
GENERAL ASSEMBLY 11

Amsterdam, September 4th, 2013

PROPOSED:

TREASURER EDGAR ROOTALU

OTHER CANDIDATES:

TREASURER HELIO CAMPOS

Present: Hannah Bragdon, Katalin van Harreveld, Sanna McGregor, Samuel van Rozelaar, Nienke van Staveren, Maria Romero, Victor van Dooren, Aram Zegerius, Coen-Reinier Lap, Michiel van der Padt, Viviane Karangwa, Luana Carretto, Sarai Bisseling, Danishwara Nathaniel, Edgar Rootalu, Victor Smid, Johanna Kleijn, Paul Verhagen, Okke Lucassen, Ivan Seifert, Gloria Goebel, Chloe Berger, Maeva Dolle, Maarten de Zeeuw, Marissa Koopman, Laurens van de Werken, Dorien Pastoors, Sophie de Pater, Teun Strikkers, Eloy de Jong, , Tamar Bot, Sabina van Rooij, Nuria de Jong, Spehanie Reussner, Marije Martens, Renee Michels, Jip Hinten, Henriette Hoogervorst, Jele Koopsen, Lotte Stemerding, Peyombili Brock, Ana Flavia Ferreira Silva, Wilhelmina Eliza M.R. Diop, Thembiso Nhlelisana, Daan Verhoeven, Marie-Sol Ruindl, Joep Bouma, Luuc Overvoorde, Bart Voorn, Carlos Rivera Ortiz, Alejandro Zerain, Amalio Robinson, Helio Campos, Judith Kadee, Vasikios Takas, Iris Vegting, Suzanne Laboyrie, Eddie Stok, Jorren Bosga, Kim Peters, Camiel Wijffels, Heleen Ruhe, Rose Wijnberg and Florentine Oberman.

Proxies: Marijne Aerts, Sophie Rose, Gus Moystad, Joep Jansen, Marie-Sol Reindl, Emiel Sparnier, Samuel Rozelaar, Thirze Hermans, Linde de Nie, Renee Riegman, Floor Kreijkes, Torkan Omari, Simone van Dijk, Jorge San Vicente, Philip de Koning, Cora, Talah Hassan, Pilar Puig, Barney Lahm.

Opening:

Rose explains the procedure.

Sequential ordering of the agenda

Rose says the agenda

Election committee

Eddie starts with introducing the election committee and explains what the election committee did. The proposed candidate is Edgar. He stood out not only because of his motivation but also because he is experienced and promised great things not only for this year. He has been in many previous positions in organisations. He is the one suited for the position.

Statements

Rose introduces Edgar. Edgar starts with his statement.

Three things he would like to bring to the AUCSA:

- 1) Experience: having been in other youth representation associations.
- 2) Ideas: Increase the budget through sponsorships and project funds. And set up a good ground for the boards that will follow. Support all representatives of the AUCSA: if members of the AUCSA are in competitions.
- 3) Love for the organization: put time and effort into it.

After the statement, Rose asks if there are any questions.

Q1: Eddie: Why do you think that you can increase the budget when no other board has been successful in the past?

Answer 1: I don't have access to files how the previous boards have done. When I get access to how they have, I can see why they were unsuccessful how they could improve.

Q2: Michiel: If you increase your budget, how will you spend the budget, where would you like to spend your budget?

Answer 2: Personally spend the budget when students represent AUC outside of the community, get transportation. Get more students to participate in committees. So when committees come to the board to get more money, one of the would be to look at how many students that activity or committee would reach.

After Edgar's questions, Rose introduces Helio.

Helio starts with his statement.

Introduces himself.

Seen boards come and go, seen how it has worked in the past and he thinks that his experience is very important. Did MUN for three years before when he was in school in Venezuela where he was financial board director. Was a successful experience and has made me ready to take on this task. AUCSA is an

association that basically tries to improve the social student life and make a sense of community. From this point we should get sponsors. It is important to know that there are very specific branches and that when getting sponsorships we need to look for all of the different sides. Fundraising does not always have to be a hard task. It could increase school spirit. Want AUCSA to be bigger and better, step by step, understanding how the organization works. Inspiring students to be more active in the community.

Q1: Heleen: What is a raffle?

A1: Raffle is when you are trying to make money, you ask donations in the form of sponsorship in kind. So you collect items and have a lottery.

Q2: Edgar: AUCSA is thriving, but in order to thrive even more, there are mainly three resources you can use, people, ideas and money. What would you set as a priority for AUCSA now?

A2: Ideas would be the most important part, from ideas you can get money and from ideas you can have people come to you. If the ideas are sufficiently good, people will come to you .

Since there are no questions anymore, Rose takes the floor.

Rose explains the voting with the ballots. Rose explains proxies. You are allowed two proxies per person. And to pick up the ballots at Heleen or Florentine.

Rose explains that a 50 percent majority is needed in the votes.

If there is a tie, the entire procedure would have to be done again.

Voting

Eddie takes the floor and asks all of the members to fill in onto a piece of paper. Votes have been counted. Rose points out that as a AUCSA member could recount the votes.

RESULTS

Eddie reads out the results. There were 82 people who voted, Four voted with an abstention. In the end, after he counted, Eddie announces that Helio is the winner with 37 votes. Edgar got 31 votes.

Eddie then asks if it needs to be recounted, but no one feels the need to do so. The board congratulates Helio.

Rose thanks Eddie.

Eddie explains the debate about the AUCSA elections of the past years, most importantly the election committee. Rose states that if the members have any ideas about a new election system, email info@auca.nl

Rose then closes the General Assembly.

Election Statement

Election Statement of Edgar Rootalu, Proposed Candidate

Building up your life in a new environment is a thrilling process. By now, I have finished my first year of AUC and having realized that letting the college years go by without offering anything back to the community would be something I would regret in the future. Therefore, I decided to run for the treasurer position in AUCSA board. My involvement with student representation through councils and youth organizations started when I was 13 years old and since then I have taken various roles in smaller and bigger organizations. Big part of my experience comes from two significant youth advocacy organizations such as the School Student Councils' Union and National Youth Council in Estonia, where I came from. My tasks in both associations included event and training organization, bureau and employee management, fundraising, project and budget management, lobbying with policy-makers, creating and furthering organization's policy agenda, among many others. As a treasurer I have two main priorities in mind, increasing the budget and supporting the representatives of our university. Obviously, I will stick the general principle of not spending more than we have to spend. I intend to increase budget from two main sources. I will be on a lookout for various funds that support youth participation and democratic initiatives, such as 'Youth In Action' by European Commission. My plans include also starting sponsorship negotiations with business corporations who are looking for ways to contribute to the wider society. That said, I hope you find my motivation to be satisfying and I am looking forward to work on those goals.

Election Statement of Helio Campos

I believe AUCSA to be a great organization with an even greater potential. The Amsterdam University College Student Association has succeeded in unifying and coordinating students' social activities, and it actively promotes and encourages the creation of initiatives that will contribute to the student life. It is the latter where growth resides: new ideas and new committees that strengthen the sense community. As treasurer I will bring first and foremost my experience. While attending university in Venezuela I was part of one of the top 5 Model United Nations delegations in the most prestigious conference of its kind, the Harvard National Model United Nations (HNMUN). I was part of the Board of Directors as Financial Director. This position put me in charge of the finances of a 32-people delegation; which entailed keeping track of sponsorship deals, fundraising, PR, and other logistics such as plane tickets and accommodation. While difficult this was a very successful and enriching experience, which would definitely help me be ready for the treasurer position. Being an international student will also bring much needed diversity to

the AUCSA board. If our AUC classroom discussions are greatly enriched by the multinational nature of their participants, then it seems fitting AUCSA represents this same exchange of varied ideas. Most importantly, I believe, my previous experience allowed me to be part of a hardworking team and understand the dynamics of teamwork. With motivation and thorough work, AUCSA can reach new heights and be even more successful, and I know I can be an integral part of this.