HIGHLIGHTS OF ACTIVITIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR 2010

SOCIAL AND EDUCATION ISSUES

NaUKMA LEADS OPPOSITION TO CONTROL OF UNIVERSITY AUTONOMY AND ACADEMIC FREEDOM

On December 9, 2010, Dr. Serhiy Kvit, president of NaUKMA, held a press conference to condemn the draft law presented by Minister of Education, Youth and Sport as a mechanism to return higher education in Ukraine to the discredited era of Soviet control. In the following months, Kyiv-Mohyla Academy assumed a leading role and succeeded to defeat the passage of the proposed draft law in Parliament. Many of the university’s leading academics published articles in Ukraine’s press and participated in leading television programs to debate the assault on university autonomy and academic freedom inspired by the new Minister of Education. Since then, the University has been leading the opposition to the Ministry’s selective and discriminatory cuts to higher education, particularly targeted at Kyiv-Mohyla Academy and universities in Western Ukraine.

THREAT OF THE DRAFT LAW ON LANGUAGE

The Academic Council of National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy declared strong opposition to the new “Draft Law on Language” proposed for passage by the Parliament of Ukraine. The draft proposes that the language used in the country’s schools should be chosen by a majority vote in each institution of learning. Dr. Vladimir Vasilenko and Dr. Volodymyr Panchenko of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy authored an article publicized nation-wide stating why this bill threatens the integrity of the Ukrainian language, and the integrity of Ukraine as an independent country.


PRESIDENT OF KYIV-MOHYLA ACADEMY OPPOSED APPOINTMENT OF NEW MINISTER OF EDUCATION

Dr. Serhiy Kvit, president of National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy, opposed the designation of Dmitro Tabachnyk as Minister of Education and Science in an interview with UNIAN immediately after the Minister’s appointment. Dr. Kvit stated his opposition unequivocally. At a meeting of university rectors where his counterparts engaged in various declarations of support, Dr. Kvit expressed his reservations about the dangers of the introduction of national admission testing for universities and the policy’s corruptive consequences, and about the new Minister’s role in diminishing the role of Ukrainian language and culture.

UNIVERSITY AUTONOMY THREATENED

On July 7, 2010, the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine issued a decree in compliance with prevailing law, which officially transferred the National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy and the Ostrokh Academy to the sphere of management of the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine. National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy strongly maintains the position of university autonomy and academic freedom and opposes government restrictions and interference in academic self-government, the teaching process, student admissions and human resources. www.ukma.kiev.ua/news/news_detailed.php?id=1636

KYIV-MOHYLA ACADEMY IN SUPPORT OF UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY

NaUKMA President Dr. Serhiy Kvit issued a Letter of Support for the Ukrainian Catholic University after a representative of Ukraine’s Security Services (SBU) demanded that UCU’s rector Father Borys Gudziak sign a compromising document. In a statement issued May 27, 2010, Dr. Kvit expressed solidarity with the rector of the Catholic University, and stated that “attempts to pressure Father Boris Gudziak by members of the Security Service cause deep indignation and condemnation... We support the Ukrainian Catholic University, a partner of the Kyiv Mohyla Academy.” www.ukma.kiev.ua/news/news_detailed.php?id=1585
RECOGNITION BY MEDIA AND AGENCIES

KYIV POST
In an August 19 Kyiv Post article titled “Kyiv-Mohyla Academy Stands Out as One of Nation’s Best”, authors Elena Zagrebina and Alexandra Romanovskaya state that “Studying at National University Kyiv-Mohyla Academy takes four years, but the benefits last a lifetime”. They continue, “Consistently ranked as one of the top universities in Ukraine – and with a rare reputation as an incorruptible administration and faculty – students and alumni form a bond that lasts long after formal lessons”.

www.kyivpost.com/news/business/bus_focus/detail/79082/

COMPASS-2010
Kyiv Mohyla Academy was rated No. 4 among 234 universities in Ukraine in a national rating conducted by Compass 2010, www.yourcompass.org.ua. This is a significant achievement considering the large number of universities evaluated the student and faculty size of Ukraine’s universities, their numerous departments and schools, and their government financial support.

RATINGS BY EMPLOYERS
In surveys of Ukraine’s major employers conducted by Ukrainian journalists, Kyiv Mohyla Academy ranked second in the category of “Best Qualified Employees”. Ratings were conducted based on assessments of university graduates by potential employers. A panel of journalists also ranked graduates in various fields. Kyiv Mohyla Academy placed first in humanities and marketing, second in personnel management, economics and advertising, third in finance and the legal profession, fourth in sales; fifth in information technology.

DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE DOCENT RANKED UKRAINE’S BEST UNIVERSITY TEACHER
The independent Online publication FOCUS conducted a survey to rank the “Best Faculty Member of Ukraine”. Professor Natalia A. Amelchenko, docent of the Kyiv Mohyla Department of Political Science was chosen as the “Best University Faculty Member in Ukraine”.

INTERNATIONAL ACADEMIC COMPETITIONS

KYIV MOHYLA SCHOOL OF LAW
The Kyiv Mohyla Law School Team won the national rounds in the Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition in Debates on Public Law, and represented Ukraine for the fourth consecutive year at the international competition in Washington, D.C. Ukraine, represented by Kyiv Mohyla School of Law team won 7th place among 127 international competitors in the category of Written Brief. The Kyiv Mohyla Law School team ranked in the top 20 in the category of “Debate”. The team also participated in “The Monroe E. Price International Media Law Moot Court Competition” in Oxford, England, where it achieved placement in the quarter finals in the Media Law Competition for media rights and won a special award from Oxford University Press for “Best Team Spirit Award”.

Member Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition with members of the Board of the US-Ukraine Foundation
KYIV MOHYLA SCHOOL OF BUSINESS
The Kyiv Mohyla School of Business team won third place in the international business student competition "Rubicon-2010" in Germany among 25 teams from 19 countries. Of special significance is the fact that all the competitions mentioned are conducted in English.

MORE ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

ESTABLISHMENT OF THE DEPARTMENT FOR THE STUDY OF THE EUROPEAN UNION
Kyiv Mohyla Academy became the first and only Ukrainian institution of higher learning to receive a grant from the European Commission for the establishment of the Department of European Studies in connection with European integration. Kyiv Mohyla Academy was chosen from among 555 universities from around the world as a recipient of the Jean Monnet grant, to develop courses in Ukraine which would lead to a better understanding of European issues and integration. Courses will be presented in English and Ukrainian and will be attended by Kyiv Mohyla Academy students as well as civil servants.

KYIV MOHYLA BUSINESS SCHOOL
Kyiv Mohyla Business School was established in 1999. KMBS has been named Ukraine’s leading business school for three consecutive years by the journal Delovoy, one of the leading Ukrainian business journals. The journal conducted a survey on MBA programmes in Ukraine among students, graduates and employers. The research was audited by Price Waterhouse Coopers. KMBS offers the following programs: MBA Programs for Presidents and Executives, Master's Programs in Management and Leadership, Banking and Finance, Business Systems for Transformational Leaders, and intensive programs in Management Development and Corporate Governance. KMBS publishes the online journal Innovations.com.ua, a leading source of information for innovative managers. The school was awarded a 5-year international accreditation by CEEMAN (Central and East European Management Development Association). The Executive MBA and the Presidents MBA programs have been providing tours for participants to the United States, Canada, China, Singapore, India, Malaysia and other countries since its inception. Oleksandr Savruk has been named the new Dean of the Kyiv Mohyla Business School. Dr. Savruk has an extensive background in both academics with a doctorate in economics and experience in the business sector. More information at www.kmbs.ua.

UKRAINE’S FIRST PH.D. PROGRAM
With the establishment of the first Western curriculum Ph.D. program in the country, the Kyiv-Mohyla Academy Doctoral School represents a radical departure from the Soviet doctoral system still in existence in all other higher education institutions in Ukraine. The Kyiv-Mohyla Academy Doctoral School currently offers six doctoral programs in: Mass Communications, Finance, Public Health Administration, Philosophy of Literature, Biology and Biodiversity, and History of East-Central Europe. Each program includes a 2-year taught course component that complements student research projects which culminate in a dissertation that must represent an original contribution to knowledge. The high quality of Kyiv Mohyla Ph.D. research has been recognized by several western universities, including Autonomous University of Barcelona, University of Western Ontario and University of Maastricht in the Netherlands, each of which has agreed to offer dual Ph.D. degrees to Kyiv-Mohyla Academy doctoral students who are co-supervised by their academic faculty. In 2010, the Kyiv-Mohyla Academy Doctoral School was awarded a three year highly competitive grant from the European Union Tempus program aimed at establishing the Kyiv-Mohyla Doctoral School model as the new national standard for Ukraine. More at www.gradschool.ukma.kiev.ua

INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

WARSAW UNIVERSITY – COLLABORATIVE PROGRAM AND RECOGNITION OF MASTER’S DIPLOMAS
Kyiv Mohyla Academy President Serhiy Kvit, Honorary President Vyacheslav Briukhovetsky, and Director of the Master's Program in Eastern European Studies Alexandra Hnatiuk participated in a meeting in Warsaw of the Consortium of Ukrainian Universities with Warsaw University regarding development of Eastern European Studies in Poland. Kyiv Mohyla Academy concluded an agreement with the University of Warsaw to develop mutual programs and establish a double diploma in this area of study. Kyiv Mohyla Academy strives to continue reforms in educational programs that will lead toward Western curriculum standards and European integration.

RECOGNITION OF KYIV MOHYLA ACADEMY Ph.D. DIPLOMAS by UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN ONTARIO
Kyiv Mohyla Academy President Serhij Kvit, Vice President for Graduate Studies, Research and Academic Affairs Volodymyr Morenets, Dean of the Kyiv Mohyla School of Business Oleksandr Savruk and Director of the Doctoral School Mychailo Vynnytskyj met with their counterparts at the University of Western Ontario in Canada and concluded an agreement to enhance cooperation, develop a collaborative doctoral program, recognize each other’s degrees and award the Ph.D. degree as a diploma from each university. The University of Western Ontario agreed to provide access to its library electronic resources. Undergraduate exchanges and summer school programs will be launched as well.

KYIV MOHYLA ACADEMY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
In March 2010 the Kyiv-Mohyla Academy Alumni Association held its sixth annual Alumni Fundraising Evening on campus, symbolically at the historic church built by one of the University’s most illustrious alumni, Hetman Ivan Mazepa. The first group of graduates formed an association in 1994 after the first graduating class entered Ukrainian society, but the Association was formally established in 2004 as a university organization. Many graduates have become successful in their fields, some established endowments and scholarships in their names, others assist the university with pro-bono professional services. This year funds raised were donated to pay for electronic data bases.

KYIV MOHYLA FOUNDATION ONLINE E-NEWSLETTER
The Kyiv Mohyla Foundation publishes news and updates on events and programs at National University of Kyiv Mohyla Academy in an online E-Newsletter, which can be accessed on the webpage www.kmfoundation.com. Just click on the links to E-Newsletters located on the left side of the screen. If you wish to receive the E-Newsletter, please send your request with your email address to mail@kmfoundation.com

NEW MASTER'S PROGRAM

ARCHEOLOGY
Kyiv Mohyla Academy established a Master's Program in "Archaeology and Ancient History of Ukraine" in 2001. This program is the only university program in archeology in the country. The program includes studies in archeology, history, and training of specialists. The program also includes expeditions for the exposure, processing and recording of archaeological remains. It involves close collaboration with the Institute of Archaeology at the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine and the Institute of Classical Archeology at University of Texas at Austin. Financial challenges do not deter the dedication of the faculty and friends of this program, but financial support is critically needed in this field of study and exploration.

Archeology students with Director of NaUKMA Archeology Department, Professor Leonid Zaliznyak

MANAGEMENT OF PUBLIC RELATIONS
Kyiv Mohyla Academy introduced Ukraine's first Master's Program in Public Relations, in collaboration with the University of Maastricht, Netherlands. Currently Kyiv Mohyla Academy offers 28 Master’s programs in various areas of study. More information at www.ukma.kiev.ua/ua/mag/

KYIV MOHYLA UNIVERSITY LIBRARY

KYIV MOHYLA ACADEMY INITIATES UKRAINE’S MEMBERSHIP IN WORLD DIGITAL LIBRARY PROJECT
The first four of Ukraine's principal libraries joined the international project known as the World Digital Library (WDL) http://www.wdl.org. WDL, which was established on April 21, 2009 will have important implications world-wide. Kyiv Mohyla Library joined the project in March, 2010. On June 21-23, 2010, four principal libraries of Ukraine joined the World Digital Library in Washington D.C. They were represented by their directors in Washington D.C. The four Ukrainian
members of the WDL are National Vernadsky Library of Ukraine, National Stefanyk Library of the Academy of Sciences of Ukraine in Lviv, National Parliamentary Library of Ukraine, and Kyiv Mohyla University Academic and Research Library.

SOVIET ERA ARCHIVES PRESENTED TO KYIV-MOHYLA ACADEMY

The National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy received a digital copy of the historical declassified documents of the Soviet era (1918 to 1991) from the Archives of the Security Service of Ukraine (SSU – СБУ) at a presentation ceremony which took place on March 18. The archives were presented by Volodymyr Viatrovych, former director of SBU Archives. The transfer of previously secret NKVD-KGB recently declassified files is regarded as a remarkable event and illustrates the need for transparency and the search for a shared historical narrative. These declassified documents are now available in the Kyiv Mohyla Library and online through the Electronic Library of Ukraine portal (established by Kyiv Mohyla Foundation and NaUKMA) at http://oa.elibukr.org/handle/1984/67

ELECTRONIC LIBRARY of UKRAINE "ELIBUKR"

With funding from the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), at the initiative of the National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy and the Kyiv-Mohyla Foundation of America, and with collaboration of consultants from Northwestern University and the Ukrainian organization Informatic-Consortium, the ELibUkr project was established in January 2009 to provide universities in Ukraine with access to the world’s digital academic and research information, enable exchange between Ukraine’s and the world’s academic communities, cooperation between universities, researchers and other institutions. In September 2010 the Government of Ukraine officially supported the project "Electronic Library of Ukraine" and committed to provide the first trench of partial funding. With support from USAID and the government of Ukraine, the project will aim to bring access to a number of the major world scientific and reference data bases to Ukraine’s principal 85 universities. During the first year of use, the ElibUkr brought access to 22 paid and 49 open-source databases through its central portal, located at the Kyiv Mohyla Omelan and Tetiana Antonovych Library, to a consortium of 7 universities. The system also provides the opportunity to include digital institutional repositories of Ukrainian universities and institutions for access through the central portal. www.kmfoundation.com ; www.elibukr.org

AMERICAN LIBRARY at KYIV MOHYLA ACADEMY

Established over ten years ago, the American Library was reopened in February 2010 after a significant renovation. The library provides current and reliable information on U.S. government, history, culture, society and values, the educational system, and the economy. The library offers readers up-to-date English language resources, free Internet access, and fun events like Friday night film showings. Its holdings include more than 10,000 items, a multi-media collection, and various internet services including access to more than fifty thousand electronic publications. The American Library is open to the public and is a resource for all visitors, including the public at large. It currently boasts more than 4,500 members. The American Library is named in memory of Victor Kytasty, who dedicated himself to the development and growth of the National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy and was instrumental in developing the American Library from its inception www.library.ukma.kiev.ua/amer/

JAMES MACE MEMORIAL ARCHIVES

In September 2010 Kyiv Mohyla Academy officially opened the Memorial James Mace Archival in a ceremony honoring the academic legacy of prominent Holodomor historian James Mace (1952-2004). The collection includes over 2500 publications about the Great Ukrainian Famine, totalitarianism, history of Ukraine and Russia, documents from Holodomor Congressional Hearings in the United States and many others. Dr. Mace moved to Ukraine and worked as a full time faculty member and researcher at Kyiv Mohyla Academy since 1993. The archives were donated by Natalia Dzyubenko Mace in accordance with her husband’s wishes.