



EUNIS Board VC meeting, 2th of June 2016, 8.00 – 9.00

Minutes

Present (Board members): John Murphy (President), Raimund Vogl (Treasurer), Michele Mennielli (Secretary), Mikael Berglund, Ramon Grau Sala, Yiannis Salmatzidis, Lígia Ribeiro, Tomasz Szmuc.

In attendance: Jean-François Desnos (Executive Secretary), Anna Pacholak (President Assistant)

Apologies: Ilkka Siissalo (Vice-President), Malte Dreyer, Bas Cordewener.

1. Fraud issue

The Board discussed the fraud issue. The Treasurer updated the Board on the investigation at the Dusseldorf University. The head of Dusseldorf University legal department has already given feedback on his investigation into 7 money transfers from the EUNIS account to an account of Dusseldorf University in the last 3 years. These transfers were for “tuition fees” Harald Spiegl owed to Dusseldorf University (or rather their students union) where he is also inscribed as a student. These transfers are thus clearly fraudulent and add to the damage (they have already been included in the calculated total). But there is no evidence from this that Harald Spiegl was acting as Treasurers Assistant in the context of his job position with Dusseldorf University. Thus Dusseldorf University feels not involved and not liable in the whole affair.

Selling the property of Mr. Spiegl until the end of September 2016 is not possible.

There were two solutions proposed to the Board in order to think over and make the decision up at the Board meeting in Thessaloniki: report immediately to the police or follow with the legal advice of Dr. Janzen from Germany.

The most reasonable proposal from the point of view of the Treasurer and according to legal advice taken in Germany is to accept the new proposal from Mr. Spiegl to repay EUNIS by October 2020. Dr. Janzen (lawyer acting on behalf of EUNIS) reserved a time slot for notarization of this agreement on Tuesday 7th of June 2016 and updated the documents to be signed accordingly.

The revised agreement (to be signed) fixes the debt to be repaid at €123.000 the mortgage is to be made for €120.000 (with 15% increase per year). The monthly payments are €500 and the interest rate is 2% - this means that there are no actual down payments on the debt and some €123.000 euro have to be payed when selling the house or by 1st of September 2020 at the latest. In any case, the mortgage gives the best chances to get back money, this is particularly true since Mrs. Spiegl as 50% co-owner of the house will also have to sign this so we have a security in her part of the property as well that could not be challenged by a private bankruptcy of Harald Spiegl himself. The payments are to start on 1st of June 2016. EUNIS will have to give a written statement that we will not further prosecute this or place further claims when we get the money back. If Mr. Spiegl fails to pay

and also execution fails (even without bankruptcy), EUNIS can still report to authorities in this timeframe since limitation on fraud is 5 years.

The Board decided to proceed with the approach of trying to sign a notary agreement by June 7, 2016. In the case Mr. Spiegl will not sign the agreement proposed by EUNIS as is, the Board will immediately report the fraud to the authority.

The Board also agreed to immediately start external and internal auditing for EUNIS. Before the end of the year 2016 an external agency will be in charge of the auditing. Starting from next year, the General Assembly will identify one Member to take care of this task.