

1. Welcome

Daniël van Hemert (Chair) opens the Election GA at 13:15.

2. Approval of GA Agenda

The Agenda changed slightly in comparison to the send out version. Daniël shows what is different specifically.

- A policy change in regards to what happens if no one signs up before the sign-up deadline has been added for a vote
- The Tournament Team has send in a proposal

There are no objections to the Agenda. The Agenda has been approved.

3. Approval of previous GA Minutes

This concerns the minutes of February 17th 2018. There are no objections. The minutes have been approved.

4. Election policy

Daniël explains that there is currently no guideline to what happens if nobody signs up before the deadline for the EB elections. The only policy in regards to Election GA's states such a GA has to be set 8 weeks in advance, however if positions remain open and the earliest possibility for a second round of elections is 8 weeks away, this proves difficult since the new year then already has almost started and a lot of useful time is lost, also for the transition period. The EB proposes to add the policy as stated on the slide:

6.13 In case positions are not filled by the deadline of 72 hours before the GA, these positions will stay open until midnight the day before the Election GA

6.14 In case positions remain unfilled at the election GA, either because no candidates ran, or candidates got disapproved, an extra Election GA is called following the procedure as mentioned in Statutes Article 12.6.

The procedure as mentioned in 6.13 has already been followed this time, with approval from the Independent Body. The current policy can be read in such a way this is allowed, but we and the IB think it better to mention it specifically to rule out any confusion.

Daniël van Hemert: Before voting I would also like to urge you to still promote this among your own student members. We also would still like to stress that the UCSRN EB is very flexible, if certain aspects of the current board policy or division hold people back from running, please also let them know that if they want to, they can run stating they would like to change certain things of course. If you know anyone interested in running, please approach them. Are there any questions?

Stephen McCarthy (UCM): I just wanted to ask which UCs are currently present?

Daniël: UCM, UCU, TUC, UCT, UCR, and AUC (through proxy), which means we reach our quorum for a valid GA.

Stephen: And UCG, EUC and LUC?

Daniël: We have not heard from them, they did not specifically let us know they were going to be absent.

No other questions. The IB is called forward. The policy is approved.

5. Election Executive Board

Daniël explains the election procedure. The candidates will get one minute to give a speech, receive a question from the current holder of their position, and there will be a 5 minute period for audience questions.

a. Chair

Stephen is called forward and gives his speech.

Daniël: If you would have to name one weakness of yourself, what would it be and how do you think you would work on improving on it with regards to being part of the Board?

Stephen: I think my biggest weakness in regards to the UCSRN comes in two parts. Firstly, distance can be an issue since I am from Maastricht, but I have a lot of public transport experience. Secondly, I can be a tad too optimistic in expectations, I'll have to work on finding a balance and make fair assessments.

Audience questions

Unknown (TUC): Do you already have a concrete idea, what you want to do?

Stephen: I am presuming that questions would pertain to my plan, first I want to sit down with the entire future board and see what we all want to get out of the new year. I myself want to see more participation within the organisation and the opportunities it provides. This includes being more visible on social media, visiting the campuses personally, and communicating more directly with the chairs of the boards. Next to that I want to make it very clear that there are deadlines and expectations that should be met. There is a very clear structure for events, how to hand them in, how much budget to expect for them, and with that consistency I hope to get more event proposals.

Unknown (UCU): You talk a lot about the events, but I was wondering what your broader vision for the UCSRN is. What is the UCSRN doing and what are they spending their time on in your chairing year? For instance I heard you guys have been meeting with the ministry last year and that kind of stuff.

Stephen: There are a lot of issues in the Netherlands. For example housing issues. I do think it is important that through the UCSRN we do have a voice and a seat at that table. I was glad to see that we have had that. We have a lot of infrastructure in place to work towards that goal, and I agree we should approach those issues. We currently have no candidate for the position of External, but it would also be a big part of their tasks. I will also have to brush up on my Dutch for that reason.

Amber (IB): How will you deal with people not attending to the deadlines? What kind of accountability will there be?

Stephen: Hopefully the deadlines are made extremely clear, in the case that no one does apply for certain events it has different outcomes. Smaller events would just not happen, but for the Tournament, or Spotlight, we do not want to cancel them of course since they are core events. I would

likely extend the deadline and urge people to make a proposal. I very much hope we do not need to do that.

Natasha (UCT): You talk about bringing a lot of participation towards the UCSRN, but aren't the organisational issues the real problem? How do you want to solve them? Extending a deadline does not really seem like a solution.

Stephen: Looking back at last year, I think the main issues with the proposals were because they were made last minute because the deadline was only set late. For the planning of the events I agree extending the deadline does not solve the issue, but I think most we can do is make the deadlines very clear and try to get people excited. We should also aim to inform everyone about how to organize a UCSRN event, there is a guideline, but we saw with EUCSA this year that it was not followed and a lot had to happen last minute. Right now I have no further solution, but hopefully together with other board members we can think of something.

b. SC Chair

Juliette could not be here herself, but a statement has been read out as her speech, and she has met people in the SC already. No questions could be asked as such.

The ballots are collected.

6. BREAK

7. Committee updates

a. AC

Mirre Stevens (AC Chair) gives the update:

Since the last GA there haven't been as many AC meetings as regularly happened throughout the rest of the year. Mostly due to busy periods within the boards themselves concerning transitioning and their own elections. Throughout the year we have shared a lot of insights on projects we all tend to do such as said transition, course evaluations, etc. It has been a very informed year for us and we hope next year will continue this information sharing process. They are not currently all present, but I still want to thank you very much for the last year.

b. SC

Milou van Nederveen (SC Chair) gives the update:

I want to thank everyone in the SC for staying involved for the full year and contributing a lot of knowledge to all the other UCs. I am from UCT which is very small, and I got a lot of useful information. Thank you again for all the promotion you also did at your own UC.

8. EB updates

Daniël gives the update:

We have three points we want to bring to your attention:

- We were invited to give a talk at the *OCW discussion* about internationalisation in light of their upcoming debate in parliament, some of you might have seen it, it has been posted online. This was very nice, we got to represent UC students quite directly. Last time UCM raised that we should be aware not to align with certain parties too much, this time you can directly look back what we said, which is pretty nice and transparent. It is in Dutch because that is their policy. We also got something out of it since we also got more appointments with parties involved in education.
- You might notice that our secretary *Evi Sifaki* is not here again, and we would like to inform you of that. She cannot be here because of medical and personal circumstances, she was also not present during last GA. Evi has been in and out of absence for a while now, and we want to inform because when we will transition the next secretary this also means this will be taken up by other people within the board that have been taking over her tasks. We do not want to go into detail because it is also a matter of privacy. We will also advise the next board on how to deal with situations like this and how to act earlier when it does.
- Daniël thanks the rest of his board members for their work the last year and asks for an applause. He also thanks the Independent Body.

9. Tournament Team proposal

Kirsten will read out the statement send in by the Tournament Team. They could not be present themselves. They request another €1.000,-

I will read out the statement, afterwards I will give some comments from the EB on some of the factual information and then you can ask questions.

Statement

Kirsten Kapteijns (Treasurer): We as EB don't think it is in our role to have a strong opinion about this, we think we should provide you with the facts and then you as the members can make your decisions. However, in light of some earlier discussions with the team we felt there were some things we needed to clear up more despite the statement. Afterwards you can still ask question that we might be able to answer but of course we cannot answer for them, only for us.

The overview mentioned in the statement actually has been send to the UCSRN as a part of the agreement we had with them. Without the results overview we would not transfer any of the agreed €4000 sponsorship. In this overview the only unforeseen costs was the broken tent. The amount needed for the tent is also their complete deficit.

In their statement they also mentioned that they made extra costs because of the rain, but they promised earlier to the SC that they had a scenario ready for when it would rain, which would not cost extra money.

Next to the statement we also were in direct contact with the Tournament Treasurer Willem and he also provided a short list with reasons why they needed the extra funding. He states that because it rained on the Tournament day extra costs had to be made such as tents, and from some UCs he received a different participant estimate than finally showed up.

Are there any questions for us? I don't know if we can answer them with the information we received, but I will try.

Domagoj (TUC): They mentioned they already used their unforeseen budget, for what was that?

Kirsten: In the letter it states that the broken tent was unforeseen and could not be paid after all the other unforeseen costs. In the overview they send, there are no other unforeseen costs than the tent.

Milou says that in their budget there was a post of €2000 euros that should have covered the unforeseen costs.

Jonathan (UCU): We don't know what those €2000 euros were used for?

Kirsten: We can show you the overview we received, but as far as we know, €850 of that went to the tent and that's it. Their initial budget that they shared with the SC has been thus altered in their results overview.

Milou (SC Chair): So according to their initial budget, they would already go over budget. The budget they send just before the Tournament, they would still make a loss of €2000. In the end they only made a loss of these €850 euros according to their overview and now they ask if we can give that to them.

Unknown: In light of the things getting stolen, are there any insurance procedures they can take?

Kirsten: I am not sure, this statement was sent to us this morning and before this they have not mentioned anything about anything getting stolen to us. It would fall under the insurance of EUCSA and not UCSRN since we did not host the event.

Claudia (UCU): During that day there were quite some changes of for instance locations. What they budgeted for and what actually happened are quite different. Do you have the actual updated version of what they spend, is there still a deficit with that?

Kirsten: Yes, they still have the €850 deficit

Kirsten puts the overview that was received on the screen for everyone to be able to take a look.

Floris (UCU): They also promised to reimburse the travel costs to the further location. That was never done, so their deficit should be even higher and their overview is incorrect.

Megan (UCU): How much are they given from the UCSRN? It says they spend €20.000

Kirsten: €4.000 sponsorship is from the UCSRN, they also have income from the participants in the form of tickets, and EUC sponsored them as well, and they also got some other sponsors.

Claudia (UCU): It is still quite vague, it says basketball costs but does not mention any specifications. Do you have receipts to show what is what exactly?

Kirsten: Not for each post, we only require receipts for the posts we reimburse them for.

Claudia (UCU): I ask because the basketball was just outside on a couple of sheets so I cannot imagine how that costs €2.000.

Kirsten: I understand, in the current structure the organisation lays with EUCSA and they made a team for it, we only sponsor, so we are also not involved too much and do not require proof of everything since we have the €4.000 limit of sponsoring anyway.

Jonathan (UCU): I am a bit confused, when it comes to payment method it says reimbursed?

Kirsten: So for instance the wristbands say that, we pay for those, but we have not received their invoice yet and without that we cannot reimburse them.

Milou: I think we can conclude their results are not very clear. Something I want to raise is that I personally think they did not stick to their word that there were good alternatives for when it rains. A lot of people fell on the fields, which was quite dangerous actually. They also now state they expected a different amount of people, we have made very clear with the SC that they could not expect 100 people per UC, UCT only has 120 people in total so getting 100 people is unreasonable.

Pierre (UCM): I have one more question for the accommodations. Does that include all the inside sports as well?

Kirsten: Yes, it is the rental of everything inside including the sports and the sleeping.

Pierre: The hockey was moved inside last minute, assuming this would have costed the same as basketball and football outside would they not have saved quite some money?

Daniël: I was there when the field got cancelled. They indeed saved money, but also used part of that to get the dancing stage after all. With the hockey outside they would have made a bigger loss.

Amber: How many people did attend?

Kirsten: That's quite difficult to see as they sold tickets themselves, study associations sold tickets and on the day itself spectators could still join, but around 700 – 800 whereas previous years this was around 600, mainly because they added more categories to participate in.

Catalina (TUC): I just want to state that I am a bit bamboozled or pissed that they had quite an unorganized budget and then for instance have goodie-bags for €1.500. I think it shows their irresponsibility.

Amber: Where else would they get the money from?

Daniel: I don't know exactly, but in principle EUCSA is responsible for the Tournament Proposal so they carry the liability. We agreed to sponsor €4.000 and we will if we are given reimbursement requests, they ask if we can pay more, if that is a good idea or not is up to the GA.

Kirsten: Would the GA vote approve, there is still €1.000 in the Event Fund due to cancelled events, so we would financially have the ability to do so.

The IB is called forward. The GA requests 5 minutes to discuss it among their own delegates.

The Tournament Team request for an extra UCSRN sponsorship of €1.000 is unanimously disapproved.

10. Open Floor

Daniël asks if anyone has anything for the open floor.

Carlijn (TUC): I do not agree with fully reimbursing another €1.000. We are a very community driven organisation, and if anything like this were to happen to any other UC it would hurt the organisation as well. That's why I would propose a 50/50 proposal for the actual deficit of €850. The UCSRN would reimburse half, and the rest they have to figure out themselves so they do feel the responsibility, but they do not feel left alone.

The motion is seconded.

Natasha (UCT): I just want to mention that I do not think the UCSRN should be a financial safety net if the organisation itself clearly has been mismanaged by the team itself.

Unknown: I think if this team does not pay their bill the UCSRN name is also hurt.

Daniel: Just to clarify, we do not have the liability. If they put invoices on our name we are going to have a different problem, this is not allowed. The Team does not have a KvK, but falls under EUCSA.

Unknown: Given the whole situation I do not think we can even say yes to give them half. EUCSA lost a significant amount of money from their own funds due to mismanagement. That they did not think about rain in the Netherlands, they had an unforeseen budget of €2.000 that is suddenly not in the results, and are just asking us for more money. None of them are here to ask for this and they submitted their statement this morning. I think I can go on. They even say themselves that they are liable for their equipment.

Floris (UCU): I agree. Given that their statements are difficult to understand or check and there is no representative even present, both not from the Team as the EUCSA Board, I would feel uncomfortable to help them out in relation to that.

Unknown (UCM): You said we are a community and I think that is fair, but even before the Tournament I have heard a lot of complaints about communication from the organizing team. If issues arise and they are very transparent about it we can help, but this way it is their responsibility.

Natasha (UCT): I would also like to say that the Team still owes some UCs money in regards to the sleeping deposits and travelling that have not been paid back.

The IB is called forward.

The motion is disapproved.

Unknown: Are you already planning on doing something in regards to future Tournaments to prevent this?

Daniel: Yes, last GA it was decided to change the structure slightly to have direct UCSRN involvement within the Tournament specifically. That way we can see problems earlier and either help or see if we need to ask for more sponsorship.

11. Election results

The IB comes forward.

Stephen has been approved as UCSRN Chair.

Juliette has been approved as UCSRN SC Chair.



12. Closure of the UCSRN Election GA

Stephen closes the GA at 14:38.