
GENERAL ASSEMBLY 12

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Rose opens the General Assembly (GA). Rose explains that the Board has been working very hard the past few weeks and have made a budget for the following year. Se says that there are now 20 committees. Rose starts with the sequential opening of the agenda.

Sequential Ordering of the Agenda

Rose requests if someone wants to vote on the order of the agenda. Therefore there is no change in the order of the agenda.

Last year

Annual Report

Rose introduces Joep, the treasurer from the board of 2012-2013. Joep presents the Annual Report to the members and speaks on behalf of the previous AUCSA Board. Joep states that the report will be posted on the Myauc website later today where the final overview can be read more clearly. Joep shows slides with the profit and loss accounts and explains the most important points of the report which are the balance and the total profit and total loss account. On the balance slide, the members can see the financial situation of AUCSA. The membership fee, the merchandising and the book sale mostly make up the income. It also includes the tickets that were sold by the committees. Secondly he shows costs for all of the events that were created. Joep explains that some of the money that was generated was not spent on the events and the members. Of course this is not the worst situation possible, as there is money left, but he explains that he hopes that this year the money generated to the committees will actually be spent. Rose asks if there are any questions from the members. There are no questions. So she proceeds to the next point on the agenda.

September Audit

Rose introduces Dico, who will explain the Audit. Dico introduces himself and gives a short explanation of the audit committee. They come together twice a year to check if the AUCSA manages their budget well. He explains that they met and discussed the budget of last year. The audit committee found the budget very professional. The main point however in their critique is that the money was not spent where committee had said that they would spend it. In the audit letter, the audit committee proposed the Treasurer to have a personal meeting with every committee's treasurer and the AUCSA treasurer to systematically find out the amount of equity AUCSA holds at the end of the treasurer's term. A decent amount of reserves should be kept for the sake of continuity, but generally AUCSA's money should be used to facilitate the committees. The Audit Committee also recommends to smooth the transition from one AUCSA treasurer to the next by slightly changing some parts of the administration. Additionally, they recommend that the accounts payable and the accounts receivable are closed if possible. The reserves should not be too large as the money needs to be spent well on the possible activities that the Board and their committees have to offer. To conclude, Dico congratulates the current AUCSA Board for their position and hard work, and he welcomes Helio as the new treasurer. Dico asks if there are any questions, but there are none. Rose thanks Dico and proceeds to the committee budgets.

Annual Budget

Rose continues by announcing the procedures for the General Assembly. She runs through the process. For every committee there is a PowerPoint slide with their picture and Helio will discuss the budget of every Committee, which will also be projected on the slide so all the members can look at the budget while discussing it. Rose asks if there are any questions. There are no questions so the GA proceeds.

Rose continues by announcing the annual budgets of this year. She emphasizes that the AUCSA board of 2013-2014 spent much time on discussing the budgets and on creating a clear overview about the budget division of this year. Moreover, the number of committees increased by 7 to this year to 20. Rose introduces Helio.

Helio introduces himself to the members and informs them that he has been working hard in the team, working on the budgets and trying to give everything that was asked for. He explains that sometimes it does not seem fair that money is cut, but that the reason is that there are 7 new committees without the budget having gone up much. Helio also emphasizes that more money granted does not mean that the committee is seen as better, but that some committees need more money than others to make their activities a reality.

Committee Budgets

AIMUN

The discussions about the committee budgets start with AIMIN. Rose introduces the committee. Helio explains the budget of AIMUN. Helio comments that he is a former MUN student and is very glad that the committee exists and that the AUCSA Board is very excited about the great ideas and initiatives that the active AIMUN Board has shown. Even though the AUCSA Board wants committees to grow, they want committees to be right. So a less is more approach was used, to make AIMUN focus on less tournaments abroad. The board would like the entire student population to be able to partake in the trainings and events planned. Rose asks if there are any questions.

Q1: Michiel: Different abbreviations are used for different conferences, and different budgets, why is that?

A1: Maxime: For each conference there is a different name and every conference has a different fee.

Q2: Eddie: How many people are we sending to MUNs?

A2: Helio: depends on the conference. 3-5 delegates per conference. Linde: planning 5 Hamburg, 5 London, 4 to Prague, 3 to UCU, 3 to Maastricht.

Q3: Marley: Why has money been budgeted for posters and Flyers? You can get it for free at the desk.

A3: Rose: Now the reception has been kind, there is an unofficial agreement that the reception prints. This could change.

Q4: Marley: Why haven't the other committees been informed about that? If not a motion would be needed.

A4: Helio: No, every committee has budgeted for printing costs.

Since there were no further questions, Rose moves on to the next committee.

AISA

The next committee is the sport committee of the AUCSA, AISA. Rose introduces the committee, after which Helio points out that the AISA keeps growing. There are three new sports teams; outdoor hockey, basketball and combat sports. He emphasizes that the AUCSA Board is happy with the development.

Q5: Cas: What are the long distance running, and are they included in the budget?

A5: Amélie: Yes, it is in the budget. Stadion Loop and the Batavieren race and the half marathon.

Q6: Amélie: Why is the outdoor hockey still in the budget?

A6: Helio: Yes, it is included as an income and a cost. So in the end it ends up to 0. Rose emphasizes that all committees are to apply for budget of printing costs during the year separately.

Rose asks if there are any other questions for the AISA Budget, there are none. Rose proceeds to asking if there is anyone who would like to vote. There is no one, so the budget has been accepted.

Because the accepting of the budget was not done correctly for AIMUN, Rose asks if there was anyone who had wanted to vote on the AIMUN budget. There are none so the AIMUN budget is also accepted.

ART

The next committee is the ART committee. Rose introduces the committee. Heleen explains that the ART committee has bigger plans this year and that it looks very promising. The costs of materials were cut down as there was stock left in the office. Helio says that we are looking forward to the year. Rose asks if there are any questions for the ART Budget, there are none. Rose proceeds to asking if there is anyone who would like to vote. There is no one, so the budget has been accepted.

ASUSA

After the quick approval of the ART Committee, the following committee that Rose introduces is ASUSA, the sustainability committee. Helio says that there are many good initiatives and that the Board is very much looking forward to the initiatives. Rose then asks if there are any questions.

Q7: Eddie: What is the workshop going to entail?

A7: Victoria: The art committee is collaborating with ASUSA on that workshop. There will be multiple sustainable workshops. It will be focused on how to reuse your waste. And hopes the ART committee will also have some original ideas to bring to the workshop.

Rose asks if there are any other questions for the ASUSA Budget, there are none. Rose proceeds to asking if there is anyone who would like to vote. There is no one, so the budget has been accepted.

AUC CUISINE

Rose introduces the committee of AUC Cuisine, the food appreciation committee. Helio explains that Cuisine was a new committee, set up half way through last year. They have proved to be very successful. Cuisine does workshops and Helio explains that Cuisine tries to break even on those. Helio explains that so much money will be granted to the committee, due to the growth of the committee. Rose asks if there are any questions.

Q8: Emiel: Put the list of preliminary materials twice. The initial result is less than we made the budget for? It deducts it twice.

A8: Helio: He explains that it is not the entire budget for the year. The budget is read as income and costs. Part of your costs is also what you do for the workshops and the materials that are done for the workshops. It is not in the summation. What is left, is the material costs.

Q9: Eddie: you asked for a banner? It is not in the budget?

A9: Rita: would be able to get a banner because all the committees would get it together. Rose also explains that it has been added to the budget. Heleen explains that she might have not explained it well to the committee and that it was needed.

Q10: Nimue: I recalculated it and it does not add up to the number indicated.

A10: Helio: The budget is correct but the way that the budget is made.

Rose decides that after the break, Helio will have fixed the budget and will represent.

Q11:Olivia: You have money budgeted for a newsletter, why do you need this when you can also do this via mail or electronically?

A11: Rita: Cuisine would like to have small A5 newsletter to copy recipes. It would be nice to be able to be given to the students in hard copy to pass around at school.

Q12: Thalia: Why don't you start working together with Scriptus for putting that newsletter?

A12: Rita: We already write in Scriptus. This is an initiative to give healthier food options to the student population. InScriptus there are different articles published.

Rose states that the voting of the AUC Cuisine budget will be voted on after the break.

AUC PUBQUIZ

Rose introduces the new committee. Rose asks one of the committee members to present the committee. Nimue explains that the idea is to come together the second Wednesday of every month to answer challenging questions and have a prize after every quiz. Helio recommends everyone to go to the PubQuizes. The costs are for printing, prizes and bonus prizes. Rose asks if there are any questions.

Q13: Gaby: What would be the prize?

A13: Judith: A dinner at polder would be a prize. Nimue: For this time the prize is studio K tickets. It will be different every time. It is nice to give a decent prize. Rose: Specifies that the committee has had a motivation approved.

Q14: Anna Holm: The prize is a pitcher and it was applied for.

A14: Rose: The committee applied for the drink policy. As the committee had a good proposal, the AUCSA Board accepted.

Q15: Joosje: What is the Einstein question?

A15: Anna: It is a bonus question. To make sure that it is not always only the five smartest people winning a prize, but one team can win a prize half way.

Rose asks if there are any other questions for the Budget, there are none. Rose proceeds to asking if there is anyone who would like to vote. There is no one, so the AUC Pubquiz budget has been accepted.

AUC SCREEN

Rose introduces the committee. Helio explains that Screen will move the screenings from the Academic Building to the Dorms this year. Helio explains that there was nothing out of the ordinary. Helio explains that the AUCSA will be buying a beamer as an investment this year for all committees, which will be used by screen. Rose asks if there are any other questions.

Q16: Michiel: Could you specify decorations?

A16: Gaby: 15 Screenings this year, every screening will have 10 euros of decorations. There will be big screenings around yearly events. The committee does not know what it will be exactly. The money will be dedicated on making the screening an experience. People can dress up and open up the movie each screening the Common Room where the screening takes place can be transformed to make it more of a happening.

Q17: Eddie: Unfair that they budgeted so much money for something that they did not specify, while other committees had to be so specific.

A17: Gaby: We have been specific to the AUCSA board. Helio: we accepted the certain vagueness because the costs were low and there were specifications given which are not here in the budget.

Rose asks if there are any other questions for the Budget, there are none. Rose proceeds to asking if there is anyone who would like to vote. There is no one, so AUC Screen's budget has been accepted.

AUC ZEN

Rose introduces the newly formed committee. Nimue introduces herself and the committee and explains that it will be a platform for the AUC students to get out of the busy study pressure and be Zen with Yoga on campus, massage courses and meditation courses at the Dorms. Helio goes on by explaining the budget is mostly spent on organizing meetings. Some of the events will be special and there will be teachers needed for the costs. Rose asks if there are any questions.

Q18: Olivia: Specify the monthly costs?

A18: Alex: Subscription for Yoga classes online. This would be 4 times a week. Rose: The online yoga sessions will be on the beamer shown to the student classes.

Rose asks if there are any other questions for the Budget, there are none. Rose proceeds to asking if there is anyone who would like to vote. There is no one, so AUC Zen's budget has been accepted.

AUCAFE

Rose introduces the new committee and asks for a short explanation from the Chair. Jesse, the chair of the committee, explains that they will be looking at all of the options of trying to realize a student bar here at AUC. This budget is till the winter break. The funding here is enough to keep going with looking at different options. Helio explains that the 70 euros is granted to start the initiative and start promoting themselves, being professional in the approach, like having business cards. Part of the reserve fund will be kept behind for the set up of AUCafe. Rose asks if there are any questions.

Q19: Cas: I was wondering why there are printing costs? Since there are no events yet?

A19: Helio: Since the committee is looking for different places, the committee needs to print letter, brochures and other packages for the locations.

Q20: Eddie: How much of our reserves are reserved for this café/bar?

A20: Helio: this will be explained later in the GA when we get to the savings.

Q21: Thirze: Any contact with the bar team from last year?

A21: Jesse: Yes there was, all of the information that they had collected has been shared.

Q22: Thirze: what are you planning on doing different from last year?

A22: Jesse: Broadening the search of the location and the committee has already started with making a budget plan and timeline. It would be realistic to create a rent.

Q23: (Thirze): What do you expect that you will be going to need money from AUCSA every year?

A23: Jesse: Yes, the bar plans on getting money every year.

Q24: (Michiel): I am not very clear on the reserved money, if we approve their committee budget do we already approve the reserved budget?

A24: Helio: The reserved fund will be. No, there will be another budget approval

Q25: (Michiel): Do we have to vote on that then again?

A25: Rose: Yes there will have to be another voting for this.

Jesse explains that when there are specific plans, this will be discussed again with. Rose explains again that this voting now will be on the 70 euros for the committee. Rose asks if

there are any other questions for the Budget, there are none. Rose proceeds to asking if there is anyone who would like to vote. There is no one, so AUCafe's budget has been accepted.

AUCDS

Rose introduces the debating committee. Helio talks about debating. He says it is a very busy committee and has a lot of contact with the AUCSA board. Helio explains that there are different tournaments. The AUCSA board has decided to scrap the tournaments that were not in English. This year, they will bring special sessions to AUC. There are costs in the budget for the events. Rose then asks if there are any questions.

Q26: (Marley): Would like to hear some clarity on the educative board transition?

A26: Sanna: The AUCSA gave permission to budget for a transition for the Board. This would be transitioning the new Board members. To explain how the committee works and what is done. This will be a camping trip where all the Rose: During the committee assembly, the AUCSA Board promoted having a transitioning for the committees. This is why the money was granted.

Rose asks if there are any other questions for the AUCDS budget, there are none. Rose proceeds to asking if there is anyone who would like to vote. There is no one, so the budget has been accepted.

AUCMAC

Rose introduces the new music appreciation committee. Cas, a committee member, introduces the new committee. He explains that the committee comes together for a weekly presentation on artists who are performing or presenting in Amsterdam or neighboring cities. The committee promotes the concerts going on. There will also be concerts at AUC, and promoting student appreciation for different kinds of music.

Helio explains the budget and that promotion is needed for the guests. There will be guests every 6 weeks. The budget is for the appreciation for the performers. Rose asks if there are any questions.

Q27: (Olivia): On Stage also applied for transport costs, we had to apply every time for transport costs, why is this?

A27: Camiel: No transport expenses are granted for committee members. This is only for the guests who are paid for to come to AUC for the committee. Cas specifies this, that the costs will cover the transport of the guests.

Rose asks if there are any other questions for the AUCMAC budget, there are none. Rose proceeds to asking if there is anyone who would like to vote. There is no one, so the budget has been accepted.

Rose then calls for a break.

PAUSE

Rose starts the meeting after the fifteen-minute break by reopening the budget of AUC Cuisine. Helio explains that the Bakesale was not included in the budget. The income increases, and the costs of the workshop are taken into account as they break even. The extra 500 that was not supposed to be in the budget is taken out. Now Rose asks if AUC Cuisine agrees with the current budget. Emiel says they are. Rose points out that the budget is different now.

Rose asks if there are any other questions for the AUC Cuisine budget, there are none. Rose proceeds to asking if there is anyone who would like to vote. There is no one, so the budget has been accepted.

GARDEN

Rose introduces the committee. Helio states that it is a very nice initiative. Helio shows the budget. Rose asks if there are any questions.

Q28: (Eddie): What is the sprouting workshop?

A 28: Amanda: We wanted to do the sprouting workshop that was done last semester. This will be done again.

Rose proceeds to asking if there is anyone who would like to vote. There is no one, so Garden's budget has been accepted.

HANDS ON

Rose introduces the Hands On committee. Rose explains that there is a new board which was set up in the past few weeks, so the budget had to be made in one week's time. Helio explains the budget. This is a committee with a lot of potential. The AUCSA Board is excited so see what will be going on. Helio explains that there were monthly events that they were not sure of. These events will be explained as the budget was made very fast. Rose asks if there are any questions.

Before the questions, Helio explains that the fee of 30 Euros a month, has been reduced to the total of 180 for the year.

Q29: (Eddie): Could you specify more where the money for events is going to?

A29: Hatty: The committee wants to make hands on more active throughout the year, specific charities will be. The 20 euros a month will be for prizes and decorations.

Q30: (Eddie): What are then the costs for the Movember event?

A30: Hatty: For Movember, the 60 euros is planned for the opening event, which will be done with Onstage, the Movember will be for mens health in general. With a treasure hunt, opening and final party.

Rose proceeds to asking if there is anyone who would like to vote. There is no one, so the budget for Hands On has been accepted.

INPRINT

Rose introduces the new committee. Helio tells the members, that the initiative is to publish essays from students that are good enough academic writers. The printing will be paid for by AUC. The budget from the AUCSA is to promote imprint and grant presents. Sanna, the Chair of the committee, explains the committee. Publications will be through an open admissions panel. It will be made up of essays that students want to share with the rest of the student population. She tells the members to start sending in their papers, these will be peer reviewed and then published into journals.

Rose asks if there are any other questions for the budget, there are none. Rose proceeds to asking if there is anyone who would like to vote. There is no one, so the budget has been accepted.

JUNKET

Rose introduces the newly formed committee. Rose asks Junket to explain what their committee entails. Chloe explains that Junket is a new committee for excursions to help students move their butts from Science park to cultural activities throughout Amsterdam and the Netherlands. Helio explains the budget. He zooms in on the Powerpoint. He explains that most of them are cultural activities. Looked for special ticket prices. AUCSA will cover half of the ticket prices for students. And the AUCSA will not pay for the transport. Rose asks if there are any questions.

Q31: (Michiel): It says participation fee times a certain amount, does that imply a minimum or maximum of people that can join? Who are these people?

A31: Lotte: Obviously, there will be a set amount of participants for every trip as some museums have a maximum amount. A fair process still needs to be made. For now the idea

is first come first serve. Chloe explains that the first time this system will be used. If this is not fair enough. Rose: The procedure still needs to be decided on.

Q32: (Alwin): You are not covering the bus ride? Does this mean you are not covering anything but a part of the tickets?

A32: Helio: Yes, that is correct.

Rose asks if there are any other questions for the Junket budget, there are none. Rose proceeds to asking if there is anyone who would like to vote. There is no one, so the budget has been accepted.

Rose congratulates the committee and moves on to the next.

ON STAGE

Rose introduces the committee. Helio seems very focused and there are excellent ideas like the rocky horror picture show. Helio shows the very detailed budget. Helio thanks for the great budget. The income comes from the tickets for the plays. The costs are for the locations and the dance classes. The Hard-drive that the committee had asked for will be invested in by the AUCSA.

Rose asks if there are any other questions for the On Stage budget, there are none again. Rose proceeds to asking if there is anyone who would like to vote. There is no one, so the budget has been accepted.

Rose congratulates the committee and moves on to the next.

SCRIPTUS

Rose introduces the committee. Helio enlightens the members. Helio explains that it could be even more present than it was. The amount of copies granted for Scriptus, has been lessened to be more sustainable and the copies will be available online. Rose adds on and explains that Scriptus is on the Myauc website.

Rose asks if there are any other questions for the Scriptus budget, there are none. Rose proceeds to asking if there is anyone who would like to vote. There is no one, so the budget has been accepted.

Rose congratulates the committee and moves on to the next.

SOLACE

Rose introduces the committee. Helio explains that the committee is very big. They are very important for the student life. Because they often break even, they do not need a lot of

money. They are hosting parties and might collaborate with the AUCSA Board. Helio goes through the parties that are planned, the costs and the venues. The committee also budgeted for a transition period.

Q33: Lotte: Can you specify 'other costs' under the Super Dutch party?

A33: Lesi: The other costs at the Super Dutch party were spent on the cheese blocks and licorice. The food was granted because.. it was granted after a proposal was written and granted. Rose explains that there was a proposal written and that the AUCSA board had granted it.

Rose asks if there are any other questions for the Solace budget, there are none. Rose proceeds to asking if there is anyone who would like to vote. There is no one, so the budget has been accepted.

TEDX AUCOLLEGE

Rose introduces the newly formed committee. Susan introduces herself and the committee. TEDX AUCollege want to bring Ted to the University, which is planned to happen March 5th 2014. The committee will host a Ted event here in the AUC building.

Helio shows the committee budget. He explains that AUCSA becomes one of the sponsors of the event. The AUCSA will sponsor for the domain of the website, the goody bags, shirts and other small costs.

Q34: (Paul): First three large charges in their budget, what is it?

A34: Susan: If you take a look at the costs of the web domains, the committee is applying for one of the less expensive ones.

Q35: (Paul): Why can't you just use a sub domain on the Myauc website? There is existing infrastructure you can take advantage of, why not use that?

A35: Helio: Tedx has a lot of rules for the website. The TEDx would not qualify it. Alejandro elaborates that Tedx has to buy its own domain. Susan clarifies that under the rules of TED their own domain has to be made.

Rose asks if there are any other questions for the Tedx AUCollege budget, there are none. Rose proceeds to asking if there is anyone who would like to vote. There is no one, so the budget has been accepted. Rose goes on to the last committee budget.

YEARBOOK

Rose introduces the committee. Helio explains that the AUCSA board loves the initiative of having a yearbook and that they want to include initiatives from the rest of the student population. The number of the yearbooks will not be increased, as there are a lot of yearbooks left from last year.

Q36: (Dico): How many books did you sell last year?

A36: We had a problem with keeping the number of books were sold. The committee has tried to find out how many were left. There are 90 books left, so not enough were sold. The publisher had different numbers than the past board. Joep goes on and explains that 110 books were sold. 300 were bought. The graduating class were given books.

Gaby explains that she would want a motion to add 1000 Euros to the budget. This is the result of the printing costs going up and the Dean not willing to pay more. She wants to buy them for 3 euros lower than the cost price. Answer to Motion 2 is that the Yearbook committee would like to add 1000 euros to the yearbook budget. This is needed because the yearbooks would be too expensive to buy

Rose explains that AUC will be giving books to the graduating students anyway. Camiel reacts to the motion: 250 books for 4000 books, The books would then be 12 euros. Gaby says that The publishing costs have increased this year.

Rose asks that the money is taken from the reserve fund. Gaby says that it would be taken from the reserve fund.

Q37: (Michiel): You order a specific amount of books, and then you sell them until they are all sold, and then order more.

A37: Gaby: Yearbook has thought about this. If the yearbooks are ordered in more amounts, the amount per book decreases. This is the reason why the gamble is taken. Because if less books are ordered the books will have to be 2 euros more per book.

Rose: Increasing the amount of books would be the most optimal.

Q38: (Dico): Helio could you say the second line, what does it say? Why don't you try to sell the old ones? Why is the income for this not on your sheet? Try to sell them for this year for a lower price (not used every year, then people would just wait a year to buy the books)?

A38: Helio: At the moment, the books are sold at 12 euros. With this budget, the books are being funded by the AUCSA. So the motion is not needed. The yearbooks will also be sold. Having the yearbook be a commodity has not worked. So this is trying to make income

based on the amount of yearbooks sold. This price is what the treasurer of the committee gave. But this will be sold as 12 euros.

Dico remarks that the reasoning behind having books cheaper at the end of the year should not be used in the coming years. The book numbers should be lessened. Susan repliwa they have thought about it. Rose: 300 books will not be able to make more.

Camiel: adds that the amount of books sold to the graduating students will be higher. More students.

Helio: it has only been going on for two years. Yes, mistakes have been made in budgeting the yearbook. This year with more students, more graduating students, the AUCSA has a better budget proposal.

Q39: (Thirze): Why is the graduating class bigger this year?

A39: Rose: There are about 30 students more.

Rose asks if there are any other questions for the budget, there are none. Rose proceeds to asking if there is anyone who would like to vote. There is no one, so the budget has been accepted. This finalizes all the committee budgets, which have all, all 20 of them, been accepted at this General Assembly.

Accepting Annual Report

Rose explains that there was a mistake at the beginning. Approving of the Annual Report. Joep comes on the stage and says that he forgot to mention that the annual report has to be approved by the members. No one raises their hands. Joep thanks for the approval. Rose states that the annual report has been accepted.

The AUCSA Budget

Next is the budget of the AUCSA Board itself. Helio starts with explaining the budget. Helio shows the budget on the PowerPoint. The first is a list with income. Then there is a list with the running costs which are the costs for the office, fees, bank payments, printing costs, the website, there are hoodies for committees and general assemblies. Also transitions are budgeted in, because is very important. This year there is also money going to awareness events, one of which is the week of waste reduction. Other events are the Winter Formal and the goodie bags which will be handed out during Finals, when students are stressed.

Rose asks if there are any questions.

Q40: (Eddie): How did you get income from the study store booksale?

A40: Florentine: 2 percent revenue of the international books that was sold through Study Store.

Q41: (Olivia): What is Happy Board Day?

A41: Rose: Happy Board Day is to celebrate the committed committees. It will be a fun get together, to show the appreciation to the committees. Helio explains that we do demand a lot from the committees and that we demand a lot from ourselves. This is to thank the committees for having done their part and to celebrate their work.

Q42: (Edgar): If you make a 1000 euros profit, does that imply that we could have had them cheaper?

A42: Florentine: We can look into it but they do sell it to us with a discounted price for students already. Joep: Study Store does not offer it at a lower price, they give 2 percent as a gift for using their business.

Q43: (Thalia): Do they give you a €1000 euros?

A43: Joep: No, this is the 2 percent revenue.

Q44: (Edgar): If you would give up the €1000 euros, could that get students discount?

A44: Helio: It is a deal that you make with study store. You make deal with study store as they can sell more items. They will not look at it that way. Rose: We are here for the students, and we would not do this if we were earning money from the students.

Dico thanks the AUCSA says that the 2 percent is going into the money of the AUCSA. It is therefore brought back to the students.

Q45: (Sanna): What is Committee fest?

A45: Rose: Awareness of all of the committees, where there will be stands of all of the committees. See it as festival where all of the committees promote themselves.

Rose asks if there are any other questions for the AUCSA Board Budget. There are none.

Rose goes on to the savings.

Helio explains the savings and shows it on the PowerPoint slide. There is an annual membership fee. That is how the AUCSA limits their budget. There are savings from the previous year. There is a net result in the end to less than 32000, so there is an amount going into the savings. There are three parts of the savings. There is one part of reserve funds: for committee to be able to use it if something goes wrong and if there are new committees that are set up throughout the year. There is also money reserved for AUCafe. This will not automatically be granted. Any budget that goes over 2500 will have to go through another Budget GA. There are also other investments. This includes a beamer and a hard drive which have been asked for by different committees. The AUCSA board found this to be better as it can be used by more. There is also 1000 that might be used for Dorm Fest from the savings.

Rose asks if there are any questions.

Q46: (Eddie): Whether it was possible to change to value from 2000 to be able to spend without a budget GA to a lower amount?

A46: Rose: Would have to check the statutes for that. We could change this in the statutes now or it could be looked at later.

Q47: (Sanna): Dormfest is not a committee, how is that budget going to be allocated this year?

A47: Rose: A Dormfest team will be set up. There will be open applications for that.

Q48: (Jesse): Are there any more savings from last year, or is this all?

A48: Helio: Yes, there are more savings from last year. As a board we can not go overboard. More money can't be sent. As it would not be sustainable. This year,

small investments are made and this might have to happen in the next years to come.

Q49: (Jesse): What is the amount of the total savings?

A49: Helio: The amount at the moment is 10-15 thousand euros in the savings. It is not exact yet.

Q50: (Talia): What are the AUCSA investments?

A50: Helio: The investments are, 1000 Dorm Fest, 500 for a beamer, 80 to an external hard drive.

Q51: (Eddie): I think that more money for the hard drive, don't you think that there is too little budgeted?

A51: Camiel answers that the ART committee never asked for one. Helio: There were already two committees who would like it. Not all of the committees need it.

Eddie adds that the AUCSA Board should maybe send out an email to ask committees whether they would be interested in also using the hard drive. Sanna: Maybe it is worthwhile to make a larger investment for more space and more quality.

Q52: (Hatty): Hard drives are prone to breaking, what are the hard drives going to be used for?

A52: Rose: Onscreen, Art and the Yearbook. Helio: Onstage wanted to use it for videos.

Hatty proposes to have an online harddrive.

Q53: (Olivia): When we looked for a harddrive, for the cheapest one, maybe not enough and no good quality, that one was €80 euros. Might need to spend more on.

A53: Helio says that you need a good one for 80 euros. If more is needed, and if it will be needed for more committees, it could be looked into later.

Rose says that a motion can be proposed about the hard drives. Rose thinks that if there is a bigger hard drive needed, a proposal can be made.

Onstage looked for a harddrive, and it might be an idea to look for a more expensive one.

Q54: (Eddie): Can we have time to look up amounts, and decide on this later?

A54: Rose: We want to decide today. This could be gotten from the unexpected cost.

Q55: (Sanna): would it not make sense to propose a motion to take another €80 for that budget?

A55: Helio: Yes, that is possible.

MOTION: (Sanna): That we allocate money from AUCSA savings for the harddrive, to double the amount for the harddrive (in total €160).

Rose repeats the motion to *allocate 80 Euros of AUCSA Savings to double the amount of the harddrive to 160 euros.*

Rose asks if there are any questions about the motion, there are none. Rose asks if anyone wants to vote on the motion. No one wants to vote on this motion so it is *accepted.*

Rose asks if there are any other questions.

Q56: (Jesse): The income at 32.000, expenses of 31.613, what happens with the amount left?

A56: Helio: The 300 euros goes to the savings. Rose explains that the money that comes in is spent on the committees. At the end, there is money that goes to savings. And the money that is not spent extra goes to the sustainable savings.

Rose asks if there are any more questions concerning the budget of the AUCSA Board, but since there are none, Rose proceeds and Rose explains that there will have to be a vote now. First Rose will ask who is in favor, then if there is any one

against the budget and then if there are any abstentions. Once the first round has been counted, the second round will be held for those with the proxies. Rose asks if it is clear to everyone, and since it is Rose starts the voting.

First, Rose asks who is in favor of accepting the AUCSA Budget including the motion. There are 36 members who are in favor. Rose then asks if there is anyone against, there are not present members against. Rose then asks if anyone would like to abstain, but since there are no members present who would like to abstain, the first round count is finished and Rose proceeds to the Proxy voting. Rose asks for those with proxies to listen up. Rose asks who of the proxies is in favor. 4 proxies are in favor. Rose then asks if there are any proxies against, but there are none against and there is also no proxy abstaining. Camiel then counts up the votes.

Once Camiel finishes counting the votes he informs Rose that there are 40 in favor and none against or abstaining. Rose then makes officially enlightens the members that hereby, with *40 votes in favor*, 0 against and 0 abstaining, the general *AUCSA budget is accepted*.

Policy Manual Changes

Introducing the Election Committee

After the budget has been accepted, Rose continues the General Assembly with the Policy Manual changes part of the agenda. Rose introduces the Election Committee, and welcomes Eddie to the stage to inform the members about this. Eddie comes up to the stage as representative of the Advisory Council and the Election Committee. Eddie explains that there have been a lot of complaints this year about the election process.

Explanation on the changes and voting

Eddie explains the problems that there are with the current system. There is a lower number of applicants for the AUCSA Board than desired. As soon as the election committee makes a decision, there is a high 'drop-out' rate amongst the candidates after the announcement of the proposed candidate(s). What happened this year as well, was that the AUCSA Board was 'too Dutch'. There were also violations of the no self-promotion policy, because the rule of no self-promotion was unclear. Referring to this, Eddie explains the

cycle, has been set up so that the promotion is kept limited and Eddie gives the reason why the election committee exists.

Eddie explains that the AUCSA Board publicly announces a vacancy, usually towards the end of the semester. The applicant then sends their CV + motivation to the Election Committee. The Election Committee will then conduct interviews with the candidates. The Election Committee announces the proposed candidate(s). The Election Statements of the candidate(s) are then made public. This, Eddie says, is where the problem lies, as this is when the candidates drop out. Then at the General Assembly, the Election Committee will make a speech for the proposed candidate(s), after which the candidates will make their speech.

Eddie says that Rose will explain what the AUCSA board and the Election Committee together suggest to change to solve the problems that Eddie stated.

Rose explains the PowerPoint slide on which a clear procedure is projected. Rose proposes the new Election Process: Firstly, the AUCSA Board publicly announces vacancies. Then the applicant sends his/her CV and their motivation letter to the Election Committee. The Election Committee will then conduct interviews with the candidates. The change is that the Election Committee will not propose the candidates yet after the interviews. The Election Statements will then be made public at least 48 hours before the Debate, organized by the AUCSA. This will be a Debate between the candidates, which will take place at least 48 hours prior to the GA. At the GA itself, the candidates will have their speech, after which the Election Committee will announce the proposed candidate(s). After giving the explanation, Rose asks if there are any questions.

Q57: (Johannes): Why would you still announce that candidate at the GA?

A57: Rose: It is very important that the election committee still has their influence and that the election committee can still. Eddie: explains that the election committee is needed for the GA to take place.

Q58: (Johannes): Still kind of weird, people are not allowed to promote themselves, but then the election committee still promotes one?

Rose repeats the question and then gives an answer.

A58: Rose: It is still very important that the election committee's proposal is taken into consideration and we want people to be in the running till the end.

Q59: (Johannes): Why propose three candidates for the position?

A59: Eddie: It was one of the possibilities we looked at. But at board elections you look at a board that you think will function well.

Q60: (Dico): Wondering what is the reason that AUCSA is organizing the debate, seems logical to me that an unbiased member does this.

A60: Eddie: We have spoken to the Debating Society to organise this, however, we can't guarantee their continued existence.

Q61: (Dico): Could we include that an unbiased student has to host this? The AUCSA and the Election Committee could have a sort of preference for some candidates.

A61: Eddie: So would you suggest that the election committee is unbiased enough?

Dico answers no, it should be an unbiased member of the AUCSA member population.

Q62: (Rose): Then how would you propose to choose this member?

A62: Dico: As long as the debating society exists, you could have the AUCDS organise it.

Q63: (Rose): If the AUCSA Board promotes the debate, would the Election Committee together with Debating chooses the independent student to host the debate?

A63: Dico: Yes.

Rose says that they could come up with the motion later, after the question round is finished.

Q64: (Michael): During the debate, the members will form their own opinion on the candidates. I do not understand why the election committee would still have to make a proposal for a certain candidate; I think everyone at the GA has the capabilities to choose the best candidate. The election committee is not needed then, as the AUCSA members can form an opinion of their own.

A64: Rose: Of course we do not underestimate the capabilities of the AUCSA members, however, we think that the Election Committee is still more independent and will be objective. They went through the process with the candidates and have seen their capabilities in the interviews and the debate. What we have seen until now is that students do have a tendency to choose for their friends.

Q65: (Michael): How exactly would this carry weight, does the proposal of the Election Committee count as a percentage?

A65: Eddie: No, there is no percentage it is just an influence. All the candidates have their own speech after which the election committee makes a proposal and will stress the reasoning behind the proposal.

Rose explains that the Election Committee. Heleen adds that the Election Committee knows what the activities of the board entail.

Q66: (Lotte): Don't you think that the debate is going to lessen the amount of people that will apply?

A66: Rose explains that there were two big problems. By having the debate, the candidates would run longer. With the debate this would find the middle ground. The second problem was self-promotion which could also be helped by having the debate.

Q67: (Chloe): The fact that the election committee is going to announce the proposal at the GA, the debate does not tackle the problem of less people running.

A67: Eddie: Explains that the debate tackles the problem of the number of dropping out.

Q68: (Chloe): people drop out because of the proposal of the election committee,

A68: Eddie: Another problem that is being tackled is the lack of information of the proposed candidates. Just the 2 minutes at the GA is not enough. The debate will enhance this.

Sanna thinks that this is a great improvement to the system, as the candidates are really into the process; it will help members of the AUCSA have more insights of the candidates. Also, Sanna says, a debate like this makes sure that the members know if the candidates are actually good, it is a two-prong approach and she thinks that it is great.

Q69: (Talia): Is there a minimum amount of members present for a legal election of a members?

A69: Eddie: No, there is not a minimum number of the student population needed.

Q70: (Thalia): Isn't this a very biased election then?

A70: Eddie: This is why we are trying to increase the number of candidates running so that there will be more members present at the General Assembly.

Q71: (Michael): How will you get more people to the GA?

A71: Eddie: More candidates in the running will bring more people. Rose explains that there will be more election statement promotion, more fun facts, more promotions of the candidates and the GA as a whole by the AUCSA Board.

Q72: (Rita): I think the importance and the role of the Election Committee needs to be emphasized because it is not clear at the moment.

A73: Eddie: One of the tasks of the Advisory council this year is to improve the transparency of how the Election Committee and the Advisory Council work.

Q73: (Nimue): Why did you choose not to give a voting percentage to the people proposed by the Election Committee?

A74: Eddie: The statutes do not allow it as it is non-binding. Hopefully the EC votes for the suggested

Q75: (Dico): About the speeches in the final GA, is there a timelimit?

A75: Eddie: No.

Q76: (Eddie): Would you suggest a certain amount of minutes?

A76: Dico: Yes.

Q77: (Eddie): How many minutes would you like the speeches to be?

A77: Dico: 3 minutes.

Eddie says that it can be added to the policy manual changes later on and asks if there are anymore questions about the procedure? There are none so Rose takes the floor again. Rose goes through the way that it will go and explains the additional changes which are that the Election Committee will propose a board containing at least one Dutch candidate and at least one International candidate. The Election Committee will prefer candidates who will not participate in bilateral exchange for the duration of their appointed term. Candidates may not participate in self-promotion, with the exception of the following occasions: The Election Statements distributed by the AUCSA Board, the debate organised by the AUCSA Board, their introduction speech at the GA, and further details at discretion of the Election Committee. Rose also states that violation of the no-self promotion policy

will result in the disqualification of the candidate in question from the current election cycle.

Rose asks if there are any questions.

Q78: (Johannes): How are you going to put this into practice this international member quota?

A78: Eddie: It is a recommendation. Rose explains that it is an advice to the election committee.

Rose asks if there are any other questions. Rose explains how the voting will work by accepting the new Article, and if not it will be voted on. Rose goes through the policy manual.

At the moment, Article 6.1 is: An Election Committee shall be formed on initiative of the Advisory Council in the event that the AUCSA Board indicates the need for an election. What is added is: and the Election Committee will exist for the duration of the election cycle. And a. The election cycle is defined as the period from the moment that the vacancy for the AUCSA Board is announced, to moment the vacancy is filled.

Rose asks if there are any questions.

Q79: (Olivia): If we have a situation like this year, where the treasurer suddenly falls out what happens then?

A79: Eddie: A new election committee will be set up but the same form will be used.

Q80: (Sanna): How long does the advisory board stay on? Do you then have the problem with the cycle of the election committee (because of the people who have to be in the election Committee)?

A80: Thirze: Two members of the advisory council will always go into the election committee. The third person will always be a different independent person.

Rose asks if there are any questions. Rose asks if anyone wants to vote on 6.1. No one does, so the change of 6.1 is accepted as : 1. An Election Committee shall be formed on initiative of the Advisory Council in the event that the AUCSA Board indicates the need for an election, and the Election Committee will exist for the duration of the election cycle.

a. The election cycle is defined as the period from the moment that the vacancy for the AUCSA Board is announced, to moment the vacancy is filled.

Rose reads out Article 6.6: After receiving an application, the Election Committee shall notify the applicant. Following this written application, the Election Committee may conduct interviews from the outcome of which they may propose a candidate for a position. The removal: "... from the outcome of which they may propose a candidate for a position."

Rose asks if there are any questions.

Q81: (Sanna): this means that they take the debate into account?

A81: Eddie: Yes.

Q82: (Sanna): What does the notification mean?

A82: Eddie: That the application has been approved.

Q83: (Renata): You are still proposing a candidate at the GA, do you mean to remove this clause when only the time of the proposal has changed?

A83: Eddie: We do not need to, but it is in the process of clarifying the election process.

Rose asks if anyone has any questions? No one does. Rose asks if anyone wants to vote. No. It is approved as: After receiving an application, the Election Committee shall notify the applicant. Following this written application, the Election Committee may conduct interviews.

Rose reads out Additions 6.7: The election procedure will be conducted by the Election Committee as explained in article 7. She then reads out 6.8: The Election Committee will prefer candidates who will not participate in bilateral exchange for the duration of their appointed term.

Q84: (Olivia): So basically, people that go on exchange in their 4th semester cannot apply? You are being put at a disadvantage by wanting to go on exchange?

A84: Rose: Yes, as it takes a lot of work to transition. This also does not mean that people who go on exchange cannot run or be elected. It is not binding. You can still run. But the advice for the Election Committee is not to propose someone going on exchange, as it is such a hassle for the transition.

Sanna proposes that if there are going to be any changes on article 7 the members should see them before voting on this one. Rita also suggests that the policies are sent out earlier for people to go through.

Rose agrees and then continues, and goes on to read out the additional clause 6.9: The Election Committee will propose a board containing at least one Dutch candidate and at least one International candidate; a. 'International' being defined as a representative of the international community at AUC. b. What qualifies as representative of the international community will be decided by the Election Committee.

Rose explains that the definition will be that it is a representative and that the election committee can then.

Q85: (Sanna): How do you define the international community?

A85: Eddie: Yes it is vague, but it needs to be in there.

Q86: (Sanna): might it be something to look into how people are enrolled at AUC?

A86: Chloe remarks that some people have a Dutch passport but are actually very international in their upbringing and do not have very many links with the Netherlands.

Q87: (Johannes): Why would you put it in there, you put something in there that would not mean anything?

A87: Eddie: Last year we ended up with a board of only Dutch people. The international students did not feel represented. This way we can make a suggestion for the election committee to have an international. Rose adds that if we are all Dutch, there are cultural differences. Thirze also points out that events as Sinterklaas, need to be thought through as for some students it is not a normal tradition.

Rose asks if there are any other questions and there are none so she proceeds on to the voting. Now addition 9 has been accepted.

Rose continues with Article 7. Roes reads out current Article 7.4: Candidates may write an election statement, which will be made public to all members 48 hours prior to the elections. The change would make 7.4: Candidates may write an election statement, which will be made public to all members at least 48 hours prior to the debate.

Rose asks if there are any questions and there are none so she proceeds on to the voting. Clause 7.4 has been accepted.

Rose goes on to the additional clause that was added on as 7.5: The Debate will take place at least 48 hours prior to the GA.

Rose asks if there are any other questions and there are none so she proceeds on to the voting. Clause 7.5 has been accepted.

Roes goes on to Article 7.6: The Proposal of the Election Committee will be made public during the GA, after the speeches of the candidates.

Rose asks if there are any other questions and there are none so she proceeds on to the voting. Clause 7.6 has been accepted.

Rose goes on to Article 10 which will be added.

10. Candidates may not participate in self-promotion, with the exception of the following occasions:

- a. The Election Statements distributed by the AUCSA Board
- b. The debate organised by the AUCSA Board
- c. Their introduction speech at the GA
- d. Further details at discretion of the Election Committee

Q88: (Sanna): do you have any specific details?

A88: Eddie, because of the changing of the social media, this will not be in the manual. The posts on facebook made by the AUCSA Board can be shared but can not be commented on and used as self promotion. We hope that this way we have a stronger handle. And the Election Committee will always find out.

Rose first goes on to Article 11 which states: Violation of Article 7.10 will result in the disqualification of the candidate in question from the current election cycle.

Q89: (Johannes): what do you do when someone has violated this article (of non promotion) and you find out after the elections?

A89: Eddie: For now, these rules are applicable as long as the Election Committee exists.

Rose repeats that this is a very good question. Hopefully this will be caught in time and people will not self promote. Eddie also adds that we think that people promote themselves because of the lack of AUCSA promotion. Hopefully the self promotion will not take place.

Rose goes back to 10 as a motion had wanted to be made on clause 10.b which was: The debate organised by the AUCSA Board.

Eddie proposes the motion which will be: The debate organised by the Election Committee in cooperation with an independent student body, promoted by the AUCSA Board.

Then Eddie adds that 10.c is changed from: Their introduction speech at the GA, to: Their introduction speech at the GA with a maximum of three minutes.

Sanna thinks that 3 minutes is too short. This will not give you time to go into your analysis. This will be too short for those not used to public speaking. It will also not let them go in depth. She would propose five minutes.

Eddie and Thirze then propose to have it at four minutes. This is agreed on.

10.c is changed to: Their introduction speech at the GA, which is limited to duration of four minutes.

Rose asks if anyone has questions? There are none. Rose asks if anyone wants to vote? No one would like to so it is accepted.

Rose asks if anyone has questions or votes on clause 7.10.

Q90: (Bart): In this article who actually judges this violation? Maybe a definition would be handy.

A90: Rose: you would want to add that it is done by the Election Committee?

Any violation, apart from 7.10, as found by the Election Committee, will result in the disqualification of the candidate of the current election cycle.

Q91: (Bart): in this article who actually judges this violation? Maybe a definition would be handy.

A91: Eddie: Any decisions made by the AUCSA Board, can appeal to the Advisory Council. Yes, the methods are available.

Rose asks if anyone has questions, none have any so she asks if anyone wants to vote? No persons do so the motion is accepted.

Rose says that now that article 7 is defined, we can go back to add on clauses 6.7 and 6.8. The additional clause 6.7 reads: The election procedure will be conducted by the Election Committee as explained in article 7. Clause 6.8 reads: The Election Committee will prefer candidates who will not participate in bilateral exchange for the duration of their appointed term.

When Rose asks if anyone has questions, no one has a questions. Therefore, Rose then asks if anyone wants to vote? Since no one is voting, all of the new and changed clauses and articles are accepted, which entails that the revised policy manual is accepted.

Rose thanks all of the members for being present and informs everyone that there is no next GA planned yet. Rose then, after 4.5 hours, closes the 12th General Assembly of the Amsterdam University College Student Association.