



## University College Student Representatives of the Netherlands

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### General Assembly Minutes

Chairing the GA:  
Minutes:

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*Date of General Assembly*  
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29th of February, 2020  
Leiden University College  
14:00 (Doors open at 13:30)

## General Assembly Agenda

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### Attendance of the General Assembly:

**AUC** 5 delegates attended, with 5 proxy votes on behalf of EUC.

**UCM** 5 delegates attended, with 0 proxy votes.

**UCR** 6 delegates attended, with 0 proxy votes.

**EUC** 0 delegates attended, with 0 proxy votes.

**UCU** 3 delegates attended, with 3 proxy votes on behalf of UCU

**UCT** 1 delegates attended, with 0 proxy votes.

**TUC** 5 delegates attended, with 0 proxy votes.

**UCG** 3 delegates attended with 3 proxy votes on behalf of UCG.

**LUC** 3 delegates attended, with 3 proxy votes on behalf of LUC.

Total number of votes: 45

## 1. Welcome

Mai Thai: Welcome everyone.

## 2. Approval of GA Agenda 29th February, 2020

Mai Thai: This is the agenda for today, it is rather self-explanatory, but if you have any questions, please do let me know.

Maurits (AUC): Will we see the budget of UCSRN expenditure?

Mai Thai: Yes.

Amy (UCG): Is first and last name enough, or is first name enough? I'm just wondering what's better for the record.

Mai Thai: First name is fine.

Nia: And UC.

Mai Thai: Are there any other questions about the agenda? Would anyone like to discuss the agenda?

*Agenda is approved by acclamation.*

## 3. Approval of Minutes 7th December, 2019

Mai Thai: We sent out minutes for December 7th. I hope everyone got the chance to look at them. Would anyone like to discuss the minutes from the GA of December 7th?

Amy (UCG): I don't have comments but do the minutes get uploaded to the website?

Mai Thai: They will be appropriately uploaded.

Joanathan (UCM): On the minutes on page 2 it should be delegates, not members said on the attending list.

Mai Thai: Thank you for that remark. We will change that appropriately, and from now on we will make sure that we address you as delegates and not as members, and UCs as members.

Jonathan (UCM): You voted on something through email, which I thought was very confusing to read, and also you changed the policy manual by voting through acclamation, but the policy manual can only be changed through simple majority voting. Could someone explain what was approved on and if it was followed up on, in regards to the email and policy manual, and in the future make sure to only vote on the policy manual through simple majority.

Mai Thai: This was one of the updates that I was going to give. This was in regards to the tournament committee foundation, as the UCT Tournament Committee wanted to create a foundation in order to protect themselves from liquidation, as well as Atlantis. It was then difficult to gauge how much control the UCSRN had over the Tournament. Upon reflection, it seems like a better decision could have been made, but we wanted to immediately include different articles in our policy manual that would allow us to regulate the ToCo and Spotlight better. We wanted to draft them and then send them out, which we didn't do though. We realized that there are many articles that we wanted to add and formulate. We postponed this because we wanted to give everybody time to go over them and give us sufficient feedback. We want to finish this by the end of the year, so it's coming.

Manuel (UCM): So there was no change to the policy manual?

Mai Thai: Not regarding the ToCo and the foundation. We changed the AB policy.

Manuel (UCM): Was that voted by acclamation?

Mai Thai: Yes, it was.

Jonathan (UCM): Policy manual states that policy manual changes need to be voted in by simple majority.

Mai Thai: Good point. Then, we can discuss these changes at the end of the GA, go over them, and then vote in the correct way. Is that okay?

*(General approval)*

Bart (UCG): Are the proxy votes included in the amount of members that are specified in the minutes?

Amy (UCG): The votes are counted, yet there should be a separation between the proxy votes and the delegates present that are voting.

Bart (UCG): Right now, in the past GA's minutes, it says that UCG had two delegates, which is true, but we also had proxies, which are not mentioned.

Mai Thai: We will make sure to change the delegates that have attended, include the proxy votes and change the number of votes.

Jonathan (UCM): Can these minutes be amended now, before we approve them?

Mai Thai: I would first like to ask if the information on proxy votes, and the attendance of last GA, would make this possible to do so?

Ronit (IB): Yes, we can. I would just like to mention that there was a lot of chaos at the last GA with everyone sending proxies to the EB instead of the IB. Also, there was nothing at the GA that required counting of the votes. That's potentially why this is an issue.

Mai Thai: Right, so we will make sure to amend the minutes to include present delegates, proxy votes, and total votes. Also, we will continue to do so for the upcoming minutes. Are there any other questions? Does anyone want to discuss the minutes?

Michael (UCM): If we approve the minutes now, we can't change them, right?

Mai Thai: That is what I was going to finish saying. We approve the minutes with the aforementioned amendments. Would anyone like to discuss?

*Minutes are approved by acclamation.*

#### 4. Bi-Annual IB Audit

Mai Thai: Felipe will now present the budget from the past 6 months.

Manuel (UCM): Will the IB Audit be before or after this?

Felipe: The IB Audit will be after this. I'm going to give an in-depth explanation, and the IB will provide a somewhat different view on things.

Alright, let's begin the explanation of the budget.

Starting at the top, you can see the contribution fee. It's pretty standard, as the only thing that's yet to be received is something that has been previously agreed upon. Specifically, that which is missing is the second half of the UCM contribution fee, which is due in March.

Now, moving on to website costs and bank costs. Again, pretty standard. Website costs are service costs, which we actually pay to Jonathan, who owns the server. The bank costs are monthly costs that we pay based on how many transactions we conduct that month.

Now, promotion costs, which is something the IB will mention in a bit as well, we planned on spending this on Facebook and Instagram ads. We will repurpose that for the elections, and focus our efforts on UC visibility within the facebook group. So that's a bit of a change in direction.

Moving on to external costs, these are generally COBO gifts and partnership gifts for in-person meetings. This has not been spent as ideally as we would like. At this point we will aim for approximately 50% but not more. But we do have many partner meetings in the upcoming second half of the year, which will later be explained.

Moving on to representation: this is relatively a broad budget point, but what it includes right now as far as the money spent are the business cards which we have with us right now. The rest of that sum was going to be spent on board pins to be distributed to UC's and board medals to be passed on to boards year after year, but that is going to go through some changes, as we will describe shortly. This number will reduce. Representation reimbursements for the suits, already spent as you can see we are wearing them.

GA costs, average cost is about 65 euros, depending on GA. They cost differently for the first and last versus the middles ones throughout the year due to expected attendees. Less money is allocated for the GA's throughout the year.

Discussion sessions were to cover for the focus group costs, has not been spent yet since the Focus group has been integrated into the GA. Therefore, that has yet to be sent but we

are leaving it in case we still want to do it or if it becomes necessary.

Travel reimbursements: The EB gets fully reimbursed for travel, and we are doing this in the most efficient and cost effective way. We have done a lot of travelling this year and have more international students (referring to student OV). Of course, Dutch students spend significantly less on travel. This discrepancy describes most of the variation in cost this year.

Moving on to the second half of the budget. The first few things are rather glaring. We spent 114 euros for IB training. Resulting in a loss of 64 euros. There was a professional misstep: We assumed it was 50 euros prior to discussing this with the LSVB, but did not make this clear to them. In the end we could change the amount as it was a subjective.

Amy (UCG): Could you clarify what the IB training was and what it involves?

Felipe: The LSVb is a Dutch national well established organization and has a lot of experience with training IB boards due to how long they've been established. Training was based around assumptions and concepts on auditing, documenting and so forth to adapt accordingly. Which came to great effect when we faced issues in the beginning of the year. This is the best way I can describe it, unless the IB would like to add anything? Not to put you on the spot.

Manuel (UCM): Can you go to the previous slide?

Julien (AUC): Can we let him explain the budget and then we can discuss, I think that's easier no?

Felipe: Right, so now to continue the bit of a story involving the IB. We found out that that money, which ended up being 100 euros for the training and 14 euros for lunch, with the 100 euros being subject to change, could be negotiated up or down based on how much we thought the session was worth. They suggested 100 euros. We discussed it, and myself and the IB agreed that that was fair. Also, we would have space even if we went over the allocated amount.

In regards to EB training, that was slightly misplanned, as the original allocated amount was 50 euros, but the total expenditure was 3.25, or small lunch costs. That ties into transition, of which we'll formalize in a bit.

Moving on to bonding of the SC and the AC, I have spoken to Preksha and Mitchell and activities have been planned, but nothing spent yet.

Right, now the EB Board transition trip. If you remember from the beginning of the year, there was a big discussion about whether or not this was necessary, but was deemed as necessary. We went for one night and the day after that got transitioned by the AB.

Now, the IB bonding, of which activities are being planned there as well.

Now, the COBO Lustrum. As you may or may not know, we already had our COBO Lustrum. It was a fun event, with a friettafel in the beginning and a traditional COBO afterwards at UCU. Costs were the UCU bar rental, drinks and friettafel.

Now, moving on to the funds and travel budget. We haven't concretely spent any AC money,

since the events that we are sponsoring haven't asked for reimbursement of that money yet.

For the Social Event Fund, we needed to make a small change regarding the UCT Pool Party. We changed the Social Event Fund total to 1,350 up from 1,000 euros, as the reimbursement request came in late. Therefore, the only visible change is that this cost will show up in this year's budget, and not last year's budget. The other cost was the LUC Pubquiz, of which the total was 180 euros, and involved 4 UCs.

In regards to Event/GA Travel, that's the money that goes to you guys when you ask for reimbursement, and also what we have been discussing for two GAs now. We haven't spent as much as we would like, especially considering the amount of money available. We've been trying to promote it as well to be very transparent.

So, now onto the Self-Initiative Fund. There's no cost there, but there is one proposal, which I'll go over in a bit.

Moving onto Tournament costs, that will be presented to you today, as the UCT ToCo has come to visit. None of that money has been reimbursed yet but will of course we spent as the tournament will happen.

In regards to Spotlight costs, it's today, so you hopefully know about it. Costs were spent on the rental of the bar. The way reimbursement works is that we need the invoice submitted.

Now, moving onto total year expenses and results, as well as the reserves. Please ignore the third column in terms of expenses and results, it just means the amount of money that is still going to be spent. It's not that we're in the negative or anything. This is for consistency's sake.

Now, to display the breakdown of the Academic, Social and Self-Initiative fund distributions. The Academic fund has seen money be allocated to TedxAUC, the Dean's Panel, and AUCMUN. AUCMUN has gotten 300 euros, with 150 and 150 being the respective distribution of that event for reasons we have previously described. TedxAUC has gotten 250 euros, and the Dean's Panel has 250 euros, which leaves 200 euros remaining for the rest of the fund this year.

For the Social Event Fund, there is a slight discrepancy in the results between this tracker and the budget I just presented to you, and that is due to the UCT Pool Party. Here, 160 was spent on the LUC PubQuiz, and we plan to spend 360 on Hermes Paintball. As such, we have a total of 480 euros remaining for this fund.

As for the SIF Fund, we haven't spent or planned anything, yet we do have one proposal in AUC's the Herring, of which we're currently discussing possibilities with. Do you guys have any questions?

Aysu (UCU): What are the 3,25 on EB training?

Nia: Probably printing costs.

Julien (AUC): First, I think it's better if you send the budget in advance. I think you need to include more points and subcategories to the budget. It doesn't take that much time, but it will be more transparent. And what is 'interest' in the previous slide?

Felipe: It is interest on the reserves.

Julien (AUC): So you don't have anything in savings?

Felipe: No we do, but the cost comes around once every year, in June if I remember correctly.

Julien (AUC): Then shouldn't it be added to the budget, since we know we're going to receive that money?

Felipe: Well, it depends on how much we've spent, and if we've dipped into our savings by that point. I could change it based on how much we plan on spending, but it would be a very small amount.

Julien (AUC): We've looked at this budget and approved it, but I think there's quite a high ratio of money being spent on the board. For example, you could reduce some of the CoBo money and move it into the Academic fund.

Felipe: The CoBo event was a one year, one time event, because it was a celebration of our lustrum. So it's already happened, so we can't change our expenses for it.

Nia: Also, in clarification, the CoBo isn't just for the EB, the event was a chance to get together and get to know all of you. It was less something just for the board.

Mai Thai: From now on, I'm going to pass on the mic for the sake of the minutes.

Jet (AUC): Does the reserve include this year's fees or does it include what was left from previous years?

Felipe: The 10,000 is what we have in the bank account overall. The left side is what has been spent, the middle is what we expect to spend, and the right side is what is left over.

Preksha: As of right now we have this much money and at the end of the year, we should have this much money.

Jonathan (UCM): So you're budgeting to have money left over?

Felipe: In our savings account, yes.

Mai Thai: Each year, the reserves were actually 5000 years so that we do want to overspend, in the sense that we want to spend more than we take in. We are an organization, so we are not allowed to make any profit at the end of the year. However, we don't want to be the only board to overspend, so as to give future boards a chance to make an impact, as well as make up for any unforeseen costs.

Jonathan (UCM): Currently I don't see you overspending, but underspending. Also, you have contingency money to use when your board overspends. You shouldn't have to have last year's money leftover.

Felipe: To clarify what Mai Thai means by overspending is the number in the results of the

second column, making us enter the negatives. Not using all of our money is that we don't have board insurance. That's why that number exists, with board insurance it will make more sense.

Jonathan (UCM): I don't see contingency money, unforeseen costs. Is that just not in your budget?

Felipe: This was discussed with the previous treasurer, Justin, and at the beginning GA. We believed it wasn't necessary seeing the nature of our organisation.

Michael (UCM): Just as a general thing, maybe say who gets to speak. Second thing, like Jonathan said was that it is useful to budget for contingencies. My questions was: is there any money left in savings that you won't spend. My recommendation is to budget a certain amount of contingencies. The point is to justify to us why you have these money. Maybe even give some of the money back to the UCs that is leftover. And the last thing is that I agree that there should be more information. For the training for example, we don't know where this money is going.

### 26: 11: Felipe's part starts

Felipe: Fair enough on the point suggesting specificity. I think it's a question of definition, as to whether you define the LSVb lunch as whether the IB talks to us about IB things or not. If you would like me to be specific I will be, but please motion for the budget to be changed.

Michael (UCM): Why do I need to submit a motion for that to be changed?

Julien (AUC): If you want it to be changed now.

Bart (UCG): I just want to support Felipe here. There is a point in leaving some money in your bank account when going onto the next board. Sure, you should also have contingency in your budget, but there is no harm in leaving some in your bank account.

Julien (AUC): As treasurer as well, I think the issue is the result. If you budget an actual budget, like a budget for savings and a budget for unforeseen, it is much clearer to see how you're going to spend the money. I think that you can make it much clearer to spend the money if you budget for I think it would be nice to include the Event tracker in your results screen. I also saw promotion for 300 euros and suggest that you repurpose some of that money to website costs, as there is plenty of work to be done in that regard.

Felipe: In terms of the cost of the website, what do you mean?

Julien (AUC): I mean you would most likely need a professional to revamp your website, and as such would need to pay them some amount.

Rosa (AUC): I want to second the things about transparency and that I find it quite hard to read this budget.

Julien (AUC): I think what she means is that there is no one column that reflects what has been spent.

Manuel (UCM): I just have a question about the last column on the right side. Is that money

the money just for the past semester?

Felipe: No, it's for the entire year.

Manuel (UCM): What was the 70 euros per GA spent on?

Felipe: Snacks, but could also be rental of the venue.

Manuel (UCM): Lastly, for the website, 66% of the money that was not spent, so do you plan to spend that later?

Felipe: So that amount was decided upon last year, and was based on things associated with our use of Jonathan's server, of which he can explain if you have any further questions.

Manuel (UCM): And one last point, if we are doing a budget for the fall of 2019, wouldn't it be smarter to just budget for that year?

Felipe: This is not a proposed budget, but an update. Additionally, this budget is for the whole year.

Laurens (UCU): This is a budget that was approved half a year ago. There are some comments made now, that could've been made then, yet it is still valuable that they're made now regardless. I suggest that we stick to constructive comments and see if there are large discrepancies. Also, I see that quite a few treasurers are speaking in regards to suggestions they have in regards to the budget, but I suggest that next time, they give comments as a collective before the GA, and then their comments are presented at the GA, and are approved accordingly. We are spending a lot of time on this now which is valuable, but I think it's time that we move on, especially considering most of your organizations spend a lot less time on a lot more money.

Felipe: I, for one, second this thought, as if you have any specific questions, do come up to me, and if you'd like to make any changes, please do motion for it.

Mai Thai: Does anyone have any other questions in regards to the Fall 2019 budget update?

Alex (AUC): I am wondering whether any decisions that are going to be made with changing the leftover budget, for example numbers 4050 and 5000, are those going to be executively decided by you or are the GA going to get the chance to vote upon those changes?

Felipe: So in regards to what we have planned, we plan to reallocate some of the leftover costs from events that have already happened, ie the COBO Lustrum. So we'll get to that.

Julien (AUC): I just wanted to say that it is important to look at the budget again and make some remarks on it. We voted on these things in September, when we didn't have a lot of experience, so it's good to comment on things now, as we've grown and learnt a lot. Yet, I would happily do these comments by email. Also, are you allowed to change the budget as the year progresses? Are you allowed to do that?

Felipe: I do believe that we have to run it by the IB.

Julien (AUC): Ok then, well as the year goes on, I get that you're learning things and may

want to reallocate money (ie the leftover money in the Lustrum CoBo to the Academic Committee Event Fund) and the GA is an opportunity to update us and make changes, so I think it's important to make these comments.

Mai Thai: Does anyone have any more questions regarding the first update?

Rosa (AUC): What do you mean by first update?

Mai Thai: So this update is the first half update of what we spent so far, and then the IB presents their audit, and then we will present the changes we are proposing for the second half of the year, as like Julien said, a good example would be shifting money from the Lustrum CoBo to the Academic Committee Event Fund.

Jet (AUC): I didn't understand the structure. Is all of that this GA?

Mai Thai: All of this is this GA, the IB is yet to come to the stage and the changes will be proposed momentarily.

Mai Thai: I would like to invite the IB to present the audit.

Kamiel (IB): For those of you that don't know me, my name is Kamiel, the Chair of the Independent Body. Our task is to audit the finances of the UCSRN and that is what we have done over the past few weeks. We worked together with the Treasurer, Felipe, and he shared all the relevant finance documents with us. Firstly, we checked if all the expenses and bank statements and receipts were correct. To do this, we had the proofs, otherwise known as receipts of every expense, the bank statements, and the budget itself (so what was recorded), and we checked if all of this was correct and consistent. There were a few very small mistakes, but except for those it was all conducted alright, so the financial administration was done properly. We also interpreted the costs with the goals of the UCSRN, what they want to achieve, what is written in their Policy Manual, and we had a few recommendations to make there. For example, on a few things, very little was spent in comparison to what was budgeted for. For example, the EB had 300 budgeted, and nothing has been spent yet. Therefore, we would recommend the EB to spend more on promotion, specifically on things such as Facebook advertising, or hang up posters, or any other kind of increased visibility measures, as well as promotion of events, like the sport tournament. Another thing we found was that the Social and Academic fund were utilised little, and that's because many events are happening now, in the second half of the year, so more stuff is going on than was the case before, because nothing had been spent yet, but now plenty of events will happen. However, there is still some money left in these funds, so the recommendation of the IB to all members is to raise visibility of these funds at your respective UCs. Tell your UCs that there is an Academic fund that supports those kinds of events, and do so similarly for the Social fund, as there still is money left in those funds, so you should use them. There was one thing with the UCT Pool Party cost, as the costs were made this year (but the event happened last year) and there were some things that had to be changed in terms of what year to include the cost. Our final conclusion is that everything is correct, and that the EB has done a good job in conducting the finances, as the proofs match the expenses, and everything falls under the budget and we would like to thank Felipe for his help. He's been very open, in sharing all the documents with us, answering all our questions, and we worked together nicely, so thanks for that. (*Applause*) Are there any questions regarding our Audit? (*No questions*) Then there's a comment I would like to make on behalf of the Independent Body, and that's that if you leave the GA, then you should say

so, ie “Hey, I’m leaving, I’m ‘this’ person, from ‘this’ UC, I’m leaving/arriving, so that we can keep track of the people who are here for voting purposes.

Felipe: Moving swiftly on.

Mai Thai: I’m speaking to the IB, hold on.

Kamiel (IB): So after each IB update, the GA needs to vote on whether or not the update is approved.

Manuel (UCM): Is everything done according to the policy manual and the statutes.

Kamiel (IB): Yes. There were two small mistakes, but the EB explained why they occurred, so that’s alright, and everything was corrected.

Ronit: There was a letter sent earlier.

Jet (AUC): In the Policy Manual it states that the Treasurer is supposed to update the members on the state of the budget at least once every eight weeks. We didn’t receive any budget updates.

Felipe: That’s correct, and it’s a complete oversight from both myself and the past treasurer. I found out about it when we reviewed the policy manual recently, so that will be done as soon as possible.

Jet (AUC): Ok, thanks. It might be nice for the IB to also recommend that the Treasurer do so.

Julien (AUC): It might be nice for the IB to review the Policy Manual, because the clause just mentioned seems to be a specific Treasurer task, and so this doesn’t happen in the future.

Felipe: Thank you.

Kamiel (IB): Yes, part of the IB task is to review and know the policy manual, so this is a small thing we skipped over.

Julien (AUC): No worries, no worries, good job.

Kamiel (IB): Thank you. If there are no more questions, can we vote on our Audit? Would anyone like to say something, and if not it is passed by acclamation?

Michael (UCM): Is this a resolution or not? Since it states in the Policy manual that all resolutions need to be passed by voting, is this or is this not a resolution?

Kamiel (IB): Well, I’m not entirely sure, to be honest. It’s just our mid-year update.

Michael (UCM): Nevermind then. I also believe that the Chair needs to say let’s bring this to a vote.

Mai Thai: Right, I was just discussing this with Ronit, of the IB, who brought up a specific clause. Of which is “The IB may give advice to the GA, at which point it would be brought to

a vote.” As Chair, my impression is that there is nothing to vote on, as we are not changing anything. Of which, Ronit disagreed. At which point, we decided to let the IB discuss, as this is a PM issue, and they decided that it should be brought to a vote. At which point, I concurred. However, technically, there is nothing to be voted on. Is the IB okay with not voting on the advice?

Manuel (UCM): As a comment, maybe we should add in the bi-annual audit into the Policy Manual and define it as... (audience confirms it is).

Jonathan (UCM): As noted in the Policy Manual, “If the IB gives advice to the GA, it will be brought to a vote.” I think the IB gave advice, so yes we should vote on it.

Mai Thai: Prefect, then it will be brought to a vote. Would anyone like to discuss the bi-annual Audit of the IB?

*Passed by acclamation*

## a. Finances

Mai Thai: Now, we will be showing you what we have planned for the second half of the year, including the budget and what we have in mind for the next board.

Jet (AUC): This is another clarification question. Is this another update or are we going to vote on something? What is happening?

Mai Thai: This is what we would like to re-allocate for the second half of the year, therefore, we will ask the GA to vote as to whether or not they approve our reallocation.

Jet (AUC): Well the Policy Manual states that if you want to re-allocate budget, then you simply need to ask the IB.

Mai Thai: Right, but we would like to justify all of the changes, as well as pull from the reserves. If we are pulling for the reserves, we are changing what we voted on at the very beginning of the year, and therefore it does need to be voted on.

Jet (AUC): Great, thanks.

Amy (UCG): I'd like to point out that the budget was not sent out along with the agenda, so I think it should be.

Mai Thai: This comment was mentioned previously and it has been noted, thank you very much for making it. Now, Felipe will present the new budget.

Felipe: Alright, here we go. The way this is going to work is that I'm going to run through the things that have changed and ignore everything else. If you have questions in regards to how money was spent, please do ask.

The External costs have been changed. The amounts have changed from 150 euros to 100.

We see that reduction as reasonable. Also, to give some context, the reason we're moving money is to create a new budget section for the transition of next year's board. As you can see in the next slide, there's our Executive Board Transition Trip, (what used to be our board trip), 4052, so it's the same cost, 285, it's just been named differently. Yet, there's a new section for next year's board transition. As most likely all of you, all of you go on transition trips in order to have a coherent, functioning board at the beginning of the year. This is to avoid the situation we went through, were we started late August/early September, and only then begin the process. That's just to give some context.

We changed this amount because we saw it as slightly unnecessary. We do have partner meetings and such, yet not that many, even when budgeting 15 euros per gift--in addition, we only see 4-5 events that would constitute such a gift. The 50 euros went to the upcoming board's transition.

Now moving onto Representation. That number used to be 350 euros, now it's 200. We changed this due to the elimination of the board medal purchase from our plans. The 150 euros went into the upcoming board's transition.

The Executive Board Training already happened, so we moved 46,75 to the upcoming board's transition as well.

Similarly, 14,90 was moved from the Board Trip to the upcoming board's transition. Same idea with the Lustrum CoBo: 65,64 was moved into the upcoming board's transition.

The final change is 198,91 to the upcoming board's transition.

Alex (AUC): I don't understand why you expect to get 2000 euros in reserves, considering an expected total expense of 9,205 and a contribution fee total of 9,000 euros.

Felipe: The amount of the money in the bank account at the beginning of the year isn't clarified here, and that is 5,861.

Alex (AUC): Is that number 8090, at the bottom there?

Felipe: That's the result not including the savings. The result including the savings is the result at the bottom. That is how much money we currently have in our organization. So it's accounted for, but not clearly stated.

Maurits (AUC): In regards to the sum for the transition of next year's board, that's quite a large sum in comparison to the rest of your budget. What were you planning on doing differently from your board transition?

Mai Thai: That is a large sum, as noted. However, we originally planned on going on a trip with the previous executive board, and have it be the whole weekend. What happened this year was we only spent one night, without the previous executive board, and also spent a significant sum of our own money. Which is fair, yet we do want to limit the financial burden, and do not want to exclude any future applicants, as we do want everyone to attend, and do not want any future board members to not go due to financial issues. In our case, we agreed internally that we would have to spend this money, and were all willing and able to. For next year's board, if they choose to do the same, that's great, and money can be allocated elsewhere. Also, we did try to find housing we could use free of charge (in terms of a friend

willing to lend us one), but were unable to find one. In addition, we already looked and 12 people Airbnbs tend to be expensive.

Felipe: To get into that number concretely: we found that the costs for that is around 450 euros for staying at a place for 12 people for two nights, and about 75 euros for groceries, which may not cover everything.

Maurits (AUC): So is this cost the transition for this year, and then next year would there only be one transition cost?

Felipe: Exactly. So our transition was a bit rough, and that was due to not having the proper framework that all of your boards have, therefore fixing this comes with having two transition costs in the same budget.

Ruben (UCR): I think we had a similar discussion at the previous budget GA. The costs for just the EB here are a lot. 1500 euros for EB is a lot, and of course i understand the travel costs. I don't know if there's a solution for that but would like to discuss this.

Felipe: I also agree that it's high number. We are trying to incorporate steps that will ensure a stable upcoming year.

Maurits (AUC): What could be done, just a proposal, but since you've had your transition, is there a way to budget 2021 transition costs to be less since it's only for them?

Felipe: We're already planning on contributing ourselves to cover our own costs.

Jet (AUC): Could you confirm that the representation, that theres 160 euros left and that will be spent on pins? Since you said you're not going to do the medals but only the pins. with the money will be spent?

Felipe: yes, and with elections we can spend it mostly on coffee dates with possible candidates to facilitate those costs. We want to physically promote at UC's.

Jet: That's not very much clarified. If you're not completely certain what you'll spend it on I suggest were bring that number down. This may bring down EB costs this year. I still think that 160 euros for pins and coffee dates is too much.

Jonathan (UCM): So for the board weekend I understand you want to spend this money on the transition weekend, but I would recommend that you just spend the day with them and then leave. Bonding is for them to do, and you just visit them during the day.

Mai Thai: To clarify, it would be 2 nights, in the weekend. The night, we're there with them to create strong internal bond amongst EB boards. That's something that currently lacks. We want to establish this relationship. If we were to do what you suggested, rather than staying there 1 night having 2 full days to transition, we'd still have to pay for the travelling there and back.

Jonathan (UCM): I get that but you earlier mentioned that staying costs were you're biggest costs. You can find cheaper accommodation if you cut the group number in half to find some where else. If that's your biggest expense.

Mai Thai: As I previously answered, it would technically amount to nearly the same amount, seeing we all have to travel to the location. We payed 200 for 6 people, but for 12 it will be 300 per night.

Felipe: Before the next point, regarding the reimbursement. (*inaudible - states along the lines of having no clear explanation*) If you would like to motion to reduce that number, please do.

Julien (AUC): Time is running out, perhaps we should stop making motions. There are many disagreements towards the 525, however maybe reduce to 400 but be open to discussion.

Michael (UCM): I agree with what you just said. I would like to submit a motion to lower the 525 and lowering it by 150 euros. And also lowering the pin budget of 159.

Felipe: Instead of using the leftover numbers, could you specify in terms of the budget numbers so instead of 159, could you say 200 to 100?

Michael (UCM): Right okay so for representation, I'd like to propose a motion that lowers it from 159,8 cents to... Oh right okay sorry about that. Okay well then

Preksha: So the budget code, so 4014 then from 200 to 100.

Michael (UCM): Right okay so I'd like to propose to lower 4014 representation from 200 to 100 and 4053 from 525 to, someone help me with the math, 375.

Preksha: Can we split the two motions?

Michael (UCM): Yeah, let's split the motions. So let's start with representation.

Alex (AUC): Before we vote on the motion real quick, I would like to ask if the money will be put into reserves or where else does it go? Do you decide that later?

Felipe: I believe this should be up to the people making the motion.

Michael (UCM): Um then yeah for now, I propose moving it to reserves and then reserves can be figured out later if that makes sense.

Preksha: If it goes once in the reserves then we have to ask the GA to pull it out of the reserves.

Michael (UCM): Okay then, okay so apparently if it gets put into the reserves, then you have to ask the GA for it to be pulled out which I think then is a fair way to do it. So I'd like to move it to reserves please.

Maurits (AUC): How many future GAs will we have to discuss the budget? Is this the last one?

Nia: One more and that's the Elections GA.

Maurits (AUC): Then I would taking it out of representation and moving it to either Academic or Social Event, so then we are sure that it will get spent this year, because I think it is kind of unfair if we have all third years now paying the membership fee which would most likely to

be able to be spent this year, even with future years to make use of that money, so then I would suggest moving it to either Social or Academic so you can still split between the two.

Michael (UCM): Fair point, I'd like to change my ad hoc and move it instead of reserves to move it to the Academic Event Fund.

Marik (AB): I'd like to make a little comment on this, the 525 that was initially proposed and maybe give a little bit of context. We've been discussing with the Advisory Board as well and the biggest issues we saw in the long run with UCSRN is the continuance part so it was really hard to.. well, maybe difficult to see that every year, the UCSRN Executive Board has to reinvent the wheel when it comes to a lot of things and so this year, especially because we heard their comments and they voiced their concerns this year about how valuable the transition was and they really wanted to work on it, towards providing a better future for next generations of UCSRN boards and also the members, of course. So we suggested to them that it might be a good idea to, you know, spend more time and perhaps more money to transition, to make sure to get that continuance going and so the number is definitely a lot higher and I feel justified to say 1500 euros to just the board sounds like a lot of money but it's quite a large part of the budget but I would kind of defend them and say 'hey, maybe money for transition is exactly the part that you really shouldn't cut out' and if you really feel like there's too much money going to the board directly rather than all the members of the UCSRN, I won't attack you guys but for me, it was more justified, that's just my personal thing but to maybe look again at the suits, for example, as part of uniformity. If you're already getting pins, most people usually have suits so already you could say that's a uniform. That would be a huge cut in costs for the board as well. Please feel free to continue with the motion but I just wanted to give you some context. We really think, as Advisory Board, that it's a good thing to improve time and effort and also money in the transition, especially if it is harder to find accommodation, considering the whole board or almost the entire board consists of international people. It may not be easy to find something for cheap. Thanks.

Michael (UCM): I'll quickly respond and then I suggest we move it to a vote. Yes I agree with you, transitioning is a vital part of any board and I get that it's more difficult here because you have people from different UCs and so travelling is a thing. That being said, the transition weekend that you guys go on, although very valuable for transitioning, I hope at least where the only place of transitioning is happening, the quality of transitioning does not necessarily depend on how much money you spend on it and yeah, I suggest we move it to a vote either way. Yeah so let me rephrase one more time what the motion actually is so it's number 4014 moving 200 euros to 100 euros and putting it into the Academic Event Fund. I suggest we move it to a vote.

Mai Thai: Would anyone like to say anything before we put it to a vote? Like any ending remarks or anything like that? No. So then, to reiterate, 4014 representation, the requesting amendment on the budget to change budget is from 200 euros to 100 euros and the 100 euros is to be moved to the Academic Committee Fund. So I would like to invite the IB up to put it to a vote.

Michael (UCM): You could just ask those in favor of the motion to raise their hand.

Mai Thai: Yes but the IB still has to count the votes. Yes Joanna?

Joanna (UCU): Maybe you guys ran over this but why are we moving the money to the Academic Fund and not the Social Fund? Did we discuss that?

Mai Thai: That was from the proposal that was made. So the amendment that he wanted to make was to move it to the Academic Fund.

Joanna (UCU): I'm just wondering if there's any specific reason. I'm on the academic committee but I'm just asking, maybe the Social Committee wants it more.

Felipe: Quick side note I believe the rationale might have been that the Academic Event Fund is simply lower than the Social Event Fund.

Jonathan (UCM): Also about the funds, if anyone wants to increase the funds, you can get money if you can vote or have a motion to get it the money from the reserves and put it in the funds. So if you really want to get more money for the Social and Academic Fund, then you put it in there from the reserves.

Mai Thai: Okay, anyway, perfect thank you so much. So if anyone thinks that the Social or Academic Fund needs more money, please do let us know so that we can also vote on that.

Michael (UCM): Maybe before we do this, ask if anyone would like to discuss the fact that it's going into the Academic instead of Social.

Mai Thai: Would anyone like to discuss that?

Mai Thai: I will take that as a no. Would anyone like to discuss the amendment made? No? Okay, I would like to ask the IB to come up to count the votes.

Eldi (UCT): My friend just left, did the Independent Body already count that in or? Alright thank you very much.

Mai Thai: Thank you. Very good

Ronit (IB): So we're going to vote. You can vote for, against, or abstain. We're going to go through it one by one. If you have a proxy vote, please raise both hands. And please, keep your hands raised high until we call you. So all in favor of the motion, please raise your hands up high. You can put your hands down. Everyone against, please raise your hands. Everyone abstaining, please raise your hands.

Mai Thai: Nice and high please.

*The vote on reducing the representation budget has passed with 40 in favour, 0 against, 5 abstains*

Mai Thai: Awesome, so that means that 100 euros is going to the Academic Committee Fund, which is super exciting.

Michael (UCM): propose to lower the budget for EB transition (4053) from 525 to 375 and move that money to the academic event fund (5010)

Nia: keep in mind that transition in UCSRN involves people from different schools and that transition is the only time when they can meet before they actually have to start working, so it is important for being able to work together as a fully functioning board

Maurits (AUC): see transition as an investment, but problem with amount of money to EB, so cut in that. For example, there is still money left in EB travel

Cornely (TUC): the new board knows that they are in UCSRN and so they are aware that they are not in the same place, so it is just part of that board

Mai Thai: we did know what we were getting into, but that does not take away that it is quite hard to see each other hardly in real life. Physical meetings really changed the board dynamics, which is vital for working together

Cornely (TUC): what I meant was that there are practicalities with coming from different locations, but I understand that personal bonding is very important for the board

Rosa (AUC): on a sidenote, for the training of the IB we have spent 114 but this is still budgeted as 50, so there should also be money allocated for this

Felipe: yes, agree, that is something to be changed

Aysu (UCU): time is running out, so we should move a tad faster

Mai Thai: we will have to stay a little longer, Joep is also here. Also, this is the last GA before elections, so we want to go through this now

Sybren (LUC): we all agree that a transition trip is necessary, but the price is quite high. Bonding can still happen without spending as much

Mai Thai: someone mentioned earlier that a lot of money was spent on EB rather than UCSRN as a whole, so perhaps could cut down EB travel costs. The board agrees, so we could move 100 euros from travel to transition as an investment

Michael (UCM): can we first vote on my motion?

Mai Thai: first, we vote on changing 525 to 375 (4053, transition EB) so as to transfer 150 to academic fund (5010)

Rosa (AUC): a bit strange to vote on this first as it will influence the decision about the travel costs, since we want to not reduce EB transition

Mai Thai: Michal's amendment was made first, so we have to discuss it first. Discussion is still possible

Jet (AUC): would like to rephrase the motion, would like to move 64 euros of the proposed 150 to IB training to fix the discrepancy, with the rest (150 - 64) still going to academic fund

Michael (UCM): agrees. Rephrase my motion: move 150 from 4053, 64 to IB training, the rest to academic event fund

Amy (UCG): I'd like to object, I do not think that is how budgeting works. There was a misestimation on IB training, so this should be moved to next year, but you cannot change it with this year's budget

Michael (UCM): we did that in the previous amendment as well

The crowd: but it is about the IB

Michael (UCM): can board maybe clarify?

Felipe: Amy is saying that we should not change it because we already spent, Rosa is saying that we should change to see what we have spent. Makes sense to change it

Michael (UCM): agree with Amy. Reamend: move 150 from EB transition to academic event fund

Mai Thai: still any questions for Rosa? (no)

*Vote to move 150 euros from board transition to the academic event fund passed with 17 in favor, 14 against and 14 abstentions.*

Mai Thai: now we continue with a second vote. The EB proposes to move 100 euros from EB transportation to the academic event fund so as to reallocate 150 euros from the academic event fund to the EB transition. In that way, EB transition would go from 375 to 525 euros again

Bart (UCG): It says that decisions should be made by means of simple majority vote and simple majority is half of the votes + 1. There was no majority in the previous vote, since there were only 17 votes in favour, which is no simple majority

Marik: I thought there might be somewhere in the statutes of policy manual that abstains are not counted as votes. Then, 17 would be a simple majority, but I am not sure

Eldi (UCT): there is another clause that states that abstains are not included for calculating the simple majority (art. 1, clause 6), so the vote has passed after all

Mai Thai: To repeat what was previously said. We would like to suggest a new change: increase EB transition 20/21 (4053) from 375 to 525 by reducing EB transportation (4040) by 100 euros. These 100 euros will go to the academic event fund, so that 150 euros from the academic event fund can be moved to EB transition

Manuel (UCM): but now we are moving only 100 euros, so there would only be 475 in EB transition

Mai Thai: for clarification, we would undo the previous vote and move 150 euros from the academic event fund back to the EB transition, and then move 100 euros from EB transportation to the academic event fund

Bart (UCG): The first part of this is just undoing what we voted for, right?

Mai Thai: That is correct.

Jet (AUC): I think that is morally questionable that the board would now like to reverse a motion that had just been brought up and voted on after they have left. Perhaps add

something new, so that we can vote on it

Mai Thai: I agree, but the people who left knew that there would be a second motion about this that would be voted upon

Felipe: it depends on how you frame this, since these things were proposed at different times so we just had to vote on different times. It was announced that this would happen so it was known

Alex (AUC): I propose to amend the motion by the EB as follows: reduce EB transportation (4040) from 600 to 500 euros and then upping the EB transition (4053) from 375 to 475 euros, so the academic fund is not touched

Mai Thai: the EB does not mind the change, so we amend the motion accordingly

Ithai (TUC): What is happening now is that the EB asserts that the transition weekend is important and would like to increase the budget, whereas the GA told them to spend less on the transition and to spend more on the academic fund. Hence, we vote about this: either we support the EB in their insistence that transitioning is important, or we express that the EB is quite intransigent with the GA about transition and that they should get together more during the year by using the transportation money rather than spending much on transition

Mitchell: indeed, it is important for the EB to come together more often. However, this is about transitioning, where it is also about us sharing our knowledge with the next board. Since most of us will be abroad next year, transition is quite crucial

Ithai (TUC): I understand what you are saying, but I am trying to make clear what we are voting for: if we vote in favour, we agree that transition is important. If we disagree, we think that transition is not as important and that we would not like the board to share knowledge. I am not arguing for either side, it is about making some delineations

Jet (AUC): I would like to support the motion, since reducing the travel budget would mean that the current EB would have to pay for some expenses privately, which would balance out their double expenses on transition this year, while the new board will still be able to get a proper transition

Mai Thai: the EB would like to retract the motion. The reason is that we had planned to pay 20 euros each at least for transition, and considering that some board members have travelled quite a lot this week, we want to be considerate with the board members by not burdening them with the financial consequences of travel. Hence, we have decided to pay for transition from our own pockets

Mai Thai: in sum there are two changes: EB transition 20/21 has been removed from 525 to 375 euros so that 150 euros is moved to the academic event fund; and the representation fund has been changed from 200 to 100 so that 100 euros is moved to the academic event fund

Alex (AUC): I would like to propose a motion: my motion would be to include a category called unforeseen costs (number 6000) expense in the budget of 500 and for that money to be taken out of the reserves

Jacob (UCR): this seems like a loose budget post. What are unforeseen costs?

Alex (AUC): Unforeseen cost is exactly that: it's money that you could not account for and it could be any category. Then it is up to the EB and IB to determine whether it is really unforeseen or just overspending

Jacob (UCR): what would then be the difference with just going over budget?

Julien (AUC): unforeseen is something that you have not planned. However, I think that in this budget there does not seem to be a need for unforeseen costs

Marik (AB): I think everybody understands the difference between unforeseen costs and taking out of the reserve. Unforeseen is what you estimate, on a yearly basis, to be costs for things that you had not planned for. However, my question is on what 500 euros could be spent on? For high-risk events 10% is okay, but most of the high-risk events are outsourced, so something like 50 euros would be more healthy.

Alex (AUC): I think that it's fine for me then to have it be 50 euros instead of 500.

Mai Thai: the amended motion is to move 50 euros from reserves to a new post called unforeseen costs with a budget code of 6000.

*IB: Vote has passed with 20 in favour, 0 against and 13 abstains*

The voting is done on the entire UCSRN budget.

*IB: With 25 votes in favor, 0 against and 8 abstentions the UCSRN budget is approved.*

*\*\*NOTE: delegates have left*

*From the IB: UCU left (so minus 6 votes due to proxy), 1 TUC left (so minus 1 vote), 1 UCG left (so minus 2 votes due to proxy), 3 UCM left (so minus 3 votes) leaving with a total of 33 votes.*

Mai Thai: Looking at the time, there is an hour left before the UCSRN Spotlight event starts. We believe that this is insufficient time to cover the content of the latter part of the agenda. For this I would like to request to close the GA, with the Tournament Committee update being made informally after the closing of the GA. Additionally, a representative of Uni-Life is here to present their product. If the GA allows it, suspend the GA here and have Joep and the Tournament Committee present in an informal manner.

Amy (UCG): Do we have an estimated time of how long this will take? As we only have one hour left before Spotlight starts.

Sybrein: (LUC) The registration starts in 30 minutes.

Jet (AUC): Can we limit Joep's speaking time to 20 minutes?

Maxim: 10 to 15 minutes is already sufficient for Joep's session.

Mai Thai: Additionally, we can also informally provide the updates of the Social Committee and Academic Committee. Would the GA allow this?

Jet: (AUC) I would rather have the updates from the Social Committee and Academic Committee done over email and the things that need to be discussed, with the session from Joep and the Tournament Committee being done now.

Mai Thai: This is what I suggest as well, as Joep and the Tournament Committee have travelled here to present in front of you. If the GA allows, I would hereby like to continue to the closing of the GA.

## Break

### 5. Updates

As has been agreed to by the GA, the updates of the Executive Board, Academic Committee and Social Committee will be sent over email. Additionally, the update from the Tournament Committee will be done informally after the GA is closed.

#### a. Executive Board

As has been agreed to by the GA, the update of the Executive Board will be sent over email.

#### b. Academic Committee

As has been agreed to by the GA, the update of the Academic Committee will be sent over email.

#### c. Social Committee

As has been agreed to by the GA, the update of the Social Committee will be sent over email.

#### d. Tournament Committee

As has been agreed to by the GA, the update of the Tournament Committee will be done informally after the GA is closed.

### 6. AOB's

*There are no AOB's*

## 7. Closing

Mai Thai: I would like to thank you for all of you to come and for your participation at this GA. It is unfortunate that we were not able to cover all topics in person. However, this content will be shared with you over email, and if possible, be updated at a further GA. I hereby close this GA.

*The General Assembly is officially closed.*