

**Minutes of the
ACADEMIC SENATE
Friday, 20 May 2005, 12.30 - 14.00**

Present: Judit Bodnar, Nitsan Chorev, Yehuda Elkana (*chair*), Julius Horvath, Janos Kis, Zdenek Kudrna, Laszlo Matyas, Liviu Matei (*ex officio, non-voting*), Howard Robinson, Istvan Teplán, Diana Urge-Vorsatz, Tibor Varady

Minutes: Pusa Nastase

1. Approval of the agenda

Liviu Matei informed the Senate that Seth Wheeldon, the Chair of the Student Council was in attendance and suggested starting the meeting with the agenda item regarding the student regulations. With this amendment the agenda was approved as submitted.

2. Approval of the minutes

Diana Urge Vorsatz noted that although the minutes showed otherwise she was present at the previous meeting and asked for the minutes to record her presence. With this amendment the minutes were approved as submitted.

3. Approval of the validators

Zdenek Kudrna and Tibor Varady volunteered as validators.

4. Interim report of the extended Quality Assurance Committee on new student regulations

Invited: Seth Wheeldon

Liviu Matei reported that the Quality Assurance Committee had submitted the draft *Charter of Student Academic Rights and Protections* to the Senate for discussion and approval. He clarified that from a procedural point of view the Senate could decide upon this issue without consulting the Forum, given that the proposal came from a Senate committee. However, if the Charter would be discussed by the Academic Forum it would give the document more weight and legitimacy.

Yehuda Elkana stated that while it is important that faculty be consulted on such an important issue it is nevertheless essential to implement changes from the Fall.

Laszlo Matyas said that he has strong reservations about several issues included in the proposal such as the rule of having all previous exam questions available for students. Tibor Varady stated that he also is against publishing exam questions as a binding rule and that he disagrees with the suggestion of having the professors present when the examination takes place.

At Yehuda Elkana's suggestion, it was decided that upon consultation with Seth Wheeldon the Pro-Rector would draft a streamlined document leaving aside the controversial parts and then circulates this to the Senate members that will vote on the draft Charter via e-mail. The suggestions for policy changes included in the version

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submitted by the Quality Assurance Committee, but left outside the streamlined document, would be brought to the Forum for discussion in the Fall and only afterwards would be submitted to the Senate for approval.

The results of the email vote and the Pro-Rector's arbitrary decision to cancel the voting are missing here.

5. Progress report of the Curriculum Committee

Howard Robinson reported that so far the Committee had gathered information from departments regarding their syllabi. By the end of May the Committee could report back to the departments with recommendations on the specific measures they could adopt. He also mentioned that the Committee plans to use the materials gathered by the Curriculum Resource Center and use CRC's experience in the field.

Zdenek Kudrna suggested that it might be useful to have an electronic version of syllabi entered into the computer system, which would ensure their completeness and timely publication. Howard Robinson suggested that this could result in excessive bureaucracy.

6. Report on additional jobs of CEU full-time faculty

Liviu Matei explained that the document was requested by the Senate and compiled by the Human Resources Office.

Diana Urge-Vorsatz asked why CEU faculty cannot work more than a half-load outside CEU and more than a full-load at CEU. Yehuda Elkana clarified that this decision had been adopted by the Senate in order to leave faculty enough time for research.

7. CEU policy on the conditions for submission of applications for the Hungarian "egyetemi tanár" title

Laszlo Matyas explained that the "Egyetemi tanár" appointment policy presented to the Senate for approval is part of the legal requirements derived from the Hungarian accreditation.

The Senate debated that the teaching load of 4 credits per academic year might be too little and suggested increasing it to 6 credits as a rule (but under no circumstances fewer than 4) per academic year.

The policy on the Hungarian "egyetemi tanár" title was adopted (with 8 votes for and 3 against) as submitted with the following amendments:

Condition # 2: "As a rule, a teaching load of 6 credits (but under no circumstances fewer than 4) per academic year"

Condition # 9: "Recognition as a public intellectual" is left out of the document.

8. Academic Calendar for Academic Year 2005/2006

The Academic Calendar was approved as submitted.

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9. CEU Open Society Prize 2005

Yehuda Elkana noted that Antje Krog is a high caliber writer and a very well-known personality who gained recognition after reporting on the activity of the Truth and Reconciliation Committee in South Africa.

The Senate approved unanimously that the CEU Open Society Prize for 2005 be awarded to Antje Krog.

10. Senate membership change

The Senate approved unanimously that Eva Fodor would replace Nitsan Chorev in her second year as a Senate member, due to the fact that Nitsan Chorev will be away from CEU next year.

11. Other business

Diana Urge Vorsatz suggested that the Senate Committees should report to the Senate at the first meeting in fall 2005.