**GENERAL ASSEMBLY JANUARY 2020 - STOPGAP / ELECTION**

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**1. Opening of the GA**

* IB presents the rules of the GA
	+ Voting will happen via polls on zoom,
	+ Only one vote per person per device
	+ We do a practice round
		- Practice passes (16 yes, 6 no, 2 abstentions)
	+ If you have questions, use the- “raise hand” function
	+ Technical point with “yes button”
* President opens the GA!

**2. Approval of the Agenda**

* President introduces agenda (titles in this document)
* Agenda moves to a vote
	+ Agenda passes (19 yes, 0 no, 4 abstentions)

**3. (anonymized) Minutes from past General Assembly**

* Minutes of last GA (see website) move to a vote
	+ Minutes pass (20 yes, 0 no, 4 abtent

**4. Announcements**

 1. Corona Update

* It’s gonna be harder now to organise events because of the current covid situatuion
* If there are any creative and safe ideas, please organise events.
	+ We have budget

 2. Goodbye to old board members

* President thanks old board members for their time on the board
	+ Members from the AC, SB, and IB are leaving.

 3. Feedback from Municipality

* SB members had a meeting with people from municipality
	+ Represent students in Maastricht
	+ Discussed among others:
		- Student housing
		- Community participation
	+ See newsletter January 2021

 4. Any corona-related concerns?

* President thanks the committee board members for their involvement.

**5. Independent body selection procedure**

* IB comment on Social Board and Academic Council selection procedure
	+ They supervised the entire process and saw the selection procedure as valid and fair.

**6. Elections!**

 **1. Presentation of the candidates**

* Presentation of IB candidates
	+ Candidate 1 presents themselves.(details ommitted as minutes are anonymised)
		- Question to member 1: Are there any other commitments outside of your position on the IB and academics that will intervene with this position?
			* No
	+ Candidate 2 presents themselves.
		- Is nominated as chair of IB
		- Was IB member last semester and has been part of committees.
		- Question: Can capstone and IB Chair succesfully be combined?
			* They are confident that they will do well.
	+ Candidate 3 presents themselves
		- Explains prior involvement with UCM community as member of committee boards
		- Question: Are there any other commitments outside of your position on the IB and academics that will intervene with this position?
			* No.
		- Question: Why did you want to be a part of IB?
			* Has good insight of policy and experiences as UCM and wishes to contribute more to the community.
	+ IB member clarifies that IB “chair” is not a title that signifies a lot of power.
* ACADEMIC COUNCIL:
	+ Candidate 1 presents themselves:
		- Is applying for events coordinator
		- Applied because they struggled with choosing courses and saw that Universalis organised were helpful and interesting.
		- Explains prior involvement in UCM community.
		- Question: given the high workload of the position and involvement in Unicef, how will you manage your time?
			* This will be a challenge but they see the busy life as a positive thing.
		- Question: why did you choose this position?
			* Saw the work of another events coordinator and was drawn to the position.
			* Believes to fit the profile
			* Is also interested in EPC (task connected to the position) as they hold interest in education.
	+ Candidate 2 presents themselves:
		- Is candidate for internal executive
			* Explains involvement in UCM community
			* Was interested in the position because they believe in the impact of the Academic Council and what it stands for.
		- Question: Are there any other commitments outside of your position on the IB and academics that will intervene with this position?
			* Is member of other associations but believes that they are capable of efficiently dividing their time.
* SOCIAL BOARD
	+ Candidate 1 introduce themselves:
		- Is candidate for the Acquisitions Executive
		- Explains why they would like to be on the board.
		- Explains why they fit the position
			* Has set up a small business
		- Explains what they would like to do in the future:
			* Continuing current sponsorship with Marks
			* Getting to know the community
		- Question: Do you think you can allocate enough time to the social board?
			* Yes. Has no other external commitments.
		- Question: You mentioned you want to push the position forward. How?
			* Really supporting UCM committees during this time.
	+ Candidate 2 present themselves
		- Is candidate for the Secretary
		- Explains that covid prevented them from really being involved in the community.
		- Explains what they would do on the board
		- Question: Do you think you can balance this position with other obligations?
			* They have few obligations outside academics and the board.
		- Question: What would be one thing you would really like to organise at UCM?
			* Wishes to continue support the open mic nights.

 **2. Vote**

* Leaving IB member is supervising the voting procedure for transparency
* Question whether all candidates can be chosen.
	+ All candidates can be chosen
	+ IB membership is only one semester, so each semester they must be re-elected.
* INDEPENDENT BODY
	+ Candidate 1 moves to a vote
		- Candidate is elected (23 yes, 0 no, 2 abstentions)
	+ Candidate 2 moves to a vote
		- Candidate is elected
		- Candidate is elected (24 yes, 0 no, 1 abstentions.
		- Candidate 2 is voted in as chair of the IB.
	+ Candidate 3 is voted on
		- Candidate is elected (22 yes, 0 no, 3 abstentions)
* ACADEMIC COUNCIL
	+ Candidate 1 (events coordinator) moves to a vote
		- Candidate is elected (20 yes, 0 no, 4 abstentions)
	+ Candidate 2 (internal executive) moves to a vote
		- Candidate is elected (23 yes, 0 no, 2 abstentions)
* SOCIAL BOARD
	+ Candidate 1 (acquisitions executive) moves to a vote
		- Candidate is elected (21 yes, 2 no, 1 abstentions)
	+ Candidate 2 (secretary) moves to a vote
		- Candidate is elected (21 yes, 1 no, 3 abstentions)
* All candidates are appointed to their respective positions.

QUICK 10 MINUTE BREAK

THE GA RESUMES

**7. Stopgap Motions**

* SB treasurer explains the difference between surplus and stopgap
	+ Surplus is the opportunity for committees to request budget for the last 2-2.5 weeks of the semester.
		- This are usually more expensive motions
		- One can understand it as leftover money
	+ Stopgap is the period between the beginning of the semester and the first budget GA.
		- Have to be spent before budget GA as stopgap then expires
* There are no surplus motions

**8. Surplus Motions**

* SOCIAL BOARD
	+ Social Board treasurer explains motion
		- Requesting board weekend money (€150):
			* Not sure how this will take place due to covid
			* Wished to plan regardless
		- Board T-shirts (€150)
			* For SB, AC, and IB
			* Wish to purchase these to be prepared once Universalis Board can attend UCM activities again
			* Question: how does €150 split 4 ways?
				+ Shirts we get come from GotShirts.
				+ This is high quality
				+ It is for 5 shirts, not 4.
				+ Likely this will not be the actual cost

Extra budgetted for unforeseen costs

* + - * + Realistic price is €130
* PARTY COMMITTEE:
	+ Party committee present motion
		- Online bartending workshop (150 €).
			* It would be a delivered box of ingredients and snacks
			* They would then do a live workshop.
			* Committee has decided to do 2-3 e tickets.
			* There is a transitioning within the board and this would be a good opportunity to teach new members how to do an event with tickets.
			* There will be an option for Virgin cocktails.
			* It will be made a “bit more fancy”.
		- Question will the entire budget be allocated to tickets. IS there a breakdown of the price?
			* Will be 20-30 people
			* Have not decided yet how all money will be allocated.
		- Quick follow-up: Technically the policy manual is not in favour of large amounts of money for snacks and drinks. SB treasurer asks if the party committee could stay in contact with the board about their expenses for the event.
			* Yes of course.
		- Question: If the budget were raised, would you be able to accomodate for a bigger audience?
			* Party committee was hesitant about requesting more money.
			* Party committee would want to try to do this.
		- Treasurer of SB adds that given the lack of motion requests, he would be in favour of the ad hoc motion.
		- Party committee raises that they would need volunteers.
			* GA expresses enthusiasm
		- Member raises they could do a smaller trial event first to see whether the event is a success
		- Party committee submits an Ad Hoc motion to increase the budget for Online Cocktail Workshop to €500
			* Question: As this is a lot of money, please convene with the SB to plan the budget
			* Clarification: Stopgap must be spent before budget GA
			* GA member stresses that they believe there must still be a ticket sale
			* Question: Do members not believe that ticket price would bar people from attending the event?
			* Someone responds that tickets may make people commit to an online event.
			* Party committee raises that they have used Eventix in the past
				+ They will discuss
			* Treasurer responds that online paying is something to be figured out.
			* IB raises that they can simply:
				+ Do a sign-up form
				+ Then they transfer before a certain day
				+ Or payment can be requires
			* Ad hoc moves to a vote:
				+ Ad hoc motion moves to a vote
				+ Ad hoc motion passes (21 yes, 0 no, 1 abstention)
* Entire Stopgap Budget moves to a vote
	+ No questions
	+ Motion (€800) moves to a vote
	+ Motion passes (21 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions)
* The president hereby passes the stopgap budget.

**9. Open floor**

* Used for questions relevant to the General Assembly.
* No questions

**10. Closing of the General Assembly**

* President closes the general assembly (1 hr 36 minutes)

**11. Drinks!**