

General Assembly Wednesday,
September 12, 2016

Present:

Board: Hannah Stewart, Elly Drefus, Aleksandra Blazeusz, Rick Schumans, Caitlin Masoliver, Esmee Halmans.

Academic Council: Svea Grunhorn, Florian Saal, Marieke van der Moden, Sebastian Huhne, Amelie Gaetjen.

Independent Body: Lianne Swinkels, Aylin Aksy, Janna Willems, John Niedergesass

Members: Lena Muller- Naendrus, Nick Holzberg, Celia Kaiser, Ana Hernandez, Ena Beidevska, Sarah Tellers, Ivan Frolov, Paul van de Ven, Alwik Bakka, Timmy Davis, Ane H. Wikeland, Klea Ramaj, Bojana Rakovic, Tim Mori, Eva de Haan, Nina Hanz, Sophie Schultz, Rufus Horne, Ethan Scott, Zoe Numan, Louis R, Leary. Matthias Auer, Chris Leony, Stephen McCarthy, Freddie O'Connel, Fraser Gladstone, Sergiou Caldron- H, Job Heusschiss, Uma Norm, Marialisa VDP, Marrelle Ruijgrok, Julia van Zyl, Felipe De Leon, Kuthanina Keil, Max Wilhem, Renier Hoow, Sean Trummers, Sophie Schutz, Sofia Vazquez, Caroline Euler, Lewis Mackey, Luc Callemijn, Nickholas Pleij, Leonard Frye, Alice Worrall, Suzanna Beugelman.

Total: 61

Minutes General Assembly

Proxies: 7

Ana Hernandez for Ena Bendevska

Zoe Numan for Nahal Sheikh

Louis Ray Leary for Carmen Ferrie

Marialisa van de poll for Juliane Rapp

Jop Heusschen for Charlotte Loopuijt

Suzanna Burgelman for Camilo Straatsma

Klea Ramaj for Ane Hoiby Wikeland

Elly Dreyfus says a few last words about the board members and the previous few weeks. She thanks everyone for their efforts.

Approving the IB

IB is passed with no abstentions/ opposition

Approving the IB

Elly - we now have a new independent body who we need to vote in.

Aylin Aksu, Lian Swinkels, John Niedergesass, Janna Willems, Lena Muller-Naendrup

For

Against - 0

Abstain - 3

Agenda Passed

Approving the Financial Report Fall 2015

Aylin - No major problems or unjustifiable expenses. But there were screen shots of Facebook messages being used as a contract. In future Universalis should use a standardised email. Also they should consider having a more standardised system for exchange pickup and a more standardised system for reimbursements.

For - 48

Against - 0

Abstain - 8

Financial Report Passed

Approving the Semester Report

Aylin - We reviewed the report without the financial section. There were some miscommunications regarding the AC report, consequently it also has not been reviewed, it will be reviewed as soon as possible. Satisfied with the content. A few comments, sometimes the parts were not really elaborate; how were things improved and what else could have been done? Also for the sake of clarity there were a lot of references made to internal document not accessible to all. These should be avoided in future. Overall however we were satisfied.

Questions

Louis Ray Leary - Why are we voting on this as an incomplete report?

Elly - this has been broken down into a semester and financial report, the financial report will be passed next GA.

For -21

Against - 0

Abstain - 26

Semester Report Does not pass - will be presented again at next Ga with financial report attached.

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Elly presents a slide considering what will happen in the upcoming weeks and ongoing projects

New Candidate Committees

Documentary Society : Boyana - It's pretty self explanatory, we will be showing documentaries about what we are passionate about, we will also do requests.

Effective Altruism : Chris - We are interested in making the world in a better place. Looking at how altruism is done and how this can be most effective. How are we distinct from the charity committee? We might look at which are the most effective charity. Also we are not just focused on poverty, we are cause neutral.

Massage: Sean - running since last year, hoping to become an official committee this semester.

Spirit-ual Enlightenment : Sarah - We want to get people together and enjoy alcohol. Special drinks nights, different bars, gluwine workshops

Questions

Cesare: How are you selecting the presidium in the Cantus?

Sarah : We haven't talked about it but it will probably be us (meaning the board of Spirual Enlightenment) ?

Ethan: How is this funded ?

Sarah : Only some events are funded. Our focus is more on people getting together and making their own drinks.

Ethan : Is it taking place inside UCM?

Sarah : No.

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Renier: Do you have events with regards to Wine or wine tasting ?

Sarah: No thats gastronomy. Unless people request them.

Renier: if something contains alcohol why is it a problem that it is funded?

Ethan: No beer is allowed at chess events. So wanted to make sure no special treatment was being allowed.

Renier: There is a difference between drinking for the sake of drinking and funding drinking for an educational purpose.

New Committee

Poetry Society comes up to collect thier certificate

Job: Invites GA to hand in pieces of poetry that students have written to place in booklet to be published.

Approval of the Budget

Sophie: can we do half of the treasurers come down and then the other half of the treasurers come down to prevent a really long line?

Rick: Yes. Can all committee treasurers on this list before feminism come up ?

Approval of the Universalis Budget

Rick: You could all view the budget online already, please take a moment to look over our budget and ask if you have questions.

Amelie: what does promotion entail?

Rick : Posters or banners for committees.

Ivan : Why are the committee pictures included in the budget?

Rick: Because we had to pay a photographer. However as the photographer was not present for many of the photos most of this money will be used for something else.

Timmy: I am a bit confused by the ad-hock motions.

Rick: *explains ad-hock motions to Timmy*

Ane: What are the google apps ?

Rick: The google drive and Gmail accounts to store our files.

Cesare: I cant see the last one.

Rick: Bank Fees.

Timmy: What is the BOPD?

Elly: Beginning Of Period Drinks. The money is for when you get free beer, we pay for that.

Sophie: Is it possible to spend money before the budget has been voted upon.

Rick: We allocate the budget before hand, based upon expense we know we will make to avoid hassel with book keeping.

Nick: Is it really necessary to have a professional photographer ?

Elly: The reason it says €100 is because we thought it was for all the boards. However, the person did not take those picture. This is allocated money but it was not spent.

Philipe: What is the christmas week?

Rick: that is a week in December where we organise activities for UCM to enjoy.

Eva: Wasn't the name changed last year?

Rick: Yes it was, we will alter that.

Timmy: Last year was beer discounted ?

Elly: No we sell beer for 50 cents and buy it for 50 cents.

Ad- hock motion : no funding for BOPD

Considering that : it is too highly budgeted

Propose that : Universalis abolish funding.

For : 23

Against : 18

Abstain : 17

Motion not discussed

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Ad-hock motion: Nick Hollsberg: pay photographer less.

For: 10

Against: 3

Abstain: 39

Motion not discussed

Elly: any more questions ?

there are none

For: 49

Against:1

Abstain:9

Universalis Budget Passed

Academic Council Budget

Svea: Most of the budget is cookies. Also €200 for bonding.

Nick : What is bonding?

Renier: Can people in the front shout because we cannot hear them at the back!

Janna: Do you mean within the AC or within the UCM community. Do you think that €200 euros is enough. Why would it cost €200 euros.

Svea: according to the policy manual each member can spend €50 for bonding.

Louis: Which policy manual is this?

Rick: It is in the UCM policy manual.

Louis: If 'The Board' refers to both boards then of course you should get funding.

Sergio: What is the T-tip lecture ?

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Amelie: Mark Stout is organising this lecture it will probably be on the 4th of November. It will be given by a UCM alumni. He is doing the T-tip negotiations for the dutch government.

Ivan: What is the big event?

Amelie: The topic has yet to be decided upon.

For: 54

Against: 0

Abstain: 7

AC Budget Passed

The Bell Budget

Zoe : we need 40 euros for snacks for launch party and 200 euros for printing.

For: 58

Against: 0

Abstain: 1

The Bell Budget Passed

Charity Budget

Ane: Any questions?

Louis: Did the charity committee try to get more money to make their waffles more sustainable? (fair trade).

Ane: I am asking for more money to make more waffles with, if we ask for yet more on top of that then sure!

John: do you have a waffle iron?

Ane: We might ask for one.

Lianne : in the past they have been donated by teachers.

— 2 people leave—

Ad-hock motion: More waffle Wednesday funding and new waffle iron.

For:44

Against:1

Abstain:8

Approved for discussion

Rick - This discussion will last 5 minutes. You each have one minute to speak.

Ane - We have €12.50 for each Waffle Wednesday, this is not enough for the amount of waffles we sell and we have to take from profit.

Timmy: I'd be down to raise it to 20 to make them vegan. It seems odd to do it for charity based upon exploitation.

Cesare: Does vegan mean less exploitation of... (doesn't finish)

Renier: Non-vegan doesn't necessarily mean exploitation.

Lianne: How would the money be used?

Ane: The €15 is just to stop us having to take out of the profit in order to meet the waffle demand.

Rick : If we say that €7.50 would go towards making the Waffles more fair-trade.

Fraser: i would like to dispute that Fairtrade waffles are worse. Fairtrade is a branding effort that give a very small amount to those it claims to help.

Caterina: that depends on what kind of Fairtrade you buy. But also anything is better than nothing.

Renier: I would propose to increase the budget for charity. Let them buy a better waffle iron so that they can sell waffles that are tasty

— two people return—

Renier: I don't know what it would cost but we want proper waffles.

- 1 person leaves -

For:45

Against:0

Abstain:8

More waffle Wednesday funding and new waffle iron : Passed

Other Ad-hock Motions for Charity Budget:

Renier: Additional budget of maximum 100 euros for a new waffle iron.

For:19

Against:18

Abstain:16

Motion not passed for discussion

Approving the Charity Budget.

For:48

Against:1

Abstain:4

Charity Budget Passed

Dance budget

Ciara : This money is what we need for the outfits for the competition.

For:58

Against:0

Abstain:0

Dance Budget Passed

Feminism Society Budget

Aleksandra: Is special poetry night in collaboration with poetry society?

Eva: Yes.

Cesare: What is a potluck?

Various people explain what potluck is

Job: The president of Fem Soc reached out to us and we are not sure if we want to be directly associated with Fem Soc as we are a new committee and don't want to have strong political affiliations.

Eva: We haven't really decided on the poetry thing yet but we did do the vagina monologues last year and they were very successful.

For:52

Against:0

Abstain:7

Feminism Society Budget Passed

Arts and Photo Budget

Sarah Tellers becomes proxy for Tim Mori (20:05)

For:54

Against:0

Abstain:3

Arts and Photo Budget Passed

Gastronomy Budget

Renier: *points out calculating error*

Error is fixed

For:55

Against:0

Abstain:0

Gastronomy Budget Passed

Gecco Budget

Suzanna: Any Questions?

Timmy: Herb planting?

Sebastian: Yes, why are you planting herbs?

Suzanna: We wanted something fun to do. Last semester we didn't have that many activities.

Rick: The idea last year was to plant in courtyard. So that students could make their own mint tea etc.

Job: Do you pay for vegan waffles?

Suz: yes.

-2 people leave-

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Renier: to clarify every other week there are non vegan waffles and vegan waffles alike ?

Rick: Yes

For:55

Against:0

Abstain:1

Gecco Budget is Passed

Journalism (candidate committee)

Lenny: I am representing Journalism tonight, this is our budget, any questions?

John: What is going to happen now there is no video equipment. It would be nice to have video equipment.

Rick: We used to have a camera but we (Universalis) don't want to invest in a new one as it was stolen. Neither does UCM.

For: 55

Against:0

Abstain:3

Journalism Budget Passed

Meditation Budget

Svea: do you guys not have cookies and tea at event.

Ad-Hock Motion: Nina: More money for mediation retreat

For:22

Against:0

Abstain:17

***Motion not discussed ***

Ad- Hock motion for funding for snacks

For:37

Against:1

Abstain:14

Motion up for discussion

Sophie submits an Ad-Hock motion: we would like money for cookies and tea.

Motion voted upon

For:43

Against:0

Abstain:11

Motion passed

Voting on the meditaion budget

For:52

Against:0

Abstain:5

Meditation Budget passed

Music committee Budget

Nick: What instruments are you buying?

Paul: We want a new guitar for the common room, a better one for open mic, a couple of cables, tape and clips for the drums and stage tape. The most expensive thing is a large multi plug.

Renier: Who's responsibility is it to tune the piano in the common room. Wants to tune the piano in the common room.

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Rufus: We tried last year and weren't allowed.

Cesare: Why don't we promote a collective donation ?

Other students: that's not the problem. The problem is that the piano belongs to UCM.

Lianne: Considering its UCM property you'll need permission from the management team.

Louis: if it's management's responsibility I don't see why we should pay for it.

Renier: it's all coming from the same place.

Janna: I don't think the management team care about the piano.

Elly : I don't think we know enough of the facts about this to pass a budget .

Ane: Can we introduce it as an "if clause" budget?

Hannah: No, because it makes no difference as we have to allocate the money anyway.

Renier: A completely untuned piano is not a piano. It's our responsibility that it sounds good.

Ad-hock motion put forward by Renier to discuss tuning the piano.

For:34

Against:0

Abstain:18

Motion not passed

Renier: asks for a re-count.

(recount not granted)

Caitlin: I am one of the representatives in the management team. I will bring it up again.

Voting for the music budget

For:52

Against:0

Abstain:0

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Music Budget passed

Party Committee Budget

Ethan: Who is your DJ? Are you using a UCM DJ ?

Julia: We always take the availability of UCM DJs into consideration. Anyone who is or knows a DJ please tell us.

Voting for party committee budget

For:48

Against:0

Abstain:11

Party Committee Budget Passed

Poetry Committee Budget

Cesare: Why don't you just publish in the bell ?

Job: We thought it would be nice to have a special collection of UCM poets.

Ane: how many issues are you planning?

Job: 1/semester, 50 copies

Aleksandra: In response to Cesare the bell has very few pages of poetry.

Voting on poetrys budget

For:52

Against:0

Abstain:1

Poetry Budget Passed

Politics Budget

Paul : *explains budget*

no questions

Voting on Politics Budget

For:53

Against:0

Abstain:2

Politics Budget passed

Spirit-ual Enlightenment Budget

there is a technical error with slides

Sebastian: What is the justification on having a whole committee around drinking alcohol?

Ivan: Its a social thing, we want to encourage people to socialise and mix.

Sebastian: ok

Voting on Spirit-ual Enlightenment Budget

For:42

Against:5

Abstain:6

Spirit-ual Enlightenment Budget Passed

Sports Committee

Skitrip Ad- Hock motion: Louis Ray Leary - Eliminate funding for Ski Trip.

Vote to discuss motion

For:40

Against:0

Abstain:12

Motion Passed

Discussion:

Amelie : If we decide to allocate no budget to it does it mean that the sport committee cannot organise the Ski Trip .

Rick: No, the trip would still happen.

Louis: The event costs around 435 euros. The difference with funding is only 5% this will not help the threshold.

Cesare: Do these 30 euros make the difference to the people who matter ?

Janna: Can everyone afford it?

Renier: New motion for funding on a self report basis.

Elly: we are not allowed to do this:

Reneir: funding opt out.

Janna: €30 euros makes no difference.

Timmy: If we abolish the funding where will it go ? Can we have an event where we decide where the money goes?

Eva: If we vote on abolishing the funding now do we still vote on passing this motion?

Elly: yes

Voting on Skiing Ad-hock

For:34

Against:3

Abstain:9

Ad-hock Passed

Voting on Sports Budget

For:49

Against:0

Abstain:4

Sports Budget Passed

Theatre Committee Budget

Timmy: Will the events be ticketed?

Cesare: The only tickets that are sold are murder mystery nights. And that is done in collaboration with charity.

Timmy: I think you should sell tickets.

Cesare: Theatre should be available to everyone. Art is not a commodity.

Voting on Theatre Committee budget

For:46

Against:0

Abstain:6

Theatre Committee Budget passed

Candidate committees and dormant committees budget

Louis: Is anyone is interested in starting book club ?

(no interest is expressed in the hall)

Sophie: Can massage committee get budget?

Elly: Yes

Nina: why does harry potter have €125 allocated to them ?

Rick: Because they used that much last semester.

Timmy: How popular was it?

Eva: Speaking as an ex-board member, it was super popular, we had to turn people away!

Janna: I'm wondering about committees that are dormant. How do they get money through the period?

Elly: Dormant committees need to go in the policy manual, for now they are being treated like candidate committees.

Voting on Candidate committees and dormant committees budget

For: 51

Against:0

Abstain:2

***Candidate committees and dormant committees budget Passed ***

Voting on Entire Budget

For: 50

Against:0

Abstain:0

Entire Budget Passed

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Sebastian: *gives instruction on how to use motion forms before the GA*

GA closed by Elly Dreyfus. Minutes by Hannah Stewart (Secretary of Universalis)
