**NOTARY GA NOVEMBER 2020**

Attendees: Joost Wijffels, SB presidentel Davy Ntsoumou, Jonathan Schoen, Phineas Shapiro, Belle Boss, Femke Gunneweg, Michelle Reitano, Rose Cooper, Alexander Walla, Anne Verbeeck, Antoniya Spriova, Vitor Francisco, Carla Laudien, Lou Petrone, Joost Boswinkel, Maxime Kramer, Noa Zogo Ayissi, Odile Feltkamp, Kendra Kibbey, Rose cooper, Ruben Backx, Louise Wydemans, Ilaria Ernst, E Spielhagen, Ludwig Schulte, Caroline Déharbe

Participants: 26

Proxies: 3

**President welcomes us**

**Independent Body explains the rules:**

* Please turn off camera
* Vote via Zoom
  + You can vote 1 via zoom
  + If proxy: us chat function zoom to send response to every motion to Jonathan
  + Polling explained and practises.
* If you want to speak, use “raise hand” function under “participants”
* Technical points, next to normal questions
  + Are points made if you want to expand the debate, or want to ask for clarification.
  + Jonathan names all reasons to use a technical point and procedural motion (found in policy SB presidental)
* Asks if there;s questions
  + No questions

**President opens the GA**

**Agenda:**

* President present the agenda
* Opening of GA
* Approval of agenda
* Approval of Minutes from the last GA
* Announcements
* Notary
* Miscellaneous motions (i think that’s howyou spell it)
* Open floor and questions
* Closing of GA
* Drinks!
* Agenda moves to a vote
  + Agenda is approved (25 yes, 0 no, 1 abstentions)
* Minutes last GA move to a vote
  + Minutes pass (23 yes, 0 no, 3 abstentions)

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

* UCSRN lost money
  + We are part of UCSRN, an associations for all Dutch UCs.
  + Recently, they lost their bank card
    - This ended up with a cost of about 2300 euros
  + This is a big blow and they have been working to solve this issue
  + Tension between previous and current UCSRN treasurer
  + This is relevant to us because we usually pay 1000 euros a year as contribution (little less this year)
  + Questions?
    - What stept have been taken? GA? Ib interference?
      * SB president is also shocked that much happened.
      * MT, and Universalis Board have been informed.
      * SB president wanted to share with community but UCSRN did not want to make ir public yet.
      * SB president can add the document explaining the indicident on the website.
        + GA member appreciates the transparency.
      * SB president is really disappointed because of the circumstances of the incident.
      * Has tried to unite as UCs to exert some pressure on UCSRN.
    - SB treasurer adds that circumstances are suspicious. The setting and security were not apt to prevent the incident from happening.
      * SB is waiting for more information from UCSRN and hope to know more soon.
    - Is there something in their policy manual that makes it obligatory to call a GA for this stolen money or to announce it to the community
      * There are no GA requirements in context of theft.
    - DOes this directly impact us?
      * Not directly, but we pay into association so it is an indirect loss of ours as well.
      * We are not the only ones of course, and so budget is significant but this is still a large amount.
    - SB encouraged to resist requests for more money from UCSRN
      * President affirms this and will not accept such a request from UCSRN.
* Treasurer announcement: still no access to bank account
  + President and Treasurer no access to bank account
  + Happened due to Corona
  + Has been worked on since beginning of semester.
  + Bank (ABNAMRO) have not been fast
  + Hopefully access will be granted soon
  + Reimbursements still happening, no real consequences.
  + QUestions?
    - Clarification: Because we are Student Association, 3 SB positions are part of KvK (Chamber of commerce) which really complicates things and means not everyone can have access to the bank.
    - Difficult for international student to gain access.

**BUDGET REQUESTS**

* SOCIAL BOARD
  + **Notary:** 
    - Notary budget was enough, we now know it is more than we budgeted for: 1800 euros
    - SB requests additional 1200 euros
    - All notaries have been contacted and this
      * So you got a quote, but could it be that eventual costs are higher? And so would it be wise to request a buffer?
        + So initially their quote was 600 euros but this excluded taxes and translation.
        + Final quote it said 1800 euros.

Would it not then make sense to request a little buffer. 1500 euros rather than 1200

* + - Ad hoc to increase 1200 for notary to 1500
      * Ad hoc motion moves to a vote
      * 23 yes, 0 no, 2 abstentions
      * Ad hoc motion passes
  + **Pigeon Hole surprise**
    - 900 euros for little surprise ;)
      * Will you take into account all dietary preferences and allergies etc.?
        + Yes thank you!
      * Have you considered that not everyone will be able to pick up their little surprise?
        + Not yet considered, but SB plans to still figure this out.
  + **Pub Quiz**
    - 45 euros for prizes
    - Policy manual suggests maximum but treasurer is making exception because it is multiple prizes.
* HYPATIA:
  + **Educational Calendars (90 euros):** Hypatia had the idea to make calendars to raise money for Polish charity that helps with promoting safe abortion.
    - This calendar would also diversify knowledge of important women by including important unknown women on the calendar.
      * President raises that policy regarding charity donations are complex.
      * IB raises that this is new policy manual and not the current one.
      * Why was there so much confusion at last GA about charities?
        + Because AC wanted to make direct donation with budget.
        + Donating profit from events is perfectly fine.
        + Profit can be donated or will go back to Social Board
  + **Sustainable period event (100 euros):** They also want to do a sustainable period event.
* PARTY COMMITTEE
  + **Committee fall event (70 euros):** people really liked their last event and so they wanted to do something else. Idea to do treasure hunt with competitive challenges. Not possible under new regulations, but would like to keep the money in case the regulations are lifted.
    - Will mainly be directed towards freshmen
    - Covid-19 rules and regulations will be followed with precision.
    - Questions?
      * What do you mean with “some products for the challenges”
        + THis would be money for some groceries which would not be a lot so they might pay themselves.

Treasurer raises that everyone can always have expenses reimbursed and can include grocery costs in budget.

* + - * Acquisition executive raises that hand sanitizer is in her possession.
        + HAND SANITISER CUT FROM BUDGET
      * IB raises that policy manual has maximum for prizes, 10 euros. But there is leniency here so up to SB/GA
        + SB people are fine with that.
* MEDITATION
  + **Funding for yoga teacher training** (400 euros).
    - Spring semester would mark free yoga classes for all students if they have money for the yoga teacher.
    - Many students have expressed an interest
    - Could be executed safely.
    - Questions?
      * Can one pass on this training to others.
        + No. It is quite some money but this was the cheapest option with quality.
      * Would this only be for one person?
        + to have certificate for training one person has to complete the course.
        + Everyone can have access to the code though.
      * IB raises policy manual (4.4 will check later), that states no member can receive compensation for their services.
        + Member raises that in past years external people have been brough into UCM to teach yoga for money, This particular member would always provide free classes for the rest of their time at UCM.
      * Would you with this training be willing to train others so that the knowledge is not lost after you graduate? Very nice and great initiative, but this member is concerned that this knowledge would get lost.
        + The training would not sufficiently prepare the member who wants it to train other trainers.
      * Interpretation from IB: We can pay students for trainings.
      * Would policy manual apply: we cannot spend 10% of EU tuition on one event.
        + According to IB, this applies to the yoga trainer.

This means we should not pay 1 member for this training.

* + - * How long does the subscription last?
        + Forever.
      * Suggestion: What if the committee uses old books and visual training materials. This would not be a training, but would be a cheaper and more accessible way for all members of committee to learn to train.
      * Policy manual raises that each event organised by committee must be catered to large part of community or whole community. This training does not apply to this, and eventually yoga teacher could be more beneficial for the community.
      * Suggestion to mainly use DVDs as these would be easy to learn from.
    - Ad Hoc Motion to decrease budget to an appropriate amount
      * This the Meditation representative understands.
      * Ad hoc motion to decrease budget to 100 euros and name event changed to DVD/Book yoga training.
        + Ad hoc motion moves to a vote.
        + Motion passes (17 yes, 5 no, 4 abstentions)
* **EXTRA MOTIONS?**
  + No extra motions.

ENTIRE REQUESTED BUDGET: 2445 +190 + 70 + 100

* Entire budget moves to a vote
  + Motion passes (26 yes, 0 no, 1 abstention)

**OPEN FLOOR AND QUESTIONS?**

* IB: looking for new members:
  + IB President will leave the IB and so the IB needs new members who are interested in policy, budgeting, and auditing. Send email to [independentbody@gmail.com](mailto:independentbody@gmail.com)., or send message to facebook of the IB members (which i cannot say because these are anonymised.
  + SB president thanks the IB on behalf of the entire board.
* AC: AC doesn’t pay guest speakers, until last GA when it was raised that maybe they should.
  + This could increase quality and sometimes speaking is customary.
  + Wouldn’t pay UCM students.
  + AC didn’t want to start doing this without asking the community.
  + What does the community think?
    - One member raises that small committees can already struggle to get the desired project. So if the AC has organised great lectures for no money, should this become a habit?
      * Later added: this doesnt mean this member believes this should never happen.
    - Someone else raises that this should be raised at MT.
    - Member also raises that they are slightly against paying for services like speaking and Disc-Jockeying. It is also importasnt that we have a unified idea of who to pay and why.
      * AC raises that this means that they could also support upcoming artists.
        + SB president raises that one interpretation of the statutes could point out supporting uocoming artists is not part of the Universalis mission statement.
    - AC member clarifies that this question arose mainly in contexts of collaborations with external parties, who have paid (sometimes large sums) for speakers. The payments would not be for UM students. These collaborations could perhaps be avoided, too.
    - Member asks where to draw the line of who to pay and how much to pay this person?
      * This is a complicated question and the AC mihght continue current practice of giving speaker gifts.
    - What about others who do great voluntary work? And why can we pay someone who is not from UCM and not someone who is from UCM?
      * We cannot compare a second-year student to someone who has proper experience within research field.
    - Suggestion: ask for it at GAs like with normal motion.
      * This will happen in the fairest way.
    - SB president states that this will be raised at MT.
    - SB treasurer adds that what has been raised before is certainly true. If there is an academically experienced person, this could indeed be raised at the GA>
    - Perhaps a small contribution can be insulting if they are used to more.
      * This doesn’t have to be true if one delivers this çontribution with dignity and respect.
    - There are many different complex questions, also about how we relate to larger organisations that pay more. In the past UCM has paid for speakers before (hotel and transport). There are ways to have UCM pay for certain things.
    - It is repeated several times that this will be raised at the Management Team meeting.
    - Payments are made not out of feelings of embarassment but more as a way to position the AC as a certain profile.
      * Sometimes one tries to organise things last minute but we do not always have the resources to position ourselves the way we want to.
    - Perhaps we can market UCM in such a way that speakers will come to speak without us having to pay them.
      * AC finds this a nice idea, but such a marketing strategy can be difficult as well. How we are marketed should perhaps not determine whether we gift gifts or not, but it is still a nice idea.
    - SB president raises that providing affordable recreational event is the main goal of Universalis, and since we do not have a lot of money we should ask UCM for contribution.
      * Correction: academic and recreational events\*
    - AC thanks everyone for their thoughts. This open floor discussion doesn’t mean the AC will start burning money on speakers. They wanted to share thoughts.

**SB PRESIDENT ENDS THE GA (20.04)**