

Meeting N.:	GA 2019	Chairperson	Mike Murphy
Participants	Present:	the participant sheets are attached, approx. 61 members	
	Apologies:	Françoise Côme, Arkadiusz Mezyk, Ludo Froyen, Gerald Farrel, Michiel Steyaert	

SEFI GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2019

Budapest University of Technology and Economics - 17/09/2019 at 16:30

Minutes:

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA SEFI/GA/19/2
Agenda was adopted by the GA.
2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
Françoise Côme, Arkadiusz Mezyk, Ludo Froyen, Gerald Farrell, Michiel Steyaert
3. MINUTES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2018 (Lyngby) SEFI/GA/19/10
President Murphy presented the minutes to the GA and the minutes were approved.
4. MATTERS ARISING from the Minutes other than those itemized below
No specific matters arising from the minutes of the last year.
5. PRESIDENT' S REPORT SEFI/GA/19/3
Mike Murphy presented an oral report.
The President praised the two presidential candidates and thanked them for their service to SEFI and their support and cooperation over his term as President. He noted the visible increase in energy coming through from the Working Groups and new members. He particularly recognised and noted the importance of the Working Groups and the work of the chairs to SEFI. Furthermore he reflected on his tenure as president, and remarked that he would like to have had more time to devote to SEFI. SEFI provides a haven for members and Annual Conference participants, and provides a space away from the normal tasks and duties within our home institutions and universities. Across the world SEFI is recognised as a fun organisation – in the most positive sense of the word - and our Annual Conferences provide fantastic opportunities to network. Consequently we continue to develop our international links with CSEE, ASEE, AAEE, BEST, Tsinghua, etc. The President also acknowledged and praised the board members for their work and the support that they provided to him over the last two years. SEFI is a network, and the value of networks increases with more members. Therefore SEFI needs to continue to focus on membership and providing value to our existing members. He thanked the SEFI Headquarters Mrs Françoise Côme and Klara Ferdova for their contributions.
6. FINANCIAL MATTERS
 - 6.1. Report of the Treasurer SEFI/GA/19/4
No written document was circulated beforehand.
The treasurer, Carlo Noe, has presented his report.
The report was approved.

6.2. Approval of 2018 Balance/Running Accounts /Auditor's report SEFI/GA/19/5

No written document was circulated beforehand.

The Treasurer's report was approved.

6.3. Discharge of Administrative Officers

No business was discussed under this agenda item.

6.4. Approval of the 2020 membership fees SEFI/GA/19/6

The fees remain the same as in 2019. Approved.

6.5. Approval of the 2020 Budget SEFI/GA/19/7

After a discussion the budget was approved.

7. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

7.1. Appointment of scrutineers

Tinne De Laet, Klara Kovesi – approved by acclaim

7.2. Election of Vice-President 2019-2021 SEFI/GA/19/8

Hannu-Matti Jarvinen introduced himself and his motivation for the VP position..

- elected by acclaim

7.3. Election of President 2019-2021 SEFI/GA/19/9

Luis Sanchez presented himself to the GA and his candidature for SEFI Presidency.

Yolande Berbers presented her profile in curriculum development and her candidature for SEFI Presidency.

Questions were asked by the general assembly, which the candidates answered. The votes were then cast.

Yolande Berbers was elected the new president of SEFI. Luis Sanchez will continue his vice presidential mandate until the end of his term on 30/09/2020.

7.4. Election to the Board of Directors SEFI/GA/19/10

All candidates were introduced by the president Mike Murphy and were elected by acclaim by the General Assembly.

The newly elected members are:

- Greet Langie (KU Leuven)
- Antoine Lanthony (Supmeca Paris)
- Gillian Saunders-Smits (TU Delft)
- Jan van der Veen (Twente University)

The following BOD members were re-elected:

- Fredrik Georgsson (Umea University)
- Neil Cooke (Birmingham University)
- Seweryn Spalek (Silesian Technical University)

8. WORKING GROUPS, STANDING COMMITTEES AND EEDC SEFI/GA/19/11

8.1. Change of name and appointment of new chairs

Based on the request from the WG chairs, the groups have been renamed to the more suitable: „Special interest groups“ (SIG)

- Dr Roland Tormey is the new co-chair of the SIG on Ethics
- Dr Ines Direito is the new chair of the SIG on Gender and Diversity
- Assoc. Prof. Calvin Rans is the new chair of the SIG on Open and Online Education

8.2. Dissolution or creation of working groups

The group on Quality Assurance and Accreditation has been dissolved.

Aris Avdelas expresses a great disappointment about the dissolution of the group.

8.3. Support to the working groups

Yolande Berbers communicates the resume of the meeting with the SIG chairs that took place on 17/09 at noon. Klara Ferdova adds, that there are now regular meetings of the chairs with the Ad-hoc committee on Liaison with the SIGs.

8.4. Reports of activities by the Chairpersons

Reports were presented in writing prior to the General Assembly

Kristina Edstrom presented her report on European Journal of Engineering Education. (attached)

9. TRANSFER OF PRESIDENTIAL POWERS

Prof Yolande Berbers won the SEFI presidential elections and will become president as of 1/10/2019 until 30/09/2021. The presidency was officially passed from Mike Murphy to Yolande Berbers.

10. CLOSING

Date of next GA:	September 2020	Chairing:	Mike Murphy
Minutes taken on:	17/09/2019	Made by:	Klara Ferdova