

# EFPSA

## General Assembly II

### Minutes

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**Members present:** Azerbaijan, Belgium (Leuven), Bosnia & Herzegovina, Czech Republic, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Switzerland, Turkey, United Kingdom







**Observers present:** -

**Others present:** Tea Jermaniš (TJ), George Savage (GS), Mary-Ann Kubre (MK), Ying Wai Cheung (YC), Victoria Firsching (VF), Nicole Saliba (NS), Working Community 2018-2019

**Adjudicators:** Catherine Friend (CF), Kristina Mozuraityte (KM)

**Minutes by:** Mary-Ann Kubre (Secretary General 2018-2019)

Topics/agenda:

-  **1. Approval of New JRP Team Member**
-  **2. Approval of New Board of Management Position**
-  **3.1 Original Proposal Approval of New Board of Management Position**
-  **3.2 Counter Proposal Approval of New Board of Management Position**
-  **4. Approval of EFPSA Academy 2019 Coordinator**
-  **5. Approval of Amendments to Statutes & Domestic Regulations**

Topic	Discussion	Decision
1. Approval of New JRP Team Member	GS: The new Team Member would be Vita Bogdanić. Due to the work load, the JRP team had some issues with the JRP project. Vita published a research project in her Bachelor's and she has great motivation for helping others. I therefore think this candidate is the best option for the team. Questions? (None)	38 in favour, 0 against, 8 abstaining. The proposal passes.
2. Approval of New Board of Management Position	GS: This proposal is simply to create the new Board of Management position, we will discuss the structure of said position in the next proposal. TJ: Questions? (None)	40 in favour, 2 against, 4 abstaining. Proposal passes.
3. Original Proposal Approval of New Board of Management Position & Counter	GS: The original proposal states that the Academic Affairs' Officer (AAO) will be in charge of JRP, JEPS and TO. Any Questions? Demos Alekou (DA): One issue with this was that SII and TO would be separated. We had a meeting with TO and TO decided that we want to switch to having the AAO as our Board of Management	12 for the original proposal, 30 for the counter proposal, 4 abstaining. The counter proposal passes.



**Proposal  
Approval of  
New Board of  
Management  
Position**

Responsible (BMR). Would that mean we would get more attention?

Anja Javorič (AJ): I think the AAO would not have more time for you as JRP and JEPS will take a lot of their time. Especially as JRP is going through changes. While if you stay under the Vice President (VP), we think you would get more time from the BMR.

GS: The new officer wouldn't just take over the services but also help develop these services. They'd help ensure that ESS and JRP are of high quality. The original proposal proposes putting 3 services under AAO, the counter proposal proposes TO will stay under the VP.

DÁ: JEPS is undergoing changes, I know that would mean we (TO) would get less attention compared to them but it'd be nice to grow in an academic sense.

Eva Hannon (EH): In terms of this, SII could be under AAO as well as we are educators too. We only have 2 events right now but it would be nice to have more of them.

Bojan Nys (BN): It's not like structure this won't be changed in the future, this position will go through a test phase. Later we can still decide whether we want to restructure

AJ: We created the counter proposal because we want the AAO to focus on the academic aspect and let these services and events grow both internally and externally. An important point is separating TO and SII. I don't think this is the place for TO. Lastly, it's a new position, we have to consider the position is still forming compared to the already existing positions.

GS: When we (BM) wrote this original proposal we also thought of the growth aspect. In my opinion, both arguments are valid and we should let the MRs decide. I think either way it'd be better than it is right now.

TJ: Questions? (None)

**4. Approval of  
EFPSA  
Academy 2019  
Coordinator**

NS: The call for EFPSA Academy 2019 was opened quite a few months ago and was reopened. We finally got one application from Josipa Simac (Croatia). As EFPSA Academy is a small event, it doesn't need a big Organising Committee (OrgCom). Members of the

44 for, 0 against 2 abstaining. The proposal passes.



OrgCom have organised events in the past (e.g. student exchanges) and they have 2 other Team Members in mind. They also have 2 venue options, sponsors and are quite certain they can get someone from the national origination of psychologists.  
Questions? (None)

**5. Approval of Amendments to Statutes & Domestic Regulations**

TJ: The proposal is to approve the regulations regarding the General Assembly (GA) breaks. Sometimes we have long GA's and it's not fair that you (MRs) have to sit here the whole time. We (BM) brainstormed how we could change that and how we would also have an overview of those who have left the GA room. We (BM) propose making an exception to Article 17 that there could exist official breaks where the delegates would be allowed to leave the room and their signature would be collected by the Secretary General. Upon returning the delegates must sign back in. And it is mandatory to return.

40 for, 2 against, 4 abstaining. The Proposal passes.

VF: The reason why this could be a good change is should we decide not to do a GA Preparation Session, which is not mandatory, the GA's could turn into longer sessions as the Working Community would be involved in the discussions too.

Darren Biggar (DB): Would there be a certain length of the GA when we should consider a break?

VF: I don't think it'll be a set number but maybe it could be similar to the breaks at school: having a 10 minute break when GA lasts longer than 1.5 hours for example.

TJ: Questions?

V: 40 for, 2 against, 4 abstaining