

**Minutes of the  
ACADEMIC SENATE meeting  
Friday, 9 March 2007, 12.00-14.00**

*Present:* Yehuda Elkana (chair), Elissa Helms, Julius Horvath, Janos Kis, Laszlo Kontler, Iryna Koshulap, Zdenek Kudrna, Liviu Matei (*ex-officio, non-voting*), Laszlo Matyas, Michael Laurence Miller, Uku Lember, Howard Robinson, Roderick Martin, Robert Sata

*Not present:* Tibor Varady

Invited: Bela Greskovits (for #4 on the agenda)

In attendance: Gheorghe Morosanu ( for #5 on the agenda)

*Minutes:* Andrea Csele

**1. Approval of the agenda**

The agenda was approved as submitted.

**2. Approval of validators**

Zdenek Kudrna and Janos Kis volunteered to validate the minutes.

**3. Approval of the minutes**

The minutes were approved as submitted.

**4. Appeal of IRES Department regarding a decision of the University Doctoral Committee**

Following the proposal endorsed by the Senate on its meeting held on January 10, 2007, which stipulated that given the absence of the chair of UDC, Pro-Rector Laszlo Matyas, the decision of the UDC should be suspended and until the Pro-Rector comes back the student is given a provisional extension/enrollment benefit of supervision, the Senate decided on this meeting to formulate a decision about the case.

Janos Kis, upon the Rector's request to help in reaching a decision, proposed to the Senate the following two alternatives:

- 1) the Senate gives a mandate to a committee, composed of three Senate members, whose role would be to look into the case and take a final decision within a week
- 2) the newly formed committee makes a report, proposes a decision, brings it back to the Senate who will vote electronically on the proposal.

The two alternatives were submitted for vote and the *Senate unanimously endorsed the first proposal: an ad-hoc committee chaired by Janos Kis and composed by Laszlo Kontler, Michael Miller and one student representative designated by the Chair of the Student Council would look into the case and take a final decision within one week.*

## **5. Proposal for new degree programs:**

### **- L.L.M./M.A in Law and Economics**

The proposal about this new degree program was discussed in the Academic Forum on 8 March. Julius Horvath mentioned that there was a discussion between the two departments concerned about the name of the program itself and it was agreed to change it to **M.A/L.L.M in Economic and Legal Studies**.

*The Senate unanimously endorsed the proposal and changing the name of the program.*

### **- Two-year M.S. program in Applied Mathematics**

The Pro-Rector drew the attention to the fact that in order for the program to receive the Hungarian Accreditation, several criteria need to be met and currently the Mathematics Department lacks these criteria: the department does not have the necessary number of full-time faculty and this would result in negative consequences regarding the Hungarian accreditation. Liviu Matei said that one alternative for solving the lack of full-time faculty would be the creation of a so-called 'kutató csoport' (research group) in cooperation with the Renyi Institute, which would make possible the program's application for the Hungarian accreditation without appointing additional full-time faculty. The proposal for the new program was submitted to vote and *with one abstention, the Senate endorsed the proposal on condition that solution is found for appointments to solve the accreditation of the program.*

### **- Two-year M.A. program in Sociology and Social Anthropology**

The Pro-Rector mentioned that there might be problems with the accreditation of this new program since Sociology and Social Anthropology are two different fields and the solution would be to apply for two accreditation: one for the Sociology and one for the Social Anthropology.

The proposal for the new program was submitted to vote and *with one abstention, the Senate endorsed the proposal on condition that the department is informed about the problems, which might occur in connection with the two different fields.*

## **6. Proposal for appointment of CEU egyetemi tanár**

**Andras Kovacs**

The head of the History Department proposed to appoint Professor Andras Kovacs as a full-time egyetemi tanár, with indefinite contract. *The Senate unanimously endorsed the proposal submitted by the "Egyetemi Tanár" Applications Evaluation Committee.*

## **7. Regulation regarding the appointment of CEU University Professors**

*With one abstention the Senate endorsed the proposal to amend the procedure for the appointment of CEU University Professors as follows:*

- Senate members (except those who are *not* faculty members) and University Professors can make proposals for appointment of CEU University Professors
- All Senate members will decide by vote on each individual proposal

- A 1:4 ratio of University Professors to full Professors shall be maintained for both resident and visiting University Professors, as decided by the Senate in May 2004
- As also approved by the Senate in May 2004, visiting University Professors are expected to teach at least 1 credit in every two years.

*For agenda points #8, #9 and #10, Laszlo Matyas and Howard Robinson were asked to leave the room.*

## **8. Amendment of the CEU Founding Charter and Organizational and Operational Regulations; Introduction of the position of (part-time) Pro-Rector for Hungarian Affairs**

### **10. Election of a Pro-Rector for Hungarian Affairs**

The Rector presented the main arguments for the introduction of the new position. He explained, as in the Academic Forum of 8 March, that with CEU being now also a Hungarian university, and not necessarily having a Hungarian speaking Pro-rector in the future, there is a need for the appointment of a Hungarian-speaking person with good contacts with the Hungarian authorities.

Janos Kis said that the proposal submitted to the Senate about the amendment of the CEU By-laws, Founding Charter and OOR is not a formal proposal but a suggestion and consultation with the CEU lawyer would be needed in order to make the amendments.

Julius Horvath agreed with Janos Kis that it is also necessary to have a clear line of command and a description about the exact role, title and responsibilities to be given to the new person. . Janos Kis suggested that until the new job is defined in the By-laws and the OOR, no vote on who should fill a not yet existing job could take place. He proposed that, therefore, items # 8 and # 10 should be removed from the agenda until a statutory definition of the job is submitted for vote. He noted the importance of reaching consensus with faculty and staff on this issue. The Senate members accepted the proposal.

### **9. Election of a new Academic Pro-Rector/Provost**

The Rector said that the second term of the current Pro-Rector would end with this academic year and Laszlo Matyas decided not to continue as Academic Pro-Rector. The Rector's proposal to elect Howard Robinson as the new Academic Pro-Rector was submitted to secret ballot and *with 11 valid votes, the Senate members unanimously elected Professor Howard Robinson as the new Academic Pro-Rector. It was also decided that the term of the position would begin on 15 September 2007.*

Julius Horvath emphasized that with Howard Robinson being elected into a new position, he would become an ex-officio member of the Senate and thus a new Senate member should join the Senate to comply with the By-Laws requirement of having five senior faculties in the Senate. *It was clarified that the faculty member who was on the sixth place at the last Senate elections will join the Senate as a full voting member after 15 September 2007.*

## **11. Other business**

### **- Business School application for AMBA accreditation**

Liviu Matei summarized the importance for the Business School to obtain a quality assurance accreditation of its MBA program by the Association of MBAs (AMBA). The AMBA is a world-wide MBA and Graduate business degree program quality assurance accrediting body and is one of 'big three' accrediting organizations of business school.

*The Senate unanimously endorsed the Business School's application for AMBA accreditation.*

### **- University Calendar for the Academic Year 2007/2008**

Jeffrey Le mentioned that there should be made one change in the University Calendar concerning the registration for the Winter Semester. He argued that if one student fails a course, he might be notified too late as the deadline for the submission of Fall Semester grades is January 31 while the registration for Winter semester ends on 13 January.

Liviu Matei said that this proposal about changing the deadlines should go to the Academic Forum because departments are involved and it is rather an operational method.

### **- Request to be submitted to the Hungarian Accreditation Committee (HAC) for the accreditation of the CEU Doctoral School in Historical Studies for indefinite period**

The Pro-Rector explained that the Doctoral School in Historical Studies received accreditation for definite period until June 30, 2007. The school has to resubmit the materials for the final accreditation for which a formal approval of the Senate is needed. The materials include the necessary changes required by the HAC.

*The Senate unanimously endorsed the proposal for the submission of the materials to the Hungarian Accreditation Committee.*