

Minutes of the AA Executive Committee Meeting, 4 October 2006

Present: A. Bongardt, C. Spagnolo, F. Torres, A. Verdun;

Justified absence: M. Uvalic.

1. Chianti walk in October, from 8 to 10 October. The EC confirmed the previously approved budget for that activity (EUR 1.000,00 – EUR 350 = EUR 650), including transportation and payment of a guide. Participants should pay their own expenses for hotel and meals.
2. Approval of incurred mission expenditures by the President, Vice-president and Councillor on the basis of mission submissions to the EC.
3. Approval of the budget for the AA Lunch (EUR 14 per person) and Dinner (EUR 28 per person) on Friday 6 October submitted by Nancy Altobelli on the basis of the previously approved budgeted amounts (EUR 1.500,00).
4. Approval of the amount of the AA grant to the Globalisation conference on the basis of previous discussions. As previously agreed, the financial support from the AA to the Globalisation conference should match (per participating alumni or in absolute terms) the contribution of President Mény to the Maastricht conference. The EC opted to establish that the AA grant to the Globalisation conference should match in absolute terms the contribution of President Mény to the Maastricht conference, that is, EUR 2.500,00. This grant should be transferred to the EUI Globalisation conference account and withheld from the next transfer as it was not budgeted for in the beginning of the year – since the decision of conceding this grant was only taken after clarification of the EUI's sponsoring of the Maastricht conference and upon suggestion by President Mény in July 2006.
5. The President recalled that the second EUI Alumni Association Prize for the best interdisciplinary Ph.D. thesis on relevant European issues (Alumni Prize) will be awarded to Valérie Hayaert (HEC) for her thesis *Mens Emblematica et Humanisme Juridique: Le cas du Pegma cum narrionibus philosophicis de Pierre Coustau (1555)* in a ceremony which takes place at the degree-conferring ceremony during the alumni weekend on Friday 6 October 2006. All expenditures related to the Alumni prize (the EUR 3.000,00, the Diploma, etc.) had previously been budgeted and should be paid.
6. Organization of the two Conferences on Maastricht and Globalisation for the next Alumni Weekend, 5-7 October 2006. The programmes were reviewed and some organisational details were discussed in order to coordinate the two conferences among each other and with all the other events (thesis seminar, book presentation, award ceremony, conferring ceremony, general assembly and Chianti walk). All conference expenditures are the responsibility of the respective subcommittees and their specific budgets. This year, a lunch and a dinner will be

financed by the Alumni Association on Friday 6 October, as established in the previous EC meeting.

7. The EC approved the constitution of the Electoral subcommittee as follows: Roberto Tamborini, Chairman, Pedro Lains and Amy Verdun (EC member not standing for office).
8. The EC approved that Eve Hepburn, the English translator and editor, who completed the history booklet in English language along the lines requested to Valentina Baggiani at the January EC meeting should be paid according to her contract with the EUI – 47 hours of work, amounting to EUR 564,00 – within the amount that had been previously budgeted for that effect (EUR 1.000,00).
9. The EC approved the publication of the AA history booklet written (in Italian) by Valentina Baggiani's original research carried out based on archived material and completed (and translated into English) by Eve Hepburn, with a preface by the EC president. All expenditures related to its publication (EUR 3.000,00) had already been previously approved and budgeted. It will be printed by the same printing shop of the EUI review and should come out and be distributed together with the next issue of the EUI review.
10. New logo. The EC approved the adoption of a new AA logo encompassing the new EUI logo. The AA should adopt one (subject to the technical specifications on the use of the EUI's logo) of the logo proposals solicited by the EC president to the new EUI logo designers.
11. The EC approved the text for the next EUI review.
12. The president referred the publication of yet another volume as an outgrowth of the 2003 AA conference "Governing EMU". The EC expressed its pleasure with the new publication and endorsed that the respective account (coming from the grants of the ECB and the EIB to the EUI) should soon be closed. It should still support the forthcoming presentations, namely in Frankfurt at the ECB headquarters, of the Nomos book and eventually serve to acquire some more volumes from Nomos.
13. A request by Carlo Spagnolo was approved, namely to finance the trip of Paul De Grauwe. The Executive Committee approved the decision in light of the fact that he contributes to both conferences and to the alumni activities.