

30TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Date: 15/05/2018

Present: See book of attendance (request with AUCSA)

Proxies:

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GA = General Assembly

AOB = Any Other Business (discussed at the end)

EC = Elections Commission

DivCom = Diversity Commission

I. *Opening*

Ishvar Lalbahadoersing welcomes everyone to the 30th General Assembly and thanks everyone for coming. In light of the selection of the AUCSA 18'-19', he'd like to thank the AUC'ers for their support, both physically and mentally, and for that he says everyone deserves an applause. For the candidates, he wishes them a lot of luck, speaks of the courage of the candidates, go for it, take a breath, it's your time to shine. Reminds everyone to be respectful of the candidates and each other.

II. *Sequential ordering of the agenda*

Ishvar presents the sequential ordering of the agenda and asks if everyone agrees or if anyone has questions. He reiterates the voting procedure, if no one would like to vote, the agenda is passed unanimously. No one wants to, so it's unanimously accepted.

IV. *GA Rules*

Ishvar explains a number of rules for this GA, that we should at all times be dealing in respect, be silent when the candidates speak. He also explains the voting procedure in terms of plurality. People should sign off with Andy if they desire to leave. Lastly, he once again explains the procedure of a motion. Subsequently, he turns to the presentation of the Advisory Council.

III. *Advisory Council (old & new)*

Ishvar explains the role of the AC, he also explains it should consist of at least two AUCSA people, and

at least one external member, to provide guidance for the coming AUCSA. The old AC is introduced; Lance Bosch, Petra Karlsen Stangvik, Ilen Madhavji, and Ellen Ackroyd. Ishvar states that we saw that the AC was much more active than in previous years, for thanks them for this. He subsequently introduces the new AC: Tamara Happe, Noa Smits, Louise ten Bosch, Berend Jansen. Ishvar asks whether anyone would like to vote on the formation of this AC. No one wants to, so it's unanimously accepted.

IV. Honorary members

The honorary members proposed by the AUCSA Board; Louise ten Bosch, Andy O. Daab and Berend Jansen are accepted as Honorary members as no one wants to vote. Petra and Ilen come on stage to present the nomination of another Honorary Member: Heleen Vos. This is also accepted as no one wants to vote.

V. Audit Commission

Ishvar introduces the Audit Commission of this year: Didi Altena, Laura Gerritse, Thanos Theofanakis, and Lynn Engelberts.

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Ishvar subsequently introduces the Audit Commission of 2018-2019; Laura Gerritse, Thanos Theofanakis. Urges people to apply if they wish.

VI. Personal Statements followed by audience questions

Ishvar first introduces the Elections Commission: Andy O'Daab, Heleen Vos, Steinar Laenen.

Hereafter, Ishvar introduces the Elections and explains every candidate has two minutes to deliver their final speech.

Now, the candidates deliver their personal speeches with a maximum of two audience questions in between. He urges people to be concise in their questions and for the candidates to answer in a similarly.

Presidents:

Marik Westerhof

Q1: Anette Maletjarv: Last December a committee hosted an event with inappropriate decorations. How will you deal with situations like this next year and how will you hold them accountable?

A1: Good question, I feel that this is something that was going to come up. I feel that internal communication is the most important part of this, if something has already happened, the committee can bring forth an answer with the AUCSA, more involvement with the committee. Hopefully this way situations like this can be avoided and everyone can be happy with the result.

Q2: Floor Verhoogt: Diversity Commission close to Acquisitions team, link them to CAO's to link them to committees. Diversity Commission member is so involved with the CAO's.

A2: Yes, like the Acquisitions team I want to link DivCom to CAO's and committees to ensure the Div Com is involved with everyone so that everyone feels engaged.

Q3: Julian Visser mentions that there has been a decline in applications for AUCSA this year, wondering how he will increase the numbers for the next year?

A3: Introduction week, first impression as the AUCSA is announced during that time. Mention that you could be part of the AUCSA, also be more approachable. Stress that first years can also apply for the AUCSA.

Q4: Petra Stangvik: A lot of the ideas are good for going forward and looking forward. What qualities do you have to lead a team?

A4: Involvement is key. Would therefore be able to. Keep the oversight, and involvement is key to motivating your team.

Tim Arbeid

Q5: Anette Maletjarv poses the same question as for Marik. Mentions that Tim was personally involved in the debate about Zwarte Piet last December inappropriate decorations, and subsequently asks how he would deal with situations like these next year and how will would he hold them accountable.

A5: Tim states that he would stay close to the committees, this is something the AUCSA should see coming. Mentions that the AUCSA did pretty well in responding. If there is a possibility this happens the AUCSA should talk to the board in question.

Q6: Lasse Rogie asks Tim to elaborate on his statement that he wants to improve external relations and develop the acquisitions team.

A6: Tim mentions that it's unfair to immediately cut budgets to make up for the liabilities from previous years. We can use the money and organize fun stuff. In addition, he mentions making use of the skills of the current students.

Q7: Rayan Vugdalic asks Tim what his greatest weakness would be in connection to the position of Chair

A7: Tim says that he has a strong opinion; most important thing is that you moderate the discussion. Have to understand now that he's one out of 6.

Q8: Catherine Winter: When there is racism on Campus do you think the AUCSA should ignore it?

A8: No

Q8: Catherine: please elaborate? Could you rephrase?

A8: Like I said the most important thing is that we are involved. And when something like this happens we have to make sure we need to talk with the AUCSA and make sure the committee sees what they did wrong. Important steps are to rectify with a statement, and discuss what went wrong. But again, no racism, never.

Secretaries:

Jasmijn Doorgeest

Q9: Evi Sifaki asks about transparency, we see it as a theme at every AUCSA election. She therefore poses the question of whether Jasmijn thinks that the AUCSA minutes should be shared.

A9: Jasmijn answers that sharing the minutes would be good for transparency and showing what we do. But does caution that there is however a danger behind sharing the minutes, as it would perhaps show a

lot of half work. What the AUCSA could do instead is to give regular updates on what they are doing, for example adding to the weekly what the AUCSA is doing.

Q10: Lasse Rogie in regard to the development of the App, he asks whether Jasmijn has any previous experience and whether she has any specific ideas.

A10: Jasmijn states that she cannot make an app herself but can find someone who can. Also, that facebook doesn't have a good oversight, but also that it's also not inclusive. In the app you could include the calendar from the website. Also, the way that committees could promote their event, is through pop ups, you would get pop ups for the committees that you like or of the committees of which you regularly attend their events. Has some more ideas as well.

Q11: Julian Visser asks what she meant by more collaborations between the committees, and whether she has any concrete ideas.

A11: Jasmijn answers that she's not sure if that's what she said exactly but does think that committees should work together more. Committee forum, CoBo, perhaps other events throughout the year. Maybe CAO's could ask their committees who they want to collaborate with or more brainstorm sessions for collaboration ideas.

Q12: Coralie Boon in response to Jasmijn's statement on more involvement from exchange students within our community, asks how she would do this exactly?

A12: Jasmijn says at the committee market at the start of the year. Maybe include more committees throughout the February introduction week as there is also a large load coming in February. We could explain more what committees there are and how to get involved.

Phoebe Mullis

Q13: Evi Sifaki poses to the same question to Phoebe as she posed to Jasmijn in regard to sharing the minutes.

A13: Phoebe states that it is dangerous game, but to be more transparent is more important. Can't decide about that on her own now though, so can't say yes or no, without the rest of the board. Does mention that a report could be posted, weekly updates in the weekly.

Q14: Lasse Rogie says that phoebe comes across as a great team player but questions whether she has any concrete ideas.

A14: Voices has happened, the committee forum for example. People don't understand the importance of these events. Also, surveys, complaint forms for controversial events/topics need to be made for the members. There also has to be more diversity in the events which we organize as the AUCSA.

Q15: Rosa Stienstra asks why the move to Instagram and not another app?

A15: Phoebe responds that not everyone has Facebook and that it is a controversial platform. Instagram is where you would now put your brand. Something we can build upon, and would not only work well for external communication, but also acquisitions.

Q16: Louise ten Bosch says that as a secretary it can be hard to be approachable as you are more back office than most of the other positions. Asks whether she has any concrete ideas on how to be approachable as secretary for the new members?

A16: Phoebe responds that it's all down to first impressions. When she first saw the she felt a separation. We are all AUCSA. To be more approachable we need to talk to people in a more social setting. Have

contact with the first years, in smaller groups, not on a stage, where it can be seen as looking down on them.

Treasurer:

Willemijn de Hoop

Q17: Jeroen Smeulders asks what her concrete plans she has to decrease expenditure and increase income?

A17: It's important to work closely together with the CAO's, who should know the rules. Strict to overspending. Clear communication will prevent overspending. But still if the rules are broken (overspending) treasurer has to be strict but prevention is better than punishment.

Q18: Laura Gerritse asks how Willemijn is planning to work together more closely audit.

A18: Willemijn responds that she would have more regular meetings, give them more access to the budget and thus give them a bigger role. Have clear communication.

Q19: Gordon Lucas mentions that in her speech she addressed only financial visions and asks whether she has any other visions?

Q19: Willemijn mentions the theme of diversity, and what previous candidates mentioned is working together with Diversity Commission.

Q20: Anne van Elst asks what her stance is on committees finding their own sponsors?

A20: Willemijn responds that she wants to work closer with the committees on finding events that could have sponsors. But again, as it can be dangerous, and that clear communication is required.

CAOs:

Alexander Sleekx

Q21: Evi Sifaki finds criticism important and asks what he would want to improve.

A21: Alexander mentions that he has had little contact with the AUCSA board. Suggests more contact, more mingling and talking to students you've never talked to before. Maybe office after-hours. Some AUCSA space to interact with members on a more personal level?

Q22: Annelies van Dijk asks about his PlayUC experience and whether he has other committee or other experience that could help?

A22: Alexander responds that he doesn't have as much professional capabilities as he would like, but that he does hold the ability to listen, is humble.

Q23: Madelief van Dongen says that sometimes you have to work with committees that are not as excited as you, so how would you ensure that everyone is as committed?

A23: Alexander replies that some boards after a full year don't find new board members and then the committee dies out. That's why I want all first years to know committees are the heart of our community. Internal issues can be solved by questions I ask. I don't want to start a fight but resolve issues on a more pacifist level. Likes to get into other people's business.

Berend Hilberts

Q24: Jasmijn Doorgeest says that so far he hasn't really mentioned the finances in the speech, budget income has been bad, but how would you go about event clashing.

A24: Berend responds that finances are something for the whole board, but communication is also important. Every committee should inform the AUCSA of their events through email, but also through use of the calendar.

Q25: Nele Barsch asks him to expand on his ideas for the calendar or a physical calendar.

A25: Berend says that the website calendar is not checked enough; a physical calendar in the AB would help give an overview of the whole month.

Q26: Angelien Poension asks about the event evaluation archive that he mentions in his speech, and questions how it would be different to the transition manual.

A26: He responds that it would be a small description of the event and some evaluation points. It would be made available to all the committees, so that Junket could, for example, look into Solace's evaluation of events, this would help with organization of events.

Grace John

Q27: Didi Altena asks what Grace's plans are in general.

A27: Plans for the AUCSA, which is everyone. Wants each of the committee's members to know what's going on, not just chair and treasurer. Through communication with the CAO more collaborations could happen, wanted every single person in the board to understand what's going on, to understand what AUCSA expects of them. More surveys for all the members. Also mentions that February starters and exchange students should feel as important as September starters, also helps in bringing together different sides of the community.

Ishvar suggests leaving questions for other members.

Q28: Tim Arbeid says that she seems like a nice person and asks whether she would you be comfortable in bringing tough news to the committees.

A28: Grace responds that she would absolutely be comfortable in doing this, important though to talk through it and find a solution together.

Q29: Phoebe asks whether she thinks that collaborations should be up to the committees?

A29: Grace: want to see more collaborations. They could at least have 2-3 collaborations to combine audiences. With the DivCom we can integrate it more. It's cliché but so important.

Q30: Annette asks how she plans on asking the Diversity Commission to step up their game or do better.

A30: Mentions that it's again about outlining what the AUCSA expects from them.

Ioana Murgoci

Q31: Rosa Stienstra asks how she sees herself in the AUCSA as a team member?

A31: Wants to be as open as she can in her communication with all the board members, but especially with the Treasurer. The CAO's have an important role to play in the budget, also for the years to come.

Q32: Oliver Reddy asks about the members that are not in a committee.

A32: Ioana says that it should be clear that the events are form everyone. Also states that new ideas are necessary and uninvolved committee members can propose and implement them.

Q33: Angelien Ponsioen asks what personal experience she that would help her be a good CAO?
A33: Ioana responds that she is now in Pangea, and a climate summit member. Also participated in multiple debates and conferences in high school.

Katelyn Hojebane

Q34: Berend Hilberts asks whether she any concrete ideas about open communication between the committees and the AUCSA.

A34: Katelyn responds that she would meet with all the committees at the start of the year and talk about the best way they want to communicate with her.

Q35: Phoebe asks whether she has any concrete ideas for environment changes?

A35: Katelyn mentions cutting down on printing. Also, that she would approach situations with an environmental eye and constantly keep it in mind.

Siem Teusink

Q36: Willemijn de Hoop asks in regard to committee events, what he thinks is important: quality or quantity.

A36: Siem says that it depends on the event. For example, Jam night is hosted monthly buy OnStage and can run on no budget and is still good, even if there are not a lot of people in attendance. But with larger events yes!

Q37: Jasmijn says that during past GA's there have been some events mentioned which don't generate enough income, but we are still in a difficult financial situation. Some committees don't want to sell tickets for their events because they want to keep it open, but as you said we're in a tough financial situation, how would you go about this.

A37: Siem responds that it is difficult to answer, as some events like Dormsessions we pay with our membership fees and is enjoyed by all. Also, hard as you want to keep it open for everyone. At some point we might have to make a decision on how many of those non-break-even events we can handle. Especially with acquisitions next year, which can be tricky, this option should be kept open.

Q38: Angelien reiterates what Siem mentioned about being enthusiastic. He would probably receive 9 committees, asks how he plans to stay objective to all committees, not just your own?

A38: Siem responds that he wants to give the same amount of attention meeting wise, promotion wise and time wise. Some experienced committees need less attention than some of the smaller or younger committees. We should focus more on the smaller committees and let go of the committees you had an emphasis for example OnStage, he won't treat better than his other committees.

Q39: Anna van Elst states that there have been some clashes of very large events, even if they are planned months in advance, asks how he would prevent these from happening?

A39: Siem mentions that it again comes back to the calendar and that it should be made a rule so that communication can go through this.

VII. Announcement proposed Board by Elections Commission

Steinar Laenen from the Elections Commission explains what the Elections Commission have been doing over the past few months and explains why they are in a good position to propose a new AUCSA Board.

He explains the history of the Elections Commission. He explains the interview procedure. He explains the elections debate procedure. He says it was not easy to form the proposed board. A great pool, difficult to pick from.

The proposed board is as follows:

President: Tim Arbeid

Secretary: Phoebe Mullis

Treasurer: Willemijn de Hoop

CAO 1: Grace John

CAO 2: Berend Hilberts

CAO 3: Siem Teusink

Ishvar continues to the voting procedure.

VIII. *Vote*

Ishvar explains the voting procedure and people start voting afterward.

IX. *Break & counting of the votes*

After the GA has casted their votes via the voting ballots, the EC starts counting. In the meantime, everyone is provided with pizza and entertained by the Kahoot made by our treasurer Charlotte.

After the votes have been counted the AUCSA Board and the Elections Commission come back on stage. Ishvar holds a little speech to thank his board members, after which Louise proceeds to thank Ishvar publicly for his service as President. Next, Ishvar thanks the community for their efforts this year, after which he proceeds to announce the newly elected AUCSA Board.

X. *AOBs (Any Other Business)*

There are no further points to be addressed.

XI. *Announcement AUCSA Board 2018-2019*

The outcome of the votes for the AUCSA Board 2018-2019 is as follows:

President: Marik Westerhof

Secretary: Jasmijn Doorgeest

Treasurer: Willemijn de Hoop

CAO: Grace John

CAO: Siem Teusink

CAO: Berend Hilberts

Ishvar officially closes the 30th AUCSA General Assembly.