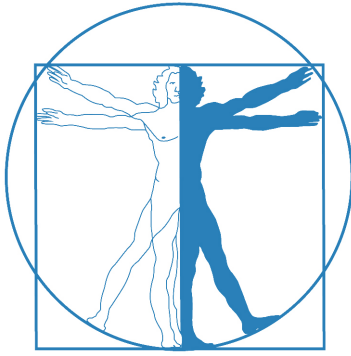


Minutes General Assembly



Universalis

UCMSA UNIVERSALIS

Zwingelput 4
6211KH Maastricht

PHONE

+31 43 38 85 492

EMAIL

info@ucmuniversalis.com

WEB

www.ucm-universalis.nl

DATE

19th of February 2014

PRESENT

Elliot Burke Perrin, Esmee Schoutens, Leanne Heuberger, Jan Litjens, Lorenzo Andreoli, Alice Paris, Svea Windwehr, Heidrun Kerl, Marijne Schijns, Lucas Petrelli Hildebrandt, Yagmur Masmaz, Dina Amro, Kristina Geisel, Ruben Vergunden, Hilde Schneeman, Lotte Razenberg, Judith van der Zwan, Cas van der Hoven, Jan Meijer, Olof van der Werf, Floortje Rawee, Sofia Jarvis, Rosie Postlethwaite, Dominic Gohla, Celine Corthouts, Ophelie Hue, Sarah Sayed, Lucas Zielinski, Hannah Ellerbroek, Sjors Overbeke, Sophia Palm, Mircea van der Plas, Leon Diaz, Kiki Herten, Yasmin Bentley, Andreas Tometten and Rowan Field.

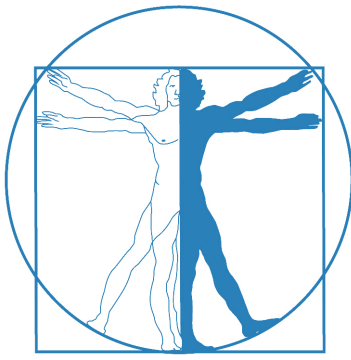
Leaving early: Anna Evans, Julien Beuken and Leonie Hanewinkel.

Missing: Azia Lafleur and Amy Vis.

Elliot Burke Perrin opens the General Assembly.

BOARD UPDATE

- The UC Summit took place at UCM last weekend. It was an important meeting concerning the future of UCSRN (University College Student Representatives Netherlands). There was much debate about the structure of the association which will be decided upon before the end of the academic year.
- Elliot Burke Perrin has decided to step down as the president of Universalis. As it is laid down in the statutes of the association Esmee Schoutens, vice-president from September 2013 onwards, will replace Elliot Burke Perrin as president.
- Since November Universalis has a partnership with Irish Pub John Mullins. In order to receive the benefits of this partnership as a Universalis member one has to show them a Universalis card. These cards will be ready within the next two weeks.
- This semester the semester plan has been introduced for the committees of Universalis. During the committee chairs meeting (24th of February), committees can give feedback on this.



Universalis

UCMSA UNIVERSALIS

Zwingelput 4
6211KH Maastricht

PHONE

+31 43 38 85 492

EMAIL

universalis@maastrichtuniversity.nl

WEB

www.ucm-universalis.com

MOTION ONE

- The motion reads: *Esmee Schoutens, current Secretary and Vice-President, shall assume the role of President effective immediately.*
- The motion passes with a clear majority of the votes.
- Since the motion is effective as of immediately, Esmee Schoutens continues to chair the General Assembly.

MOTION TWO

- The motion reads: *Emilie Frijns shall assume the role of Secretary effective immediately.*
- The motion passes with a clear majority of the votes.

MOTION THREE

- The motion reads: *Svea Windwehr shall assume the role of Executive effective immediately.*
- The motion passes with a clear majority of the votes.

THE BUDGET

- Leanne Heuberger presents the candidates for the Independent Body (IB):
 - Julien Beuken (chair)
 - Olof van der Werf
 - Jan Meijer
 - Cas van der Hoven

The candidates are approved by a clear majority of the votes. They will report on the Fall 2013 semester.

- **Question from Sarah Sayed**

Why is there no report from the IB at this GA to present their findings from the Fall 2013 semester?

Unfortunately there have been some problems with the IB because the chair stepped down and the other members, approved at the previous GA, were not able to write a report.

- Leanne Heuberger presents the proposed budget allocation for the Spring 2014 semester.

- Questions from Sarah Sayed

Why do some committees get more budget than others?

Leanne Heuberger: This is dependent on the amount of money the committees request. We try to allocate as much as possible.

Where does the money go if committees do not finish their budget?

Leanne Heuberger: This goes back into the budget of the entire association.

- Question from Jan Meijer

Are there any rules in the Policy Manual regarding how much money is allowed to be allocated to a certain committee?

Leanne Heuberger: No, there is not.

- Comment from Dominic Gohla

The amount of money funded per person for the Food Society is relatively high.

Leanne Heuberger: There is a guideline of €10 per person which I try to stick to.

Lukas Zielinski: Food requested more money because we could not anticipate the amount of money spent of the event. The food society is open for changing ticket prices.

Dominic Gohla: The size of the event should match the funding from Universalis

Lorenzo Andreoli: We are trying to allow for as many diverse events as possible, if an event really contributes to the community, it should be okay to spend more money on.

- Question from Mircea van der Plas

How is it possible that Beginning of Period drinks have different prices?

Leanne Heuberger: The drinks of period 4 already took place. That night John Mullins did not stick to our agreement so we could negotiate the price for the beers that we bought for the drinks.

- Question from Andreas Tometten

The choir needs a space for the choir rehearsal day, which was put in the semester plan but not presented in the budget proposal. It will cost between €50-€60.

Svea Windwehr: This must be a mistake. The Music Committee semester plan needs to be checked.

- Question from Lotte Rازenberg

There are three committees organizing an Easter Egg Hunt; so we will have 50kg of easter eggs around the building?

Leanne Heuberger: No, these committees have to collaborate, the budget is shared between the three committees.

- Questions from Rosie Postlethwaite

What is UCSRN and why do we spend so much money on them?

Leanne Heuberger: UCSRN stands for University College Student Representatives Netherlands. It is the association between the University Colleges of the Netherlands and they organize the Deans Debate and InterUC tournament. Every college is obliged to contribute financially to the association. However, it will probably turn out to be less this year. This means that the money we get back can be spend on committees.

Is it fixed that the Academic Council always receives 5% from the Universalis budget? Is this also the case when the Universalis budget will increase?

Elliot: At a previous GA the motion that the Academic Council receives 5% of the Universalis budget has passed. Yes, if the Universalis budget increases, the Academic Council budget increases as well.

Does the Academic Council also have to present their budget allocation?

Cas van der Hoven: Yes, the Policy Manual states that the AC treasurer must present the AC budget.

The AC treasurer, Anna Evans, is not present at that moment and therefore cannot present the budget spontaneously.

- Question from Dominic Gohla

What does the budget for the board weekend consist of?

Leanne Heuberger: It consists of the accommodation and part of the travelling costs and is based on the budget from the previous board weekend. On top of these costs the Universalis board contributed to the total costs as well.

- Comment from Jan Meijer

I did not know about the budget proposal; could you promote it more? For example in the Facebook group, in the newsletter or even a separate email.

Yes we will do this for the next GA.

NEXT SEMESTER

- Esmee Schoutens presents some of the upcoming events of the Spring 2014 semester.

NEW MERCHANDISE

- Svea Windwehr announces that new merchandise samples are coming in soon. She asks every Universalis member to come by the boardroom and give feedback on the new products.

COMMITTEE CHAIRS MEETING

- Esmee Schoutens announces the committee chairs meeting which will take place Monday the 24th of February at 18:00. Attendance is obligatory for committee chairs.

OPEN FLOOR

- **Questions from Jan Meijer**

Are there still active members nights/dinners?

Esmee Schoutens: Yes, we had our Fall 2013 active members night last Monday, we went bowling.

Is this active members night expense on the budget?

Leanne Heuberger: Yes it is.

How often is the Universalis newsletter published?

Esmee Schoutens: Once every two weeks.

- **Question from Mircea van der Plas**

Can we have a separate meeting to discuss the findings of the IB before the next General Assembly?

Elliot Burke Perrin: You can always check the Universalis books at any time. Every Universalis member has the right to do this.

Alice Paris: We will publish the IB report.

Jan Meijer: It would be better to present it at a GA because the Universalis board will be there to answer questions.

- **Question from Jan Meijer**

What is the procedure of electing the IB?

Esmee Schoutens: The current chair of the IB presents the proposed members at the GA where they present their report. The GA then votes on the proposed members. In this case it was different because the chair of the IB resigned before this GA.

LAST WORDS

Lorenzo Andreoli thanks Elliot Burke Perrin for his contributions as the Universalis president in an amusing final speech.

Esmee Schoutens closes the General Assembly.