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**Alumni Association**

**EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY INSTITUTE**

**Executive Committee of the Alumni Association**

Minutes of the First Meeting (2016-2017)

held on Wednesday, 1 March 2017 at 2:30 pm CET via Zoom

**Present**:

ARMBRUSTER, Chris (CA)

BINDI, Federiga (FB)

CHIRICO, Alessandra (AC)

MARCO COLINO, Sandra (SM)

DI QUIRICO, Roberto (RQ)

**CHAIR**

FB agreed to chair the meeting as the candidate who received the largest number of votes in the ExCo elections.

**WELCOME**
The Chair welcomed CA, AC, SM and RQ to the meeting.

**M1-1 Election results**

As per the email of the EUI Alumni Mail Account dated 24 February 2017, the results of the Alumni Association Executive Committee (ExCo) elections held in February 2017 were as follows:

Elected EC members:

Federiga Bindi 84 votes

Alessandra Chirico 77 votes

Sandra Marco Colino 70 votes

Roberto Di Quirico 61 votes

Chris Armbruster 59 votes

Further results:

Lehte Roots 53 votes

Martin Dahl 48 votes

Michel Verlaine 24 votes

Total votes cast: 148 votes

FB pointed out that the turnout of the ExCo elections was the highest ever, but in absolute terms it remained modest given that there is a potential community of 5,000 people.

**M1-2** **Allocation of ExCo roles**

The newly elected ExCo members agreed to allocate roles as follows:

President FB

Vice-President AC

Secretary SM

Treasurer CA

Member RQ

**M1-3 Frequency of meetings**

The ExCo will endeavour to meet online at least once every 2 weeks, and in person whenever possible.

**M1-4 Finances**

The ExCo will seek information as to the financial situation of the AA, including:

* Existing funds and their location;
* Continuation of the annual 10,000 EUR contribution from the EUI;
* Other funding possibilities (Jean Monnet, subsidies for associations, etc) for associations that facilitate the discussion on the future of Europe and support the cause of European integration.

**M1-5 Alumni database**

The ExCo will work towards the establishment of an alumni database. It will discuss the matter with the EUI Director of Communications in the hope that it can be shared with the EUI. It will also consider using social media (such as Facebook and LinkedIn) to build the database.

CA suggests starting with a simple, one-click, automatic fill-in method of gathering data on existing social networks. Subsequently alumni with no social media can be targeted.

CA will present a 2-page proposal as to how to build the database, with a budget, and explaining the benefits of the database.

**M1-6 Legal personality of the AA**

The ExCo agrees to apply for legal personality for the AA. AC and SM will provide a legal perspective on the application process.

**M1-7 AA statutes**

The ExCo will consider whether any changes to the statutes are required (including for the attainment of legal personality). If so, it will look into the cost of changing the statutes and the process for introducing amendments.

**M1-8 New AA chapters**

The ExCo will endeavour to set up new AA chapters around the world and review existing ones. SM agrees to try to launch a Hong Kong-Macau chapter, and to consider other geographic possibilities (Spain, Australia, etc). RQ will look into the Italian chapter.

**M1-9 Benefits of AA membership**

The ExCo will review the benefits and services attached to AA membership, and will discuss the requests of alumni, including accessing the EUI during weekends.

**M1-10 Presence of the AA in international conferences and events**

The ExCo will endeavour to reach out to EUI alumni in international conferences and events that its members can attend. FB and SM will aim to organise an alumni networking event in Miami during the forthcoming European Union Studies Association (EUSA) Conference in May 2017. The ExCo members will provide a list of the events that they are attending to make the necessary arrangements.

**M1-11 State of the Union 2017 conference**

The ExCo will cooperate with the EUI in the organisation of the forthcoming SOU2017 conference. It will offer to involve alumni in the existing panels and activities, and will enquire about the inclusion of an alumni panel in the programme. AC and RQ will be at the conference representing the ExCo.

**M1-12 ExCo statements**

The ExCo will consider making public statements on issues that are of interest and/or affect EUI alumni, including but not limited to different aspects of the future of the EU.

**M1-13 Collaboration with other institutions**

The ExCo will cooperate and work together with other similar bodies and organisations, including the European University Association, the Union of European Federalists. AC will discuss ways working together with some of the organisations sited in Brussels.

**M1-14 General Assembly**

The ExCo agrees to organise the General Assembly on 28-30 July 2017.

**M1-15 Next meeting**

 The next meeting of the ExCo is scheduled for 9 March 2017 on Zoom.

**M1-16 Any other business**

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:30 pm CET.

Confirmed on this of 2017

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Chair