## **ELECTIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY SPRING 2023**

## **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: 26
	+ No: 4
	+ Abstain: 3
	+ The GA approves it.
* The GA votes on the previous minutes of the GA.
	+ Yes: 27
	+ No: 4
	+ Abstain: 3
	+ The GA approves it.

## **General Announcements**

* President explains how students have been leaving trash at UCM , not cleaning the common area , especially after the Spring Fling. UCM had to pay an extra fee for cleaning after the party.This cannot continue as it is not affordable by the management who are not happy about it.
* Respect toward staff , committees and board members : people have been screaming at staff , lacking respect to the people who live around UCM.
* Some board members were harassed at the Spring Fling.
* Building and cleaning
* Respects and communication towards staff
* New requirements for organising events requiring alcohol: maximum number of beer crates, form stipulates fixed committee members designated for organisation, clean-ups, staff members, possible risk-scenarios, how many people they expect; beer sale stops an hour before UCM closes, lights go on before UCM closes to initiate clean-up
* Reallocations of budgets

## **Proposed Policy Manual Amendments**

* Chair of the council advisor explains new section which explains the new role
* At least three meetings a year
* The main changes:
	+ The Chair will advise on all meetings and problems.
	+ They provide advice to all the boards
	+ They hope to have at least three meetings a year.
	+ They are responsible for archiving all advice given.
	+ Non members can enter the board, as long as they are approved by the existing members.
	+ Question is asked: If a non member joined can they be a member of a committee as well?
		- Answer: No, they cannot.
	+ Question: Would we have a new election for chair of the advisory council ?
		- Answer: Yes they will, but it will happen in the next general assembly.
* The GA votes on policy manual amendment :
	+ Yes: 31
	+ No: 3
	+ Abstain: 1
	+ The GA approves it.

## **Introducing the new President and Chairs**

* The New President and Chairs present themselves.

## **IB Election**

* The New/ Existing IB members present themselves for being voted in for the new semester. The existing IB explains why they want to continue.
* Question : What other external obligations do you have ?
* Answer:Yes, but IB is a priority.
* Question: WHat is the one big project you want to undertake?
* Answer: I would like to make IB more bonded ?Make IB more present in community
* The Board asks if anyone from the GA wants to contest the candidates.
* The GA votes on Ties Goris:
	+ Yes: 34
	+ No: 1
	+ Abstain: 0
	+ The GA approves it.
* The GA votes on Klara Ebhardt:
	+ Yes: 36
	+ No:3
	+ Abstain: 0
	+ The GA approves it.
* The GA votes on Jan Maegherman election :
	+ Yes: 37
	+ No: 1
	+ Abstain: 1
	+ The GA approves it.

## **Social Board Elections**

* Social Internal Candidate Timo Greve presents himself.
* Question : Do you have any idea on how to improve intro days ?
	+ Answers :Not at the moment
* Question: Why apply for this position ?
	+ Answer: He enjoyed SOcial board event so he wanted to help in it
* Question: What makes you qualify for this role?
	+ Answer: I have enthusiasm , I enjoy UCM committee and I have an instagram
* Question: How to keep the committee accountable for cleaning ?
	+ Answer: Do you think you have enthusiasm to continue with the garden committee?
* Question: Are you aware that being on the board is quite a large responsibility.
	+ Answer: He says that he is aware.
* Question: Are you aware that you need to vacate your position on the Gardening committee?
	+ Answer: Tragically yes , we have replacement ready
* Question: How to keep the committee accountable for cleaning ?
* Answer: Idk how much you can do as Universalis but you could have budget constraints on the committee who don’t clean up.
* Yeah , Simon has informed me of that , I am aware.
* The GA votes on Social Internal Timo Greve Candidate :
	+ Yes: 19
	+ No: 18
	+ Abstain: 3
	+ The GA did not reach an absolute majority so he did not get elected.
	+ The GA has decided to have an emergency GA in a couple of weeks.

Social External Candidate Nerice IJpelaar presents herself .

* Question: what qualifies you for this position ?
	+ Answer: She says that she has been involved with the UCm committee from the first year with various committees so she has experience with those things.
* Question :Are you also aware of the other events connected to UCSRN ?
	+ Answer: Yes, she says she is aware of the other UCSRN events,and she is working on that.
* Question : Do you have any plans on how to integrate the UCSRN events with UCM as they are usually very far away from Maastricht?
	+ Answer: I think if we group together to make it more accessible for other colleges so that it’s more equal it could work to have more college join
* Question: What do you say to those people who say we should leave UCSRN for financial reasons?
	+ Answer: She replied that it is not a good idea as it is a great social bonding activity as it helps us reach other UC’s.
* The GA votes on External Candidate :
	+ Yes: 38
	+ No:1
	+ Abstain: 1
	+ The GA approves it.

Social Acquisitions Candidate Damita van Gennep presents herself .

* Question: Are you going to be back in time?
* Answer : yes I will be back before the project period.
* Question : why did you choose this position specifically ?
* Answer: She felt inspired from the earlier person who held the position.
* She thinks that her experiences on her committee gives her some experience to handle this position.
* The GA votes on Social Acquisitions Candidate :
	+ Yes: 36
	+ No:3
	+ Abstain: 1
	+ The GA approves it

## **Academic Board Elections**

* Academic Internal Emily Meeks presents herself.
* Question: Two questions : why did you decide to apply for this position? How do you plan on ensuring to be the bridge between academic board and student? How do you plan to be so active constantly with the UCM committee?
	+ Answer : because I am currently secretary of the theatre committee and I enjoy keeping the community updated , I really love the idea to do that on a larger scale.
* The GA votes on Academic Internal:
	+ Yes: 45
	+ No: 6
	+ Abstain: 0
	+ The GA approves it.
* Academic External Roos Hoogesteger presents herself.
* Question: what is the experience that you bring to this position ?
	+ Answer: In High school she was student council president for two years and external educational council member for her school group on a national level.
* Question: Do you think UCM could learn from other UC’s ?
* Answer: she says that currently, she does not know the details, so hopefully with more time she will learn more.
* Question : why did you choose this board specifically ?
* Answer: She was just looking through the positions and this spoke out to her the most.
* Question : do you have any plans to increase response to evaluation form ?
* Answer: She says that right now she does not have a plan, but she was talking to her tutors, and getting some tips and also giving some suggestions and hopefully with time she will be able to answer this question better.
* Question : What academic policies does she want to bring in?
* Answer: She doesn't have a definite idea right now, but one idea she has is to critically evaluate the importance of the core courses and see how important they all are.
* Question : How do you think you can navigate space between what the committee wants and what the BOE and management wants?
* Answer: Everything needs to be within reason and conversations should still happen, even if it may not necessarily lead to a policy change.
* The GA votes on Academic External:
	+ Yes: 34
	+ No: 3
	+ Abstain: 1
	+ The GA approves it.
* Academic events Marten Olesch presents himself .
* Question: why did you go for events specifically ?
	+ Answer: He feels that this position is the most important one and feels that through this position, he can really bring in valuable change.
* Question : What is your favourite academic board event ? Do you have any ideas for new ones ?
	+ Answer: His favourite event is the Masters Fair. Some ideas he has are to have more discussion panels and scientific panels.
* Question : What are your thoughts on having more alumni events?
	+ Answer: I haven’t thought of that specifically.
* Question: What kind of scientific idea do you want to add specifically ?
	+ Answer: He doesn't have a definite answer right now, but hopefully with time, he will have a better idea.
* Question : Would you be open to finding creative ways of making use of the gardening committee ?
	+ Answer: Yes, he will use the garden.
* The GA votes on Academic event :
	+ Yes: 32
	+ No:4
	+ Abstain: 4
	+ The GA approves it.

The GA goes on a 10 minute Break.

## **Financial Report Fall 2022**

* The IB gives an update on the Financial Report Fall 2022.

## **Charity Budget Vote**

* Treasurer explains 75 euros only 44 euros were used for Run for Cancer ; voting on whether or not we should donate the leftover money.
* The Advisory committee explains that technically Universalis cannot directly make donations. He asks if this money came from profits from Waffle Wednesdays or excess money given to the committee from the board?
* They suggest reallocating the money to another event instead of donating as it will break policy.
* They explain that this excess money comes from the FSE so technically Universalis has no right to decide if they want to donate it or not.

## **Surplus Budget Vote**

* Treasurers present budget , Universalis has still not received UCM compensation.FSE has not responded on when we will be getting the money or if we will. Advisory council encourages making UCM more clear on when the budget is allocated and making a more official agreement with FSE.
* **Remaining Budget Available:** 4.162,82 euros. (17.312,82 euros with contribution)
* **UCM contribution:** +13.150,00 euros (still to be received)
* **Budget surplus:** -2.614,00 euros
* **Budgeted StopGap:** -2.967,00 euros.

## **Sport committee :**

* **Total**: 864 euros.
* Question: Are the TShirts going to be personalized?
* Answer: No.
* Question: As this is not a necessity, will the Sports committee be okay to move it to the September GA.
* Answer: I was hoping we could move it to September , yes.
* **The GA presents an AdHoc motion to remove the 540 euros from their budget:**
	+ Yes: 37
	+ No: 2
	+ Abstain: 0
	+ The motion passes.
* New budget: 324 euros

## **Party Committee :**

* **Total**: 800 euros.
* Question: Do you have an idea of how much they are giving the other committees?
* Answer : It is going to be split up. UCM is paying a bit more though.
* Question: Since we are already having a summer gala, can’t we reduce the budget.
* Answer: The Party committee mentions that UCM will get half the seats, which is a really good deal. The GA also mentions that the FSE gala does cost a lot, and having this deal with them, is helpful
* Q : Where did the 25 000 euros come from last year ?
* Answer: The money came from FSE directly. They used the money they saved during covid.
* **The GA presents an AdHoc motion to reduce the budget from 800 euros to 650 euros. The motion is seconded.**
* The GA votes on it.
	+ Yes: 12
	+ No: 20
	+ Abstain: 5
	+ The motion does not pass
* **There is a counter motion to reduce the budget from 800 euros to 750 euros:**
	+ Yes: 16
	+ No: 12
	+ Abstain: 8
	+ The motion does not pass.
* **The Budget remains the same (800 euros)**

## **Music Committee :**

* **Total**: 500 euros
* Question: When would it take place?
	+ Answer: It would be in Period 6.
* Question: would it be possible to have the open mic night at UCM?
	+ Answer: This is gonna be something new so we want to test it in a new location, we are too crowded at UCM.
* Question: The GA asks the treasurer What is the remaining budget
	+ Answer : around 4000 euros
* The money is for only one event outside (so the whole 500 euros is an approximate amount).
* Q: What do you think realistically you would need ?
	+ A : 300 euros
* Q: Are you planning to do two open mic night ?
	+ A : Yes
* **The GA presents a procedural motion to reduce the total budget to 300 euros from 500 euros. The motion is seconded**
* The GA votes on the motion to reduce the budget to 300 euros:
	+ Yes: 29
	+ No: 5
	+ Abstain: 2
	+ The motion passes.
* **Final budget:** 300 euros

## **Gardening committee :**

* **Total**: 125 euros
* Question: The Advisory committee asks if 25 euros is allowed?
	+ Answer: The IB says that for the snack budget, they need to follow policy, so they need to reduce it.
* **The GA presents an AdHOC motion to reduce the snack budget for the breaking grounds event to10 euros based on the policy manual:**
	+ The GA votes on it:
	+ Yes: 24
	+ No: 7
	+ Abstain: 1
	+ The Motion passes. .
* Question: The GA asks a question regarding homemade ice tea. They ask what exactly the 25 euros will entail.
	+ Answer: 25 is for the tools to make iced tea
* **The GA presents an AdHoc motion to reduce the 25 euros for the ice tea to 15 euros.**
	+ The Ga votes on it.
	+ Yes: 22
	+ No: 3
	+ Abstain: 1
	+ The motion passes.
* **Final Budget:** 100 euros

## **Executive Board Surplus :**

* **Total** : 95 euros. .

## **Gay Agenda Surplus :**

* **Total** : 80
* Question: Will the decoration be reused?
	+ Answer: Yes

## **Graduation committee surplus :**

* **Total** : 60

##  **Social Board Surplus :**

* **Total** : 50
* Q:The prizes are for the board members ?/
* Answer: If we have prizes then it should something small like candies , it’s more like a bonding activity
* **The GA presents an AdHoc motion to reduce the snacks budget from 20 euros to 10 euros. The motion is seconded**
	+ The GA votes on it.
	+ Yes: 17
	+ No: 10
	+ Abstain: 2
	+ The motion passes.
* The GA presents a procedural motion to limit the discussion to two questions per discussion:
	+ The GA votes on it.
	+ Yes: 16
	+ No: 9
	+ Abstain: 4
	+ The motion passes.

## **Art committee Surplus :**

* **Total** : 40

**Surplus Budget Voting:**

* **Budgeted Surplus**: 1.839 euros.
* The GA votes on the Surplus:
	+ Yes: 36
	+ No: 1
	+ Abstain: 1
	+ The surplus passes.

## **Stopgap budget + veto**

**SOCIAL BOARD:**

* Total: 1,440 euros
* The IB says that they have to reduce the snacks budget to 10 euros as they cannot be discriminatory.
* **The GA presents an AdHoc motion to reduce the snacks budget to 10 euros for beginning of period drinks.**
	+ The Ga votes on it.
	+ Yes: 10
	+ No: 15
	+ Abstain: 4
	+ The motion does not pass.
* **The Ga presents an AdHoc Motion to increase the intro days budget from 1000 to 2000 euros**
	+ The GA votes on it.
	+ Yes: 28
	+ No: 2
	+ Abstain: 3
	+ The motion passes.
* New budget:

The Ga presents an AdHoc Motion to increase the intro days budget from 1000 to

**Excursion Committee:**

* Total = 450 euros
* Question: How does the art budget have anything to do with the excursion budget?
* Answer: It doesn’t , it was requested independently

**Academic Board Stopgap :**

* Total = 440 euros
* Question: The Ga asks a question about the bonding money?
* Answer: Bonding money is prescribed in policy for mandatory weekends.
* **The GA presents an AdHOc motion to increase the food budget from 100 euros to 180 euros.**
	+ The GA votes on it.
	+ Yes: 23
	+ No: 2
	+ Abstain: 3
	+ The motion passes
* New Budget:

**Party committee Stopgap :**

* Total = 370 euros

**Executive Board Stopgap :**

* Total = 150

**Film Committee StopGap :**

* Total = 42

**Music Committee StopGap :**

* Total = 20 euros

**Gardening Committee StopGap**

* Total = 10 euros

**Society Future Science :**

* Total = 10 euros

**Theater StopGap :**

* Total = 10 euros

**Budgeted Stopgap:** -3.992,00 euros

**Remaining budget available:** 3.912,82€

**Voting on the StopGap budget:**

* Yes: 29
* No: 3
* Abstain: 1
* The StopGap budget passes.

## **Open Floor Questions**

* The IB says that they will try and figure out the snacks problem by the next emergency GA.

## **Closing the GA**

* The President Lily Pepper closes the GA