



Proposal
Regarding the Concept for Amending the EDÖK Statutes

I. Executive Summary

The experience of the 2025/26/1 semester has shown that conducting Union elections during the autumn semester within the deadlines set by the currently effective Statutes is not feasible. I propose that we work with a later start date and longer periods for both nominations and voting.

The maximum size of faculty-level general assemblies does not align with the number of students enrolled in the doctoral schools managed by the respective faculties, which results in a high number of vacant representative seats. I propose that we make the size of faculty general assemblies flexible at the regulatory level: instead of a fixed maximum number of mandates, we should define a minimum that expands annually to match the current membership of the faculty-level student union. As a guiding ratio, I suggest providing 1 representative mandate for every 100 doctoral students.

The number of faculty delegates in the EDÖK General Assembly is currently fixed in an unbalanced proportion; I propose a review of this system.

In the spirit of internationalization, I propose that while Hungarian remains the primary working language, English should be designated as the secondary working language. The filing of our official documents should be done in Hungarian, but their publication should always be carried out in both Hungarian and English. Publication deadlines should apply to the Hungarian-language documents.

Simple majority, absolute majority, and two-thirds majority are currently inaccurately defined, particularly regarding those absent from meetings. I propose their correction and, in the case of abstentions, the implementation of the principle of classical neutrality.

The Rules of Procedure for the various bodies currently form annexes to the Statutes, meaning their amendment requires Senate approval. While this is justified for the main text of the Statutes, I propose that the Rules of Procedure become independent documents subordinated to the Statutes, requiring only the approval of the General Assembly as the supreme decision-making body to enter into force.

The operational incapacity of the bodies is currently loosely defined, particularly regarding the necessary actions to be taken in such cases. I propose that we build in mechanisms (e.g., extraordinary elections, interim officers, etc.) prior to a state of total incapacity that, when properly applied, guarantee the maintenance of operations. For cases of true operational incapacity, a protocol should be developed regarding how the

University, as the institution within which the Union operates, can restore the Union's functionality.

I propose that the current indicative practice of the EDÖK General Assembly voting on the monthly reports of officers be made into a formal resolution by amending the scope of authority of the General Assembly and the voting procedures accordingly.

II. Draft Resolution

1. The Board of Presidents of the University Doctoral Student Union hereby mandates the President of the Union and the Supervisory Board to prepare a proposal for the amendment of the Statutes based on the criteria formulated in the executive summary.

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