

# Protocol on the BUP's Students' parliament 2021

Online conference at 1:30 pm (CEST) on May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Secretary: Alwina Bielke

Adjusters: Simona Halášová and Aleksandra Leesment

Ellen Chkhitadze opens the parliament meeting with a speech at 1:30 pm (CEST) and presents the topics of the agenda as follows:

1. Information and instructions of the parliament process
2. Appointing 1 secretary and 2 adjusters
3. Student proposals
4. Election of International Students Representative Spring 2021 to Spring 2023
5. Presentation of election results
6. Welcoming of the new Students' Representative
7. Closing of the meeting

There were no objections to the topics.

## Topic 1:

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## Topic 2:

Ellen Chkhitadze nominates Alwina Bielke as secretary and Simona Halášová and Aleksandra Leesment as adjusters and briefly describes their duties and responsibilities.

All nominations are accepted unanimously.

## Topic 3:

### a) Proposal by Shanthi Meganathan, 2 min

Main points: A lot of emission of GHG are from food waste – focus more on food waste. Awareness about it and concepts to reduce waste- e.g. turn them locally into organic fertilizer. Therewith also promoting organic farming

Result of the open vote:

Yes – 36

No – 3

Abstained – 6

Attendees – 45

**b) Proposal by Alexej Sonnenfeld, 2 min**

Main points: Modernization of organic farming. Get people to monetarily invest more into research for agricultural innovations and organic farming or find new techniques or crops that have potential for the future. Mobilize money for these innovations, research etc. through the BUP since it is very well connected.

Result of the open vote:

Yes – 40

No – 3

Abstained – 3

Attendees – 46

**c) Proposal by Ellen Chkhitadze, 2 min**

Main points: Organization of student conference twice a year - in summer (presence) and additionally in winter (online, less costly).

Result of the open vote:

Yes – 46

No – 0

Abstained – 2

Attendees – 48

**d) Proposal by Aleksandra Leesment, 2 min**

Main points: Organize/offer an online transmission of the presence summer conference for students who cannot travel for family/health/distance reasons.

Result of the open vote:

Yes – 32

No – 7

Abstained – 6

Attendees – 45

#### Topic 4:

**a)** Short speech by the present students' representatives Ellen Chkhitadze and Mirjam Weituschat about their experiences and all benefits from being a students' representative.

**b)** Ellen Chkhitadze gives an introduction of the election and informs the parliament about the rules of the election: each candidate will shortly introduce themselves. Each candidate will have 3 minutes for their speech, 3 minutes for questions from the Parliament and 1 minute for their closing speech.

She also informs that the voting will be closed and will take place after all of the speeches.

**c)** Introduction of the candidates:

- *1<sup>st</sup>: Karolina Błaszczyk, UTP University of Science and Technology*
- *2<sup>nd</sup>: Shashini Dissanayake, Russian State Hydrometeorological University*
- *3<sup>rd</sup>: Shima Vahedi, Kaunas Technology University*
- *4<sup>th</sup>: Anastasiia Soroka, Chernihiv Polytechnic National University*

**d)** Candidate speech, 3 min. each:

- *1<sup>st</sup>: Karolina Błaszczyk:*  
Field of expertise is organic agriculture and phytopathology with a focus on grains and she wants to promote a healthy and vegan diet and organic food that she produces herself. Future research on low-input production. Make agriculture sustainable!
- *2<sup>nd</sup>: Shashini Dissanayake:*  
Field of expertise is oceanology and wishes for cooperation from Baltic Universities and courses in English medium for other students.
- *3<sup>rd</sup>: Shima Vahedi:*  
Field of expertise is food safety. She wants to learn a lot of Europeans and participate in this connecting program (BUP) that put people from different countries with different perspectives into one "room" to enhance each others abilities.
- *4<sup>th</sup>: Anastasiia Soroka:*  
----- (not present)

**e)** Questioning of candidates, 3 min each

- *1<sup>st</sup>: Karolina Błaszczyk:*  
How many BUP conferences? -> 3 presence, 2 online  
Why do you want to represent BUP? -> connection of neighboring countries, find similarities and help each other
- *2<sup>nd</sup>: Shashini Dissanayake:*

- 3<sup>rd</sup>: Shima Vahedi:

What are you passionate about and what do you want to work on? -> Interested to work in research and with people, especially to organize and conduct food related conferences.

- 4<sup>th</sup>: Anastasiia Soroka:  
----- (not present)

f) Closing speech of all candidates, 1 min each

g) Vote

**Topic 5:**

The vote that was carried out gave the following result with 47 attendees:

Shima Vahedi: 19  
Karolina Błaszczuk: 15  
Shashini Dissanayake: 12  
Anastasiia Soroka: 1

Shima Vahedi was voted new students' representative for the BUP with 19 votes.

**Topic 6:**

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**Topic 7:**

Ellen Chkhitadze and Mirjam Weituschat end the meeting at 3:00 pm (CEST) after giving some more general information and Mirjams goodbye after three years of being students' representative.

*Halášová*

Signature  
Simona Halášová

19. 05. 2021, Nitra, Slovakia  
Date, Place

*Alwina Biele*

Signature  
Alwina Biele

12. 05. 21, Greifswald (Germany)  
Date, Place

*Aleksandra Leesment*

Signature  
Aleksandra Leesment

19.05.2021, Tartu (Estonia)  
Date, Place