# **PARTICIPANTS**

Quorum: 58

Mrignayani Dasgupta, Lilly Pepper, Salome Carrillat, Anna Moriarty, Gustavo Hurlimaan, Ilse Van Duijn, Juliette Breda, Roos Goorman, Sanne De Jong, Jean-Shelia, Mara Hermes, Patsy Fetzer, Rose Cooper, Ruben Back, Mara Loran, Simon Daemes, Melle de Ridder, Simon Demorest, Johanna Latier, Clara Schluissel, Catherine Lieu, Stephanie Besga, Maire Sauber, Lea Korto, Marianna Kyriakou, Estella Tobinshy, Saar Van Steenhiste, Alice Ferreti, Paola Christal, Lers Niehzus, Philipp Kreins, Ari Muhlthaler, Michelle Reitano, Junior Boji, Sofia Mikellides de Chiaro, Zoe Taymans, Maxine Belonge, Laura Admiraal, Damita Van Gennep, Annelot Ritsma, Nerice Ijpetaar, Lieke Leonhardt, Auyustin Lambert, Lily Heising, Joshua Sigle, Sophie Grebner, Carolina Aldama Dewit, Kirsten Quin, Cam Nghiem, Zhanetta Ashlyayeva, Dominique Lopez, Natalie Riveros, Nicole Woodman, Maya Neumann, Niloofar Seifi, Rianthe Arigela, Daniel Foldes, Danique Poppe.

# **Opening of the GA**

President, Lilly Pepper opens the GA.

# **Rules of the GA, presented by the Independent Body**

1. Policy Manual & Statutes: Patsy Fetzer, the Independent Body member presents and explains the rules of the GA and the policy manual. The IB also hands out the attendance sheet to the audience to write their names down.
2. GA Procedure: the IB explains the GA Procedure. She explains the process of motion, an Ad-Hoc motion, procedural motion, technical points, proxies and quorum (which has to be ⅔).

# **Approval of the Agenda**

* The agenda is voted on.
  + In favour: everyone (51)
  + Against: 0
  + Abstain: 0
* Agenda is approved.

# **Minutes from the previous GA**

* The GA votes on the minutes from the previous GA.
  + In favour: 36
  + Against: 0
  + Abstain: 4
* The minutes from the previous GA are passed.

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# **The New FSE Council introduced themselves to the GA.**

* Phillip explains what the FSE council is.
* He introduces what they do and how they work.
* The three members, Phillip, Dani and Ruben introduce themselves. Phillip introduces the other members who are not physically present at the GA.

# **Election of the Social Board Internal Executive.**

# Yuliana (the current social board internal executive) addresses the GA. And makes her goodbyes.

* The President introduces Simon Daemes (the preferred candidate for the social board internal executive) to the GA.
* Simon makes his introduction speech.
* The GA makes a procedural motion: the GA usually can ask the candidate questions.
* The GA is now open to asking the candidate questions.
* The GA asks a question: what other commitments do you have outside Universalis?
  + Answer: no significant other obligation (rephrase from us)
* The GA asks: Why are you changing from being on committees to the social board? (why not stay in the committees, what attracts you to SB?)
  + Answer: I already did a year of committees, want to do something different and also see how the “higher ups” of Universalis look like
* The GA asks: where are the best bars in town? – Simon answers Shamrocks.
* The GA asks: what is something you want to bring new to the board? – he answers that
  + Answer: wants to bring in a better mechanism that can help the committees to submit their semester plans. Ruben says there is already a policy that clearly explains the whole process but he says there is room for improvement and his input can be helpful.
* The GA asks: Q about workload, position in Universalis has a high workload, how do you plan to manage this and organize yourself?
  + Answer: Not much other obligations, I study well shouldn’t be a problem, anything to worry about
* The GA asks: How close in contact are you with your predecessor and the rest of the board?
  + Answer: work close with Yulliana for transition, which will be in phases, I will in end become the person that committees will communicate with
* The GA votes on Simon as the Social Board Internal Executive.
  + In favour: 45
  + Against: 1
  + Abstain: 12
* The vote is passed.
* Simon becomes the new Social Board, internal executive.

# **Status of Financial Report Spring 2021**

* Mara Hermes from the IB presents and explains the Financial Report for Spring 2021.
* The IB approves the Financial Report.

# **Status of Financial Report Fall 2021**

* Ruben Back from the IB presents and explains the Financial Report for Fall 2021.
* The GA ask a question: Did Ruben (who is a part of the IB) audit his own financial report
  + He answers that he was not part of the auditing process for his own financial report.
* The GA asks: what the auditing process was.
  + Maire (a previous IB member) explains the process.
* The IB approves the Financial Report.

# **Budget Spring 2022**

* Lily Pepper acknowledges the reasons for the budget cuts this semester.
* Salome (the current treasurer) explains the current budget situation (she explains our current savings).
* She also explains the reasoning behind the cutting of the budget.
* She explains that currently, the total expense before board weekend was 19,540. (this is extremely high thus it is an issue for next semester and the following)
* If we use this all up – for next semester we will only have 4000 euros left.
* Lily explains that if we didn’t cut, the upcoming academic years would have a big cut in events and an increase in ticket prices.
* But with our budget cuts, our budget went down to 16,500 euros.
* Lily Pepper, the President acknowledges that with covid times, we did not have any events and in order to make up for that, we should have more events, however, we cannot do that at the expense of the future budgets.
* Lily Pepper, the President explains the reasoning behind the cutting of the budget.
* There are certain policy rules regarding the budget which need to be adhered to. (for example, only 10 euros for snacks etc).
* Prioritizing events that are open to many people, is important.
* Lily Pepper, the President in the end is your decision, if you want we can vote back the budget, but keep longg-term health of universalis event in mind
* The GA asks if the budget for the newfound committees is included in 16,500
  + Answer; yes
* The GA asks if the budget has money from the covid years?
  + Yes, they do however that is in contingency.
* Lily notes that covid savings are useful to have, because not 100% sure we get money from FSE (although Stephen made case for this in the past)
* The GA asks what is the expense rate front of the void time budgets?
  + Answer: Salome (the treasurer) says that it has gone up to 30%.
* Lilly Pepper mentions once again how important it is to have enough savings for next semester in order to be able to continue to have events.
* The GA asks if there is one central place where all Universalis members can see which events are planned for the semester.
  + IB: biweekly; Lily: instagram, facebook, you can always reach out to the SB to see what is possible

**Final Budget Vote Spring 2022**

1. **EXECUTIVE BOARD:** 
   1. Salome (the treasurer) presents the budget for the Executive Board.
   2. Total – 3,570 euros.
   3. Lilly Pepper explains the 20th birthday party of Universalis.
   4. Budget for the party: 1,300 euros.
   5. The GA asks question on board T.Shirts why 300: Lilly answers that they are extremely helpful, recognition. And it is for the entire board.
   6. The GA asks to elaborate on the website fees: Salome answers that the price is in dollars, so there is a conversion rate that needs to be taken into consideration plus inflation (thus the higher amount).
   7. The GA ask if UCM (staff) is going to be part of Universal's birthday party. – the event is really for the Universalis students
   8. Ruben has a technical question - contingency is the total budget – he says it should be increased as a precaution.
   9. The GA proposes an Ad-Hoc motion to increase the contingency budget by 10% of the TOTAL budget (not of the 13000 we get) - seconded by Patsy (Independent Board).
   10. The GA wants clarification on whether the budget is total or is it from Universalis. – Ruben reads out from the Policy “Contingency budget has to be 10% of the TOTAL budget”.
   11. Clarification (after GA question): it wouldn’t be taken away from Universalis, it is there for emergencies if needed.
   12. The GA asks who decided who is going to use how much from the contingency – Salome decides. However, any spending from the contingency has to be clarified with the IB and the rest of Universalis.
   13. The GA votes on the Ad-Hoc for the increase in the budget:
       1. In Favor: 39
       2. Against: 2
       3. Abstain: 3
   14. The Ad-Hoc is passed.
   15. The budget increased by – 4,670 euros. (includes the contingency fund)
   16. GA asks for Clarification on the website fee (on the website it is said that it is made for free)
       1. Answers: It is not for free, clarifications why

(Three people leave the GA, and one also left during the break (that we know of): total = 4)

1. **ACADEMIC BOARD:** 
   1. Sanne (the chair of the AB) presents the Academic Board Budget. She explains all the events and the budget required for them.
   2. Total budget: 1765 euros.
   3. The GA asks if they can be walked through the budget allocation and process of the ‘tough talk event’.
   4. Does the GA have a follow-up on that – for the ‘tough talk event’ and LATBt, the breakdown for the budget of the guest lecturer's travelling expenses (500 euros budgeted) – elaboration?
      1. Sanne says that policy technically allows budget allocation for travel expenses and the budget is higher to take into consideration inflation and other such circumstances.
   5. The GA asks about the format of ‘tough talk’
      1. Answer: panel discussion afterwards interactive with students.
      2. The GA advises using lecturers and experts who live nearby to limit travel expenses.
      3. GA remarks that the budget is generally not according to individual people.
      4. The GA clarifies that having a budget for the travel expenses for alumni and lecturers allows for the event to have a higher number of people and more and better experts.
      5. GA asks why it is that AB budgets for snacks when it is not necessary for the success of the event
         1. Answer: to make the events better for your
         2. Remark from GA, Universalis always has the responsibility to budget for snacks + explain why it is useful
         3. It is important to note that having snakes (which acts as an incentive) to bring more people to these academic events helps.
2. **SOCIAL BOARD BUDGET:** 
   1. Jean-Shelia (the Chair of the Social Board) presents their budget. She explains all the events and the budget required for them.
   2. Total: 3,865 euros.
   3. The GA asks for an elaboration on the MSP collaboration.
      1. Answer: she asks the student body to contact the social board external executive with their ideas.
   4. The GA mentions that it is important to budget for the UCSRN membership (750).
      1. The Social Board external executive says that currently, the UCSRN board is undergoing a re-arrangement of members hence there is an overall delay on all fronts.
      2. Ruben (from the IB) explains what the UCSRN is.
      3. He says it is important to budget for the membership – to continue our collaboration with them.
      4. The GA proposes an Ad-Hoc motion to bring in a UCSRN membership budget of 750 euros to be added to the social board total budget (which makes the total budget now 4615 euros) .
      5. The Ad-Hoc motion is voted on:
         1. In Favour: 41
         2. Against: 0
         3. Abstain: 5
         4. Ad-Hoc is passed.
      6. Total Budget: 4,615 euros.
3. **YOGA COMMITTEE:** 
   1. The Chair of the Yoga Committee presents their budget for the semester. She explains all the events and the budget required for them.
   2. Total: 85 euros.
   3. The GA asks if the collaboration with the UCM film committee – will the 10 euros snacks policy apply to that? Would you have to reduce it from 20 to 10 euros.
      1. Universalis answers: If there is no double budgeting, then it is fine and also it is not a recurring event.
      2. The GA proposes an Ad-Hoc motion to add 10 euros for tea to the yoga classes event.
      3. The GA votes on it.
         1. In Favour: 47
         2. Against: 1
         3. Abstain: 1
         4. The motion passes.
   4. Total budget: 95 euros
4. **CHARITY COMMITTEE:**
5. A member of the charity committee presents their budget.
6. Total: 340 euros
7. The GA asks – the committee has budgeted 20 euros per week – is it enough?
8. The GA asks how many waffle machines you all have. – currently 2.
9. The GA proposes an Ad-Hoc motion to increase the number of waffle Wednesdays to 13 and to increase the budget for per week from 20 euros to 25 euros. (to increase the budget to 325 euros)
10. The GA votes on it.
    1. In Favour: 46
    2. Against: 0
    3. Abstain: 2
    4. The motion passes.
11. Total budget: 505
12. **LUDENS COMMITTEE**
13. Member of the board presents their budget
14. Total budget: 50 euros
15. **POETRY COMMITTEE:**
16. A board member presents their budget.
17. Total: 360 euros.
18. **GRADUATION COMMITTEE:** 
    1. A board member presents their budget.
    2. Total: 1000 euros.
    3. The GA wants an elaboration on the venue money.
       1. Answer: the venue is covered by ticket prices.
    4. The GA has a technical point – if we have a party for the whole Universalis then technically we cannot bar students below 18 from not coming. The IB explains that there is some amount of validity to the rule thus it is okay if we continue with it. A point from Lily, everyone will eventually have access to their graduation party, so not be excluded.
    5. IB says that this is a very reasonable budget. If they need more money they can increase their ticket prices from 5 euros to 6 euros and cover the extra expenses.
    6. The committee wants to establish a good relationship with the venue (same as the party committee winter gala)... Thus they want an increase in money for their venue.
    7. The GA proposes an Ad-Hoc of adding 350 euros to their budget (there would also be an increase of 1euros in the ticket prices).
    8. The GA votes on the Ad-Hoc motion:
       1. In Favour: 23
       2. Against: 7
       3. Abstain: 12
       4. The motion is passed.
    9. Final budget: 1350 euros
19. **HYPATIA COMMITTEE:** 
    1. A member of the HYPATIA board presents their budget.
    2. Total: 170 euros.
    3. The IB says that – for recurring events, the budget amount cannot be more than 10 euros. (In conclusion its a typo, in the end, the numbers are correct)
    4. Salome clarifies that the board changed the budget for the books during board weekend.
    5. The GA proposes an Ad-Hoc motion to increase the budget for the books to 25 euros buying the books.
    6. The AG also says it is unnecessary to have a budget for books when it is unsustainable and also we have a university library that may contain the books for free.
       1. Answer: the books will be available to the entire community.
       2. If the books are available in the free library, then we will not by using the budget.
       3. It is advised to get second-hand books.
    7. The GA votes on the Ad-Hoc motion:
       1. In Favour: 39
       2. Against: 5
       3. Abstain: 6
       4. The motion is passed.
    8. New Total: 175 euros
20. **DANCE COMMITTEE:** 
    1. The board member of the Dance Committee presents their budget.
    2. Total: 180 euros
    3. The GA proposed an Ad-Hoc motion to add a budget of 100 euros for the costume for the UCSRN Spotlight event.
    4. The AG asks where will you be getting these costumes for. – the committee says that they yet do not know.
    5. The GA votes on the Ad-Hoc motion:
       1. In Favour: 44
       2. Against: 0
       3. Abstain: 3
       4. The motion is passed.
    6. New Total: 280 euros
21. **STEM COMMITTEE:** 
    1. A board member of the STEM Committee presents their budget.
    2. Total: 177.50 euros.

(The GA takes a break now of 10 minutes)

The Executive Bard once again reiterates how important it is to not go over budget and to have savings for next semester.

The GA asks how much total budget we have now.

Total budget (now - contingency) – **17,500 euros**

1. **LATIN AMERICAN PERSPECTIVE COMMITTEE:** 
   1. A member of the board presents their budget.
   2. Total: 275 euros.
   3. The GA proposes an Ad-Hoc to decrease the number of speakers from 6 to 5.
   4. The GA votes on the Ad-Hoc motion:
      1. In Favour: 24
      2. Against: 5
      3. Abstain: 6
      4. The motion is passed.
   5. The GA proposes an AD-Hoc to remove the movie screening from their budget.
   6. The GA votes on the Ad-Hoc motion:
      1. In Favour: 27
      2. Against: 8
      3. Abstain: 7
      4. The motion is passed.
   7. New total budget: 245 euros
2. **PINE COMMITTEE:** 
   1. A member of the board presents their budget.
   2. Total: 90 euros.
3. **PARTY COMMITTEE:** 
   1. A member of the board presents their budget.
   2. Total: 1675 euros.
   3. The GA has a technical point - you cannot budget a buffer (you can use from the Contingency fund if required).
   4. Take off 350 euros (both buffers) due to the policy manual.
   5. The GA asks for clarification if 40 euros for snacks for the beer Olympics event is too much or not. – answer: since it is a completely alcoholic event thus food is required.
   6. Having security for the event, explained that sober members (their board and Universalis)
   7. Halloween party – is it possible to cut down the alcohol budget?
      1. Answer: no since it is 2 euros for each free shot which is being budgeted for.
   8. Salome suggests increasing ticket prices for the winter gala.
   9. The GA asks if it is really necessary to have the free drinks thing.
      1. Answer: the total money for the free drinks will be taken at the end (Halloween party) so we might save money from those who do not drink.
   10. The GA proposes an Ad-Hoc that only the early bird tickets get the free drinks. (decreasing the budget from 1200 to 400 euros for the Winter Gala, and from 500 to 200 euros for the Halloween party)
   11. The GA votes on the Ad-Hoc motion:
       1. In Favour: 24
       2. Against: 10
       3. Abstain: 7
       4. The motion is passed.
   12. Now the new total for the winter gala: is 1170 euros.
   13. New budget as a whole: 1325 euros.

Currently the status of the total budget: is 19000.95 euros (minus the Ad-Hoc of the decrease in freed rink budget of the Party Committee).

1. **FILM COMMITTEE:** 
   1. A member of the board presents their budget.
   2. Total: 235 euros.
   3. The GA proposes an Ad-Hoc to increase the budget for the movie rental to 15 euros.
   4. The GA votes on the Ad-Hoc motion:
      1. In Favour: 20
      2. Against: 9
      3. Abstain: 14
      4. The motion is not passed.
      5. No budget is increased.
2. **EXCO COMMITTEE:** 
   1. A member of the board presents their budget.
   2. Total: 675 euros.
   3. The GA proposes an AD-Hoc to decrease the budget for hot chocolate in the hike to 15 euros (\*2) =30 euros)
   4. The GA votes on the Ad-Hoc motion:
      1. In Favour: 32
      2. Against: 1
      3. Abstain: 7
      4. The motion is passed.
   5. Final budget: 645 euros
3. **ART SOCIETY COMMITTEE:** 
   1. A member of the board presents their budget.
   2. Total: 500 euros.
   3. The Committee proposes an Ad-Hoc to give 105 euros for the Pottery event.
   4. The GA votes on the Ad-Hoc motion:
      1. In Favour: 34
      2. Against: 1
      3. Abstain: 5
      4. The motion is passed.
   5. The GA wants an elaboration on the Brussels art trip. The committee members answer the question.
   6. Final budget: 350 euros
4. **WELL-BEING COMMITTEE:** 
   1. Member of the board presents their budget
   2. Total: 250 euros.
   3. Cut off 5 euros proposed by board themselves
   4. The committee proposes and Ad-Hoc to add 100 euros for the tie-dye event.
   5. The GA votes on the Ad-Hoc motion:
      1. In Favour: 15
      2. Against: 3
      3. Abstain: 22
      4. The motion is not passed.
      5. They do not get the budget.
   6. The GA proposes an Ad-Hoc to cut the budget for the fruit boost event to 25 euros. – The Well-being committee only asks that AB ensures the fruit supply from the supplier they have a deal with.
   7. The GA votes on the Ad-Hoc motion:
      1. In Favour: 36
      2. Against: 0
      3. Abstain: 5
      4. The motion is passed.
   8. Final budget: 220 euros

Current total budget status: **18,165.95 euros.**

(- party committee → which is later added into the budget through a procedural motion)

1. **SPIRITUAL ENLIGHTENMENT COMMITTEE:** 
   1. Member of the board presents their budget
   2. Total: 742.50 euros.
   3. What is the budget for the two events? Will it change? –
      1. Warm drinks event → 150 euros.
   4. The GA proposes a motion where either there is only a warm drinks event or mulled wine event or both.
   5. The GA votes on it.
      1. Having both events (there is an additional 100 euros cost) → 0
      2. Having only the warm drinks event → 10
      3. Having only the mulled wine event → 25 (the winner)
   6. Final budget: 743.50 euros
2. **THE BELL COMMITTEE:** 
   1. Member of the board presents their budget
   2. Total: 390 euros.
   3. The GA proposes an Ad-Hoc to increase the budget to 150 euros for their printing.
   4. The GA votes on the Ad-Hoc motion:
      1. In Favour: 6
      2. Against: 25
      3. Abstain: 11
      4. The motion is not passed.
   5. The GA proposes an Ad-Hoc to increase their budget to 40 euros for their website.
   6. The GA votes on the Ad-Hoc motion:
      1. In Favour: 20
      2. Against: 6
      3. Abstain: 15
      4. The motion is not passed.
   7. The Board suggests getting a sponsorship.
   8. The GA puts forth a procedural motion to move forward.
   9. Final budget: 390 euros
3. **THE SPORTS COMMITTEE:** 
   1. Member of the board presents their budget
   2. Total: 650,95 euros.

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# **The final-total budgets are voted on**

* The final budget: **19,000.95 euros**
* Savings: **4,999 euros.**
* Question: inventory check for the next GA
  + Lily agrees and says the social board will work on it.
* The GA votes on it.
  + In Favour: 45
  + Against: 0
  + Abstain: 0
* The final total budget is passed.

# **Open Floor & Questions**

* No questions.

# **Closing of the GA**

* Lilly Pepper, the President closes the GA.