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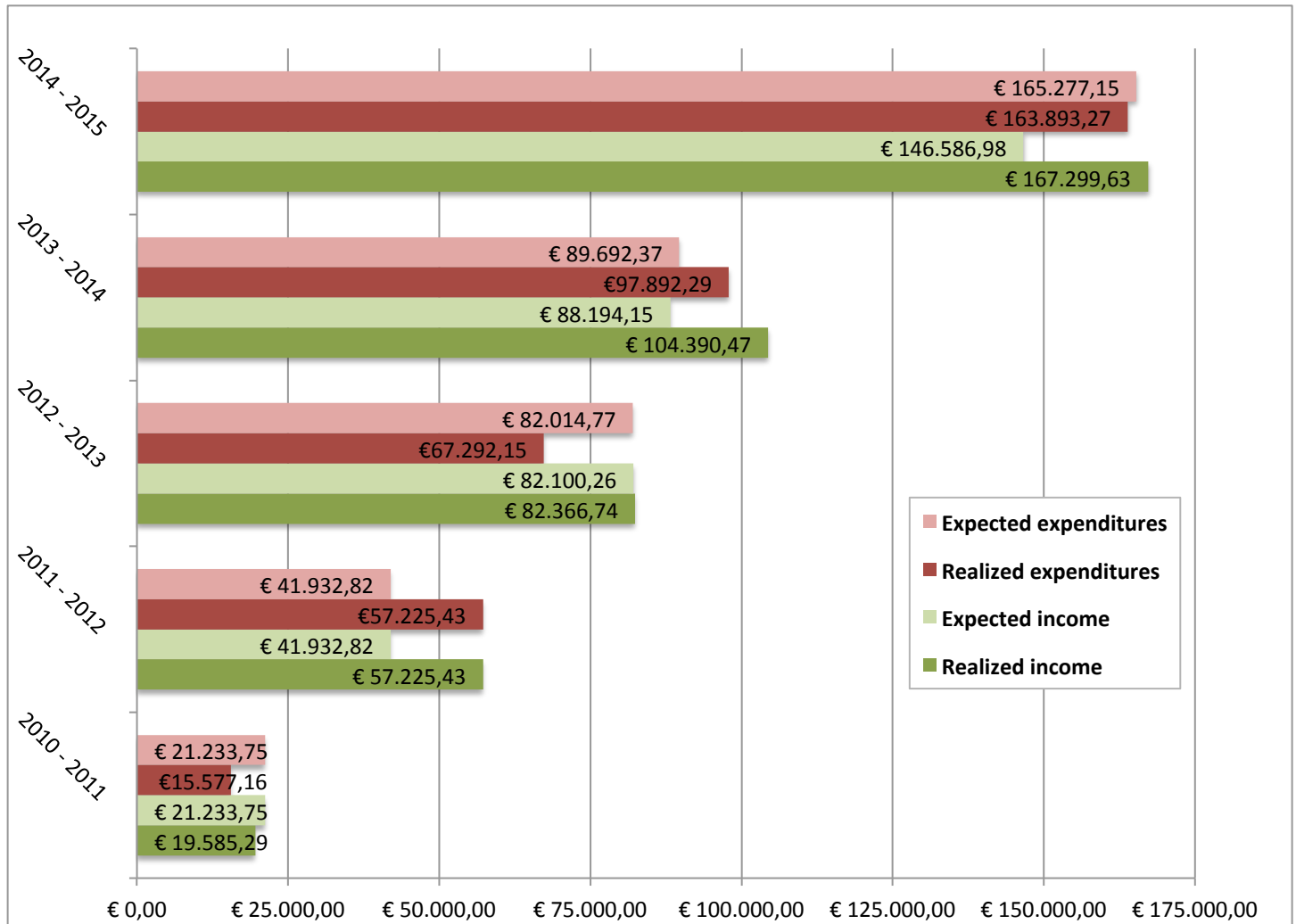
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FINANCIAL SUMMARY - COMPARISON TO PREVIOUS YEARS





INTRODUCTION

Amsterdam, September 24, 2015

Dear Members,

The past year has been marked by many memorable moments, some of which we will briefly look back on in this annual report. Before getting down to business, I would like to emphasise a major milestone that the AUCSA and its members reached this year: winning the UCSRN-tournament!

Moreover, we were continuously amazed and motivated by your enthusiasm and great ideas. We can confidently state that the amount and range of activities organized and attend by you all has again expanded, even though the total amount of students has not increased this year. More so, we have witnessed an overall increase in quality of the events and seen how committees took a more professional approach.

However, growth and expansion also demanded from us to be reflective of how we do- and approach certain things. Therefore, we have also had a strong focus this year on improving a lot of procedures and regulations. This might at times have been less visible for you as member, but enabled us to set the stage for the boards to come.

In this annual report we will provide you with an overview of the board year '14-'15. This includes the financial results of the association, presented per committee and the association as a whole. Furthermore, we will briefly look back on some of the notable events and milestones of the past year, complemented with some visual impressions.



The audit committee has reviewed the AUCSA administration, and presents their findings in a letter included in this annual report. Additionally, they provide some recommendations for next year's board.

We have enjoyed the board year a lot! Mainly because we have been amazed by all your great initiatives and ideas. It has been an honour and pleasure to work with you! We want to thank all of you, for your contributions during the past year, whether it was through innovating ideas, hard work and dedication, or by just attending the events. It is you who make the AUCSA an association to be proud of!

On behalf of the AUCSA Board 2014-2015,

Yours Sincerely,

Jesse Vullings



LETTER OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE

Amsterdam, October 8, 2015

Dear AUCSA member,

We, the Audit Committee, have the responsibility to check the financial management of the AUCSA. In this letter we present our assessment of the financial records of the spring semester of 2015 and the overall 2014/2015 academic year.

We are impressed by the work of the previous treasurer of the AUCSA, Jan Willem Bruggeman. The transparency and organization of the finances has improved a lot under his supervision.

Jan Willem's implementation of budget codes for committees in the second semester of last year is very beneficial for the organization of the administration. The system also increases the transparency of the AUCSA finances significantly. Therefore, we recommend the new treasurer, Stefanie Berendsen, to extend the budget code system to all of AUCSA's transactions.

The goal of the AUCSA is not to make a profit, nor a loss – but to breakeven. As previous audit teams have indicated, underspending is a structural problem for the AUCSA. To counter this problem, the previous AUCSA treasurer over-budgeted at the start of the year. Although this meant taking a risk, the result was good: the profit of the AUCSA over 2014/2015 was very small (0.25%). Considering the amount of events that are regularly cancelled and the increased income due to a higher fee per student, we continue to believe that carefully over-budgeting is a good countermeasure for underspending. Therefore, we recommend the new AUCSA board to keep this policy and over-budget no more than 5% at the first budget GA, while not over-budgeting at the budget GA in February.

Considering the rapid growth of the AUCafé, their budget has the potential to affect the AUCSA budget more severely than any other committee. Therefore, it is crucial that the AUCafé treasurer is under strict supervision of the AUCSA treasurer. Last year, clear communication proved to be a challenge due to differences in financial administration between the AUCafé and the AUCSA. To ensure smooth communication between the AUCSA and the AUCafé, as well as suitable financial capabilities of the AUCafé treasurer, we recommend the AUCSA board to be closely involved with the selection process for future AUCafé treasurers.

In addition to assessing the records, the Audit Committee may also provide suggestions on financial procedures. In our opinion, the budget General Assemblies can be improved

procedurally. In order to make the budget GA's more efficient, we recommend the AUCSA to require the committee boards to send in their motions surrounding finances prior to the GA. Making the motions available to all students in advance would save time at the GA, as well as provide insight on the duration of the GA. It would furthermore give AUCSA members enough time to form opinions on the proposed changes.

Lastly, to ensure that the Dutch tax law is followed correctly, we urge the new AUCSA board to continue their search for an appropriate tax advisor.

For any questions about the Audit Committee or the financial procedures of the AUCSA in general, please approach us in person, send your question(s) to audit@aucsa.nl, or contact the AUCSA treasurer at treasurer@aucsa.nl.

Kind regards,

The Audit Committee

Jelmer Koorn, Lia den Daas



THE UCSRN BOARD PRESENTS

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| "BELIEVE THE HYPE" ***** | "BETTER THAN NOTHING" ***** | "PROBABLY UNMISSABLE" ***** |
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The UCSRN Tournament
THE BIGGEST INTER-UNIVERSITY COLLEGE EVENT OF THE YEAR



18TH APRIL @ AMSTERDAM UNIVERSITY COLLEGE
Featuring events such as; basketball, battle of the bands, beer chugging, chess, dance, debating, film competition, football (both male and female), hockey,

Evaluation: Goals and Progress

Looking back at the past year, to say that a lot has happened – and changed – would be an understatement. Before going into all of the exciting details, and ultimately results, we will have a look at how exactly the AUCSA has developed over the past year. Apart from making sure that everything within the association is working correctly, the Board also set goals aimed at growth and improvement of the AUCSA as a whole, in the broadest sense of the word. Over the past year it became apparent that the association has grown a lot; on a practical note in the amount of (active) members, but so thus also in funding, committees, events, and more. For lack of a better saying (though admittedly it is a good visual), the AUCSA burst at the seams! In order to accommodate and promote this exciting development, our focus thus lied on making sure that everything *within* the association was working in a correct and efficient manner. In a nutshell, we wanted to give the future AUCSA members ‘the right tools for the job’ so that the AUCSA could thrive for many more years to come.

At the heart of the AUCSA is of course the Board – ensuring its functionality is vital to the association running smoothly. We thus we wanted to make sure that the workload for the board members was fair and achievable, and could be completed in an enjoyable and rewarding manner. This meant that we looked at the way the workload was distributed and how this was compensated for, but also expanding in size, by adding an extra CAO (yay!).

The AUCSA is nothing without its committees, and so we wanted to make sure that they too had all the tools they needed in order to act in the best way possible. This meant that we looked at everything from the process of starting a new committee to completely transforming and revolutionizing the now highly esteemed, budget codes and way declarations are made. Furthermore, we found that there were loads of good ideas and

enthusiasm amongst the committee members, which we tried to encourage through committee assemblies and by suggesting and promoting inter-committee collaboration.

We also wanted to increase awareness and interaction between the Board and the members; this we did by playing a very active and visible role during introduction week, maintaining regular and informal office hours, and through making an honest effort to meet as many of you as we could! All in all, we wanted the AUCSA to have a more active and appreciated role within the school, and make a memorable contribution to the lives of our members in their time at AUC.

That being said, there is lots left to talk about with no less than an average of 10 (!) committee events per week. The year started off with an incredibly successful introduction week, filled with a wide range of activities that introduced the new students to everything that AUC and Amsterdam have to offer. The week was even kicked off a day even early at our very own AUCafé, at the “Meet the Parents” event where the papas and mamas got to meet their kiddies for the first time. The final event of the week was the infamous introduction weekend in Limburg, where Catch organized awesome games during the day and people got the chance to meet their future classmates in a relaxed way. A big thanks to all of the papas and mamas without whom it wouldn’t have been possible!

Last year was particularly exciting for AUC as it celebrated its first Lustrum, and so celebrating it we did. All AUC students and alumni were invited as well as all staff and external relations for a daylong celebration that had all kinds of performances and activities, hip food trucks from around Amsterdam, and an awesome party tent where people danced the night away. It was also the debut of AUC’s very own Lustrum beer, brewed by AUC’s finest professors.

This past year we had 5 General Assemblies, which all had more attendees than the one before them, an exciting development. There were two budget GA’s, and a policy manual GA. Unfortunately Lia had to leave us at the end of October and Jesse was elected as the

new chair at the 18th general assembly. Nonetheless, we want to mention and give Lia too a very big thank you for all of her hard work and dedication to the association. She led the Board with a lot of enthusiasm for the first few months, and introduction week wouldn't have been the same without her! At the 20th GA the Floris Cobben, Tim Moolhuijsen, Stefanie Berendsen, Steffan Oberman, Jerome Mies, and Sezgi Iyibilir were officially elected as the new Board for the upcoming year.

Together with Student Council we hosted our very own constitution drinks to which we invited other UC boards, staff, and other study association and student council boards from around Amsterdam. We received awesome presents and had a wonderful time with not all of our new friends from around Amsterdam and the other UCs. We attended many other constitution drinks as the semester went on where we got to meet lots of likeminded people and expanded our relations within Amsterdam and its study associations.

This year's Winter Formal was extra special because it was partly dedicated to Marijk van der Wende's (founding dean) leaving of AUC. There was a more formal goodbye ceremony in the afternoon, and around dinnertime the students and staff started arriving at school with trays of food to kick off the evening with a potluck dinner. The dinner was accompanied by performances, one wildly successful by the AUC Choir to who a few lucky people got to share a dance with none other than Marijk herself. The rest of the evening was filled by performances by both alumni and current students, and was festively concluded as everybody danced the evening away in the beautifully decorated common room.

In April, it was finally AUC's turn to host the UCSRN Tournament, a day (and night) filled with UC students from all over the Netherlands competing for the title – and glory – of being winner of this tournament. Months of planning by the awesome Tournament team went in to making sure all the facilities at AUC, the dorms, and Universum were up to par. Not only did everything run smoothly on the day itself, we are extremely proud to say that

we also came in 1st place for the first time! A big hats off to all of the participants, volunteers, and supporters that helped bring home the trophy!

After the new AUCSA Board was elected and transitioned, the final item on the agenda for the year was Dormfest, one of AUC's most liked events. The courtyard was transformed in the style of Woodstock: a tipi tent, lounge areas, groovy music, and not to mention a Silent Disco all made this day a great closing point of the semester. Performances from within AUC and outside got everybody on their feet, while other enjoyed making their own tie-dye shirts, got their faces painted, and even ate liquid nitrogen ice cream.

At the beginning of July we said goodbye – and congratulations! – to the Class of 2015, as they left AUC at their graduation ceremony at the VU. The day was ended in style at Jimmy Woo, the final party organized by Solace and the last chance for people to say bye to all of their friends before heading their separate ways. We are excited at the prospect of collaborating with the Alumni Association so that the fun culture at AUC can be continued even when the students leave Science Park.

Now that our time as the AUCSA Board is finished, it is time to pass on the reigns to Floris, Tim, Stefanie, Steffan, Jerome, and Sezgi, who have all successfully completed the infamous, but very fun, transition weekend. We are very grateful and happy to have worked together with so many of you, and it warms our hearts to see that each year again there is a lot of positive interest and attention for the AUCSA and what it does for the students at AUC. We wish the new board all the best of luck and are confident that they will make it yet another spectacular year for AUC's students!

Lots of love,

The AUCSA Board of 2014-2015

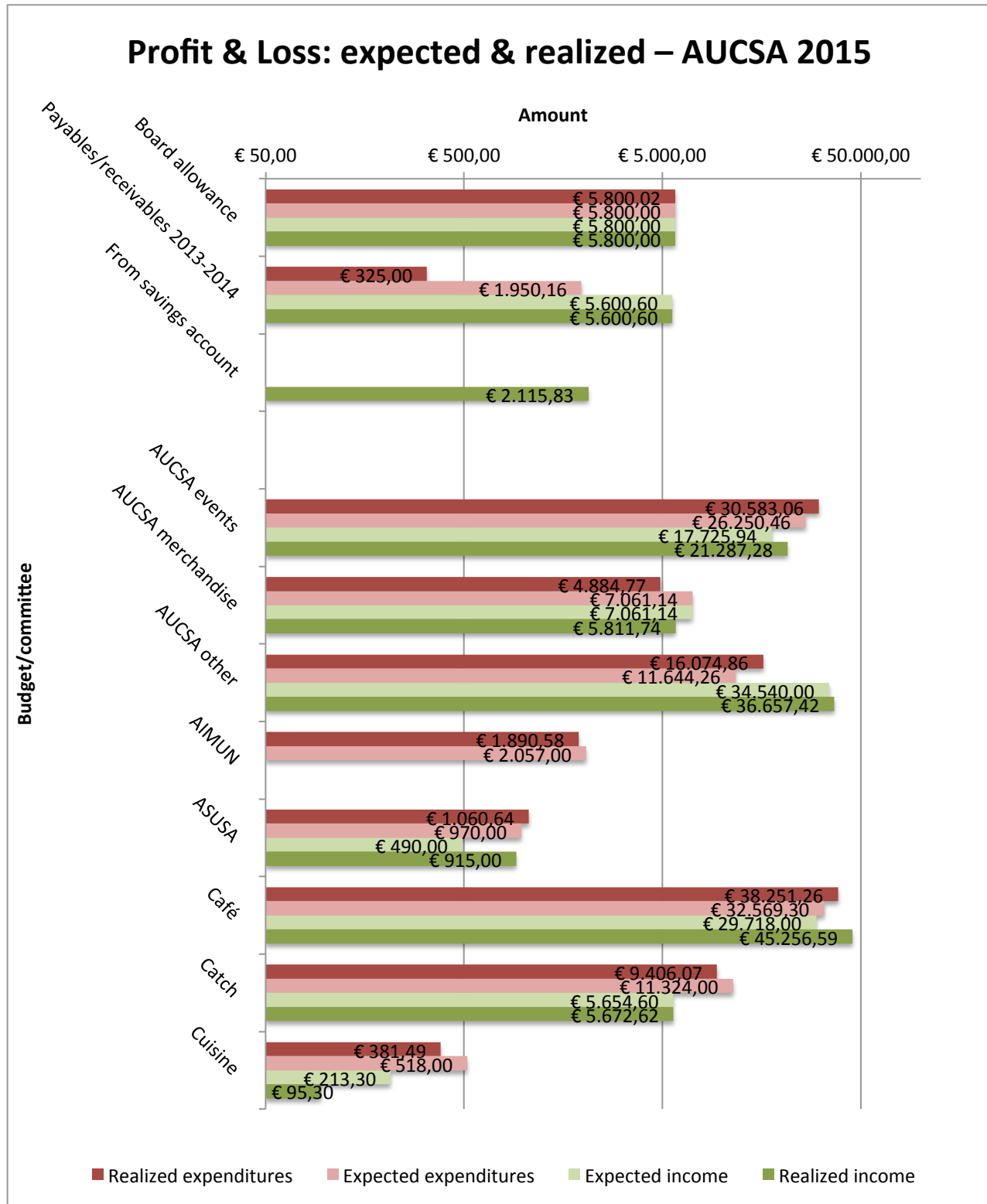
FINANCIAL RESULTS

THE AUCSA BALANCE

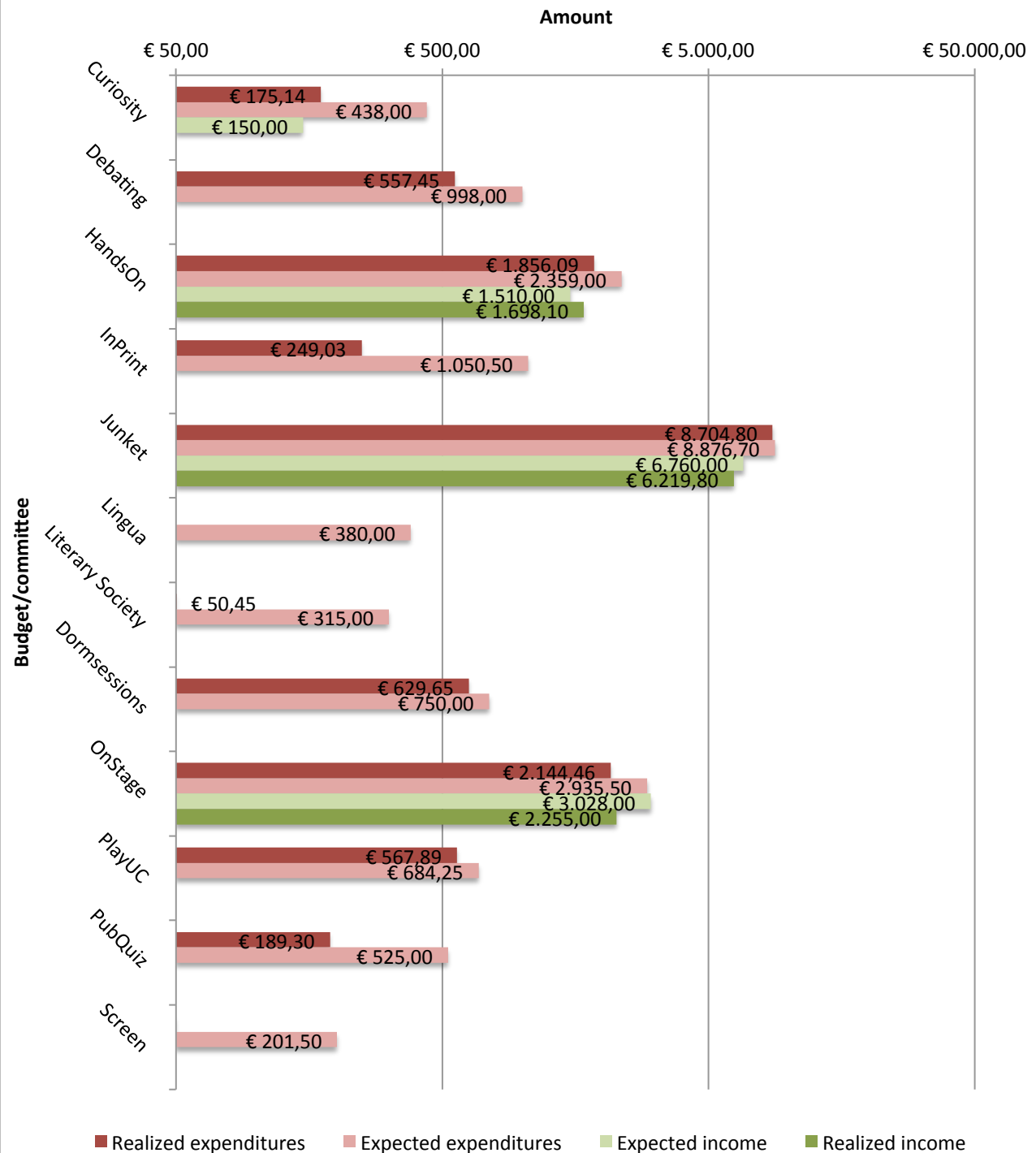
| Assets | | Liabilities | |
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| <u>Accounts</u> | | <u>Accounts payable</u> | |
| Cash | €1.012,10 | AUC printing (2013-2014) | €400,00 |
| Bank account - AUCSA | €7.267,03 | ASF Donation (2013-2014) | €400,00 |
| Bank account - AUCafé | €5.107,09 | AUC printing (2014-2015) | €350,00 |
| Bank account - TedX (not our money) | €13,73 | ASF Donation (2014-2015) | €400,00 |
| Savings | €2.115,83 | AUC: Inprint copies handed out at publishing event (2014-2015) | €500,00 |
| | | Oerknal: OnStage open Stage #2 (2014-2015) | €125,00 |
| | | Bitterzoet: Solace April party (2014-2015) | €1.246,30 |
| <u>Receivables</u> | | Sparc server costs (approved until&including oct 2015) | €106,58 |
| Studystore provision semester 2 (2015-2016) | €394,24 | Balance on AUCafé tokens | €2.190,00 |
| AUCAA contribution graduation present (2014-2015) | €350,00 | Municipal permit Dormfest (2014-2015) | €374,50 |
| Makro account balance | €1.702,80 | Dormfest stage (2014-2015) | €1.774,95 |
| UCSRN 2014-2015 | €565,96 | Catch sport socks (from donation from Rabobank) | €250,00 |
| Duwoners contribution Dormfest | €1.500,00 | | |
| AUCAA Dormfest | €220,00 | | |
| AUC prospective students & staff Dormfest | €350,00 | | |
| <u>Inventory</u> | | Equity | €15.712,61 |
| Merchandise | €3.181,16 | | |
| Total | €23.779,94 | Total | €23.779,94 |

Date: June 27, 2015.

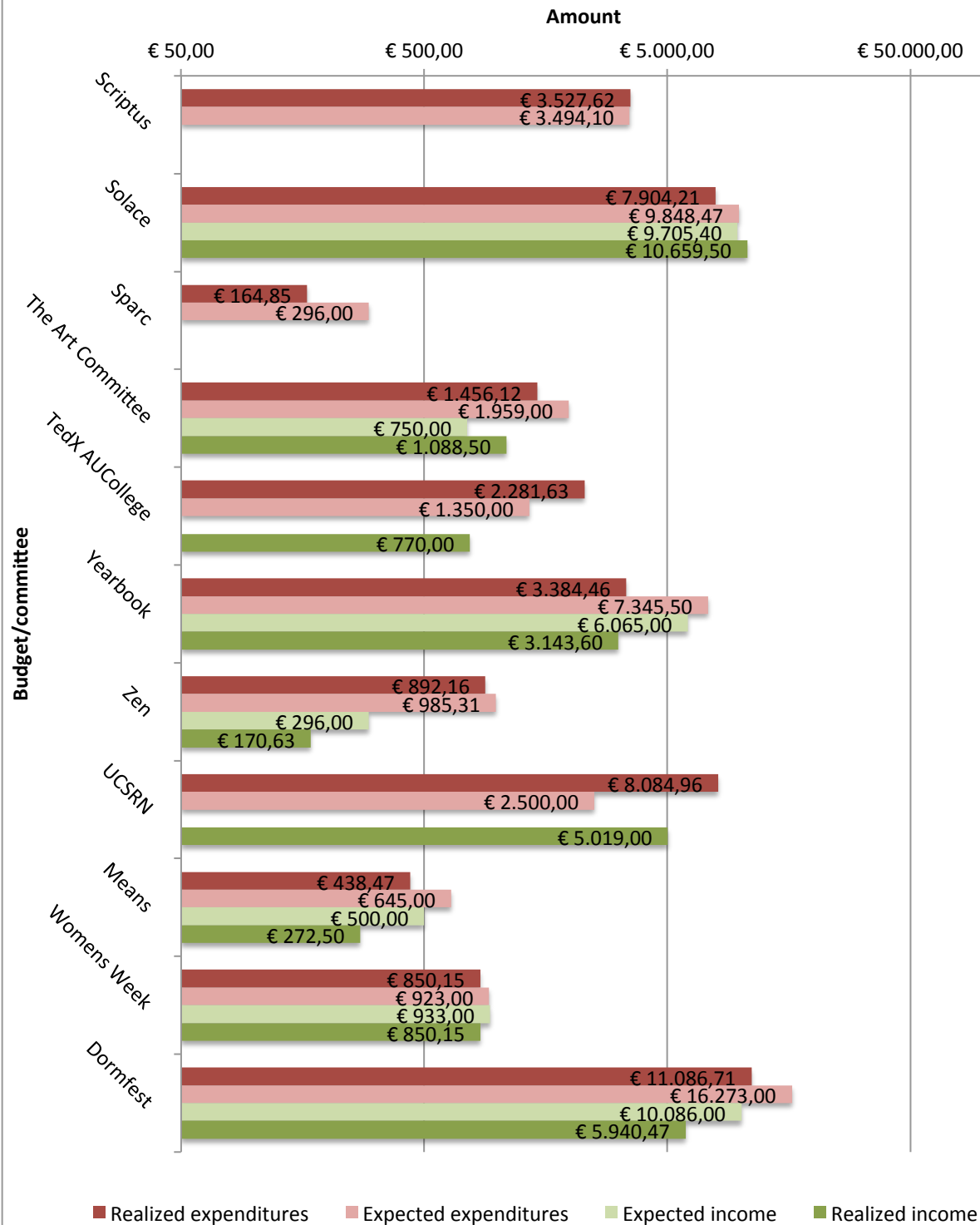
RESULTS PER BUDGET



Profit & Loss: expected & realized – AUCSA 2015 (continued)



Profit & Loss: expected & realized – AUCSA 2015 (continued)



AUCSA COMMITTEES AND TEAMS



AIMUN Board 2014-2015

AIMUN

AIMUN aims to provide AUC students the chance to take part in Model United Nations conferences, both in the Netherlands and abroad. This year the AIMUN took AUC students, among other places, to: Stockholm, Hamburg, Maastricht and University College Utrecht. Yet their biggest and most exciting MUN was Euromun where 6 AUC delegates were able to participate. Additionally the participants of the different MUNS got a discount on AUCSA ties, so they can look the part while representing our school!

| Name: | Position: |
|----------------------|-------------------|
| Jelmer Nagtegaal | <i>Chair</i> |
| Joshua van der Kroft | <i>Secretary</i> |
| Marieke Glombek | <i>Treasurer</i> |
| Andrea Haifner | <i>PR Manager</i> |



ASUSA Board 2014-2015

ASUSA

ASUSA is our sustainability committee and strives for a sustainable community by raising awareness and by bringing students into contact with environmental activities in and outside of the “AUC bubble”. Furthermore, ASUSA focuses on lobbying for more sustainable policies at AUC and in the dorms! All in all ASUSA’s goal is to make the campus and the academic building a sustainable environment. This year ASUSA has accomplished just that by organizing different events, such as screenings, workshops and the well visited down-to-earth dinners where AUC students were able to enjoy a healthy balanced and green meal. Necessary to mention that the solar workshop that was organized for the first time this year had much interest and was a great success!

| Name: | Position: |
|--------------------|------------------------|
| Haralds Abolins | <i>Chair</i> |
| Josua Munch | <i>Secretary</i> |
| Stefanie Berendsen | <i>Secretary</i> |
| Maarten de Zeeuw | <i>Treasurer</i> |
| Taliah Dommerholt | <i>PR Manager</i> |
| Teun Strikkers | <i>Project Manager</i> |
| Ruby de Hart | <i>Project Manager</i> |



AUCafé Board 2014-2015

AUCAFÉ

After many months of preparation, meetings with the AUC management, municipality, and the AUCSA board it was finally time for the AUCafe to become the official AUC student bar. The AUCafe was created through the hard work and dedication of AUC students who accomplished an agreement with the municipality of Amsterdam; if there enough students take on volunteer hours at Jeugdland (via the Jeugdlab committee), the Café will get its own rent free location.

All was agreed upon and the year of 2014-2015 was the official opening year of the AUCafe! It started out with a great introduction week and weekend where the new students got introduced to this committee and where AUCafe officially put itself on the map. Other very successful events for AUCafe were New Years 2.0 and the Octoberfest night, where, like the real October fest, students dressed up in the typical lederhosen.

As a new committee the Café had to find its ground and look for events that suited the different audiences they catered. The AUCafe hosts many small events on a weekly basis and organizes “big events” that are intended for larger number of students. The Café worked closely together with many different committees; Screen, ASUSA, Hands On and Solace are only but a few examples. The café serves as a perfect collaboration space, the atmosphere is less formal then the Academic building yet more comfortable then the dorms. The AUCafé has accomplished and hosted many great events, and the board members as well as the bar crew has worked hard to make the AUCafe into a success.

| Name: | Position: | Name: | Position: |
|-----------------|------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Jesse Vullingsh | <i>Chair</i> | Magali de Rooy | <i>PR-Manager & Event manager</i> |
| Maarten Albers | <i>Chair</i> | Dora Knežević | <i>Event Manager</i> |
| Micheal Vermeer | <i>Vice-chair</i> | Lidewij Nauta | <i>HR-Manager</i> |
| Willem Pije | <i>Secretary & Chair</i> | Naomi Zekhini | <i>Event Manager</i> |
| Paco Mens | <i>Treasurer</i> | Diana Ghidanac | <i>PR-Manager</i> |
| Jerome Mies | <i>Treasurer</i> | Stephanie Reussner | <i>HR-Manager</i> |



Catch Board 2014-2015

CATCH

Catch, like every year, worked hard to give the AUC students a wide variety of sports to choose from and plenty of events. All of the one day events, such as the biking weekends, were a success and most of the sport activities were full in capacity. Another important achievement was the stronger connection created with the other university colleges, making the inter-UC league more visible and popular. Also, Catch greatly helped with making the UCSRN Tournament a success. All in all, Catch had a great year, that they should be very proud of and should be looking to improve.

| Name: | Position: |
|---------------------|--|
| Roos van der Deijl | <i>Chair & Hockey Manager</i> |
| Jasper Holleman | <i>Treasurer & Guys football Manager</i> |
| Eva de Groot | <i>Secretary & Girls football Manager</i> |
| Marijn Mado | <i>PR Manager & Basketball Manager</i> |
| Luuk Kirkels | <i>Activity manager & Volleyball Manager</i> |
| Julia Robin de Niet | <i>Activity manager & Running Manager</i> |



Catch Board 2014-2015

CUISINE

AUC Cuisine is the AUCSA committee for food and drink lovers. The start of the year was a little difficult do to the lack of attendance to their workshops. The most popular events were the bake sails, which led to question in which direction the committee should be going. After some time of reorganization, and a new chair, the committee once again found a clear goal and headed off for laying the ground-work needed to a great start in the year 2015-2016.

| Name: | Position: |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Whitney Mok | <i>Chair</i> |
| Beau Nieuwenhuijs | <i>Secretary & Chair</i> |
| Maria Veronica Romero | <i>Treasurer</i> |
| Evi Hadjipiri | <i>PR-Manager</i> |
| Thomas Duurland | <i>Documentation & Blog</i> |
| Poppy Theocharidou Koutsoudi | <i>Head of baking</i> |



Curiosity Board 2014-2015

CURIOSITY

Curiosity is a very unique committee that aims to explain science to students in a fun and interactive way. During the year they have been very busy with workshops and documentary screenings. Also they never lost a chance to gaze at the stars and to see all the beautiful astronomical phenomena that happened during the year as a community of science lovers.

| Name: | Position: |
|-----------------|---------------------------------|
| Lia den Daas | <i>Chair</i> |
| Stefan Seuleanu | <i>Treasurer & Co-chair</i> |
| Giulia Tecla | <i>Secretary</i> |
| Bram Kicken | <i>Head of Logistics</i> |
| Yolanda Murillo | <i>PR-Manager</i> |
| Haralds Abolins | <i>Project Manager</i> |



Debating Board 2014-2015

DEBATING

Every Tuesday at 7 pm a group of debaters get together to practice their oratory skills and enjoy the argumentation and discussions that arise from the disparate opinions of our international student community. These weekly debates range from discussing the pros and cons of genetic cloning, and the need (or the lack thereof) to keeping a check on individual freedom in a society, to debating over whether white “chocolate” is really chocolate and whether we should have a female James Bond.

The regular sessions start out with a warm-up rounds of balloon debates or other speaking games. Next more serious forms of debating are practiced – British Parliamentary, American Parliamentary or Australian Parliamentary. Besides the regular debating sessions the Debating board created the opportunity for AUC students to participate in debates in the Netherlands and abroad. This year some of the best AUC debaters went to the UCU open, Oxford IV, and the Vidzeme open. All in all, debating has put in a lot of effort to excite AUC students for debating.

| Name | Position |
|-------------------|-------------------|
| Maria Gayed | <i>Chair</i> |
| Golina Hulstein | <i>Secretary</i> |
| Jakub Polansky | <i>Treasurer</i> |
| Atlas Srang | <i>PR-Manager</i> |
| Tanushree Kaushal | <i>PR-Manager</i> |



Dormsessions Board 2014-2015

DORMSESSIONS

Dormsessions is one of the committees that changed the most during the year 2014-2015 and this change is clearly represented by the name change that happened at the end of the first semester, when the committee completely changed hands. The new AUCMAC wanted to focus more on making the live common room sessions a hit and also expanded with some music sessions organized in the AUC Cafè. Needless to say, each event was a success! We will be looking forward to what they will offer us next year!

| Name: | Position: |
|------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Laura Hupperetz | <i>Chair</i> |
| Nina Ijdens | <i>Secretary</i> |
| Tessa Verhees | <i>Treasurer & PR-Manager</i> |
| Ognjan Denkovski | <i>Technical Event Manager</i> |
| Mateo Vega | <i>Onsite Event Manager</i> |
| Hinne Vos | <i>Artist Support</i> |



Hands-On Board 2014-2015

HANDSON

Hands On is AUCSA's philanthropy and voluntary services committee. Hands On's aim is to raise awareness about pressing issues in the global and local community, and combine this awareness with the possibility to give back through community service. Thus, Hands On is all about awareness and involvement, and seeks to integrate in local projects to make an impact.

This year hands on has raised awareness about many different subjects, from Movember to the Ebola crisis, to the earth quake in Nepal. The hands on board has put in time and effort to make the different events -bake sales, meetings, awareness parties, and conferences- into success stories.

| Name: | Position: |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Lisa van Dordt | <i>Chair</i> |
| Lena Reim | <i>Secretary</i> |
| Vivian Metselaar | <i>Treasurer & Logistics</i> |
| Bonnie Welch | <i>PR-Manager</i> |
| Julia Huisman | <i>Voluntary Service Coordinator</i> |
| Victorine de Milliano | <i>Voluntary Service Coordinator</i> |
| Storm Gibbons | <i>Logistics</i> |



InPrint Board 2014-2015

INPRINT

Inprint is AUCSA's very own academic journal. Set up in 2012 to create a platform to share student papers and knowledge. By publishing a selection of AUC student's own work Inprint wants to provide the journal's readers with an insight into courses, disciplines, academia and academic publishing. The collaborative work of the faculty, editorial board, peer reviewers and authors leads to the publication of the journals. The academic journal is released in two issues, one is dedicated to the capstone and the other is open submissions.

The Inprint board has worked hard to gather papers, gain peer reviewers and put together an academic journal. This year Inprint introduced information sessions to excite new and interested students for their board positions and organized a thank you borrel at the end of the academic year for all who were involved in creating this year's Inprint.

| Name: | Position: |
|----------------------|---|
| Zinzi Mangera Lakew | <i>Assistant Editor SSC & Treasurer/Secretary</i> |
| Christina Roca | <i>Assistant Editor HUM & Co-Head Editor HUM</i> |
| Alexandra Jane Luke | <i>Co-Head Editor HUM</i> |
| Tanushree Kaushal | <i>Assistant Editor SSC & Head Editor SSC</i> |
| Aneesh Roy | <i>Assistant Editor SCI & Co-Head Editor SCI</i> |
| Jorren Bosga | <i>Assistant Editor SCI & Co-Head Editor SCI</i> |
| Laura Galante | <i>Assistant Editor HUM</i> |
| Marieke Bigg | <i>Assistant Editor HUM</i> |
| Martijn Gerritsen | <i>Assistant Editor SSC</i> |
| Katja Grosse-Sommer | <i>Assistant Editor SSC</i> |
| Nick Handfield-Jones | <i>Assistant Editor SCI</i> |
| Tamara Bot | <i>Secretary</i> |
| Iris van den Oord | <i>Head Editor SSC & Editor in Chief</i> |
| Sanna McGregor | <i>Assistant Editor HUM & Editor in Chief</i> |



Jeugdlab Board 2014-2015

JEUGDLAB

We are proud to welcome Jeugdlab as our newest committee. Even though Jeugdlab has only joined the AUCSA family in the last few weeks of the academic year, it has been a functioning independently organized organization for nearly as long as the AUCafe. Due to the interconnections with AUCafe (with regards to the Location and the security of a continuous board) Jeugdlab eventually joined the AUCSA. Jeugdlab in this regard differs a bit from most other AUCSA committees. Jeugdlabs aim is to gather students to volunteer for a semester (or longer) at Jeugdland. Jeugdland is a space where young children can play, explore and enjoy their free time after school.

So far Jeugdlab has established a laboratory where highly important scientific research is executed, and children are taught different scientific experiments are to be enjoyed. Most recently Jeugdlab proudly opened “leeslab” a space where children can read borrow and return books to stimulate and show the pleasure of reading. We are happy that Jeugdlab is now also a part of the AUCSA family and we are eager to see what future accomplishments Jeugdlab will achieve.

| Name: | Position: |
|--------------------|-----------------------------|
| Micheal Vermeer | <i>Chair</i> |
| Stella Munninghoff | <i>Secretary</i> |
| Storm Gibbons | <i>Treasurer</i> |
| Pam van Schie | <i>Outreach coordinator</i> |
| Lance Boash | <i>Internal PR</i> |
| Roos van der Deijl | <i>Leeshuis Coordinator</i> |
| Sophie de Pater | <i>Leeshuis Coordinator</i> |
| Mare Groen | <i>Kooklab Coordinator</i> |



Junket Board 2014-2015

JUNKET

Junket is AUC's trips and excursions committee, aimed to take students out of the "AUC bubble" and organize events in and outside of Amsterdam. Created in 2013-2014 this was Junket's second year as a committee and what a year it has been. Junket organized many different events, from the monthly returning museum madness' to disco ice skating, and the Efteling. This year Junket introduced museum cards for the AUC student population to use and make the museum madness events more attractive. The absolute most popular events that Junket organized this year were the Hitchhiking trip and the city trip to Berlin. Many students were able to join and go abroad for a weekend.

| Name: | Position: |
|--------------------|---------------------------------|
| Maxime Garcia Diaz | <i>Chair</i> |
| Maeva Dolle | <i>Secretary & Co-Chair</i> |
| Floris Cobben | <i>Treasurer</i> |
| Isabel Sheridan | <i>PR-Manager</i> |
| Victor van Doren | General Board Member |
| Veerle Wijfels | General Board Member |



Lingua Board 2014-2015

LINGUA

AUC Lingua is the AUCSA committee for all the people whom wish to learn or teach a language. It started in year 2013-2014 and used the current year as the moment to show students how much they can achieve. In both semesters they offered a wide range of language classes and managed to transition from a board of mostly third years to a more mixed group with no difficulties. With a small budget and a lot of dedication they managed to bring to life a more academic side of the AUCSA.

| Name: | Position: |
|------------------------|--|
| Sophia Eijkman | <i>Chair</i> |
| Joris Alberdingk-Thijm | <i>Treasurer</i> |
| Jo Coenen | <i>PR-Manager</i> |
| Phoebe Dodds | <i>Secretary</i> |
| Sonja Haedicke | <i>Class Organiser & Teacher Coordinator</i> |
| Ewoud Labordus | <i>Class Organiser and Teacher Coordinator</i> |



Literary Society Board 2014-2015

LITERARY SOCIETY

AUC Literary Society is another addition to the more academic side of AUCSA. They started already in year 2013-2014 and in the current year they slowly but consistently tried to increase the attendance of their events. They also were a steady voice in the promotion of poetry and literature ready during the year, with plenty of facebook posts about modern and classical literature.

| Names: | Position: |
|--------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Luca Van Bambost | <i>Chair</i> |
| Tanushree Kaushal | <i>Secretary</i> |
| James Skelley | <i>Treasurer</i> |
| Konstantin Kirliov | <i>PR-Manager</i> |
| Nicholas Handfield-Jones | <i>Creative Writing Director</i> |
| Thomas Weenink | <i>Literature Director</i> |



OnStage Board 2014-2015

ONSTAGE

AUC On Stage is now one of the veteran committees that form a bit of the core of the AUCSA committees. Keeping up the great work done in the previous year and managing to give even more this year, they not only changed some members of their board but they also upped the quality and frequency of their theatrical plays, which were always a great success. Importantly they also gave a big contribution in the organization of the UCSRN Tournament, and made sure everything ran smooth for the performing bands. Difficult to say what they will be able to do next year in order to give even more, considering the extremely high standard achieved this year, but I am sure they will be able to surprise us.

| Names: | Position: |
|----------------|--|
| Jacob Adriani | <i>Chair & Skits Coordinator</i> |
| Tessa Holzman | <i>Secretary</i> |
| Thao Lam | <i>Treasurer & Choir Coordinator</i> |
| Josina Kist | <i>PR-Manager</i> |
| Sanna McGregor | <i>Project Manager</i> |
| Michiel Vriens | <i>General Board Member & Improv Coordinator</i> |



PlayUC Board 2014-2015

PLAYUC

PlayUC started at a very good pace in 2014, with regular game nights, special D&D events and more. This year they only improved, giving more of everything. They started giving workshops so that students could learn how to play various games, they made game nights even more regular, with the well acclaimed introduction of casino nights and last but not least they introduced League of Legend events. It also to mention the important role that PlayUC had in the organization of the UCSRN Tournament and in the help they gave the AUCSA in finding players for the newly introduced LoL competition within the tournament. PlayUC should be proud for all they have achieved during the year and should be excited about the new incoming year and all the new things they can bring to it.

| Names: | Position: |
|--------------------|-----------------------------|
| Job Zegers | <i>Chair</i> |
| Tim Alpherts | <i>Co-chair</i> |
| Thomas Bavin | <i>Treasurer</i> |
| Aneesh Roy | <i>Secretary</i> |
| Iris van der Horst | <i>PR-Manager</i> |
| Matilda Medard | <i>General Board Member</i> |



PubQuiz

PUBQUIZ

PubQuiz had a shaky start of the year, with not many events being organised in the first semester. But luckily, after a change of board members, and some fresh energy, they managed to get back to paste delivering some really funny and entertaining nights during the entirety of the second semester. With this new formed group, and re-found enthusiasm they are ready to challenge us all in the year to come.

| Name: | Position: |
|-----------------|---------------------------------------|
| Daniel Wientjes | <i>Co-Chair & Treasurer</i> |
| Thomas Bavin | <i>Co-Chair & Secretary</i> |
| Naomi Smit | <i>Co-Chair & PR-Manager</i> |
| Victor Smid | <i>Co-Chair & Head-Presenting</i> |
| Jerome Mies | <i>Co-Chair & Head-Logistics</i> |



Screen Board 2014-2015

SCREEN

As the name implies, Screen screens films. The goal of Screen is to show films that people should see, but its goal is not to educate. Screens goal is to watch movies together and enjoy them. Screenings are every two weeks at the AUCafé so students can enjoy the movies in a warm and cozy environment.

This year AUC students were able to enjoy: Leviathan, Whiplash, Miss Representation (Women's Week collaboration), Mary and Max, Moonrise Kingdom, Oldboy, Noragami, Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind, Paprika, and a film quiz held in Maslov.

| Name: | Position: |
|----------------|-----------------------|
| Tim Alpers | <i>Chair</i> |
| Tamara Bot | <i>Secretary</i> |
| Misha Goudsmit | <i>Treasurer</i> |
| Veerle Bovens | <i>PR-Manager</i> |
| Sonya Langman | <i>Graphic Design</i> |



Scriptus Board 2014-2015

SCRIPTUS

Scriptus is our very own student run AUC magazine. Scriptus issued seven magazines, all containing humor, serious issues and creativity. Scriptus believes in providing news that is insightful, creative and informative – with a touch of humour! This year Scriptus issued two color issues and a special committee edition where the different committees were put in the spotlight.

| Name: | Position: |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Emma Goodman | <i>Chair/Editor-in-Chief</i> |
| Nicole Brusa | <i>Secretary</i> |
| Willem Pie | <i>Secretary</i> |
| Sara Hoeksma Palazulos | <i>Treasurer</i> |
| Nicholas Handfield-Jones | <i>PR-Manager</i> |
| Martin Hoffmann | <i>Head Editor</i> |
| Yin Hsieh | <i>Head Illustrator</i> |
| Cristina Roca | <i>External Relations Officer</i> |
| Sonya Langman | <i>Designer</i> |
| Campbell Kenny | <i>Designer</i> |



Solace Board 2014-2015

SOLACE

Solace is AUCSA's Party committee and introduces AUC students to the nightlife in Amsterdam by organizing parties and "gezellige" borrels in bars and clubs all throughout the city. Their mission is to create comfort in the sorrow that sometimes AUC and its academic pressure can cause. Either by throwing a relaxing borrel or a party like the introduction party in club NYX to welcome the new first years, we offer both relaxation and excitement. Solace organizes at least one borrel a month and five parties a year.

This year the borrels were very popular with the new AUC students, therefore Solace for some time increased their amount of borrels. Furthermore, Solace has thrown, among others, the always popular Halloween party, a Masquerade, and a 90's party in April.

The Solace board members have actively and with loads of energy promoted the parties in front of the AUCSA office. Music and chants at the entrance of the academic building -"buy your solace tickets now, last chance!"- made it rather hard for AUC students to miss any of the parties.

| Name: | Position: |
|----------------|-------------------------|
| Joris Teer | <i>Chair</i> |
| Thomas Hakman | <i>Secretary</i> |
| Jelmer Koorn | <i>Treasurer</i> |
| Roos Hogerzijl | <i>Location Manager</i> |
| Suzanne Groen | <i>PR-Manager</i> |
| Kasper Nicolas | <i>PR-Manager</i> |



The Art Board 2014-2015

THE ART COMMITTEE (TAC)

As the name descriptively implies, the Art Committee is the committee for artistic expressions of and for AUC students, so the Art Committee (TAC) or just simply Art is there to make the life of AUC student more creative and expressive. Art organizes exhibitions, workshops and events. Some of the exhibitions are permanently hosted on the second floor in the academic building in the permanent exhibition space. The workshops relate to a diverse range of artistic disciplines, and offer students materials and a space to work on their art every Wednesday during our Studio Time sessions.

The Art Committee has put in effort to raise their committees potential, besides creating new monthly and weekly events like studio time, Art has organized two art festivals; Scopofilia and Scopofilia II. These festivals where visited by many AUC students. Finally, it is important to accredit the Art committee for getting AUCSA very own photo and film camera.

| Name: | Position: |
|-----------------|--|
| Julia Alting | <i>Chair & Head of Photography</i> |
| Yin Hsieh | <i>Secretary</i> |
| Yannesh Meijman | <i>Treasurer</i> |
| Bruce Bigg | <i>Head of Film</i> |
| Nikki Omes | <i>Head of Painting</i> |
| Charlotte Knaup | <i>Exhibition Manager</i> |
| Blijde Ligthart | <i>Exhibition Manager</i> |



TEDx Board & Team 2014-2015

TEDX

After the great success achieved in year 2013-2014, TEDx started immediately preparing for the new and bigger Tedx event that was going to take place in 2015. With a lot of hard work and dedication, they managed to make both the pitch night and the TedX event a great success. Improving on the year before and upping the scale of the event all together. One can only hope that the event will keep on getting better and better, so that each year it will be tradition to be waiting forward to AUCSA's own TedX event.

| Name: | Position: |
|---------------------------|--|
| Benjamin Nolan | <i>Chair</i> |
| Anna Marieke Weerdmeester | <i>Secretary</i> |
| Jasmijn de Zeeuw | <i>Treasurer & Co-Head of Acquisitions</i> |
| Victor Smid | <i>Co-Head of Acquisitions</i> |
| Ivan Seifert | <i>Head of Logistics</i> |
| Dimitrios Perdikoulis | <i>Co-Head of Speakers</i> |
| Yana Ahlden | <i>Co-Head of Speakers</i> |
| Suzanne Groen | <i>Head of PR</i> |



Yearbook Board 2014-2015

YEARBOOK

The Yearbook committee once again managed to deliver everyone's favourite university book, the yearbook! After a lot of work and effort lasted the entire year, the yearbook was once again put together with great care and given to third year students as a goodbye gift. Very important to notice was also the sell-out of all the other yearbooks that were not for third years, making the year of 2014-2015 the first time that all the yearbooks were sold, a very big congratulations and hoping that next year will go just as well!

| Name: | Position: |
|-----------------|-------------------------|
| Sanne Frankin | <i>Chair</i> |
| Lisa Willmes | <i>Secretary</i> |
| Ramon de Haan | <i>Editor in Chief</i> |
| Max Briel | <i>Treasurer</i> |
| Sonya Langman | <i>Graphic Designer</i> |
| Vittoria Dentes | <i>Photographer</i> |



Zen Board 2014-2015

ZEN

AUCZEN stayed popular and very busy during year 2014-2015. With an average of 8 events per week and a good show up to each one of their events, Zen keeps proving that AUC students need a bit of relax in their busy university lifes. AUCZEN was also another committee that very successfully managed to fully transition during the year, since the older members where all graduating. Lots of praises to the old members that managed to make this committee an important part of AUCSA and a very big goodluck to the new members that are most certainly going to keep it up!

| Name: | Position: |
|-------------------|--|
| Charlotte Nijhuis | <i>Secretary & Chair</i> |
| Ina Schebler | <i>Design & PR-Manager</i> |
| Carla Ott | <i>Meditation contact & Co-Chair</i> |
| Chris ten Dam | <i>Secretary</i> |
| Tara Elsen | <i>Treasurer</i> |
| Mona Farnisa | <i>PR-Manager</i> |
| Luna Meister | <i>Event Manager</i> |
| Shruti Nath | <i>Yoga contact</i> |



SPARC

SPARC

SPARC is one of the newly introduced committees. It gives all computer science lovers a place to meet up and talk about tech and their informatics projects. They not only managed to have regular coding nights, but they also organised talks and a very interesting pitch contest. A lot was done to lay the ground work from which SPARC will probably grow to become a successful committee.

| Name: | Position: |
|-------------------|-----------------------|
| Aneesh Roy | <i>Chair</i> |
| David Langerveld | <i>Secretary</i> |
| Niclas Holtappels | <i>Treasurer</i> |
| Sarai Bisseling | <i>Co-chair</i> |
| Zsuzsa Antal Ext. | <i>Communications</i> |



Means

MEANS

Means was an addition to the AUCSA teams and aimed at joining forces with multiple committees in order to make a one-day art festival. The result was amazing, with the academic building been transformed into a big art gallery. The attendance was high and all the students that went to see the exhibition were positively impressed. Means managed to prove that with good collaboration between the committees, a lot of things are possible.

| Name: | Position: |
|---------------------|--------------------------|
| Adel Shochat | <i>Chair</i> |
| Lia Den Daas | <i>Treasurer</i> |
| Liza Kardami | <i>Secretary</i> |
| Clarie Duin | <i>Project Manager</i> |
| Zinzi Mangera-Lakew | <i>Logistics Manager</i> |

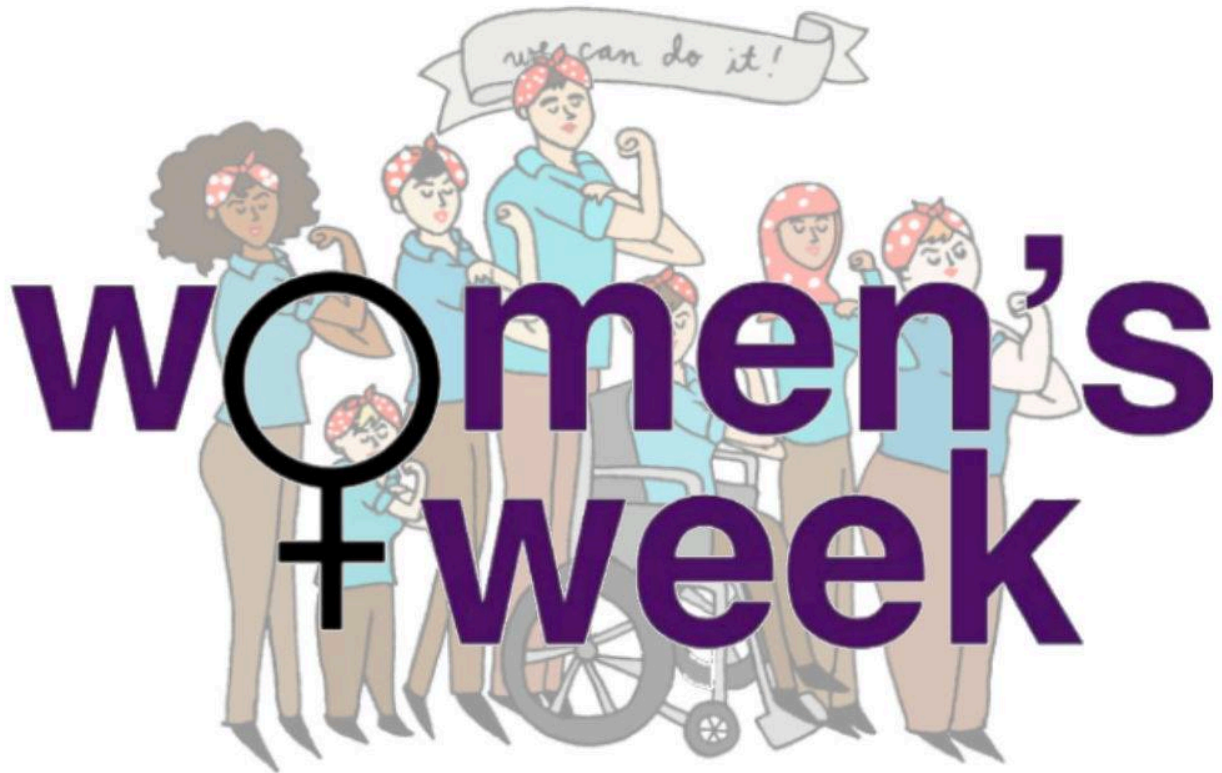


UCSRN Team 2014-2015

UCSRN TEAM

The UCSRN tournament of 2015 took place at AUC, and with the hard work of AUC students we were able to create an event that catered to over 500 people from all the different University Colleges in the Netherlands. Not to forget to mention: AUC WON! The UCSRN tournament is a yearly returning event of the UCSRN (University College Student Representatives of the Netherlands). In order to make the communication lines shorter and have “experts” on the scene, a collaboration was formed between a team of AUC students and the UCSRN board. These students took the different aspects of the tournament under their wings. The tournament contains multiple parts; during the day there is a multitude of sport matches, dancing, acting, debating, chess games, you name it. Because of the initiative of AUC students a new element was added: a LoL competition (League of Legends); this element turned out to be very popular amongst spectators. After the daily activities finished, participants were able to enjoy a meal watch the movie competition and afterwards go to a party in Oerknal. New inter-UC relations were formed and the AUC student body could be proud of their new mascot: the AUCharizard.

| Names: | Position: |
|-----------------------|---|
| Henriette Hoogervorst | <i>Chair</i> |
| <i>Eva de Groot</i> | <i>Secretary & Head of Logistics</i> |
| Jan Willem Bruggeman | Treasurer |
| Julia Robin de Niet | <i>Head of Sports</i> |
| Joosje Kist | <i>Head of Performances</i> |
| Thomas Lithan | <i>Head of Cultural and Intellectual Activities (CIA)</i> |
| Janica Hacken | <i>Head of Party</i> |



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WOMENS WEEK

This year was the second year an AUC Women's Week was hosted. Events changed and additions were made in order to keep it interesting and make this year's women's week into a success. From vagina cupcakes to a play about women's rights, art exhibitions and speeches the women's week team truly did their best. Women's week is intended to raise awareness about some of the gender related issues and open up a space for debates.

This year the Women's Week team hosted multiple workshops and a very impressive temporal exhibition was shown on the first floor. The exhibition contained different anonymous stories of sexual intimidation or abuse written by female and male AUC students.

| Name: | Position: |
|---------------------|-----------------------------|
| Alexandra Jane Luke | <i>Chair</i> |
| Brenda Guesnet | <i>Secretary</i> |
| Anneke de Vries | <i>Treasurer</i> |
| Greta Čebatavičiūtė | <i>General Board Member</i> |
| Tessa Weightman | <i>General Board Member</i> |
| Tirza Balk | <i>General Board Member</i> |

AUCSA EVENTS

INTROWEEK & INTROWEEKEND

As always introduction week is one of the biggest and most exciting events for both the new students and for the AUCSA board. In the collaboration with AUC, the AUCSA takes on different aspects throughout the week and hosts our own “AUCSA introduction weekend” in the weekend. Committees helped create events and make the introduction weekend into a success. Junket hosted a bike tour through “Oost Amsterdam” and spiced it up with a fox hunt. Solace helped out with the pub crawl. Screen showed a movie, Catch filled a day in the weekend with some fun sporty activities and the AUCafe crew worked hard and was present at any time a bar was necessary. Something not to forget to mention are all the volunteers and the papas and mamas who helped their kids travel safely through Amsterdam and took them to the different activities. Although being on time (8:30 AM) after a nights out was difficult for some they did their best to show their “kids” around Amsterdam and give them a taste of what it is like to be an AUC student. It was amazing to see the enthusiasm people put into the crazy 44 but the absolute highlight was our very own introduction weekend in a beautiful castle in the countryside of Limburg.

WINTERFORMAL

Winter formal, a night where the academic building transforms into a winter wonder land, where teachers, staff and students join together and end celebrate the ending of a semester all dressed in the most beautiful gowns and suits.

This year's winter formal was themed "Midnight in Paris" and was a special edition as it was also the farewell party of AUC's founding Dean Marijk van de Wende. Therefore, winter formal was extended with performances and a free buffet for AUC students (that besides the snacks mostly consisted of always classy and popular pizza). After dinner and performances on the second and third floor the student, teachers, staff, and guests flocked to the ground floor where the party continued and people could enjoy the performances of some of the very best AUC performers. The bar was manned by our AUCafe committee and by helpful AUC staff and teachers. Everyone involved in the organization worked hard to make midnight in Paris an unforgettable evening.

DORMFEST

Last June was home to the 4th annual edition of Dormfest, the theme being “A Day of Peace, Love, and Music”, in an ode to the infamous Woodstock festival. The dorms were transformed to welcome people from all walks of life, and from noon onwards people could enjoy a wide range of activities. Not only was there a bouncy castle, fully stocked bar, and live performances the entire there, students (and staff!) also had the chance to enjoy a Silent Disco (raging success if I may say so myself), chill out in a giant tipi tent, make their own tie-dye shirt, and when they got hungry there was delicious Indian food that could be enjoyed. Performances of all kinds got people up and dancing on their feet, and the evening was ended when people moved inside for a legendary dorm party. We want to thank all of the volunteers without which this event wouldn’t have been possible, all the sponsors, and of course the Dormfest Team. The Dormfest Team of 2015 consisted of:

| Name: | Position: |
|--------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Esther Baar | <i>Chair, PR, Sponsors</i> |
| Luuk Kirkels | <i>Secretary, Committees</i> |
| Lotte Bijsterbosch | <i>Treasurer, Food</i> |
| Martine Keulen | <i>Performances, Stage</i> |
| Anne van Rijn | <i>Permit, Performances, Drinks</i> |
| Pleun Andriessen | <i>Creativity, Promotion</i> |
| Luna Meister | <i>Volunteers, Sponsors</i> |

UCSRN

The UCSRN, or University College Student Representatives of the Netherlands (yes, it really is that long), is the overarching organization of which the six university college student associations and councils are part. The UCSRN aims to provide inclusive events that promote inter UC interactions and relations. The UCSRN consists of two committees (social and academic) and an overlooking executive board. The social committee consists of representatives from every student association and the academic committee of representatives from the different councils. As such the social committee organizes “social” events (UCSRN tournament & UCSRN spotlight) whereas the academic committee organizes events with an “academic edge” (like the previously organized deans debates).

The year 2014-2015 was an exciting year for the UCSRN, besides organizing increasing their events from two to three, the UCSRN also became an official association after they ratified their statutes with the notary. The academic committee organized a conference focused on initiative learning. The multiple aspects contained speeches followed by different workshops.

The social committee organized the first UCSRN spotlight: a night filled with performances from the different university colleges; it took place at the beautiful UCU campus. In the second half of the year the UCSRN’s social committee organized the UCSRN tournament (previously known as the inter-UC tournament). The tournament was held at AUC, and with the help of a group of motivated AUC students brought to a success.

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