



Global Campus Alumni (GCA) Constitutive Assembly

17 November 2014, 6.00 PM CET

Present: Anes, Daniel, David, Kersty, Laura, Lydia, Mariah, Nermin, Niaz, Ricardo

Absent: Anastasyia, Remember, Romola, Sos

Chair: Lydia

Minutes: Laura

1. Introductions

- Mariah, APMA Board member, based in Bangkok working as a consultant in protection and human rights
- Kersty, Board member of the E.MAlumni association; based in Brussels where she works for Open Society Foundations
- Anes, from Sarajevo / ACIPS Association; based in Sarajevo where he leads the ACIPS association
- Laura, SG of GCA and E.MAlumni, based in London
- Daniel: Vice-President of the E.MAlumni; based in south-East Germany where he works as Academic assistant
- David: Representant of the Latin-American Association; based in Colombia where he works for UNHCR
- Ricardo: Representative of the Latin-American Association, based in Bolivia where he works for the Ministry of Justice
- Lydia: President of the E.MAlumni Association, based in Germany where she is doing her PHD
- Nermin (joined later): Board Member from ACIPS, based in Sarajevo

2. Presentation on the goals of the meeting

- Adoption of the GCA Statute,
- Appointment of the people that each Association is appointing to the GCA GA,
- Appointment of the members of the First Interim Board
- Adoption of the Letter of employment for Laura and of the 2014-15 Budget

3. Questions / Comments on the agenda

Anes (ACIPS)

- After consultations with the ACIPS Board, the decision is that ACIPS should be included in the Statute; >> Daniel (E.MAlumni) informs that according to the lawyer's advice we have removed the list of members from the Statute and a footnote refers to the members being listed in a document kept at the Association's seat.

No further comments.
Agenda has been adopted.

The representatives present formally adopt the following:

Location: Skype
Date: 17 November 2014

1. Appointment of the Representatives to the GCA General Assembly

According to article 10 - "General Assembly" - of the Statutes of the Global Campus Alumni (GCA) the following persons are appointed as Representatives of each association to the General Assembly of the GCA:

For the E.MAlumni Association:

- Lydia Malmedie
- Kersty McCourt

Process of appointment: The two elected person put their names forwards as volunteers and no one else from the Board came forward. The decision was made that only members of the Board would run for this first mandate.

For the Human Rights and Democratisation in Africa (HRDA) Alumni Association

- Remember Miamingi
- Romola Adeola

No further details on the appointment process. Both Representatives are absent.

For the Association Alumni of the Center for Interdisciplinary Postgraduate Studies (ACIPS)

- Anes Makul
- Nermin Custo

Process of appointment: Anes was empowered by the ACIPC Steering Board to represent ACIPS in the GCA GA until the new ACIPS Director is appointed and the elections are held.

For the Asociación de Engresados y Engresadas de la Maestría en Derechos Humanos para América Latina y el Caribe (EMDHAL)

- Ricardo Miranda Rivero
- David Medina

Process of appointment: Appointment has been a 'default' choice that fell on the current Representatives until new elections are held.

For the Asia Pacific Masters Alumni for Human Rights and Democratisation (APMA)

- Niaz Ahmed (by statute)
- Mariah Grant

Process of appointment: The two persons volunteered following an email exchange with the rest of the Board. Gender balance and Board memberships were adopted as the appointment criteria.

For the Human Rights Centre for European Studies Alumni Association (CEESA)

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- XXX

Representatives are missing and no person has been appointed previous to the meeting.

Discussions: Most Associations agreed to come up with a more formal democratic election / appointment process for the longer period.

2. Appointment of the members of the Board

According to article 12 - "Board" - of the Statutes of the Global Campus Alumni (GCA) the following persons are appointed for the duration of one year starting from the date of the Constitutive Assembly

- Lydia Malmedie (E.MAAlumni Association)
- Kersty McCourt (E.MAAlumni Association)
- Niaz Ahmed (APMA Association)

>> No objection or abstention.

>> Roles assignment to Board members (President, Vice-President, Treasurer) : none has been decided upon during the meeting. More info will be gathered from the Bank and a decision will be made then by vote by the General Assembly. Roles are an internal decision / arrangements important for transparency and accountancy, but they are not legally required for the submission of the Statutes.

Participants decided to take time until the next GCA GA meeting (mid-December / end of the year) and endorse role attribution. The time between now and then will give Board members time to think about individuals' interests and the actual tasks and responsibilities of the different roles.

Discussions prior to the appointment:

- Lydia suggested that 2 members are from the E.MAAlumni Association + another Representative from another Association (suggestion: Niaz, Asia Pacific Rep) to reflect both the current responsibility towards EIUC (mostly on E.MAAlumni) and the actual members' commitment to the network/community to date. Lydia also commented on the one year period being adapted to EIUC financial cycle.
- Kersty added that being based in Brussels she is happy to be part of the Board to facilitate the registration - bureaucratic - institutional process.

3. Appointment of the founding members

A list of the founding members and a list of the "present members" is available hereby and at the registered seat of the Association:

- E.MAAlumni Association
- Human Rights and Democratisation in Africa - HRDA Alumni association
- Association Alumni of the Center for Interdisciplinary Postgraduate Studies – ACIPS

- Asociación de Engresados y Engresadas de la Maestría en Derechos Humanos para América Latina y el Caribe – EMDHAL
- Asia Pacific Masters Alumni for Human Rights and Democratisation – APMA
- Centre for European Studies Alumni Association - CEESA

It is necessary to submit the names and passport details on the application for the GCA registration. The following persons will figure as founding members of the GCA Association. In case of legal/formal requirements only those qualifying will be official founding members:

- E.M.Alumni Association – represented by Lydia Malmedie (Passport details to be added*)
- ACIPS Association – represented by Anes Makul (Passport details to be added*)
- APMA Association – represented by Niaz Ahmed (Passport details to be added*)
- EMDHAL - **David / Ricardo** Passport details to be added*)
- HRDA Association - **Romola To be confirmed** (Passport details to be added*)
- CEESA - Sos (Passport details to be added*)

* All passport details are omitted in this document for confidentiality reasons.

Discussions prior to the appointment:

- Individuals should be from 3 different Associations which have existing Statutes in case provision of the Statutes is required by the lawyers / notary.
- Therefore, ACIPS, Africa Alumni, APMA and E.M.Alumni are potential candidates since CEESA and EMDHAL have no finalised Statutes.
- There is no limit to the number of founding members
- Founding Members will not be listed in the Statute

4. Adoption of the [draft GCA statute](#)

The Statutes are adopted. No objections, no abstentions.

Discussions prior to the adoption:

- Clarification was requested by Mariah (APMA) regarding the Membership fees mentioned in the Statute not needing to exceed 2,000 EUR. David and Ricardo (Latin-America) raised the same concern and expressed their preference to lower or delete references to any sum;
- >> Lydia explained that the FAIB advised that we include it as a formal 'protection measure' to limit potential higher amounts in the future.
- >> Kersty suggested that we mention the 2,000 EUR clause and the membership fee fixed at "0,00 EUR" in the same article so that it is made clear that the current membership fee is nihil.
- David (Latin-America) also mentions that it is important to mention that the Secretary-General's role is mentioned as supportive to dynamise the network and association;
- >> Lydia replied that this is already the case;
- David and Ricardo (Latin-America) asked clarifications on who can become a member of the Association (Associations or individuals) and to whom the fees would apply.
- >> Daniel and Lydia clarified that Associations are members and have the rights and obligations under the Statute.

- David (Latin-America) asked clarification regarding Romola's proposed additional clause in the Statute proposing a review of the Statute.

>> Lydia explains that we need no specification in the Statute regarding an 'interim' Board but that according to Romola's suggestion, we commit ourselves to review the statute during the next months. Kersty added that the interim period specified under Article 12 the period of appointment is up to 2 years, which means that the interim period can be any period less than 2 years.

Decisions:

- Participants confirmed that the membership fees is established at "0,00 EUR" until GA decides otherwise
- Changes in the Statute are made in the sense of Kersty's comment, so that there is no ambiguity regarding the 2000 EUR mention and the zero-fee provision.

5. Adoption of the [letter of intent](#) regarding employment of Laura Pasquero

The Letter of intent has been adopted. No objections, no abstention.

6. Adoption of the [budget 2014/15](#)

The 2014/2015 Budget has been adopted. No objections, no abstention.

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List of people present:

Anes Makul, ACIPS
Daniel Toda Castan, E.MAlumni Association
David Medina, EMDHAL
Kersty McCourt, E.MAlumni Association
Lydia Malmedie, E.MAlumni Association
Mariah Grant, APMA
Nermin Custo, ACIPS
Niaz Ahmed, APMA
Ricardo Miranda Rivero, EMDHAL

Laura Paquero, GCA / E.MAlumni Association