
18TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

8/1/2015

Present: Esther Baar, Jan Willem Bugman, Eoin Grua, Henriette Hoogervorst, Anna Holm Heide, Maeva Dolle, Floris Cobben, Jesse Vulinghs, Sanna McGregor, Sophia Eijkman, Benjamin Nolan, Olivia Spikeman, Jasper Holman

Topics

1. Opening

Esther opens the GA and thanks everybody for coming. She explains that tonight there are two kinds of voting; the second kind will make use of voting ballots. In the first kind, unless there is somebody who would like to vote on a motion (like in the budget GA), the motion is automatically approved by the GA. She shows the agenda and asks if there are any objections. There aren't and the agenda is approved.

2. Statute change

Esther explains that the board wants to change article 6.1 in the statutes so that the board can have any number between 3 and 7 instead of having to be an odd numbers. She explains that the association has grown a lot over the past months and years and that the board is having a very hard time keeping up, as indicated by the resignation of two consecutive chairs. Moreover, the board feels that this additional board member is needed in order for the association to continue growing and doing so in a good and efficient manner. She explains that the board wants to expand to 6 board members initially to see how this goes, as the board feels that 7 is too much right off the bat and because this change influences boards to come. This brings the potential problem of the board being unable to make a decision and having a tie, for which the board is still in the process of exploring solutions. Esther explains that the deadlock-voting problem will be discussed with the new chair, election committee, and UVA & VU boards. She asks if there are any questions.

Q1) (Jasper) Why are you keeping the minimum at 3 [board members] when you are already starting with 5 [board members]?

A1.1) (Esther) This [minimum of 3 board members] gives the possibility and freedom to change for the future boards. Having this in the statutes does not harm us in any way.

A1.2) (Jan Willem) If someone drops out, the AUCSA can still continue with 4 members without breaking the rules of having less than 5 members.

Q2) (Benjamin) What has been the final decision with a deadlock in the vote?

A2) (Esther) We are still working on it, generally we are quite capable of coming to a conclusion ourselves. Furthermore, there are multiple ways of solving this problem. e.g. 1,5 votes for the chair, binding vote for the election committee etc. We want to discuss the possibilities with the new chair & election committee.

Esther explains the voting procedure and asks the members to vote on the proposed statute change.

3. Personal Statements

Esther introduces the Personal statements part and invites Sophia to the stage. Sophia gave her personal statements. Esther asks if there are any questions. There are no questions and gives the floor to Sanna. Sanna gave her personal statement. Esther asks if there are any questions.

Q3) (Olivia) You were talking about our [July] graduation but Sophia was also talking about February how students should get a good graduation, so would you work on that as well?

A3) (Sanna) February students have been invited to the big graduation. So, looking at the 6 months I will focus on the larger ceremony and I would look at future possibilities for improvements for February students.

Esther asks if there are any more questions; there are none and Esther gives the floor to Jesse. Jesse gave his statement. Esther asks if there are any questions for Jesse and there are none.

Esther presents the results of the counting of the votes for the statute change and announces that the first round of the statutes change passed.

Results

In favor: 99

Against: 6

Abstaining: 12

Total: 117

4. Advice by Elections Committee

The elections committee introduces themselves and explains how they decided on the proposed candidate. They interviewed them all separately and also talked to the current board members to see how they felt and what they wanted to see in the new chair. They ask if there are any questions. The elections committee proposes Jesse. And announces reasons why Jesse should be chair because they believe he would be the best attribute to the board.

5. Voting

Esther explains how the voting procedure works. The elections committee will be counting the votes and anybody who wants to can join to see. Esther announces that voting has started.

6. Announcement

Esther thanks everybody for coming and announces that the new chair will be Jesse Vullingsh.

Results:

Jesse: 71

Sanna: 31
Sophia: 13
Abstain: 2

Total: 117

Esther thanks the elections committee and everyone for coming and closes the GA.

Signature Jesse Vullingsh (Chair)
20/3/2015



Signature Esther Baar (Secretary)
20/3/2015

