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*“Be the change that you wish to see in  
the world.”*

**Mahatma Gandhi**



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## The Team

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## Introduction

My name is Dóra Kreszadló and I'm currently doing my master's in Work and Organisational Psychology at the Eötvös Loránd University. I was born in 1995 in Mezőkeresztes. I spent my 8 years of elementary school there and then I continued my studies at the Dobó István High School in Eger. In 2014 I acquired entry to ELTE's psychology undergraduate programme and I got my diploma in the June of 2017 and started my post-graduate programme in September.

I always found it of vital importance for students to not only receive an appropriate education but to be able to spend their days in an inviting, colorful environment filled with opportunities. I always took an active part in my school's community and the university wasn't an exception. I completed the Animator course in my first year and I stayed an active part of the Animator Community ever since. In the spring of 2016, I joined the Student Union where I fulfilled the duties of the Student Welfare Application referee. During this period of time, I got to know the operation of the Union and the responsibility of each and every member. While there, I was mostly overseeing student applications, taking exceptional measures in supporting a wide range of cultural, scientific and sports activities. We were trying to shape the application's terms and conditions to best fit the student's needs. We have successfully integrated every application handled by us into the Neptun's education system so they can be reached electronically along with any other application. As a member of our Union, I took part in organizing and managing the nearly authentic Mindenki Segit (Everyone Helps) which is considered one of the biggest charity events of the year on campus.

Since the fall of 2017, I hold the Vice President's office in the Union and one of my responsibilities is to help the President. Our previous and current goals both include helping the students from Szombathely to be better included in the school community, hence we started our replenishment programme. The infrastructure of this programme is this under construction. Our goal is to include them in the community and to provide them with educational and social information. I am also the member of The Faculty Scholarship Committee. I always try to better myself, to broaden my knowledge in each field so I can personally help other students. This year I completed the course of the Delegate Community so I can be up to date about the current educational matters.

The past 3 years I spent on the Faculty Of Education and Psychology had a huge impact on my character, values and interests. In my opinion treating students as equals and creating a student-oriented community is and always will be a primary goal in the Student Union.

During my university related extra responsibilities I acquired countless personal experience and professional knowledge that I would like to utilize by using them to help my fellow students with their occasional problems and needs. My previous work in the Student Union and my goal to keep up the well-functioning student representative system motivated me to



apply to the Student Union's President position. I wholeheartedly believe that I will be able to help the faculty's and student's everyday needs during the challenges and responsibilities I will face.

## Motivation and goals

One of our main goals is to keep up a two-way communication with the students. Based on this goal we would like to be as open as we can to every student in need, and handle their questions and feedback the best we can; likewise we want to help them get the information they need from us as fast and thorough as we can. We're working on creating and maintaining an off- and online platform to expand the possibilities of communication with students.

Another important goal is to maintain and improve the representative of each academic field system. We would love to expand the representative system to the postgraduate and correspondence programme so that students can acquire information first hand and fast. We would also like to have the student's feedback every semester through their representative so we can forward them to the principles office which could bring a huge impact to the development of several school related matters.

With the teachers and the heads of faculty we would like to innovate and simplify how students hand in their thesis. Our common goal is to make both the faculty's and the student's job easier.

Supporting our students not only through their basic studies and social matters but also through their scientific and public project is of vital importance to the Union. We would like to expand the student's application opportunities to give an even more extensive support to this field. We fully support every non-university related application too, helping students with their preparations and execution.

While helping students with their studies we would also like to further shape the faculty community's social life. By organizing the so called Faculty Days we would like to further interest our students. We would like to organize a faculty specific event for all of our faculties which would include several entertaining field specific programmes.

Bettering ourselves is also a highly important duty in the Student Union. As a community, development plays a huge part in our lives. Our personal development is ensured by the Student Union's faculty specific and complete organized executive camp. These events help us utilize our acquired knowledge and also helps us declare our shared values. It's really important that every faculty's Union works as a team hence every 6 months we organize the solidarity days when members can get to know each other's projects, responsibilities. During our project days new ideas and plans can be brought to life.



Last year's February brought a huge change to both the university and the faculty. The Savaria University joined our institution. One of our Student Union members is responsible for the Savaria University's issues. We started a thorough educational programme for them to supply their representatives. According to our plans we would like to organize a 2 day training two times for the students in Szombathely. One time the Animator Community and the Student Union members would travel there and the other time we would like to host these students in Budapest so they can acquire the appropriate information and competence. We would also like to organize common programmes where the students of SEK can meet us and can get to know their fellow students from a different city. We would very much like to pass on the PPK identity to them.

We also find it very crucial to maintain a good relationship with the every other faculty specific Union and practice cooperation and partnership with them so we can represent our student's interest together.

Naturally it's highly important for us to maintain cooperation with the leadership of the Faculty and any other Faculty organization and to continue the good relationship and two-way communication with them. We would like to take an active part in every faculty and university wide project so we can help maintain the close relationship between teachers and students.



## Vice President

As vice president of the Student Union, one of my most important duties is to support the president's work and help with other internal organizational tasks of the Union. This involves organizing the reports coming in before the meetings, thus helping us become more transparent to students and delegates, since these reports will be available on the site of the Student Union. Moreover, it is my job to reply to students contacting us about the functioning of the Student Union.

We would like to carry on with the tradition of having consulting hours, firstly, because it is important for students to have a chance to ask the representatives their questions in person (even the complicated ones), and they are not restricted to communicating only in e-mails. I myself have experienced how useful it is, for example, a lot of people came to my consultation hours to ask about social support. Moreover, these hours are an opportunity for representatives to meet, thus encouraging organizational development.

By meeting for consulting hours, the members from different fields can see what others are occupied with, and they receive up-to-date information about the different committees' work. To support this way of communication, we would like to reintroduce an old system of the Student Union: monthly reports. The reports would include a description of what the representatives have been working on during the month, what sessions they had attended and what were the most important things they have heard there. This makes the work of the presidents of the committees easier, since it enables writing more accurate reports for the delegation and the students. On the other hand, I plan on establishing a common knowledge base, where I would upload the monthly reports, so that every representative would know what others have been up to. The main advantage of this is that it makes it easier to inform students who inquire about our current projects.

The idea for a Virtual Box of Ideas came up in May, and the previous vice president could not create it in the remaining short time, but I will find the time for it. The traditional box of ideas will also be available again, so that we could receive the questions and proposals of students.

In our organization, fluctuation is a general problem, which is naturally hard to avoid at a university. My job is to facilitate the changes so that there are no big problems, and the new members are informed about how the organization operates and integrated into the community, as soon as possible.

Other than supporting the president's work, the vice president is also accountable for organizational development. This consist of two main parts: internal trainings and project days. The purpose of project days would be to talk about our main tasks and plan ahead for the upcoming period. The internal trainings would be focused on team-building. Next year, we are planning on going away for a training once in both semesters. These occasions would provide an opportunity to brainstorm about forthcoming projects and focus on team-building as well. I would also like to organize a few Student Union days or afternoons when the members could get to know each other, which makes working together more fluent, and we





could update them about the progress of the most significant projects. I really hope that I will be able to use my knowledge acquired on the work and organizational psychology masters course when it comes to team-building.

Last but not least, I find it important to improve communication between committees and between the vice president and the committees, since it is key for a well-functioning organization. This makes it vital to keep in contact with the presidents of the committee. Besides, the people holding the different positions change because of fluctuation, and their ideas and standards change with them, so I think it is necessary to listen to their concerns every once in a while, along with the president, assessing expectations and possible projects.



## Vice-president of the Szombathely Campus

The primary functioning of the vice-president responsible for the cases in Szombathely is to help with problems of the PPK students studying in Szombathely and to respond appropriately to the emerging questions in collaboration with the specialized committees. The position of being the vice-president involves certain liabilities, for instance I have to attend at the sessions of the ELTE Student Union, which operates at the Campus of Szombathely and being in charge of its cases. These sessions are usually on every other weeks. As a member of the Union I provide open hours twice a week in our office.

We would like to establish the student advocacy in the center of Savaria University, which members will welcome all the students who turn to them for help and who serve the interest of the students.

We find it important to encourage students at Szombathely for participating in the camp organized for first year students. In our opinion, the camp would help them with the integration into the student community of PPK and also helps them creating their identity as a member of the ELTE PPK. Furthermore we also would like to maintain the freshman days, which already became a tradition in Szombathely and which would give opportunity for first year students to get to know their classmates, the city and the university life.

We also emphasize the importance of the „night of faculties”. It has been organized every semester with the participation of sport students and teachers since the integration.

In Szombathely we traditionally organize the HKLB ( local small-scale football championship), just as the HAB (local table tennis championship) every semester. These programmes motivates many students in Szombathely and makes sports more popular for undergraduates.

Like every year, this year we also would like to organize the Student Days, which stands among the most popular events, but from this year it has been given a new construction.

We have been planning plenty of brand new programmes especially for PPK students, while we would still bring up the old, traditional events as well.

Not to mention all the trips we would like to organize in the autumn and spring semesters primarily for the PPK students to advocate their togetherness and team-building.

We constantly inform students of all the application possibilities, academic news and community events on our facebook page, application called Sekezz and even on Instagram.

For the PPK students of Szombathely in order to faster and more efficient communication, we developed a facebook group with the Communication Committee, where informations are available continuously and quickly.



Above all, agreed upon with the Union, we think it is important to bring certain courses and course opportunities to Szombathely, for example the Animator course, which has already been grounded.

Therefore extensive knowledge is available for students in Szombathely to learn more in the connection of their university studies, university system and event organization.



## Student Welfare Committee

### Social assistance

One of our most important tasks is to provide access to social support for students, as many of them are part of everyday living and can be of great help in unexpected situations as well.

We continue to emphasize our goal of providing the most accessible information possible. In co-operation with the Communications Committee, we want the website to always have fresh and clear information about everything that is related to our work.

The process of regular social support has been united for more than two years at the university. We believe it's important that the point system is reviewed at least every six months and will be jointly adapted to the current situation with the University Student Social and Scholarship Committee (EHSZÖB - for short in hungarian), taking into account both statutory changes and student needs. We also find the review important in cases of exceptional social supports.

### Faculty tenders

From the last semester, all applications were submitted through Neptun, and this is a great opportunity for everyone. However, there is still in plan a simpler and more transparent point system, and we are counting on the help of the scientific referent in working this out. We are planning, among other things, reviewing the "A" category sports competition to ensure the most favorable tender conditions.

It is also important for students to be informed about their opportunities and to be informed in time about changes affecting them. Last editions of the faculty's tenders in the corridors and billboards of the faculty building were last issued in March, and we would like to repeat it in the future before each application period, also with the help of the Communications Committee.

In the spring semester, we would like to create a new application opportunity that would specialize in student study visits, so students would have the chance to develop their professional competences outside the classroom and deepen their knowledge during travel.

Last year, the Savaria University Center joined ELTE, so the students of Szombathely are also affected by various social and nonsocial based scholarships and applications. We would like to keep a general note at the beginning of each year so they can get to know their opportunities. For this reason, it is essential to keep in touch with the vice-president responsible for issues in Szombathely.

We would like to maintain constructive co-operation with the Faculty Scholarship Committee (MFA for short in hungarian), assist them in evaluating incoming applications and performing



their tasks during their work. We will continue to maintain a good relationship with the University Student Social and Scholarship Committee in the future. We will also continue to actively participate in programs and projects that concern our Faculty and our Commission.

#### Dormitory affairs

We would like to maintain the established direct relationship with the Dormitory Student Council, which is important for us to support and also support their forward-looking initiatives. Additionally, we also want to maintain the good relationship with the student committees of each dormitory.

We would like to update all the dormitory descriptions on our website in the spring and we plan to publish the information about the three social dormitories in Szombathely on the website.

#### Equal opportunities

In the Kazinczy Street and in the Izabella Street building, the number of rooms and the name of the instructors were already completed in Braille. Based on the feedback, this is a great help for the visually impaired students, so we want to do this on BEAC as well.

We consider it important to provide the right conditions for our students with special needs as well. Our goal is to find permanent helpers for them, but we will continue to seek temporary help.

We plan to introduce several new programs in the spring semester. At the Invisible Dinner, we would expect the students to have a small dinner, and each meal should be eaten blindfolded. In the future, we would like to cooperate with the Invisible Exhibition, to which we would visit the students organically.

In addition, we will try to contact the Live Library; within the framework of their program, participants could "borrow" people who tell about their own destiny, their experiences and answer their questions, like open books.

With the help of the Sports Coordinator, we are planning a series of lectures with paralympic champions and para-athletes to talk about their career and their success. For each occasion, we would call for representatives from different sports. Conversations would be moderated, but with time for the questions of the students.

We would like to continue to organize the Everybody Helps- Day, which is already traditional, in the future. We strive to involve as many new locations as possible, and to find the right time for the students.

As long as our framework allows, we would like to re-organize the Charitable Ball, with the help of the Event Management Commission and the animators.



We would like to join this year also in fundraising organized by the ELTE'S Student Union and the National Conference of Student Unions (HÖÖK). In addition, we would like to introduce a regular sandwich collection campaign with the help of Budapest Bike Mafia, in which the students could give small help to the homeless and those in need. We would like to establish a permanent collection point in the Izabella Street building, where we could receive all the donations.



## Economic Committee

In the course of our work the most important purpose is to provide the necessary economic background for all the specializations and to establish the transparency. We are keen on improving our website making it more understandable for everyone. On the website, we will make the already present items available for all the visitors and complete the annual financial report, furthermore the Student Union's given and the following annual predictable financial projects. On the website we would like to provide you some insight about the background of our functional structure, furthermore besides of the infographics about the source-allocation model we would give a likely understandable help to the people who is interested, which you can use to deepen your knowledge about the economic affairs of our faculty.

It is not a secret that one of our purpose thereby is to work up and strengthen the students' trust in the Student Union by making our way of working more transparent.

In comparison with the previous economic years in the last years such changes had happened, which we must encounter for drawing up the next annual financial calculation.

I consider this aspect as the main component in my programme, because in my opinion the most important task of the Economic Committee is that to spend the available amount of money as useful as possible with the conscious consideration of our functional budget.

Compared to the previous years, I plan to change the budget plan in the year of 2018 (more details will be given later on) on the following points:

- The ELTE School Union's spendings are being included in our operational framework, so in the next year this may appear as new to mark this component in the budget plan. Luckily this doesn't mean a huge encumber to our economic year, because unlike the other governments and our number of students, the amount of our school spendings are considered to be low. In the future we plan only our publications' graphic and layout editing work, the PPK parties entrance fees, fees of the freshman camp and freshman week for the main organizers to be paid through the School Committee in case of no other possibilities for a more cost-effective way.
- The framework contract applying to printing publications between ELTE and the Printing-Office of Komárom had been eliminated, instead a new contract have been arranged lately with Pátria Printing-Office. Unfortunately in this autumn we had to pay more money for a smaller number of copies in ordering and because of the monopoly and the framework contract it is impossible for us to change, but what I can do is to separate a bigger amount of money for all the printing publications in the next annual budget plan, thus this won't be a barrier for publishing.

- The 3rd field I have to calculate to spend more money on is the freshman camp in 2018. This event will be organized by the participation of the company who wins our calling for tender. This item had taken the most money so far from our budget, but in 2017 actualizing this event costed even more than we expected. As the company has become more expensive and also because of the accommodation supplementary fees and the further qualitative improvement for the year I am planning to allocate a higher amount of money for this field.
- In connection with the leadership training camps organized in every semester by the Student Unions National Conference, there is also a noticeable price increase. This training weekend besides of team building is also a remarkable event for our office-holders in connection with the professional development and actualization, so despite of price increase, we would like to continue representing our faculty in every specializations. This will only be possible along the current prices if there will be separated a higher amount of money for the leadership training as well in our next annual budget plan.

We will put a great emphasis on our traditional event organized for freshmen. In order to preserve these events high quality and friendly atmosphere we are going to start the organizational tasks in February. We are going to discuss the experiences and lessons we learnt in the previous years and we will change based on feedback towards further improvement.

The 5 days lasting freshman camp is being organized every year in August. Because of the integration of Szombathely, instead of the previous 190 numbers of freshmen, now we plan to raise the capacity up to 210 for freshmen and also 70 organizers could participate.

Our second most important event for freshmen is the Freshman Week, where we present a variety of programmes for first year students to get in touch with the university, the faculty and their new classmates. The necessary accessories for the Freshman Camp and Freshman Week will be purchased in the same procurement procedure all together according to our plan in the next year.

This year the Freshman Prom was held remarkably successfully on a new location regarding to the feedbacks and ticket sales, thus we plan to carry out this event with the same scheme than this year.

We are also aspired to materialize other bigger events of ours, like the faculty Days, which is encountered in our budget plan. After two years, now we would like to bring the Charity Prom back, which would be a very good fitting charity night to the PPK profile as the closing event of the Everybody Helps Day. For this and for all the other events, like the graduation, we provide the decoration for the events to create the mood and atmosphere.





Our publications continue to be an important part of our budget, so we would like to stay paying attention to them in the next year. Our faculty journal called *PersPeKtíva* is being published with the collaboration of the chief editor.

Likewise in the previous one, next year we would like to publish our *Kazyinfo* publication during the summer to provide a stronghold in orientation and summarize the year-round informations for the new students.

*Tudományperspektíva* is being published annually and it contains the scientific works of students studying at the department. It provides opportunity not only for the hungarian but also for the foreign students to publish.

In the collaboration with the Study Committee we are going to republish the *PályakéPünK* publication in the next year with the aim of informing high school students.

We would like to continue representing ourselves at the Education exhibition, where interested students and applicants can be widely informed. In order to advertise and popularize our department, this year we offered green apples, stickers, pins and pens to the students inviting us. We plan to complete the list with magnets, tattoos and other creative items in the next year. Last year we have had the opportunity to make various PR products and we would keep focusing on this direction.

Because of the high interests experienced in former years, with the help of Eötvös Pont we created the PPK brand, so students can purchase PPK items now. PPK t-shirts and jumpers are already available in the shop on Kazinczy Street and according to our future plans, even gifts will be available to help creating our faculty identity. Soon the next Eötvös Pont will be open in Szombathely, where all the PPK items would be available as well, advocating the integration.

In addition to these improvements, we are also preparing to our January Open Day in the following year. Similarly to the previous years, we closed this year with a significantly successful, qualitative open day with more than 800 visitors! Year after year there are many visitors to visit us and we consider this as our task to provide a detailed insight and professional information for the visitors about our department within the framework of specialized informations and sample lectures.

Informations about the University were available not only on our open day, but also on our so-called traditional ELTEfeszt. ELTEfeszt is actually a total university open day, where students, who is applying to the university can gain insight into the life of certain departments of the university and get the taste of academic existence through exciting presentations. On this whole day event research, innovation, culture and sport-offerings, just like community life in ELTE will be presented by the colleges for advanced studies, our Student Union and



civil groups of the university. For each of the events described we prepare with information materials, publications and PR items.

The replacement of office furniture was successfully completed, so we can work in a more comfortable and modern environment. To make our events smoother we would help with new extenders and advanced light technology. For the mediagroup we really want to purchase a professional camera, because momentarily the members use their own asset with amortization costs to constantly document our events. The supply of a public, good quality device would greatly facilitate the work of the mediagroup. We would facilitate the students' weekdays with buying new microwaves, so we intend to purchase new devices to the BEAC and the buildings of Kazinczy and Izabella street.

Last but not least, we deeply hope that in the following year we can continue working in close cooperation with the Economic Committee of the Student Union. It is encouraging that the office of the new cabinet is extremely enthusiastic and open to discuss problems. The PPK Student Union is participating actively both in the whole year work of University Student Union and the general meeting of the Student Union's National Conference (HÖOK). Each year, our council is increasingly represented at the HÖOK's leadership trainings, from where the participants always come back with useful experiences and innovative ideas.



## Communication Committee

The Communication Committee considers the PPK students' quick and credible information to be the primary task of all our interfaces. With this in mind, we will continue to pay special attention to managing our Facebook page, special groups and our website. Fortunately, we can now answer 100% of the questions and requests we receive on our Facebook page within two to three hours. Because of the constant Facebook updates, students' might have difficulty looking up information online, so we want to optimize different platforms and get as many students as possible. Based on student feedback, we would like to relieve special groups by sharing them only the most important information. The major deadlines placed on the cover photo, in these have helped the students so much, so we do not want to change that.

Relieving of the Facebook page called „PPK HÖK” (Faculty's Student Union) is also a priority, as we have to share a lot of content on it. In consultation with the Event Management Committee, we aim to create a Facebook page called „PPK Events”, which will serve as promoting and organizing affiliated events. This way the „PPK HÖK” Facebook page could be mainly about advertising cultural and tendering opportunities.

We renewed our website last year, and keep up-to-date with „PersPeKtíva”'s online version. In the spirit of transparency, it is very important that the Presidency reports, the delegation meetings and the reminders of the committee meetings are also available on the website.

The merger with the Savaria University Center has resulted in a new situation as the faculty now operates in two cities. The inclusion of students in Szombathely into the system -that has been developed so far- is indispensable, so we have also created them special groups for each year, and the SEK's opportunities and events are displayed on the website.

We also put the „Idea Box” in multiple buildings of the faculty, in which ideas can be suggested by anonymous students, and we plan to make an online version of it as well. The most popular parts of online content are the Instagram and Facebook posts that strengthen PPK's identity (PPK Around The World, small prince, green apple). We want to preserve and develop these as the community building role is indisputable. Additionally, our Instagram site also an option for a more informal relationship.

We would like to prepare the PPK Student Union notice board next to the Student Union's office. In this area, general information would be available for students, even if the office is closed. The most important opening hours, availability, frequently asked questions and current calls for proposals, as well as a calendar of events, would be on the notice board. We also want to create this interface online to increase access.

In the Kazinczy and Izabella Street buildings, postcards will be further grouped thematically (work, sport, relaxation, search-offering) and we trust that better transparency will result in more effective information delivery.



We want to bring the „PersPeKtíva” opportunities to as many students as possible, so that the newspaper of the faculty can be brought to the attention of the students as well as helping the editor work in more places (online).

We would also like to optimize the division of labor between the two Commission members. Due to increased tasks, they will be responsible for specific areas in the future. One of the members of the committee is responsible for filtering, timing, and placing the ads on the appropriate platform. The other member’s job will be managing the Facebook group called „Mediagroup”, their main task is going to be organizing supplies and providing human resources for the necessary events.

A huge part of our program focuses on the operation of the Mediagroup, the photography and video team and the training of their members. Among the events of the faculty, the Freshmen’s camps are outstanding, documenting and promoting them is a must, and this was perfectly done by the team last year, an aftermovie and lots of photos were made. In the light of this, we are planning to set up a four-member team for the freshmen’s camp, whose tasks would be the following: preparing an aftermovie for the last night, interviewing live logs, freshmen, and recording the „BociShow”. For Orientation Week four people are also needed to work, the main objective is to continuously document events, and to produce an action-packed video from the HHH tour and the Quidditch games. The continuous work of the Mediagroup would mean the appearance and photography of the events, the video, the cooperation with the „PersPeKtíva” (interviews, production of own materials on the reports) and the archiving of the finished materials. Incorporating the Mediagroup into public knowledge has been a success, we want to maintain this and to ensure the standard quality.

The Economic Committee’s program includes the purchase of a camera that is suitable for both making videos and photography. We hope this acquisition will be successful, as this will enable the Mediagroup to develop further and bring our own tools together with the common camera.

We also continue to work closely with ELTE Student Union’S Communications Committee for the purpose of communication between the faculties and we also strive for closer cooperation with ELTE Online.



## International Committee

The two most prominent roles of our committee are encouraging Hungarian students to seek mobility opportunities and facilitating the integration of international students into the faculty's environment. To achieve this, we are actively channelling information to the students regarding international scholarship possibilities and we are striving to organize more programs and events that will help establish a connection and strengthen the role of foreign students, as well as improve the mobility rate of the Hungarian students.

### Internationalization

Thanks to the Stipendium programme (Stipendium Hungaricum) and the English Language University Psychology Programme, more than 400 foreign students study at PPK which makes our department rather international. This is why the International Committee's mission is to give a thorough coverage about the scholarships and exchange opportunities available to them and to create a community where they enjoy spending their time be it one, three or even five years.

We're trying to accomplish the rectorial newsletter to be sent out in English to our international students. Moreover, we find it of vital importance to spread the Erasmus opportunities on social media, flyers, and advertisements.

We would like to further strengthen the relationship between our Hungarian and international students. This initiation started last year when -in cooperation with Academic Committee- we were able to achieve for Hungarian students to be able to take their courses in English, together with their fellow ELUP/Erasmus students. This is not only beneficial because they can experience working together and forming new bonds but because completing these classes gives them a chance to practice their language skills and hence makes them more self-confident. Interaction with foreign students and the triumph of completing an English class gives these students such an experience that can inspire them to apply for Erasmus or other mobility scholarships. Hence we would like to broaden the supply of such classes.

The goal of the cooperation of the Class Representatives and Mentors is to organize programmes where Hungarian and international students can get to know each other in a casual setting. The very first event like this took place last semester which opened the door for many such occasions to come. This year we would like to provide more room for occasions like this so they can evolve, progress and can reach a wider range of people with the help of the Events Coordinator Committee.



### Encouraging mobility

It's highly important to provide sufficient amount and quality information to Hungarian students about the one or two semester Erasmus opportunities on campus. This year in February and September the Erasmus7 will be held again where students can acquire information about their mobility opportunities through lectures or the reports of previous Erasmus students and Campus Mundi scholarship holders. We would like to expand this event by helping students write their motivational letter, CV and other required documents for the application.

We also consider informing international students about their Erasmus opportunities of vital importance. With the help of the International Office and the Erasmus Coordinator, we would like to brief them during an Erasmus orientation program to bring this opportunity into their attention. We would also like to expand the information found on the webpage of the Faculty Of Education and Psychology and correct the occasional changes.

Seeing the success and popularity of the exchange student programme held two years in a row now, we would like to continue to organize this programme this year. Within this programme, we connect with an international university and provide a chance for a one-week exchange. Two years ago it took place in the Netherlands, last year in Germany and this year we're contemplating Italy or France as a possible destination. According to our experience, even a one-week journey like this can be persuasive and can inspire students to apply to the Erasmus programme or the Mentor Circle. This rare opportunity allows them a peek behind the curtain, a perspective that can get them in the mood for mobility.

### International integration

Our main goal is to build the International Class Representative system properly. The core of this is to involve international students who complete their full studies here, to incorporate their own ideas and decisions about their community life and student life so that graduates can learn about the needs and suggestions of international students and thus improve the academic atmosphere of students with the leadership of the Faculty. However, in this semester there have not been enough numbers, so we would do an assessment to find the best form of representation for them by cooperating with them. We would like to continue to cooperate and encourage our international audience to make their voices heard and make their learning environment more pleasant.

We want to show our mentoring program, which will further help integration, into more extensive form. We would be able to offer those foreign students who complete their studies here full-time, to become mentors and thus seek mentorships for their academic or private problems as volunteers in addition to our Hungarian mentors. This innovation includes several



positive aspects: the incoming ELUP students can get a mentor who fully understands their difficulties and problems and is also a great opportunity for co-working with Hungarian and foreign students.

### Cooperation

Although the ESN ELTE (Erasmus Student Network), which is the main platform of mentors, operates as an independent organization from 2016, we still consider it important to maintain close co-operation with PPK. This includes the retention of animator- and mentor trainings, and we have introduced along mentor-mentee pairs the so-called mentoring groups, consisting of 4-6 people. This will ensure that students can turn to more students if needed.

We would also like to initiate closer cooperation with the well-functioning Animator Circle on PPK, which would help organize the events and programs mentioned above.



## Event Management Committee

Our primary purpose is to enhance the country-wide famous PPK-identity even more among the students of the Faculty. Therefore, we intend to increase the attendance and popularity of our programs.

We consider the unbroken continuation and continuous improvement of our traditions and events to be really important. We provide an integrate frame for both the traditions and the innovative events. Our purpose is a clear and regular communication towards the students. In order to achieve that, we have started the social media platform, called PPK EVENTS, which will provide the high-standard and clear-cut information flow. Within this project, we will work in tight cooperation with the Communication Committee.

Our mission is to help each one of the students of our Faculty to find their own likeable types of recreation. We intend to provide the most diverse and various programs possible regarding the sport life, culture, recreation and all other types of spare-time activities.

We believe that we are able to strengthen not only the ELTE-collaboration across the faculties but also the cooperation, growing from that. Our team is prepared to all kinds of cooperations which aim to strengthen ELTE.

### Traditional events

The primal purpose of these events is to help the freshmen become a part of the circulation of the Faculty so that the PPK-identity could form within them in the shortest time possible.

The Freshmen Camp of our Faculty is proved to be an especially high-standard and professionally well-organized one compared to other universities' freshmen camps. Each one of the organizers take part together in a very accurate, detailed process of planning and brainstorming. We organize the programs of the camp with the motto of: ALL THAT IS HUMAN. Our task is to assist that the students could get to know each other more deeply and that the groups could become real teams.

The Freshman Week provides an opportunity for those who would like to get to know the buildings of the university and their fellows students with the same major even more. Those who come from the countryside can get an insight of the everyday adventures of Budapest life and they can get to know the capital even better. We can't ignore the principle of „a sound mind in a sound body”, that's why we organize the legendary hikings to the Hármashatár Mountain. These are all important building blocks for creating the atmosphere of the Faculty.

Each November, we organize the famous Freshmen Prom. The elegant location, the election of the prom king and queen, furthermore the performance of popular Hungarian bands all add





charm and significance to the prom. This is the event when we greet and celebrate the new students of our Faculty.

During March, we organize a special event for those students who are right in the middle of their studies, which program we call as „Median Prom”. This year, we are preparing with a lot of different smaller programs so that the audience and the participants could feel that this gathering is especially for them. Before the event, we intend to give it a great boost through our extensive relationship network.

The last and biggest traditional event of the spring semester is the Faculty Days. We would like to think this project over thoroughly, then recreate it. In advance, we can mention our series of presentations, created on the sample of the popular TED, which aims to provide a unique opportunity for the talented and good oratorical-skilled students to present in a high-standard show.

### Culture

The cultural life of the ELTE PPK is motivated by the enthusiasm and the creative and innovative approach. Very often, the student’s initiations become successful programs. The ELTE PPK Pub Quiz and the Verse yourself! Slam Poetry programs are really popular, for example. We intend to improve and reform these events in the future, to provide the continuous success. The PPQ will be organized monthly, the Slam Poetry night once every two weeks.

Furthermore, starting from the next semester, students can participate in a new game, called „Dark hide-and-seek”, the events of the PPK film club and other alternative programs.

### Animator Community

The Animator Community (AC) is part of the ELTE PPK Student Union. The AC, through the Student Union, is in charge of the organization of the public life of the Faculty. Anyone can become a member of the AC who sends his own, personally-written motivation letter to the Event Management Committee at the beginning of the semester, then comes to a personal interview, successfully complete the animator training and take part in the Leadership Training Camp. The aim of the AC is, among others, to build the student community, help to organize all the programs and events of the Faculty and to integrate the new students with the public life of the Faculty.

This year, we had 115 new animator applicant starting the trainings. During the preparations, the members of the AC family can get to know each other and during the treats, the others as



well. During the Leadership Training Camp, the applicant can discover the whole Animator Community. The process is finished by the Animator Graduation. This year, we are planning to have a common celebration after the graduation, which will strengthen the community even more.

We consider the further training of the active animators to be really important as well. For such educational series of presentations, we don't only invite trainers and successful professionals but also the members of the PPK Alumni Network.

### Sport

Our primary and most important purpose in the sport life of the Faculty is to keep the university's „most active faculty” reputation intact. Part of our mission is to give a good example for others as well. That's why we intend to pay special attention to the sport life of the Faculty in the future as well, as we did in the past too, so that we could keep our leading role in the sport circulation of the ELTE.

Our aim is that, compared to the number of other faculties' student representatives, the PPK could provide the most sporting students to events, such as the 5vös5km, the Night Sport, the Duna Regatta and other university sport programs. We intend to help the adequate information flow within the sport life, so that there could be no students who stay away from sporting because of the lack of information about opportunities. We are ready to do everything in order to keep the students informed and updated about all the possibilities and new opportunities, so that we can support their wishes for a healthier life style. We started the column, called „From you – For you, You and sport” in our Perspective Newspaper, which gives students a chance to write about their own sport experiences. We are going to continue and improve this column in the future as well.

We have recognized that there is a trend in sport, such as there is a trend in clothing fashion and so on. We are ready to keep in step and work towards to always make the most popular sports accessible for the students of the Faculty.

We think that the socializing effect of sport is really important. Sport creates community and that is such a value that has always had a great emphasis in the PPK. Accordingly, we would like to constitute the sport life of the Faculty in a way that it could help to build deeper relationships within this already great community.



## Academic Committee

During our work at the Academic Committee, we pay special attention to always conveying reliable and up-to-date information to the students. We try to inform the students who are involved about the ever-changing regulations as soon as possible. We would like to cooperate with all the other committees of the Student Union, as it has traditionally been the practice.

Our program is focused on three main points which are general but apply to specific areas. These are advocacy, scientific and other talent management, and the field of teacher training.

### Advocacy

We would like to keep the traditional system of student advocacy, but also upgrade it. Last year, the Field-Specific Student Advocacy was introduced, which provides reliable information to freshmen from , on topics concerning studies and the university. We would also like to introduce the advocacy in an ascending system at Szombathely and to students studying in a masters course or a correspondence training, mainly helping students coming from different universities.

The representatives are usually delegates, because they have the competence and experience for properly informing students. Otherwise the members of the Delegate Community mean a resource for the Academic Committee. The members help us with the programs that are linked to the academic field (registration week, open days, Educatio fair), and solve the problems that occur. In the future we would like to have recruitment and training in both semesters of the academic year, so that a new generation is provided. We would also like to recruit students studying at the Szombathely campus. We find it important to have trainings for the current delegates as well, and we would like to carry on with the tradition of organizing the Delegate Weekend in spring.

Moreover, we would like to organize forums for the different departments where students would have the opportunity to tell us their opinion and their proposals about their department and Faculty. We count on the Communication Committee in this project as well as in conveying important information, such as deadlines and other events.

We would like to organize the High School Road Show this year as well, to integrate future students into university life as soon as possible. During this event the delegates visit the high schools they had attended, and they talk about their experiences and why it is worth it to choose our Faculty. After the event, it would be possible for high school students to attend classes and spend a day at the university, and to have a look at our everyday life. The open days, of course, are another option for getting information.



We want to organize the traditional lectures and orientations as part of our series of programs called To Students, From Students. These include the introductory talk at the beginning of the year, where newly enrolled students are informed about the opportunities given by our university; the masters course orientation, where students can learn about the specializations available at our Faculty; and some coaching events with the help of Illyés Sándor College for Advanced Studies (thus strengthening the connection).

The newly enrolled students will be able to receive the most important pieces of information in the freshmen camp and during orientation week, with the help of delegates, the representatives of each academic field and yearly issued brochures, such as Kazynfo, Pályaképünk (Our vision about the course), Tudományperspektíva (Scientific Perspective), which provide information on not only academic, but public opportunities as well.

As a part of Animator training, we would like to keep on providing the Academic Training, so that future animators can be a reliable source of information for the freshmen. They are the ones who answer the course-related questions in the Facebook groups, and they can forward the students to the person responsible for the question. The Animator Community also provides help at Faculty events about study-related topics.

During the Faculty Week we would like to organize a Professional Day where the current students would speak about the university and hold Q&A sessions about milestones during the course (comprehensive exams and thesis), and former students would talk about their experiences about their possibilities after finishing school here.

Moreover, our committee will continue to be an advocate for our Faculty in the Academic Committee of the ELTE Student Union.

### *Talent Management/Science*

The Student Union's mediating role between the students and the Faculty's leadership, the departments and the teachers is of key importance, in the field of studies and talent management as well. Our goal is to inform the students about these opportunities, with the help of delegates and the Communication Committee. These are the following: Honoracior status, application to be a Demonstrator and collaboration with the Illyés Sándor College for Advanced Studies.

We find the publicity of OTDK/TDK very important as well, and we would like to encourage the students to represent our Faculty on these occasions. It is a great chance for students to learn about the scientific programs and studies conducted in our country.

We would like to keep on publishing the Tudományperspektíva (Science Perspective) journal, which is a symbol of the academic life at our Faculty. We plan on making the journal accessible online, not only in printed form.



We still work in close collaboration with the Academic Committee of the ELTE Student Union, providing the opportunity for the evolvement of the talent management programs and applications supported by the university, trying to reach as many students as possible.

### Teacher Training

In teacher training, we take part in teaching pedagogy and psychology classes, for those studying at divided master training and undivided one-tier training for teachers. It has always been important for our Faculty.

We try to help convey the students taking part in teacher training as much information concerning their studies as possible. That is why a cooperation is needed with Centre of Teacher Training. The Centre organizes and looks after the studies of teachers-to-be, joining different academic fields. Our Faculty is represented at the conciliatory session of the Centre of Teacher Training, as well as the Teacher Training and Postgraduate Training Council. This is the task of the PPK Student Union's Referent for Teacher Training, who can get first-hand information about the affairs concerning teacher training.

It would be great if students not only received information about the matters directly concerning their studies but about the Faculty's affairs, promoting their better integration. That is why we would like to extend the Field-Specific Student Advocacy to those studying to be teachers.

The Student Union referents of those faculties of ELTE which are involved in teacher training make up the ELTE Student Union's Teacher Training Committee. Their work is coordinated by the Referent for Teacher Training, and they discuss hot topics that affect everyone. The Committee's work enables the students in teacher training to receive as much support as possible and ensures that they have standardized advocacy at every Faculty.



## PersPeKtíva-Faculty Magazine

I think that the newspaper of our Faculty, called Perspective, is a great chance for those students who would like to try their writing talent or improve their journalist skills. I would like to keep the educational and entertaining role of the newspaper but also add some expansion, so that it could be even more attractive for readers.

I would like to keep the time-tested columns. In the „Érintő” column, students can read about information regarding the Faculty and the news of the Student Union, which requires a tight cooperation among the committees. The „Szak-Mai” part is an excellent opportunity to present the works of the students, so we aim to encourage more and more people to get involved and present their interesting research, writings to the public as well. Under the title of „Kult-Óra”, one can read about news from Hungary and cultural news from Budapest.

It's especially on my heart that our foreign fellows could join in as well, that's why I would give space to the „Rise Up” column again. Here the foreign students could tell us about their life in Budapest and Hungarian students could write advices for freshmen or tell them about their Erasmus experiences.

We receive more and more articles into the „Sport” column, which is why we can get an insight into the BEAC life even more. In order to motivate students, I would like to publish a sport recommendation in every paper, which introduces the accessible sport lessons of the BEAC.

One of our new column would be the „Kari-Naptár” which could function as an annual sum-up, at the end of each copy. Here there could be found all the important programs and events of the semester to help the students to keep updated about the programs of the Faculty. Our other innovation got the name of „Rejts-Meg”. No newspaper can miss a few good cross-word puzzles from the last page, which can help us all relax from the tiring academic life.

Fortunately, the writers of our newspaper are all really open, always full of interesting ideas for articles and we would like to keep that attitude alive. That's why we would like to organize a meeting for all the writers of the Perspectives and the members of the Committees. Within that, everyone would participate in an Improving Training and a common brainstorming about how to improve the newspaper, how to solve the problems and we would discuss the future plans.

The appearance and the design of the newspaper would also get changed. We would like to encourage students to show their creativity, which is why each publication would have a different designer.

We intend to publish Perspective twice per semester but on the other hand, we would like to increase the number of pages. I was sad to see the newspaper many times fallen to the ground



or put into a place where no one can really see them. To prevent that, we plan to put small spring-backs on the walls, so they can be more accessible to the enthusiastic readers.

We don't plan big changes in our „Pályaképünk” and „Kazynfo” publications. Our new idea would be the „PPK-Útlevel/Iránytű”. It would be such a useful collection of information, from where new students, especially those from the countryside, can get informed about different places of Budapest. We would like to present the cheap, yet great restaurants, pubs and clubs (under the name of „Kajánló”), which are close to the three PPK building. With the help of a small map, we would remark the public transport facilities among the buildings and the easiest way to reach the dorms. There would be also some information about the opening hours of different libraries, the Student Union, the Questura and other important institutions. Cooperating with the International Committee, we would like to provide the same publication for the foreign students, which could be available during each day of the year within the building of the PPK. We would also like to extend this to the Faculty in Szombathely, this will be organized altogether with the representatives and students from there.

We continue to work with the media group. We have many enthusiastic photographer, whose photos enrich the newspaper.



## Summary

The above mentioned extensive aims and all the program parts of the specialities attempt to help our students' everyday life, such as how to handle their educational and social issues, furthermore to keep them updated about the different calls for applications and scientific possibilities. Additionally, we also devote a special role to provide great opportunities for recreation, so we aim to provide many cultural, scientific, public life and sport programs for them as well.

The presidency team, preparing for the election, is motivated and committed to accomplish the described aims. Every member of the team is waiting for the tasks and challenges with a great professional preparation and openness.

We kindly ask our student fellows to support us with their votes so that our team could get a chance to accomplish all that is described in our program!

Thank you for your trust!

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