

Minutes of the Alumni Association Executive Committee Meetings, 28 and 29 January 2007

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Justified absence: P. Della Posta.

1. The Missions of the A.A. President, Vice-President and Secretary were approved by the E.C.
2. The establishment of an Alumni Research Grant was confirmed.
3. The EC President reported on the meeting that he and the Vice President had on 27 January 2007 with A. Frijdal, Head of the EUI Academic Service. In consultation with EUI President Yves Mény the Academic Service would co-organise with the Alumni Association a job event activity at the margin of the degree-awarding event in October. This had been done on a small scale in the past and the idea has been very well received by the researchers. Such a by-product could have an important effect on future (active) members of the Alumni Association. The job event would concentrate on those sectors that receive most of EUI researchers outside academia. These are international organisations (including the ECB), large law firms and consultancy firms. The idea is to have a seminar given by alumni active in those sectors who would talk about their work, career and how to get successfully recruited. A draft schedule could be as follows: Thursday 4/10 - Morning: International Organisations (ECB and EC); Afternoon: Consultancy Firms (participation of HR managers); Friday 5/10 – Morning: Law Firms (participation of HR managers). F. Torres discussed the idea with the members of the EC and suggested that P. Della Posta was the EC Member integrating the task force that will be created by A. Frijdal. P. Della Posta accepted with pleasure and was to talk to A. Frijdal on the next steps to be taken.
4. The EC went through the minutes of the last EC meeting and checked whether all the previous tasks had been accomplished. The EC welcomed the timely publication of the AA History booklet and the organisation of its archives done in recent months. The Treasurer was to talk R. Nocentini and N. Altobelli about whether the dates for the EUI scrutiny of our previous Treasurer reports were corrected. The dates have been corrected in the meantime.
5. The EC discussed the last initiatives, namely the creation and the exact purposes of an Alumni Research Grant. It was agreed that the AA would donate retroactively all fees it had collected between October and December referring to the 2006/07 academic year (as those amounted to €1.375,00, it was decided to round up the amount to EUR 1.400,00). By the end of January 100 alumni had contributed with their fees.

6. The EC discussed on how to further relations between the AA and recent Alumni and EUI Researchers. The Secretary reported on her informal meeting with the Gen Reps on 28 January and the EC discussed the major interests of younger Alumni or Alumni-to-be, namely the Job Market initiatives.
7. The EC discussed future initiatives of the AA, including social and leisure activities such as walks. The Secretary will be in charge of organising two walks (Chianti or *Via Francigena* between Florence and Siena including a visit of Bagno Vignoni in October 2007 and Cyprus in spring 2008).
8. In order to go back to the previous tradition of having EC meetings outside Florence, which did not occur since 2002 given the amount of work with local initiatives and reorganisation of the AA, it was agreed that the next EC meeting would take place in Berlin in June (M. Uvalic and P. Della Posta said they would be unavailable in the weekend of 22/23 June) in order to strengthen relations with Alumni settled there. Each EC member would start to look for as cheap as possible flights ASAP.
9. The Treasurer's Report presented by the Treasurer was discussed and approved, subject to some information on the interest of the AA account at the CRF to be obtained in the following days.
10. The E.C. discussed the execution of the budget (*preventivo*) for 2007. EC activities were budgeted in order to allow the Treasurer to present a new *preventivo* to the EUI Administration and the latter to retain part the total of its annual transfer to the Alumni Association as follows: Alumni weekend (October): € 1.500,00; Alumni Chianti walk: € 600,00; EC meeting in Berlin: € 3.500,00; E-journal and other publication-related expenditure: € 2.000,00; Miscellaneous expenditure related to AA activities: € 2.400,00.
11. The Vice President will take responsibility for following up the deposit of the AA archives in the EU Historical Archives. She informed the EC about the current situation and asked N. Altobelli to send some more material, including many photos and a Nomos Book on "EMU Rules", to P. Giordani, EU Historical Archives,.
12. The text on the AA asked for by Barbara Ciomei, EUI Publications Officer, for the EUI review and prepared by the EC President was approved. F. Torres also met with B. Ciomei who has accepted that version and its size. He also discussed with her the possibilities of dealing directly with the AA website from the outside, namely for E-journal purposes.
13. The Treasurer will follow up all financial matters and modes of online payment (to be discussed with R. Danziger).

**Minutes of the meetings of AA Executive Committee with:
EUI President Y. Mény, R. Danziger, S. Talani
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1. The EC met with EUI President Y. Mény. F. Torres informed Y. Mény about the most recent developments, namely that about 100 alumni, still far from the 180 that had paid the year before, had paid their contribution to the AA and that these amounts are already being transferred to the Alumni Research Grant, directly administered by the EUI. President Mény said that he could write again to all alumni reminding them of how that money is being used. Also, payment procedures should be facilitated. He also said that it should be possible to implement rapidly matters like the update of cards with the new AA logo and according to the AA request. He again mentioned the interest of Prof. Silvana Sciarra in co-organising with the AA a conference on Social Europe during the alumni weekend of 2007.
2. On January 29th the EC met with alumna Simona Talani in order to discuss the E-Journal, Interdisciplinary Journal of European Political Economy (IJEPE), along the lines of the document on the E-Journal sent to all by EC president on 16 October 2006. This was a meeting of the subcommittee on the AA E-Journal composed of all EC members and alumna Simona Talani. The suggested name for the journal (see). As agreed in the previous EC meeting and also by S. Talani, EC members will be editors and F. Torres, the EC President, and S. Talani will stand as managing directors. The two Managing Editors will be responsible for a pre-selection of the contributions and/or for proposing special issues to the Editorial Board. The 6 editors will identify the referees and ensure that the publication is timely and efficient. The journal is an academic refereed journal addressing interdisciplinary issues in the Political Economy of contemporary Europe. The approach is interdisciplinary and focuses on the entanglements between economic, political, legal and historical disciplines. The audience is represented by social scientists with a research interests in Europe from an interdisciplinary perspective. The journal will accept contributions from experts engaged in the debate over the political economy of Europe from a comparative, national or EU point of view. The Journal will be published in the form of monographic issues advertised in advance. The first issues will draw on the papers from the most recent AA conferences. The Editorial Advisory Board should be composed of between 20 and 30 alumni and EUI-community scholars from all four departments. They will be responsible for the scientific value of the issues and in charge of proposing new themes for the publication and will be involved in the selection of papers and amongst whom the referees will be identified. The journal could also have some Review Editors. It was agreed that each sub-committee member would propose 4 or 5 Advisory Board members. There was also a consensus about the need to hire a stagiaire to work at the Badia and do the necessary work to make the various journal issues available online on the AA site.



3. The EC met also with R. Danziger, EUI Computing Service, in order to discuss the ways in which the membership fees and donations could be simplified and AA cards should be issued both to EC members and all alumni. It was agreed that 4 options should be presented for payments online, namely € 25, € 50, € 75 and € 100, with a general note saying that all the revenues revert to the recently created Alumni Research Fund and thus help EUI researchers and also ask alumni to be as generous as possible. The Treasurer will follow up the implementation. It was also agreed that the functions of EC members should be added to the programme so that they are listed on the alumni cards. R. Danziger will send once a month the various lists of alumni membership to the EC President and Treasurer and to Nancy Altobelli.