



University Doctoral Students Union of Eötvös Loránd University
Minutes of the General Assembly

MINUTES
of the Ordinary Meeting of the ELTE EDÖK General Assembly

Held on: May 29, 2026, at 11:00 AM

Representatives present:

- András Gombás President of EDÖK
- Boglárka Fanni Tóth – BTK DÖK (Faculty of Humanities)
- Dorka Lippai – BTK DÖK
- Beier Liu – BTK DÖK
- Balázs Takács – BTK DÖK
- Levente Szemerédi – TTK DÖK (Faculty of Science)
- Owusu-Acheampong Emmanuel – TTK DÖK
- Botond Géza Gereczi – TTK DÖK
- Dorottya Erdős – PPK DÖK (Faculty of Education and Psychology)
- Edina Beáta Makszim – PPK DÖK
- dr. Lili Boglárka Karácsony – ÁJK DÖK (Faculty of Law)
- dr. Péter Áron Virányi – ÁJK DÖK
- Gábor Zsolt Dragonya – GTK DÖK (Faculty of Economics)
- Elizabet Végh – TÁTK DÖK (Faculty of Social Sciences)

Guests present with consultative rights:

- Zoltán Kovács Chair of the Supervisory Board
- Sára Szabó – DOKHÁLÓ
- Sergio Chaparro Arenas
- Chaparro Arenas Sergio
- Sahin Gizem
- Faska Elhoucine
- Adanu Peter Worlasi

Zoltán Kovács established that the General Assembly was quorate with 13 representatives present.

András Gombás undertook the task of recording the minutes.

András Gombás proposed adding the "DOKHÁLÓ open letter" item to the beginning of the agenda, adding the "AI rector's directive" sub-item to the

"Strategic matters" point instead of "Internationalization," and adding the "Delegations" point before "Others".

Modified agenda:

1. DOKHÁLÓ open letter
2. Announcements
3. Reports
4. Strategic matters
 - a. Statutes amendment
 - b. Preparation for the autumn 2026 ordinary representative elections
 - c. Strategy-making process
 - d. AI rector's directive
5. Public life scholarship of the Presidential Commissioner for Strategic Affairs
6. Delegations
7. Others

The General Assembly adopted the agenda with a unanimous decision of 13 "yes" votes.

1. DOKHÁLÓ open letter

Sára Szabó introduced herself to the General Assembly. She explained that she arrived as the contact person for DOKHÁLÓ, which is an informal, grassroots platform consisting of doctoral students spanning across universities, established on May 1, 2026. They formulated an open letter to the decision-makers of the Hungarian Government responsible for higher education, which is also distributed in the form of an open petition, currently standing at 1,000 signatures.

The focal point of the open letter is the proposal to increase the basic doctoral scholarship by law as soon as possible to the level of the current gross guaranteed minimum wage, which is 373,200 HUF/month.

Sára Szabó made the following proposals for potential cooperation between DOKHÁLÓ and ELTE EDÖK:

1. Distributing the petition on ELTE EDÖK's communication platforms
2. Organizational support
3. Representation at the sectoral management level

András Gombás drew attention to a previous DOSZ (Association of Hungarian PhD and DLA Candidates) statement, which was published after the parliamentary elections and also proposes improving remuneration in doctoral training to create existential security.

Sára Szabó explained that they had not yet contacted DOSZ but had already thought about establishing contact; however, in the first round, they are trying to gather support for their initiative in a grassroots manner. She added that, unlike the open letter, the DOSZ statement did not contain a specific amount proposal.

András Gombás emphasized that from the perspective of negotiations with sectoral management, interest representation through DOSZ is the official procedural route, so for this level of representation of the grassroots initiative, he considers it necessary to contact DOSZ and to establish and operate communication channels between the bodies, in which ELTE EDÖK can be a cooperating partner.

Sergio Chaparro Arenas suggested that the open letter should be published in English as well.

Emmanuel Owusu-Acheampong emphasized the importance of communication with DOSZ, recognizing that the strategic goals of the different organizations are identical in this regard; he recommends unified action and initiating the necessary discussions and cooperation for this.

András Gombás added from the perspective of international students that, in his view, the entire framework of the SH (Stipendium Hungaricum) program will presumably also be subject to review under the new government.

András Gombás explained that in the current situation of doctoral scholarships, there can be significant differences between universities, given the financing contracts of universities operating in the KEKVA (public interest trust foundation) model, which provide funding above the normative subsidies. He stated that with the announced, but currently not detailed, transformation of the KEKVA maintainer structure, the statutory normative financing of universities will presumably also undergo a comprehensive transformation. He added that besides financing, the system of conditions and requirements for state scholarship support is also a significant strategic issue. He outlined the concept of statistical-based normative reimbursement defined in the decree of the previous government, regarding which he pointed out that alongside ensuring increased funding, the introduction of guarantees aligning with the new government's strategy can also be expected, potentially even leading to a comprehensive transformation of doctoral training.

Sára Szabó agreed that there is currently little information available about the prospects of universities formerly operating in the KEKVA model, and that the transformation itself is a longer and more comprehensive process. She emphasized, however, that she considers it important that in this process, the special situation of those in doctoral training and ELTE students receives due

attention, and the necessity of increasing the basic doctoral scholarship should be represented with sufficient weight at the negotiating table.

András Gombás added that focus must also be placed on the academic and social utility of doctoral research, and in this regard, it is worth coming forward with grassroots proposals reflecting the current situation from the interest representation side as well before there is an opportunity to sit down at the negotiating table with the competent authorities.

Sára Szabó agreed on the need for regulatory guarantees and suggested that by reducing the number of doctoral places, the quality and financial appreciation of doctoral programs could be increased even without additional resources.

The General Assembly adopted **General Assembly Resolution 31/2026 (V. 29.)** with 10 "yes" votes and 3 abstentions, according to which the General Assembly of the University Doctoral Students Union of Eötvös Loránd University, based on the discussions during the agenda, supports in principle the increase of basic doctoral scholarships, and furthermore recommends its members to support and disseminate the petition presented as a grassroots initiative of DOKHÁLÓ at their own discretion.

2. Announcements

No comments were made.

3. Reports

The General Assembly adopted **General Assembly Resolution 32/2026 (V. 29.)** by secret ballot with 12 "yes" votes and 1 abstention, regarding the approval of the report of András Gombás, President of the University Doctoral Students Union.

4. Strategic Matters

a. Statutes amendment

András Gombás presented proposal 3.a.

The General Assembly adopted **General Assembly Resolution 33/2026 (V. 29.)** with 11 "yes" votes and 2 absences, regarding the amendment of the Statutes as per proposal 3.a.

b. Preparation for the autumn 2026 ordinary representative elections

András Gombás presented the preliminary information according to proposal 3.b. regarding the scheduling of the autumn ordinary representative elections.

c. Strategy-making process

András Gombás presented proposal 3.c.

The General Assembly adopted **General Assembly Resolution 34/2026 (V. 29.)** with 7 "yes" votes, 1 abstention, and 5 absences, according to which it supports the implementation of the strategy-making process of the University Doctoral Students Union as per proposal 3.c., and furthermore requests the role-players of the Union to actively participate in it.

In response to Sergio Chaparro Arenas' question, András Gombás explained that anyone's application and active participation in the working group are expected, but it would not be made mandatory for anyone.

Levente Szemerédi added that he plans to compile the strategic document with the working group by September and then present it to the current General Assembly, with the adoption of the document taking place at the inaugural General Assembly of the next cycle.

The General Assembly adopted **General Assembly Resolution 35/2026 (V. 29.)** with a unanimous decision of 13 "yes" votes regarding the establishment of the EDÖK Strategic Working Group and the appointment of Levente Szemerédi, EDÖK Presidential Commissioner for Strategic Affairs, to lead it.

d. AI rector's directive

dr. Lili Boglárka Karácsony presented the ÁJK DÖK position regarding the draft AI rector's directive applying to doctoral students. She suggested developing comprehensive rules applying to bachelor's, master's, and doctoral training instead of separate regulations, and clarifying ambiguous and legally difficult-to-verify wordings. She emphasized that strategically it would be important to review the cases of prohibiting AI use.

András Gombás explained that the University Doctoral Council reviewed the draft, to which the ÁJK DÖK position was also attached; Dr. Áron Badinszky, the rector's commissioner responsible for coordinating the "Artificial Intelligence Flagship Project," informed the council that based on the proposals, the draft will be revised and sent out for a second round of review.

5. Public life scholarship of the Presidential Commissioner for Strategic Affairs

András Gombás presented the proposal for scholarships:

Position	Officer Stipend	Budget
President of EDÖK	200,000 HUF/month	EHÖK ISZTK
Vice-President of EDÖK	70,000 HUF/month	EHÖK ISZTK
President of the EDÖK Supervisory Board	50,000 HUF/month	EHÖK ISZTK

Position	Officer Stipend	Budget
President of faculty doctoral students union	100,000 HUF/month	Faculty ISZTK
Presidential Commissioner for International Integration of EDÖK	max. 50,000 HUF/month	EHÖK ISZTK
<u>Presidential Commissioner for Strategic Affairs of EDÖK</u>	<u>max. 50,000 HUF/month</u>	<u>EHÖK ISZTK</u>

The General Assembly adopted **General Assembly Resolution 36/2026 (V. 29.)** by secret ballot with 11 "yes" votes and 1 abstention, regarding the determination of the maximum amount of the public life scholarship of the Presidential Commissioner for Strategic Affairs according to proposal 4, while simultaneously delegating to András Gombás, President of the University Doctoral Students Union, the determination of the amount that can actually be applied for the activity performed in the given application period, taking this into consideration.

6. Delegations

The General Assembly adopted **General Assembly Resolution 37/2026 (V. 29.)** by secret ballot with a unanimous decision of 11 "yes" votes regarding the delegation of Dorka Lippai to the Student Legal Remedy Committee as a substitute member.

The General Assembly adopted **General Assembly Resolution 38/2026 (V. 29.)** by secret ballot with a unanimous decision of 11 "yes" votes regarding the delegation of Balázs Takács to the Quality Assurance Committee as a substitute member.

The General Assembly adopted **General Assembly Resolution 39/2026 (V. 29.)** by secret ballot with a unanimous decision of 9 "yes" votes regarding the delegation of Beier Liu to the Library Council.

7. Miscellaneous

No comments were made. András Gombás closed the meeting.

Budapest, June 2, 2026

András Gombás
president
University Doctoral Student Union