

Dear Foreign SGH Students

You are the part of SGH Warsaw School of Economics which confirms that we are a truly global educational institution. I would like you to know that at SGH we really appreciate your contribution to regular classes and your input in less formal conversations, which help us shape our view on the global world. I believe that this relation is mutually enriching.

I have decided to run for the post of the Warsaw School of Economics' Rector for the second time because I want to continue enhancing our position of a modern university of economics and management.

I am pleased to say that this next term will not have to start, like the first one, with a pending threat of the school management being over by an official receiver.

We started with a deficit, and now, after 4 years of my office, we have recorded a major financial improvement – in this respect we are a leading Polish Economics University. We have achieved this together – focusing on rebuilding the position of our School and restoring our credibility, which today no one is questioning.

Together we have restructured the financial and information management systems. It is now my objective to simplify them and disarm the critics. By removing unnecessary constraints we want to open the way for all the active people to take action and to enable us to grow. A recently introduced concept of rector's projects and simplifications of tedious procedures for post graduate studies show the direction of these changes.

My aim is to create a university friendly for students and staff. Thanks to my extensive international networking developed over the last four years we are in a position to expand the range of experts' activities, students' and teachers' international exchanges – including studies in the USA and Far East. My proactive international approach will offer more opportunities for world-wide research and publications in renowned journals. The tearing down of the F building – a symbol of indolence – stands as a hallmark of effectiveness of raising substantial funds and of our struggle with neglect.

The registration of the SGH trade mark only during this term of office, presence of SGH in the Public Information Bulletin, and resolving formal issues with the infrastructure and legal entitlements empower me to be able to finally deal with improvement of our working conditions. I will make a start on this in my second term of office, engaging our business partners and graduates in this process.

I am inviting you to build a school where everyone will be able to appreciate the significance of seemingly small issues. A new faculty club, new sport activities, workshops, key cards, photocopiers available to everyone, facilities for the disabled – it's just the beginning.

You are invited to build an open school – welcoming different economic, political, organisational and religious views. The university that is open and able to cooperate, which will make our public mission a reality. Writing this words, I already know the names of my competitors. I have accepted their decisions with all due respect. Their activities as rectors, deans and trade unionists make their accomplishments known just as well as their academic records.

May I add that , with each of them, at all times of my professional work I have disputed and reached agreements respectfully. I am convinced that our debate will be beneficial for our School.

You can read about my vision and programme, as well as about concrete solutions, on the website www.szapiro.net

Please, get involved in the dialogue – we can incorporate more proposals in our programme!

Today the School wants to see its Rector not only in the election campaign and ceremonies, but also in the open communication, in the SGH Gazette, in talks with employees, doctoral students, students, and graduates. During the second term of office I would also like to hear your opinions and implement your ideas!

I am now asking for your support – it is all about our SGH!

Tomasz Szapiro