

UCSRN General Assembly Minutes
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Leiden University College

Executive Board Members Present:
Saskia
Felice
Stephanie
Danielle

Start Time: 11:56

Opening

Stefanie: Welcome to the GA! We are very happy to have you here. In order for this GA to go on though there are two matters that need to be sorted out. As Helene is sick, I will chair the GA in her place. Are there any objections for me to chair this general assembly?

No objections to Stefanie chairing.

Welcome to LUC The Hague. On stage today we have Danielle the Academic Chair, Saskia the secretary, Sara and Daan taking minutes in place of Saskia, Felice, the interim social chair and myself. Just as a reminder, UCG has 6 votes, AUC has 6 votes, LUC has 6 votes, UCR has 6 votes, EUC has 4 votes, and UCU has 6 votes,

Due to the lack of people at the GA today, our second proposal is that the Sara and Daan count votes, as they are not on the board, and they will be discharged after the end of the GA.

No objections

Approval of Agenda

No changes have been made from the agenda sent out to all the UC's. We will see how far we get since we started late. Are there any questions about the agenda?

No questions for the agenda.

No objections to the agenda.

Agenda approved

We need to be done at 17:00 at the latest as the building closes. No objections to the agenda.

Propose new Social Committee Chair: Felice Davids

We regret to inform you that Renske has resigned from the Social Committee. We would like to thank Renske for all she has done and her hard work on the board, however she made the decision to resign in January. In this time Felice Davids has taken over her role. We would

therefore like to propose Felice as chair until the 30th of June, with the support of Renske, the executive board, and the social committee.

Felice: My name is Felice and I'm from UCU. I have been in the social committee all year and since about January I have taken over Renske's position. I have taken up the project of UCSRN tournament and I would like to continue to develop the goals Renske made at the beginning of the year including making personal connections between the boards and following through on the events, and learning from each other. The tournament and inter UC interactions with the ultimate goal of making friends. I ask you the UCSRN GA to elect me as the chair of the social committee.

Stefanie: Thank you Felice and thank you for taking over the role of the chair so far. We do understand some hesitation of electing Felice as social chair, as this would mean that the executive board is made up of 2 AUC students, two UCU students, and one EUC student. However, we no less believe that Felice will be a great chair for the social committee. Are there any objections to Felice taking over as SC for the remainder of the year?

No objections.

Felice is approved as social committee chair.

Board update

To begin with, the UCSRN has a new logo! A phoenix! EUC created the new logo as a result of last years UCSRN logo competition.

We are still working hard towards achieving our goals. Visibility and clarity is still in the process by setting up the website. We are talking to the LSVB and establishing better relationships with them. We also have contact with an organization called ECOLAS that focuses on University Colleges and asking for advice and getting in contact with them. Danielle will talk about the Projects from the academic committee more in depth.

Our second goal, was to present our first full draft of the policy manual at this time of the year. Our next goal is to have a clear policy manual by the end of this academic year.

The third goal was to focus on establishing the UCSRN as a platform for UCs. Additionally, transition has not occurred yet but Saskia and Helene are working on dates and documents together.

Social Committee Update

Felice: We organized the spotlight, which was a great event. Last minute we decided not to make it a competition, as we wanted to focus on it being a moment to come together rather than to compete. We are also continuing working on committee collaboration through the committee database that has been set up. All UCs should be able to access the database through their representative. We have been sharing ideas and giving tips as well as updates on the going-ons of the other UCs. The tournament has been being worked on through the

Tournament group. Theme is Fight and Unite. This theme was chosen because it shows the pride of your own UC and the fight for the trophy. We are constantly updating the community database, trying to encourage the collaboration between UC's. The Gala has not been able to come to reality due to changes in chair positions and such. We want to have a summer event, which will combine the budget of the Gala and the beach event. Lastly, we will keep talking to each other and make a smooth transition for next year

Academic Committee Updates

Danielle: We started with offering a platform for discussions on setting up academic councils. The journal board has been set up of which Tim (UCM) is the chair. People from all the UC's are collecting pieces from their students and we will have a journal at the end of the year. EUC hosted the conference and we had many inspiring lectures and workshops. It was a great success. Next semester we will start talking with UCG to set up the academic council. The journal is coming along but we can help them out since now the conference is over. Master programs have been issues with UCs. We have been focusing on master's transitions to make them clearer. There have been discussions and meetings to make sure the requirements are clearer for UC student. We have had meeting with the founding dean of AUC and we are working together with her to make a document containing requirements. If you have any suggestions please tell your academic representative

Financial Update

Stefanie: I sent out invoices yesterday. We finally have a new bank account. Triodos bank, which is, rooted in the environmental and social focus companies. Invoices have been sent out and I am asking people to pay those quickly, also for a financial buffer especially with big events like the tournament coming up. Do not hesitate to email me with any questions. Declaration forms are included in the email. There are also included for travel and any other payments from the last half-year since we can now use them since we have a bank account. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions. Gala has been canceled and the remaining funds have been reallocated to the beach day and the tournament.

Stefanie: We have decided to do the audit period after the tournament since this is the event with the most expenses, which will be at the end of April. The second audit period is when the book close at the end of June. If the proposal of Atlantis gets approved we propose that the membership fee goes to the tournament since this is the biggest event of the year, which is associated with the most costs. This will also allow the ticket price to be cheaper also including transport, food, etc.

Tessa van Hoorn: For the budget reallocation, how much budget was first allocated to the gala and how much is going to the summer event?

Stefanie: 2000 euros were budgeted and that has all been reallocated to the summer event because we don't want an entrance fee. This will include transport, food, entrance etc.

Tessa van Hoorn: Why would you allocate it to the tournament and not just leave it as funds on your bank account?

Stefanie: Transport has to be paid for Atlantis if they decide to join, but also extra costs for food, tickets printing and everything else, which is why we allocated it to the tournament.

Cyntha (UCG): Where can we find the declaration forms?

Stefanie: I sent them out in the email yesterday and your social committee representative should have access to them

Atlantis membership proposal

Stefanie: We would like to present you the newest UC who would like to join our network. Atlantis has been very involved, and has already been at the spotlight and many drinks. Thank you for your commitment and involvement in the UCSRN network. I would like to ask a representative on stage to give your proposal.

Representative proposal: Nora and Sara

First I would like to start to tell you about Twente. We are study association Atlas. We had a name change so we are officially UC Twente but our name is Atlas. We are a technical university college and focus on 3 main domains math, physics, and technology as a core. Students have to complete a minimum in these domains and go deeper into one of them. Atlantis is the study association and we only have 114 members, which includes teacher, staff, and students. This is the first year that we have all 3 years. Other outside people have also joined the association. We arrange the events for all ours members, and we would love to join UCSRN

Arlet (UCR): Does that mean that not every member of UC Twente is part of your association?

Sarah: Every student is a member of our association but not every member is a student

Katha (EUC): How does it work with the tournament? Would it be people from your UC or people from your association?

Sarah: We were wondering that as well

Nora: We have primary members and secondary members and the primary members are our students. Usually people who come to our events are primary members

Tine (UCSA): As long as members pay money for this, they should be able to join the activities because they pay for it. We have the same with our guest members because they live on campus but don't go to our school

Stefanie: How it is possible that you have 24 committees?

Nora: We have a very high activism rate. We are a part time board so we allocate a lot of time to the committees. Some committees are more active than others. We have 1 committee that feeds the fish every month

Sarah: We also have limited committees, for example one committee just organizes prom

Ron: Non-UC students could sit in your board? In that case, the UCSRN doesn't really apply anymore

Sarah: It is still the study association for UC Twente

Ron: The study associations are only exclusive to the school that you go to. In this case that is true

Sarah: It is highly unlikely that someone who is not a student will be on the board. We could make a provision that you can't be on the board unless you're a primary board

Tine: This is possible, we do this at our school as well with guest members

Nora: We don't have non-UCT students in committees

Sarah: The UCSRN needs to make a rule that only students that go to UC's can be representatives on the board

Tine: Time constraints - we should discuss this when go over the policy manual. We call them guest members and then it is legally allowed to not let them be part of a board

Ayla: You guys are part of the social board. Are there plans to make an academic board as well?

Sarah: We have an educational committee that takes care of all the issues that take care of all the educational problems and the curriculum. We have meetings every year to work with this

Stefanie: If you vote in favour, then they will become a member right now and they can start voting in this GA from this point on.

Tine: Is this also the vote on reducing the membership fee?

Stefanie: No, that is a separate fee that comes after this

Arlet: Is it possible to amend the motion? I would like to suggest that there should be only UC students on the board of Atlantis. I would only like to vote in favour if only UCT students are on the board

Danielle: This is not only about UCT, so we can put something in the policy manual about this and vote about this when talking about the PM

Felice: What we can do is that if you vote in favour that they become a member on the condition that a clause will be added to the UCSRN PM that students who are not studying

Ayla: It is quite unfair to do that because it is already done at UCU and it would be weird to change that for UCT. It is quite clear how it is now and we should address this issue overall in another part

Stefanie: Any other questions? I would like to proceed on voting of the membership. If you vote in favor that means that Atlantis will become a member of the UCSRN but do not have votes today. If you vote against Atlantis will not become a member. If you abstain you will not vote.

Vote:

20 in favour in person

0 against

0 abstain

14 in favour proxy

0 against

0 abstain

Atlantis membership fee proposal

Stefanie: Atlantis would like to pay half the membership fee. I would like to ask Atlantis to the stage again.

Sara (Atlantis): Our reason for asking is that we are still a very small UC. We also know that other UC's have gotten a membership fee reduction in the past. Even with the membership cut in half it is still very expensive. As we grow larger this will change.

Stefanie: Any questions for Atlantis?

Joost (LUC): I think there is a bit of a question in terms of how this is going to go in the future. We have 200 members less than AUC and we still pay the same amount. Are there any rules that are in place for the future?

Stefanie: At every first GA of a UCSRN year, membership fee reductions will have to be approved. This has to go through a vote. Although they joined halfway through the year, they are only paying half the membership fee

Joost: This question is in general, not specifically to Atlantis. I understand why they want to pay less but I think it is a little unfair right now how the system goes

Laurens (UCU): If you want to pay less, you can try and propose that at a GA. We are voting on them right now, but there are clear rules on this in the statutes and it is something we should save for the policy manual

Anouk (AUC): You said you would pay the reduced fee until you have grown to a bigger size, but would we vote on this again every year?

Stefanie: Yes, you have to vote on this again at every first GA of the year

Tine: How is UCT thinking about expanding? Are you expecting more members next year?

Sarah: They are trying to grow the study program. It has already been growing per year now and they are trying to get it to 50 people per year right now. I don't know exactly what their long term plans are

Arlet: Do you know the maximum capacity that the program wants to aim at?

Sarah: Right now, they are aiming at 50 each year but if they reach that, they might think about expanding that

Ayla (UCU): Could it be something we discuss in the policy manual, if we could equate for a certain number of students, how much should be paid. Then we make a rule that if you reach a certain capacity of students, then you need to pay a specific amount. Then you pay for the amount of students that participate in the events.

Stefanie: There is already a section about this in the policy manual and when we get there we can discuss it a little more

Stefanie: Thank you Atlantis. Vote on Atlantis membership fee. A quick update for those who have just joined us. UCR (5 delegates, 1 abstaining): We have just approved Atlantis joining UCSRN. We have had updates from the social and academic committees. Felice has been approved as the new social committee chair. Stephanie will be chairing the GA since Helene is sick today.

Proceed to voting. Atlantis will pay half the membership fee 1250 euros to the UCSRN, for the remainder of the academic year 2015-2016.

Vote for Fee Reduction:

24 in favour in person

0 against

1 abstain

14 in favour by proxy

0 against

0 abstain

Lunch Break until 13:20.

Stefanie: At the beginning of the break we have been allowing the board to count the vote. The board is not allowed to be member of the IB. Daan and Sara are not members of the board and they have been counting the votes. We propose to make them the IB for the day and ask if there are any objections to this.

Is there anyone who could like to change his or her vote?

No.

Therefore all votes count and Sara and Daan are the IB for today

Policy Manual vote explanation

Stefanie: Continue with the policy manual. We will go over all the sections. The board will provide explanations and justifications. Then there is time for questions and comments. Then we will vote on the policies at hand. Seeing that UCM is not here today, our thought behind this GA was more for input and comments on the manual. How to make an amendment: if you have an amendment please clearly state your proposal. There will again be a time for questions and comments. If there is not counter proposal we will proceed to a vote. If there is a counter proposal both proposal will be voted on. I would like to start with the definition section but vote at the end since the section is overarching. I would still like to go over it so that we all know the definitions of the policy manual.

Definition Section

Stefanie reads out the definitions. Most are taken from the statutes.

Tine: Is definition 3 from the statutes as well? As it is stated now, that a member is an association...? Never mind.

Tessa: Why did you change the order of the definitions? The continuation makes it more difficult to read.

Danielle: Do you suggest that we have the definitions from the statutes first and then what we added after that?

Tine: The order from the statutes is a weird order and the way it is written now makes more sense

Daan (UCR): At UCR, we have a renter's association. Technically, that means we could also be part of the UCSRN, is that possible?

Tessa: The statutes do not clarify on that point for the specific reason that you want to have that open in the case that a university college is different from what the standard is now and you wouldn't be able to add them to the UCSRN

Arlet: Would it also be possible to have 2 associations representing the same student body? The renters association and RASA represent the same student body

Danielle: If your students want to pay twice, they can

Sarah: That also means that you can buy votes with money

Danielle: The GA would have to approve something like that and I don't think the GA would usually approve of this

Stefanie: They can still be represented at the GA through delegates

Stefanie continues with definition 6

Laurens: Why does it say 3 members, rather than members?

Danielle: It is member as a word and not as a definition

Tessa: It can't be student because that is just a member of an association of a UC

Danielle: It is ...

Mark (UCR): It says that the board consists of 3 members. Article 1.2.1 says that there are 5 positions though

Tessa: The statutes have 3 official board members, but in the statutes it says that you can add to this. It was difficult to add the different committees because of differences in academic and social board at different UC's

Daan (UCR): In the statutes it says 3 students instead of 3 members, to make it clear you should just change it to students. It makes it clearer

Ayla: I would want to change it to "board members"

Sarah: Isn't it a little useless because it is just Dutch law that you need 3 members on a board?

Konstantin: It is a bit confusing

Tine: It is a bit confusing and we should say what it says in the statutes to make more sense

Aram: The chair of the GA said we will vote on this later in the GA so we should discuss this later

Ayla: Do we suggest amendments at the end of going over the sections or as we go through it?

Stefanie: It is different for this section because the whole policy manual relates to this, then we will vote on this at the end

Katha: Why don't we just go over the policy manual first and then go over this at the end?

Stefanie: Moving on since the definitions will be voted upon later. Amendments will be proposed at the end of the section in review. It would be better to vote later since amendment changes might change the definitions. Therefore we will be moving on to the policy manual after reading of the further definitions

Stefanie continues reading definitions

Section 1: The UCSRN

Status of the Policy Manual

Proceeding to the policy manual. First section 1.1 the UCSRN, the statute to f the policy manual (reading of the manual as it is stated). Any questions?

Koen (UCR): 1.1.4: The way it is now, the executive board can veto at a certain stage a proposal. I suggest that that should be a recommendation and a student could still propose such a thing at a GA.

Stefanie: this clause is more meant that students can suggest changes to us, and we can decide if we want to bring this a GA or not. Of course, at every GA, students can suggest changes

Koen: what is the use of this clause?

Stefanie: If we get a proposal during the year or suggestions by the advisory body, the clause states we can choose not to present it at the GA

Danielle: I think it is also for students who are not at the GA; they can thus still propose changes

Koen: It seems like the executive board has complete authority over decisions made

Stefanie: Everyone can propose something at the GA so we don't have total control

Mark: Still, if you send in something beforehand, you should also have time to prepare a good proposal. If you bring it up at a GA, then you have less time to prepare and it is a less solid proposal. Second question; on what ground would you not to propose the change at a GA?

Stefanie: As a board, we would decide on something without bringing it to the GA

Tessa: The board is responsible for making the agenda for the GA. As a student you can come to the GA and make a proposal, but just because they didn't add it in the agenda, it doesn't mean you didn't have time to prepare it or send it around to people

Stefanie: The point is that this doesn't give us any complete authority over anything

Arlet: Advisory vote is specified in the definitions but the advisory body is not. Can someone explain what this is?

Stefanie: It is explained somewhere else in the policy manual (1.2.6)

Daan: In 1.1.1, you state hereafter PM, but this has already been mentioned in the definitions so that can be taken it. Just something to keep in mind: advisory body, academic representative body and general assembly should also be in the definitions.

Tessa: for 1.1.5, it might be good to add "unless specified otherwise" This clause now says that you have to leave it to always having a simple majority, but sometimes you might want to have an absolute majority instead, and putting it there makes sure that you are covered just in case you want to change it for one GA. *I propose to add to clause 1.1.5 " , unless otherwise specified in the policy manual or the statutes" at the end*

Katha: Does that mean that this could also relate to not having a majority?

Danielle: Yes, if it is specified that we don't need a majority, then that is the case.

Arlet: in 1.1.4, I am considering if you want to have the possibility to have students directly propose policy manual changes without being at the GA. students might want to feel like they have more input. If you propose something from UCR to the UCSRN board, and it always has to be discussed at the GA

VOTE ON 1.1.5 FIRST

Konstantin: Do we specify differently somewhere? It is a good point that you bring, but where in the PM and statutes do we specify otherwise?

Tessa: For example, in the disbandment of the student association you need an overall majority. Even if they would not be specified yet, it is a useful clause to have just in case because what if we do what that?

Vote on 1.1.5:

20 in favour in person
2 against
2 abstain

14 in favour by proxy
0 against
0 abstain

Anna (UCR): Why is the voting with the proxies not at the same time as the voting in person?

Stefanie: It's up to the IB

IB: it's easier separately

Article 1.2: Structure of the UCSRN

Daan (UCR): If ever there is a third committee, then they would not have a place in the executive board?

Stefanie: The policy manual can always be changed

Daan: What was in conflict with the statutes?

Stefanie: the "at least" could cause some confusion, but now the statutes still say that

Laurens (UCU): Because it says at least 3 in the statutes, does that mean we allow people to have multiple positions? Someone could be the chair and the social committee chair? It doesn't state that you can't have 2 positions

Danielle: Right now, it would be up to the GA

Laurens: Would we want to change that?

Ayla (UCU): It is clear by Dutch law that you need a chair, secretary and a treasurer so we can state that and then you can state that you also want social committee and academic committee chair separately

Danielle: It doesn't have to be defined in the PM that chair and treasurer can't be the same person, because it is already in Dutch law

Laurens (UCU): Can we change, as described in article 8 of the PM, what it explains there?

Danielle: We have a whole article about that so that might be quite confusing

Arlet: 1.2.1: Can we change "hereafter the board" to "hereafter the executive board"

Stephanie: The board is defined in the statutes

Arlet: You defined the board in the definitions already, but don't explain what the executive board is

Stefanie: In the whole PM, we talk about the board and not the executive board

Arlet: That is why I would change it because the board is already specified in the definitions so everyone can look it up but it would make sense

Danielle: In the statutes, does the board refer to the executive board?

Tessa: Yes, because the notary advised referring to it as the board because that is how it is usually done

Arlet: Take out the "the executive board" and just state it as "the board"

Daan: Counter proposal: "The board, also known as the executive board", then you still have it in there for people to understand but it doesn't have any statutory power, so it doesn't have any power there.

Aram: Change it to "also referred to as the executive board"

Tine (UCU): We are going to have a lot of amendments; the ones that we will probably all agree on we can do through votes through acclamation. That saves the IB a lot of counting

1.3 Goal of the UCSRN

Daan (UCR): You already defined MUC in another part so I suggest that you just leave it out

No objections to take this out

Academic objectives

Arlet: Do you want to specify who you want to have external relations?

Stefanie: Not smart to specify this in the PM because it binds you to this and this changes a lot per year and per academic committee each year

Social objectives

Organising events

Tessa: We had the discussion beforehand about certain members of association of UC's not being students, as defined by the statutes

Danielle: Students are members of associations

1.4 Communication

Arlet: In another language than English?

Danielle: In the statutes it is stated that the main language is English
Proposal: add "in any other language than English" to section 1.4.4

No objections

Daan (UCR): In 1.4.1, why have "current" PM? You can take out current.

Stefanie: We can also decide now to change this everywhere

Tine: Doesn't matter, because every time there is a new one voted on, the old one doesn't have legal power anymore. Current doesn't really matter if it is in there or not and with legal documents it is important to make everything as simple as possible

Proposal: Leave out current in every single clause where it says "current PM"

Daan: If you put in current, it might raise questions about when the old PM is applicable

No objections.

Vote on section 1:

24 in favour in person

0 against

0 abstain

14 in favour in person

0 against

0 abstain

Section 2

2.1 Responsibilities of The Board

Tine (UCU): 2.1.4: Propose an amendment to “shall keep” because that is the way it is always written in law

No objections

Anna (UCR): 2.1.1.6: There are two of them, so this should be changed

No objections

Mark (UCR): This goes for all points of 2.1, add “including but not limited to” because now it excludes everything else.

Aram: Could you give an example of what else the board would be responsible for?

Sarah: Membership records

Arlet: Organizing events

Daan (UCR): Would this be only this part or also the part where we talk about secretary and treasurer?

Stefanie: only this part

No objections

Sarah (UCT): 2.1.2, very vague because presenting goals can mean a lot of different things, you can stand up for 5 minutes and explain what you do or you write a really long policy plan. I don't know how that goes; do you write a policy plan?

Stefanie: How it usually goes, we present our main goals

Sarah: You also have to present a budget

Stefanie: There is a different section about this

Sarah: I think this gives them so much freedom so they could not have any goals for the year because it doesn't specify what the responsibilities are.

Stefanie: I think you should keep in mind that it is presented at the GA so the GA still makes sure something is happening

Sarah: Just leave it

Arlet: Would you specify that they present their academic, social and long-term goals? Would that help?

Sarah: We write a policy plan at the beginning of the year and it is something for the GA to measure us on. We are accountable for what we are planning to do

Arlet: How is this specified in your own policy manual?

Aram: I think Atlantis has a really good point, it is good to force them to present a well thought through plan. Phrase it like "policy plan"

Stefanie: We can add this in the section about the first GA

Proposal: Add, "Present a policy plan"

Sarah: They should have to submit the policy plan a specific time before the GA. they should have to send it out to the members

Danielle: Can we add that in the section about the first GA?

No objections.

Anna (UCR): 2.1.3; As it is now, it suggests that the board only has to report on it at the last GA which means that they can just say, "we didn't accomplish this so ok". I would suggest to change this to "every GA of the UCSRN's year"

Tine (UCU): Imagine a board would have to call a GA for a couple of things and you have a GA every month. Then, if you have a very extensive plan and you would have to discuss this at every GA, it would take quite a lot of time. It is something we have to take into consideration

Aram: The power of the GA is to ask how the board is doing. They already have to close the year with an evaluation and that is the most important

Stefanie: Before every GA, an agenda is sent out and someone could ask to be updated on the goals

Anna (UCR): I don't see how it would be a problem to have an update if there are more GA's because if there were more GA's, the updates would become shorter. It doesn't have to be a very extensive update on the policy plan but just a short update on how they are doing. I don't think it is enough to just

Sarah: Can you define first and last GA?

Danielle: Where the new board is chosen, that is the last GA. The first is when first one of the new GA

Aram: I think this is very ridiculous; the power of the GA is completely underestimated
1 objection!

VOTE

5 in favour in person

12 against

7 abstain

2 in favour by proxy

6 against
6 abstain

Amendment didn't pass and it remains the same.

2.2 Chair

Mark (UCR): Same proposal as I will have for the coming points. 2.2.1 should be added, "included but not limited to"

Aram: I think it is important to have very specific job descriptions for the chair and the other 2 positions, and I don't think it is necessary to add this because it already has been put in 2.1.1. They have a very specific task and they should be limited to the ones that are mentioned here, it is a very specific task set that they are given. The chair and the treasurer will not have any of the same tasks. The specifics should not be unlimited.

Arlet (UCR): In my own board, responsibilities shift a little bit. We had a clause in there that a secretary always had to arrange meeting rooms, while the chair did that. You might want to make sure that this is still possible just in case something happens and someone else needs to take over

Daan (UCR): I don't see what is wrong with adding, "not limited to" because you're saying that there is more that a chair does but you don't want to go into it because it is too much. You are basically just saying that you can't put everything in our PM and we are leaving it like this to show you the most important ones.

No objections.

2.3 Secretary

Arlet: Sending out all relevant documents to all members and ARBs (in point 4 and point 5)

No objections.

Koen (UCR): Same proposal as before, including but not limiting to

Cyntha: Amend this to every section

No objections.

Anna (UCR): 2.3.5, move "at the latest" to the end of the sentence for syntax purposes

No objections.

2.4 Treasurer

Cyntha (UCG): There needs to be a comma after "creating the budget"

Daan: 2.4.1.2, declaration form is a Dutch thing and it should be changed to reimbursement form

Tine: Declaration form means that you declare the amount of money that you have on your bank account when you leave the country

Stuart: It is easier to just change it to reimbursement form

Daan (UCR): In the statutes, it says that the treasurer together with one other board member can ..., it is a conscious decision that you didn't specify this other person?

Stefanie: The board can choose who does this. Better to leave it open

Arlet: 2.4.1.8: According to Dutch law, we have to present expenditure anyway so I don't understand why it is in there. Otherwise, you should also add everything else that you need to present as well.

Cyntha: It is just defining that the treasurer has to do it rather than someone else

Arlet: Either includes everything that they need to present

Cyntha: Change it to "all financial matters"

Cyntha: 2.4.1.4, isn't the proposed budget all financial matters anyway?

Arlet: Specify that it is financial matters of the previous year

Danielle & Stefanie: You can't do that because you are talking about the current treasurer and that they will have to do that in the following year

Sarah (UCT): Does this mean that the treasurer get discharged at the last GA of the year?

Danielle: The books are not closed at the last GA yet

Sarah: Does financial power remain with the old treasurer until the first GA even when the new board is elected?

Stefanie: Yes

No objections to this change

2.5 Social Committee Chair

Tessa: Did you mention that the social committee is referred to as the SC?

Danielle: Yes, in the structure of the UCSRN it states this

2.6 Academic Committee Chair

2.7 Malfunctions within The Board

Laurens (UCU): 2.7.1, maybe add "in the long term" because if someone is only temporarily not available you don't want them to be immediately thrown out of the board

No objections.

Sarah: 2.7.1; should be changed into “continue in THEIR position” instead of its

Tine: 2.7.1; this can be interpreted that these elections can be for any position but make it more specific that it is for the replacement for this specific position.

No objections.

Aram: Amendment: The Board has to adhere to the code of conduct

Stefanie: I don't know if it is in place under the “malfunctions under the board”

Aram: Maybe say something like when they malfunction according to the code of conduct. Giving the mistakes of the past few years, it might be good to have something for the board to stick to

Danielle: Can we add it under responsibilities of the board?

Aram: We can add it under “code of conduct” so you have stick behind the door

Arlet: 2.7.2; It says vice chair but the vice chair is not mentioned in the committee section

Stefanie: It is mentioned under responsibilities of the chair

Sarah: They should also appoint a new vice chair

Danielle: No because once they become chair, they have a responsibility to pick a vice chair

Cyntha: Is it specified here which vice chair needs to replace the chair?

Danielle: Specify which vice chair should take over

Proposal: “The vice chair of the respective committee” or “AC/SC chair”

No objections.

Tine: For the vacant position, does it have to be that position or could the secretary also take over that position and then propose that to the GA?

Yes, but they still have to run for the chair position

Anna (UCR): section 2.6 should be changed to “an AC vice chair” not “a”

No objections.

VOTE ON SECTION 2
24 in favour in person
0 against

0 abstain

14 in favour by proxy

0 against

0 abstain

Aram: Can we move to code of conduct now before moving to article 3?

Stephanie: Yes, we will discuss everything about the code of conduct article now then

10.1 UCSRN Membership expectations

Anna (UCR): 10.1.1.3; the board respecting the members is a very ambiguous and normative statement and I think we can get rid of it completely

No objections.

Sarah: 10.1.2; this should be broader. You should not only include statutes and PM, but also other decisions that are made at a GA

Tine: Do you mean like GA resolutions?

Sarah: There can be decisions that are made by the GA that are neither in the PM or the statutes

Tine: If we put this in, can we just call it GA resolutions?

Aram: Article 5.8 of the statutes already says this. We propose to exclude the whole article 10.1.2

Joost: Maybe just refer to the article in the statutes: "in accordance with article 5.8 in the statutes"

No objections.

Anna (UCR): 10.1.3 there is no semi colon at the end

Daan (UCR): There is no period at the end of 10.1.2

10.2 Students

Joost: Isn't it quite obvious that students have to adhere to Dutch Law?

Stefanie: It is something that is suggested to add in PM

Arlet: Why am I required to adhere to the PM and the statutes? Does it limit me in any way?

Stefanie: It doesn't need to limit you, but it is just there so that you follow the PM and statutes

Arlet: Adhere sounds limiting so I would take 10.2.2 out

Aram: It is part of a PM and it is there to cover your ass

Tessa: It is nice because there are things stated in the PM and statutes that give you the grounds to ask people to stick to the rules

Daan (UCR): If I decide to run a red light, I am in violation of this code of conduct. I would propose to add that this refers to UCSRN events. If I decide something that is against the law, then it has nothing to do with the UCSRN unless I am at a UCSRN event. If there is any other reason that you put it in there I would like to know why

Aram: If over email to the UCSRN, I would say something racist or sexist then I am not at a UCSRN event, but then it would also be grounds to say something about it. Maybe "UCSRN related things"

Anna (UCR): Propose to move this amendment to after the Dutch law part, because the statutes and the PM already refers to the UCSRN

Danielle: But then in daily life you could still blame people for stuff that is in the PM and the statutes

No objections

Koen: Capitalize statutes in 10.2.1

10.3 General Assemblies

Cyntha: Could you clarify in what context you mean members in this case? (10.3.2)

Stephanie: Should be capitalized. We want to say that, as many member associations could be present

Cyntha: I propose to change it to students

Arlet: You could now have a GA where a lot of students could come but not every UC is represented

Stefanie: It is the point of the GA that all delegates are present

Arlet: You don't specify that all the members should be present at the GA, but that as many students could be possible

Proposal: to allow all members and as many students as possible

No objections

Aram:

10.4 Board Members

10.4.1. The UCSRN expects the following from its Board members;

- I. Active participation
- II. Upholding good relations with other UC's and board members
- III. Abiding to the UCSRN statutes and the PM

Katha: I don't think this is necessary for only board members but also for the committees

Danielle: Representatives

Aram: You can change it, it is just to make sure that the board members also make sure their boards stick to the code of conduct

Laurens: Change the numbers to roman numerals

Daan (UCR): 10.4.1.2; that is the whole purpose of the UCSRN and I don't know why we put it here again. Point 3 is also not relevant here. The only point that I feel like is important here is point 1, active participation

Aram: The main important thing in there is active participation

Propose to change it to only active participation

Arlet: 10.4.1.1; I am considering that active participation would not really do the trick and you might need to specify a little more

Aram: I think that this code of conduct is also for the board to interpret

Arlet: If someone is not actively participating, then there is no way to prove if they have or haven't actively participated. Then you have a stick behind the door to show that they didn't participate actively. Just a suggestion

Mark (UCR): Counter proposal: only point 1 is relevant and you could put this under the social committee chair and academic committee chair in section 2 of the PM

Aram: You can't ask the chair to ensure that. The code of conduct makes people responsible for it themselves. If you put board members

Tine: We just agreed that the chair needs to make sure that the PM and statutes are upheld, so they will

Daan (UCR): You could just put it all in 10.4.1

Aram: This doesn't adhere to the structure. I think my proposal is perfectly fine.

Daan (UCR): This is my amendment and people can vote on it if they want to. I think it is important to have active participation in there and this is an easy way to put it in

Vote on Daan's proposal

7 in favour in person

8 against

8 abstain

1 in favour in proxy
5 against
8 abstain

Thomas: Change abiding by to abiding to

Tine: Why is Dutch law not added to this one but it is to the other ones?

Vote on amendment made by Aram (10.4 + 10.5)

20 in favour in person
2 against
2 abstain

13 in favour by proxy
0 against
1 abstain

Anna (UCR): 10.3.2; to allow should be changed to that allows

No objections

Vote on section 10

23 in favour in person
1 against
0 abstain

14 in favour by proxy
0 against
0 abstain

Section 3

3.1 Structure of the Committees

Laurens: 3.1.2, why does it not say delegates?

Stefanie: These are the members of the social committee and academic committee

Anna (UCR): 3.1.3; it should be the best of their ability instead of abilities

No objections.

Daan (UCR): Does it state how many representatives are chosen per member or ARB?

Arlet: It is in the statutes

Stefanie: Definitely not in the statutes

Joost: Would you want to set a number on that?

Daan: I think you do. Is it a deliberate choice or was it overlooked to put it in there?

Stefanie: There might be a case where it is beneficial to have more than one member from one UC is there to help

Danielle: Yes but this is about representatives

Laurens: In the structure of the UCSRN part this is already clarified

3.2

Mark (UCR): 3.2.1, 3.2.3; the academic committee also creates an academic journal which is not necessarily an activity. I would like to change this into making them fulfill the goals that they set at the beginning of the year

Stefanie: We changed it from events to activities to include everything

Proposal: The SC is responsible for achieving the goals that they set out at the beginning of their UCSRN year

Tine: I think that this makes it super vague and that if a social committee decides to set some goals that are not about organizing social activities, then the PM doesn't stop them from doing so

Mark: I think achieving the goals; it is up to the SC and AC as clear and not clear as they want. It is about the goals that they set for themselves

Stefanie: You can have goals that come up throughout the year. This is very restricting to the goals that are set at the start of the year

Koen (UCR): To convey the same message, can we change it to "social activities and projects?"

Aram: Activities and projects are the same thing, a project is an activity. I don't want to be an arrogant bastard

Arlet: The social committee right now is in violation of the PM if we have to stick to the goals that we set at the beginning of the year

Adding projects amendment

Vote

3 in favour in person

13 against

7 abstain

1 in favour by proxy

10 against

3 abstain

Amendment failed

Achieving goals amendment

Vote

0 in favour in person

0 in favour by proxy

Amendment failed

Vote on Section 3

24 in favour in person

0 against

0 abstain

14 in favour by proxy

0 against

0 abstain

Section 6: Elections

Anna (UCR): 6.3: 72 hours instead of 3 days, this is clearer

Aram: also change 2 days to 48 hours then to keep it consistent

No objections

Anouk: 6.1; if elections are open to all students, would it cause a problem for students who are part of an association but not a UC student?

Daan (UCR): Is that not already in definition of student?

Anouk: There are also people who are members of an association but not students at a UC

Stefanie: We want to make sure that there can't be a board member that isn't a student at a UC

Danielle: Currently enrolled at an MUC

Aram: You want to exclude people who are graduating

Stefanie: Who are enrolled at an MUC in the next academic year?

Maxime: At an MUC, not a

Stuart: A MUC

Arlet: If you read the definition of MUC, it doesn't completely specify if it is only UC students. If you specify that they have to be enrolled, then it is fine

Sarah: This way of writing it, doesn't exclude people who study at the UC but are part of the association

Danielle: This is in the definition of student

Cyntha: Add commas

No objections

Sarah: If you apply to be a board member, the members will get the list of people who are running 2 days beforehand, but then how will we know if they are a good candidate?

Stefanie: We encourage them to send in an election statement and they have to give a speech etc.

Cyntha: The whole procedure of the actual voting is described in the election GA section

Stephanie: It is just a simple majority

Cyntha: Why did you guys choose to open the SC and AC chair only to representatives? Usually now they are also part of a UC board. Why is it only open to representatives?

Stefanie: A member has to be chosen by his or her own UC

Danielle: Representatives don't have to be in the board of their own association. They have to be enrolled at a UC right now, not in an association

Stefanie: Members choose a representative and then they run for the board of the UCSRN

Aram: In the AUCSA policy manual, this section is more than 4 pages and here it is only 4 articles. Is the board going to add anything to this?

Stefanie: A lot of these things are mentioned in other places

Danielle: We think it is covered in other sections

Tine: In our PM (UCSA), it states that a simple majority is not enough for elections. If there are more abstentions, then it shouldn't really count because

Tessa: There is something about it in the statutes but not everything so it is something to think about

Tine: We saw a logistical problem here. Do we have a cap on how many people from 1 UC can be in the executive board?

Stefanie: Not right now

Tine: If it is open to all students, a UC could make 20 people run for all positions, this would take a very long time and make it a little unfair because statistically these people will probably all get in

Aram: It is illegal to putting a cap on how many people could run

Daan (UCR): There should be a clause that makes it the responsibility of the members to inform their students that elections are open to everyone. Something to look at for the next GA

Danielle: Covered by “communicating documents and information”

Daan: I don’t know, but it is an important thing and it needs to be communicated well, so maybe you guys should look into adding something about this to emphasize

Tessa: An agenda needs to be sent around and all students get the agenda in their inbox, people should know that it is possible

Anouk: Add ARBs to 6.4

Konstantin: I think it is important to provide more than the names when people are running in elections.

Stefanie: We can’t force people to send in a motivation letter etc. If people decide to run, we should just let them run and figure out how they want to do it themselves

Daan: Could we amend this to also include the positions and not only the names?

No objections to adding positions

Cyntha: Needs commas

No objections

Vote on Section 6

Josephine: I think it needs to be elaborated more before we can vote on it

Joost: Can we ask the board to come back with a more elaborate version before the next GA?

Cyntha: Propose to discuss it again next policy manual GA?

NOT VOTING

Stefanie: I propose to come back to this next time. Thank you for all you input. And thank you to the board and Renske for their work on this policy manual. I would like to proceed to the next point: Proposal of Tessa for an honorary member. Tessa was the chair of the board last year. I would like to ask Daan to the stage to give the speech.

Daan Speech

Stephanie: Thank you Daan. I have the proposal on the floor. Any questions?

Arthur (LUC): UCM is not present today; they asked me to say this:
They want to disapprove voting for Tessa as an honorary member. Not to discredit Tessa, but this dishonors a lot of other people who have put time and effort into the UCSRN as well. Tessa's work might have been greater than a lot of other members, but the AC and SC also might have done a lot. There is no way to decide if someone is honorary and this is something arbitrary

Daan (UCR): I saw how dedicated Tessa was to the association and everyone can put forward a proposal and I really think she deserves it

Joost (LUC): What exactly does it entail? Do you have any special preferences?

Tessa: You get admission to the GA and you have an advisory vote.

Vote

17 in favour in person

0 against

7 abstain

10 in favour by proxy

0 against

4 abstain

Tessa van Hoorn is approved as an honorary member.

Tessa: Thank you very much. It is very great to see all of you participating in all of these things with the policy manual. It is great to see that this year's board is doing a great job to build on what we did further. As UCM correctly stated, I also needed a lot of help from other board members and previous and future board members.

Stefanie: Open floor with only 9 minutes left. Are there any pressing questions or comments?

Cyntha: Will we have another GA before the transition GA?

Stefanie: Most likely but this will be confirmed via email. Thank you for being here. Are there any objections to disbanding the IB?

No.

Then they are hereby disbanded.

