



## Transcription: UP management reacts to your questions on the emergency situation

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### INTRODUCTION, MESSAGE FOR FOREIGN STUDENTS

#### UP Rector Jaroslav Miller (0:06)

Dear Students and Colleagues,

Good afternoon. I hope you can hear me through this face mask, I'll try to articulate. We've decided on this nearly hour-long stream because we'd like to summarise and share the latest information with you, which you should – but might not – have received. Also because informing the public via any medium is absolutely essential at this time.

There are several of us here to divide the work. After my brief introduction, which will be in Czech and then in English, and will last 3 or 4 minutes, Vice-Rector Zouhar will talk about student affairs; then we will talk about the situation at UP Accommodation and Dining; and then Vice-Rector Petr Bilík will talk about our communication strategy, etc.; and then I will answer your other questions.

This stream is in Czech, but if you allow me, a few words in English, because I have some information which our foreign students need:

Ladies and gentlemen, dear students, this stream is being held in Czech, but we have some news for international students. The first refers mostly, but not exclusively, to Erasmus students. We assume that the university will – or might – resume classes in May. But this is still not certain. Given that most courses can take place on-line, we have suggested that Erasmus students may wish to return to their home countries – but let me emphasise, that this is only a proposal. If Erasmus students decide to stay here in Olomouc, their accommodation is guaranteed. This is only a proposal. You may return home, but you may also wish to stay here. Many questions actually have been raised by degree students enrolled at the Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry, and we have approached the faculty and all queries will be considered and the answers posted on the web at faculties and the university in general – either today, or in one or two days. In general, let me assure you that all dates, all exam dates, will be fixed soon. However, it is not easy to do so because of the changeable reality of these days. We are simply not able to anticipate what may happen within a week or in a fortnight, but we will do our best to inform you as properly as possible. So once again, let me repeat: all your questions will be answered on the webpages of the faculty or of the university.

And now, if you'll allow me to return to speaking Czech, we'll start answering your questions: since so many of them are similar, we decided to sort them into separate categories. We'd like to start with studies, i.e., when will exams take place, and in what form, what about state exams, what does the semester look like now. I'd like to mention that each faculty has its own separate affairs, and individual departments and faculties even have their own webpages in addition to the university web to inform students; nevertheless, I have asked Vice-Rector Zouhar to summarise the situation as regards UP as a whole. Vice-Rector Zouhar, you have the floor.

## SEMESTER, EXAMS, FINAL EXAMINATIONS, THESIS, ...

### **UP Vice-Rector Vít Zouhar (4:33)**

Prof Miller, dear students and colleagues,

Before I go into individual answers to your questions, I'd like to thank you all. I'd like to thank the students for being so active as volunteers, especially at the Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry, the Faculty of Health Sciences, the Faculties of Education and Arts and others, as well as being active in your roles as students. I come across my students every week, I see how you are organising, how you are helping others and solving so many diverse technical problems. Of course, I would also like to thank all the teachers, who have been able to start teaching on-line immediately, many without prior experience, and I would also like to thank the UP Computer Centre for making everything work. Also, thanks to our faculties for their maximum support. There are so many to thank – but let's now move on to your questions.

The first and most often asked question is whether the semester will be annulled. It cannot be annulled. And you all know that basically as of 11 March we started an on-line regime and we will continue with it. Of course, the Faculties of Medicine & Dentistry and Health Sciences are in a completely different situation from other faculties – but where students and teachers did not go into the frontline, we are still in the frontline in terms of education. So the semester will not be annulled. The semester continues, of course it is continuing on-line where possible, and all who can are instructing on-line in order to save time for the situation when we'll go back to a more normal regime and will be able to teach face to face and when all those courses which cannot be taught on-line will go back to being taught fully.

You have also been asking whether exams will be conducted on-line: yes, of course we are working very intensively on that, both on the university level, and on the national level, which our rector will speak about shortly. Yesterday, we had a teaching commission which met to discuss basic conditions for all examinations to be carried out on-line; obviously for those courses which are at all possible to examine in an on-line form. Bear in mind that we actually can examine on-line, and that goes for normal courses and even state exams and doctoral exams and thesis/dissertation defences.

Another question is whether the deadlines will be extended for fulfilling study requirements. At this time, we can say: yes, for both students who are ending their studies and those who will continue in the next academic year, the deadline of 7 September has been extended until 15 September, so count on the fact that it will not be necessary to extend the deadline further, despite the fact that we are not able to predict at this time when this crisis situation will end, but so far we are optimists in that it will not be necessary to extend the deadlines for the exam period and that of study requirements further. At the same time, we are counting on the start of the winter semester to proceed as planned; in the case of the majority of

faculties, including the Faculties of Medicine & Dentistry and Health Sciences, as well as Physical Culture, this means 14 September.

Another question you have is whether the deadline for submitting degree theses will be extended. Of course, let's all keep monitoring the UP website, the information from the various faculties: as our rector said, each faculty has its own set of specifics, so at this point, we will not try to set some central deadlines out of a crystal ball or some conditions which would not satisfy the requirements at individual faculties. We cannot harmonise the deadlines at the Faculty of Medicine & Dentistry with those of other faculties. So the answer is certainly yes, but please check departments/faculties for specific information. For instance, today the [Faculties of Arts](#) and [Medicine & Dentistry](#) updated their websites, so please check there.

Further, the question as to how can I submit my thesis when the printers are closed, etc., etc. The essential condition for submitting a degree thesis is the same: via STAG, just the way you're used to, or if you have not done it before, look at your department webpages and university webpages. Once you submit the thesis electronically, it is in the system. How you will later print a version for the defence, or whether the defences will be held on-line or in person is another matter. Regardless, we are counting on the fact that defences will be held, in person if possible, or even on-line. In the case when the situation does not allow for submitting a physical copy of the thesis in person, then arrangements will be made and conditions will be changed, and then submission will take place when possible.

Now to lighten up the atmosphere: what about graduation ceremonies? A great question – I'm looking forward to them myself, because they are not only the most joyous occasion for you, but also for us. However, that, as many of my colleagues are saying, is the million-dollar question, or maybe more – it is worth a million smiles – we don't know. But in any case, the ceremonies will have to take into account how we will revise the timetable for the academic year.

Another question is how will exams take place for students with hearing disabilities, and other students with special needs. This stream will be translated into sign language and in this way my colleagues by means of this will know that similarly as in other situations, to contact the [Support Centre for Students with Special Needs](#), either those counsellors with whom you are normally in touch, or its Director, Lucia Pastieriková, directly. Is there another important question here? Yes, whether classes will be extended. Even though this situation may differ from faculty to faculty, in general it seems that as soon as we go back to general operations, then classes will be extended by another two weeks, as compared to the original semester timetable. That probably covers the basics of the generally asked questions.

### **UP Rector Miller (13:37)**

Thank you, Víť. I'd like to mention a technical problem: we have heard that not everyone has been able to follow this stream, so I'm letting you know that this programme is being recorded so that you can watch it later.

I'd also like to supplement the information on studies: when our vice-rector was speaking about on-line teaching, on-line exams, including state degree exams, he was thinking about the possibilities of how individual faculties, departments, and teachers in individual subjects might proceed – not about their obligations. This means that departments and faculties will get the greatest manoeuvring space possible and will be able to consider whether on-line exams are beneficial to – and realisable on – all sides. If they decide they are not, then they

will search for a way to realise them in the traditional way. We consider on-line exams as only one of many possibilities. And now I would like to give the floor to the Director of Accommodation and Dining, who will mainly inform students who are living in the dorms of what Accommodation is offering them. Mr Director?

## DORMITORIES, DINING HALLS

### Director of UP Accommodation and Dining, Mr Suchánek (15:02)

Dear listeners, good afternoon from me. My colleagues have said that faculties have their own set of specifics regarding this situation. Accommodation and Dining are ultra-specific: no dormitory building or dining hall (with the exception of the Šmeralova dining hall, which is a separate building) is closed, and we are trying to provide our services in full – and that means that the service personnel are working there in 100% combat readiness. With your permission, I'd like to thank the employees of Accommodation and Dining, because they are literally on the frontline, meeting their customers – they simply cannot take leave on some quarantine – and they are trying to carry out their jobs as best they can, and often with heavy psychological stress, which is understandable. We, like other universities, have had to deal with the situation of open dormitories – respectively, paid accommodations – because as we said, the dormitories and dining halls are still open, at least for the present. This is why we, together with university management – because this is not the decision of Accommodation and Dining, but a decision on the part of the entire university management together with Accommodation and Dining – are here with information which has been published on the university webpages. On the [Facebook pages of the university](#) and [our FB pages](#) last night was brought to light information which you should have in this situation, and if you're not aware of it, then I strongly recommend that you take a look at that material and that you acquaint yourselves with at least the basics of what we are sharing.

I will repeat, for those who are not aware of it, that there are [three options available](#), depending on the individual student's taste. Option A: the student decides to finish their stay in the dorm at the end of March; they have this possibility because all these processes are ongoing – as I said, service continues at all these facilities – and they must pay 25% for the month of April, which is actually a 75% discount, compared to what is established in the dormitory contract. We continue to incur expenses and that is why this fee is charged, and the price was indeed carefully consulted with university management.

Option B: the student does not want to leave, but at the same time is not living there, so they are not actually using the accommodation services; but at the same time the accommodation is there, both according to the information system and also above all physically, on the level of individual rooms, where a student has their belongings and is counting, just like us and the rest of the university, on returning in the course of the end of the summer semester to their university and to their dorm. These students will pay 100% of the April accommodation fee, despite the fact they will not be there, or 99% likely they won't, which is the decision of the government, not the decision of the university. Thus, by paying the April fee, the student is paying in advance for a "floating" month, which can be used at the end of the academic year or during this semester.

In other words, you're paying for April, and later when you are here, whether in May or June or even in July, you already have a month paid. Other details of this, as I said, are available on the university webpages and those of UP Accommodation and Dining. Option C: is unchanged, the student lives in the dorm and wishes to remain there, completely in

conjunction with Accommodation and Dining regulations, and the dormitory contract remains in effect without change.

Now with your approval, I'd like to answer those questions you've sent, at least the most important ones. Perhaps I should emphasise that these questions came to us at the time when the materials I mentioned had not yet been posted on-line. This means that you'll be able to read, or perhaps have already read, the bulk of this information on-line, or perhaps you've been acquainted with their details by means of communications which have been issued yesterday and throughout the day today, by various means, because we get these questions really often.

Here's one I'd like to read: Many students do not feel well, they have been in contact with Erasmus students, some Erasmus students have tested positive for coronavirus in their home country, etc. How should students remain safe in the dormitories, and how can we prevent the spread of the virus? Stopping the spread of the coronavirus is a challenge for the Nobel Prize – this is what the entire world is trying to do right now, so we're not going to find a solution at UP Accommodation and Dining. As far as Erasmus students go, as the university has already communicated, there was one Erasmus student who tested positive in Korea. It happened at the airport in Korea and he sent us the news. This took place last Sunday. On the basis of this news, we undertook immediate measures. His two roommates were still living in the dorm, so both were placed into quarantine and remain there, and we are awaiting the results of their tests which the regional health authorities carried out. I just want to say that this situation is not a happy one for anybody, but on the other hand, similar things have already happened at the dorms, it's not a new situation – we can be glad that so far no test has been positive, nor can we of course rule it out at some time in the future, as we see everywhere around us in the country, in Europe, and in the entire world – it could be some student living in the dorm or living here in general and it makes no difference whether it is a foreign student – or Czech, or Slovak – who could test positive. What would happen next is not completely in the university's hands, because it would be up to the regional health authority, which issues us orders, on what would happen next. In any case, at this time, from the perspective of safety measures, we are doing our utmost, we have prepared isolated quarantine rooms, respectively an isolation floor, in the General Svoboda dorm, we are maintaining all hygienic measures, disinfecting, sanitising, we are providing all these materials to you and are communicating very intensively with the uni communications staff as well as with the regional health authorities and all the people who can help us with such things. In terms of a guarantee from our side that all students are negative, there is none, and again it does not matter to us whether a student is domestic or foreign. Perhaps you've seen the report which was in the media that the university on account of this one case recommended all Erasmus students to return to their home countries; at the same time this is in no way an order, because we have verified reports that some countries – perhaps I can divulge which – Italy, for example, will not take its students back into the country at present. At this time, we have to stick to our ethics and morals and we have to provide protection for these students, who are forced to remain here; we cannot simply evict them and let them do whatever they want. No. So they are remaining here, or will remain, we are providing them with all possible benefits and services, and I want to emphasise that there have not been further positive tests; these are just regular Erasmus students and basta!

Will the dorms be open in the summer? Please, the dorms are always open in the summer, always have been; for those unaware of it, we have places available especially for exams and in the summer, we still do, whether in a time of calm or in a time of crisis, the dorms are open and students who come to take their exams stay in the dorms and will continue to do so. Of course, this new regime will be a bit more difficult, we ourselves are not sure how it will work, but we will react in a flexible way. Regarding the possibilities of withdrawing from

your dorm contract, the withdrawal penalty, etc., you'll find everything in those [materials online](#), how to pay for accommodation, reductions in price, all of these questions have already been answered there. I would like to tell you one more important thing regarding this matter. We always react on the basis of the actual developments in the given situation, which means that when we tell you something Tuesday afternoon, we are not able to guarantee that it will not change on Wednesday, because the situation is evolving. We monitor government announcements, we have to follow the instructions of the regional health authority and other state organs who have a say in these matters, so here I would like to ask that you see the bigger picture and understand that if you learn some news on a Monday, please don't torment us on a Wednesday if things are different: it's not that we jump from theme to theme or that we have our own ideas, but we have to adjust our approach and decisions to the existing developments.

In closing, I'd like to say that you are making use of the most diverse communication channels, keep using them, such as news on Facebook as a favourite communication channel, but you should also heed the emails from your assigned residential advisor, and please be patient for our answers, because we are truly inundated with questions. We are trying to cope with the demand, and if you don't get an immediate answer, we beg your understanding and patience. Thank you.

#### **UP Rector Miller (27:34)**

So thank you, Mr Director, for the information on the dormitories, and now I would like Vice-Rector Bilík to give an overview of information regarding the communication strategy of the university.

## **PR, COMMUNICATION, VOLUNTEERING**

#### **UP Vice-Rector Petr Bilík (27:48)**

Dear students and colleagues, we apologise for the accessibility of this stream, however we are recording this session and will make it available instantly. You have heard plenty of information here, which can be often found on our website as Vice-Rector Zouhar has suggested. I must point out that out of the 400 questions we have received through our [FAQ](#) channel or here, perhaps 70–80% have been already answered.

We understand your impatience; however, our situation is also quite extraordinary. For instance, on the first day when the closure of schools was announced, the official information for us changed 4 or 5 times. Different channels brought different interpretations, and we are trying to be very responsible and pass every directive, order or piece of advice to you on the basis of our communication strategy. We have chosen an open approach; we really want to mediate every critical piece of information to you as soon and as best as possible, so that you can make arrangements.

Similarly, we chose an approach which is not totally alarmist. We believe that we need to keep things in perspective and keep up our morale, so that we also maintain solid immunity. Also medicinally speaking, stress can be a dangerous factor under these circumstances, so if some of you dislike the kind of humour that might appear on our channels, please get over it; let me say that the entire university management and hopefully everyone in the academic community in the following weeks and months, as far as communication and mutual relationships and study affairs are concerned, should have benevolence as their motto.

We believe that teachers and students should mutually show maximum benevolence to the needs and troubles of others, because inevitably, we will experience conflicting interactions now and then. I'd like to emphasise that we have reconstructed the UP website for this instant occasion, there is a whole set of info banners for you.

So if you look at the [UP web](#) and see banners that have clearly defined topics, such as [Covid-19](#), or other essential banners such as [UP Entrance Exams](#), or the [Current Semester/State Degree Exams](#) banner, please pay close attention to them. They contain all the information that could not be streamed online to be later searched for – meaning, the information really is there, most of it is already available. I am only pointing out what has already been said here. The UP Communications Office does not create the content – the content is in the competence of individual offices, such as the Student Affairs Office and the International Relations Office, and mainly by the faculties, as was determined by the UP Crisis Team at the very beginning.

The faculties were given a date for decisions which was officially announced. It was perhaps too generous at that moment; however, we had no idea what was coming and how we'd deal with it, so the deadline was set for the end of March. Any updates that have been appearing are being posted immediately, and there will be more updates coming. We believe that all faculties are dealing with this and whatever will not be dealt with until the end of March, will be successfully done so in the coming days and weeks, also on the basis of your comments and [FAQs](#).

Not only should you follow the UP website, but we also have a Facebook group and a fan page, accounts on [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#), and for the first time, we introduced notifications on 9,000 phones via the [UPlikace app](#), so the range of information channels is huge. What matters now is to finalise the contents to a degree that is sufficient for you, so that you might calm down and have some certainties. Let me add that there is also the [Rector's blog](#), and this stream – which is probably technically not perfect, but we will get better – might be done again if it proves to be an efficient tool and if it works for you.

Under the [Covid-19 banner](#), you will find the [FAQ](#) section we have already mentioned. Let me point out that it is a summary of many answers to the questions you sent us by e-mail, etc. Of course, these are general answers, we cannot and do not want to interfere in the competences of individual faculties or departments. This session will be translated into sign language as well as English as soon as possible.

Speaking of my own competence, my report includes issues concerning volunteering or collaboration by the university. In ordinary times, it is called the third role of university; we could call it public service now. I'd like to answer some of the questions pertaining how to become a volunteer or how to get engaged and help the university in its activities.

We have allowed the volunteering activities to grow from the bottom up, and a number of departments have done a phenomenal job, and often students, too; they generated and updated their activities and connected them with the public sector, and those activities have a huge impact today and are very efficient. On the other hand, we already had our UP Volunteering Centre at our disposal, and their members increase in number and they undertake many tasks that aren't professionally specialised and don't require medical training, etc.

Let me just briefly sum up what can be found under the [banners on the UP website](#). The UP Volunteering Centre is fully open for you today, you only need to [register](#). Due to the requirement of registration and other limitations, at this moment only UP students may enrol. However, it is open now and they list some 600 volunteers who are sent out on various missions and employed in many other ways.

Let me further remind you of something that has been publicised frequently but needs our attention: in RCPTM at the UP Faculty of Science, they produce disinfectant in quantities which are enormous, thus they help many public activities and institutions. The Faculties of Medicine and Health Sciences are directly engaged in several hospitals: medical students are helping on the frontline in an unprecedented way, and they deserve our thanks. In cooperation of the Faculty of Medicine and the regional Public Health Authority, a hotline in English was established where our foreign students assist.

The Sts Cyril and Methodius Faculty of Theology offers spiritual and psychological help; you can find the [hotline](#) on their website. Today we have started, by means of our research centres, the Institute of Molecular and Translational Medicine in particular, our [high-throughput testing](#), the most comprehensive in the country. It was created ad hoc, as a reaction to this crisis, so hats off to our scientists and everyone else who took part in this extraordinary activity.

The Department of Geoinformatics has developed a [map app](#) and newly they are developing protective shields, while the students of the UP Faculty of Education babysit for the employees of University Hospital Olomouc. Psychology students offered their help and today their department runs the entire [psychological hotline](#). I'm not going into detail on the enormous efforts in the production of masks, in which many of you, as well as UP alumni, participated, thank you.

Just look at our website: we have also added [counselling in physical health](#), thanks to the Faculty of Physical Culture, as well as some [tips for your mental health](#), so the range of our activities is really broad, and if you follow us closely, you will get to all the necessary information on our website. At this moment, the most important information is to be benevolent unto each other; the situation will get under control in the weeks and months to come.

## SLOVAK STUDENTS, FOREIGN STAYS, LIBRARY, PRAXIS, ...

### **UP Rector Miller (38:37)**

So thank you, Petr, and now I will try to briefly answer a few specific questions. I have a question about Slovak students, because a number of them have already left for home and now the border is closed, so they cannot return to Olomouc. Nobody knows how long these measures will stay in place and of course they are asking about exams and also the dormitories, since they cannot return to Czechia at present. Regarding the fulfilment of study requirements, there are several possibilities. Among others, this is one of the reasons why we have extended the deadline for fulfilling study requirements until 15 September, and we believe that at least from this perspective as of the end of March 2020, this is quite a generous window for students who are momentarily outside our borders and cannot return to Czechia, that in the course of the coming – a good five – months, they may complete the semester, and fulfil their study requirements. At the same time, in addition to this quite generous timeframe, there are other measures which Vice-Rector Zouhar mentioned: a number of departments will conduct their affairs on-line – teaching is on-going in this way – and for a number of courses exams will also take place on-line and it will not be necessary to cross the border, in this case from Slovakia to the Czech Republic: just take the exam on-line. If everything falls apart, which is something we do not expect, but if it does, we are also thinking about certain exceptions by which students could fulfil their obligations even after 15 September, if there is no other way out. This information pertains primarily to Slovak students, but not exclusively.



A number of questions are also on the subject of mobilities, primarily about Erasmus stays abroad in the next academic year. We trust, and wish to believe, that autumn mobilities are still valid. For now, we have no indications that any autumn mobilities would be cancelled. We are regularly in touch with the [Czech Centre for International Cooperation in Education](#), and for now – and I emphasise, for now – they are saying that autumn mobilities should take place. I would characterise it as “business as usual”. Of course, the situation on the frontline could change at any minute, even in this area.

I have a question here regarding the library and library services on-line, because the library is physically closed. I would like to repeat the well-known fact that the library is host to an enormous number of on-line electronic resources which you can access from home and which will help you in your degree theses. If the connection falters, the library has prepared its own hotline, where they will help you in case you are not able to connect with the on-line resources of the library.

Now here is an important question concerning laboratories. We are aware that a time when students cannot attend school and physical classes are banned makes things difficult also for senior students, who need to carry out laboratory experiments in order to fulfil their subject and even degree requirements. We have a feeling – even though it is premature, nevertheless we can envision – that once the epidemic slightly eases off, perhaps in the course of May, that the university will allow, let’s say, courses in small groups, primarily aimed at these tasks. This means doctoral work and laboratory degree work – i.e. one teacher and one or two students – nevertheless I do not want to give any specific date for this, because we truly do not know, but again I repeat that as soon as we have signs that the situation is starting to get better, then we will seriously consider opening the labs for small groups for these purposes – especially regarding dissertation work because we of course realise that this is a big problem.

Now I have one more important piece of information before giving the floor back to Vít.

The university truly appreciates all its volunteers who are currently fighting on all fronts; these are often senior students, and some of them are working as volunteers in hospitals and in retirement homes. It may occur that they will not be able to manage to finish this school year and thus would have to pay extra fees. I assure you that this would not be a unique case, because it can also apply to doctoral students, and affect their monthly stipends, which is why we are working together with the Ministry of Education to find a way in which these students can avoid paying extra fees next year. This is quite a difficult technical problem, nevertheless we have prepared a certain solution, and in this context I would like to say now that the Ministry of Education is working with the university to prepare a quick law, a “lex specialis”, which would explicitly cover these items, and in the course of let’s say one month, plus or minus, this law should come into force. Among other things, the law has stipulations about extra fees and forgiveness of fees for exceeding the standard length of studies in these specific cases – where we are highly aware that it would not be fair.

I am aware that it is quite possible that this stream is being followed not only by students, but also by those who are thinking about or have already applied to Palacký University and undoubtedly are interested in entrance exams. At this time, I would like to give the floor back to Vít, who will summarise the entrance exam agenda. I’d just like to say that of course we are seriously considering that we will have to postpone some of the entrance exams to a later date. Some entrance exams will be streamlined. Some study programmes are thinking about cancelling entrance exams completely, in some cases they will take place on-line. But now I would like to give the floor to Vít, who will talk about the specifics.

## ENTRANCE EXAMS

### UP Vice-Rector Zouhar (46:46)

Thank you. Yes, it is exactly as our Rector says. At this moment, our faculties are sticking to the scenarios aiming at postponement, a possible extension of the current term, however apart from situations related to the end of April, we have not published any extensions to deadlines. Nevertheless, we assume that no later than after Easter we should know something more on the national level; we'll not just stand in front of the crystal ball, shaking it and tapping on it in order to see what today cannot be seen.

For this reason – in order not to change deadlines from day to day or from week to week – we have not announced, in most cases, any specific dates suitable for a change of these terms, but we assume that in the horizon of two or three weeks, where it's absolutely necessary, we will announce these deadlines, but as our Rector said, together with the faculties, we are considering new forms of on-line exams, or acceptance without entrance exams – where it'd make sense and where it'd be possible on the basis of excellent study results and last year's grades, and where there's a link to SCIO – and of course we're considering extensions to dates, but these would result from the national situation.

Dear applicants, let me just ask you for a bit of patience; the situation at Palacký University is different than Masaryk University in Brno, where they have a single-day entrance exam and therefore they announced their [June exam date](#) already last week. Of course, we will take their exam date into consideration, so that we don't interfere with each other. That's all for now about entrance exams.

Let me conclude with brief information for all teachers who are looking for inspiration for their on-line classes. I'd like to inform you that today our Rector announced new courses in [Life-Long Learning](#); I'm glad that after a two-week hiatus, when we had already prepared a new education module which is increasingly popular among all UP employees, this module will be launched next week in a renewed form. All of you who are interested in new Moodle courses on-line can already use what is offered there. Thank you.

## FINAL WORDS

### UP Rector Miller (50:34)

Thank you, too, Vítek. Going through the questions, I see that we have covered all the basic themes, so let me just say thank you to all university staff, administrative workers, academics and students, because this situation requires a great deal of tolerance from everyone and I think that we are trying, all of us, to be benevolent. This is the motto of the day for me – benevolence. I can say on behalf of the university that we are trying to make things simpler, find solutions, even forgive and prolong deadlines, be forthcoming to you, of course within the limits of the law and our capacities, and we hope we're going to cope relatively well, although we have to improvise in certain things, just like everyone else.

I'd like to say thanks to our administrative staff who prepared this stream and who take care of us at the deserted university grounds. I'd really like to thank our students for their tolerance and benevolence; let me assure you that all relevant dates will be made public and observed; however, at the same time let me ask you to follow closely the websites of individual faculties and departments, where the individual exam schedules will be updated, as well as the university website, as mentioned by Petr Bilík, because all general information is collected on the faculty and university websites.

Ladies and gentlemen,

Let me add that we are ready to do another such stream in two weeks, once many pieces of information get a more concrete shape – that is, if you are interested. If my colleagues have nothing more to say – they don't seem to – let me say goodbye to you. I wish you, on behalf of my co-workers and my partners here, a good evening and strong nerves.