**GENERAL ASSEMBLY FEBRUARY 24, 2021 - BUDGET GA**

Attendees:

Patsy Fetzer, Manuel Ntsoumou, Carla Laudien, Phineas Shapiro, Michelle Reitano, Aemy Hooijer, Alexane Reynier, Antoniya Spirova, Belle Boss, Bente Gortworst, Carolina Schillinger, Caroline Déharbe, Elisabeth Hiller, Eliska Mataskova, Emmanuelle Boucher, Era Georgiade, Francesca Celenta, Gitte de Beijer, Isabell Hamecher, Jan Frohn, Jedd Padua, Julia Connelly, Julius Junck, Kali Benton, Katarina Bartekova, Katharina Meyer-Landrut, Katrin Dorfs, Lara Gierschmann, Lena Frois, Lena Maas, Lianne Harmsen, Lou Petrone, María Oriol Valls, Maxime Kramer, Melle de Ridder, Milou Goede, Natalie Riveros, Nina Klibingat, Noor Verbeek, Nymke van Poortvliet, Odile Feltkamp, Rafaela Vergara, Rebecca Caichiolo, Rose Cooper, Ruben Backx, Sophie Grebner, Sophie Groenewegen, Stephen McCarthy, Tesse Donkers, Vibeke Gootzen

Total Attendees: 50

Proxy Forms: 0

**Agenda for the GA on the 24th of February:**

1. Opening of the GA

-The IB presents themselves and explain the rules of the GA

 -Explain what each motion exactly means (motion, Ad-Hoc, procedural)

 -Voting will happen via polls on Zoom

 -All voting will be a majority

 -Only one vote per person per device

 -If you have questions you must use the “raise hand” function on zoom

-If you have a private question, personally chat the IB or the President on zoom chat

 -If you have a technical point, use the “yes” button

-GA does a practice vote, using the example of having free pizza sent to all GA attendees houses

-42 yes, 1 no, 1 abstention

-This would mean that the practice motion would pass

-President then officially opens the GA

2. Approval of the Agenda

-President introduces the agenda for the GA

-GA moves to a vote on the proposed Agenda for this GA

-46 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions

-President passes the Agenda for this GA

3. Approval of (anonymized) Minutes from the past General Assembly

-The minutes for the previous GA are on the UCMSA website

-GA moves to a vote on the anonymized Minutes from the previous GA

 -42 yes, 0 no, 4 abstentions

-President passes the minutes from the previous GA

4. Announcements

-COVID

 -We know Period 4 is completely online

-The proposed budgets have been made and planned as if Period 5 and 6 were to be onsite at UCM

-if this changes to online, then the money will simply not be spent for those proposed events as they were to be intended

-Financial Report

 -normally SB submits a financial report at the end of the semester and IB audits this

-this semester it was not able to get done in time, therefore we cannot present it to the attendees of this GA

-President says that it will be introduced at the end of the semester at the StopGap GA

-IB believes there should actually be an extra GA once the Financial Report has been done and audited by them

-President says that usually creating additional emergency GA’s is not recommended as it decreases attendance and we want as many people as possible to be present

-IB says that financial transparency is more important than attendance

 -this will be looked at more clearly in due time

-SB Treasurer states that nonetheless we as Universalis are financially stable at the moment

 -SB Treasurer and President finally now have access to the bank account and their names are on the account

 -They were able to deposit from the boardroom to the bank

5. Policy Manual

-President introduces that the new Policy Manual is finally done after over 2 years of work

 -Motion form from the Policy Manual team

 -Ad-Hoc motion from Phineas Shapiro to amend this motion

 -Belle Boss (AB) proposes a change to Title 7, Paragraph 3 (Ad-Hoc Motion)

-in this, it describes the roles and tasks of each AB member, under the title “General Tasks”

-it says that the Mentor Program is a task of all members

-she wishes to move this to just being the task of the External Executive as she believes that having one person in charge of this instead of 4 will allow it to actually happen

 -GA moves to a vote on this Ad-Hoc Motion

-37 yes, 1 no, 12 abstentions

-President passes this Ad-Hoc Motion

-The new Policy Manual now on the UCMSA website

-GA moves to a vote to approve and accept the new proposed Policy Manual, now including the Ad-Hoc motion from above^

-43 yes, 0 no, 7 abstentions

-President passes the new Policy Manual

6. Budget & other motions

-Treasurer (Ruben) takes the floor for this portion

(all numbers are in euros)

-remaining budget: 16,500 coming from Fall 2020

-income from UCM: 13,000

-total budget available for this semester: 29,500

-total currently allocated: 9,892

-Social Board Budget:

 -requesting 4,850

-Academic Board Budget:

 -requesting 690

-Belle Boss submits a Motion from the Academic Board to increase their budget of pizza from 100 euros to 200 euros

-GA moves to a vote on this motion

-37 yes, 7 no, 6 abstentions

-President passes this motion

-budget has now been changed from 690 to 790

-UCSRN Budget:

 -requesting 830

-IB (Stephen McCarthy) makes a formal recommendation that we withhold paying our membership fee to UCSRN until they come up with legal proof (due to the theft situation)

 -police has said they cannot do anything after looking at the whole case

-IB (Stephen McCarthy) says the IB should hold an emergency GA and hold the current board accountable as we pay 1,000 euros every year for membership fee

 -Phineas Shapiro submits an Ad-Hoc motion stating that:

-The Board withhold payment to UCSRN until they are satisfied that the UCSRN Board has fully addressed the theft transparently and implemented security procedures to prevent similar incidents in the future and has let the UCMSA IB know

-Treasurer should only pay if the Social Board feels it has been given enough information from the UCSRN to know that this will not happen again and the SB inform the IB of this

 -GA moves to a vote on this Ad-Hoc Motion

-40 yes, 1 no, 7 abstentions

 -President passes this Ad-Hoc motion

-Spiritual Enlightenment Budget:

 -requesting 680

-Archeion Budget:

 -requesting 180

-Archeion submits a Motion form to request 20 more for ice cream, going from 25 to 45 euros

 -IB suggests and recommends that the snack budget is 10 euros

-Treasurer did make the exception to deviate from the policy recommendations as we were not able to do much during Corona, therefore if we can actually have events, we can be a bit more lenient

-Treasurer puts motion forward

 -GA moves to a vote on this Motion

 -42 yes, 3 no, 2 abstentions

 -President passes this Motion

 -budget has now been changed from 180 to 200

-BookClub Budget:

 -requesting 60

-Film Budget:

 -requesting 430

-GECCO Budget:

 -requesting 75

 -GECCO submits a Motion form

-proposing to REPLACE the previous allotted budget proposal from 75 to a total of 150

-40 euros for 2 picnics

-50 euros for guided tour of St. Pieters

-60 euros for cinema

 -GA moves to a vote on this Motion

-35 yes, 1 no, 9 abstentions

 -President passes this Motion form

 -budget has now been replaced from 75 to 150

-Break of 15 minutes

-46 participants are currently here

-Latin American Perspectives Budget:

 -requesting 110

 -L.A.P. submits a Motion Form

-a salsa dance night (online, naturally) and a Latin American flavors night

 -proposing an additional 60 euros

 -GA moves to a vote on this Motion

 -35 yes, 0 no, 10 abstentions

 -President passes this motion form

 -budget has now been changed from 110 to 170

-Ludens Budget:

 -requesting 180

-Musical Theatre Budget:

 -requesting 348

-note for MTS: props MUST be returned to UCM as soon as the event is done and we can return to the building

-PINE Budget:

 -requesting 100

-Poetry Budget:

 -requesting 143

-Sports Budget:

 -requesting 106

 -to clarify, licensing is to be able to watch the Champions League Match viewings

-The Bell Budget:

 -requesting 358

-Theatre Budget:

 -requesting 170

 -Theatre submits a Motion form

-together with the musical theatre society (MTS), considering the whole corona debate, if theatres can open up before UCM can, they want to potentially do a live or in person performance night

-this is for if UCM can’t hold it in the common room

-proposing to add 1100 to their budget

 -one big auditorium for one night or a small one for 2 nights (lumiere)

-for renting the space (includes contingency for equipment that may not be included in the normal set)

-because this amount is so large, title 10 of the policy manual, there is no special voting guidelines for amounts 10% or larger??

-Lena Maas discussed that this amount was thoroughly discussed and this is a collaboration with MTS and she has also reached out to all the performing arts committees at UCM to share this space

 -GA moves to a vote on this Motion

 -31 yes, 4 no, 9 abstentions

 -President passes this Motion form

 -budget has now been changed from 170 to 1,270

-PROXY

-Belle Boss has internet and wifi troubles, therefore she joins Phineas Shapiro on one device and therefore has a proxy

-Wellbeing Budget:

 -requesting 50

 -Wellbeing submits a Motion form

-proposing 10 more euros for the healthy eating workshop/picnic so they can provide more snacks as there will be more people

-this event is actually 25 euros - so 10 in addition to this 25

 -GA moves to a vote on this Motion

 -37 yes, 0 no, 6 abstentions

 -President passes this Motion form

 -Wellbeing submits a Motion form

 -proposing 5 more euros for the destress picnic

 -this event is actually 25 euros - so 5 in addition to this 25

 -GA moves to a vote on this Motion

 -34 yes, 1 no, 9 abstentions

 -President passes this motion form

 -budget has now been changed from 50, including both motion forms, to 65

-Party Budget:

 -requesting 730

-2 motions

 -graduation committee

 -proposing 2800

-reasoning is to provide a nice graduation parting for this year’s graduates seeing as half of their education was online and their graduation will also be online

 -they want to give a yearbook and a hoodie to each graduate

-reasoning for so much money is because of the proposed amount of people graduating

-SB Treasurer (Ruben Backx) points out that the previous graduation committee was given 2000 euros

-he does show sympathy to this year’s graduates but unforseen costs should not be accounted for as this is part of the SB contingency and asks whether it is possible if the graduates can pay a bit more, as this is only going to a part of the UCM community and not all

-Joost Wijffels says he could ask the graduates to contribute more but he shall see TBD

-Belle Boss asks if this is taking into account people who are ACTUALLY graduating or people who also identify with this group (people who have an extra semester or so)

-Joost Wijffels explains that yes these people are also included, not just the ones who are ACTUALLY graduating, this is why it is so much money as it is proposed for 200 students

-Phineas Shapiro is wondering if we should push this towards the Election GA in May so we have a better and more detailed idea of what’s happening money wise by then, and as the money is not going anywhere it is not as urgent as the budget is not as tight

-Joost Wijffels says no seeing as they are graduating in May and they have to ship the products and such, and the election GA is usually in Period 6 which would be too late

-Melle de Ridder discusses that at his high school graduation he had to contribute 20 euros, proposes that the self contribution from this year’s graduates goes from 7 to 10 euros

-this would decrease the budget by 600 and make the total around a little above 2000, he says, which would be more reasonable

-Melle de Ridder submits an Ad-Hoc Motion

-states that this year’s graduates self contribute 10 euros instead of 7

-Aemy Hooijer points out that this plan is the minimum costs possible, most likely costs will rise if they improve the quality of the products (individual contribution will be higher based on this)

-Ruben Backx agrees with Melle de Ridder as we normally spend much less for other graduating years, and if they want to improve the quality of the products then that should come out of their own pockets

-Phineas said that the last graduates last semester had an issue similar and that we should look at the minutes and such from that past budgeting and ask that committee

-Caroline Déharbe states that it is not ok to make this year’s graduates pay for cheap quality products especially because they already lost half of their education to COVID and had a UM hack, and that we have the money

-Vibeke Gootzen understands that what is being proposed is a large amount (2800) but this is incredibly important to the graduates

 -GA moves to a vote on this Ad-Hoc Motion

 -9 yes, 24 no, 10 abstentions

 -President does NOT pass this Ad-Hoc Motion

-the proposed budget from the Graduation Committee of 2,800 will stay AS IS

 -GA moves to a vote on the Graduation Motion as a whole

-32 yes, 3 no, 9 abstentions

 -President passes this Motion form

 -Graduation Committee gets the proposed 2,800

-Hypatia Motion

-Rose Cooper says that they want to ask for 100 euros so if the UCM building is able to eventually open up, then they can provide female sanitary products for the bathrooms

-GA moves to a vote on this Motion

-39 yes, 0 no, 4 abstentions

-President passes this motion form

-Hypatia now has these 100 euros

-PASSING OF ENTIRE BUDGET

-currently available: 29,500

-Now Budgeted after all motions: 14,360

-GA moves to a vote on the passing of the entire new Budget

-42 yes, 0 no, 1 abstentions

-President passes this, passing the entire budget

10. Closing of the General Assembly

-President officially closes the General Assembly