



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

06th of February
Zoom
13:00 (Walk-in starts at 12:30)

Election General Assembly Agenda

1. Welcome
2. Approval of GA Agenda
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 - a. Vote
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 - i. Vote

Break

13. Travel reimbursement policy
 - a. Vote
14. Budget
 - a. Vote
15. Open Floor (AOB's)

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Attendance of the General Assembly:

AUC 3 members attended (0 proxy)
EUC 2 members attended (0 proxy)
LUC 3 members attended (0 proxy)
UCTilburg 1 members attended (1 proxy)
UCG 4 members attended (2 proxy)
UCM 5 members attended (0 proxy)
UCR 3 members attended (0 proxy)
UCT 7 members attended (0 proxy)
UCU 2 members attended (0 proxy)

Total of votes: 33

1. Welcome

Julien Vandermosten (EB): Hi everyone and welcome. We are going to start now. Thank you all for coming. I hope you are all as excited as we are to go through these topics. As you can see we have a busy agenda. I want to clarify the GA etiquette, please be respectful and listen to your peers. If you have questions, raise your hand, we will allow you to talk by unmuting you. Before talking please state your name and your UC for the minutes. When you leave the room let the IB know and when you come back sign back in as well please. This is important as we have to know who is in and since we are voting by poll now we need everyone who is present to vote. So if you are leaving for more than a few minutes please leave the zoom and rejoin when you are back. You all know how motions work, but if you want to raise a motion do so and indicate what and why you are raising, then we can have an open floor to discuss to see if the motion passed or not, during which the IB will count the votes, and we will give you the results. Let me check the chat. For the proxies, we will have 2 polls, one where we ask everyone to vote and in the second vote it will be for the proxies to vote. Please do not vote for the second polls. These polls are enumerated by a number, and not by a name. We will announce which motion refers to which number. Is that clear?

2. Approval of the GA Agenda

Julien Vandermosten (EB): I will ask if anyone wants to vote and if you would like to then we will have a vote, if you do not feel the need to vote then we will pass it by acclamation. We will present the minutes of the last 2 GAs as we have received the previous board's GA. Tiffanie will then give the external update, Alex will give the SOCO update and Esh will give the AC update. We will then talk about Esh leaving, we will discharge her and talk about her replacement. Following that, we will give you updates on the spotlight and the tournament, we will then let the IB present the first semester audit. Tiffanie will then present the possible participation of UC Venlo, and we will present the Policy manual changes. We will then have a 15 minute break, followed by the travel reimbursement policy and budget presented by Renzo and finally, the open floor and that will conclude the GA. It is packed but if all goes well it will go quickly.

Q1. Ebbe-Time (UCTilburg): *Will we discuss the matter of the missing money during the GA?*

A1.1. Julien (EB): *There was an update in the financial update and Renzo will give you the information in the budget update.*

A1.2. Ebbe-Tim (UCTilburg): *We will not be available till then but will read it in the minutes then.*

Julien (EB): Are there any other questions or remarks about the agenda? (NO) just to mention, attendees can't remain themselves, but it makes it clearer if your name and UC are there, so if you can send Esh how you would like to be named, Name & UC and she will change it.

Esh (EB): Could you send it to me directly? It will make it easier.

Julien (EB): You can send it to all panelists if you can't do private messages. We will proceed to see if anyone wants to vote on the agenda. Does anyone want to vote on the agenda?

a. Vote

The agenda was approved by acclamation.

3. Minutes of previous GAs

Q2. Daimy (UCR): *In the minutes of the last GA in question 10 it says RUC instead of UCR, could that be changed?*

A2. Julien (EB): *We will first go over the election GA minutes and will wait if there are any questions and if not we will proceed to voting. Let's proceed to the voting of the GA minutes of the 06th June 2020.*

Julien (EB): *If there is anything other than Daimy's request please bring it up. As nothing has been brought up we will proceed to voting on the 19th September 2020 minutes.*

a. Vote

The 06.06.2020 minutes were passed by acclamation.

b. Vote

The 19.09.2020 minutes were passed by acclamation.

4. External updates

Tiffanie (EB): *Hi everyone, thank you for coming. My name is Tiffanie and I am the UCSRN external. Here is a little update of what has been done so far in the area of external affairs.*

Firstly, I have been in contact with our two potential new members. The Student associations of UC Venlo and UC Fryslan. Concerning UC Venlo we have met up and discussed the next steps for them becoming members of the UCSRN. They seemed enthusiastic in joining and were even interested in joining for the last half of the year. They had one concern however and that was around the membership fee.

I discussed this with their treasurer and she told me that since they are a small student association of about 200 students the 1000 euros membership fee was above their budget. We discussed what their benchmark would be and they were thinking of an 800 euros membership fee. As you probably saw this has been added as a discussion point further on the agenda so the GA can discuss this later on.

About UCF's student association, the meeting with the representatives of their student association is next Wednesday. However, as they are also relatively new and small associations I think that they will have similar concerns about the membership fee.

Secondly, concerning our external partners here are the three main points. Concerning Interstedelijk Students Overleg during meetings with them it has been a sharing of knowledge amongst others on the themes of organizing events in times of corona, improving student well being etc They are also a strong established platform and as discussed with the

Academic Committee chair I will bring up the topic of online proctoring and the documents that the Academic Committee has been working on during a next meeting and see what possibilities they have to endorse the project as there are other covenant partners who are also working on similar topics.

Furthermore, on the topic of ISO at the last meeting with them board remuneration was brought up. There are funds that are available to financially compensate board members and there is a possibility that our different student association board members could be paid for their work. I contacted DUO about this on recommendation of the Chair of ISO and am still waiting on their response. I will keep you updated on how this develops but seeing how much time and work all board members put into running your student associations I hope this will be possible.

Concerning ECOLAS, I helped set up their project. It is a research project where they are gathering data on the main concerns that the young generation has. Seeing as a lot of our student members have opinions on current politics this is a platform where they will constructively be able to exchange them with other students from different backgrounds.

Lastly concerning Coalition Y, I have attended their meetings but I noticed that they were a little political at times. Seeing as we represent 4500 students who all have different political opinions and the main goal of the UCSRN is not a political one. I have taken a step back with that organization. I still attend meetings but I haven't spoken on behalf of the UCSRN at those meetings.

Thirdly, about communication and opportunities we have set up a newsletter. This has been our main focus for the start of the year ,specifically figuring out the logistics to make it sustainable and also allow for the future externals to keep the project going. I worked on finding internship opportunities for our students and try to get a steady flow of these in for our members. This has been successful and most future newsletter are going to include opportunities. Where internships are concerned I have managed to install a partnership with Impactify who specializes in finding internships for liberal arts and science students. They want to work with us and are going to start providing us with opportunities - they would also be interested in working with the UC's individually and expanding their team which is a great opportunity for us.

Concerning social media we have been a little quiet on these platforms till now but this is going to change. We are working on a social media plan to get our socials up and running again by advertising our opportunities , posting our newsletter, and with more events coming up this second semester such as spotlight, the tournament and other events proposed by SoCo and the AC this should be successful.

Last but not least, the acquisition committee has been set up. The UCs who wanted to participate have been invited to our first meeting which will be next Wednesday.

Q3. Manuel (UCM): *Congratulations that is a lot, it's great to see this. First I wanted to ask if there were any updates on getting a new legal advisor, I think it was also a plan to find a pro bono law firm.*

Tiffanie Septier (EB): *Yes, concerning the legal advisor I reached out to some people and we are currently looking at a pro bono opportunity which is a bit harder as most law firms would like to be paid for their work. We are still looking into who is best suited and wishes to work with us as we would like them to not only help us but also potentially the other member*

SA. I will keep looking into it.

Q4. Manuel (UCM): I had a second question, I wanted to know about DUO and ISO, what exactly are they working on?

A4. Tiffanie (EB): ISO is an organization that brings together several representatives of organisations and shares knowledge on for example how different members made events, corona proof etc and these meetings are held once a month where other work and projects by partners can be brought up. ISO can help bring these projects up through their network. And concerning payment for board members and DUO. During our last ISO meeting we discussed that most board members get paid for their work. This is only possible if the association meets certain criteria where the board members could obtain compensation and the chair of ISO redirected me to DUO whom I am waiting for a reply from.

Q5. Manuel (UCM): I was in contact with UCV, and they said they were planning on getting a start at the end of the semester to see what our activities are, how or will this be happening?

A5. Tiffanie (EB): So when we had a meeting with them, we discussed the membership fee as well as what the UCSRN is. UCVenlo is very interested in joining the UCSRN even half way through the year and Alexandra and I invited them to one event such that they could get an insight into being part of the UCSRN.

Q6. Manuel (UCM) : Last question, when are we to expect the membership fee discussion?

A6. Tiffanie (EB): The UCVenlo membership fee was added to the GA and will be discussed in the GA sometime before the Break.

Q7. Ebbe-Tim (UCTilburg): You say you have retracted from discussion from coalition Y due to politics?

A7. Tiffanie (EB): I have not spoken on behalf of the UCSRN on topics such as the student housing and the corona policies as I am not sure how I could represent all the opinions of all the UCSRN Students .

Q8. Ebbe Tim (UCTilburg): Alright, lastly, Coalition Y is a collaboration of 6 youth organisations, so it is inherently political. If we don't want to be political why are we in this coalition?

A8.1. Tiffanie (EB): That is an interesting point. As external I decided to not express any political opinion, But do you have any suggestions Ebbe-Tim on how I should proceed during these meetings?

A8.2. Ebbe-Tim (UCTilburg): There is a point, is the UCSRN political? If we don't want to be then we shouldn't be there. So we should either become political and I don't think they are very controversial, or we don't attend their meetings then.

A8.3. Tiffanie (EB): Thank you for your point, do we want to be political or not and where all the UCs could be included into the discussion and added to a next agenda or panel session as it is a topic of discussion.

A8.4. Ebbe time (UCTilburg): Do you see the contradiction there?

A8.5. Tiffanie (EB): Yes I do, which is why I decided not to actively participate in the meetings till now, the contract with Coalition Y was signed by my predecessor and there were some disagreements on why or what we should join last year. At the beginning of the year they were more student oriented and now they are at times more political, but I do not wish to make statements on behalf of the UCSRN that would represent what UC students want without consulting them so that is why I do not take part in the discussion.

A8.6. Ebbe-Tim (UCTilburg): No further questions.

A8.7. Renzo (EB): About coalition Y, at the first GA, it was brought up that people did not agree that the external signed what they were going to present to the parliament. Since then we have attended the meetings as it is a good platform with interesting opinions. This is what coalition Y is for us.

Q9. Jonathan (AB): 4 years ago when we started the external position was because we

wanted to be political, it is even in our statutes and name to represent the students. My question to you is that you don't feel comfortable participating as you can't express all of our opinions so what do you need from us to be able to do that?

A9.1. Tiffanie (EB): Thank you for your question. I understand the desire to be political. But I do think it would be a good idea to consult the students' opinions by having a focus group in advance which is not always easy as the agendas are not always given out in enough advance. But this could be worked on during the coming time and if there are UCs and UC members that are willing to help then I would really appreciate your input.

A9.2. Jonathan (AB): Sounds like a good idea. And have you thought about sending the students what their top 3 priorities have every few months or so?

A9.3. Tiffanie (EB): I have been in contact with ECOLAS, they have given me a survey to send out to the students to see what their main issues are and the data collected will allow for a clearer overview.

A9.4. Esh (EB): Something I would like to add is that the AC and the External have collaborated on online proctoring and Tiffanie will meet with ISO later this month. This includes the stance of the UCSRN on online proctoring. We are invariably political but that does come from a UC perspective.

Q10. Robi (UCT): Tiffanie, could you provide an example of how the student got political? As we talked about representing the student's interest which I think is important, could you explain how these discussions get political?

A10.1. Tiffanie (EB): So one of the points was housing and the price of housing, which in itself is not a political question. However, the discussion by certain participants showed a political orientation at times and hence I decided to listen instead of actively engage in it. I suppose that all students would like to have a lower rent of student housing, but during these discussions opinions became political and I decided to take a step back.

A10.2. Robin (UCT): thank you for your answer.

Julien (EB): Before the next question, we will begin to record the zoom so we can provide you accurate minutes. Don't forget to lower your hands when you have asked your question so we can see who still has a question.

Q11. Manual (UCM) : Would it be possible for you to share some of the things that you have talked about in these meetings with the members or the chairs of the member associations so we can relay them to the students? For the point about the survey I'm not sure too many surveys would be good, we don't want to spam the students, but it could be good to involve the chairs of the student associations more in these discussions, as this would represent the UCs better then.

A11.1. Tiffanie (EB): That's a very good idea. I had this discussion with ECOLAS as sometimes surveys can be spamming and that students might not have the time to. Hence we decided that there might be a possibility to have prizes for the students who filled out a survey and such that the outcome could help us find opinions that could be discussed with partners like ISO & coalition Y. I'll reach out to you later on, before the next coalition meeting. Just to add some partner meetings are in dutch so the minutes are also in dutch.

A11.2. Renzo (EB): I would like to add that last year the board was not allowed to share the manifest as it was brought to the parliament and I am sending a link to the manifest that was proposed to the parliament. It's in dutch but It should give you an insight into what was proposed.

Q12. Ebbe-Tim (UCTilburg): I think there is a fundamental point that we are missing. The UCSRN is more than just a representative of 5000 students; it is its own ideology with its own visions and ideas, according to the website. If we have to check what we represent each year we won't be able to become a big player in the national arena as an association.

So we should get an ideology, vision or idea that we discuss at the beginning of the year and then use that. It is impossible to constantly ask 5000 students their opinions each year and takes away from what we can achieve.

A12. Tiffanie Septier (EB): *Thank you for your point and I agree with it. And I do think that for future externals it could be a goal to meet up with the chairs of all the different associations to set up this vision at the start of the year. This is a project that I will look into for me and my successor. Are there any other questions?*

Julien (EB): Thank you Tiffanie for the update. We will move onto the next point that will be given by alexandra about the social committee.

5. Social Committee updates

Alex (EB): Hello, I will give you a brief update on the social committee, what we have been up to and what we are planning for the coming 5 months. On the slide you can see our goals that we set at the beginning of the year. And I will update you on what we have done.

We try to have biweekly meetings where we discuss the projects and have discussions on what happens at the UCs. We were also able to have board bondings. We have launched the UCSRN pen pals, which was inspired by an initiative of UCTilburg, thank you for that Ebbe-Tim. We were able to connect 126 students in a corona proof way and were able to match them up. I think most of you should have already received your pen pal. Some have met up in a safe way. We have been able to update and finish the committee database that will be uploaded to the website soon and be sure to share.

We are currently working on having 1 or 2 different brainstorming sessions on the social aspect of the UCs and association. We came up with 3 or 4 corona proof ideas that we are trying to implement and we hope that we'll be able to share these events with you soon. We are also working on the preparation for the spotlight with the EUC spotlight team, for which Freya will come in to give an update later. UCT is working very hard on setting up the tournament and will be helping with that and its promotions. What we are doing right now is working on ongoing projects and proposals. If you have questions please feel free to ask now.

Julien (EB): Thank you Alex that was very clear. If there are no questions we'll move on to the Academic committee update.

6. Academic committee updates

Esh (EB): Hello everyone, I will present the updates of the Academic Committee. To make it easier, I have put them in accordance with the goals we came up with for the first GA.

In line with the first goal, to use the platform to exchange best practices, we have had many discussions about online proctoring when discussing what an online discussion looked like in a pandemic at different UCs. Many representatives felt that there was a problem with online proctoring and we are writing an open letter that we will post on the UCSRN website and send out to the universities, as many students felt that there was an issue with the surveillance nature of it. We are doing 3 things. Writing an open letter, writing an email to the UC deans of the Netherlands (the dean network) in which we will ask them to discuss this in

their meeting. And in collaboration with Tiffanie we will discuss it with ISO during a meeting on February 18th. We also want to host a focus group about this issue, but I will not be taking this up but the next AC chair will.

Secondly, We also talked about the definition of honour and what it means to be an honours student and what its code should be defined as, we have discussed this with Tiffanie as well, to provide more support in our external role in ISO meetings. In regards to being a medium of support, we have been working on updating the UC database, we are halfway through, we only have 2 updates left to do. And we will then work on the UC mastersheet, where we are working with the representatives of EUC as they are also working on something similar, and together we will formulate a mastersheet that students can attach to their masters application.

Thirdly, we want to increase the involvement of UCs that are relatively further away. There is nothing particular we can do about it, but we keep it in mind when assessing budget proposals. We have received a budget proposal from AUC springboard, which we are almost done assessing, there were some technicalities to go over, but apart from that it was pretty well received and it really emphasizes the involvement of different UC, which is what we like about it, and we have received a proposal from TedxAUC. That is something that we haven't started discussing about it.

I think that's about it for now, but when we talk about my leaving we will talk about the future of the AC. If you have any questions feel free to ask.

Q13. Manuel (UCM): *How would you approach defining the honours? At Maastricht, UCM has been designated as an honours program, but I'm not sure how it works in other UCs. So how will you be approaching that?*

A13. Esh (EB): *Thank you for your question. The discussion is about different UCs and the way in which things are done and what you said is exactly what we discussed and found out, this is true for some and not for others. Some graduate with honours degrees and some do not so that is something that I passed on to the external.*

Q14. Manuel (UCM): *Last GA, where you gave your plans for the year, you mentioned that the secretary chair of the dean network will need to sign the database, are there any updates on that?*

A14. Esh (EB): *Yes so to give more context that is the mastersheet, which the last AC started working on. This document includes a description of what a Liberal Arts and Sciences education means at a UC and would be signed by the chair of the UCSRN, the Chairperson of the deans network and the academic committee of the individual's respective UC. It isn't part of the database itself, but would be a document to add to your master's application. As there were already many ongoing projects we decided to put this on the back burner until we were done updating the UC database. This could be added when applying to a master programme.*

Julien (EB): Thank you Esh, we don't have any more questions about AC updates, so we will move on to the next agenda point where Esh and Kayna will explain how they will be transitioning the AC.

7. AC Chair leaving

Esh (EB): Thank you Julien, as you all know I decided to step down from my position as AC chair. This boils down to the fact that I had signed up too much this year and was not able to give my 100% to all the things I committed to. And after being in the UCSRN for this many months, I feel that I am not able to give priority to myself and my education anymore. This does not take away from my passion and sincerity of working with the AC. And after many discussions with EB and my AB-Buddy I have come to this decision which was not an easy one to make.

Being in the academic committee has felt very fulfilling for me as I have really enjoyed it but I would also mention that I am a third year student and would like to graduate this summer. I have already informed the EB and the academic committee and much thoughts have been given to the consequences of my decision, especially for the AC as it is currently working on larger projects including updates to the database, discussing online proctoring, assessing budget proposals, working on the mastersheet and such it is crucial for me to work closely with the next person in transition.

And so i'm very happy and very glad to support Kayna who is our current secretary who will be taking over this position if the GA allows and I want to take this opportunity to inform you that i intend to remain working with the UCSRN for as long as there is a requirement and also with kayna in order to maintain continuity and consistency in the work of the AC itself. I also wanted to thank you, the GA, for giving me this incredible opportunity to work with the most committed people that i have ever met.

Kayna (EB): Hey I am Kayna, like Esh introduced me I am the UCSRN Secretary. Although I am sad to see Esh go, I am very pleased and honoured to have the opportunity of taking over the position of Academic committee chair, and help Esh in following what is best for her.

I have been working with Esh on my transition to chairing the academic committee and we will be staying in contact to ensure that the transition is as smooth as possible and to allow the academic committee to remain efficient. During my transition with Esh I have gotten to learn a lot about the academic board, their projects, which will soon become our projects, as well as what they hope to achieve during their time on the board.

And, even Though I have received great help from Esh, I still have my executive board behind me to help me achieve these AC goals and make sure that the Academic committee continues to thrive.

Furthermore, I promise that the duties you have elected me for, will continue to be fulfilled. I will continue to be the link of communication between the EB and the members and meet the expectations that both my board and the members expect from me.

Lastly, I would just like to thank Esh for all the hard work she has put into the academic committee and executive board. We will definitely miss her lively and friendly presence. I wish you all the best in your future journeys.

Julien (EB): Are there any questions?

a. Discharge of AC chair

Julien (EB): We are all very sad that Esh is leaving but we will move on to discharge her, as we need to discharge the whole board by the end of the year. But you have less liabilities we will discharge her now. Does anyone want to vote on her discharge, meaning that you would like to go against that.

Q15. Manuel (UCM): *Can this be voted by acclamation? Or do we need to vote.*

A15. Julien (EB): *It can be voted in by acclamation.*

Q16. Marik (AB): *I'm not sure that we should discharge this position until there is someone to fill it.*

A16.1. Julien (EB): *The GA can decide whether to appoint someone or not according to the statutes, so we can leave the position vacant.*

A16.2. Marik (AB): *Ok that's good to hear.*

Julien (EB): To repeat would someone like to vote on the discharge?

Renzo (EB): We are not charging Kayna as chair but we are discharging Esh and Kayna will be taking over most of the work.

Q17. Bram (AUC): *I am wondering if it seems that the position will be vacant till the end of the year or will you be looking for a new AC Chair?*

A17.1. Julien (EB): *No we will not, it will stay vacant until the election GA.*

A17.2. Bram (AUC): *Then why not charge Kayna for that position. If we aren't looking for that position then we are not in a transition position.*

A17.3. Julien (EB): *That makes sense, but there is no clause that goes against a person culminating 2 positions.*

A17.4. Renzo (EB): *The statutes state that if a board member decides to resign or end their board membership, then the GA needs to be updated and they can choose to fill or not fill the position. We can decide to have the responsibilities to be filled through the members.*

Q18. Marloes (UCT): *I was just wondering if we are not officially charging Kayna, can you guys as a board be held responsible for the tasks of the AC Chair?*

A18.1. Julien (EB): *Yes, we will all still be responsible as the EB, as it is a charge of the EB to take care of the AC. Does that make sense?*

A18.2. Marloes (UCT): *Yes, thank you.*

A18.3. Julien (EB): *It is tricky, it has been done 2 years ago where the secretary took up the position of the AC Chair and we thought we could do the same.*

Julien (EB): Does anyone want to vote on the discharge of Esh as AC chair. Seeing none the vote passes by acclamation. Thank you Esh, we hope that all goes well for you and we wish you all the best.

i. Vote

This vote passes by acclamation.

b. Vacant position

Q19. Robin (UCT): *How will this vote be reflected? What does it mean?*

A19. Julien (EB): *We have discharged Esh as AC Chair and we have left the position vacant. Sorry if that wasn't clear. We will now move onto the spotlight update.*

8. Spotlight update

Freya (EUC): Essentially, the theme for this year is "festival vibes" we are compiling an online event where we ask you guys to send us 2 submissions for the spotlight event in a variety of categories as indicated in the proposal. Through the submission we will make a compiled video that will be livestreamed and we will have interactive live elements from 2 hosts from EUC. We will also be doing a sort of competition element, and secret extras on the side. The winner of the spotlight will be sent a trophy and of course all the honour that comes with that for the respective UC. A lot more promotion will be coming in the coming days, this update was to get the spotlight on your radar and start promoting it to your members, to make it the best that it can be under those circumstances. If you have any questions, send them in the chat or send them to me personally.

Julien (EB): Thank you Freya for the update. It was very exciting. If there are no more questions we will move on to the tournament update.

9. Tournament update

Lukas (ToCo): We said last time that we would postpone the decision on having the physical or online event to January and looking at the current corona situation we think that there is no chance for us to do anything on campus so we will focus on shifting the tournament online like last year. We have a meeting on Thursday in which we will discuss what we will do. There is a group of new people interested in helping out, they will look into what is possible and what we will do in the online tournament. That's it.

Julien (EB): Thank you Lukas we are all very sad to hear this news, and we have a group working on this. I would like to add that as opposed to last year we'd not plan to have the next tournament at Twente it will be put up to vote next year. Are there any questions? I don't see any questions, so thank you again to Lukas for presenting the tournament update.

10. 2020-2021 first Semester Audit

Sophie (IB): Hello, you should have received an email with the audit a couple of days ago. We looked at 2 financial accounts from the 1st July 2020 to the 31st of December 2020 the bank statements and the receipts, only for the non fraudulent expenses. Renzo was kind enough to give us the needed documents, and we did the auditing. There were 3 main areas of spending. First the fraudulent spendings of 2166.49€, the bank costs differ each month and ING deducts them every month, adding up to 62.15€ from June to November, and the reason why we don't have December yet is because ING deducts the money 25 days after the month has ended, so that will be in the next audit. And there have been 72.60€ spent on the redesign of the website which has been started last academic year already. There are not a lot of areas of spending that we recognize are caused by the heavy restrictions

imposed by the virus.

We do have to point out that there have been no expenses for board clothing which we had approved last GA, and which we had decided to keep even for online meetings. Also, no spendings were made for the SC, AC, and self initiative funds, as well as committee boardings which we understand are due to the restrictions. We would like to highlight that we need to make use of the budget that is there and to suggest activities.

And lastly it is important to mention that if everything were to be spent according to the budget, it would make us need to dip into the savings, which has been discussed and planned for. The savings are around 5,000€ and that is everything from the IB and we would like to thank Renzo and Julien for their work and communication.

Julien (EB): Thank you to the IB for the work you have done. The letter can be found in the email sent out, are there any questions? Seeing none, we will then move on, thank you for your involvement IB. Moving onto the next point, which is UCVenlo, I will let Tiffanie take the floor.

11. UCVenlo

Tiffanie (EB): As discussed during the updates, I have been in contact with UCVenlo. They are interested in joining the UCSRN but they have some concerns with the membership fee. Keeping in mind that the full membership fee is 1000€ and even though there has been a corona discount this year, they have set a benchmark for what they can pay to around 800€, since they are a smaller student association and new member I would like to know how the GA feels about offering them to pay a lower fee for at least the first year, as this has been done previously for other newly joining UCs. So would the GA be in favor with letting them pay 800€ next year or is there a general consensus that they should also pay the full fee?

Q20. Robin (UCT): *What are the prospects for next year's fees?*

A20. Renzo (EB): *I would like to add something as well about the membership fee and new UCs joining. First I'll answer Robin in regard to next year's fees, at the first GA of the year the membership fees are set by the GA, usually the treasurer proposes a fee and the members decide to accept it or not accept it. And looking back at the past few years when smaller UCs and newer joined the organisation in 2015-2016, at that time I believed that 6 UCs were already part of the UCSRN and UCG and UCT signed up at that point, that year they also had a rule of thumb that big UCs paid 100% of the membership fees and smaller UCs paid 50% of the fee which in that year a full membership fee was 2500€. The year after that the fee got reduced. Also when UCTilburg signed up in or 2016-2017 or 2017-2018 their first year they also paid 50% of their membership fee. After they signed up, after the first year they managed to get their study to pay for the membership fee. Coming back to what Tiffanie said, UCVenlo's proposal says that they are willing to pay 800€ for the upcoming year, so how do we feel about this? Do we want to lower it, raise it?*

Q21. Manuel (UCM): *Would this mean that we would be making an exception for just one association? And that right now all associations are paying the same?*

A21. Renzo (EB): *Yes, right now all the associations are paying the same.*

Q22. Manuel (UCM): *Would it be possible to have a system on which the membership fee could be based upon, as 800€ is kind of an arbitrary number. For the future it would be nice to have a benchmark or something we can use.*

A22.1. Renzo (EB): *Are you suggesting a different membership fee system?*

A22.2. Manuel (UCM): Like Ruben mentioned, the first year can be a certain fee and then it gets changed for later years depending on what the circumstances are.

A22.3. Renzo (EB): It makes sense, I see that Robin also raised his hand.

Q23. Robin Ross(UCT): Thank you, I was wondering earlier on, Tiffanie you said that UCVenlo would join some of our events later in the year and I was hence wondering how many they would be joining and if they would have to pay for it. I can imagine that if they can participate in the tournament and the spotlight but not pay any fee for that and have a lowered fee next year, that may be unfair to the UCs that do pay. So how would you consider this in regards to fees and participation in events this year.

A23.1. Tiffanie (EB): Currently, I extended the invitation only to UCVenlo to try it out. Alexandra will decide which event they will be invited to and she will discuss this with the soco at the moment the invitation is only for 1 event so I don't know if it will be one of the bigger events or a smaller initiative set up by the SOCO. About the membership fees in general, I don't think that money should be a barrier preventing members from joining as one of the UCSRN's goals is to link all the UCs together, and if they can't pay fully in their first year then we could lower the fee. As Manuel said, I agree that it would be nice to establish a policy where we adjust the membership fee depending on the amount of students that take a part in the association, and that would be reflected in the membership fee. As some bigger UCs are paying 1000€ which is the same as UCs with a third of their student numbers, I think that that seems like a fair policy.

A23.2. Robin (UCT): Ok thank you, that makes sense.

A23.3. Renzo (EB): I would also like to add something from the treasurer's perspective. Money wise giving them a discount of 50% for the coming year. I would also have them have the discount this year, but proportional to the amount of time during which they would be members of the UCSRN. Meaning that if they were joining half way through they would pay a membership fee in relation to the time they will be part of the UCSRN. This could also be a good system that we extend to other UCs if they want to join.

Q23.4. Ruben (UCM): I think the 50% membership fee is a good idea. I think the issue for the smaller UCs is the membership fee, so having the 50% during their trial year is a good option to reduce the burden and allow them to experience what the UCSRN is, to allow them to find out if they are interested. This would be interesting both for us and potential UCs joining.

Q24. Olivier (LUC): If we are talking about changing the membership fees, results should also join. For instance if bigger UCs pay more what are we getting for paying more. The whole principle of the UCSRN is that we all come together as equals which is something that we have talked about in the SOCO, I myself have had proposals voted down because they were Randstad exclusive which is understandable. But if we are going to make bigger UCs pay more, what are we going to get out of it? Just because we have more purchasing power doesn't mean we should be paying more? So it swings both ways there.

A24. Tiffanie (EB): Thank you for your point, it is interesting, but just as a gentle reminder right now we are discussing if UCVenlo or other new UCs should be allowed a discounted fee when joining, we can have this general discussion at a potential panel session. On a side note, since the bigger UCs have more students which comes out cheaper per student than in smaller UCs like UCVenlo who would have each student pay 4€, they are entitled to the same events

Q25. Bart (UCG): We have been in touch with Frisland too, and they are also seriously interested but struggle with the fee as it is. A lower fee would be good for them. And to come back to Marik's proposal, coming from a smaller UC and having been around for a while, I think that in general I get your point but also voting power proportional to the contribution really defeats the purpose of the UCSRN. And I do think that based on how things go in the UCSRN there is already some sort of benefit for the Randstad UCs simply because they

are closer together and it makes events between them easier.

A25. Renzo (EB): *I would propose that we could take a different look at it and that we might discuss it at the open-floor or at another GA, and we should now focus on discussing UCV and potentially UCF.*

Q26. Manuel (UCM): *To address the issue raised by LUC, if we implement the system where there is a reduced fee in the first year I can see how this would create a problem where some UCs pay more than others to have access to the same association. It becomes a big question of where we draw the line, why would one UC be able to pay 800€ and a next 500€, so we should have a system where in the first year there is a certain percentage discount and then if they decide to stay the next year they pay the full fee. And as the UC will gradually grow they will eventually be able to pay the full fee.*

Q27. Julius (UCG): *Why doesn't the UCSRN just have a trial period where they pay less but also get less. So for example they get less votes at a GA, get less presentation, it may not be super fair, but it circumvents the problem. We could also rework the fee entirely but that's a discussion for later.*

A27.1. Renzo Besseling (EB): *To point out, in the end the aim of the UCSRN is to be a representative unit, and I get the point that if there is a discount or trial period they should have less benefits but in the end you exempt them to be a part of the UCSRN just from membership fee. A discount is fair to offer them, as the fee is a barrier when joining. Our main focus should be to get all the UCs to be members of the UCSRN to represent all the UCs.*

Julien (EB): Thank you Renzo, let's first conclude the UCVenlo point and we can discuss this in the open floor or at a panel session or the next GA.

Eldi (IB): It's okay for you guys to conclude so that we can move on with the GA. I just wanted to point out that if we want a new member UC to join, the potential member UC needs to send a proposal to the EB explaining how they would be able to pay for the membership fee in full, and then the GA decides. We can move on of course and then discuss it on the open floor. I just wanted the GA to know about this.

Julien (EB): Yes, and it needs to be approved by the whole GA, this was to get an idea of what the GA thinks about this so Tiffanie can help set up UCVenlo and we can conclude it at the next GA. It seems that there is a bit of consensus to reduce the membership for the first year, and Tiffanie will make a plan and work with them about making a plan and she will keep you guys updated on this. If there are no more questions we will move on to the PM changes.

12. Policy Manual Changes

Julien (EB): We had a panel session about the theft and discussed the policy manual changes and these can be seen on the slide. The transition clause 7.7 already exists and has been slightly adapted and changed, such that the EB must now also notify the AB of their transition plan. I do not know if everyone remembers, but these were in light of the theft that happened and in order to improve the future transitions and serve as a deterrent. As the theft was mostly due to the lack of transition of this year. Feel free to ask as many questions as possible and we will then vote to implement these in the Policy Manual.

Q28. Bart (UCG): *On the treasury clause I'm not sure if this fits under Dutch student association laws, because in principle a board member is never personally liable unless there is proof of misbehaviour. So I'm not sure what this clause really would have other than something that is not legally possible.*

A28.1. Julien (EB): We had initially drafted it out for gross negligence or malintent and have changed it during the panel session to this sentence on the slide. This clause will probably not constrict but will act as a reminder to the treasurer and their duties. Does that make sense?

A28.2. Bart (UCG): Not really, because then the claim that the treasurer will remain personally liable is a phrase with no meaning then, but discharging a board does not do anything for their legal liability. As it is written down right now, it says that the treasurer will be personally liable until the dismissal of the board, but under the Dutch association law the treasurer is never personally liable, period. So this phrase doesn't make sense under the legal context we are currently under.

A28.3. Julien (EB): Bram would you like to respond to that?

A28.4. Bram (AUC): I just wanted to remind everyone because I have learned 2 days ago that there will be a new law about associations and the responsibility of the board members, it will be in effect from June I think. Since the UCs share commonalities in their statutes it is something that will have to be changed. I would therefore advise the UCSRN EB to look into this and then finalise these clauses, I think you need to get the new legal context first. I don't see this as failure as this is not harsh criticism as it was news for me and other board members, it is a reminder for everyone and it is good to know.

A28.5. Renzo (EB): Thank you for sharing, could you maybe elaborate on what this means?

A28.6. Bram (AUC): Unfortunately I do not know yet and we still need to get legal advice. And maybe the UCSRN could look into it as the advice could be beneficial for all associations and could serve as a guideline for all the UCs and is an issue that is very relevant.

A28.7. Julien (EB): Thank you Bram, are there other opinions on this clause?

Q29. Maurits (AB): I have more of a question for the deregistering part of the former treasurer. Is there also maybe something included that the deregistering of the previous treasurer will be completed also when the previous treasurer has been removed from all the finances. So that the new treasurer has access to it but the old treasurer doesn't.

A29.1. Renzo (EB): It is not specifically written down in the clause, but me as being a treasurer I would read it in the sense that as soon as I could get deregistered I would. But that might be something that could be added.

Q30. Julien (EB): Thank you Maurits, maybe, since I was reading the minutes of the panel session, it would be nice for Manuel to elaborate as he brought up the treasurer point.

A30.1. Manuel (UCM): I did say that it should be included in the statutes. I am also having some concerns as the board membership is for one year so is it still coherent, and if I said it last time I made a mistake. I don't have the legal know-how to navigate the Dutch legal system.

A30.2 Julien Vandermosten (EB): Thank you, you proposed it but it was for the statutes so it joins Bart's point that it has not much point since the PM is internally binding. Obviously this clause does not do much but I think it's still better to have it there than not, but if the GA does not believe that we should have it then we won't add it.

A30.3. Manuel(UCM): I do remember that we wanted to put it in to remind future boards. But it could be put in the transition document. I had heard these concerns from other UCs.

A30.4. Julien (EB): Yes this was already a rule in the previous board, but it did not happen, so it was to ensure that there was more structure, something more binding. Could you find the article Bart? It could be very useful to see it.

A30.5. Renzo (EB): We could change the wording from that the treasurer is not personally liable but stays in their function until the transition has been completed. I also just looked up the point raised by Bram which is dependent on a change in statutes which will require another discussion.

A30.6. Julien (EB): Yes I think we will need to postpone the discussion.

A30.7. Eva (UCG): *I have someone with a legal background with me and he does say that it should be legal so I will get back to you in a bit.*

A30.8. Julien (EB): *Perfect. We will move on to the other clause then in the meantime. Are there any questions about the other clause then?*

Q31. Manuel (UCM): *Would this person be giving us legal advice?*

A31. Julien (EB): *No, I think this is just for clarification of the dutch law and how it would go against it, or not. So does anyone have any remarks about the second clause? Seeing that there are none we will proceed to voting on it then.*

a. Treasurer Clause

The treasurer Clause was not voted upon and the decision to include in the PM was postponed until more clarification is provided.

i. Vote

Skipped.

b. Transition Clause

Julien (EB): *Would anyone like to vote on the transition clause 7.7?*

Q32. Bart (UCG): *There's a typo, I'm assuming the second plan should be plans*

A32. Julien (EB): *Ok I will make the change.*

Q33. Maurits (AB): *Also make sure to be consistent with capitalisation.*

A33. Julien (EB): *I'm working on it.*

Sophie (IB): *If there are any changes to be made on the PM then we need to have a vote and we need at least 50% + 1 vote in favour to pass the vote.*

Q34. Ruben (UCM): *I wasn't sure if we had passed it or not since no one had voted on it.*

A34. Julien (EB): *We have not voted but Sophie can present the votes. Please make sure everyone votes.*

Sophie (IB): *I will now launch the first pole. As mentioned the first vote is for everyone and the next*

Julien (EB): *To clarify, we are voting on changing the transition clause 7.7 from "The parting EB is responsible for informing the AB on the transition process". To "The Executive Board will have to present a plan to the Advisory Body detailing how the Executive Board plans on transitioning the next Executive Board members. This presentation will have to be done before the General Assembly during which the next Executive Board will be elected. However, the decision of the time and place of such a presentation will be up to the discretion of the Executive Board and the Advisory Body."*

i. Vote

Sophie (IB): I will close the poll and these are the results,
88% Yes.
4% No.
8% Abstain.

Sophie (IB): And now I will launch the vote for the proxies. And we have six proxies in total.

Julien (EB): So the vote for the proxies are:
60% Yes.
0% No.
40% Abstained.

Julien (EB): I can therefore declare that the new transition clause passes. Do we have any more information about the first clause Eva? If not we will move on to the next point. I don't think we will come to a conclusion for the treasury clause today, that is something that we will have to look more into. Thank you Eva for the help and let's keep in touch to see what is possible. Otherwise we can talk about it during the open floor.

Q35. Renzo (EB): *To Bram from AUC could you forward us the article about the change in the law? As I couldn't find it and it could be useful for us.*

A35. Bram (AUC): Yes.

The vote on the transition clause 7.7 passes.

Break

15 minute break. 15:05 - 15:20.

13. Travel Reimbursement Policy

Julien Vandermosten (EB): We only have 3 topics left on the agenda but they are big ones, so Renzo take it away.

Renzo Besseling (EB): The travel reimbursement policy proposal that I made is what I will be presenting now. There are basically 3 points that came forward.

The first point being that there is a lack of awareness for the travel reimbursement fund and its policy, the second being that there should be more equal reimbursement, and the third being that there exist cheaper travel options but people aren't aware of it. For now I will first go over the information on the costs of the different tickets available. My suggestion is that if you have any questions ask them after the presentation. From the slides the table is similar to last year's, you can see how much it costs 1 way to go from each UC to the other, but using the cheapest single ticket. On the right you can find a minimum amount which is the lowest price that could be paid which is from EUC to LUC as they are the only one below 10€. The highest cost is 30.98€ and the average travel cost is 24.02€. On the top right you can find the addresses that I used in "929" to establish the table. I hope they are correct, but if they are not, I can change it after the GA.

On this next slide there are 2 other tables, where we have the group ticket prices from the NS website on the table at the bottom. You can see the prices for a one way ticket and for the round trip. On the top table there are 2 options from the "Spordeel Winkel" which is part of the NS. Currently they aren't available due to the corona regulations but the first offer is for one person a day round trip ticket from anywhere to anywhere. Usually that is alongside a cup of coffee or something else, which is quite nice for 19€ or an offer for 2 one way tickets for 20€, meaning that you can go on separate days back and forth.

Moving on to the next slide with the proposal I made the distinction between GA and event travel as that also shows some exceptions. I based the system on the working conclusion from the focus group. There are cheaper options than using the standard OV card, so I recommend the traveling gets organised by the study association which would make them more aware and would decrease the amount of students that would need to be reimbursed themselves. In this case of events, everyone is expected to use group tickets, as they are always available and people tend to travel to events in groups. The reimbursement for group tickets is 25% of the total for which you can find the brackets at the bottom of the slides. So for one way and return group tickets you would be reimbursed according to the rates and the self-pay column shows what the student would end up paying after reimbursement. One exception for the event travel is for LUC and EUC, traveling there alone is cheaper than the group ticket and they would get the 25% reimbursed as well but on a smaller budget.

On to the next slide for the GA travel it is more complicated as you cannot go in big groups (4 or more people), so if you are a group of 1-3, we expect you to use the day return ticket for 20€ and proposed a reimbursement rate of 35%. Since they are representing the students it is only fair that it is cheaper. If all the 9 members came with all their representatives, we estimate 150€ reimbursement per GA, assuming everyone would make use of the group tickets, and if less people show up the costs will obviously be less too, but we want people to come to the GAs with more representatives.

The exceptions are that the car reimbursement and bus are kept at the same percentage as they are at a good rate. However the bus or car option should be discussed with the treasurer. And the bus is only a valid option if no other transport seems feasible and that will be assessed by the treasurer and voted on by the EB. If day offers are not available, and as far as I am aware they are always available except during corona times, then the person is expected to find the cheapest alternative, and if needed the treasurer can be of assistance here. Otherwise then travel with an OV card at the standard rate may be approved and be reimbursed according to the table in the top right which is a progressive reimbursement system. There will of course also be individual cases where they travel to GAs alone, and when LUC and EUC travel with each other, it is best for them to use standard OVchip cards.

This is the application of the system, so the responsibility changes from the treasurer to the individual UCs association with the centralised organisation of traveling. This will hopefully increase the use of the budget as the students will be aware of this. As a result of this the travel budget might need to be increased which can be done based on the events of that year. Additionally, I would suggest to the next treasurer to split it into GA travel budget and event travel budget. Additionally the treasurer would need to update the prices every year in January and the system needs to be updated and finalised. In our opinion the system is transparent, clear and understandable. Feel free to ask any questions.

Q35. Manuel (UCM): *Thank you for all this work as it seems that a lot of work has gone into*

it.

A35. Renzo (EB): *Your welcome, happy to do it.*

Q36. Robin (UCT): *Yes thank you Renzo, is the progressive system still in place, i think i saw something related to it in one of the previous slides? If so it might be nice to elaborate on it for the understanding of the general assembly and my understanding of how that system would fit in the fixed rate system that you proposed in the previous slides as well.*

A36.1. Renzo (EB): *Basically the progressive part is still in there, but as part of the exceptions. For the simple reason that the fixed rate system that I used is based on group tickets and day retour offers that are also always available. The nice thing is that everyone gets reimbursed more equally, and in the end everyone will use the cheap options. Hence, the progressive system would be used when there are no cheaper options available. The idea is rather simple, it more or less works as a progressive tax system. For example, if someone has to pay 22€ to go back and forth then you start reimbursing the first 10€ of that at 25%, so you would get 2.50€ back, then the next 5€ which would make up 15€ of the starting price, would get reimbursed at 30% then the next 5€ which would bring you to 20€ would be reimbursed at 35% and then the last 2€ would fit into the category of 20-25€ and that would be reimbursed at 40%. In this manner you would be reimbursed more if you pay more. It fixes the problem of the previous policy, where it suggested that if you paid for example 19.99€ the total would be reimbursed at 35% but if you paid 20€ you would get reimbursed at 40% which in the end is not equal and fair. I hope that elaborates well enough.*

A36.2. Robin (UCT): *Yes, that is clear. Thank you again.*

Q37. Bart (UCG): *Wouldn't the brackets here technically be 0€ to 10€, then the next one starting at 10,01 up to 15, then 15,01 to 20 (etcetera).*

A37. Renzo (EB): *Yes but it seems to make more sense how it is now especially for the presentation, but if it is confusing i can change it.*

Renzo (EB): *If there are no more questions then we will close this by voting. I will share the travel reimbursement policy typed up neatly and it will be published on the website, additionally we will have a cheap options travel document that can be consulted by the members.*

Julien (EB): *Thank you Renzo, this is historically the shortest travel reimbursement policy. Thank you Renzo for making it so clear. If someone would like to vote please let us know.*

Sophie (IB): *Since it is a change to the PM, we will need to have a vote with 50% +1 vote to pass it. I will prepare the vote then.*

Julien (EB): *It is not a change to the PM so we don't need to vote on it. Seeing none the motion passes by acclamation.*

a. Vote

This vote passes by acclamation.

14. Budget

Renzo (EB): *As no one knows what will be happening in the few coming months with corona, I made 3 proposals based on the corona development. In scenario one we do not budget for any travel and assume that all events will happen online so there is no budget needed for traveling. The second option is traveling to small events like focus groups or*

bonding for SOCO and AC. And the third scenario is normal traveling to UC events, where events are hosted in person. We prefer the second scenario as it is the most realistic and provides us with the budget that we would need. To move on to the specifics if there are no questions about this?

Since there are no questions, looking at the travel cost for the EB, in the first situation there is not traveling so it would be reduced to what has already been spent plus the reimbursement missing proof. In scenario 2 and 3 the budget stays the same.

For the tournament budget (core event) we reduce the budget from the tournament from 2500€ to 1000€ so the online tournament team can still provide something great and not be limited by funds, this does not mean that the 1000€ needs to be spent, they still need to be justified.

Q38. Robin (UCT): *Will the EB follow the same travel cost policy?*

A38. Renzo (EB): *Not exactly, at the start of the year it had been discussed that the EB will get the full cost reimbursed as long as the UCSRN Budget stretched, as this is what has been done in previous years too. So if we spend all the budget, our travels will not be reimbursed anymore.*

Renzo (EB): Moving on to the funds. I want to make a side note on the funds, over the past year, the same question came up every year about why we are always underspending these funds. In the GA the dynamics is that the EB proposes to reduce the funds for the events as it is underspent every year but the GA does not agree under the premise that proposals will come in and the funds will be spent. This year we have only received 2 proposals for the AC and maybe 1 for the SC so I left the funds as is, but I will advise the next treasurer to decrease the fund, unless we manage to spend them all.

Next for the travel fund, in that case, following scenario 1 without any travelling there is no budget. Scenario 2 with some travelling for meetings and GA. The third scenario where travelling will be possible again.

Moving on to the GA, so far we have spent 134.31€ on zoom webinar subscription. In scenario 1, if the GA is to be online then we will need the subscription once more so we would total at approximately 180€. If we can host the GA at the end of the year in person, it would be nice to have a nice lunch provided by the UCSRN as this would be our only in person GA.

For the fixed costs, first looking at the zoom pro there was a miscalculation, at the beginning of the year, I understood from the zoom website that a yearly subscription would be 139.19€, but the prices shown don't include the taxes, so the price would be slightly larger. And so the option of paying for 5 months separately is slightly cheaper. The budget now shows the tax price.

For the website budget, the website hosting cost more than I anticipated, it is 12,60€ more. I based it on previous costs made at the beginning of the year, but the information from the website hosting will be passed on to the next treasure correctly. So these are the scenarios that we propose, and once again, we recommend scenario 2.

I will now go over the general budget, for which the expenses are shown for scenario 2, and include the spendings that were made this past half year. We have income from membership

fees, and this might change due to UCVenlo, if they join, but as we aren't sure, it is not included in this budget. This adds up to 8.975,99€ and that would leave us at the end of the year with 7.472,81€ and I suggest we put 5000€ in the reserves as I feel that 5000€ is a healthy amount to have in the reserves for an organisation of our size. I would like to make a reservation for the tournament foundation to be added to the statutes, it has been brought up multiple times that there is a certain interest in keeping it, but we may need to make changes to the statutes which is why I have put money aside for it. Lastly there is a fund to be determined by the GA, after the theft that took place we took the fund away assuming that it would cover the lost money, but with the conditions of corona a lot of spending has been cut back and will be able to cover the losses, so the fund has been brought back. We won't decide on it today but we will decide on it in the next and final GA. The idea is that members can send in proposals of what to do with the money and we can vote on it in the last GA. Additionally, as requested, a small update on the stolen card, after the focus group the only thing we could do was reach the bank and the conclusion is that we will not get any money back from the bank, so that money is officially gone.

Finally, For the expenses that have been made, like the EB travel costs and transition, the IB training for a 25€ gift card for the trainer as he would not be paid otherwise, money for the zoom webinar. Apparently, the USCRN was not using the discount that is available for student association at the bank, but that discount was discontinued last December and we got a reimbursement of 25€ for the costs that we made during previous years.

Q39. Bart (UCG): *The budget looks very solid, that makes everyone happy, I guess. I did however see that there is still board clothing scheduled to be spent?*

A39.1. Renzo (EB): *It still needs to be spent, we are at the stage of ordering the board clothing.*

A39.2. Bart (UCG): *But there is only 1 more GA and not really any events. Would it then be more of your own benefit than that of the association to have that suit as we are halfway through the year already?*

A39.3. Renzo (EB): *At the beginning of the year we did say that they were partially for representing the association, which we deemed very important, but additionally we do not get anything back for doing this work so some of the budget was for the work that we put in as a thank you gift of the members.*

A39.4. Bart (UCG): *I get that, but I was also wondering how other boards think about that. But I also have a brief other thing. For zoom there is some other 170€ euros to spend. I don't know but i think this might be beneficial to all boards here. Is anyone familiar with the website www.techsoup.nl? There you can get a free microsoft outlook, google drive office and a significant discount on a year of premium zoom if you are an association. I will post the link in the chat.*

Q40. Manuel (UCM): *How did you find the bank fee reduction?*

A40. Renzo (EB): *That was actually a friend of mine who is part of another board similar to our association, who pointed it out to me that ING had an association discount of 50% but it has been discontinued. But if your board is at ING there might be discounts from last year that you can find in your invoices.*

Q41. Marco (UCR): *What is the reason that the board clothing is not bought yet?*

A41.1. Renzo (EB): *It is rather silly it has been based on the colour that we could not decide upon and we have set other priorities higher up then others. Does that answer your question?*

A41.2. Marco(UCR): *I just had a doubt that in the last GA it was emphasised that the board clothing was important for the EB. so it doesn't make sense that it still hasn't been ordered.*

A41.3. Renzo (EB): *That makes sense, I gave an elaboration as to why I can't elaborate*

more on that.

A41.4. Julien (EB): We have found the design and suppliers and have made all final discussions, as they are on sales right now. We just need to order it.

A41.5. Manuel (UCM): We did agree at the last GA that it was also going to be a thank you gift for the board so that is something that we wanted to give them even if there won't be many more events and GAs.

Q42. Marloes (UCT): About the scenarios, I find that scenario 2 is restrictive as it only benefits the board members of the association rather than the students as well in regards to the travel funds if travel is made available again.

A42.1. Renzo (EB): It is the combination of hope and realism. We cannot know what the corona situation is going to do but the probability for smaller events such as GA and focus groups is higher than bigger events might not be possible. However if the general consensus is that people prefer option 3, that's also possible. This is another reason for which we decided to present you with three options.

A42.2. Marloes (UCT): What is the benefit of lowering the amount from 500€ to 300€, I feel that there is a high budget to be determined by the end of the year, so if there is money at the end will be added to that so why restrict the travel costs now if they can be added to that fund at the end of the year.

A42.3. Renzo (EB): That is a valid point. For us the budget should represent the expectations for the upcoming year which is why there is a difference between the 300€ and 500€.

A42.4. Marloes (UCT): Alright thank you.

Q43. Eva (UCG): You mentioned that if the number of proposals of the social committee will depend on the budget for the fund of next year, hence we think it might not be a good idea to take this year as a benchmark as with corona this year is very different.

A44. Renzo (EB): I get your point and I don't have power over next year's budget, but I would advise from the previous years too, that although there are some proposals it is currently a corona year that has influenced it a lot. In the end the fact that this is a corona year will be given as a disclaimer to the following treasurer.

Julien (EB): If there are no others then we will proceed to voting.

Renzo (EB): For clarity voting will be done according to scenario 2.

Julien (EB): Does anyone wish to vote on the budget. Marloes is that a question or would you like to vote. Could you explain your vote?

Q45. Marloes (UCT): I would be more in favour of scenario 3 than 2.

a. Vote

Sophie (IB): I will launch the poll, first the poll and then the proxies.

Julien (EB): Marloes for clarity's sake, could you make a motion to change what you want to see changed? It would be faster than denying the proposed budget and then voting in a motion.

Marloes (UCT): I propose we choose scenario 3 instead of scenario 2.

Julien Vandermosten (EB): Only the travel fund changes from 300€ to 500€. So in favour will be changing from 2 to 3.

Vote 1 (All):

72% Yes.

11% No.
17% Abstain.

Vote 2 (Proxies):

50% Yes.
50% No.
0% Abstain.

Julien (EB): As this motion passes, the new budget will have a travel reimbursement of 500€ instead of 300€. Now that this has been changed, would anyone want to vote on the budget? If no one wants to vote on the new budget then it passes by acclamation.

The new budget has passed by acclamation.

15. Open floor (AOBs)

Julien (EB): Now is the end of the GA please state any other businesses, questions, concerns and discussions.

Q46. Manuel (UCM): *I have a concern for the procedure for the chair. I went through the PM and it says that the vice chair of the AC should take over the position of the academic chair.*

A46.1. Julien (EB): *Yes according to the PM that is the case but it conflicts with the statutes that say that you can decide if you want to fill the position or not. We decided to go with the statutes for the previously mentioned reason of board dynamics and others.*

A46.2. Manuel (UCM): *I don't think there really is a conflict though as the statutes refer to the board, so 3 members, the treasurer, the secretary and the chair, but the PM is specifically about the chair of the AC and SC.*

A46.3. Esh (EB): *Thank you Manuel for your question. Unfortunately, since the last academic year, the AC did not have a vice-chair, such that the AC Chair would be impartial and objective. The only work of the vice-chair would be to take minutes which this year is done on a rolling basis similarly to last year. The vice-chair taking over would interfere with the objectivity of the AC Chair.*

A46.4. Manuel (UCM): *It does but then it raises the issue that if there is no vice chair then we need to have an election. I would try to go as much with the PM.*

A46.5. Renzo (EB): *Legally speaking, the statutes are always leading and the PM just follows. The situation results from an inconsistency with the current actions between choosing an academic chair as an impartial body instead of a representative from the AC. according to the PM, the representing body should be chosen from the midst of the committee itself. That is something that could be looked into getting updated.*

A46.6. Manuel (UCM): *In that case I would recommend updating that section. I only saw this after the discharge, but this could also be resolved at a later stage.*

A46.7. Julien (EB): *Thank you Manuel, is there anything else that anyone would like to say?*

Q47. Zoe (UCG): *Would it be possible to send out your documents earlier. It was good with the agenda and minute as it was sent 2 weeks before the GA, but the PM documents weren't sent and the last time they had been sent was on the 25th of November, so it would have been nice to them. And for the proxy votes it would have been nice to have them a week before as well. For the travel reimbursement session it was the same.*

A47. Julien (EB): *We will definitely do it.*

Julien (EB): Since there is nothing more thank you all for coming, it is said to have it over zoom again. Please motivate your UCs to create proposals, since AUC is sending all of

them, also keep promoting the spotlight as it will be online and it is hard to motivate people for online events and the same for the tournament. And if you are interested in participating in the online tournament team then please reach out, we will be involved, and I will leave the floor to those who want to add something.

Renzo (EB): I would like to see more proposals as I want to spend more money, I had another point but I forgot.

Julien Vandermosten (EB): I would like to thank my board for all the work that has been done this half year especially in these difficult times. I'm excited to see what we will do this coming semester. Then I conclude this GA. Thank you for coming and we hope to see you soon, maybe at an upcoming event.

Tiffanie (EB): Thank you to the AB and IB for coming and for Julien for chairing.

Closing of the GA