



PROTOCOL

The Baltic University Programme's
Student's Parliament 2023

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1. Opening of the parliament session 2023

The Baltic University's Programme's Students' Parliament session was held in Kaunas, Lithuania on the 11th of May 2023. It was declared open by Tereza Homolová and Seymour Ingilabli, the current student's representatives.

2. Information and instructions about the parliamentary process

Tereza and Seymour informed and instructed the Students' Parliament members about the parliamentary session process and made a count of the parliament members present at the current session.

3. Appointing the election board

Seymour Ingilabli announced his nominees for the following positions: 3 vote counters, 1 secretary, 2 adjusters and briefly described their duties and responsibilities. The parliament voted on each nomination separately in an open voting. All nominations have been accepted with the majority of the votes.

Election board members:

Adjuster – Margaréta Banasova

Adjuster – Thi Thuy Trang Nguyen

Vote counter – Emil Ojo

Vote counter – Arthur Baron von Wilcke

Vote counter – Zuzana Kabelkova

Secretary – Sarah Jordan

4. Motions and proposals

2 proposals were introduced.

Proposal by Davide Senigalliesi

Main points of the proposal:

- Overall conference topic is not enough or interesting for everyone
- Having a personal goal/purpose for coming to the conference
- “In these four days I want to... “

- Setting individual goals after the conference in the feedback check-out form to make everyone`s

Main points of discussion:

- Motion is not specific enough in terms of implementation, e.g. how exactly should it be stated:
Could be stated in the application already
- Application process already assures that people come with an intention and motivation letter in application is enough: *having a specific goal would make the conference more impactful for each individual*
- Could also be an intention participants set after the conference for the future
- Participants broaden their knowledge but do not know what they bring back home or what their purpose at the conference was
- There is already a feedback form
- Padlet: common digital board where people can share their thoughts
- The motion is not specific enough but it generates ideas that can lead to a better feedback and reflection mechanism

Voting results

15 in favour - declined

Proposal by Hamza Khan

Main points of the proposal:

- Creating digital solutions for a sustainable world
- Each person can create content for people outside the conference (like videos etc.)
- We are privileged to study something related to sustainability, this knowledge is not accessible to all people outside of academia
- Make BUP more interactive

Main points of discussion

- Who is supposed to make the videos?
- How long will the videos be?
- ➔ Details can be clarified by the board if the motion is accepted
- Attracts people and attention: positive influence for this conference and BUP

Voting results

More than 80% in favour - accepted

2 more motions were allowed by the majority of the students

Introduced by: Anastasiia Sopina

Main points:

- Case studies to deal with a real world problem
- Apply our skills to actual problems in the Baltic region
- Organize a short workshop during the conference

Main points of discussion:

- Is it a theoretical problem created by BUP to solve it? – practical example, case studies

Voting results

Majority approved

Introduced by: Supriyo Panda

Main points:

- Communication during conference: sharing phone numbers when we sign data protection form to improve communication among participants and have icebreaker sessions in the first 15min of conference in small groups of 5 people with 5 questions to get to know each other, group results are presented to all

Main points of discussion:

- Its not a motion since it concerns the organizers and not the board, but we can see if people like the idea

Stimmungsbild:

Majority likes the idea

5. Election of the International BUP Students' Representative

Tereza and Seymour, the current students' representatives, held a short speech, talking about their experience at their position and thanking the BUP for the opportunity.

They then informed the parliament about the rules of the election as follows:

- Each candidate will shortly introduce themselves.
- The candidate will present their agenda one by one.
- At the beginning four of the candidates will go outside the room and wait for their turn.
- Each candidate will have 3 minutes for their speech, 3 minutes for questions from the parliament and 1 minute for the closing speech.
- The voting will be closed and will take place after all candidates are finished.

Each candidate introduced himself, stated the name of the university and their field of study. The current students' representatives then let the candidates draw their speaking order. The results were as follows:

1st candidate: **Niumi Dissanayake**

2nd candidate: **Filip Ondrasek**

3rd candidate: **Hamza Khan**

4th candidate: **Sanan Rustamli**

The second, third and fourth candidate left the room, the vote counters has been assigned to measure the time of each segment and the first candidate proceeded to his speech.

1st candidate: **Niumi Dissanayake**

Main points of the speech:

- University of Riga, Latvia, from Sri Lanka
- Two ideas:
- Being a Representative not leader: Representing everyone, all nationalities, perspective and disciplines
- Being influential: democracy and participation in BUP is great

Main points of the discussion:

- What does influential mean for you?
Everyone has different ideas and perspectives: every perspective should be heard and be influential
- Which leadership style do you possess and how will you use it in this position?
Honesty, open-mindedness, flexibility: being adjustable to new and other perspectives

2nd candidate: **Filip Ondrasek**

Main points of the speech:

- Be representative in all manners
- Not only conference about environment, also culture and making friends
- If we unite we can make better things together
- All our countries are small compared to China or USA
- Together we can progress our ideas and have a bright future

Main points of the discussion

- You said we should come here for culture, do you want to push sustainability to the background? The conference is about learning and spreading knowledge about the topic as the first aim.

We should cooperate on topics like sustainability and Circular Economy

- What are your practical ideas on strengthening cultural exchange, and as a representative you are responsible to connect us students to the board?

We can connect our expertise from different fields, e.g. teaching and economics

3rd candidate: **Hamza Khan**

Main points of the speech:

- From the second most beautiful capital of the world
- Doesn't like presenting himself
- Travelled a lot in South east Asia and the Middle East, now wants to travel Europe
- likes to read, renaissance art, talking to people: everyone lives their own life and has their own perspective that can improve our lives
- Why do I want to be part of BUP?
- Who is familiar with millennium development goals?
- 8 goals that were transformed into SDGs, Millennium goals were not implemented by 2015 because of lack of resource allocation
- I want to move forward, but I won't make any promises to make changes that I cannot keep

Main points of the discussion:

- What will you present at the conferences?

He lives in Estonia now, there are many stereotypes against Estonians. Started a group Expats in Tallinn, talk to as many people as he can and collecting perspectives.

- What can we as students do to contribute to SDGs in our countries?

We are all related to sustainability in one way or another: spread the word in our communities and surroundings: there is a lack of information and we should use our privilege of studying these topics: spread awareness.

- Why should I vote for you? Three reasons

I will not promise anything, I am not a politician. I just want to present myself and leave the vote to you. I am an extroverted introvert, I like to get deep into topics and keep things in mind that I talk to. I value their opinion and their feedback.

4th candidate: **Sanan Rustamli**

Main points of the speech:

- I study sustainable development: every day all week is about sustainability
- I don't have any idea, I decided yesterday at 11 to run as candidate
- I assessed your presentation, Muffaddal's presentation was the best

Main points of the discussion:

- If you become student representative, would you keep in touch with everyone and be open to be contacted?

Competitive environment for the presentations

- What are your hobbies?

Smoking, yesterday at 11 I smoked and then decided to become representative

- Which SDG would you change

Urban spatial planning, because of war in many countries, also in my home country (Azerbaijan/Armenia).

Summary

All students' representative candidates were given an opportunity to deliver speech, to introduce themselves, their visions and their protentional role as the international BUP students' representative.

6. Voting for the International BUP Students' Representative

All members of the BUP Students' Parliament were given an opportunity to vote in a closed voting. The election board received **xx** ballot papers in total, all of which were filled and valid. Members of the BUP Students' Parliament were supposed to choose one new student representative.

The voting results were as follows:

Niumi Dissanayake: 28

Filip Ondrasek: 24

Hamza Khan: 10

Sanan Rustamli: 3

7. Presenting the elected International BUP Student' Representatives

New elected Baltic University Programme's International Student Representatives for period spring 2023 to spring 2025, was Niumi Dissanayake , University of Riga.

8. Closing of the parliamentary session 2023

The Baltic University Programme's Students' Parliament session 2023 was declared and closed by Tereza Homolová and Seymour Ingilabli.