodology includes the following steps:

Literature Review:

A comprehensive analysis of academic publications, policy documents, and case studies from various countries, particularly focusing on the European Union and the United States. Sources were selected to highlight best practices in university-business cooperation, fundraising models, and the integration of digital technologies in education.

Case Study Analysis:

Specific examples of successful collaborations between universities and businesses, such as the ZBP Career Center at Vienna University of Economics and Business, were studied to identify critical success factors and innovative practices.

1) Comparative Analysis:

International models were compared to the current educational and economic context in Uzbekistan to identify adaptable practices and potential challenges in implementation.

2) Interviews and Expert Opinions:

Insights from educational leaders, policymakers, and business representatives were gathered to understand local needs and expectations, ensuring the study's recommendations align with Uzbekistan's unique context [16].

3) Data Collection and Analysis:

Secondary data from government reports, institutional websites, and scholarly articles were analyzed to evaluate the financial and operational structures of foreign education systems. Trends in university fundraising, industry-academia collaboration, and digital transformation were examined.

4) Framework Development:

Based on the findings, a conceptual framework was developed to guide the application of international business processes in Uzbekistan's educational sector. This framework emphasizes the importance of stakeholder collaboration, resource optimization, and technology integration.

By synthesizing these methodologies, the study provides actionable insights and strategies for enhancing Uzbekistan's educational services through the adaptation of global best practices.

3. Results and Discussion

The ZBP Career Centre at the Vienna University of Economics and Business has been Austria's premier career centre for three decades. The Rectorate, academics and employers engaged in the formulation of the Center Charter, which specifies the strategic aims of the ZBP, which helped to balance the interests of diverse stakeholders. Consequently, the yearly ZBP plans align with the overall objectives of the institution. The research interests of the faculty are considered when evaluating the alignment of graduates' qualifications with labour market demands [17].

The Center offers the following services for employers:

- advertising vacancies of enterprises on a specialized online platform
- building a positive image of the employer among students and graduates
- working on practical tasks of the enterprise using the strengths of university students
- paid consulting: processing a resume and accompanying documents for a specific employer
- training: studying the preferences of students and graduates for future job tasks, preparing documents for an interview;

We may conclude from the examined situations that comprehensive, long-term collaboration based on mutual understanding is the most promising type of engagement between business and higher education.[4]

Types of University Fundraising	
<i>Alumni Donation</i>	The primary source of support for every educational institution is its alumni. Private donations finance community spaces, educational possibilities including grants and scholarships, student activities and facilities, among other initiatives. These folks are aware of how colleges and universities shape American culture.
<i>Corporate Sponsorships</i>	In exchange for the opportunity to advertise on campus and promote their brand at events, brands are prepared to sponsor colleges and universities. For example, college athletics offer lucrative marketing opportunities for companies, so it's not surprise that some of the world's largest brands are investing billions of dollars in these schools.
<i>Grants and Scholarships</i>	Grants and scholarships may originate from private, corporate, state, or government sources. Grants and scholarships from colleges are cash offered by the school. Private scholarships are conferred by persons or entities external to the school.
<i>Build strong alumni networks</i>	Through clubs and social events, universities can build relationships with successful alumni and increase their base of yearly donors. Alumni donations usually take place once a year.
<i>The expanding significance of artificial intelligence and machine learning</i>	AI systems were made available to the entire public in 2023. In an effort to boost outcomes, marketers are frantically incorporating these tools into fundraising campaigns. Fundraising campaigns can use data and clever marketing systems to increase donations thanks to AI and machine learning technology.

Shifting Philanthropic Habits [6]

Higher education institutions are affected by shifting philanthropy practices brought about by the economy, new forms of giving, and other factors, just like other fundraising organizations. Some insights can be gained by examining the fiscal year 2023 fundraising figures:

In 2023, donations to universities decreased by \$1.5 billion, to a total of \$58 billion. When adjusted for inflation, this indicates a 2.5% or 5% year-over-year decrease. There are several intriguing patterns in the sources of funding for higher education overall:

- Of all donations to higher education, 64.7% come from institutions. Due in part to a decrease in individual donations, this percentage rose by 3.4% from the year before.
- Giving from foundations fell 1.8% within institutional giving.
- Individual contributions dropped to 35.4% of the total amount donated.

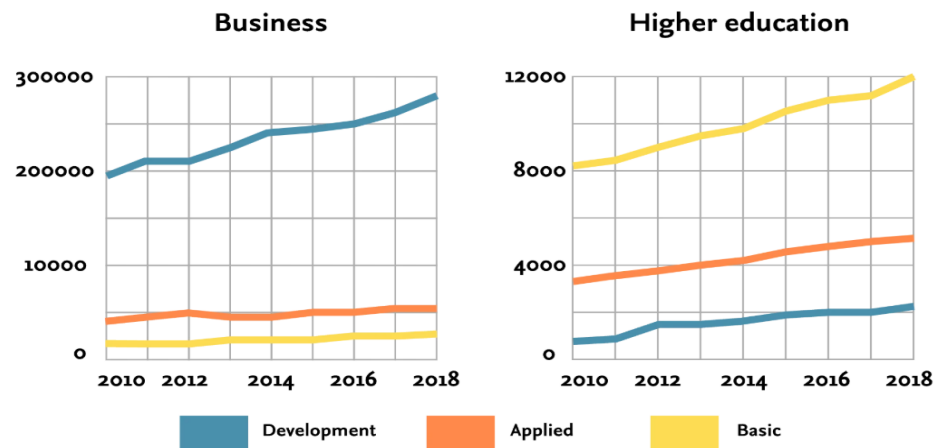
Despite these topline declines, about 50% of CASE survey participants stated that their overall contributions rose in 2023.

Universities can increase their funding and broaden their research topics by partnering with enterprises and companies. They also get advice and comments on their creations from the industry, which helps them get better [18].

Universities can also expose their students to real-world industrial positions through corporate partnerships. Since they have had time to acclimate to the company culture, the majority of students who participate in incubator projects are frequently offered a position within the organization once they graduate.[7] Project collaboration

between businesses and academic institutions generates new knowledge for both parties.[8]

Universities and their corporate partners have diverse missions, but they also have complimentary skill sets, as the figure below illustrates. Each contributes in some way to creative discoveries. Companies excel in taking discoveries and expanding on them, while university researchers are adept at identifying challenging issues and having the flexibility to explore many solutions.



Source: NSF, National Patterns of R&D Resources: 2017-2018 Data Update. Expenditure in millions constant 2012\$.

The aforementioned figure illustrates how the investments made by the two industries are distinct yet complimentary. The combination of these complimentary abilities is a surefire recipe for fruitful collaborations.[9]

Creating a fundraising consortium is a successful strategy for fostering cooperation in university fundraising. Universities that collaborate to accomplish shared fundraising goals and objectives are known as consortiums. This can involve exchanging best practices, establishing new fundraising techniques, and leveraging technology and other tools to reach new audiences. Universities can strengthen their relationships with their stakeholders and raise more money when they collaborate rather than when they work alone. [10]

4. Conclusion

An examination of the European Union's exemplary practices in facilitating collaboration between higher education and industry indicates that the primary determinant of success is the establishment of dedicated departments for business engagement within universities or the maintenance of a continuous open dialogue among the stakeholders through the enhancement of existing functions. departments, along with the advancement of collaboration between the educational services sector and the labour market through the establishment of institutions focused on information and communication assistance. Additional research corroborate this finding. Reports from various countries indicate that a primary catalyst for the advancement of collaboration among European universities and businesses is the establishment of trust and the attainment of shared objectives, facilitating the resolution of challenges [19].

Existing obstacles:

- insufficient funding
- low awareness of each other's capabilities,
- limited opportunities for small and medium-sized enterprises to participate in cooperation.

A key element of any college or university's financial success is fundraising. For projects and activities that don't qualify for government support, fundraising is crucial to obtaining money.

In conclusion, collaboration between universities and the corporate sector depends not only on national policy, but also on the active acts of institutions. Uzbekistani universities ought to promote the diversity and enhancement of strategies for advancing global experience. They must also formulate their own strategy for using national resources and collaborating with regional entities [20].

Recommendations for Implementation

- Establish Specialized Collaboration Departments
- Recommendation: Create dedicated departments within universities for business interaction and collaboration.

Implementation Steps:

- Identify key universities to pilot these departments.
- Develop clear objectives and KPIs for these departments
- Staff departments with professionals experienced in both academia and industry.
- Create a centralized platform for information sharing between universities and businesses.

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