

Minutes of the AA Executive Committee Meeting of 29 February 2008

Present: A. Bongardt, P. Della Posta; F. Torres; M. Uvalic. Justified absence: V. Hayaert.

1. The Executive Committee (EC) established the rules of electronic voting for the 2008 election of a new Executive Committee. Valid AA membership cards will automatically give alumni the right to vote electronically. The procedure is to be supervised by the Electoral Subcommittee, formed by Donatella Della Porta (tbc), Peter Mair and Annette Bongardt, with the help of the Academic service. Candidates for the EC Committee must put their candidature forward until the 1st of September at the latest. Candidates can (are encouraged to) send to the Electoral Subcommittee (alumni email account) a one-page PDF document with their electoral programme. By 8 September the list of properly identified candidates will be made available online, together with their electoral programme, on the AA website. All candidates should check the webpage and make sure their candidature was complete and confirmed by the EUI Alumni Officer at Academic Service. The voting period will run from 15 through 22 September. These rules will be announced in the next issue of the EUI review and online ASAP. Should there be fewer than 5 candidates for the Executive Committee; the Electoral subcommittee may consider re-opening the electoral process at the General Assembly in order to fill in the vacant positions.
2. The President informed about the 2008 Alumni prize. All EC members had followed the correspondence with the Alumni Prize Jury and the heads of department. It was agreed that a complimentary gift could be offered to each one of the jury members.
3. The President suggested also following up on the proposals and concerns of the GA, the creation of a subcommittee on career development in order to further the relations between alumni and researchers. He proposed the creation of a subcommittee composed of some of the participants in the last job event, namely Roman Arjona-Gracia, ECO, European Commission, Tom Kennedy, LAW, Court of Auditors, Wim van Aken, SPS, European Central Bank, Alexandra McConnell, Law, Clifford Chance London, together with one EC member. The EC member will be Pompeo Della Posta who is to ask them whether they are prepared to serve on the subcommittee.
4. As approved in October the vice president will represent the AA the next Competition Day organised together with the Economics Department of the EUI in April 2008.
5. The visit to the *Corridoio Vasariano* to be arranged by the EUI Secretary General and other AA initiatives for the alumni weekend should take place between 19 and 23 of June.
6. As approved in the previous EC meeting, the AA will contribute with 2.500,00 euros to the realisation of the conference on "EU Governance and Environmental Policy". As done for the previous conferences, that amount should be transferred to a special account (Environmental Governance conference) devoted to the conference and managed directly by the EUI, according to its rules and on request of the Conference subcommittee.
7. The EC approved that, as happened with the two most recent conferences (Globalisation and Maastricht) and Festschrift seminar, catering (water and coffee and a working lunch) will be paid by the AA.

8. As recent June meetings, dinner will be offered by the AA to all participants in the Alumni weekend activities.
9. The EC discussed and approved the budget (*preventivo*) for 2008: June Alumni Weekend (EUR 1.500,00); alumni Prize (EUR 3.000,00); Booklet update (EUR 2.000,00); transfer to conference on “EU Governance and Environmental Policy” (EUR 2.500,00); E-journal and other publication-related expenditure (EUR 500,00) and miscellaneous (EUR 500,00).
10. The Treasurer’s Report for 2007 (amended version dated 26 February 2008) was approved.
11. The EC approved the editorial board of the E-journal on European Political Economy with a mandate for two years. The first issue of the journal should be implemented ASAP. The Subcommittee will meet on Monday 3 March in order to implement the first issue that draw on previous and/or future conferences, namely a special thematic issue.
12. Participants in subcommittee meetings such as Simona Talani and Ingmar von Homeyer could at their request be reimbursed for their travel expenditures by the AA.
13. Pompeo Della Posta was to ask Domenica Tropeano for a more detailed proposal of a conference programme on the topic of financialisation to be presented to the next GA.
14. Judith Przyrowski informed that from the 370 people who had contributed to the Alumni Research Grant directly administered by the EUI by getting their magnetic cards and associated benefits, about 350 were alumni with voting rights.
15. Following previous discussions and as agreed among all EC members, the alumni fees were fixed at 30 euros for one year and 75 euros (+/- 5 euros) for 3 years.
16. The EC Committee approved the incurred mission expenditures of the President, Vice-President and Member on the basis of mission statements submitted to the Treasurer.
17. The idea of organising various collections of selected papers published by different alumni at the EUI or at the RSC in particular fields (see previous minutes) was abandoned.
18. The EC approved that the next meeting will take place during the alumni weekend in June, preferably on 23 June 2008 (exact dates to be confirmed via email). At that time the EC should announce the Alumni prize winner and convoke the General Assembly with elections for the EC.
19. The President recalled the decision on the need to have new magnetic cards for all alumni with the new logo. Those cards should mention the function of each EC member in the EC.
20. EC members have agreed that all minutes have to be approved at the end of each meeting.