



GENERAL ASSEMBLY

18:15 | 08-10-2024 | Nieuwemarkt 1A, 3011 HP, Rotterdam

Attendees:

Total: 42
Online (Zoom): 1
In person: 41

Official Minutes: *Eileen Timpel*

1. Opening of the GA

The first GA of the academic year of 2024-2025 is held in the EUC Atrium. The General Assembly starts at 18.15. 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 in the first Quad, the GA consists of both 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.

2. Updates

The first point on the agenda are updates regarding the beginning of this academic year.

- Introweek
 - The feedback was mainly positive from everyone involved. The board made some changes from the year before, which worked out to be very entertaining as for example the Pub Quiz. The succeeding board will be advised on issues that the present board encountered during the planning of Introweek.
 - EUCSA App
 - At the beginning of the year the app was deleted, since it did not function well enough to be worth the price. The board is working on the website to take over all the functions and is positive that this will work out well.
 - Committees
 - So far all Committees are functioning well with the exception of Travel Co and possibly Games Co.
 - Memberships
 - Membership sales have been sufficient, but due to repeated demand, the sales will reopen in Quad 2. Half Year Memberships will only be available to exchange students.
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3. Plans for the Rest of the Year

Kimi continues by mentioning events that are planned in Quad 2.

- EUCSA Weekend
 - Ticket sales and final dates will be published in Quad 2. The plan is to go to a house in the forest or at the beach, which will accommodate around 50 people.
 - Winter Festivities
 - There are no specific plans yet, but the board is planning to make it a bigger event than last year.
 - Social Drinks
 - As in every Quad, Social Drinks will take place in Pardoen. A specific date will be announced.
 - ACT
 - The Assembly for Change and Transformation aims to make student issues heard and is a collaboration with SAAC. Since it was successful last year, it will be held again this year.
 - Milestone Collaboration
 - In discussion with Milestone there are plenty of possible collaborations coming up in the rest of the year.
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4. Intersectional Council

The IC is specifically for matters of diversity and inclusivity within EUCSA, thus both committees and the board can approach the IC if they want to discuss their event and ways to make it more inclusive. This includes asking about the venue, the safety measures in place, the rules, and general guidance to ensure everyone's comfort and safety. It consists of someone from each identity-based committee and a SAAC representative and a general member as well. The IC this year is composed as follows:

- Queer Co: Leonor Estima
- Accessibility Co: Chloe Sprokel
- POC Co: Rania Boujghagh
- Fem Co: Katerina Trojanova
- Sus Co: Akshaj Nair
- SAAC: Zaid Towfiq
- General Members: Shalini Soni, Zara Havik and Néstor López Castillo

5. Changes in the Policy Manual

Kimi explains that this is the first thing that will be voted on today. Both proposed changes were sent five days ago with all the other documents and in consideration with the respective committees.

The first change regards the N&A board and is made to not restrain them by big events. The N&A board should be able to collaborate with committees as opportunities arise.

Secondly, the IC Article was in some respects unclear and Accessibility Co needed to be added.

- *Iris asks why the board has decided to put an upper limit on the IC members.*
 - *Kimi explains that it was a matter of clarification rather than limit.*
 - *Iris asks if this limits the potential of the IC.*
 - *Eileen clarifies that the number of IC members was already the set before, this is just a clarification and that a maximum number of members ensures functionality.*
- *Shalini and Aksh (IC members) ask whether this could be revisited at the next GA.*
 - *Kimi says that is definitely possible, but a clarification and inclusion of Accessibility Co at this GA would be appreciated.*
- *Zara asks what the change would actually impact.*
 - *Eileen explains that it impacts the members of the Committees rather than the General Members.*
- *Iris asks if she votes against the cap on members, it also affects the inclusion of Accessibility Co.*
 - *Kimi says yes.*

There is a small break to count the vote, and Kimi calls everyone to return to announce the votes.

- Modifying Article 11.1:
 - In favour: 39
 - Against: 0
 - Blank: 0
- Modifying Article 12.2:

- In favour: 26
- Against: 10
- Blank: 3

Both changes pass by majority vote, Kimi adds that the board is willing to revise the change at the next GA.

6. Spirit Day

Kimi introduces the concept of Spirit Days, which are days to dress up according to a specific motto. These are supposed to enhance school spirit and create community. He asks for ideas and how the audience likes the proposed mottos.

- *Zara has the idea to do more of a spirit week and end it with a party.*
 - *Lea (Party Co) says that there is not enough money for that.*
- *Malou says she likes all mottos except for “Old People”.*
- *Iris asks what spirit is.*
 - *Kimi explains that it is a way for students to engage more within the community and foster school spirit.*

Kimi hands over to Aksh, the Chair of SAAC.

7. SAAC Update

Aksh enters the stage and promises to keep it short.

He explains that SAAC and EUCSA have both been working hard in Quad 1 so far and there has been a lot going on.

Something SAAC has done so far is electing a First Year Representative, Agrima, who is welcomed to the stage and introduces herself.

Aksh further explains other projects that SAAC is working on, which include:

- Selecting general representatives from each cohort
- Working with EUCSA on the Accessibility project, which has involved into Accessibility Co
- Working with the PDT Team on career opportunities
- Gathering feedback on the Marketing and Academic Skills exam
- Getting in contact with MEDA and ACES

Agrima adds that they are currently working on study groups for Human and Society and Basics of Life.

Aksh thanks everyone for listening and asks Kimi back on the stage.

7. Budget Proposal

Kimi explains that the Budget Open Floor took place last week, where amendments to the allocation could be made.

Gijs enters the stage and explains that minor changes had been made after the open floor, which can be seen on the screen. These revisions were made based on reevaluations after discussions and for a matter of clarification.

He further explains how the collaborative fund will work.

- It will be split by quad and leftover budget will be pushed to the next quad.
- There will be a guideline of 100€ per Committee per event.
- A proposal needs to be handed in to the CAO, arguing why this budget is needed and if the costs are lower than expected, the money goes back to the fund.

He gives an example for clarification.

Gijs further explains that the IC fund was clarified and a sustainability fund was added to enable Committees to make more sustainable choices. There was some money allocated to it already and it will now be fueled by the sustainability fee (10ct on top of each other).

Further, the IC budget has been increased to enable the IC to collaborate with committees out of their own incentive.

- *Kate asks whether only identity based committees are allowed to make use of the fund.*
 - *Gijs explains that this will be up to the IC.*

- *Shalini (IC) asks for clarification.*
- *Gijs says he would like the IC to collectively decide on where the money should go and not one member to favour their own Co.*
- *Lea raises attention to the fact that some collaborations will take more than a 100€ and some a lot less and wants to know what the idea behind that number is.*
 - *Gijs explains that it is to avoid that all the available money goes to one event and it is supposed to allow more collaborations. Still, the number can be reevaluated.*
 - *Eileen adds that more can be requested and will be granted if reasoned well. The 100€ is more a guideline, than a set limit.*
 - *Violette adds that towards the end of the year if money is left, the likelihood of receiving higher amounts is increased.*
- *Iris asks if the board will decide which collaborations receive money or if it will be democratic.*
 - *Gijs replies that in theory the democratic way would make sense, but for practical reasons the board will decide.*
- *Iris wants to know how the sustainability fund will work exactly.*
 - *Gijs says that instead of donating money at the end of the year it will allow direct measures to receive extra funding to enable sustainable choices.*
 - *Iris requests clarification whether the sustainability fee goes into that fund.*
 - *Gijs confirms and says that so far 200€ have been allocated there to start it and then 10ct from each ticket will be added.*

There are no further questions and the voting closes at 4pm.

- Budget Proposal:
 - Total Votes: 33
 - In favour: 29
 - Against: 4
 - Blank: 0
 - Invalid: 0

The budget proposal passes by majority vote.

8. OPEN FLOOR

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

- *Kate asks why the board chooses the IC members.*
 - *Kimi says that is an issue that is going to be dealt with within the year.*
 - *Gijs asks Kimi to do a backflip.*
 - *Kimi says he will try for the next GA.*
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9. CLOSING

Kimi thanks everyone for staying and wishes good luck with the exams and tell them to check out the study groups.

The feedback form is shown, and the GA closes at 7.30pm.
