



GENERAL ASSEMBLY

18:15 | 06-10-2025 | Nieuwemarkt 1A, 3011 HP, Rotterdam

Attendees:

Total: 88
Online (Zoom): 1
In person: 87

Official Minutes: *Ivar Bakemans*

1. Opening of the GA

The first GA of the academic year of 2025-2026 is held in the EUC Atrium. The General Assembly starts at 18.15. Boyan (the EUCSA chair) welcomes everyone.

- *Boyan 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, making Policy Manual changes, voting on motions, and a Budget GA to allocate the budget.*
- The agenda is presented and it passes by acclamation.

2. Recap & Updates

The first point on the agenda is a recap on how the year went so far and updates regarding the beginning of this academic year. Boyan thanks people that helped to make everything possible.

- Introweek
 - The feedback was mainly positive from everyone involved. The outline of Introweek was fairly similar to last year, this did not influence the experience of the first-years, however The Board has realised changing the structure could be beneficial to the upcoming second and third years. The succeeding Board will be advised on issues that the present Board encountered during the planning of Introweek.
- Committees
 - So far all Committees are functioning well, all 30 Committees are active, and a lot of events have already happened. The Board is delighted to see the enthusiasm of the current Committees.
- EUCSA Mirror and Mascot
 - The EUCSA mirror got introduced, just for aesthetics and fun, as well as a mascot that has its own Instagram account as of the 6th of Oktober.
- Channels of Information
 - We still use; The Events Chat, Instagram and The Website. The Website has been rebranded and fully renewed in its usage. The suggestion is that everybody takes a look.

3. Plans for the Rest of the Year

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

- EUCSA Weekend
 - Ticket sales and final dates will be published very soon. We will go to a house in the countryside of the Netherlands. The trip will be a full weekend and only has 63 tickets available.
- Winter Festivities
 - There are no specific plans yet, but The Board is planning to have more focus on it early Quad 2, so it can be sufficiently planned.
- Social Drinks
 - As in every Quad, Social Drinks will take place in Pardoën. 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. Although the turnout was not the greatest last year, it will be held again this year. It will happen in Quad 2.
- Ski Ticket Drop
 - The tickets will drop again in Quad 2. They sell out pretty quickly, so staying on top is important.

4. Advisory Council

The AC exists to advise the current EUCSA Board on all matters in which they might want to seek help. As of last year, the AC can also suggest Policy Manual changes to The EUCSA Board. The AC Consist of the old EUCSA Board and a representative out of each cohort. The AC this year is composed as follows;

- Kimi Freiha
- Eileen Timpel
- Gijs Winkelhuijzen
- Emily Kleiterp
- Alba Hecht Wulff

- Violette Bollack
 - Julian Tatsuya Vollberg (First Cohort Rep)
 - Issam Ashour (Second Cohort Rep)
 - Alba Hecht Wulff (Third Cohort Rep)
 - Zara Havik (Fourth Cohort Rep)
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5. Intersectional Council

The IC is there 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, as well as general members. The IC this academic year is composed as follows;

- Queer Co: Anastasia Larina
- Accessibility Co: Chloe Sprokel & Finn van Cappelle
- POC Co: Oumaima Yahiaoui
- Fem Co: Rosalie Stauffacher
- Sus Co: Blanka Fehérváry
- SAAC: Dilay Evler
- General Members: Isidore Olsommer and Néstor López Castillo

Both got applauded.

6. Amendments on the Policy Manual

Boyan explains that the Policy Manual is the rulebook by which we, together with the Statutes operate. The Board constantly tries to make the Policy Manual better and more realistic by amending it. This is also 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. Boyan explains what the Articles now state and how The Board intends to change them.

The first change regards *Article 5: Committees*, so that they now officially do not need a new Chair and

Treasurer at the end of the academic year, because it has proven impossible in the last years, with the increasing amount of Committees.

Secondly, *Article 11: Acquisitions* will undergo multiple changes. Again the Chair and Treasurer can be chosen in the new academic year, and the clause where they work with Committees that do not exist anymore will be altered to working with The Board and Committees.

- *No questions or amendments were raised for Article amendments. So the GA proceeds to voting.*

There is a small break and Just Dance opportunity to count the votes, and Boyan calls everyone to return to announce the votes.

- Modifying Article 5.1.2.d:
 - Total Votes: 56
 - In favour: 52
 - Against: 1
 - Blank: 2
 - Invalid: 1
- Modifying Article 11.1.4 and 11.1.5:
 - Total Votes: 56
 - In favour: 53
 - Against: 1
 - Blank: 1
 - Invalid: 1

Both changes pass by majority vote.

Boyan repeats that The Board is constantly revising the Policy Manual to match it better to the real world. Boyan hands over to Agrima, the Chair of SAAC.

7. SAAC Update

Agrima and Fee enter the stage and introduce themselves as the Chair and First-year Representative of SAAC. Fee reminds everybody to go to the study groups. Agrima lists a few things SAAC has been working on.

- *SAAC has elected a First Year Representative, Fee Kruse.*
- *The study groups also launched for both Human & Society as for Basics of Life*
- *They also set up a Feedback Form about the Major changes last year at EUC, so they can take the concern to management.*
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Agrima thanks everyone for listening and invites Boyan back on the stage.

7. Motion Concerning Bar Committee and Touching Grass Committee

Boyan explains that a motion was filed stating the concern of the legitimacy of the revitalization of both Bar Co. and Grass Touching Co. The motion states the wish to vote on the revitalisation of both Committees. Boyan reads it out. Boyan invites the motion filers on stage.

Lola and Mike enter stage.

They explain that they were confused about both Bar Co. and Grass Touching Co. They just want clarification and more transparency. They believe it was not right, although there are no official rules that have been ignored or broken.

Boyan invites Bar Co to the stage.

Eileen enters the stage. She wrote a speech, below is a summary.

She stands to defend Bar Co and explains how Bar Co was revived/brought back; It always existed, so they announced that Bar Co came back, to benefit the community. Bar Co was open for every member; the old Board was accepted as the only applicants at first, now they also have a 1st and 2nd year.

Eileen also explained what Bar Co wants to do; finding a student bar. Additionally they want to organise events. The budget they got allocated is for these events. She hopes people want to do the best for EUCSA and reflect that in their voting.

Boyan invites Touching Grass Co. up.

Marin and Elise enter the stage. They will explain their committee and clear up confusing about how it came to be. Below is a summary.

Firstly they got rejected in GA 4, because they could take over the Health and Wellness Committee instead of creating another one. They applied to Health and Wellness as Chair and Treasurer. They then changed the name in collaboration with the 12th Board, which was interpreted as possible according to the PM. Now they have Committee members from all years, including exchange students.

Grass Touching Co. is a passion project and they still feel the need for more outside events. They think it would be a shame if they could not keep existing.

The floor is opened for questions for both of the Committees.

- *Chloe: asks what the plans are regarding alcohol safety for Bar Co.*
 - *Eileen and Alba: Same system as always with floor angles. They will be proactive and contact the IC.*
- *Nestor: asks how Bar Co. will make their events inclusive for everyone.*
 - *Eileen: There will be non-alcoholic options at events as always. Promotion strategy is something we need to figure out.*

No more questions, so Boyan reminds about the consequences of the vote. Ivar consequently explains what they are precisely voting for and what their options are.

- *Revitalisation of Bar Committee Article:*
 - *Total Votes: 88*
 - *In favour: 62*
 - *Against: 15*
 - *Blank: 7*
 - *Invalid: 4*
- *Revitalisation of Touching Grass Committee Article:*
 - *Total Votes: 88*
 - *In favour: 62*
 - *Against: 16*

- Blank: 6
- Invalid: 4

Concluding that both Bar Co. and Touching Grass Co. keep existing. Decided by majority vote.

8. Budget Proposal

Boyan Invites Anna (EUCSA Treasurer) on stage. She explains that the Budget Open Floor took place last week, where questions and concerns could be raised based on the Budget Allocation Proposal. Furthermore she 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 the Budget Open Floor. She also explained why the changes were made. Anna opens the Floor remaining questions.

No questions were raised and the GA proceeded to the voting.

- Budget Proposal:
 - Total Votes: 62
 - In favour: 50
 - Against: 9
 - Blank: 0
 - Invalid: 3

The budget proposal passes by majority vote.

9. Open Floor

Boyan invites any questions or concerns at the Open Floor, as this is the time to raise them.

- *Elise: asks Boyan to sing Money, money, money. Because the Budget passed.*
 - *Boyan: says he will sing something at GA 2.*

- Sam: *'I love my life'.*
 - Boyan: *'Because of EUCSA'*

 - Chloe: *asks why there is a smaller budget this year.*
 - Anna: *Explains that EUCSA now pays taxes, and thus the budget available decreases.*

 - Ri: *Asks if The Board can publish agenda on instagram.*
 - Boyan: *Explains that everything is sent on email, but that The Board will consider Instagram.*

 - Chloe: *Asks what the transaction costs of the tickets are*
 - Boyan: *Explains that Wix now charges 2.5% on top of a ticket as a service fee.*
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9. CLOSING

Boyan thanks everyone for staying and wishes them a great evening. Applause follows

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