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ATEE 2021 General Assembly

First Online Meeting

20th May 2021 – 7 pm CET

AGENDA

1. Apologies and adoption of the agenda
2. Adoption of the minutes of the last General Assembly
3. Presentation of the Annual Report by the President
4. Approval of the 2020 Annual Accounts and the 2021 Budget
5. Presentation of the Annual Report by the EJTE Editors
6. Presentation of the Annual Report by the RDCs Coordinator
7. Disbandment of the RDC 'Secondary Education'
8. Election new members of the ATEE Administrative Council
9. Matters arising
10. Closure of the General Assembly

MINUTES

1. Apologies and adoption of the agenda

The meeting commenced at 7.18 p.m. CET, and was chaired by the President of the Association, Professor Davide Parmigiani.

The President welcomed the members, and thanked them for attending this online meeting of the ATEE General Assembly.

The following members emailed their apologies:

Maria A. Flores

Åsa Morberg

Ronny Smet for Karel de Grote Hogeschool

University of Hull, proxy to Davide Parmigiani

University of Florence, proxy to Davide Parmigiani

University of Osijek, proxy to Marta Kowalczuk-Walędziak

List of members attending:

Davide Parmigiani

Michiel Heijnen

Leah Shagrir

David Powell

Francesco Magni

M. Mercedes Gisbert

Onur Ergünay

Elizabeth Oldham

Agnieszka Szplit

Anja Swennen

Mhairi Beaton

José Gijón Puerta

Cendel Karaman

Milan Stojkovic

James McCall

Elizabeth White

Jolanta Galecka

Diola Bijlhout

Dana Hanesova

Lorraine Harbison

Mareike Oesterle

Serkan Keleşoğlu

Müzeyyen Nazlı Güngör

Erika Kopp representing ELTE University

Marta Kowalczuk-Walędziak representing the University of Białystok

Jésus Garcia-Laborda representing the University of Alcalá

Daria Milyaeva representing Moscow City University

Katrin Poom-Valickis representing Tallinn University

Virginia Larraz representing the University of Andorra

Paolo Nardi representing Cometa Associazione

Quinta Kools representing FONTYS

As per Art. 19 of the Statutes, unless otherwise stipulated in these Statutes, the General Assembly shall be validly constituted when at least one third (1/3) of the Members are present or represented.

The Association had 93 members as of 18th May 2021. Since 32 members were present and 3 members were represented by proxies, the meeting was quorate.

Ms. Mariagrazia Tagliabue was appointed to take minutes.

The President, Professor Davide Parmigiani, asked the members attending the meeting to adopt the agenda.

The proposed agenda was unanimously adopted by the attendees.

2. Adoption of the minutes of the last General Assembly

The President of the ATEE Administrative Council asked the members attending the meeting to vote for the minutes of the last General Assembly held online on 22nd June 2020.

The minutes were unanimously approved as accurate record of the meeting.

No changes would be made to the file sent to members.

The President thanked the attendees for approving the minutes of the previous General Assembly, and moved to the following item, presenting the annual report of the associations' activities.

3. Presentation of the Annual Report by the President

The President started his report by thanking all participants, all the members of the Association, and the RDCs Chairs for supporting the association, to the Editors for the high-quality Journal, and everyone who contributed to keeping the association alive with many online activities.

In his report, the President underlined that

- The online meetings of the Administrative Council were held monthly;
- One online conference was held in July 2020;
- The three conferences planned in 2021 were postponed to 2022, and more secured plans could be available after this summer;
- The Virtual Open Day organised in March 2021 was a successful event;
- A calendar of webinars is available;
- Enhanced institutional relationships, especially with the CULT Committee of the European Parliament and the European Commission;
- A database for members was created to cooperate with different organisations who need experts or external consultants;
- Full partnership in EU-funded projects is under consideration of the AC;
- A Book series to be published by Routledge: the first book to be released on 15th July, and a second one is planned for the beginning of next year;
- 14 RDCs are currently working, and only one to be disbanded;
- Active cooperation with the EU institutions to promote the European Education Area to be achieved by 2025;

4. Approval of the 2020 Annual Accounts and the 2021 Budget

The President gave the floor to the Treasurer, Dr. Marta Kowalczyk-Walędziak, for the presentation of the 2019 financial report and the 2021 annual budget.

Attention to the following issues: re-approve the budget as per Belgian Law

The Treasurer explained that the first part of her presentation would contemplate the financial report for the fiscal year 2020, and underlined the following challenges:

- Lower income from individual membership fees;
- Lower income generated by the EJTE royalties which continued to decrease over the last six years despite the higher impact factors. This is mainly due to Routledge open access policies, to the recent pandemic and increasing taxation in Belgium.

- No income was generated by conferences as the three conference were cancelled, and no fee were to be paid by the conference organisers of the online Winter Conference.

The general **2020 income** is lower than the budget approved for the same year, especially for:

Membership	actuals 24,760 EUR	budget 28,000 EUR
EJTE income	actuals 86,104 EUR	budget 90,700 EUR

The annual withholding taxes on royalties to be paid are equal to 5,107 EUR, and must be deducted from the total amount received for EJTE royalties: 46,464 EUR.

General costs were lower due to absence of face-to-face meetings as all the statutory meetings were held online.

The planned costs were lower than in 2019, except for the fees paid the Editors as this amount partly cover the editorial fees for the past three years.

The annual balance showed a total income 110,864 EUR, with total costs for 119,261 EUR and a negative result amounting to 8,397 EUR.

As for the 2021 budget, some changes were introduced with regard to online events, and the costs for statutory meetings were excluded.

The Treasurer expressed her concerns for the lower income, especially for royalties and the individual membership income.

Some members asked if this has been a trend, and then she explained that this was a variable factor over the last years difficult.

Questions were raised about the membership strategy, and what could be offered to new members.

It was noted that it might not be easy to work on a strategy when you have to offer extra benefits to new members.

One members asked if there might be opportunities for sponsorships, and the Treasurer responded it would be extremely difficult to raise funds for the educational sector.

The Treasurer underlined that a strategy could be the introduction of fees to be paid by non-members to attend conferences and online events; if the association is able to

organise quality events, these could be charged to non-members. Furthermore, joining Erasmus+ projects would also help to cover some costs for the ATEE members.

As for the decreased royalties, the AC members and Editors should discuss with the Publisher.

Dr. Kowalczyk-Walędziak concluded by wishing that members could help develop the association both from a financial and quality point of view.

Total budget for the fiscal year 2021: 141,800 EUR

The Treasurer asked the ATEE members to approve the 2019 financial report, and they voted as follows:

YES 35 - 0 NO – 0 ABSTAIN

The 2020 Financial report was unanimously approved.

The Treasurer asked the ATEE members to approve the 2021 budget:

YES 35 - 0 NO – 0 ABSTAIN

The 2021 budget was unanimously approved.

The Treasurer thanked the members of the Association for their cooperation.

The President asked the members of the Association whether they wish to discharge the members of the Administrative Council from any liabilities.

The ATEE members unanimously discharged the Administrative Council of the ATEE from any personal liability for the 2020 fiscal year.

Both the Treasurer and the President thanked the members for all the useful comments.

The President and the Treasurer asked the members to express their opinions on the proposal for reduced fees for individual members resident in low-income Countries as a part of the future membership strategy.

The first proposal is based on the list of the World Bank, and the second proposal is based on the rates for EU-funded projects.

Individual fees should vary from 110 EUR as a standard fee to 60-70 EUR for low-income Countries, from 75 EUR to 50-45 EUR for doctoral candidates, 30-20 EUR for Emeriti, practitioners and students.

A two-year standard membership of 200 EUR could be introduced.

The members concluded that the second option, based on the rates for EU-funded projects, could be the most appropriate.

All the members were thanked for the active participation.

The Treasurer reported that this strategy could help the financial impact and lower risk on the finances of the Association. She thanked the Administrative Council, and expressed her best wishes to the Association.

The President thanked the Treasurer for excellent job, and moved to the following item.

5. Presentation of the Annual Report by the EJTE Editors

Dr. Anja Swennen, Co-editor of the EJTE, took the floor to present the annual report of the European Journal of Teacher Education.

She underlined that many articles were submitted from different Countries as in the previous years.

The current impact factor of the Journal is 2,250, and the EJTE belongs to the upper quartile and has a good cite score.

The average speed of each article review is six months, and the Editors had been trying to increase this rate over the last year.

The Editor reported that James McCall decided to leave the Editorial Board after many years.

The members of the Editorial Board review at least six papers per year, and more quality reviewers would be needed in the near future. The members of the International Advisory Board occasionally review some papers.

The acceptance rate is now 16%, and article are published online after being accepted.

The most read articles are about Covid-19 and its effects on Teacher Education, and the most cited article has been written by Linda Darling Hammond and published in 2017.

A Special Issue on Teacher Education, Teacher Professionalism and Research was edited by Ian Menter and Maria A. Flores.

A second Special Issue on Teacher quality around the World is under publication.

The Editor concluded her report by thanking the members of the Editorial Board and the reviewers for their good job.

The President thanked Dr. Swennen for her report, and both the Editors for keeping the level of the Journal.

6. Presentation of the Annual Report by the RDCs Coordinator

The President reported that apologies were emailed by the RDCs Coordinator who had not been able to reach this meeting, and that the reports could to be made available to members before the Annual Conference in September.

7. Disbandment of the RDC 'Secondary Education'

The President proposed to the members to vote for the disbandment of this RDC, which had not been active for at least three years.

The members voted as follows:

Yes 35

No 0

The proposal to disband the RDC was approved.

Elizabeth White had to leave the meeting after the vote, and apologised for leaving.

8. Election new members of the ATEE Administrative Council

The President reported that the following members ended their mandates:

Marija Sablić

Marta Kowalczyk-Wałędziak

Further to the call for new three members launched in March 2021, the only application was submitted by Dr. Agnieszka Szplit, who was supported by these members:

Anja Swennen, the Netherlands

Elizabeth White, United Kingdom

Oslomet University, Norway

Karel de Grote Hogeschool, Belgium

FONTYS, the Netherlands

University of Latvia, Latvia

Since the Administrative Council has to be composed by at least seven members, the President asked if any member would volunteer to candidate in compliance with Art. 21.5 of the Statutes, which allows the General Assembly to wave all the formalities in case the number of candidates is insufficient.

Since no members volunteered, the President asked Dr. Szplit to present herself, and

reminded the members to vote via the online voting forms after the presentation.

The candidate was elected with

42 yes

0 no

3 abstain

As required by the Belgian Laws on Associations, the following changes would have to be recorded in the Official Gazette of Belgium - *Moniteur Belge*:

The following members ended their mandates on 20th May 2021:

Marija Sablić

Marta Kowalczyk-Walędziak

The following members were elected by the General Assembly on 20th May 2021:

Agnieszka Szplit

As of 20th May 2021, the Administrative Council will be the following:

Davide Parmigiani, elected President on 15th August 2019

Michiel Heijnen, elected Vice President on 15th August 2019

Erika Kopp, elected AC member on 15th August 2019

David Powell, elected AC member on 15th August 2019

Leah Shagrir, elected AC member on 15th August 2019

Agnieszka Szplit, elected AC member on 20th May 2021

Mariagrazia Tagliabue, acting as the authorised representative of the Association for Teacher Education in Europe, shall proceed with the deposit of the legal documents in the Official Gazette of Belgium, '*Moniteur Belge*'.

9. Matters arising

The President asked Dr. Anja Swennen to introduce Professor James McCall who was awarded an honorary membership by the Administrative Council.

Dr. Swennen explained that Emeritus Professor of Education James McCall had been the Editor of the EJTE from 2002 to 2007 when the Journal was the heart of the association,

and the only way to have academic information. The EJTE was a well-established academic journal when he left his position.

She thanked Professor McCall for the work done for Journal both as Editor and as a member of the Editorial Board.

Professor McCall underlined that ATEE should be a non-profit organisation, but the importance of the Journal is shown in the latest financial report, the success of the Journal has developed through the work of the Editors who followed, thanks to support from the AC, to a refreshed Editorial Board and to high quality reviewers who all keep high interest through the articles published. He concluded by wishing all his best for the for the future of the ATEE, and expressed his thanks to all.

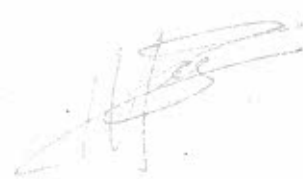
10. Closure of the General Assembly

Having discussed all the items in the agenda, the ATEE President Professor Davide Parmigiani, thanked the attendees for their active participation and closed the meeting at 9.20 pm.

Read, signed and approved by

Davide Parmigiani

Davide Parmigiani



Michiel Heijnen