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## Introduction

My name is Melinda Baranyai and I am studying for my Masters in Psychology. I enrolled at PPK in 2011 as a Pedagogy student, shortly after I also started a Psychology Bachelors from which I received my degree last year. This September, I started my Master's in Social and Organisational Psychology. The environment at PPK deeply influenced me; I still live every day by the values I learnt here. Our Faculty is diverse, there are many people with several ways of thinking who meet and unite at PPK under one principle: "PPK, everything that is human". I think our motto perfectly reflects the values our teachers and students live by.

Since my first year at the University, I have actively participated in our Faculty's public life as both an Animator and a member of the "Delegált Kör" (Delegate Circle), to support students with any difficulties and answer questions about their studies. I joined the Student Union in November 2013 as a Committee member, where I was responsible for dormitory issues and scholarships. By March 2014, I was head of the Student Welfare Committee. As a member of the board, I had good insight on how the organisation is structured and how everyday operations are conducted, also helping me to better understand the functions of the Faculty and the University. In the Student Welfare Committee I was tasked with granting benefits to students, and financing and managing the scholarship-system. The Faculty's Scholarship Committee was established in September 2015, and since that time I am also head of this Committee. The Student Welfare Committee successfully organized an event called "Everybody Helps", where faculty students could take part in volunteering activities for one day. The experience I gained through participating in committee and union life has motivated me to run for President and to set myself new challenges, advocating for my fellow students. Since 2016, I have been a Reserve Member of the Student Union National Election Conference, representing our faculty's interests on a national level.

Since I was elected I discovered a lot about the Union, the University and the Faculty's structure. I have learnt how to think on an organisation level; being part of the the National Student Union Conference I have to handle tasks and problems at a University level, while representing my fellow students and helping them with their problems.

Last year we achieved some positive changes in many fields with the Student Union members, and we started many long-term projects which we would like to continue and finish. Our most important goal is to address all students' requests and questions about the faculty and university. To accomplish this, we need an effective advocacy programme.

## **Motivation, comprehensive goals**

Last year there were couple of changes and it still possible to feel the impact. At the end of spring, it was announced that the Savaria University from Szombathely is joining ELTE, and it's integration was completed on February 1st, 2017. We had many advocacy tasks to prepare the integration, and we are still trying to make the students from Szombathely integrate into the new combined organisation. We structurally changed our Student Union so we have a Vice President who assures that the interests of the students from Szombathely are represented. In the future we would like to include students from Szombathely in as many of our events as possible, to show them the „PPK feeling”. We are planning to organise specific programmes to build the foundations of the PPK-Identity in Szombathely. To be able to represent and help students at this campus, we would like to hold a training session for the interested students to involve them in the advocacy system.

In September, we started a new system to advocate each class group for each course separately. This way, we can make sure the information-flow reaches everyone. In the future, we would like to develop this structure and also partner it with a feedback system. Our objective is to collect all the student feedback at the end of each semester and transfer the results to the head of each department and to the head of the institutes, so they can improve and continuously develop the study programmes. PPK has a great responsibility to reform education feedback, and to make all the results public. Our goal is to use fewer and more relevant questions to make the surveys easier and quicker to fill out for everybody. As a result of this, everyone will have the possibility to communicate their experiences about the classes and the teachers in a concise way, and after we published these results, it will be easier for students to choose the right courses for themselves. After we have succeeded in making this public, we would like to introduce a new tradition and announce the best performing teacher for each institute, who we would like to interview for our newspaper, PersPeKtíva. I think this will further motivate students to fill out the feedback forms. I firmly believe the public feedback could incite the teachers and the university to improve the quality of education and to motivate students to plan their studies well and continue on to post-graduate studies at the faculty. While we write our dissertation or obligatory research projects, we can often bump into problems, such as not being able to conduct tests, host an interview, or organise meetings with our course members, because the faculty doesn't have enough classrooms. For this reason, we would like to allocate a dedicated room for this in the basement of KAZY, which students could reserve for their projects in the opening hours of the building. This is one way we

would like to help our fellow students in their final year when they are writing their dissertations. Perhaps the most significant and memorable event of our university years is the graduation ceremony. In the last couple of years, we planned to celebrate it and make it unforgettable with a street festival, but something was always missing for the students: the academic gown. We would like to make it possible, working together with the University's Service Centre and the Faculty, for everyone to celebrate the end of their studies and receive their degree in formal academic gowns. I think this can only happen if the Student Unions of each ELTE faculty work together to reach this goal.

To accomplish all our objectives, it is necessary to train and further educate our Committee members. For the improvement, we take part in university-wide specific training sessions organised by EHÖK, and in specialisation weekends by HÖOK. During these weekends, our members can attend workshops and trainings relevant to their own specialisation, and they can share their recently gained knowledge to the Student Union members and improve their responses to the students' requests. On a Faculty level, we find it important to hold an organisation and team building weekend each semester, where our Union members can get together, share ideas and improve their cooperation. These weekends also offer time and space to plan new projects, and to work on the programme, creating solutions for how to make them happen. It's also a good chance to make two separate Committees work together.

To be able to function well, our Student Union needs to have a good relationship with the University's Student Union as well as have an active cooperation with the rest of the Student Unions. There are more and more cases which we need to talk about on a University level, and our duty is to make sure each student's interests are equally represented. It is one of our most important goals with the Faculty to keep a good relationship and an effective collaboration between the institutes in our Faculty. We would like to continue to play a role in different projects university-wide, so we can build a closer relationship with our teachers and students.

## **Vice president**

With the various tasks of the President of the Student Union, the help of the Vice President in planning and organization is essential. Substituting the president and sustaining the transparent operation of the Faculty Delegates Meeting by organizing the prepared reports is among the vice president's many responsibilities.

As a result of our work in the past year, we post a report on the Student Union website following every presidential meeting and Faculty Delegates Meeting. In the future we would like to make the accessibility and transparent presentation of these reports easier, therefore, in the form of short **monthly summaries** the most important questions relevant to students would be published in the form of easy-to-follow infographics.

Compared to the past few years we revitalized the tradition of **office hours** for each Student Union member, to ensure possibility for the students to reach and have personal contact with us. The opportunity to seek personal help proved to be highly valuable to many students during the period of scholarship applications.

It is not only the contact between the students and Student Union that is becoming easier, but also the members of the different committees in our organization are given the possibility to meet their colleagues working in different fields, reinforcing connection and cooperation, as well as aiding the flow of information about recent news and tasks at hand.

Filling in the position of the vice president also comes with tasks related to advocacy, including the information of the interested students about the structure and function of the organization, and the preparations of newly entering officials.

In connection to this, we would like to reintroduce the suggestions box in the form of a **Virtual Suggestions Box**, so ideas can be anonymously submitted through the website via a form. Collecting ideas is just function of the box; we also hope to receive feedback, recommendations and questions through it.

**Project management** is an outstandingly important process within the organization, where both the presidency and the committees do work in different fields and tasks. We intend to make the projects of the Student Union transparent on every level, so all the dates and deadlines become easily accessible in the already existing shared calendar. In the future we would like to integrate the already collected projects on an online platform, where the ongoing projects in the different fields would become easy to follow with constant updates on recent progress and significant



developments. Students can keep track with our current projects within the frames of monthly summaries.

Maintaining a close-knit and smoothly working organization is also a prominent task for the vice president, so is making sure its members are up to date with the tasks belonging to each committee and field of expertise. Last year we managed to gain deeper insight into each others' tasks within the confines of a project afternoon and a teambuilding weekend. In the future we intend to continue this and organize more **project days** to collect ideas regarding communication, keeping in touch with the students in Szombathely, or making the election system more student-centered.

To reinforce team spirit and appreciate the hard work of our office holders we have fashioned new **Student Union T-shirts**. Wearing them, we can effectively represent our organization during the Faculty Open Days, or other official faculty programmes. We plan to keep this tradition alive, so every newly introduced Student Union member will receive a shirt displaying the logo of the PPK Student Union to further strengthen our identity.

We are constantly working to facilitate and improve **communication** within the organization. We intend to keep up the effort put into this goal meeting the committees regularly aside from project afternoons and joint travels to talk through the upcoming tasks, as well as receive **ideas** and **feedback** about our projects. We attempted to apply this method preparing for the elections and integrate every feedback into our programme.

## **Vice President of the Szombathely Campus**

The primary job of the Vice President of PPKSzombathely is to give the most accurate answers possible to the upcoming questions of the students, in cooperation with the different Student Union Committees, and to ensure that our students' interests are properly represented in the Faculty.

Our goal is to establish a Student advocacy system at the Szombathely campus as well, to which the students can turn to with trust, and that truly serves the interest of the students.

We find it important that the students from Szombathely also take part in our Freshmen's Camp, thus integrating them into the Faculty's community, while creating and strengthening their „PPK identity“. Besides this, we would like to keep our already established Freshmen's Days traditions, where the freshmen students could get to know each other and the town as well.

We place strong emphasis on organizing field-specific evening lectures, which will be held from this year on in every semester, with the participation of the students specialized in sports.

The Shortfield Football House Cup is a traditional event in Szombathely, which is also organized in every semester. This programme intrigues a lot of students here; its popularity signifies our student community and improves the social life at our campus.

Just like in previous years, we are planning on organizing the Students' Days this time too. This event offers several new programs, specifically created for the students of PPK, but the traditional programs will also be held. In both the Spring and Autumn semesters we plan on organizing hikes for the students of PPK to strengthen social cohesion and teamspirit.

The students are constantly notified about each available scholarship opportunity, academic news and social events. For a faster and more effective communication, we would like to arrange a Facebook group with the students of PPK in Szombathely, where in cooperation with the Communication Committee, they could get immediate and valid updates on the faculty news.

We find it very important, that the students at Szombathely get to know about all the trainings, which are held by the Academic Committee and the Organizer Committee. This way the students of Szombathely can also gain knowledge about the functioning of the university and adopt changes from the practices of the Budapest campus in organizing events and transferring information to the students

## **Student Welfare Committee**

### **Social support**

One of the most significant responsibilities of the Student Union is providing students arriving from more difficult backgrounds with social support often vital for them to make ends meet. As president of the Student Welfare Committee in the previous year, I worked to give students a clearer view on the rather complex system of social scholarship applications. Giving students the highest quality and most easily comprehensible information remains our primary goal. Regular social support has been unified within the university for two years now. Our aim is to cooperate with the University Students' Social and Scholarship Committee, continuously monitoring legal changes and students' needs, and keeping the score system up to date with the current situation. As a part of this effort, the criteria in application forms for chronic diseases and disabilities will be reconsidered and reviewed by an independent expert.

Last year we introduced the application for outstanding volunteer activity scholarship and exceptional social support via Neptun, making it easy for students to apply comfortably from home. Exceptional social support has also been unified across the university, and along with regular social support, it gets reviewed by us and the University Students' Social and Scholarship Committee every semester.

The highlight of the previous semester was Savaria University Center joining ELTE. We have already informed our newly joined students about social aid and other faculty applications. We would like to repeat this at the beginning of every year, to make sure students in Szombathely can simply and fluently apply for every scholarship be it social or otherwise. Keeping in touch with the vice president responsible for the matters in Szombathely is a vital part of this process.

Cooperating with the Communications Committee is very important to us, because it gives us the chance to continuously inform students about their options. In the future, it remains a primary goal for us to inform students in time about changes, possibilities and application periods relevant to them. To this end, in March we will place pamphlets about applications in faculty buildings, and plan to repeat it before every application period. We will also work to post every information relevant to our committee on our website.

We would like to keep up the constructive cooperation with the Faculty Scholarship Committee and assist its work in all upcoming tasks and the evaluation of incoming applications. We also plan to keep our active participation in programs and projects related to our faculty and committee.

## **Dormitory matters**

We keep working to maintain our already established close relation with the Dormitory Students Union, and aid them in their constructive and progressive initiatives. We also hope to keep our similarly good relations with the student councils of each dorm. Updating the dorm descriptions is a currently running project, and in the future, descriptions of the three social dormitories in Szombathely will also appear on the site next to the other ones.

## **Faculty applications**

We made a big step forward with the faculty application systems too, since the currently running application period takes place entirely via Neptun for the first time. Hopefully this method will make the system more transparent for students, and simplify the process of evaluation.

Another project planned is the revision of category “A” sport scholarships in order to provide students with the best possible circumstances for application.

With the joining of the Szombathely students, it became a priority to make the demonstrator application available online, and with this final step, all applications are moved to this online platform starting from May. As a result, all applications within the faculty will become even more simple and transparent. We are also working together with the science representative on shaping a clear and streamlined score system.

During the autumn, we plan on creating a new scholarship to help students going on academic excursions, giving students a chance to further improve their professional competences outside the classrooms.

## **Equal opportunities**

Even the motto of our faculty (“All that is essential”) refers to the importance of creating equal opportunities. So far, Kazy is fitted with Braille signs for room names and numbers, about which we received only positive feedback from our visually impaired students. That is the reason why we’d like to implement this practice in the Izabella street building and the BEAC (Budapest University Athletics Club) as well.

It is very important to us to create comfortable surroundings for our special needs students. That is why we work to make temporary aids for them readily available until permanent ones are found.

We planned out a new programme, giving our students an insight to everyday life with a visual impairment, called the Invisible Dinner. It would include a smaller dinner for our students, which

they'd have to consume while blindfolded. A small conversation with visually impaired students would also be included, giving a chance to students to try and share their everyday experience. If the program receives positive feedback we will organize similar ones based around other everyday activities, such as shopping or getting dressed. We would also like to organize trips to the Invisible Exhibition for the students.

Everybody helps days have already become a tradition at our faculty. Based on previous years' experiences we would like to introduce more locations where students can lend a hand, and mostly focus on Fridays, so even more students have a chance to participate. Working together with the Equal Opportunities Committee of the University Students Union, we would like to spread this initiative to the other faculties. Some preparations have already been made, so this spring we expect a larger scale programme.

Similar to recent years we would like to join all charities organized by the University SU and the National Conference of Student Unions. We hope to establish a charity point at Izabella street too, so we can take donations at one more location.

Working together with the sport coordinator, we have planned a series of lectures where students could talk to Paralympic and other para-sportsmen and women about their careers and achievements. Each time we would invite representatives of different sports and give different topics for the discussion.

We received large amount of positive feedback about the stickers placed around campus encouraging environmental protection and energy saving. We hope to keep them up, replace the missing ones and place even more in our buildings.

Keeping our close cooperation with the faculty's coordinator of disability issues and aiding each other's work as much as we can is also an important matter for us. We would also like to keep in contact with the ELTE SU Equal Opportunities Committee and its representative providing assistance to their projects, and taking part in their events.

## Finance Committee

The main goal of our work is to **provide financial support** for each specialization and to **ensure transparency**. We are trying to improve our website even further. The main objective is to create clean interfaces, which are accessible and easy to understand for everyone. Based on the results of a student survey two years ago, a significant proportion of the students would like to get a more detailed insight into the work and accounting of the Student Union, thus we would like to publish the financial reports of 2016– in addition to the existing ones.

Furthermore, we would also like to share the preliminary draft budget of the Students' Union for the given year and the years before and after that. On the website, we would like to list the tasks of the members of the Finance Committee and the background of our operational framework and moreover, we would like to provide the interested students with a brief and easily understandable overview next to the infographics about the resource allocation model, in order to help them dig deeper into the financial matters of our Faculty. It is no secret that by this, we would like to achieve a more transparent operation and to induce and strengthen the trust in the students towards the Students' Union.

Since September 2015 there is a new position in the Finance Committee, namely the **Finance Committee Member**. The tasks of the Committee Member are to cooperate with the president of the Finance Committee, to share tasks and to help each other's job. Additionally, the member is responsible for orders, which are not bound to tendering procedures, for inquiring offers for expenditures and last but not least, for writing certificates of completion. We endeavor the integration of the Committee Member during the leadership trainings of the Student Union of ELTE and the National Conference of Student Unions in Hungary. In order to make the process of transfer more effective when there is a new person in position, we would like to create a finance guidebook. This year, just like before, we focus on our traditional **freshman programs**. We would like to maintain their high quality and good atmosphere, so we have already started organizing the programs for August and September in February. A crucial part of the organization is to talk about the experiences and lessons learnt in the last year and to make changes based on the feedback for development. The 5-day-long **Freshman Camp** is organized in August in every year. Due to the integration of the Savaria University in Szombathely, we expect 210 freshmen instead of 190 this year as participants and 70 organizers. The **Freshman Week** is our second most important freshman event, where the freshmen get to know to the University, the Faculty and each other through

various programs, however, we are trying to organize it in a cost-effective way.

Our **printed publications** continue to be an important item of our budget, so we want to devote a large attention to these magazines in the next year as well. We publish our faculty's magazine, **PersPeKtíva** three times a semester in cooperation with the editor in chief. Just like in the past year, we would like to publish **Kazyinfo**, which will provide the freshmen with important information about the whole year ahead of them. Due to the **integration of Szombathely** we would like to publish an information magazine similar to Kazyinfo, for the students of the new campus, which would discuss Szombathely-specific problems and answer questions. Tudományperspektíva, the scientific journal of the faculty is published annually, containing the scientific works of students from the Faculty and it is a great opportunity for Hungarian and international students to raise awareness to their work. This year, in collaboration with the Education Committee, we are going to publish PályakéPünK again for high school students to give them information about our Faculty.

In the next year, we want to represent ourselves at the **Educatio Fair**, where prospective students and those interested will be able to obtain a wide range of information. For the purpose of promoting our Faculty, this year, we handed out green apples, stickers and pens to the applying students. We plan to give away fridge magnets, badges and other creative products as well in the future. We had the opportunity to have some **PR products** created for us and we would like to keep this trend in focus.

Based on the demand of the previous years we have launched the **PPK brand** with the help of Eötvös Pont, and by this, we provide an opportunity for students to buy Faculty of Education and Psychology products. T-shirts and pullovers of PPK can already be purchased in the shop on Kazinczy street and in the future, we would like to add more products to the supply, thereby contributing to the development of the faculty-identity. According to plans, there is soon going to be an Eötvös Pont in Szombathely, where the PPK products will also be available, promoting integration as a consequence.

In addition, we are preparing for our **open day** in the next January. Like before, we closed a successful, high-quality open day with more than 800 visitors this year. In each year, a lot of applying students visit us and we consider it our duty to provide the prospective students with detailed insights and expert information within the framework of specialization briefings and open classes.

Not only can you get information about our University at our open days, but also during **ELTEfeszt**, which has been organized for the third time in this year. ELTEfeszt is basically the open day of the

whole university, where the applying students can get an insight on the everyday of the institution's faculties and get a taste of the university life through exciting lectures. During this all-day event, the colleges for advanced studies, our Student Union and civil society groups present what researches, innovations, cultural and sport activities ELTE offers its students, along with its vibrant community life. We prepare informational materials, publications and PR products for each of the events mentioned above.

We have also successfully completed the upgrade of the Student Union office computers and machines, so that we can do our job in the fastest and most efficient way possible. In this aspect, we also aim to **enhance the office furniture**, thus we would like to obtain new chairs. In order to **make our events smoother**, we want to purchase new extension cords and modern lighting technology. We want to make the life of the students easier by buying new microwave-ovens for the buildings on BEAC, KAZY and IZU street.

Finally, we hope that the upcoming year we will continue to cooperate closely with the **Finance Committee of the Student Union of ELTE**, like we did in the previous year. The PPK Student Union actively contributes to the work of the Student Union of ELTE and participates in the **general meetings of the National Conference of Student Unions (HÖOK)** this year as well. There is an increasing number of representatives on the leadership trainings of HÖOK from our organization, where the participants always gain useful experience and innovative ideas.



## Communication Committee

The Communication Committee's primary role is informing the students at PPK, with prompt and valid information, on all of our social platforms. In this spirit, we mainly focus on updating our Facebook page and our official website, as well as posting frequently in the class groups we create. Fortunately, recently, we managed to reply to 100% of the incoming messages on Facebook within an hour. In the class groups we prioritize publishing social events of the faculty, and since all the relevant information on groups' banner photo we posted seemed helpful for the majority of the students, we are planning to keep this tradition. We keep our freshly renewed website up to date; however, very few know that we publish job offers there as well, so we believe it is essential to raise awareness to that.

The recent merging with Savaria University Centre in Szombathely created a new challenge for us, as from February on, the faculty is operating in two cities. We believe it is essential to reach out for students in Szombathely and enable them to join the system we established throughout the years, therefore, we are planning to create course specific class groups for them too, as well as post about the events and possibilities at the Szombathely campus on our website.

In the spirit of transparency, it is especially important for the bureau reports, Faculty Delegates Meetings' reports and the reminders of committee meetings to be uploaded and to be available on our website.

We would also like to create a PPK-specific questionnaire, similar to the one that just ended recently and covered all departments at ELE, so we can be aware of students' needs, and make changes according to that on our programme, if the students request it. The Box of Ideas would fulfill a similar purpose, but this time students could make their suggestions anonymously.

The role of social platforms – most popularly posts on Instagram and Facebook - is to forge and strengthen the identity of PPK (PPK Around The World, The Little Prince, green apple); we would like to keep and develop these in the future. Furthermore, on our Instagram page there will be a chance for a more informal way of bonding between the courses at our faculty; #BrainPK served this purpose well, therefore we are planning to more frequently introduce similar content in the future.

The first tableau, showing students' photos from all around the world, has been completed – we would like to continue these projects to create a more personal atmosphere in our buildings. We would like to arrange posters thematically (work, sport, leisure, search-offer) on the walls of

Kazy and IZU, in hope to make them more transparent and effective.

We would also like to introduce PersPeKtíva to more students, to make the department's newspaper more meaningful, and to help the editor in chief's work as well.

The highlight of our programme is operating the media group, that's main task is to create photography and videography content. The department's main events are the freshmen's camp and the freshmen's week, therefore promoting and documenting these events is necessary, and the media group is a perfect fit for the role. According to this, we are planning to establish a crew of four people at the freshmen's camp, whose main tasks would be to make an after-movie for the last day of the camp, live check-ins, making interviews with freshmen and recording the BociShow. We would also need four people to record the main events and create an action-packed video of the HHH tour and the quidditch match, at the freshmen's week. The continuous work of the media group would include attending events (taking photographs and making videos), co-operating with PersPeKtíva (creating content during interviews and reports), and to archive the finished contents. We would like to raise public awareness of the media group as soon as possible.

Besides all of these, in the spirit of communication between all the departments at ELTE, we are planning to continue co-operating with ELTE HÖK's Communication Committee, ELTE Online and ELTEvízió.

## **International Committee**

Our committee plays a double role within the Student Union; on the one hand, we inform Hungarian students about the international opportunities available at our faculty. On the other hand, we consider it our duty to integrate our international students whose numbers are increasing year by year, thus creating a widely international atmosphere at our faculty. With these goals in mind, we try to reach as wide a range of the faculty's students as possible through our programmes and urge them to gain intercultural experience throughout their university years. Furthermore, it is our priority to ensure equal opportunities for our international students in the faculty's social and academic life, as well as our advocacy system.

## **International Development**

Thanks to the Faculty's full degree programme taught in English (ELUP), our faculty currently has approximately 400 international students, which makes our faculty a uniquely versatile environment. In recent years the International Committee worked hard to reach that our internationality is reflected not only in the numbers, but also in the available scholarships and exchange programmes, and more importantly, in a welcoming international community. In cooperation with the Academic Committee we have been fighting for a long time now to give the Hungarian students more opportunities to participate in lectures taught in English. We can gladly state that the number of English language lectures that Hungarians can attend together with Erasmus/ELUP students has recently increased, and our plan is to make this number climb even higher in the next year. We believe that completing a lecture or a practical course in a foreign language, and the frequent interaction with international students can give Hungarians an experience of competence and confidence, that can later prompt these students to apply for an Erasmus+ or other mobility scholarships available.

To further strengthen the connection between Hungarian and international students, we plan to organize more events in cooperation with the ELUP Representatives and PPK Mentors, which are available to all nationalities at the Faculty. In planning these events, we would like to rely on the well-working practices of the Student Union's Organizer Committee, thus ensuring that our international events live up to the standards of those organized mainly for Hungarians.

After the completion of the new English language faculty website, we, as well as the International Office, find it important to improve the online platform's student-friendliness. We are following the same principle when it comes to the Student Union's website, where our main goal is to make

information regarding international students, easily accessible. We created a separate function on the website, titled „International”, where the students can read about different scholarship opportunities available for them; this is especially important for the students studying with the Stipendium Hungaricum programme, who –because of their state-financed student status- are eligible to apply for all scholarships available for Hungarians.

### **Promoting Mobility Opportunities**

We updated the programs of the Erasmus Week organized in September and February, with an event which allows those interested in the Erasmus and Campus mundi scholarships to have an informal roundtable discussion with students who already took part in these mobility programmes. The success of these events reassured us that it is useful for students to hear tips and first hand experiences from their peers, so we will continue to offer this program, and possibly even update it with a „mobility training” specialised in helping the students step-by-step through the application process for these scholarships. We will also provide a written application guide on the Student Union’s website.

Following the successful excursions we organized to the Netherlands throughout the past two years, this time we decided to head to Germany to build a psychology exchange connection with Humboldt University in Berlin. Encouraged by the popularity of the program and the large number of applicants, we would like to organize more exchanges like this, since our experience shows that even a one week long trip can arouse the students’ interests to apply for a mobility scholarship, as well as their intentions to become mentors and help their fellow international students.

It is our distinguished goal to seek partner universities that have Sport Management and Health improvement specializations, so that students attending these programmes –in Budapest and since February, in Szombathely as well- can also benefit from our exchange programs.

### **International integration**

International students arriving to the Faculty of Education and Psychology rarely get the chance to gain deeper insight into university’s processes and the chance to represent their interests within the faculty. It has always been a priority for our International Committee to get full-time students involved in the making of decisions regarding their studies and community life.

To address this issue, in October 2015 we founded the ELUP Representative System aiming to help international students communicate their needs and suggestions via representatives of each class,

and resolve communication difficulties between international students, the Faculty's directorate and the Student Union, thus further improving the quality of education and the general atmosphere for foreign students. What initially started out as an experimental organization, has grown to be a crucial point in communication and resulted in various proactive initiatives such as the campaign against cheating on exams and social events. We would like to keep encouraging our international students to cooperate with us and make their voices heard in issues relevant to them, in order to create an environment they feel most comfortable in.

In helping international student integrate, ESN mentors are an essential asset. They are volunteer students looking to help solve problems related to the studies or personal lives of international students. Starting from this semester, full-time internationals are given the possibility to become part of the Mentors' Team as well. By this we hope to make sure that incoming ELUP students get a mentor who fully understand their experience, and give them the chance to take up roles in the university life aside from the Representative System too.

### **Cooperation**

Even though the organization responsible for the mentor programme, ESN (Erasmus Student Network) ELTE has become an independent system in 2016, here at the faculty we still aim to maintain a friendly cooperation with them. Aside from organizing mentor and animator trainings together, our joint projects include creating a mentor system, in which mentor-mentee pairs are replaced by mentor groups of 4-6 people ensuring that a mentee can turn to multiple students if problems arise, and that every incoming student can have a mentor, should they request it.

We are working together with the ELTE Student Union's International Committee, to set up a separate mentor programme for the increasing number of Stipendium Hungaricum students and hold regular meetings assisting the flow of information among the eight ELTE faculties. Furthermore we maintain a close relation with both the faculty's and the university's central International Office, which we intend to further strengthen in the following months by actively participating together in the admission process of prospective ELUP students. Our aim is to maintain a continuous flow of information between students and the faculty's leadership, increasing the satisfaction of both international and Hungarian students.

## **Organizer Committee**

### **Event Management**

The Organizer Committee would like to continue its ongoing work; our objective is to offer students an even more **colourful palette of events** than before. With all the new events, as well as keeping up our traditional events, I believe we are on the right path to achieve this. We are monitoring the students' requests and working hard to make them happen, hoping that the programs we offer, encourage students to gain **lifelong memories** and **new friendships** within the faculty's community.

We were pleased to see that our cultural, academic and sports events became increasingly popular throughout the past year, thanks to the great work and advertising of the Communication Committee. We also recognise that for a well-organised event, financial security is important, which is always assured by the Finance Committee. We would like to keep the work of all our committees' **aligned together** in the future. Last year, some of our events were co-organised with the Faculty of Social Sciences, and we are open to similar co-operations and opportunities again in the future.

### **Traditional Events**

The main goal of our traditional events is to help integrate our new students to Faculty Life and to help them get to know the **PPK Identity**, which the older students proudly represent. Our Freshmen Camps have a reputation for having outstanding quality and they are considered well-planned, even from an academic perspective. Each camp is a result of a long planning and management process, carried out by devoted volunteer students. In 2017, we would like to give the opportunity to all PPK students from Szombathely to share the camp experience with us. At the planning stage and at the time of the event we are always working on it to make us, organizers enjoy the camp just as much as the participants do. During the Freshmen's week, everyone is welcome, and we try to make sure each student has something to gain, whether that is getting to know the University buildings a bit better, going through the registration procedure with a support of a friend or just spending a day together on the Margit Island. These programs are very important to make the Faculty's identity part of who you are, as discovering the unknown is always the most important thing in a new community's life.

At the end of every autumn semester, we hold a formal Freshmen's ball to celebrate the new members of PPK. To mark the importance of this event, we organise it hand in hand with other

faculties. After last year's success, we would like to continue this tradition. In the middle of the spring semester, we organise an event called "Felező" which is a "Midway Party" for the students, half way through their studies. The purpose of this event is to create a space for students where they can nostalgize about their memories at the university so far, thus deepening their bond with their fellow students.

The most significant event of this season is the "Kari napok", or Faculty Days. In the last couple of years, it became crystal clear that this **student-centralised** event has a strong position in the event calendar. This year we would like to organise afternoon programmes where everyone can meet their subject of interest. We will organize a cooking contest, have stand up comedians, logical playgrounds and other outdoor activities. Needless to say, all of these programs have space for further improvement. One of our most important wishes for the future is to make all the international students be part of all these events and to **strive for perfection** in our work and settle for nothing less.

### **Cultural events**

ELTE PPK cultural life is thriving because of our **students' interest and enthusiasm**. We have no reason to feel unsatisfied about it. The ELTE PPK Pub Quiz and the Verselj Te! Slam Poetry events are gaining more and more popularity. Because of this, we have even needed to change the location of the Pub Quiz to accommodate the constantly rising numbers of attendants. Numerous cultural programmes are running at our Faculty thanks to the Animator team (for example: a Gastro-cultural event, a Wine club, and more) which make our lives colourful. As our new project, we are pleased to introduce the "Menj színházba a PPK-val" event, meaning "**Go to the Theatre with PPK**". This is an opportunity for you to be able to visit theatre performances for a student-friendly price. This project is expected to start at the beginning of April. After student requests, we are also pleased to inform you we are starting a **series of Movie Nights**, where after watching the film we can talk about our impressions and about questions the movie raises. We are planning to have a closer cooperation with the **Mentor Group** and the **International Committee** as some of the Hungarian students will also want to watch undubbed, original language films, just like our international students. Another challenge we are working on is to hold a **Photo Exhibitions** in the PPK buildings together with the Animator group, showcasing photos taken by our Faculty's students. Our goal is to make every aspect of culture accessible for all the students, allowing them to educate and develop themselves.

## **Animators**

The **Animator Group** is part of the ELTE PPK Student Union. The Animator Group was established by the Student Union (HÖK) as an outstanding organisation to help improve the Faculty's social life. Our shared goal is to build a strong community at the University which makes the organisation of our events even more fluent and help **integrate our new students to our Faculty's public life**.

This year's freshly started Animators will finish their training in May, which means we will have about 100 more members. Naturally each year there are some people who leave our community to pursue other things, but each year, the number of animators is growing. We are planning to train our Animators through presentations and from our more experienced, senior Animators. We are looking to invite experienced people who have been working in this field.

Our Animator training is updated each year and we are happy to hear your feedback to help us to progress in a positive direction.

The group organises new programmes and events from time to time, which aren't only for the Animators but for all students of ELTE. For example, the Board Game night or 'Andalgó', a cultural walking tour into the city, and numerous fun and creative ideas to entertain everyone.

## **Sport**

PPK is the most prominent Faculty of Sports Sciences in Budapest with many active Athletes. This motivates us to keep our Faculty's sports life active and engaging. The target is to keep working closely together with the Student Union, to help each other to encourage more and more people to attend massive sports events, which are important for our whole University.

(For example: "Éjszakai Sport" a Sports night, "5vös 5km" a running event or the "Dunai Regatta", Regatta on the Danube).

To achieve this it's necessary **to inform our students and to incite them**. This is the reason we started a new Facebook page "ELTE PPK Kultúra és Sport" (ELTE PPK Culture and Sport) to widen our communication channels to the university students. On this page, you are able to get information about sport life in the Faculty and University. Nowadays we are concentrating on our main project, the **PPCup**. It's our new House Cup, which we would like to develop and make even more popular. We want to encourage more people to attend and collect points for their teams, courses and faculties! Hopefully, everyone will feel the impact and it will make PPK an even more converging and close-knit community.



## Academic Committee

### Interest representation/ Advocacy

The Academic Committee pays special attention to what information is shared with the students, as it always needs to be **valid** and **up-to-date**. We try to inform the concerned students about the changes in regulations as soon as possible. Keeping the tradition of the recent years, we would like to keep cooperating with other committees of the Student Union.

To our Committee, Academic Delegates persist to be our main resources, its members help us organize study-related programs and solve problems that may occur and develop the **Academic Delegates' team**. Through the **training** of the new delegates we would like to ensure, that we have reinforcements for the future. To give our stable members the opportunity to develop, we organize additional trainings, and the **Delegates Teambuilding Weekend** as well, which usually takes place in the Spring semester. Similar to the ones organized before, we would like to develop a bigger programme to help integrate the new members and to help the everyday life of our older members.

To help the integration and the constant flow of information, we created a separate advocacy system, dedicated to each class, which we intend to keep operating in the future. We asked students at each department and each class to take part in a training to be able to provide accurate information to the other students. To give a voice to the students about their opinions, observations and suggestions, we would like to organize **Department Forums**. Besides the Forums, we count on the Communication Committee in **forwarding** our **deadlines** and **event** promotions to the students as well.

We would like to extend our advocacy system to the students from **Szombathely** as well. Since they are harder to reach in person, we plan to organize an **academic training** at the end of the Spring semester, in the course of which they could get to know the traditions of our Faculty and learn about the most important changes. The students taking part in this training would be invited into the advocacy system.

We not only take our old and new students into account, but we take our prospective students into consideration as well, therefore we continue on making the **High-school Road Show**. Within its frames our Delegates visit their old high-schools and share their experiences about the time they have spent at ELTE, to promote our institute among high-school students. As a continuation of the series of programmes we would make it possible for them to visit the University's lectures, get an

insight to the everyday lives of uni students, or even **spend a day** at ELTE. Like always, they will have the possibility to seek information at our **Open Day** as well.

Just like in the recent year, we would organize our series of programmes, called **Hallgatóktól Hallgatóknak** (From Students to Students), which already became a tradition at our faculty. This includes the introductory and informational lectures, which we keep for the freshly accepted BA or MA students. Here they can get information about the opportunities provided by the university, **master courses and specializations**, and **coaching** held by the members of Illyés Sándor Szakkollégium. This helps us keeping the good relationship through this with the Szakkollégium (College for advanced studies).

The students can get the biggest academic assistance and most elaborate guidance at the **Freshmens' Camp** and at the **registration** in the beginning of the first year. Delegates, Department Representatives and yearly handbooks, like **Kazynfo**, **Pályaképünk** and **Tudományperspektíva** help demonstrate the academic and social opportunities at ELTE.

To help their classmates and younger students with the most important informations related to their studies, we try to coach our reinforcements at the trainings of the **Animator Team**. Their training is also very important because given their high number of members and scope of activities, they are the most effective media of information between the freshmen, seniors and the committees. To ensure that their cooperation happens smoothly, they would get to know the members of the advocacy and the Student Union committees, so they would know who to turn to in need for help.

Our faculty was the first to publish the questionnaire of **OHV**, therefore it plays a big role in the **reforms**. If the course evaluation questionnaires' results get published, we would like to pay special attention to the faculty's best teachers and honour their work. Also, our Committee would stand for our faculty's interests in the Academic Committee of the Student Union and would keep a strong cooperation with the Academic Committee of the Faculty as well.

### **Talent Management**

Talent management plays a role in upholding and developing the prestige of our faculty; therefore, in the near future, we are planning to give it a more stable base. The primary aim of this is strengthening the **communication and co-operation** between the Student Union, other faculty institutes, and professors.

We would also like to focus on reaching out to students in a clearer manner, mainly by bringing

their attention to **talent management opportunities**, and how to take part in them. For this, we believe **online channels** are the most effective; however, with the help of the Academic Delegates' team, we are trying to arouse interest directly. This includes the **promotion of the scholarship application for the Honoráció status**, and developing it to be more popular among students.

We believe that advertising prestigious events, like **TDK and OTDK (Scientific Research Conferences)** is important, because through these, we can take a look at other cities' academia in all parts of Hungary.

Another project of ours is the **draft innovation of Tudományperspektíva**, the faculty's scientific journal, which has its own ISSN code. We believe this project has countless opportunities, but, to really emphasise it, we need to build up a **crew**, where people can work in consonance to overcome technical issues. Together with the printed version, we would like to publish the newspaper **online**. The main goal is to make Tudományperspektíva the heart and symbol of talent management at the faculty.

We are continuing our strong collaboration with **ELTE Student Union's Scientific Committee** to ensure as many opportunities and talent management programmes are available throughout the University as possible and to advertise these within our faculty.

We are invariably working towards informing students about possibilities at colleges for advanced studies; an important factor in this is the **co-operation with Illyés Sándor Szakkollégium** (Illyés Sándor College for Advanced Studies).

## **Teacher Training**

Teacher Training has always been a great and special part of our University. Our Faculty plays a great role in this with its shared-expertise teacher-training master course, as well as the all-inclusive teacher-training course, which teaches subjects involving pedagogy and psychology.

We would like all students at teacher-training courses to be more informed about their course, and thus it is essential to **co-operate with the Teacher-training Centre**. The Centre supervises and organises the studies of students at teacher-training courses, merging multiple specialisations. Our Faculty represents itself at the Centre of Teacher-training's Conciliation Meetings as well as at the Teacher-training Council. The Teacher-training representative from PPK HÖK performs this task, therefore they are directly informed about matters regarding teacher-training.

According to ELTE Student Union's current charter, representatives from all faculties represent students' (attending teacher-training courses) interests at ELTE HÖK's Teacher-training Council,

which is co-ordinated by ELTE Student Union's Teacher-training Representative. This representative's work enables faculty representatives to co-operative effectively between different courses and faculties at **professional meetings (workshops)**, and support the development of teacher-training. It is important for all students at teacher-training courses to be represented equally by the faculties' representatives at forums.

The event, held twice a year at our building in Kazinczy Street, called the **Teacher-training Student Forum (Tanáris Hallgatói Fórum)**, encouraging uniformity between faculties. Last year ELTE HÖK's Teacher-training Council, with the support of HÖÖK, organised the first ever national teacher-training conference, named KonTRA, **Conference on Teacher-training Relevant Basics**, and became a conference on various locations, helping students at teacher-training courses being represented nationally; thus in the future we are planning to strengthen the spirit of this conference.

This year we are starting a **professional lecture series**, with ELTE's Teacher-training Council, in which we are planning to introduce potential teachers different aspects of pedagogy, and whom we can form a unified and well-functioning educational system. We are planning to continue doing this in the future with more lectures.

## PersPeKtíva

Since our main platform for transferring important and current information is Facebook, the faculty magazine PersPeKtíva plays a more significant role in cultural entertainment. It is also a great opportunity for those students, who would like to try out their writing skills in journalism.

The columns of PersPeKtíva stayed the same throughout the years: in „Érintő” we report about the events of the Faculty and the news of the Student Union. To bring this about, it is necessary for the editor in chief to cooperate with the different committees. Besides, we receive more and more poems and short stories from students to our column „Lélek-Zet”. This year we started a new series, called „Jobs, you can do besides school”. It not only acts as a guideline to help students decide in which fields they should look for a job while still studying, but also tackles the subject of how taking a job as a student affects our lifestyle and what sort of useful experiences does this decision come with. Nevertheless, this Spring debuts our second new series, with the title „A sound mind in a sound body”. This heading will be all about promoting mental health and regular exercise, and introducing the importance and benefits of them to our readers. The series contains interviews with coaches, sportsmen and students specialized in sports. We are also planning on launching a series that we would call „BEAC-tour, which would inform the readers about the sport opportunities available at ELTE, especially the ones that are less known. Our goal with this is to advertise these, so that more students take a fancy for joining.

Besides our new topics, our magazine gets a new image as well: it will be clear and minimalist, with geometric shapes on the cover.

Last year we have established the Media Group. Its members are the ones taking photos and videos at the events of the faculty, furthermore, they have made the aftermovie for the Freshmen’s Camp and the promotion video for Freshmen’s Ball, and we are really thankful for both. Therefore, we would like to build a stronger cooperation with them, so we could produce a better quality magazine: with their help, we could illustrate the event reports with photos taken at these events. Their work would also be helpful with conducting interviews.

We would like to devote a lot of energy into the expansion of the team. Our plan is to restart GólyaPersPeKtíva (a version of the magazine for freshmen), so that the students who are beginning their first year at ELTE could already get acquainted with the magazine in the Freshmen’s Camp.

Since communication between the members of PersPeKtíva’s team takes place mostly online, our publishers don’t know each other that well. We would like to change that with trainings at the

beginning of every semester, where they could have the opportunity to get to know each other better, and to learn various writing-techniques and interviewing skills.

They could also gain an insight into the progress of editing and its time management. We could also organize a brainstorming session, where the members of the team could share their vision about the changes that could make PersPeKtíva even better.

With the integration of Savaria University, the students from Szombathely will also have a chance to publish in the magazine starting with the 2016/17 Spring semester. We would like to attend to promoting this opportunity, and create a smaller writer team there as well, that we can count on when assembling the magazine. We also plan to create an informing booklet, in which (just like Kazynfo) the incoming students could get important information on issues regarding their studies.

We find it especially important, that the international students have more opportunities to publish their writings, therefore we and the International Committee together plan to establish a magazine in english, which would be published in every semester, and would contain the writings of ELUP and Erasmus students.

Also, we would like to build a stronger cooperation with the crew of ELTE Press and the editors in chief from all the other faculties, and give an opportunity for a guest publisher every month (a student from ELTE, that goes to a different faculty), so that our students get a chance to publish in their magazines as well. Since online platforms get substantially bigger attention, we would like to enable more interesting and higher quality writings to get a place on ELTE Online's pages.

## **Summary**

The previously described specific programmes represent all the objectives to help us improve the PPK students' everyday life, make the study administration issues easier, and to inform students continuously about the available support systems at the faculty. In our view, it is important to offer leisure activities alongside studies, such as cultural, academic and entertainment programmes. Our Candidate Team is devoted to achieving the above mentioned goals; they are motivated to face all the upcoming tasks and challenges. We would like to ask our fellow students to support us with their votes, so our candidate team can make all the above-mentioned ideas happen.

Thank you for your trust!