



European University Institute Alumni Association

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE SECOND MEETING July 16, 2019

Meeting date: 16 July 2019, from 10:30pm to 12:30pm - via Skype

Meeting agenda:

1. Update on the transition
 - Prefettura, bank, accountant, webmaster
 - To be discussed: evaluating the contractual relations with current service providers
2. Appointment of the sub-committee on statutes.
 - establish a list of names
 - define mandate given by the ExCo to the sub-committee
3. Website
 - Overview of what is dysfunctional
 - Proposed plans for improvement
4. Reconnecting with the EUI
 - Setting strategy and date for AAExCo/EUI meeting after the summer
 - Further initiatives to collaborate with the EUI
5. Discussion on finance
 - Discuss the possibility of cancelling/lowering membership fees
 - Identify other potential sources of revenues
6. AOB

Participants

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| Elie Michel | President |
| Hanna Schebesta | Vice-President |
| Alessandra Chirico | Secretary |
| Filippo Vergara Caffarelli | Member |



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1. Update on the transition.

Elie Michel chaired the meeting and welcomed the other three participants. Diego Garzia was absent.

He gave a first update on the existing situation vis-à-vis Prefettura, bank, accountant, webmaster and management of the Twitter account.

Elie Michel reported that: (i) he contacted Prefettura and was still waiting for a feedback; (ii) he received the relevant documentation from the bank. He and Diego Garzia (the Treasurer) will be the two ExCo members entitled to have access to the AA's bank account.

He also had an exchange with the AA's accountant, even though he was wondering whether to keep alive or not the existing relationship with the accountant himself.

He had another exchange with the current AA's webmaster and, similarly, he was wondering whether to maintain or not the existing relationship with him or, instead, look for better alternatives.

All the ExCo members shared the same concerns about keeping working relationship with the accountant and the webmaster. No specific decision was taken at this stage.

As for the Twitter account, Elie Michel reported that he spoke with Alexander von Wietzleben (the alumnus currently managing the Twitter account on behalf of the AA) and raised the question on how to improve the way the AA makes use of this account. Hanna Schebesta suggested to adopt a sort of "Twitter philosophy", a policy embodying the new communication strategy of the ExCo, which could enable different members to have access to the Twitter account and create content in the name and on behalf of the AA. Hanna Schebesta engaged herself to draft such a policy, circulate it among the ExCo's members and make it open for a broader discussion among the alumni community.

The proposal was welcomed by all ExCo members participating to the meeting and unanimously approved.

2. Appointment of the sub-committee on Statutes

As decided during the first meeting of the ExCo, the five members of the ExCo itself will work with the support of different sub-committees to be set up on an ad hoc basis. The first sub-committee to be set-up on the proposal of Filippo Vergara Caffarelli, will be that responsible for the revision of the Statute and the rules of internal governance of the AA.

Filippo Vergara Caffarelli reported that he had a look at other Alumni Associations' Statutes (operating under Italian law) with a comparative approach (e.g. La Sapienza AA, Bocconi AA, Politecnico di Milano AA, la Cattolica AA, LUMSA). He engaged himself to prepare a draft for next ExCo's meeting to highlight the most important items to be included in the revised Statute. Among them, for example, the set up of another collegial body (Consiglio dei Probiviri or Collegio dei revisori) to ensure better checks and balances, to monitor the electoral process, to avoid/prevent loopholes. Another modification under discussion has been that related to the denomination of the fifth member of the ExCo (currently named "Member"), who could be assigned the titled of "Second Vice President" or "Junior Vice President".

The sub-committee will consist of four members. Filippo Vergara Caffarelli will chair it. Alessandra Chirico and Johanna Engstrom will be members. The fourth member is still to be appointed. Elie Michel proposed the name of Marco Rizzi. Members of the ExCo will appoint the fourth member on their next meeting.



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The ExCo also discussed about the opportunity of hiring a legal advisor to have a final check on the revised Statute before submitting it to Prefettura. The general idea was not in favor of using money for this, but to rely on the voluntary support of the alumni community, with no cost for the AA.

The proposal was welcomed by all ExCo members participating to the meeting and unanimously approved.

3. Website

Elie Michel proposed to simplify and improve the Association's website, defined “dysfunctional” as it currently is. To this aim, Elie Michel had a first exchange with the EUI’s webmaster, Francesco Martino, who shared the same opinion and said that the AA’s website should be more user friendly.

Elie Michel proposed to draft a policy, circulate it among the ExCo’s members and make it open for a broader discussion among the alumni community.

Alessandra Chirico suggested to consult with Roberto Di Quirico, who, in the outgoing ExCo has been in charge of the website. Filippo Vergara Caffarelli supported this proposal.

Elie Michel already had a first exchange with Roberto Di Quirico, but would consider having further exchanges, if and when necessary.

Alessandra Chirico asked about the costs and expenses related to the external help by the EUI webmaster. Elie Michel clarified that his help will be on a very informal basis, at no cost for the AA.

The proposal about the draft policy was approved by the four members of the ExCo participating to the meeting, who voted unanimously.

4. Reconnecting with the EUI

Elie Michel declared that he will soon write formally to Marco Incerti and Veerle Deckmyn (Communications and Academic Service of the EUI) to relaunch a friendly dialogue with senior management of the European University Institute. He will also write President Dehousse to ask for a meeting to formally introduce the members of the newly appointed ExCo and re-establish a constructive dialogue between the parties. This request shall be sent before the Summer break.

All members of the ExCo participating to the meeting voted in favor of this initiative and approved it unanimously.

5. Discussion on finance

In the absence of the Treasurer, Diego Garzia, the four members of the ExCo participating to the meeting decided to postpone the discussion and adjourn it to the next meeting.

No specific decision has been taken.

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Elie Michel proposed to support the different initiatives undertaken by British researchers and British staff working at the EUI, to minimise the impact of Brexit.

The proposal was welcomed and unanimously approved.

Alessandra Chirico proposed to organise an event in Brussels, inviting the ECB's President Mario Draghi to a dinner with the Alumni community. The format of such an event will be highlighted in a proposal, which Alessandra Chirico will submit to the ExCo's members before next meeting.

Four proposals will be then drafted, discussed and agreed upon through written procedure in preparation of next ExCo meeting:

- Draft policy on Twitter (H. Schebesta)
- Draft policy on website (E. Michel)
- Items for revision of the Statute (F.V. Caffarelli)
- Proposal for a Brussels' event with Mario Drghi (A. Chirico)

The ExCo agreed to meet in September (date to be defined in accordance with the meeting to be held with the EUI after the Summer break).

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:30 pm.

Brussels, 19 July 2019

Read and approved,

Elie Michel

Alessandra Chirico

(President)

(Secretary)

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Alessandra Chirico