

**Minutes of the  
extraordinary ACADEMIC SENATE  
21 September 2007, 18.00-18.30**

*Present:* Yehuda Elkana (chair), Stefan Cibian, Julius Horvath, Janos Kis, Laszlo Kontler, Iryna Koshulap Zdenek Kudrna, Liviu Matei (*ex-officio, non-voting*), Howard Robinson, Roderick Martin, Robert Sata, Tibor Varady, Karoly Bard (*non-voting*)

*Not present:* Elissa Helms, Uwe Puetter, Michael Laurence Miller

*Minutes:* Andrea Csele

**1. Endorsement of the Rector search committee**

Following the Senate decision of June 18, 2007 to delegate Tibor Varady as senior member and Michael Miller as a junior member to the Rector Search Committee, the *Senate unanimously endorsed the full composition of the Committee, composed of: George Soros (chair), Leon Botstein, Patricia Graham and the two members appointed by the Senate, Tibor Varady and Michael Miller.*

**3. Appointment of Alfred Rieber as University Professor Emeritus**

Laszlo Kontler explained that with the retirement of Alfred Rieber from classroom teaching and in recognition for his contribution to CEU, he would like to propose to the Senate to appoint Alfred Rieber as University Professor. However, taking into account the regulations regarding the appointment of CEU University Professors, at the moment the places for the University Professorships are completed and in order to appoint a new University Professor, the number of full professors should be increased as well.

Janos Kis proposed to supplement the present regulations with the following proposal:

*“The Senate creates the title "university professor emeritus". A university professor who retires from CEU becomes automatically "university professor emeritus". The Senate may award the title "university professor emeritus" to any full professor upon his/her retirement”.*

*The proposal was unanimously endorsed as submitted.*

*The Senate unanimously endorsed the proposal to appoint Alfred Rieber as University Professor Emeritus.*

**4. Upcoming Board of Trustees meeting (October 14, 2007) – joint lunch with CEU Senate**

The Rector proposed to continue the tradition of the Senate having a joint lunch with the CEU Board of Trustees, and kindly asked those members who are available, to come to this joint lunch.

**5. Other business- regarding Hungarian accreditation**

Tibor Varady suggested that in order to enhance the awareness of the departments that the Hungarian accreditation is important for the university, it would be helpful if the University leadership would communicate with the departments in order to see what the problems are and how these can be solved.