

ELTE TTK DÖK Presidential Report

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Dear Delegates!

I would like to inform you about my tasks as President of the Doctoral Student Self-Government of the Faculty of Natural Sciences. I prepared the report for March 2026.

Event calendar

4 th of March	I wrote a letter to Deputy Dean László Túri
5 th of March	TDT meeting
10 th of March	Consultation with Minister Balázs Hankó and State Secretary Veronika Varga-Bajusz
11 th of March	Dean's Council and Faculty Council
13 th of March	Extraordinary TDT vote
17 th of March	Institute Council
24 th of March	Doctoral information presentation
24 th of March	EDÖK consultation
31 st of March	Dean's Council and Faculty Council

Report

We discussed our ideas with EDÖK President András Gombás regarding the TTK Doctoral Schools' Open Day back in February. I outlined our ideas to Deputy Dean László Túri in my letter dated 4th of March. In the letter, I also highlighted that the doctoral schools have not yet harmonized their internal regulations in accordance with the paragraphs of Act 2025/LVII., and

I also drew the attention to the related opportunities. For this reason, I asked to speak up at the TDT meeting on 5th of March so that I could also tell the heads of the doctoral schools. All of this may be presented to the plenary again in a developed form at a later meeting.

On 10th of March, the EHÖK and the EDÖK held consultations with Minister Balázs Hankó and State Secretary Veronika Varga-Bajusz. I also participated in the event. I prepared an extract of the answers given to our questions and suggestions, which I shared with the members of the EDÖK presidency with a view to the future.

On 11th of March, the Dean's Council and the Faculty Council met. The councils themselves went off without incident until the very last thought (we decided on appointments and quality management procedures), but at the end of the Faculty Council, the Dean informed about the introduction of the Cooperative Doctoral Program/Cooperative Doctoral Training (KDK). I asked to speak here to inform the members of the Faculty Council that, unfortunately, according to our best information, the EKÖP-KDP will be discontinued in parallel. I personally consulted with Deputy Dean László Túri in this regard during the time between the two councils. The development of the KDK regulations is currently underway, and during this process, the EDÖK will do everything possible to ensure that the regulations are in line with the interests of doctoral students.

For the above reasons, the EDÖK presidency also met on 24th of March to discuss the developments related to this. The consultation took place in a constructive atmosphere.

On 13th of March, there was an extraordinary TDT vote, where we voted on the acceptance of the review committee and the accreditation of the supervisor.

I had a block doctoral course every day from 14:00 to 21:30 during the week of March 16, so I was forced to ask for an excuse from the Geography and Earth Sciences Institute Council on 17th of March. The Council adopted department head reports and the final version of the Performance Evaluation System. According to the minutes, no issues concerning doctoral students were raised.

Furthermore, on 24th of March, Éva Mercz and László Túri gave the last lecture of the semester on obtaining a doctoral degree, this time for doctoral students participating in the old, 3-year program. The lecture was attended by approx. 25 people.

On 31st of March, there was another Dean's and Faculty Council meeting. The Dean's Council discussed the problems of the heating system of university buildings and the possibilities for

solving them, and we also discussed at length how we could get more people to fill out the OHV questionnaires in order to improve the quality of education, since this is our common interest. The discussion on this was very constructive. Although this topic only affects doctoral students to a small extent, I believe that we, doctoral students, form the bridge between lecturers and students, so we can see certain situations from both sides. Therefore, I would encourage doctoral students to feel free to contact me with their beneficial comments aimed at improving the quality of education, so that I can convey them in the appropriate forums.

After the Dean's Council, I consulted with Deputy Dean László Túri regarding the KDK.

At the Faculty Council, we made decisions on the awarding of various awards, appointments, the acceptance of the final version of the Performance Evaluation System, the announcement of a position, and the adoption of the modified curriculum of the Biology MSc.

On 31st of March 31, I also posted an announcement forwarded to me on our Facebook page.

Thank you for reading my report, if you have any questions, please contact me with confidence.

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