**FEBRUARY BUDGET GA 2022 - February 9, 2022**

**ATTENDANCE:**

Mrignayani Dasgupta, Lily Pepper, Stephen McCarthy, Maire Sauerbrei, Clemence Pacheco, Andrej Drzewienciecki, Anna Zorner, Beatrice Bridge, Caria, Carolina Schillinger, Caterina Barucci, Celia Beckmann, Damita Van Gennep, David Bauer, Demi Jannssen, Nike Van Poortvliet, Giulia Petrilli. Giulia Quaroni, Gustavo, Hanna Tuckett, Ilinca, Jan Frohn, Jola Gockel, Julliette Ardeois, Julliette Breda, Julius Junck, Kyra Taxhet, Lena Krois, Lola Heymann, Ludwig Schulte, Luisa B, Manual Davy Ntsoumou, Martha-Marie Voorspoels, Melle de Ridder, Michelle Reitano, Milou Goede, Nina Klibingat, Patsy Fetzer, Rose Cooper, Salome Carrillat, Sara, Simon Demarest, Yasmine Bouzouya.

Attendance:

**AGENDA:**

1. **OPENNING THE GA**

* President, Stephen McCarthy opens the GA.

**2. RULES OF THE GA(presented by IB)**

* Rules of the GA are presented by the IB.
* The GA is chaired by the President of Universalis.
* During the GA, we can appoint a new Chair if needed.
* The chair opens and closes the GA.
* The chair casts the deciding vote if needed.
* Secretary takes the minutes of the GA.
* The Chair gives the right to talk.
* The Chair sets a time limit for each discussion.
* Motions need to be filed 8 days before the GA.
* The Statutes and Policy manual need to be filed 7 days before the GA.
* Adhoc adds in the motion.
* Procedural motion changes the procedure of the GA.
* Can submit an Adhoc to a budget. You cannot change the policy.
* Procedural motion has the right to argue for a minute. The opposite side also has 1 minute to argue and then the motion is voted on.
* The technical point is a request for clarification.
* Proxy, a person can assign a proxy for someone who cannot join but can assign someone to vote for them.
* Below ⅔ of the total people, we lose quorum. In this GA we need at least 28 people for completing Quorum.

**3. AGENDA**

* Approval of the agenda moves forward to a poll

- 34 yes, 0 no, 1 abstention

-agenda has been passed

**4. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS GA ( always available on the website)**

* Previous minutes from the previous GA move to a vote
* 33 Yes, 0 No, 2 Abstention
* Previous minutes from the previous GA have been passed

**5. STATUS OF FINANCIAL REPORT SPRING 2021**

* Almost done, will be published in about a week on the website once it is audited
* Presented at the next GA

**6. STATUS OF FINANCIAL REPORT FALL 2021**

* Almost complete
* Finished next week and uploaded it to the website
* Presented at the next GA

**7. SPRING 2022 SEMESTER BUDGET**

* 1. **The Board:**
* Executive Board:
  + Total: 1,980 euros
* **Social Board:** 
  + Total: 5,030 euros
    - MN has a question on drinks and snacks, why so many euros budgeted
      * President Stephen McCarthy answers MN’s question - did not account for the return of what is given back -this is the estimate of how much would be spent
* **Academic Board:** 
  + Total: 1140 euros
  + MN has a question; Why can't you use the music committee's microphone, Music committee does not have an audio interface microphone that the AB needs.
  + MN asks for a conditional Adhoc with regard to the microphone.
    - IB accepts conditional Ad-Hoc
    - Formal Ad-Hoc: Strike Microphone budget from AB and granted a USB interface to the music committee.

**8. COMMITTEES**

* **Yoga committee**
* not budgeted anything
* **Charity committee:** total: 1835 euros
  + Waffle wednesdays\*7, open bonding event, valentines event, a charity fair, volunteering at local organizations.
  + IB has a question; According to Policy Manual, recurring events have to be only 10 euros for snacks (volunteering to local organisation\*3)
    - Transportation is expensive
    - Snacks 1 or 2 euros
    - The organizations will be different and people will be different every time
    - Itemize your budget and specify each thing inside the event
    - Framing an Ad-Hoc: Suggested would be to change budget allocated to volunteering for an organization to separate the transportation and snacks because of the policy manual
      * Formal Ad Hoc: change the volunteers to local organizations events to separate transport and snacks. snacks will be allocated 10 euros for 3 events, transportation will remain at 7 euros for 10 people
      * MN is going against this Ad-Hoc. He says that for snacks to just go to the social board acquisitions and not budget it. However, the GA is going with what the policy manual says.
      * 17 yes, 5 no, 11 abstention
      * Ad-Hoc is passed
      * Budget changes from 710 euros to 593 euros
* **Music Committee;** total: 1389,82 euros changed to 1589 euros.
  + Cocktail night/open mic night, UCM album, guitar/base strings, music mystery box raffle, campfire night,
    - On the cocktail night, they would have ticket sales.
    - GP asks a question about the microphone budget with regard to AB’s budget for Microphone.
    - MDR has a question regarding the open mic night. Since it is a collaboration event with the Spiritual & Enlightenment committee. The budget Music Committee has budgeted lower than what the Spiritual & Enlightenment committee had done. The recipes have also changed without any joint discussion. — Music committee’s answer is that the cocktails were changed is because the budget of the Spiritual & Enlightenment committee was an estimate and not a sure thing. There was confusion on whether it was still a joint event. The music committee explains the breakdown of the budget for the open-mice night. —- Spiritual & Enlightenment reply; their budget was a bit more is to buy smaller bottles and make easier packages of cocktails and to keep in mind that there might be more consumption.
* MN suggests putting forth an Ad-Hoc motion with regard to the open-mic night confusion.
* Formal Ad-Hoc #1: change open mic night budget to 250 euros from 211 euros.
* Ad-Hoc is passed. No counterarguments.
* Formal Ad-Hoc #2: the mastering of the album- additional 200 to the 1000 budget. Total 1200 euros.
* Ad-Hoc is passed. No counterarguments.
* Poll about the microphone Ad-Hoc #3: (IB will send a screenshot for clarification)
  + 11/36 for music committee getting the interface and striking the microphone
  + 21/36 votes for giving both parties what they want.
  + 5/36 votes for AB getting the microphone
  + 0/36 striking both from the budget
  + 1/36 abstain
  + MN is saying to strike it from the AB and instead get an interface because he feels it is not smart to buy the same thing twice for the same purpose in the same institution.
  + Final Ad-Hoc vote:
  + For giving a USB microphone and USB interface (both get what they want) - 20 Yes, 6 No, 7 Abstain - Ad-Hoc has passed.
  + Strike the microphone proposed by the AB - 9 9 Yes, 17 No, 8 Abstain. This Ad-Hoc has failed.
* Proposed Ad-Hoc #4; To lower the music committee budget by around 300 euros.
* Vote: 9 Yes, 17 No, 9 Abstain.
* Thus this Ad-Hoc fails.
* There was no absolute majority; there was no practical change in the budget. Just technical change.
* Proposed Ad-Hoc #5: Increase budget to fix instruments to 100.
* Vote - Ad-Hoc is passed. NO counterarguments.
* **GECCO Committee:** Total: 100 euros
* No arguments
* **Book Club Committee:** Total: 80 euros
* No arguments.
* **Party Committee:** Total: 1550 euros
* No arguments.
* **Ludens Committee:** Total: 80 euros
* No arguments
* **Poetry Committee:** Total: 440 euros
* The recurring events budget for snacks needs to be changed to 10 euros. ( IB brings this up)
* MN says that in the last years, Poetry used to get a special budget because they usually buy wine along with their events.
* The poetry committee based the budget for the treehouse on what they discussed with their contact person at LBB
* **Art society:** Total: 665 euros
* Ticket for Amsterdam trip, half budget from Universalis and half from participants.
* MN has a comment on travel; do the group travel tickets. Art society also agrees.
* **Theatre Committee:** Total: 138 euros
* No arguments.
* **The Bell:** Total: 650 euros
* No arguments
* **Archeion Committee:** Total: 360 euros
* Asking for ticket money also.
* **Hypatia Committee:** Total: 395 euros
* LP has a question on what the student lecture will comprise of; answer; on anything a student would like to talk about.
* Elena has a question on why Drag Show money was reduced to 50 euros. Answer; during Board weekend, the board reduced it according to the policy manual.
* Formal Ad-Hoc: is being proposed: Elena from Hypatia wants to add 50 euros to the budget to pay for the venue for the Drag Show in case it cannot happen at UCM.
* Poll: 24 Yes, 2 No, 4 Abstain
* Ad-Hoc is passed.

*Andrzej has left the GA*

*Attendance: 37*

* **Spiritual & Enlightenment Committee:** Total: 1111 euros
* No arguments
* **Dance Committee:** Total: 80 euros
* No arguments
* **PINE Committee:** Total: 130 euros
* No arguments
* **Film Committee:** Total: 390 euros
* No arguments
* Formal Ad-Hoc: Ad-Hoc proposed by Lola Heymnann to increase the budget of the film committee by 120€ for props.
* Poll: 20 Yes, 2 No, 4 Abstain
* Ad-Hoc passes.
* Film Committee has an additional 120 euros
* **STEM Committee:** Total: 60 euros
* No arguments

***Committees that have not been presented but present themselves in the GA directly.***

* **EXCO Committee:** Total: 1669 euros
* Maire Sauerbrei (IB) has asked for a minute to recheck regarding overnight trips with the policy manual.
* According to the Policy manual, each person gets 30 euros per person, for overnight trips & right now it is 43 euros per person.
* IB suggests selling ticket prices to make up for the excess prices.
* Formal Ad-Hoc: IB proposes an Ad-Hoc motion to change camping trips from 43 euros per person to 30 euros per person as per the policy manual with regard to overnight trips. (lily has proposed expos budget allocated to the camping trip to be cut to 720 euros)
* Ad-Hoc is passed to reduce the budget to 720 euros.
* IB suggests kayaking trip needs to be reduced to 15 euros per person. The total budget for this event is 480 euros.
* **Sports Committee:** Total: 44.97 euros
* Champion League viewings (\*3) and Ziggo membership
* JB has a question on what is a Champion league event. President Stephen McCarthy answers the question.
* NO other arguments were proposed.

**9. OPEN FLOOR QUESTIONS**

* Treasurer SC presents what the final budget will look like for Spring Semester 2022
* Budget: 33,000 euros
* Total budgeted: 20,220 euros
* Remaining budget available 12,780 euros
* No ad-Hoc’s have been passed.
* MDR suggests telling the committees the final amount of money that is left with the board for the committees to gauge how much they can spend and they cannot.
* BB (Social Board Chair) suggests next GA, approve budgets, committee by the committee to avoid confusion and more clarity.
* MN suggests that Poetry Committee get a special budget to incorporate budgetting of wine.

**10. APPROVING THE FINAL BUDGET**

* 29 Yes, 1No, 1 Abstain
* The budget has been approved
* President approved the Spring 2022 budget

**11. CLOSING THE GA**

* President Stephen McCarthy closes the February Budget GA Spring 2022