



GENERAL ASSEMBLY

18:30 | 10-10-2024 | Nieuwemarkt 1A, 3011 HP, Rotterdam

Attendees:

Total: 68
Online (Zoom): 2
In person: 66

Official Minutes: *Eileen Timpel*

1. Opening of the GA

The second General Assembly of the academic year 2024-2025 is held in the EUC Atrium and starts at 18.30. Kimi (the EUCSA chair) welcomes everyone.

- Kimi asks everyone to sit down and explains that General Assemblies are there to discuss and vote on issues and topics that concern EUCSA.
- He goes on to mention that this is a regular GA, to go over the plan for the rest of the year, and a Budget GA to allocate the budget.
- The agenda is presented and it passes by acclamation.
- Further, he asks everyone to raise their hands and mention their name when they want to say something.

2. Updates

The first point on the agenda are updates regarding the beginning of the quad.

- EUCSA weekend
 - The feedback was very positive from everyone involved and everyone seemed to have a good time. The venue was amazing and even though we did not sell out, we could account for the missing money.
- Social Drinks
 - Unfortunately, the turnout was not very high, but it was still a very cosy evening with fun people.
- Christmas Market
 - The afternoon was very cosy and a lot of Committees got involved. We are happy with how it went and hope everyone had a good time.
- ACT
 - The Assembly for Change and Transformation just happened before the GA and Kimi agrees with Aksh that it was a success.

3. Committee Progress

Kimi moves on to discuss the progress of the Committees.

- Many new events have taken place such as the Blindfolded Dinner by Accessibility Co, which was a huge success.
- The big Quad 2 Hip Hop party was a collaboration of Party Co and PoC Co and went very well. From promotion to the actual turn out of the party we, and the committees, were pleased.
- Games Co had no members in the beginning of the year, but now Yorrick has started to revive the Co and we are hoping for events in quad 3 and 4.
- Lastly, memberships have reopened and are selling well. Taking that into account the budget will be reallocated in our quad 3 GA.

4. Plans for the Rest of the Year

Kimi continues by mentioning events that are planned in Quad 3.

- Exchange Introweek
 - The new exchange students will arrive in the beginning of quad 3 and we are preparing a small scale version of Introweek, including a Scavenger Hunt, Karaoke and a dinner.
- Social Drinks
 - As in every Quad, Social Drinks will take place in Pardoen. In quad 3 they are planned for the first Tuesday to welcome everyone back to Rotterdam after winter break.
- Workshops for incoming students
 - The Management Team has asked us to prepare online and in person workshops for incoming first years, which we are currently working on and might get in touch with Committees about.
- Ski Trip
 - This year's Ski Trip will, as always, take place during spring break and tickets sold out within days. We are confident in SkiTeam and are excited for it to start.
- Theme weeks
 - In quad 3 many themed weeks will happen such as Diversity week by the IC, AI week by EUC Staff and Career Week organised by MEDA.
 - *Lucy (Charity Co) is asking when these weeks will happen.*
 - *Kimi answers week 2,3 and 5*
 - *Fem Co adds that Womens week will also happen in the beginning of March.*
 - *Kathi (SusCo) marks that it is important, that AI week should be critical and SusCo would like to participate.*

- *Eileen adds that she will reach out to Committees as soon as there is more information.*
- Kimi says there will be a lot of weeks, since Brain Awareness Week is also planned to take place in February. Lastly, he mentions that the board is planning another event, which is also expected to take place in quad 3.

5. Committee Proposal

Kimi hands the floor to Michiel, Anton and Derek to present their proposal for a Finance and Entrepreneurial Committee (FEC).

- Michiel welcomes everyone and presents the team and goal of the committee.
 - He says they are dedicated to their plans, to make space for financial events within EUCSA and they want to collaborate with MEDA and aim to make finances accessible to all majors.
- Anton further discusses the two parts of the committee being finance and entrepreneurship and their main event is expected to be a shark tank. They already plan for this to be put into practice with Tristan as the jury and a 150€ price.
 - They further plan to collaborate in the stock market simulation as well as Career Week and would like to introduce Finance Masters and work with different lecturers.
 - In regards to their budget, they argue that since they bought their memberships for the purpose of starting the committee, they are financing it themselves. 150€ are expected to go to the shark tank and 100€ to guest speakers and other events.
- Derek adds that the long term vision is to incorporate FEC into MEDA.

Kimi asks for questions.

- *Finn thanks the FEC team for the good presentation, but mentions that finance classes are already offered at EUR and MEDA. He raises the question how this will be its own Committee and not just expansion of MEDA?*
 - *Michiel replies that MEDA is interdisciplinary and they want to focus specifically on Finance. Still, they understand the overlap and plan to merge the two in the future.*
 - *Finn asks how that will work.*
 - *Anton and Enya agree that a final structure will need to be discussed, but there will be an integration somehow.*
- *Warsan says whether the focus is on ECB students or everyone.*
 - *Anton and Michiel say that everyone can join if interested in finance. The plan is that ECB students try to make others understand financial themes.*
- *Finn says that there is a difference between accessibility and interdisciplinarity, which is lacking here. He says it would be interesting to put topics into a real life context.*
 - *Michiel says they would like to think about that in the future and it sounds interesting.*

- Anton gives the example of sustainable investment in a real life setting and facing real life problems, which they are already considering.
- Derek adds that further collaborations are planned for next year. This year is very restrained, but there will be long term plans with MEDA.
- Finn mentions there can also be collaborations with other Cos.
- The FEC members agree.
- Ilinca (Fem Co) asks if there is anything that adds onto what EUR or MEDA do.
 - Michiel says they want to add on to MEDA and EUR offers everything, so that argument could be for any Co.
 - Anton adds that MEDA does not have the structures to host FEC yet, so for now this is the plan.
- Lucy says the main problem in understanding the Committee proposal is maybe because the old Entrepreneurial Co was merged into MEDA and why this wasn't done last year.
 - Derek puts the emphasis on the motivation that has only risen now.
 - Lucy mentioned that it seems to lack long term vision.
 - Andrea (FEC) adds that there is a focus on finance.
- Juan walks up and says they are all super motivated and they weren't aware of MEDA, but they have now come to an agreement. He understands the doubts, but MEDA sees FEC as a good initiative and will vote for it, since integrating them now would be too complicated for the MEDA structure.
 - Lucy adds that Co members change very often and implementing something now for next year can't be guaranteed.
 - Anton says that the original plan was FEC as its own Co in the long term and that in process they realised how much their plan overlaps with MEDA and that they need more time for an actual vision.
 - Michiel adds there will be a contract for the MEDA integration.
- Lea asks about the disbandment of Entrepreneurial Co last year.
 - Anton wants to do this well, but for now the main goal is to make something for the ECB.
 - Lea asks if they think they are prepared for this.
 - Derek says they need to start to see exactly what is coming and they are ready to face challenges with MEDA.
 - Lea says that it seems paradoxical and more of a MEDA issue. Further, since memberships won't pay for it next year and she doesn't think it should be a own Co.
 - Michiel says that there are good plans even though those were switched last minute due to MEDA collaborations.

Kimi mentions that we are running on time.

- Enya says this is just a very last minute debate, because they couldn't know a lot of things MEDA was planning and that's why there is no final concept. This is the best solution possible, since they can be integrated into MEDA next year, they have good ideas and the Co proposal is vague, but will be good.
- Katie asks if there is an actual demand for this.
 - Andrea and Michiel say yes and a lot of first years are very excited.
- Ilinca (Fem Co) asks again why this can't be handled under MEDA for now and then reconsider the plan when it can be voted on with the budget next year.

- *Andrea says that being a Co gives them more and better options and there will be a plan on how to go on with EUCSA.*
- *Kimi says due to the EUCSA structure there is a need for a Co, since MEDA is not ready for it yet.*
- *Enya clarifies that MEDA can not account for integrating it right now.*
- *Kimi repeats again why this is the best option structurally.*
- *Derek says doing it as a separate Co now is still the best option.*
- *Nestor asks which of them are going on exchange.*
 - *Michiel says that most are, but they are already working on a transition with first years which are interested in the Co.*
- *Warsan asks what they mean by using their own money to finance it.*
 - *Gijs says that they just got their membership for the Co in order to fund it.*
 - *Anton adds that they did this to not use other Cos budgets.*
 - *Warsan says that this is not how memberships work.*
 - *Ilinca argues that memberships should be shared and benefit the whole of EUCSA, not just one Co.*
 - *Gijs says that EUCSA is subsidising the five new members to all Cos and they wont get their money back if FEC is denied.*
 - *Warsan asks if they will pay the non-member price, if their membership is only to finance the Co.*
 - *Gijs says they will get the membership just as everyone.*
 - *Anton says they understand that it is unconventional, but they are trying to make the least impact on others.*
 - *Ilinca says that membership also subsidises cheaper events etc for everyone and can't just be used for one Co.*
 - *Gijs mentions the budget reallocation and says he is willing to calculate at the end of the year to see if the funding of FEC makes sense.*
- *Katie says the Collective is also not part of EUCSA and hosts events and that maybe this could be an option for FEC.*

Kimi tells everyone to move on to voting and says the voting will close in 10 minutes.

- FE Committee Proposal:
 - Total Votes: 70
 - Proxies: 4
 - In favour: 29
 - Against: 34
 - Blank: 4
 - Invalid: 3

The committee proposal does not pass by majority vote with only 43.3% in favour. The budget

reallocation is moved to quad 3.

6. OPEN FLOOR

Kimi says the Open Floor is for anyone who still has questions.

- *Shalini asks if there will be no budget addressed today.*
 - *Kimi says it will happen in quad 3.*
 - *Shalini asks about quad 1 income allocation.*
 - *Kimi says that only the quad 2 and 3 memberships are still open and will be handled in quad 3.*
 - *Michiel thanks everyone again and is sad that their work ends here.*
 - *Aksh adds that SAAC would like to have a conversation with them about how to make their plans work.*
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7. CLOSING

Violette mentions that there is a Fem Co screening now and wishes everyone a good day.

The GA closes at 7.30pm.

(In case you took your time to read through this, feel free to come by in our Walk-In Hour, to collect a gift of our appreciation! Love, the Board :))