



University College Student Representatives of the Netherlands

Budget General Assembly Minutes

Chairing the GA:
Minutes:

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Date of General Assembly
Location of General Assembly
Time of General Assembly

19th of September
Zoom
14:00 (Walk-in starts at 13:30)

Election General Assembly Agenda

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 - a. Vote
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Attendance of the General Assembly:

AUC 3 members attended (0 proxy)
EUC 3 members attended (0 proxy)
LUC 3 members attended (3 proxy)
UCTilburg 5 members attended (1 proxy)
UCG 4 members attended (2 proxy)
UCM 5 members attended (0 proxy)
UCR 6 members attended (0 proxy)
UCT 2 members attended (0 proxy)
UCU 4 members attended (2 proxy)

Total of votes: 41

1. Welcome

Julien Vandermosten (EB): Welcome everybody to the GA. I will start by introducing the agenda. You may edit the agenda, you may ask for points to be added, removed or edited. We will first go through a short introduction during which we will discharge the outgoing EB. We will then go through the rest of the agenda accordingly. I will now explain how the voting process will take place, I will present a point for voting, you (attendees) will then be able to raise your hand to vote in favour or against the motion. If no one votes then the motion is passed by acclamation, if 50%+1 vote then the motion is passed by simple majority vote, and if $\frac{2}{3}$ of the votes are for then the motion is passed by absolute majority. You may also abstain from voting. The IB will be in charge of keeping count of the votes. The voting of the minutes of the last GA have been deleted from the minutes, you may then ask a question to the old EB about this and we can then vote on those during the next GA. Does anyone have any points they would like to raise about the agenda?

Q1. Ebbe Tim Ottens (UCTilburg): *First, I would like to make the point that we want to be referred to as UCTilburg. Secondly, I have questions regarding raising the hands as this causes some confusion. Isn't there a better way to vote? as it does not seem very functional.*

A1.1. Julien Vandermosten (EB): *This is a totally fair opinion, webinar has been the best option we have found as it is fairly cheap, we may be able to create a poll, but if people follow the procedure of raising their hand and then putting it down, it should work. However, if you have any suggestions let us know.*

A1.2. Ebbe Tim Ottens (UCTilburg): *Fortuna Leiden uses Nemo vote which works well but it might be too late to set it up as we are in the middle of a meeting.*

A1.3. Julien Vandermosten (EB): *Maybe we can get the IB's opinion on this?*

A1.4. Kamiel Fokkink (IB): *It is too late to set it up, the roll call might work better when we vote on topics as this is more streamline.*

A1.5. Julien Vandermosten (EB): *To add to this we can make sure that the IB waits a couple of seconds to make sure that everyone's hand has been counted. Does that answer your question?*

A1.6. Ebbe Tim Ottens (UCTilburg): *Yes, thank you.*

A1.7. Manuel Ntsoumou (UCM): *It is not feasible to change the system, maybe for next time. We should really get started with the meeting and approving the Agenda.*

A1.8 Julien Vandermosten (UCSRN): *Thank you Manuel*

Julien Vandermosten (EB): We will now go over GA etiquette. Please do not swear and use respectful language, do not interrupt each other. Please state your name and UC for the minutes every time you talk. Furthermore, motions may be raised, they will then be voted on, if they get voted against, they will get voided and you may raise another motion or move on. Only members, so students who are part of a student association or student council can propose a motion, those can be passed by a simple majority. Let the IB know through the general chat when you leave the GA, and use the Q&A chat for questions and motions.

2. Approval of the GA Agenda

Julien Vandermosten (EB): If you vote on this agenda it means that you would like to change something about the agenda. If there are no votes then we pass the agenda.

a. Vote

The agenda was passed by acclamation.

3. Short introduction

Julien Vandermosten (EB): Moving on to the introduction, each member of the EB will give a very brief introduction of themselves. I'll start, my name is Julien Vandermosten, I am a third year at AUC and I am the Chair of the UCSRN.

Renzo Besseling (EB): My name is Renzo Besseling, I am a third year student at UCT and I am the treasurer of the UCSRN.

Tiffanie Spetier (EB): Hi, my name is Tiffanie Spetier, I am a second year student at LUC and I am the external representative of the UCSRN.

Eshwari Ramsali (EB): Hi all, my name is Esh, I am a third year student at UCU and I am the academic chair of the UCSRN.

Alexandra Deffner (EB): My name is Alex, I am a second year student at UCT and I am the social chair of the UCSRN.

Kayna Duport Govindin (EB): Hi, my name is Kayna, I am a second year student at AUC and I am the secretary of the UCSRN.

Julien Vandermosten (EB): We are very excited to work with you all and we hope you are as excited as we are.

a. Discharge of the outgoing Executive board

Julien Vandermosten (EB): There is no voting happening on this point, we just need to discharge the previous EB. Therefore, we would like to thank the previous executive board for their service to the UCSRN even though they couldn't be here with us today.

4. Final 2019-2020 audit

Julien Vandermosten (EB): The old IB, represented by Kamiel today, will present the audit letter.

Kamiel Fokkink (IB): Thank you, I will go over the audit to explain some details. The main conclusion is that the EB did well with the past budget. A few suggestions that we want to make are about the proof for travel reimbursement. People need to send in proof of their travel reimbursement. It is especially difficult for group tickets. We ask that people be as accurate and open as possible in regards to travel reimbursements, in the form of pictures of

the receipts and tickets.

In last year's budget, there were 2 IBAN which are academic and social event funds used to sponsor events at UCs, last year they budgeted 1250€ for social event fund and 1250€ for academic event fund, and most of it was not used. It was due to corona, but also during the first half of the year nothing was happening. We would suggest that the budget gets lowered, as we don't need to fund something that does not happen, or we should encourage more events to take place. We would like the next treasurer to look at this and see how they would like to spend the money. We would also like more members to organise events that connect all UCs so that they can ask for sponsorship from the UCSRN, we would also like everyone to spread the word to their UC. Our main conclusion is that the finances have been done well. Does anyone have any questions?

Q2. Manuel Ntsoumou (UCM): *You said there won't be any travel costs this year, did I understand it correctly?*

A2.1. Kamiel Fokkink (IB): *I did not say that there will be no travel costs, my point was that last year's EB used up all of the budget for travel cost (600€) and that was only from the start of the year. If corona had not happened, they would have gone way above budget. We would like to suggest to the new EB that they do not travel excessively. But we realise that with corona there will not be a lot of travel at the beginning of the year. Last year's budget should be available from last year's treasurer, send a direct message to the IB and we will share it.*

A2.2: Renzo Besseling (EB): *First of all, the budget will be discussed later on today. If somebody wants the numbers from last year I can look it up, but as this might not add a lot to the discussion right now, we can discuss it later.*

Julien Vandermosten (EB): If anyone has any specific questions about last year's budget, Felipe Carvalho, last year's treasurer can answer them as he is present at the GA. If there are no more questions we will move on.

a. Vote

The 2019-2020 audit was passed by acclamation.

5. Incoming and outgoing Independent body (IB)

Julien Vandermosten (EB): On the slide you can see who the outgoing and incoming IB members are. I will give the floor to Kamiel so he can explain the role of the IB.

Kamiel Fokkink (IB): We are an independent body that keeps the EB in check. We look at the audit to make sure that no money was stolen, we settle disputes when the EB is not sure what to do, our advice is nonbinding, we also count votes and attendance during the GA. I will now let the new board present themselves.

Sophie Alice Grebner (IB): Hi there, I'm Sophie, I go to UCM and I'm new to the IB. As Kamiel mentioned, we'll take over the organisational background thing and be the guardian of the finances. We will also take care of technical stuff such as voting. I'm excited to be here and to help out.

Julien Vandermosten (EB): Thank you guys for the introduction. It is very exciting to see the work that has been done this year and see what we can achieve this year. There are some quick questions:

Q3. Ruben Backx (UCM): *Why are there 5 outgoing members but only 3 ingoing?*

A3.1. Kamiel Fokkink (IB): *We had only 3 applications this year which is why we only have 3 members this year, and as we only need a minimum of 3 members, it works according to the policy manual and statutes.*

A3.2. Julien Vandermosten (EB): *It is definitely better to have more members, so the IB can maybe find more members that they can propose at the next GA.*

Olivier Roekens (IB): I'm a second year at AUC. I'm very excited to work with everyone this year.

Eldi van Wyk (IB): Hey guys, I'm Eldi from UCT, I was a normal GA member last year and now I'm an IB member. I'm looking forward to working with you guys.

Julien Vandermosten (EB): Thank you everyone for presenting yourself, are there anymore questions for the IB or about the new board members. If not then we will move on to the voting of the IB.

a. Vote

The incoming independent body was passed by acclamation.

6. Incoming and outgoing Advisory body (AB)

Julien Vandermosten (EB): The advisory body advises us through our EB year. On the slide you can see the outgoing and incoming AB for this year. I will let them present themselves.

Marik Westerhof (AB): Hi everyone, I'm Marik, I was a member of the AB last year and also this year. My colleges this year are Jonathan Seib, Aysu Amaha Ozturk, Maurits jurgens, Mitchell van Dijk and Diva Estanto. First of all, thank you to the EB for everything. I think I speak on everyone's behalf when I say that we are all very happy to do this. We are a group of ex-UCSRN board members, or ex-UCers with an unhealthy obsession with the UCSRN. We'll mostly be in the shadows of the EB and see if we can provide guiding. Some of us will try to attend GAs to provide a voice of reason and also continuity so we don't discuss the same things over the years. We don't have any voting power, so we won't meddle with anything important. Hope to see everyone around, thank you.

Julien Vandermosten (EB): Thank you to the new AB, we will now move on to the vote if no one has anything to add.

Q4. Ebbe Tim Ottens (UCTilburg): *Our UC would like to vote on this matter.*

A4.1. Julien Vandermosten (EB): *May you explain why you would like to vote on this?*

A4.2. Ebbe Tim Ottens (UCTilburg): *Do we have to?*

A4.3. Julien Vandermosten (EB): *No, you do not have to. I will therefore re-explain how the voting procedure goes. We will present each of the 3 options and you will have to raise your*

hands when you would like to vote.

a. Vote

The IB conducts the vote:

Members in favour: 20

Members against: 6

Members abstaining: 15

The incoming AB was passed by simple majority.

Q5. Eva Douglas (UCG): Why did people vote against the AB?

A5.1 Ebbe Tim Ottens (UCTilburg): Yes, we as UCTilburg are worried that the AB is growing toward too much power. As members have been returning for a while.

A5.2 Julien Vandermosten (EB): That is a fair concern. If you would like to change the power of the AB, then you need to change the statutes. But the AB only has advisory power and the reason that we have returning members is that they have experience. Furthermore we try to have members from the returning body, new members and members from past EB and preferably from different UCs so there is maximum diversity.

7. Executive board goals

Julien Vandermosten (EB): Our goals this year as the executive board of the UCSRN are: First, to create a strong UC community. To do this we would like to Raise awareness by using social media for promotion (for example by being featured on other UC's social media), having the EB go on bonding tours, and by providing promotional material for the intro week of each UC. then we would like to connect the UCs, through the sport tournaments between UCs and by creating a framework for students to visit other UCs. We would also like to connect the organisations and provide opportunities and support for UC alumni by increasing our presence on LinkedIn, building an alumni network and working on an acquisitions team for opportunities via the opportunities page on the website and in the newsletter.

Second, to foster a spirit of engagement by providing a platform for consistent and effective dialogue, continuing with the buddy system between UCs, we would like to create hype teams, to have more people involved in the organisation of events. We would also like to improve our form for submitting events to make it easier for people to present events. And finally we would like to be more active on social media (instagram) and take over other UCs' instagram to present the UCSRN.

Third, to promote diversity & inclusivity by subsidizing tickets for further away UCs to encourage students to attend other UCs events and/or staying the night at the UC by providing housing after the event. We would like to explore the political influence the UCSRN could have, incorporating platforms other than facebook such as Uni-life for sharing events at UCs. And we would like to create a focus group or provide a platform to get feedback from UCs on how the UCSRN can be more diverse and inclusive, this may be from UC alumni, guest speakers or students.

Four, to stimulate excellent and accessible education through the UC mastersheet, by allowing students at other UCs to participate in online classes of other UCs and organising a curriculum review teams for each UC.

Five, to bridge the gap between UC students and the external community. We would like to do so through the acquisitions committee, Integrand which is a platform for internships, we can promote it, students can share past experiences and basic information, contacts etcetera.

And finally, organising Job fairs where alumni and others come to share their work and relevant past experiences.

8. Social board goals

Alexandra Deffner (EB) : The social committee goals are based upon the discussions during our meetings. I will also mention how those are linked to the EB goals. We would like to bring the further away UCs connect and create inclusivity. We would like to encourage all UCs to host events, even yahoo that are further away. We would like to continue with the buddy system, to allow more events to be created at smaller UCs. redefine the function task of the SC to reach its potential, we would like to reevaluate the functions and tasks, and know what our priorities are. We would like to hold meetings based on topics of the functionality of the SC and interact between EB, UCs and SC. we would like to improve the communication between those as well. The uCs should know what the UCSRN stands for and what its goals are. We would like to be a platform for communication, and encourage students to organise more events. The next goal is to raise awareness of the UCSRN, that would promote SC members at their own UCs, the presence of the UCSRN at more events, so people know how to get engaged and involved as we would like more members to join events. As mentioned those are preliminary and they will be adjusted by taking feedback into consideration.

9. Academic board goals

Eshwari Ramsali (EB): The Academic Committee goals are to use the UCSRN platform to exchange best practices. Every UC has their own set of strengths and weaknesses. We hope that by sharing our strengths, we can help UCs improve their weaknesses and as a result, strengthen one another and build a supportive community with all UC students in mind. Combining the expertise and network of each UC can, not only, help expand the UC community, but also provide more opportunities for our students.

To be a medium of support for both incoming as well as outgoing UC students. One of the ways to do this would be to expand the UC Database extensively. The UC Database is one of the greatest contributions that the Academic Committee can provide to the UC community. The database is a document that contains crucial information about each UC.

Examples of topics discussed in the document are curriculum structure, mental health support services, Master's transition, etc. The database will be available to all members of the UCSRN and can be used for reference. For outgoing students in particular, adding to the UC Database sections that specifically address Masters' programs, work opportunities,

internships and such experiences sorted by field and region, would be deeply beneficial to students to evaluate their decisions for life after UC. One thing could be establishing an acquisitions committee to get internships from communities and share these opportunities between each other. The round-table discussions and the database will support each other, in the sense that the database can be used as a tool during discussions and the information gathered from the discussions can be archived to the database. Another such means of support can be the UC Masters Sheet - a document that UC students can add to their masters' application signed by the Chairperson of the Dean Network and the Chairperson of the UCSRN EB, to enhance their profile.

To Increase involvement of UCs that are relatively further away. We want to encourage UCs to contribute and participate as well by, for instance, hosting events or promoting existing events. Many UCs already have events that could be useful for students at other UCs and promoting those events nation-wide offers all UC students more options. For instance, the Master's week at a certain UC might be more appealing to the interests of a student at another UC and by opening and promoting it to all UCs, we can help students explore and pursue a wider range of opportunities. Additionally, the AC would like to build a network that connects UC students through established platforms, such as LinkedIn. An addition would be to enhance the use of the UCSRN Facebook page for informal communication between UC students as we want to build a space where students can get to know each other and share their experiences.

And finally, to evaluate budget proposals for academic events and provide support where necessary and justified. The AC has a budget allocated to help provide funding and sponsorship to events organized by UC students throughout the Netherlands. This will also be done in collaboration with the UCSRN Treasurer 2020-2021 (Renzo Besseling). We hope to be able to fund as many academic events as financially feasible. We would also like to help organize inter-UC events such as moot courts, MUNs and career events as a way to also increase involvement of and between UCs.

Q6. Manuel Ntsoumou (UCM) : *I was wondering about the dean network, what is the plan with that?*

A6. Eshwari Ramsali (EB): *There is no exact plan at the moment as I am not sure what the old AC was doing last year, but the dean network is a meeting between all deans of UCs that takes place every so often. We would like to ask their secretary or chair to sign the database or relevant documents to make them more valuable and recognized by external parties.*

Break

15 minute break. 15:27 - 15:40

10. External goals

Tiffanie Septier (EB): *Hi everyone welcome back. I will now present the external goals, their goal is to improve the UCSRN external visibility and uphold the partnership between UCs and externals, as they are valuable relationships. We would also like to look into the opportunity to create new partnerships and sponsorship to develop UCSRN further.*

We would like to look into a legal advisor as it would help us in the theoretical case, that if we have an issue they would already be knowledgeable about the way the UCSRN works, Ideally this would be done as pro bono work by a law firm, as many law firms like to do pro bono projects, and as the UCSRN is a big organisation it would be beneficial for them and us. Additionally, we would like to expand the UC community, there are two new UC's who are looking to join the UCSRN, these are UCFryslan and UCVenlo. We would love to accompany them and have them be part of the UCSRN.

Q7. Sophie Alice Grebner (IB): *It might not be my place to speak, but we should have a discussion about the membership fee, as I am involved in their politics and am taking courses there.*

A7.1. Tiffanie Septier (EB): *We have been made aware of that, the last external had a meeting with UCVenlo during which this was briefly discussed. But once they have signed the paperwork, we can look into the fee, this is a valid point and we will bring it up at another GA.*

A7.2. Julien Vandermosten (EB): *Furthermore, it will probably take up to a year for them to be properly assimilated, so it will be part of next year's budget. Additionally, the decision (to welcome these UCs and change the membership fee) will have to be approved by the GA.*

11. Budget

Renzo Besseling (EB): I will go over the budget and explain why and how we will be doing what we have included. If you have any questions please put them in the Q&A so I can decide if they should be addressed now or later.

I will first quickly discuss the incomes. Usually we work with 1000€ membership contributions for UC to keep their UCSRN membership, we wanted to keep this revenue the same, but as suggested by the 2019-2020 EB, we will give the members a 25% discount resulting in a membership fee of 750€, the difference will be bridged through money that will be taken out of the reserves. We will now move on to the expenses, they are made for a few general posts such as EB, acquiring and transitioning, bonding of all boards, core events, GAs, fixed costs and unforscene coasts, as visible on the slides. Now we'll go over the part of the budget we have allocated for each of those. For the executive board, there are 4 points to which the budget will go. External representation for business cards or small presents to partners and others alike. Internal representation which will be for promotion within the UCSRN, constitution drink gifts, COBO gifts, or for some win activity on our social media account to increase our following. We would also like to include board clothing as we think that it is important that the board is represented correctly when attending meetings internally and externally.

We also allocated 600€ for travel costs, which is the same as last year which they used up mostly as mentioned by the IB, but we believe that this is a good amount of money to put towards the EB's travel costs. We are aware that because of Corona there will not be as much traveling, but for example, we have all traveled to Amsterdam to host this GA together.

Q8. Ruben Beckx (UCM): *what does board clothing entail?*

A8. Renzo Besseling (EB): *We wanted to get a blazer to represent the UCSRN in a formal way to the external parties and a jumper for a more laid back informal representation internally.*

Q9. Julius Westerhoff (UCG): *Why are the board clothing funded by us?*

A9. Renzo Besseling (EB): *I think this is something that can be discussed after.*

Renzo Besseling (EB): The next expense is for acquiring and transition, every year the EB gets acquired and transitioned. This also takes into account the transition of the new EB as it was spent after the financial year had ended (1st of July). Last year a budget of 300€ was allocated for our transition, but we have only used roughly 60€. For the upcoming year we requested more budget as this year we had a transition that encompassed the absolute necessity of things, but we think that the next year would benefit from a greater budget during their transition for a more elaborate transition. The third post is about the transition of the IB which is offered by the LsVB, which is very useful and worthwhile for them and us. This involves a cost of a little over 100€ as it develops the UCSRN and the IB members individually. We expect that as we are subsidizing 100€ of their training each, we will assume that they will not mind covering the rest as this also serves as personal development.

Q10. Marco Segantini (RUC): *Why do clothing have to be paid by USCRN money?*

A10. Renzo Besseling (EB): *Will be discussed after, I ask that this question not be mentioned in the Q&A again as it will be reevaluated at the end.*

Renzo Besseling (EB): We wanted to put more money aside for bonding activities within the different boards of the UCSRN, so that there is social coherence, we have set this at 7.50€ per person. The previous years had a low budget for bonding and it was often not used, we hope that by increasing the budget we would motivate people to use the budget. Then the core events are the tournament and the spotlight. For the tournament we are setting aside 4000€ this year as it is usually done. For spotlight we have allocated 500€ as we think this is a substantial amount for hosting the spotlight allowing smaller UC's to also host core events without having too many extra costs, which is often their concern for hosting those events. Moving on, we have 4 funds as seen on the slide: The social event fund, the academic event fund the self-initiative fund and the travel fund. First I will discuss the SC and AC funds, they were initially set up at 1000€ but were raised by the GA to 1250€, but we think that with 1000€ it should cover all the events we would like to sponsor based on what has been spent last year. Furthermore, we increased the self-initiative fund to incentivize active students who want to connect to other UC's. The travel fund is put at 1000€ even though less has been used in the past year (300€-400€) as last year we improved that travel reimbursement system to make it more fair, we believe that it will be used more often as you get more money back the further you travel. we also improved the reimbursement policy which made it easier for people to join events.

Q11. Manuel Ntsoumou (UCM): *Will this be an addition to the funds or will this be the set amount that will be in the fund for this year?*

A11. Renzo Besseling (EB): *Every year the leftover money gets put into reserves, and this is money that we have put aside for this year.*

Q12. Ebbe Tim Ottens (UCTilburg): *Will the tournament be online?*

A12. Renzo Besseling (EB): *Currently the tournament would be preferably hosted in*

person, we have talked to the TOCO, they are looking into having a corona proof in person tournament.

Q13. Ruben Backx (UCM): *Are there any changes in the budget for the tournament from last year? If so why?*

A13. Renzo Besseling (EB): *No with the current situation we are approaching the plan in the same way as last year.*

Renzo Besseling (EB): *Moving on, this budget is set aside for the GA. We calculated with the assumptions that there will be 5 GAs this year, including expenses such as the zoom webinar and for in-person GA hand sanitizers and drinks and food. We have 4 fixed costs, the bank cost is budgeted within the same trend as last year, as per the advice of the AB we will look into the costs of the bank as they are pretty high and we would like to lower them, so we have more budget available for other things. The second point is the zoom pro account for the UCSRN. The main reason is for meetings with the EB as zoom seems to be the best option currently and for other board meetings such as AC and SC. This is also very professional towards external parties. The third fixed cost is for the website redesign, this is an invoice that was received in July so it falls within our budget. Finally, the last point is website hosting and the domain costs which is more or less below 60€ but usually changes a little bit every year, and that is where these are budgeted in. Lastly, the budget for unforeseen costs will only be used for budgets that we could not predict.*

Q14. Maaïke van t Spijker (UCR): *Is the zoom account both a fixed cost and fluctuating cost?*

A14. Renzo Besseling (EB): *Currently what we are looking at is getting an annual membership as it is cheaper than getting a monthly membership for the upcoming 9 months of our presence on the EB. SO this would be a fixed cost for the rest of the year.*

Q15. Marco Segantini (UCR): *My question is about the balance between the UCSRN committees (EB, SC and AC), it seems that it is a little off balance as the budget for spotlight is only 500€ whereas that of the EB is greater, although I see that bordining is important, could we rebalance this so more budget will be beneficial to more UCs?*

A15.1. Renzo Besseling (EB): *I am curious about what you would suggest. The cost of the EB is all focused on representing the 4500 students of the UCs and the image of the UCSRN. It may look as if it is going towards us, but it is actually going towards the image of the UCSRN and representing all students.*

A.15.2 Julien Vandermosten (EB): *Some of the money goes into gifts such as the COBO gifts, but we also include food and drinks. The distance also makes things more expensive, but it does make the experience better.*

Q16. Ebbe Tim Ottens (UCTilburg): *We have a few points. On clothing, clothing for informal and formal representation during Corona seems iffy to us as most of the representation is going to be online. How do you justify this cost?*

A16.1 Renzo Besseling (EB): *That's a good question, we are assuming that we will have in person events even though the Corona measure won't allow it at the moment. We are trying to have as much in person meeting with external as although zoom is an option, it is not ideal. We do think that it is important to have a clothing budget. Furthermore I would like to put the question up to the GA as if it has been asked multiple times already.*

A16.2. Julien Vandermosten (EB): *It's not going to be suits, as these were not as suitable to justify the cost. We are thinking of getting a jumper for more informal representation and formal blazer for external representation with the UCSRN logo. Also it is not going to be paid completely by the budget, we still have to pay it by ourselves and this adds exclusiveness to the board and could potentially cast out those that can't afford to spend more money.*

A16.3. Afra Peetoom (UCU): *I think that it is very reasonable for you guys to have board clothing so that people from all backgrounds can feel included. The 300€ are very reasonable. UCU supports this part of the budget.*

A16.4. Ruben Backx (UCM) : *I was going to say the same thing regarding the board clothing. It is very reasonable to get board clothing for a blazer and a hoodie.*

A16.5. Julien Vandermosten (EB): *Renzo and I were both part of the association last year, we tried not to spend money before the GA so that the GA would have the choice on whether or not they would like to find clothing for the board.*

A16.6. Ebbe Tim Ottens (UCTilburg): *I will be coming back to this point. The scientific consensus is that society will not be corona free and we will probably not be meeting in person. I would like to say that hence we do not think that the budget for board clothing is justified.*

A16.7. Julien Vandermosten: *I think it is a complicated situation but with preparation we can make events in person. Physicality is very important to get people together, and we want to always be open to everyone, we don't want to force zoom or in person events on anyone, so that is why we took everyone's considerations about the zoom meeting for this GA into consideration.*

A16.9. Manuel Ntsoumou (UCM): *Before we did the motion, why did we do the same here? The budgeting takes into account the whole year. We might not be able to have the tournament but it is better that it is already in the books. I also had a question but that might be for later.*

Q17. Julius Westerhoff (UCG): *To who will these pieces of clothing belong to, UCSRN or personal? I am sympathetic to the argument of including all board members.*

A17 Renzo: *Technically they will be our property as we will be paying part of the costs ourselves. This budget would only provide us with a lower individual fee for board clothing.*

Q18: Eva Douglas (UCG): *What would the board clothing be used for?*

A18. Renzo Besseling (EB): *We would be using the outfits to represent the students and what it brings you. We will represent students to internal and external, we want to show that we are here to represent students. And for externals it is important to show a united form and present ourselves properly.*

Motion raised by Ebbe Tim Ottens of UCTilburg: Suspend (delete) 300€ from the budget for board clothing.

Discussion on the motion

Q19. Ebbe Tim Ottens (UCTilburg) defending his motion: *The reason is UCTilburg, believes that as corona will be a big thing that board clothing will not lead to any additional benefits.*

Q20. Marco Segantini (UCR): *If we want to propose an amendment to the motion, can we do that?*

A20. Julien Vandermosten: *We will discuss the motion, but you can amend it now and then*

we can discuss it and vote on it.

Q21. Manuel Ntsoumou (UCM): *We (UCM) would like to defend the decision of the EB as we think it is something important for meetings and is something that we can give to the EB for the work that they are doing.*

Q22. Eva Douglas (UCG): *During our GA's of previous year and during this GA, members have been asking us where the money they give to the UCSRN goes. We would like to have a document that explains what the UCs get out of being a part of the UCSRN. I do understand that you have to be represented correctly but where do you represent us?*

A22.1 Julien Vandermosten: *Every opinion is important.*

A.22.2 Tiffanie Septier: *It's a valid question, the 2 different representations, one is official we are confident partners with ISO and LSVB, every meeting that we have with them they wear suits and ties and that is what is expected of us. But for other representations such as with Uni-life and other companies, we can wear our hoodies and represent everyone correctly and show a united front as we represent the 4500 students of UCs.*

A22.3 Eva Douglas (UCG): *I understand the outfit part, I was more wondering if you have those meetings, what do we get out of it?*

A22.4 Julien Vandermosten (EB): *It is also an internal representation at Cobos, inter UC events, etc. what you get from externals, it would be a question with a long answer.*

A22.5 Renzo Besseling (EB): *There are a lot of things that we as UCSRN stand for especially for students. We as students are part of organisations that have an influence on the Dutch political environment especially representing students, such as during coalition Y.*

A22.6: Eva Douglas (UCG): *Can the EB make documents for the UCG GA? In regards to how the money is spent on representation?*

A22.7 Julien Vandermosten (EB): *Yes definitely, I think in the PM there will be a weekly update of the budget, and there will be the same for external. As for the SC and AC as you have representatives there, you may be aware of what happens then.*

Q23: Bram Mak (AUC): *I was wondering what the allocated amount of budget for the clothing budget was last year?*

A23. Julien Vandermosten (EB): *Renzo tells me that 360€ was spent, we reduced it by 60€.*

Q24 Bram Mak (AUC): *for the blazer what is the proportion that gets sponsored and what does not?*

A24. Eshwari Ramsali (EB): *This is a floating task that I took over, between 30 and 40% of both items will be reimbursed by the UCSRN from the research I have done. We will therefore be paying 70 to 60% of the clothing items.*

Q25. Ruben Backx (UCM): *I would like to speak against this motion, I understand the concern from Ebbe Tim. In the meetings it is important to have the professional image and that is why reimbursing $\frac{1}{3}$ is very reasonable. I once again want to speak against it.*

A25.1. Julien Vandermosten (EB): *Thank you for your opinion.*

A25.2. Ebbe Tim Ottens(UCTilburg): *We do not believe that everyone needs to wear the exact same suit to seem professional. If you can't wear them because they don't have matching logos, we don't understand its justification.*

A25.3 Julien Vandermosten (EB): *Thank you, it is not a suit it's a jumper and blazer.*

Q26. Julius Westerhoff (UCG): *I just want to ask where are you getting these expensive suits from? I paid 65 euros for my suits for my board.*

A26.1. Eshwari Ramsali (EB): The blazer is not what we anticipated to be more expensive, it is the printing of the hoodie. No printing shop has our logo in their system, we therefore need to pay for the presence of our logo in their database, so that is ultimately what we would be paying for, in addition to the printing.

A26.2. Julien Vandermosten (EB): If you have the addressee we would definitely take it. We are not looking to buy luxurious items, just something that looks good and presentable.

Q27. Julien van de Graaf (UCR): I totally get that blazers seem professional. But would it not make sense to reallocate the money for the jumpers to the blazers.

A27.1. Renzo Besseling (EB): That's a valid point, how we saw it was looking at the clothing budget as a total budget, if you would prefer us to put all the money of the UCSRN towards balzers, we can therefore pay for the sweaters ourselves.

A27.2. Julien Vandermosten (EB): We saw the sweaters as being more approachable at GAs and the UCSRN tournament than the suits.

Ebbe Tim Ottens (UCTilburg): Vote to remove the budget allocated for the board clothing from the budget 2020/2021.

Members in favor: 14

Members against: 18

Member abstaining: 3

This motion has failed.

Renzo Besseling (EB): We would like to answer the question in the chat.

Q28. Afra Peetoom (UCU): Why is there a difference of 3000 euros between income and expenses?

A28.1. Renzo Besseling (EB): This will be elaborated on in the next slide. The biggest part of this expansion was for the reservations of giving the membership a discount. We are also taking money from our reserves as last year a lot of money was used. The EB believes that having 5000€ for unexpected costs is more than enough, and we would like to bring some budget into the GA. We can discuss what we would like to reserve this money for later in the GA.

A28.2. Afra Peetoom (UCU): I am a little bit confused. The membership discount is that income you still get?

A28.3. Renzo Besseling (EB): no the income is 6700€ and the 2250€ was money received last year which was used towards the difference towards the difference of membership reservations.

Q29. Eva Douglas (UCG): How will the travel reimbursement be distributed?

A29. Renzo Besseling (EB): I will copy paste a link, it will show how money will be received depending on where you travel to and from. If it becomes empty we can decide to increase the budget at a GA, hopefully this will not happen.

Q30. Ebbe Tim Ottens (UCTilburg): UCTilburg offers a free zoom pro license.

A30.1. Renzo Besseling (EB): The UC of the EB members do not do that, UCT does not advise you to use it too much, but we can see that as a board we will use it responsibly. Even if you would like to share your zoom pro account we would like to have our own official one.

A30.2. Ebbe Tim Ottens (UCTilburg): If I understand correctly one of you has a zoom pro

account but you don't want to use it for privacy reasons?

A30.3. Renzo Besseling (EB): No, none of the EB members have access to a free zoom pro.

A30.4. Julien Vandermosten: We have asked relatives but it would make it easier as the EB, AC and SC need it for meetings, it is a professional tool that we need such as webinar for GAs, assemblies, forums etcetera.

Q31. Giulia Kobia (LUC): Where and when would you use the hoodies?

A31. Renzo Besseling (EB): We would wear our hoodies to informal UCSRN events or meetups in informal settings. Hopefully I have answered that question.

Q32. Manuel Ntsoumou (UCM): UCM has a zoom pro account, and maybe a zoom account could be created under one of the universities?

A32. Renzo Besseling (EB): That is not something that we have looked into, but if you could look into then we would gladly use it as it would provide us with more budget for other things.

Q33. Ebbe Tim Ottens (UCTilburg): Here I am again. So, I made a comment about the tournament being offline. But the thing is that 4000€ is a huge amount of money. What is happening with that money if the Tournament is online? Maybe the money can be used for events at smaller UC's.

A33.1. Renzo Besseling (EB): If the tournament does not happen we will with the GA decide where the money goes, we may decide to host more smaller events. We believe that there still is a possibility to host tournaments offline even though we consider the covid possibilities.

A33.2. Julien Vandermosten (EB): The tournament brings together everyone to play and compete. The 4000 makes more sense than ever as a corona proof tournament will need more money, as the UC is so important to the UCSRN.

A33.3. Ebbe tim Ottens (UCTilburg): I hear what you are saying being optimistic about the UCSRN to be offline, people are excluded from this event, as it is a long way away, so many things would make it easier for other UCs to make it there. A bigger problem that is in the UCSRN, it is not really the climax of seeing each other once a year at the tournament. We would like smaller events to be more funded so that everyone feels included.

A33.4. Julien Vandermosten (EB): We try and give smaller UC's the chance to host bigger events. And smaller events are as important as the bigger events and that is why we added 500 euros for the self-initiative fund.

A33.5. Ebbe Tim (UCTilburg): 4000€ out of 11000€ budget does not seem important, it's a nice gesture, but it does not look like it will solve anything.

A33.6. Renzo Besseling (EB): Other people might add to this as well.

A33.7. Freya Peers (EUC): we had the first soccer match between EUC and LUC, we would also like to have more money allocated to the smaller events as these really connect UCs a lot more and would help bridge the problem of segmentation of the UCs, over the big tournament.

A33.8. Ruben Backx (UCM): It would be nice if there would be more smaller events, it is true that the tournament is the big event for the UCSRN it would be nice to have more reach to the UCs that are further away. We would like more money to be allocated to smaller events.

A33.9. Afra Peetoom (UCU): I think we from UCU agree that smaller events are great but money should not be taken away from the tournament. And it is important that for the tournament to happen safely it is important to not take away the money from the tournament.

A33.10. Ebbe Tim Ottens (UCTilburg): 4000€ is a lot of money for one event especially if

geographically it excludes some UCs more than others. We either scale down the tournament or we create something that would make it more inclusive.

A33.11. Manuel Ntsoumou (UCM): I just wanna add something, I agree with the idea that we should also have more emphasis on the smaller events. Something that we need to take into account that these smaller events should happen everywhere, and that the money is allocated equally such that all the UC's can take part in it.

A33.12. Julien Vandermosten (EB): Our budget is based on last year's budget. We are all for funding these events, but if they are not suggested or brought up to the AUC and SC then we cannot fund them. As last year 0€ of the budget allocated for those smaller events were used.

A33.13 Bram Mak (AUC): I actually wanted to ask about last year's expenditures. No one is against the grass root events. The more events the better, if the budget is already underspend there is no point in increasing the budget there is no point in increasing it.

A33.14. Manuel Ntsoumou (UCM): the UCs are not all the same distance (response to comment in the chat)

A33.15. Renzo Besseling (EB): Last year we allocated 1250€ to both Social and Academic events, but only 500€ of the social events was used, also only 340€ of the travel funds was used last year, on top of that none of the self-initiative budget was used last year. Going 2 years back, the event fund was much bigger as it was not divided into smaller event funds (SC, AC and self-initiative) 4500€ was for the tournament and 5000€ was allocated to other events, only 3000€ were used. So I want to press the point that we are all in favour of organising small events and bringing UCs together, but we have money set aside for this and it is then up to the UCs to use the fund, it would be useless for us to take money away from the UCSRN tournament only to have more money be left over at the end of the year.

A.33.16. Julien Vandermosten (EB): We think that that is the most realistic cost for the months to come, but there will be a budget GA later in the year, so if a lot of events are suggested then we can change the budget then.

A33.17. Ebbe Tim Ottens (UCTilburg): I would like to raise a motion that a 1000€ of the tournament fund gets allocated to the self-initiative fund. I would also like to clarify the term of grass root movement refers to something than something that already existed. I was at the hague with a representative of LUC and we were thinking about organising an event together. This is the type of grass root event I am talking about. I think that we could come up with all those small initiatives, and we should not limit it to just the UCSRN tournament. This is why I have raised the previously mentioned motion.

A33.18. Julien Vandermosten (EB): Don't forget that there is a lot of room to grow from last year for being more creative.

A33.19. Eshwari Ramsali (EB): We are all on the same side here, if you think that having smaller more smaller events and allocating more money to it, then we are all for it but I want the GA to know that the AC and SC funding was not spent not only to corona but many proposals came in and none of them were inclusive enough for all UCs and this is why they were not allocated budgets. If grass root events are what you want, then we need proposals. Furthermore the USCRN tournament is a historical event that has taken place and has linked all the UCs in the past year which is why so much money is allocated to it.

Motion: decrease the UCSRN tournament fund from 4000€ to 3000€ and allocate the 1000€ budget to the student initiative events.

Q34 Bram Mak (AUC): I would like to ask anyone who is involved with the organization with the tournament to talk about how this would affect the logistics? Additionally, there will be most probably also potential to accommodate for travel of smaller UC's to the tournament. If there is a history of underspending than it might not make sense to allocate more budget.

A34.1. Valentina Esconjauregui (UCU): I agree with the sentiment of the motion. I think it would be great to have smaller events but it does seem that asking to move 1000€ from such a big event is quite a lot. Would it be possible to move a more reasonable amount so that the bigger UCSRN event may take place properly.

A34.2: Afra Peetoom (UCU): I agree with Valentina and Bram. Not only do I agree that the 4000€ is a good amount for the tournament and that it might not be a good idea to decrease it due to the importance of the tournament for the UCSRN. The problem is not the events but the promotion at the UC's itself done by the UC's such would help more in the long scale.

A34.3. Belle Boss (UCM): suggests an ad hoc motion to change the amount from 1000€ to 500€ as the budget that is in the self-initiative budget is already substantial.

A34.4 Renzo Besseling (EB): we still have 900€ to be determined by the GA, we were thinking of allocating it to the savings, but if the GA wants to spend money, we can allocate funds from that.

A34.5. Maurits Jurgens (AB): It is good that UCs try to organise events, but students from other UCs also need to attend. And the UCSRN tournament is one of the biggest events where all UCs come together.

A34.6. Julien Vandermosten (EB): Thanks for the enthusiasm in the chat but please raise your hand if you want to speak up so that everyone can participate.

Q35. Bram Mak (AUC): Is anybody involved in the logistics of the tournament?

A35. Renzo Besseling (EB): I have been involved in setting up the committee initially, but I was quite quickly not involved anymore. Last year the TOCO sent an extensive budget break down, they budgeted 25000€ for the UCSRN tournament and the USCRN is only sponsoring 4000€ and 16000€ would come from participation fees (tickets from spectators or sleeping over). The programme of UCT also sponsored 3000€ and the student association of Atlantis sponsored about 1000€. So that is the budget of the tournament of the coming year, I am also aware that they have a quite extensive acquisitions fund, and any of the budget reduction they receive goes towards decreasing the price of the tickets to attend the tournament.

Q36. Ebbe Tim (UCTilburg): I would like to remove the motion to move 1000€ out of the UCSRN tournament fund to the self-initiative fund in favour of the ad hoc motion to reduce the changed amount to 500€.

A36. Alexander de Ranitz (UCT): I'm not in favour of this motion as the tournament is one of our most important activities, if we lowered the cost that could lead to an increase in ticket price which could lead to less people being interested in attending the tournament as the fees are higher. It would be unrealistic for a self-initiative budget to increase this much as much of the budget last year was not used, and we should be careful not to put too much money that would not be used.

Q37. Eleni Syriopoulos (UCG): What have the actual costs been for the past UCSRN tournament, including participation costs. What is the total cost that they have actually paid?

A37.1. Renzo Besseling (EB): I can look back at how much LUC spent two years ago. But last year there was no tournament so we don't have a budget for that. I would have to go back into the archive so I unfortunately cannot provide you with an answer right now.

A37.2. Eshwari Ramsali (EB): If the GA believes that reallocating the funds is what would benefit the UCs and UCSRN, but do so with the knowledge that you have to come up with these initiatives to use this fund so it benefits all the UCs.

Q38. Ebbe Tim Ottens (UCTilburg): As a closing statement, we are just going to add that 500€ to a 25000€ budget is not a lot, but a 500€ increase to a 500€ budget will make a

difference, its essential for the UCSRN to become more connected, for smaller UCs to still connect. And I believe that there are enough initiatives for the self-initiative fund.

Q39. Ruben Backx (UCM): *We don't want to take money from such an important event, would it be possible to take the 500€ from the 900€ reserves that were to be allocated a function by the GA?*

A39. Renzo Besseling (EB): *As the money would be put aside to be decided by the GA this is possible. The main purpose was to discuss the reserved money with the committees and GA and then allocate it accordingly for the future instead of spending it this year. But if it is needed this year then we can use it.*

Motion Belle Boss (UCM): *Remove 500€ from the UCSRN tournament budget which would go from 4000€ to 3500€, and inject it into the self-initiative fund that would go from 500€ to 1000€*

In favor: 18

Against: 17

Abstention: 6

Motion has passed, the UCSRN tournament budget has been changed to 3500€ and the self-initiative budget has increased to 1000€

Q40. Marco Segantini (UCR): *I propose the motion that we take 250€ of budget left for GA and inject it in the spotlight budget as the spotlight and tournament budget is uneven, even if the tournament needs more budget, but spotlight is also a big event and could become a bigger event if all UCs were involved, and I think that increasing that budget would make this happen.*

A40.1. Renzo Besseling (EB): *Good suggestion, this could first be discussed by the social committee and academic committee and let them decide upon this and all the possible options, and present it at the next GA so we can make sure that all options are explored..*

A40.2. Marco Segantini (UCR): *I think that this is completely fair.*

Julien Vandermosten (EB): *If there are no more questions we would like to vote on the budget.*

Renzo Besseling (EB): *to recap what has changed, you will be voting on the changed budget plan in which the UCSRN Tournament will obtain 3500€ and the remaining 500€ will be added to the self-initiative fund for a total of 1000€ in the self-initiative fund.*

Julien Vandermosten (EB): *Would anyone like to vote on the budget?*

a. Vote

The new budget has been passed by acclamation.

12. Open floor (AOBs)

Julien Vanderosten (EB): *This is the open floor, if you would like to raise anything then now*

is the moment.

Q41. Eva Douglas (UCG): *I would like to discuss the reimbursement of travelling for the University Colleges.*

A41.1. Julien Vandermosten (EB): *It is possible, could you please provide more context.*

A41.2. Eva Douglas (UCG): *I just took a look at the reimbursement website and i don't think it is fair for the further UCs, for example we would have to pay 40€ to go to LUC and back, whereas a student from EUC would only have to pay less than 8€. That is quite a big difference, would there be a possibility to change this plan? Because this is one of the reasons that we at my UC don't attend events often.*

A41.3. Julien Vandermosten (EB): *There is a way, but it is a very hard discussion. Unless someone already has an idea, it would be best if we prepared it and sent it out for feedback for the next GA.*

A41.4. Freya Peers (EUC): *I have a question for Eva, I think it's fair that UCs that are further away receive better refunds, but how would that work as every event would be in different places?*

A41.5. Eldi van Wyk (IB): *I was a board member so I was in the GA last year about the reimbursement GA. This is based on the traveling distance (a train line distance) and before that it was just 5€ for everyone and 3€ for any one way trip. At that time we thought it was a fair distribution, as it allowed group tickets and discounts to be used and most of it would be reimbursed in that manner.*

A41.6. Julien Vandermosten (EB): *This needs quite some thought into it. But as people are leaving voting on things from now may not be valid as we would not meet the requirements for voting. It would be best if we created a plan outside of the GA, present it to the SC and AC and present it at a next GA.*

A41.7. Manuel Ntsoumou (UCG): *I suggest that EB could host a focus group hosted by the AC or SC open for all UCs. The best would be to move the discussion to the next GA with a plan that could be presented from somebody from another UC.*

A41.8. Julien Vandermosten (EB): *Thank you Manuel, we could indeed have a focus group for this.*

Q42. Julien van de Graaf (UCR): *About the budget Ga in general. Was it possible for you to detail the budget proposal for the upcoming year? Basically explaining what you have done during the GA, having that document beforehand might make the GA more efficient and easier as it would leave more room for discussion rather than explanation.*

A42. Julien Vandermosten (EB): *We tried to do everything following the policy manual, we thought that it would be useful but we only thought about it this morning. Furthermore, there will be updates on the budget every 6 weeks, and the second budget GA will be much easier. It is something that we will make sure to transition the next EB about.*

Q43. Maxine Verhelst (LUC): *I had a point not related to this. So we heard that the ToCo foundation was made by the Tournament Committee of Twente. What does this mean to the other UC's as not all UC's were okay with the creation of the foundation?*

A43.1. Renzo Besseling (EB): *That's a fair concern, we are aware of it. We requested the ToCo to give us an update on how this will be used. Also the ToCo by approval of the GA founded the foundation for at least the upcoming year and the potential to extend it to upcoming years. If you have any more questions about it, you may communicate with the ToCo. would you also like the ToCo to join the next GA so they can elaborate more on this?*

A43.2. Maxine Verhelst (LUC): *Yes i think that would be good.*

Q44. Zoe Reining (UCG): *I have a small suggestion when I was reading the financial report*

the next treasurer was referred to as a "him", I would suggest that next time gender neutral pronouns could be used.

A44. Julien Vandermosten (EB): *Definitely!*

Q45. Ebbe Tim Ottens (UCTilburg): *There are no minutes available from the last GA.*

A45.1. Julien Vandermosten (EB): *That is true. I explained this in the email, as the minutes are not done yet and sent an email at 7 am this morning explaining that the parent board was in charge of the minutes, explaining the what and why. You can look at the email and look at the letter of apology.*

A45.2. Ebbe Tim Ottens (UCTilburg): *Does it not go against the statutes?*

A45.3. Julien Vandermosten (EB): *We will do our best so that this will not happen again.*

Q46. Freya Peers (EUC): *Is there already a venue chosen for the spotlight event?*

A46. Julien Vandermosten (EB): *No it will be discussed in the SC meeting soon, once that has been decided it will be voted upon and will be announced.*

Julien Vandermosten (EB): *If no one has anymore questions, we will draw this Ga to a close. Thanks for the feedback, and input during this GA, hopefully we will have a GA in person next time. Thank you to the AB, IB our minute takers and members of the GA. Goodbye everyone.*

Closing of the GA