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**Alumni Association**

**EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY INSTITUTE**

**Executive Committee of the Alumni Association**

Minutes of the Second Meeting (2016-2017)

held on Thursday, 9 March 2017 at 3:30 pm CET via Zoom

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| **Present**:BINDI, Federiga (FB)CHIRICO, Alessandra (AC)MARCO COLINO, Sandra (SM)DI QUIRICO, Roberto (RQ) | **Absent with apologies**:Chris Armbruster (CA) |

**CHAIR**

FB chaired the meeting as the President of the Executive Committee (ExCo) of the Alumni Association (AA).

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

**M2-1 AA membership benefits**

The ExCo will look into the possibility of offering an upgrader AA membership option which includes access to the EUI library.

**M2-2 AA finances**

On 9 March 2017 the EUI Alumni Mail Account sent an email with the finances of the AA, according to which the total available for 2017 is 91,552.06 EUR.

(Appendix 1)

**M2-3 Alumni database**

The ExCo will continue to pursue the establishment of a solid AA database. It will discuss with the EUI the possibility of setting up a shared database, and alternatively it will look for ways to do it on its own.

**M2-4 Communication with alumni**

The ExCo will draft one or various emails to be circulated to EUI alumni re-launching the AA, explaining who can join and how to become a member, information about the General Assembly (GA), database, local chapters.

**M2-5 Meeting alumni at events**

The ExCo will have a presence at forthcoming events regularly attended by alumni, including: the European Union Studies Association (EUSA) Conference in Miami in May 2017 (attended by FB and SM), and the State of the Union 2017 (SOU2017) Conference in Florence (attended by AC and RQ).

**M2-6 ExCo meetings**

The ExCo will continue to meet regularly on Zoom. Its members will also gather in person in Florence in May to meet President Renaud Dehousse.

**M2-7 General Assembly**

The General Assembly of the AA will take place on 28-30 July 2017 (see item M1-14 in minutes of First Meeting).

The ExCo will look into whether it is more convenient to organise it in Florence or Rome.

Potential speakers for the event could be:

* Federica Mogherini
* Mario Draghi
* Antonio Tajani
* Giuliano Amato
* Christian Joerges
* Bruno de Witte
* Thomas Jørgensen
* Catherine Ashton

**M2-8 Local AA chapters**

The ExCo will look into the work of existing chapters and the launch of new ones, and will endeavour to organise an event in each city or area.

**M2-9 March for Europe**

The ExCo will issue a statement of support in relation to the March for Europe scheduled on 25 March 2017. RQ will prepare the first draft, to be edited by SM. The ExCo will also prepare a public statement of support for the website of March for Europe.

RQ will be our representative at the march, and the ExCo agreed to reimburse his travel expenses.

**M2-10 Legal personality of the AA**

The ExCo has examined the statutes to look into whether the AA can obtain legal personality, which would enable the AA to apply for wider funding possibilities. AC and SM will continue to pursue this matter.

Marianella Baschiera is the AA legal adviser, and will be consulted on this matter.

**M2-11 ExCo members’ tasks**

The members of the ExCo agree to focus on the following matters:

* RQ: look into benefits of AA membership and draft a small text in relation to March for Europe
* AC: meet or discuss with Paolo Vacca (Union of European Federalists) and Thomas Jørgensen (European University Association)
* SM: contact Christian Joerges and Bruno de Witte, continue to keep minutes
* CA: Database issues
* Fede: prepare correspondence with the EUI

**M2-12 Next meeting**

 The next meeting of the ExCo is scheduled for 14 March 2017 on Zoom.

**M2-13 Any other business**

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:30 pm CET.

Confirmed on this of 2017

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Chair