40$^{\text{TH}}$ GENERAL ASSEMBLY

May 15$^{\text{th}}$, 2021
ZOOM & Nemovote

Present: request with AUCSA.

Proxies: request with AUCSA.

Abbreviations:
GA = General Assembly
PM = Policy Manual
Q = Question
A = Answer
C = Comment

Agenda:

I. *Opening of the 40th General Assembly*

Stijn Maathuis, President of the AUCSA 2020-2021 Board, opens the 40$^{\text{th}}$ General Assembly. He welcomes all members, candidates, and the Elections Commission, and thanks everyone for being present. Stijn explains how to ask questions throughout the GA and he introduces the voting system, Nemovote. Stijn emphasises the importance of everyone being logged in on their own device as the Elections Commission needs to keep track of people present in order to ensure correct voting results. Finally, Stijn wishes best of luck to all the candidates.

II. *Sequential ordering of the agenda*

Stijn presents the agenda. He furthermore explains the procedure at each step of the GA.

Q1: Zandor Damaskinos Carvalho: Is it still possible to still sign up for the voting?
A1: Stijn Maathuis: Yes, you can do it for 5 more minutes.

As no one wants to vote on the agenda, it is unanimously approved.

III. *General Information*

Stijn presents the GA Introduction video produced by Board. The video introduces the structure of the AUCSA and explains the roles and responsibilities of the General Assembly, the AUCSA Board, the Advisory Council, the Commissions, Committees, and Teams. It also explains the procedure of the GA.

IV. PM corrections

Stijn introduces a short PM correction.

PM Article 3: Language
1. English is the official written and spoken language of the AUCSA.
2. All documentation of the AUCSA Board, Committees, Commissions, Teams, and any other AUCSA body, as well as all communication between the aforementioned parties and the members, must be conducted in English.
3. For communication with external parties, the language most appropriate will be left to the discretion of the AUCSA Board and AUCSA Committee members.
4. Article 2.3 may however become a subject of decision for the AUCSA Board and the respective Chair of the body in question, should concern be raised that the decision inconveniences AUCSA proceedings.

However, Policy Manual Article 2.3 states: The PM functions as by-laws of the Statutes and may therefore be subject to amendments and adjustments.

> Stijn Maathuis raises Motion 1: Change Article 3.4 from referencing Article 2.3 to Article 3.2 as it seems to have been a typo that changes the meaning.

As no one wants to vote, Motion 1 is unanimously passed.

V. Advisory Council

Stijn introduces the Advisory Council 2020-2021: Boris Koehoorn, Rosa Wijnen, Maurits Jurgins, and Thekla van Oijen, and tells about their tasks and responsibilities. He further presents the Advisory Council 2021-2022: Lidewij van der Waart, Ellie Swan, Onė Mikulskytė, and Bram Mak.

VI. Honorary Members

Stijn introduces honorary member nominations.

Rosa Wijnen is invited to the stage and proposes Julien Vandersmosten as an honorary member. Rosa explains that Julien shows a lot of dedication to AUCSA. As a former AUCSA Board member, he showed a lot of ambition and the Diversity Commission, Winter Formal, Treasurer of AUCSA. Next to that, he was part of the Elections Commission.

Stijn asks if anyone wants to vote on this nomination.

As no one wants to vote, Julien Vandersmosten is accepted by acclamation as an Honorary Member.

Julien thanks Rosa for nominating him as an Honorary Member. He appreciates the beautiful speech.

Further, Blanca González is invited to the stage and proposed as an Honorary Member. She proposes Stijn Maathuis.

The nomination is voted on.

The nomination passes. Stijn Maathuis is now an honorary member of the AUCSA.

Stijn thanks everyone and expresses his surprise and gratefulness for being nominated as an Honorary Member.

Further, Stijn Maathuis proposes Boris Kooehorn as an Honorary Member of AUCSA on behalf of the AUCSA Board 2020-2021.

Stijn asks if anyone wants to vote on this nomination. As no one wants to vote on this nomination, it unanimously passses.

Boris is then invited to the stage. He thanks for the honour, and wishes candidates best of luck.

VII. Candidate Speeches

Stijn explains the procedure of Candidates Speeches and clarifies that they have 2 minutes to talk.

President Candidates

Kayna Duport-Govidin

Stijn invites Kayna as a panelist to the assembly, and they give their speech.

Q2: Jasmijn Doorgest: You mentioned that you want to work on communication together with the secretary. Do you have any specific examples?
A2: Kayna Duport-Govidin: I would like to centralize the information in one platform so that all students know where to go. In my opinion, that should be the website. Depending on who is elected as the secretary we might or might not use an app in addition to the website.

Lola Collingbourne

Stijn invites Lola as a panelist to the assembly, and they give their speech.

Q3: Mirthe van Veen: I love the fact that you have been active in so many committees. So struggles that you have had and what they have taught you?
A3: Lola Collingbourne: In TEDxAUCollege I have been co-head of Acquisitions, and since it was a new position it was quite challenging to define it. It included a lot of mediation, but it also

taught me how to speak up about the issues that are going on, and listen to everyone and be inclusive to everyone's opinions.

Q4: Annouk Dumoulin: You talked about your involvement in AUCSA, but I would like to know about your concrete plans as President?

A3: Lola Collingbourne: I think the current board has been doing a great job but I would like to start out the community going again. I want to make sure that there are lines of communication with all committees as some of them do not feel as included. I would like to work on transparency and ensure that we provide justification for Board decisions that are made, and that these are made in a public environment. I would also like further collaboration with the UCSRN.

Q5: Maurits Jurgens: You said that you will be a second year. Do you think you would have any trouble going into the year given that you have no experience of how AUCSA works in non-COVID times?

A5: Lola Collingbourne: I think I have had enough of these experiences, also outside of AUC. I jumped in this year saying that I wanted to be as involved as possible in this community and as soon as possible. I think I am fit for this position: I have a lot of enthusiasm, I am very good in management and organisation and since I am a second year I will have more time to work in this. I think I would be really good in this position.

Clelia Venturin

Stijn invites Clelia as a panelist to the assembly, and they give their speech.

Q6: Janine Subgang: I was wondering, as a future third year student, how do you plan to cope with the extra work and writing the capstone?

A6: Clelia Venturin: I have been involved in SlayUC and Winterformal, I know that it will be hard at times, but I think it's a matter of organization and I think I am pretty good at it. Moreover, I have planned my courses in advance so that I can have less intense courses during my AUCSA time.

Q7: Jasmijn Doorgest: I was glad that you mentioned accessibility to events. You mentioned wanting to work together with DIVCOM to solve issues of inclusivity of minorities and disabilities. What are some concrete things that you are thinking of with this?

A7: Clelia Venturin: For inclusivity, I proposed having some document where they can write down an non-inclusive behaviour and can speak up, and thus work with the Board and DIVCOM. For events, I had a workshop with DIVCOM that brought up issues that I have not thought about before, thus I want to include more workshops like this in the future.

Secretary Candidates

Sam de Jong

Stijn invites Sam as a panelist to the assembly, and they give their speech.

Q8: Preksha Bapna: Why is the website your main priority and how would you develop it forward?
A8: Sam de Jong: It is a priority because it's a good way to centralise information and is used by everyone, especially since it is accessible by those who do not use social media. I think we should stick to the platforms that we use already, as otherwise it adds more workload. I want to redirect traffic to the website and continue using Facebook.

Q9: Rosa Wijnen: You talked about your plans as secretary. I was wondering what are your main priorities for AUCSA as a whole?
A9: Sam de Jong: I think sustainability is very important. It is different this year because of COVID, but for the future I would like to move away from the posters a bit. I also think that inclusivity is very important.

Q10: Mahi Shah: I am confused about your stance about centralised platform. Could you clarify what you focus on the most?
A10: Sam de Jong: I think the website is a great tool to centralize all information. Within the website you can combine all sorts of information, and it's great for people that do not use social media. However, Instagram is a great way to redirect people to the website and have quick communication such as a story with the weekly overview.

Ankita Brahmachari

Stijn invites Ankita as a panelist to the assembly, and they give their speech.

Q11: Alex Sleeckx: You said you are open for suggestions for students. I was wondering about how you would make this happen, so that everyone is involved in making decisions on these issues?
A11: Ankita Brahmachari: I think with the suggestions box having the answers and all the suggestions transparently available, and having the AUCSA as they go through suggestions so that students are involved in the discussions as well. That makes student participation regular during the year.

Q12: Boris Koehoorn: What are your ideas with TapMatch? The AUCSA has been already working on an app for the community and it continuously has not worked out. How would it be better than Unilife?
A12: Ankita Brahmachari: My enthusiasm to use an app, and specifically to use one from a student, is to support more student initiatives. I have heard that Unilife has been hard to quickstart, but with Tapmatch communication is easier and more direct. With a smooth transition, it could turn into a platform that complements the website.

Q13: Preksha Bapna: About newscast - how would you manage that in terms of workload, and how would it provide a clear overview without the need to look through the whole newscast?
A13: Ankita Brahmachari: Firstly, the newscast would be similar to the merchandise team. We would have the secretary as the chair. In terms of workload, it would be quite some work at first, but eventually the workload should decrease. Regarding the clarity, it would be an overview, and it will be combined with the website instead of separate from it.

Treasury Candidates

Rein Bernard

Stijn invites Rein as a panelist to the assembly, and they give their speech.

Q14: Jasmijn Doorgest: You talked about transparency. It's a recurring theme about making the budgeting more transparent. But at the end of the year it's a lot more complicated, and is always work in progress. Do you have any concrete vision for it?
A14: Rein Bernard: The website will play a huge role. I always found it annoying that I couldn't find the updated budget on the website. Maybe an excel sheet scares people off. Maybe we can have a section where we write big anomalies, or lower the threshold for White Letters.

Q15: Maurits Jurgens: I was wondering how you will balance keeping yourself in check but also taking care of the budget, since you are a third year physics student?
A15: Rein Bernard: I have planned my courses so that I will have less work this year round. I dropped out of most of my curriculum activities to have time. Hopefully, with the optimization changes that I am planning on implementing it should all take less time.

Treasury Candidates

Lena Riss

Stijn invites Lena as a panelist to the assembly, and they give their speech.

Oliver West

Stijn invites Oliver as a panelist to the assembly, and they give their speech.

Sarah Lange

Stijn invites Sarah as a panelist to the assembly, and they give their speech.

Q16: Jasmijn Doorgest: You mentioned that you want to work on diversity and have a platform where people can voice their opinions, in what ways would you do that?
A16: Sarah Lange: I would like to be in contact with people that have things to talk about and give them access to our social media platforms.

Q17: Alexander Sleeckx: Like the other CAOs, you said that you want the committee life to start again and be inclusive to the first-years. Do you have any plans for the third-years and how they can be involved since they are going to be working on capstones and that is usually something that is holding back?
A17: Sarah Lange: I kind of assumed that third years already know how committee life works. I would encourage them to join committees, but my main focus would be the first years.
C17: Alexander Sleeckx: I just wanted to make sure that it is something that is on your minds as all CAOs are first years.

A18: Lena Riss: It's something that is on my mind too. It would be cool to promote study sessions, after which they could join an event.

A19: Oliver West: I completely agree with Sarah and Lena. I think it's important to make sure that communication happens and we can address the issues.

VIII.   Elections Commission 2020-2021

Stijn explains what the Elections Commission is and how they got appointed. He then says who is in the Elections Commission, these being Julien Vandermosten, Chiara Thunnissen and Kia Mikkonen. He then invites the Elections Commission to become a panelist to the assembly.

Julien congratulates all of the candidates for what they have done and the progress they have made during the GA. He emphasises that all candidates were great. He thanks the board and candidates who are all very promising. Hannah says that the proposed board is made by looking at each candidate individually and then how they would work together as a Board. The opinion is based on the interviews, motivational letters, as well as their performance during debate.

IX. Proposed Board

Chiara Thunnissen announces the Committee Affairs Officers of the proposed board: Oliver West, Lena Riss, and Sarah Lange.

Chiara Thunnissen and Julien Vandermosten then announce the Executive Committee of the proposed board: for Treasurer, Rein Bernard; for Secretary, Ankita Brahmachari; for President, Clelia Venturin.

The Elections Commission reminds the assembly that the voters in no way have to follow this advice, and can decide for themselves.

X.   Vote

Stijn explains the voting procedure, after which 15 minutes are offered for everyone to cast their vote.

XI. Open Floor

Stijn welcomes everyone back, and asks if there are any questions or concerns.

Then, Stijn continues to give thank you to the Elections Commission, Charlotte de Kroese as the debate host, and the Advisory Council that supported us throughout the year. Finally, before announcing the new board, Stijn thanks all candidates for their effort and motivation and expresses appreciation.

XII.   Announcement of the Board 2021-2022

After all votes have been submitted, the Elections Commission counts and verifies these votes. The AUCSA Board 2021-2022 is announced and shall compose of:

> President: Clelia Venturin
> Secretary: Ankita Brahmachari
> Treasurer: Rein Bernard
> CAO: Oliver West
> CAO: Lena Riss
> CAO: Sarah Lange

XIII.   Open Floor

Stijn Maathuis asks the audience for questions, but there are none.

XIV.   Closing

Stijn Maathuis thanks everyone for coming, and thereby closes the GA.