February 16th, 2023, Thursday, 18:30h

Agenda of Spring 2023 budget GA

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## **Opening of the GA**

President, Lily Pepper opens the GA.

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

The Independent Body presents and explains the rules of the GA.

## **Approval of the Agenda**

The GA approves the Agenda.

## **Minutes from previous GA**

The GA votes on the previous minutes of the GA.

Yes: 59

No: 0

Abstain: 0

The GA approves it.

## **AdHoc motion to the Agenda → Formalising the Advisory council**

The GA proposes an AdHoc motion for formalising the Advisory Council.

The GA explains what the advisory council is.

The GA votes on it:

Yes: 58

No: 0

Abstain: 0

The motion passes.

The GA explains what the Advisory council is.

● They want to create a team who can give advise to the existing board. It is a three step plan.

● The main aim is to help the board when they need it.

● Manuel wants to become the chair of the Advisory board for the beginning period of the building up process of the Advisory council.

● People nominate the members into the Advisory Council:

○ Manuel is nominated by the GA

● The GA asks what is the benefit of bringing the Advisory council back.

○ The GA answers that this helps because by giving an official contact base to the existing board, it helps them with their work and aids in the smooth functioning of the board.

● The GA asks what is the difference between the advisory board and the IB at the moment ?

○ The GA answers that the Advisory council also helps the IB, so if the whole board is at a dead-end, the advisory council helps them. One of the main responsibilities of the IB is to interpret the policy manual and give day to day advice. The Advisory council gives advice for bigger things and for the whole board

● The GA votes on Manuel as chair for the advisory council :

○ Yes: 58

○ No: 0

○ Abstain: 1

○ The motion passes.

## **IB Election**

● The President, Lily Pepper explains why there is an IB election in this GA.

○ She answers that there was an error on their part at the last GA and they did not follow the policy manual.

○ However they want to rectify this problem and thus they are having the IB elections this GA.

○ Currently, there are only 2 IB members, who are the new members who were elected in the last GA.

○ Consequence : new election because we have only 2 IB members at the moment when we actually need 3.

○ This error was not done purposefully, it was an honest mistake.

○ Election procedure will now be listed in all transition bible to prevent this mistake from happening again.

● The GA nominates Ruben Backx

○ Ruben presents himself to the GA.

○ The GA asks:do you think you have enough time for this since you have other things to do as well.

■ He answers:time management has improved with his time at UCM , IB take less time so he knows he can handle the workload.

● The GA nominates Patsy Frazer

○ Patsy presents herself to the GA.

○ The GA asks: how would you be able to transition since you are in your last semester now?

■ She answers that she will be at the law faculty, so she is going to be around and can handle it.

○ The GA asks how she will be able to manage her capstone and other studies with your IB position?

■ She answers that she will be able to deal with it because she is good at organisation skills.

○ The GA asks: why do you think you are worthy of this position, since you made a mistake earlier.

■ She answers: the whole point of universalis is that we're students and we want to be involved with the community, so we can make mistakes. She wants to learn from her mistake and make it better, so that this mistake won’t happen in the future.

○ The GA has a technical point that it is useful to have old members in the IB as it helps in the overall functioning of the board. / The IB’s difficulty shouldn’t be underestimated, it is useful to have at least one experienced member.

■ The GA has a technical point talk louder.

● The GA nominates Jan Maegherman

○ Jan presents himself to the GA.

○ The GA asks: what qualities do you bring to the IB?

■ He doesn’t have much experience but he did have some managerial experience in his last year of high school.

■ He’s good at reasoning, likes to discuss things and socializing. He’s confident to have qualities that contribute to the IB.

○ If Jan chooses to remain Chair he won’t be able to join the IB - That he needs to write a letter stating why he cannot be the IB. That will be handled after the GA.

○ The GA asks: whether you have been part of any committees before?

■ He answers that he is a part of a committee at UCM, but he will let go of his board position for the IB.

○ The GA asks whether he has any connection with the current Universalis board?

■ Simon and Patsy, he talked to them before but he doesn’t know anybody closely on the board.

● The GA votes on the new IB member - Patsy:

○ Yes: 55

○ No: 6

○ Abstain: 6

○ The motion passes - the new IB member is sworn in.

● The GA votes on the new IB member - Ruben:

○ Yes: 54

○ No: 7

○ Abstain: 4

○ The motion passes - the new IB member is sworn in.

● The GA votes on the new IB members - Jan:

○ Yes: 42

○ No: 11

○ Abstain: 12

○ The motion passes - the new IB member is sworn in.

## **The GA goes on a 10 minute break.**

## **Financial Report Fall 2022**

Jola the treasurer explains that the report is not completely done yet so it will be presented at the next GA.

## **Budget Spring 2023**

Jola the treasurer presents the current budget we have in total for the spring semester:

17, 891 euros of savings

19,254 euros budgeted

**EXECUTIVE BOARD**

● The treasurer from the EB presents the budget for the Executive Board.

● Notion = for centralized information to improve organization for all the boards and committee.

● GA asks a question about the notion= why 95 euro of budget, if the plan is at the lower price?

○ EB answers that we needed a margin to be sure we had enough budget to buy the full plan with all the calendars and premium function (it was 95 euros for the European plan and 80 dollars for the American website).

● The GA asks about the website fees ,why are they so expensive?

○ EB treasurer answers that she adapted it from the last budget requested at the last GA.

○ **Next GA, the EB promises to lower budget price for the website fee.**

● The GA proposes a motion for budgeting for the crew neck sweaters for the IB from 6 to 7 - 175 euros.

● The GA votes on it:

○ Yes: 51

○ No: 0

○ Abstain: 6

○ The motion passes.

● Initial Budget : 4,039 euros

● Final Budget : 4064

**SOCIAL BOARD**

● The SB presents their budget.

○ The GA asks: what are the games planned and since it is a recurring event, they cannot really have such a high budget.

○ SB answers: different station games collaboration with committee which is why the budget is high.

○ The GA asks if they can reuse a board game from LUDEN committee? – The IB suggests checking the games we already have, in order to not budget a high amount.

○ The IB presents a motion to cut from 4 times to 2 times and cut snack budget from 32 euros to 10 euros:

○ The Motion is voted on:

○ Yes: 42

○ No: 1

○ Abstain: 10

○ The Motion passes.

● The GA has a technical question about the UCSRN tournament - they think that 1000 euros for travel is a bit excessive. They ask whether they can ask money from the UCSRN for it?

○ The SB answers that this is the minimum they asked for and that the UCSRN has agreed to give them a 15% off on their travel costs. They are also looking into buses and sponsors to reduce the prices.

○ The SB also says that about 120 students usually go to these events so the 1000 euros is not that much in retrospect.

● The SB presents AdHoc to add 10 euros for valentine day event prize:

○ The GA votes on it:

■ Yes: 50

■ No: 2

■ Abstain: 2

■ The motion passes.

● Initial Budget: 3,063

● Final Budget : 2905

**EVALUATION OF FRUIT BOWL**

● The GA presents the importance of the fruit bowl.

● The board states that the idea is to buy the fruits with the money made from the fruit bowl (the coins).

● The IB states that if you want to donate it to the Charity committee, you will have to donate it.

● The GA says that the responsibility of it should be on the person who initiated the thing in the first place and not on the board. They suggest maybe creating a committee for it, if required.

**ACADEMIC BOARD**

● The Chair of the Academic board presents the budget.

● Fruit Bowl allocation: 50 euros

● The GA has a quick clarification about the drinks for the Poetry committee:

○ Since there will be an external committee joining the event too, they wanted a higher budget for the drinks.

● Final Budget: 1725 euros

**PARTY COMMITTEE**

● The Chair of the Party Committee presents the budget.

● The GA asks where the Spring Fling will be?

○ It will be at UCM.

● The GA has a question for the entrance drinks and why is it higher than normal?

○ The Committee answers that it is 3 euros for every person as it is a free drink.

○ The price will be included in the ticket price.

● The GA asks if the money for the summer gala will include the money from the ticket prices.

○ The treasurer answers the break-down of it.

● The GA asks if the tickets include the eventix cut?

○ The committee answers that it is not included, so it will be an additional cost for the people buying.

● The GA suggests using another ticket buying platform, as it might be cheaper.

○ The committee answers that it is easier with the eventix platform.

● The GA suggests using the UCMSA website to sell tickets for no extra price.

○ The Committee answers that they did try this before, and it did not work because there was a lot of chaos.

● The GA states that using eventix makes life more easy.

● The GA asks if they had calculated a safety margin in case they didn't sell all their tickets?

○ The President answers that this falls under contingency, which is covered by the EB.

○ The committee answers that in history, most of their events have been sold out.

● The IB explains the rules of Contingency.

● The GA asks if there are any measures to make sure that the Universalis money is used only for UCM students.

○ The Committee answers that they are only advertising the event to only UCM people so most likely, the majority of people will be UCM people.

● The GA asks: won’t it be better to cut down the free drinks and decrease the ticket prices?

○ The Committee answers that the free drinks are mandatory by the venue.

● Final Budget: 2300 euros

**GRADUATION COMMITTEE**

● The Chair of the Graduation Committee presents the budget.

● The GA Asks: for the champagne reception, how did you come to 60 people?

○ The Committee Answers: They came to it from previous events and from Spiritual Enlightenment events.

○ The SB answers that there is already enough champagne in the Universalis cellar.

● The GA asks: if there are non-alcoholic drinks.

○ The Committee answers: There are.

● The GA says that they can find them a photographer for cheaper.

● Final Budget: 1230

**SPORTS COMMITTEE**

● The Chair of the Sport Committee presents the budget.

● The GA Asks about Laser Tag, the IB suggests the SB to do it at a time that it does not disturb the rest of the ucm community.

○ The Committee Answers: That they will make sure to check and do it.

● Final Budget: 979 euros

**EXCO COMMITTEE:**

● The Chair of the Exco committee presents the budget.

● The GA asks if the cost of the day trip would increase too?

○ The Committee answers that it doesn't.

● The GA asks for a clarification for the budget about the deposit. (since this budget was already asked for in the StopGAp elections, hence why are they asking for it again?)

○ The Committee answers that they wanted a full payment, so that is why they asked for it again in this budget.

○ The Committee explains that the 300 euros (from the deposit) would be used now for the upcoming budget. – the GA suggests adding this budget instead as an AdHoc.

○ Basically that the 300 euros used before (in the StopGap elections) has been used before, and the new 300 euros (being budgeted now), is being used for rent in the upcoming event in the current semester.

● The GA proposes an AdHoc to add 300 euros to the Exco committee for the overnight cabin stay.

○ The GA votes on it:

○ Yes: 52

○ No: 0

○ Abstain: 4

○ The motion passes.

● The GA asks if the eventix account is connected to the Universalis account?

○ The Committee Answers: that it is not, it is connected to the committee’s personal account. (This debate is moved to a later date)

● The treasurer makes a comment that if the committees collaborate, then please budget together to make it easier for the treasurer.

● Initial Budget: 767 euros

● Final Budget:1050 euros

**CHARITY COMMITTEE**

● The chair of the Charity committee present the budget

● Final Total : 555 euros

**FILM COMMITTEE**

● The chair of the Film committee presents the budget.

● The Film committee makes an AdHoc motion request to round it to 500 euros after rechecking cost of camera , realized cost of camera really depends on the type / increase from 50 to a 100 euros for camera stabilizer - production.

● The GA suggests that we already have a camera that UCM bought for another committee, so it could be reused.

● The GA votes on it:

○ Yes:50

○ No: 0

○ Abstain: 6

○ The motion passes.

● Adhoc motion increase 200 euros for camera stabilizer:

○ The GA votes on it:

○ Yes: 59

○ No: 0

○ Abstain: 5

○ The motion passes.

● Initial Total: 443 euros

● Final Budget: 593 euros

**THE BELL COMMITTEE**

● The chair of the Bell committee presents the budget.

● The GA asks: Should we ask students for donations?

○ The Committee Answers: Sponsorship space in the bell can be added to reduce cost.

○ Jola the treasurer explains last sale they add leftovers copies which is why there is no need for more than a 100.

● Final Total: 365 euros

**SPIRITUAL ENLIGHTENMENT**

● The chair of the Spiritual enlightenment committee presents the budget.

● The GA Asks: For the wine picnic, can the ticket be increased by 5 or 6 euros?

○ The Committee answers: They first put 6 euros by ticket but since they don’t have many events this semester they are allocating more budget to attract more people.

○ The GA asks: Why not get more tickets if the event is popular?

○ The Committee answers: If possible, we would appreciate only 20 people at the moment, it can become 26 students in total.

○ GA asks: One event or 2 separated events for Wine Picnic?

○ Committee: Increase of the ticket price to 5 euros.

○ The GA suggests having 8 euros for the ticket price?

○ SB : The original budget of Exco will be scraped, and the ticket prices for Spiritual Enlightenment’s picnic event will be increased.

○ The GA suggests increasing the budget of the food instead of the ticket prices.

○ The GA proposed a motion to scrap the EXCO’s wine picnic budget and to increase the budget of the food at the wine picnic event of Spiritual Enlightenment to 200 euros.

○ The GA votes on it:

■ Yes: 51

■ No: 2

■ Abstain: 4

■ The motion passes.

● Initial Total: 362,75 euros

● Final Budget: 402, 75 euros

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The GA makes a point: Universalis money doesn’t go to pay Universalis members, should not pay members to attend events, they still have to pay the tickets like other students

Committee argue they should give money to compensate work for people who make the event happen, but the policy manual does not allow it.

GA makes a technical point that this is not allowed in the policy manual , can’t budget for board members to attend events.

Payment for board members: The IB explains, as it comes out of the Universalis accounts, the board members still need to pay for these events.

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**POETRY COMMITTEE**

● The chair of the poetry committee present the budget

● The GA Asks: Universalis kitchen can be borrowed ?

○ The Committee Answers: No they cannot , they can have the thermos kettle ect

● Final Total :360 euros

**INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND DIPLOMACY COMMITTEE**

● The chair of the International relations and diplomacy committee present the budget

● The GA make a point 30 euros per person policy for trip , not everybody can afford 10 euros for the trip rather decrease to 7 euros , they are only using 20 euros by person right now

○ The Committee Answers: Too much money spent on too little people but understand the point raised by the GA

● GA submit adhoc motion to decrease ticket price from 10 euros to 7 euros.

○ The GA votes on it.

○ Yes: 42

○ No: 3

○ Abstain:9

○ The motion passes.

● Initial Total: 345 euros

● Final Budget: 495 euros

**HYPATIA**

● The chair of the Hypatia committee present the budget

● The GA Asks: Why is the Bystander training for more people? valuable investment should be offered to more people at least 4

○ The Committee Answers: 50 euros to get trained which is expensive, so the budget will be too high, one person get professionally trained can share knowledge

● The GA comment worried that the people being trained are not staying in UCM , the students and the knowledge of this workshop will leave the community

○ The Committee answers: All 4 people won’t go away simultaneously , it is important to have people with this training in the community nonetheless, as it will still be important in the present time.

● GA answer : it’s training for individuals and not for the whole community , conflict of interest

○ Committee answers : One member can pass on the knowledge to a broader array of students.

● GA points out that we could turn the bystander training into a workshop for all UCM students

● Committee : if the cost is 50 euro by person, so we can increase budget for more people to join training and then more people can join and share their knowledge for people in the community

● The GA proposes a motion to increase the budget to 200 euros (4 participants) for the bystander workshop to have more participants

○ The GA votes on it:

○ Yes: 58

○ No: 0

○ Abstain: 1

○ The motion passes.

● The GA ask ; do we have a venue for the mic night ?

○ Committee : LBB , but LBB is closing so it will change the new venue could be at UCM.

● Initial Total : 330 euros

● Final Budget : 480 euros

**THE GA GOES ON A 10 MINUTE BREAK**

**MUSIC COMMITTEE**

● The chair of the Music committee present the budget

● The GA Asks: If the committee can utilize the thermos instead of the budget for the tea pot.

○ The Committee Answers: yes we could and we will keep that in mind.

● Final Total : 325 euros

**ART COMMITTEE**

● The chair of the Music committee present the budget

● The GA Asks:

○ The Committee Answers:

● The Committee proposes an AdHoc to increase the total budget for (a) snack money for the art exhibition to an extra 30 euros and (b) increase the bus money for the Aachen trip to 320 euros

● The GA votes on it.

○ Yes: 43

○ No: 0

○ Abstain: 3

○ The motion passes.

● Initial Total : 285 euros

● Final Budget : 465 euros

**UCSRN**

● The chair of UCSRN committee present the budget

● Final Total : 255 euros

**THEATRE COMMITTEE**

● The chair of Theater committee present the budget

● The GA proposes an Adhoc to increase the budget for props and costumes from 100 euros to 150 euros

○ The GA votes on it:

○ Yes: 44

○ No: 0

○ Abstain: 5

○ The motion passes:

● Initial Total : 240

● Final Budget : 290

**LE ROC**

● The chair of Le Roc committee present the budget

● The GA thought that you cannot ask for a budget for the first semester if it is a new committee.

○ The Board answers that last semester, the budget was then put under the SB budget.

○ The IB explains that it is fine.

● The GA asks if there is going to be a venue for the gala?

○ The committee says it is going to be at UCM.

● Final Total : 225 euros

**STEM COMMITTEE**

● The chair of Stem committee present the budget

● The committee asks if there can be an exception for the prize money - can it be increased?

○ The IB answers that they cannot, as it is against the policy manual.

● The GA has a question regarding the collaboration event with EXCO - the GA suggests lowering the price for the tickets so it is more accessible for the students.

○ The committee answers: There is an option to attend for free but not have lunch (as the budget is for lunch and not for the overall event).

● Initial Total : 195,50 euros

● Final Budget : 295 ,50 euros

**LATIN AMERICAN PERSPECTIVE**

● The chair of Latin American Perspective committee present the budget

● The GA proposes an AdHoc to increase the number of L.A.P flavors night event and to increase the budget per L.A.P flavors event to 200 euros - 400 euros in total for both the L.A.P flavors nights.

○ The GA votes:

○ Yes: 41

○ No: 0

○ Abstain: 4

○ The motion passes:

● Initial Total : 160 euros

● Final Total : 360

**BOOK CLUB**

● The chair of the Book club committee present the budget

● Final Total : 140

**DIVERSITY AND INCLUSIVITY STUDENT - LED COMMITTEE**

● The chair of the Diversity and Inclusivity Student-Led committee present the budget

● Final Total :140 euros

**CHESS COMMITTEE**

● The chair of the Chess committee present the budget

● Final Total :130 euros

**DANCE COMMITTEE**

● The chair of the dance committee present the budget

● Final Total :100 euros

**SOCIETY FUTURE SCIENCE**

● The chair of the Society Future Science committee present the budget

● The Committee asks if they can add some more money to their budget to help the STEM committee?

○ The IB states that it does not follow the policy manual, unfortunately.

● Final Total : 80 euros

**PINE COMMITTEE**

● The chair of the Pine committee present the budget

● Final Total : 65 euros

**RHETORICA**

● The chair of the Rhetorica committee present the budget

● Final Total : 50 euros

**YOGA COMMITTEE:**

● The GA proposes an AdHoc budget requesting for 130 euros.

○ The GA votes on it:

○ Yes: 46

○ No: 0

○ Abstain: 3

○ The Motion passes.

Final Total = 90 euros

## **AMENDMENTS AND MOTIONS:**

The EXCO committee wants to propose an AdHoc motion to add an additional 33 euros to their budget for first aid kits.

● The Ga votes on the motion.

● Yes: 40

● No: 0

● Abstain: 4

● The motion passes.

The International Relations committee wants to propose an AdHoc motion to abolish the ticket prices and increase the budget to 450 euros instead of 300 euros.

● The GA votes on it:

● Yes: 31

● No: 9

● Abstain: 9

● The Motion passes.

The STEM Committee proposes an AdHoc motion to increase the budget to 120 euros for pizza instead of snacks for the pop-quiz event.

● The Ga votes on it.

● Yes: 41

● No: 0

● Abstain: 5

● The motion passes.

**THE ORIGINAL TOTAL BUDGET:** 19.254.25 euros

**THE FINAL TOTAL BUDGET:** 20.554, 25 euros

**REMAINING BUDGET AVAILABLE:** 10.487, 61 euros

## **Final Budget Vote Spring 2023**

The GA votes on the final budget for Spring 2023

- Yes: 46

- No: 2

- Abstain: 2

The Budgets are passed!!

## **Open Floor & Questions**

The GA suggests increasing the total budget that we get from UCM

- The Board answers that they will bring it up with the Dean.

## **Closing of the GA**

President, Lily Pepper closes the GA.

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