

GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2025

06/02/2025

Agenda

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- GA votes on previous minutes of the GA
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attendee

1. Ella
2. Anna
3. Franek
4. Jo
5. Valérie
6. Santiago
7. Anna
8. Nynne
9. Elisa
10. Maia
11. Caterina
12. Jeanne
13. Lorette
14. Aukje
15. Alicia
16. Julie
17. Romane
18. Pauline
19. Salomé
20. Elsa
21. Senna

22. Julie
23. Léna
24. Tahina
25. Leonhard
26. Sam
27. Muum
28. Ilan
29. Jayden
30. Matthieu
31. Jeanne
32. Bertille
33. Brianna
34. Lorelei
35. Jessica
36. Mirthe
37. Elisa
38. Lucas
39. Eva
40. Lara
41. Kate
42. Ida
43. Sofia
44. Daniel
45. Raphaëla
46. Noé
47. Elsie
48. Jasmijn
49. Roos
50. Iris
51. Mathilde
52. Juul
53. Nik
54. Maja
55. Julie
56. Audrey
57. Delphine
58. Pasca
59. Charlotte
60. Misaki

Opening of the GA

-> president audrey giraud is opening the GA

General Announcements

social board policy changes, concerning committee -> sb require normal official committee positions again: one president, one treasurer, one secretary - going back to official regulation again

people can be in the committee without being in the chair, but the core structure needs stay the same

new IB members; Colette, Sebastian, and Anni - Sebastian will be joining later

Approval of the Agenda

- yes: 28

- no: 2

- abstain 1

Total: 41/49 people

-> the agenda has approved

Rules of the GA, presented by the Independent Body

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

- explains the motions and rules

- wooclap set up

Minutes from previous GA

votes on the minutes

yes: 42

No: 0

abstain: 1

-> the minutes

Total: 43/58 people

Advisory council election

Roos introduces herself for 1 minutes: For those you don't know me I was last year social external, I'll be staying for one more year, I'd like to help Universalis without excessive work

votes on chair of the advisory council

yes: 54

no: 0

abstain: 1

-> Roos has approved as the chair of the advisory council

Policy Manual Motions

all motions can be checked on the website

1. Motion on Mandate for Positive Change

summary of the original submitted motion:

- Motion: A mandate for positive change: Summarized Agreement

The GA mandates the Board and IB to revise the policy manual to be clear, accessible, and up to date, involving community feedback and consulting the Advisory Board. The revised draft will be presented for feedback, and approved at a following GA

Amendment from audrey: An initial draft of the revised policy manual must be presented for community feedback before the beginning of the election process, with the final version submitted for approval no later than the first General Assembly of the next semester.

minor wording changed

seconded

votes on the amendment:

yes: 46

no:0

abstain:1

-> amendment has approved

votes on the motion w an amendment

yes: 45

no: 0

abstain: 0

-> motion has passed

2. Motion on Policy Changes Implementation Timeline

submitted motion:

A new clause be added to Title 2 of the Policy Manual

§5.1. Amendments to the policy manual shall take effect on the first day of the next semester, unless otherwise specified. Amendments relating to Title 11 will be implemented immediately upon approval.

vote on the motion

yes: 44

no: 4

abstain: 1

-> motion has passed

3. Motion on Charity Committee

summary of submitted motion:

Reform of Charity Committee Selection: Summarized Motion

- Charity Distribution: The Charity Committee selects charities, reports on funds raised, and ensures transparency.
- Charity Selection: Members can propose charities, excluding those with personal or political ties unless approved by the GA.
- Fundraising: All activities must follow financial policies, with funds raised transparently reported.

vote on the motion

yes: 44

no: 6

abstain: 1

-> motion has passed

4. Motion on Reform of Elections of Board Members

summary of the submitted motion:

Reform of Elections of Board Members

- Candidate Presentations: Candidates present themselves within a time limit set by the GA chair, with members able to propose time changes before presentations begin.
- Preferred Candidates & IB Audit: The MoU presents preferred candidates and justifies their choices, while the IB audits the selection process and reports on fairness.
- Voting: For a single candidate, members vote 'yes,' 'no,' or 'abstain'; for multiple candidates, voters rank them, with elimination and redistribution of votes until one candidate achieves a majority.
- Election Results: Results are announced immediately after counting, with a detailed breakdown available upon request.

vote on the motion

yes: 39

no: 6
abstain: 2
-> motion has passed

5. Motion on IB Attendance

summary of submitted motion:

Attendance of IB members at GAs: Summarized Motion

- IB members must attend GAs or provide prior notice and a written statement.
- A two-thirds (2/3) quorum is required; absences don't count toward it.
- Attendance, absences, and availability must be recorded in GA minutes.
- Repeated absences may result in removal.
- Current § 9 will be renumbered as § 10.

answer: has not been a problem so far

note: all of these motions will be implemented after this GA

vote on the motion

yes: 39
no: 4
abstain: 4
-> motion has passed

6. Motion on IB elections Irish Voting System

summary of submitted motion:

Reform of Independent Body (IB) Election Procedures: Summarized Motion

- Elections: Held once per semester; all IB positions become vacant.
- Candidacy: Secretary announces vacancies; candidates submit a CV and Motivation Letter.
- Voting: Ranked-choice for 5+ candidates, simple majority for fewer.
- Quorum & Nominations: If under three candidates, nominations are required.
- Results: Announced within 48 hours; detailed reports available on request.

question: why?

answer: more democratic election of IB members, Irish voting system is based on ranking

vote on the motion

yes: 34
no: 7
abstain: 4

-> motion has passed

7. Motion on Maintenance and Publication of IB Interpretations

summary of submitted motion:

Maintenance and Publication of IB Interpretations: Summarized Motion

- IB Role: Interprets statutes and policies; officers must consult when unsure.
- Interpretation Records: IB maintains a list of formal interpretations, including rationale and updates.
- Accessibility: Interpretations are appended to the Policy Manual, updated online, and summarized at each GA.
- Guidance: While not binding, IB interpretations serve as persuasive precedents for policy consistency.

question: are the things about confidentiality about IB members included in the motion?

answer: in this motion, it does not specify on confidentiality

amendment: to ensure that it respects the confidentiality of individuals (seconded)

vote on the amendment:

yes: 39

no: 3

abstain: 5

-> amendment has passed

vote on the motion w an amendment

yes: 39

no: 2

abstain: 5

-> motion has passed

8. Motion on Resignation of IB

summary of submitted motion:

Resignation Procedure for Independent Body (IB) Members: Summarized Motion

- Resignation Process: IB members must submit a resignation letter with reasons and intended date, ideally two weeks in advance.
- Vacancy Procedure: If IB membership drops below three, the Board initiates a new selection process.
- Handover: Resigning members must provide a transition document and hold meetings to brief their successor.
- Removal: If a member neglects duties, the GA or remaining IB members can request resignation, confirmed by a simple majority vote.

question: why do IB members need to give a reason to resign?

Answer: it is for transparency

Amendment: change simple majority vote to $\frac{2}{3}$ majority (seconded)

question: why it needs to be $\frac{2}{3}$ instead of the majority

answer: to make it harder to kick people out

vote on the amendment:

yes: 39

no: 6

abstain: 4

Vote on the motion with an amendment

Yes: 43

No: 3

Abstain: 3

-> motion has passed

Vote on the financial report

vote on the financial report of fall 2023

Information: financial report is handed in at the end of the semester, IB has to audit it

yes: 43

no: 1

Abstain: 4

-> Financial report fall 2023 approved

vote on the financial report Spring 2024

yes: 42

no: 0

abstain: 5

-> Financial report spring 2024 approved

Contingency

Treasurer Delphine explained about contingency use. It will also be on financial report of 2024

Fall

suggestion: contingency use of winter gala use? put before the period 2

Spring 2024 Budget Plans

Current Financials

Savings: 22,838 euros

UCM contribution: 13,000.00 euros

Total Budgeted expenses: 29,539.30 euros

Remaining Budget Available: 6,298.86 euros

President: we had to cut the budget since the initial requested budget was 41,565,72 euros

Executive Board

Proposed budget: 5,829.82 €

Overview:

- board bonding, bank fees website fees budget less than usual
- Contingency

Question: what is battle of the faculty

Answer: battle of the faculties includes three events with the entirety of UM, battling against each other (battle of bands, fittest, brains)

Announcement: UCM is their own faculty

No further questions for the budget

Final Budget: 5,829.82 €

Academic Board

proposed budget 3,419.00 €

Overview:

- life after bubble will have cool people, somebody in journalism working with
- Freiburg university exchange - hopefully it is going to happen

Question: why 800 euros of catering for the life after the bubble event?

Answer: because we have to accommodate alumnus getting here, and catering is pretty expensive. We already cutted down. You can also get food

No further questions

Final Budget 3,419.00 €

Social Board

proposed budget 2,730.00 €

Overview:

- Social board cut 3000 euros, we cut our own events, so we are relying on committee's events

Question: how many condoms are budgeted for?

Answer: together with sexual safety - prices may increase , we are not planning to use all, it is just for safety buffer

Question: how many condoms will it be?

Answer: between 200 to 250

Question: Why do you have 200 for other associations and management and AB was not allowed to keep 12,50 for communications?

Answer; we actually do important things... We have meetings with other associations but 200?

Answer: we have contact with other associations, if we want to do collaboration, we cannot budget it for anymore that is why it is specified as meeting/event

Answer: if other association collaborate, it will fall down into Universalis budget, not from others

Question: why is it only 300 condoms?

Answer: it is only 300 because of pro

Question: will there be the UCM logo on the condoms?

Answer: we have a really amazing design

question: will there be more committees this semester?

Answer: already having a requesting from one committee

Final Budget: 2,730.00 €

Graduation

proposed budget 3,320.00 €

Overview:

- champagne pop event

Question: why is it so cheap?

Answer: people already handed in the capstone last month is in different column

Question: is the photographer "remco"?

Answer: photographer is friend of party committee's photographer

Question: Is this for the winter or summer graduation?

Answer: champagne pop is for people who submitted capstone last month, and the other half is for people who is going to graduate in summer

Final Budget 3,320.00 €

UCSRN

proposed budget 2,484.80 €

Overview:

- Different than expected
- There are two main events - spotlight in amsterdam with up to 21 people (15th of Feb), UCSRN tournament for which they need supplies
- 21 people going to Amsterdam
- If people wants to join then can
- UCSRN supplies are almost the same as last year

no questions

Final Budget 2,484.80 €

Sports

proposed budget 2,344.00 €

Overview:

- three sports - football, basketball, volleyball: budgeted for court usage
- events golf carting for 15 people , ticket price is rather expensive and bowling: we want it to do more, but the original ticket is already really expensive

Question: Do you know about the basketballs from last year?

Answer: we will have a basketball from

Question: can we budget for the basketballs anyways?

Answer: yes

question: has the budget for the away game changed?

Answer: yes. 2 for women , 2 for men

Question: how much money for the train tickets is subsidized?

Answer: a maximum of 15 euros per person for any kind of day trip

Final Budget: 2.344.00 €

Party

you will get glue wine because the party committee is the one who cut the budget most!!

proposed budget 1,570.83 €

Overview:

- They asked for 4,000 euros and now its 1,500
- night at the museum: at the Bonnefanten museum,
- garden party:
- party at the complex: beginning of may,
- summer gala:

no questions

Final Budget: 1,570.83 €

EXCO

proposed budget 927.50 €

Overview:

- eight events, some collabs at UCM, and some collabs with MSP like excursion
- castle weekend (end of may), mud race, bonfire (like we did on the september)

No questions

we may not finance the car rental if we stay with current ticket price -

Question: budget was not specifying the car rental, only gas?

Answer: we won't rent a car unless there is no better option

Question: would this come out of contingency?

Answer: probably no

Question: what is the ticket price?

Answer: For two days, 69 euros, wanting to increase to 73

Comment: Emergency services should not be dependent on everyone buying the tickets

Reply: 10% of income generated can be used for attendance for people who organized, make weekend more enticing for drivers by giving them cheaper tickets (no rental necessary), if no one is found, a car is needed

Question: if you sell the tickets to the driver, you don't need money for an emergency car

Answer: no, we do not want to rent the car, but this is the last resort,

Comment: by increasing the ticket price, you talk about renting a car or making tickets cheaper for the drivers; if you get drivers, then you don't need to rent a car

Answer: we absolutely do not want to rent a car if not needed

Question: if you're using the money to lower the price for the drivers when you're already giving them money for gas, cleaning and a gift - is that necessary?

Answer: a car is a key to get anywhere far away.

Question: could it just go out of contingency to add 120 euros to the cost of the overall

Answer; conservative budget is the one I am offering

Answer: you cannot bank on the use of contingency

Answer: exco has experience with organizing these weekends

Question: if you do not rent the car, you will lower the ticket price for drivers; but then we only can subsidize the 30 euros max for the trip

Answer: ticket price takes this into account

Question: By the four euro increase, how much would you lower the ticket prices for drivers?

Answer: we are expecting to come 30 people , 3 drivers to come - which is about 160 euros

Question: on policy, last year you were not allowed to have gifts for students - has this changed?

Answer: this has changed, now it is speaker and driver

Question: if there is an accident, who pays for the repairs?

Answer; full insurance on car rental, short budget but they try to make it happen

Motion proposed

Motion to move prices from 69 to 73 for tickets for exco castle weekend

yes: 39

no: 18

Abstain: 3

-> motion has passed

Final Budget: 927.50 €

Charity

proposed budget 882.50 €

Overview:

- have charity fair, funding for music, bingo night collab with game, small valentine's day, and waffle wednesday

Question: how many flowers?

Answer: many flowers

Final Budget: 882.50 €

Spiritual Enlightenment

proposed budget 755.00 €

Overview:

- beer tasting, collab with committee, collab with book club with

Question from committee: put electrolytes 40 euros into beer tasting, increasing beer budget

Answer: you can make a motion out of it

Motion: to cut electrolytes budget and add 40 euros to the fruit beer tasting budget by 40 euros

motion seconded

yes: 36

no: 4

abstain: 2

-> Motion has passed

Question: for the picnic and drinks, the 200 euros of alcoholic beverages seems a lot to carry around

Answer: they will be 30 people and we have buckets so we hopefully can

Question: what alcohol is beverages?

Answer: beers, wines

Final Budget: 755.00 €

Radio

proposed budget 618.50 €

Overview:

- record number: 166- radio website subscription is something high, we are adding also website building fee because we are trying to get rid of those high subscription fee:
- umbrella licence has not been changed - stream the music we want
- physical goods: sticker to put outside of UCM other than posters
- flash drive: upload all the music in here
- events: music jeopardy tomorrow happening tomorrow, beer event - celebrate all shows we put; blank CDs budgeted in here
- vinyl search event
- for record: another headphones

Question: did you do the christmas jeopardy at the christmas event and did you take colored pencils from another committee?

Answer: yes, we have not, i think, I have no clue on this (probably the one in the boardroom)

Final Budget: 618.50 €

Cooking

proposed budget 480.00 €

Overview:

- Collabs for the semester
- Making Vlaai with the limburg committee
- Picnic with exco
- Dinners
- Most of the budget is for buying kitchen supplies to improve quality

No questions

Final Budget: 480.00 €

The Bell

proposed budget 425.00 €

Overview:

- spending on one more issues, workshop with observant

No questions

Final Budget: 425.00 €

Gardening

proposed budget 410.00 €

Overview:

- self explanatory - planting trees, easter egg hunt, workshop with gay agenda, bouquets make flower costing a lot

Question: for the flower workshop, do you really need 100 euros? (charity is doing their flower event for only 60 euros in total)

Answer: we want to do bouquet , using flowers as message, so we cannot pick from random places

Question: can we have little supplies like ribbons?

Answer: they need a motion

motion: adding the description - ribbons (supplies) on top of the flowers

Vote on motion

Yes: 33

No: 6

Abstain: 2

-> Motion has passed

Committee: thinking about buying a bike trolley, costs are around 80 euros

Question: asking whether other committees could also make use of this

motion: add the budget - 80 euros for bike trolley that can be used for every committee (seconded)

Question: where will it be stored?

Answer; we will work on it, but UCM also has a bike shed

Question: what does it look like?

Answer: you put it on the back of your bike as an extension with two wheels

Answer: it is more of a bike trailer

Question: where do we get the key

Answer: from the front desk

Refined motion: buying a bike trolley for multiple committees to use, adding 80 euros

Vote on the motion

Yes: 34

No: 9

Abstain: 1

-> Motion has passed

Question: What is the plan for the aromatic herbs? Why do we need that?

Answer: Fork yeah could use it to cook, community sharing, for UCM students to take

Question: The sign making an event? Why are you not budgeting for snacks?

answer; yes it is an event, we are not budgeting for snacks, we forgot

Motion: add snack budget to the budget for the sign making event (12,50 euros)

Vote on the motion

Yes: 32

No: 15

Abstain: 1

-> Motion has passed

Final Budget: 502.50€

Film

proposed budget 380.00 €

Overview:

- besides the weekly screening, we want to do two lumiere exhibition, and another movie workshop

no questions

Final Budget: 380.00 €

Limburg

proposed budget 368.48 €

Overview:

- Vlaai workshop with cooking, carnival event with craft committee to make decorations, we will do our own carnival event, and lecture on Maastricht history, cemetery visit

Question: what is schmink?

Answer: face paint traditionally worn during carnival, enough to provide for next years as well

Question: cemetery visit mentioned but there is no budget for it

Answer: it is planned but it is free

Question: where are you getting Vlaai from?

answer: from the bakery - any bakery, about 15 - 16 euros

suggestion: bisschopsmolen

Comments: Vlaai might be more expensive (no further action taken)

No further questions

Final Budget: 368.48 €

The Gay Agenda

proposed budget 310.00 €

Overview:

- friendship bracelet night, we have a lot of snacks budget, thinking to collab with D&I department, but we are not sure when it is going to happen because they're in the transition period
- in case it is not happening we want to change it to the history night
- we are not sure if we need to budget for both event in case or not

Question: do we need to budget for the history event separately or can we reallocate from the D & I lecture?

Answer: you can reallocate later on

Question: what about decorations?

Answer: that is being taken care of, will be safe decorations

Question: what are supplies for sexual safety for clarification?

Answer: condoms and other things, in contact with the sexual safety team

Final Budget: 310.00 €

Philosophy

proposed budget 307.50 €

Overview:

- bunch of event upcoming semester; screen discussion on different topic, philosophy of science lecture - we will have a guest lecturer there, discussion on spirituality -
- few collaboration with book club, and with SE

Comment: wine tasting - increase number of people to 30 but decrease tickets to four or five euros and decrease wine

Motion : Lower price of wine to 150 euros, add a budget for decorations for 10 euros, increase number of tickets to 30, 3 euros each (seconded) so final budget will be lowered by 50 second it

Question; what kind of decoration do you want, because we already have some

Answer: no candles then, flags -

Suggestion: we already have decoration , spend on anything we might come up with

Vote on the motion

yes; 43

no: 5

abstain: 0

Motion has passed

comments: open discussion about spirituality - we probably not going to use this spiritual

Question: Is the spirituality event a collaboration with spiritual enlightenment?

Answer; No

Question: some description on the vent?

Answer: some topic about love and memory, happening in the next week

Question: was *i think therefore i am* was supposed to be a collab with spiritual enlightenment?

Answer: yes

Final Budget: 257.50 €

Hypatia

proposed budget 260.50 €

Overview:

- majority of our budget is for snacks, we have movie screening: need rental, anti spiking cups to anyone who wants additional safety in the party

Question: are the spiking cups reusable?

Answer: yes

No further questions

Final Budget: 260.50 €

Theatre

proposed budget 242.50 €

Overview:

- one main event: play, we request snacks, license for the script, and other for the props

No questions

Final Budget: 242.50 €

Art

proposed budget 240.00 €

Overview:

- few events this semester - makeup event etc. and budget snacks, collab with gay agenda - button making materials,
- button makers will be usable by other committees such as art committees, so it is technically an investment; to make stickers, for merch etc.

Question: Where is the exhibition? What is the planning for that?

Answer: people to bring artwork to us - art committee make a little exhibition; she has not done before, so she will figure out while doing it

Question: the button press is to make pins, not actual buttons, right?

Answer: yes

Final Budget: 240.00 €

Music

proposed budget 240.00 €

Overview:

- new chair introduce
- budget for snacks, karaoke, open mic night
- if interested in music production, the new chair can teach it

Question: why do you need 60 euros for the venue at kaleido?

Answer: they told us it is going to be 60 euros, but SB will discuss with them

Final Budget: 240.00 €

Bookclub

proposed budget 195.00 €

Overview:

- 195 euros for snacks, etc.
- excursion to dominanen

Question: what drinks will be provided?

Answer: pay at the coffee bar was the plan

Question: is that separate from the staff cost?

Answer: yes

Question: What is the staff cost?

Answer: security guard etc. SB has checked and the event is good

Final Budget: 195.00 €

Games and Chess

proposed budget 190.00 €

Overview:

- new kinds of events: not only werewolves and mixed games
- we will introduce designing games, super smash bros game

no questions

Final Budget: 190.00 €

IRDC

proposed budget 176.50 €

Overview:

- eloquentia collabo event, hague travel - budget for the train ticket etc.

no questions

Final Budget: 176.50 €

Politics

proposed budget 142.50 €

Overview:

- our budget is not complicated, we are mostly asking for snacks for event
- event; dutch government fall - we need a lot of budget for it
- open discussion event last event was successful so we want to expand it more
- decoration
- we are seeking new members

No questions

Final Budget: 142.50 €

Crafts

proposed budget 133.00 €

Overview:

- self explanatory - crafting for easter event , mostly claying stuff, collab with book club, we only need snacks
- painting on tote bags
- we do not need that much

no questions

Final Budget: 133.00 €

Poetry

proposed budget 112.50 €

Overview:

- we have brand new board, francisco will be new chair
- we will do our normally activity, biweekly event
- budget for snacks as well

No questions

Final Budget: 112.50 €

Fall 2024 Budget Plans Committees

Savings: 22,838 euros

UCM contribution: 13,000.00 euros

Total Budgeted expenses: 29,536.43euros

Remaining Budget Available: 6,301.73 euros

Vote on the final budget for the spring semester 2025

Yes: 45

No: 1

Abstain: 0

-> Vote and thereby final budget has passed

Open Floor Questions

no questions

Closing the GA

- the president audrey closed the GA