

## **GA NOTARY DECEMBER 2020**

Attendees: Ruben Backx, Joost Wijffels, Manuel Ntsoumou, Kendra Kibbey, Maxime Kramer, Phineas Shapiro, Stephen McCarthy, Michelle Reitano, Caroline Deharbe, Joost Boswinkel, Antonitya Spirova, Jonathan Schoen, Lou Petrone, Lara Gierschmann, Bela Ashworth, Francesca Calenta

Total voting: 15

Proxies: 3

18 votes

### **OPENING OF THE GA**

- Independent body explains the rules
  - If you want to speak, “raise hand” function on Zoom under Participants
  - Technical point (further explanation, lengthen debate, move to vote): use “yes” button under participants
  - Voting happens via zoom
  - If proxy, send vote to Jonathan via chat for every vote
  - We practice voting at the GA
  - Please mute yourself and turn camera off when not speaking
  - Only use chat for technical and important business
- President opens the GA (without a little hammer).

### **PRESIDENT PRESENTS THE AGENDA**

- Presents the plan for today
- Agenda moves to a vote
  - Agenda passes (16 yes, 0 no, 2 abstention)

### **Approval of**

- Minutes move to a vote
- Minutes pass (17 yes, 0 no, 1 abstentions) thanks for believing in me y'all :')

### **PRESENTATION OF THE MOTIONS**

- Presentation of the motion for amendments to the Draft Statutes presented to the GA on December 3, 2020 (see Annex A)
  - GA members present motion
  - explain issues with Statutes:
    - The financial year consists of 2 semesters but semesters have not been defined
      - Definition is included in new Statutes
    - Rest is mainly grammatical
    - Ad hoc amendment to the amendment motion, include the following changes in addition to ammendment
      - 6.6.2. Powers GA
        - Maybe an issue with punctuation (semicolons)
        - Lists need to be separated with semicolons, but other articles have subclauses.
        - Member recommends all full stops be replaced with semicolons and sentences a, b, c with lower case letters.
      - 7.2.1. Comma needs replaced with colon.

- 8.5.6. Full stop needs to be replaced with semicolon
- Questions?
- Ad hoc motion to include additions outlined above in original motion.
  - Ad hoc passes (17 yes, 0 no, 1 abstention)
- Motion moves to a vote:
  - Motion passes (15 yes, 0 no, 3 abstention)
- **MOTION TO APPROVE AND ACCEPT THE STATUTES**
  - Any questions on the statutes?
  - IB explains that statutes are the legal foundations of the associations.
  - GA member adds unlike all other votes, the statutes need to pass with  $\frac{2}{3}$  majority (normally absolute majority).
  - *President would not like to go through notary process again*
  - Motion moves to a vote
    - Motion passes (17 yes, 0 no, 1 abstentions)
    - **THE NEW STATUTES HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED**
- GRADUATION COMMITTEE BUDGET 2000
  - Member of GA presents Motion
    - No proper graduation this year.
    - There's an online GA which is not a proper celebration of graduation
    - Universalis has money left
    - For hoodies. shipping, gifts to UCM and to graduates
  - Breaks down the budget
    - Hoodies sustainable and relatively locally produced
      - They are expensive per graduate
    - Other things like gift to UCM
  - Floor opens for discussion
    - SB Treasure suggests that hoodie price is not calculated correctly, asks whether shipping price is included, and asks if this shipping is to UCM
      - Hoodie price calculated correctly
      - Shipping is included and graduates will pick up from UCM students.
    - About the gift to UCM: The SB treasurer is not sure what precedent is but finds it strange that Universalis pays for a gift from graduates.
      - Technically the money to Universalis will only go to the hoodies. Gift to UCM would not be included but is included in general budget
      - Universalis has in the past contributed to gifts from graduates.
    - SB treasurer replies that he sees no issue with it if all money goes to hoodies.
    - GA member confirms that the graduation committee has always been granted money for the party and since there is no party he thinks the budget should be attributed to hoodies.
    - Someone asks whether number of graduates is correct
      - Member who presented the motion replies that he believes to be correct.
    - SB treasurer expresses empathy for the motion presented by the graduation committee.

- Motion moves to a vote.
  - Motion passes (18 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions)
- UCM BOOK CLUB AND HYPATIA CROSSOVER EVENT (10 euros)
  - Book club chair presents motion:
    - Want to organise a discussion about gender and literature.
    - Planned for january and in case it is in person (which she recognises to be optimistic), they want some money for snacks.
  - SB treasurer asks when this event is because if it's after the Stopgap GA motion would more appropriately be submitted then.
    - Event will take place before the Stopgap/Surplus GA.
  - Motion moves to a vote
    - Motion passes (18 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions)

### **Approval of budget motions**

- unnecessary because all motions have individually been voted on.

### **Closing of the GA**

- Prior to closing: any questions
- Motion presented to congratulate SB president on shortest GA ever.
  - People joke a bit
  - Motion passes (13 yes, 3 no, 2 abstentions)
- PRESIDENT CLOSSES THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY (34 minutes)

## **Annex A**

### **Motion for amendments to the Draft Statutes presented to the GA on December 3, 2020**

Submitted by Phineas Shapiro & Jonathan Schoen

Universalis members convened at the General Assembly,

#### **Noticing that:**

There is an omission in the draft statutes at Article 3 § 3;

There are minor textual errors throughout the draft;

#### **Considering that:**

These issues must be resolved to ensure that we have comprehensive and clear statutes

#### **Resolve that:**

The following changes be made to the draft statutes presented at this GA

1. At Article 3 § 3 insert "The financial year is divided into two semesters which correspond with the academic semesters of the University College Maastricht."
2. At Article 4 § 1.2 replace "or" with "nor"
3. At Article 6 § 3.3 insert a period at the end of the last sentence
4. At Article 6 § 3.4 insert the word "a" between the words "in" and "General" at the end of the first sentence
5. At Article 6 § 4.2 replace "anytime" with "any time"
6. At Article 4 § 4.4 replace "voting members" with "votes cast"
7. At Article 6 § 6.2(c) replace "thru" with "through"
8. At Article 6 § 6.14 replace "thru" with "through"
9. At Article 7 § 2.1(b) replace "predecessors" with "predecessor's"
10. At Article 7 § 2.3 insert a comma after "in any case"
11. At Article 8 § 5.6 replace "paragraphs" with "items", "thru" with "through", and replace the written numbers "one" and "five" with the numerals "1" & "5"
12. At Article 10 § 5 replace "paragraphs one and two" with " Article 10 §§ 1 & 2"
13. At Article 11 § 1 replace "thru" with "through"

**And proceeds with the order of the day.**

