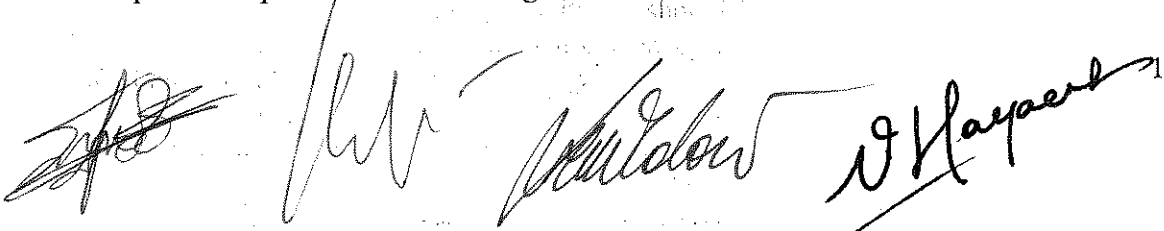


## MINUTES OF THE 2<sup>ND</sup> MEETING OF THE EC OF THE AA 2008-2010, 30<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2009

*PRESENT: Valerie Hayaert (President), Leila Simona Talani (Vice-president), Pompeo della Posta (Treasurer), Sigfrido Ramirez Pérez (Secretary). Judith Przyrowski, EUI official in charge of Alumni Affaire at the Academia Service, attended most of the meeting.*

*UNJUSTIFIED ABSENCE: Teresa Moraes Leitao (member).*

- 1) Approval of the draft minutes of the first meeting of the new EC in December
  - a. After some slight modifications of the draft minutes circulated by the Secretary, the minutes are approved and signed by the EC.
  - b. It is agreed that the draft minutes will be circulated within 15 days of the meeting and comments will be made within another 15 days in order to have them ready in one month time. However, the final minutes will only be definitive after approval in the following meeting of the EC. The Secretary added that in the future the minutes will be less in detail than in the first meeting and will report on the decisions taken by the EC.
- 2) Agenda.
  - a. The agenda is accepted and three new points are introduced.
  - b. It remains as follows
    - i. Substitution of Teresa Moraes as member of the EC.
    - ii. Communication strategy.
    - iii. Conferences and activities.
    - iv. Local chapters.
    - v. Meeting with Andreas Frijdal and Judith on coordination between EUI and the Alumni Association
    - vi. EUI Journal Europe at Large.
    - vii. Finances and expenses.
    - viii. Date for the next meeting.
    - ix. Meeting with the Secretary General, Marco del Panta.
- 3) Substitution of member Teresa Moraes as member of the EC. The President informed that TM has just informed her that given its professional commitments she has neither managed to come to this second meeting of the EC despite having planned to come. As this will repeat in the future, she could understand that the EC may ask her resignation. Valerie asked to the EC in which way we should proceed to substitute her. The conclusion is that there were other two candidates for the last elections (Bernd Baumgartl and Nanette Neuwahl) and both obtained the same number of votes. Therefore, one possibility could be to ask them who is ready to take the relay, and in case that both of them are ready, we should make a choice between the two of them. It was decided to wait to have written evidence of the resignation of Teresa from her position of member of the EC before we take a decision on this question.
- 4) Communication strategy.
  - a. EUI Review- The Secretary drafted a communication for the EUI Review section and the Alumni website. This will be circulated by email and comments will need to be received within three days before it is publicly posted. He will contact Catherine Divry to prepare the contribution of the AA to the next EUI Review.
  - b. EUI Linkeid- The Secretary presented the letter sent to the administrators of the informal EUI Alumni group in Linkeid organized by Roger Esteller and Pau Agullo. The EC concluded that the logo of the EUI AA must be removed from their Linkeid because this is not the official Linkeid of the Association.
  - c. Who's who of the members of the AA. The Secretary suggested that the AA should at least attempt to create a who's who of the current members of the AA with a printed booklet. He suggested sending a letter to the current alumni using the template elaborated in classical volumes of this kind. There was an agreement that this was an important step forward if we managed to have this who's who created before the end of

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our mandate in collaboration with the EUI Administration. Sigfrido will be in touch with the administration to see the concrete format for this initiative.

- d. The EUI webpage. There is a general agreement that it is necessary to change the current webpage format to give it a more practical view on what is going on the Alumni Association and its chapters.
  - e. The EC invited the Secretary to create a working group on communication in coordination with the administration of the EUI. From Eastern onwards, the new website of the EUI would allow additional technical possibilities to articulate different social networks of the association such as Facebook or an official blog.
- 5) Conferences and activities
- a. In April the EC will participate in the European Consortium for Political Research in annual meeting in Lisbon to present the latest book. The Vice-president confirmed that the book presentation will be organized in the ECPR in Lisbon and the EC confirmed that it will pay for a cocktail offered to Alumni in the context of this presentation. The budget for this meeting is 300 Euros. This expense is authorized.
  - b. In June, the EUI AA whether to organize on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> the official presentation of the first issue of the e- journal "Europe at Large" dedicated to the economic crisis. The vice-president and the treasurer will take on this issue.
  - c. In October, following the General Assembly of the AA on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> the AA would organize a Chianti tour on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> October. The President is in charge of organizing this activity.
  - d. The EC discusses that it may support with an official drink twice a year a reception honoring former Professors or Alumni.
  - e. In January 2009, the Alumni Conference on the Economic international crisis in Europe with the title "Europe in crisis". Given that there are already too many activities going on during the Graduation Ceremony in October, the EC agreed on the date of the 14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup> January 2010. The EC will veil to organize a truly interdisciplinary conference. A first provision of expenditure for the conference is of about 2,500 Euros. Like in other occasions, the organizers will search for funding from past sponsors like the EIB in order to reduce the expenses of the Association.
- 6) Meeting with Andreas Frijdal about the coordination of the Academic Service with the AA.
- a. AF distributed a document on career development. A survey was made among the EUI researchers which concluded the need for a more structured doctoral program and more preparation for the labor market. If the EUI has now a 90% on completion rates, a majority of researchers are still going into academia. With the increasing trend in the Phd production, the academic market cannot absorb our graduates at the same pace than in the past. This conclusion has brought the Academic Service to prepare a series of activities in order to prepare our researchers for the job market.
  - b. In order to prepare for academic jobs, in September there is going to be an intensive seminar teaching week for researchers in order to learn teaching skills and obtain a certificate of having received a formal training as teachers. At the research level we do ask professors and administrative staff to show the techniques to prepare research projects to meet funding requirements. There is also now a regular practice in departments to carry out mock job interviews, which are recorded, by professors with researchers. The post-doctoral program is also providing personal development plan for the Max Weber fellows. Lastly, the EUI has signed a memorandum of understanding with different institutions where EUI Alumni have positions in order to provide teaching experience to EUI researchers. It is for this reason that it is important for the EUI to have the collaboration of Alumni by creating a network of EUI Alumni in Universities.
  - c. Given that an increasing number of jobs for EUI researchers may develop at the consultancy level and in International organizations, some activities like the Careers' Day organized in cooperation with the AA last year and also this year.

- d. Departments are currently building in collaboration with the academic service a database about their former students. It may be interesting that the who's who of the AA could be directly associated with this attempt to create an electronic database which could serve for the same purposes. A debate is open on whether there should be a parallel effort of the AA and the administration towards collecting personal data from Alumni. The Secretary will take in charge this issue with the academic service.
- e. Sigfrido asked Andreas about the possibility of Alumni to have access to the intranet of the EUI in order to have alumni more in tracks with current developments. Andreas replied that it is possible provided that we enumerate to which precise information we are referring to in order to see with the web service whether there is any technical problem for having access to this information. They will be in touch to tackle this issue in concrete terms.
- 7) EUI Journal Europe at Large- In June we will have between five and eight articles for this new issue. We need some funding for English proof-reading. A formal presentation of this special issue might be made during the June Ball with some of the authors and a drink. The suggested budget for this work is of 1100 Euros (1,000 for the trips and stay of authors and 100 for the English proof-reading.
- 8) Alumni chapters- Sigfrido Ramirez informed that he had organized in March a first meeting of the Brussels chapter in order to create a formal chapter of the AA. A first activity suggested by the alumni present in the meeting was to organize a dinner-debate on the role of the EUI in a Europe in crisis with Professors Meny and Borrell. He will have the EC informed about the future evolutions of the Brussels chapter and its activities.
- 9) Finances and Expenses. The Secretary underlined that the situation left by the former EC of donating all the fees of alumni to completion grants of the EUI prevents any possible increase of the financial capacity of the AA through the increase of membership. The academic service confirmed that like in the past year, the current budget of the EUI presented in 2008 has included a line to fund the expenses of the Alumni Association providing to the AA a stability in its funding. Sigfrido could conceive that we find other means to rise funding apart from fees but in any case the AA would need to be informed by the Academic Service about who received the grants. Moreover, given publicity about the researchers awarded with this completion grant from the AA could serve to publicize the good use of Alumni fees.
- 10) Meeting with the Secretary General of the EUI, Marco del Panta. There was an exchange of information on how the EUI could improve its visibility towards Alumni.
- 11) The suggested date for next meeting is Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> of June or Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June with a preference for the first date.

