GENERAL ASSEMBLY

18:15 | 01-10-2026 | Nieuwemarkt 1A, 3011 HP, Rotterdam

Attendees: 63

Total: 63
Online (Microsoft Teams): 1
In person: 62

Official Minutes*: Terra Niwa*

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1. Opening of the GA

The first General Assembly (GA) of the academic year of 2026-2027 is held in the Atrium of Erasmus University College. The GA starts at 18:15 as the 14th Chair of EUCSA, Zahara, welcomes everyone. The crowd claps.

- *Zahara starts the GA by introducing the 14th Board, as the members of the Board waves to the audience.*
- *She proceeds by explaining what a GA is; as stated in the Policy Manual, members can raise, discuss and vote on issues that concern EUCSA at GAs. She proceeds to mention that this is the first GA, also known as the Budget GA. She will also be sharing general Quad 1 updates, as well as upcoming plans for Quad 2.*
- *She reminds everybody that votes on matters raised at the GA are passed by majority vote, and members can vote via a Google Form.*
- *The agenda is read out loud and it passes by acclamation.*

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2. Recap & Updates

The first point on the agenda is a recap on how the year has been so far and updates regarding the beginning of this academic year.

Recap So Far

Introweek

- The Introweek this year was a big success, with new events introduced during the week, though the week was cut short by a day, compared to the previous year. EUC welcomed a bigger cohort this year, filled with enthusiastic first years.

Start of Year Kick-Off

- The Start of Year Kick-Off was also a success, where students and staff gathered to celebrate the start of the new academic year. Zahara thanks Sublime for their delicious catering.

Committee Events

- EUCSA Committees are all full and active, and have planned many events

already. An example is the Walibi Trip by Travel Co.

Updates

Committees

- EUCSA has 30 out of 30 full and active committees this year.
- EUCSA has received an all-time maximum committee applications this year, with over 250 applications across all cohorts.
  The audience is enthusiastic and claps.

Communication Channels

- The Board has introduced a new Whatsapp community, so that all of the groups are kept in one place.
- We will still be using Instagram and Whatsapp as the main channels of communication; the Events Chat will still be used as the main communication channel for event communication.

Board Font

- The Board's official font will be Georgia.
  Audience claps.

Sip and Savor Co. Rebranding

- Cultural Cooking Co. has been renamed to Sip and Savor Co.
- There will be no change about the committee as a core, meaning it will still remain as a cooking committee, just the name of the committee will change.

Project for Committees

- The Board is working on a project for committees throughout the year. Temporarily titled as the Committee Cup, it will consist of the challenges for committees in various categories for them to earn points and win a prize at the end of the year.
- More information will come in Quad 2.

Website

- It has recently come to the Board's attention that our previous website provider, Wix, supports and is based in Israel. As this does not align with the association's values, we have moved the domain to Wordpress.
- The website is still under construction, and thus there is currently no functionality of the old website, but tickets to upcoming events are still available for purchase.

- We will be introducing Membership Tickets, where Member or Non-member status will be priorly distinguished at check-out. Although, as the website is still under construction, at upcoming events, it is advised the members still show their memberships at events.

EUCSA Weekend

Zahara invites Alyssa, one of the Committee Affairs Officers, up on the stage to speak on EUCSA Weekend. Alyssa waves and the audience claps.

- This year, EUCSA will be going to a new venue, Fruits and Fruiteg. For third years, this location is a new venue than that of the last two years. It is located in Friesland, in the north of the Netherlands, but with the same travel time as last year; approximately 2 hours and 30 minutes.
- The event will take place from the 6th to the 8th of November.
- The tickets are available to buy from today, for 65 euros. Only EUCSA Members are able to purchase tickets, and a total of 80 tickets are available.
- Bed linens and towels are not included in the standard ticket, but it can be provided by the venue at an additional cost. There are more specifications on the EUCSA Website and EUCSA Instagram.
- The Board would appreciate inspiration on activities to do on the weekend; please submit any ideas through the EUCSA Instagram.

The audience claps with enthusiasm. Alyssa exits the stage and Zahara comes back up.

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3. Quad 2 Events Overview

Zahara continues by mentioning events that are planned in Quad 2:

- Social Drinks
  - The second Social Drinks of the year will be on the 3rd of November at Concordia.
- Ski Trip Tickets
  - Ski Trip Tickets will be available to buy from the 4th of November.
- EUCSA Weekend
  - EUCSA Weekend will be from the 6th to the 8th of November.
- Second GA and ACT

    - The second GA, and also the Assembly for Change and Transformation (ACT) in collaboration with SAAC will also take place during Quad 2. The date is still yet to be decided.
- Winter Festivities and Frosty Fundraising
    - The Winter Festivities this year will take place from the 30th of November to the 4th of December. During the week, we will hold Frosty Fundraising, where EUCSA decides on a specific charity to donate to, and raises money and awareness for the cause.

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4. The Advisory Council

The Advisory Council (AC) is a body of past board members and cohort representatives that provides the current EUCSA Board with binding and non-binding advice on all matters in which they might want to seek help. The AC this year is composed as follows:

- 13th EUCSA Board Representatives: Boyan Blagoev, Ivar Bakermans, Anna van Dijk, Nina Wilczak, Sophia Kuster, and Vera Klein Gebbink
- 3rd Cohort Representative: Nina Wilczak
- 2nd Cohort Representative: Rosalie Stauffacher
- 1st Cohort Representative: Myléne Goud

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5. Policy Manual Amendment Proposals

Zahara announces that there are two amendment proposals to the Policy Manual; Financial Procedures (Article 9) and the Intersectional Council (Article 12). The proposals are as follows:

Financial Procedures (Article 9 in Policy Manual)

- The Board has realized a technical inaccuracy in the Policy Manual, regarding the pricing of the half-year EUCSA Memberships for incoming and outgoing exchange students.
- In recent years, the half-year memberships for half-year members has been 30 euros, however, it is not stated in the Policy Manual as so. Nothing will change regarding the price, but the article has never been updated in the Policy Manual, and thus the Board

sought to officialize the clause for future clarity and full transparency through this opportunity at the GA.

Intersectional Council (Article 12 in the Policy Manual)

- The Intersectional Council (IC) is a body in place to provide advice to and regulate the Board on matters of diversity, inclusion, and safety.
- It has previously consisted of members of the Identity Committees and SAAC, and its function was to hold bi-quadly meetings with the Board to ensure committee events met safety and diversity standards. This system had high expectations for the IC members, and as a result, members were not motivated nor active.
- The proposal consists of removing the IC as an independent board and to replace it with a roundtable. At the Intersectional Roundtable (IR), any person from EUC is able to attend, whether they may be a student, staff member, EUCSA member or non-member. This structure will ensure lower expectations for the people involved in the IR. The IC will no longer be a body but the discussions regarding diversity, inclusion, and safety will be examined in the same capacity.

Marieke asks who will organize the IR.
Zahara answers by saying that one board member is responsible. She says she took the responsibility to organize the IR this Quad. She elaborates by saying that there will be an official document of guidelines that will state that the IR will discuss the same matters as before, including the House Rules and the Code of Conduct that will be maintained there as well. The document of guidelines will be communicated similarly to the GA Information Sheet.

Zahara announces that the first IR will be held in Quad 2, but the Board wants to hold a brainstorming session on the 8th of October.

Voting on both of the proposals commence via Google Forms, for which a QR code to the link is shared on the screen. Zahara names and explains the voting decisions.

There is a small Kit-Kat break while Terra, the Secretary Vice-Chair, counts the votes.
When the counting has ended, Zahara calls the audience back to announce the results.

- Votes on Article 9: Financial Procedures:

    - Total Votes: 56
        - In favour: 53
        - Against: 1
        - Abstained: 1
        - Invalid: 1

- Votes on Article 12: The Intersectional Council:
    - Total Votes: 56
        - In favour: 53
        - Against: 0
        - Abstained: 2
        - Invalid: 1

Both proposals pass by majority vote.

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6. SAAC Updates

Zahara invites the SAAC Board onto the stage.
The SAAC Board announces their updates:

- *Fee introduces the SAAC board, and celebrates that they now have a complete board, with the addition of the First-Year-Representative, Anna.*
- *Anna introduces herself as the First-Year-Representative, and announces that study groups for Basics of Life and Human & Society will be held on the 7th and 10th of October, respectively.*
- *Karol mentions there will be a study plan workshop in Quad 2 for PDT, hopefully on the 25th of November, as it proved helpful last year.*
- *Chloe defines ACT, which is a space to raise complaints and changes students want to see in EUC, with staff members and Management present so they are able to hear concerns on the spot. Through ACT, SAAC will present the ideas raised to Management.*

Zahara thanks SAAC for their updates.

7. Final Budget Proposal

Zahara invites Nick, the Treasurer, onto the stage.
Nick thanks the audience for coming to the GA. Since the Budget Open Floor the week before, which he mentions was very productive, there have been several amendments made towards the final Budget Allocation Proposal, which all members can find in their emails. He says he took into account the questions and concerns raised at the Budget Open Floor and has adjusted the budget:

- Every committee has received more money than they were budgeted for from the initial budget allocation proposal presented at the Budget Open Floor.
- The admin costs were cut, as the Board found cheaper alternatives and cut a big portion of the buffer. The residue was divided and allocated into committee budgets.
- The Board, admin, and other costs were initially in one column, however, it has since then been divided to clearly show the specifics of each allocation.
- In the Quad 3 reallocation, there will be additional funds for each of the committees. Furthermore, ESAJ will be receiving 150 euros to clear their expenses this year.

Questions on the Budget Allocation Proposal:

- *Philip thanks Nick for allocating more money into the Collaboration Pot, but that the budget for EUCSA Weekend is still very high. He argues that many committees were not in favor of this, so why maintain the high price. He asks for a plan to justify the budget since EUCSA Weekend last year was not so successful.*
    - *Nick explains that the Board has to pay a tourist tax as no board member is Dutch. Moreover, the Board has to rent a car, and since more tickets are available this year, members who did not go the previous year are able to go on the trip. For the members who did go on the trip the year before, the venue is different from that of last year, which will create incentive.*

- *Ivar asks if board members have to pay for the EUCSA Weekend tickets.*
    - *Nick answers no, as the board members will be working the entire weekend, such as cooking, organizing, and making sure everything runs smoothly.*

Aiste exclaims she has bingo. The audience laughs.

There are no more questions raised regarding the budget proposal, so voting on the proposal commence via Google Forms, for which a QR code to the link is shared on the screen.

The results of the voting on the budget proposal are as follows:

- Votes on Budget Allocation Proposal for the financial year 2026-2027:
    - Total Votes: 58
        - In favour: 43
        - Against: 10
        - Abstained: 5
        - Invalid: 0

The Budget Proposal passes by majority vote.

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8. Open Floor

Zahara asks if anybody has anything they would like to share.

- *Boyan asks whether the new logo for Sip and Savor Co. is made with AI.*
    - *Zahara answers no.*

Zahara asks if anybody else has any questions or concerns. The audience says no.

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9. Closing

Zahara thanks everyone for coming and wishes them a great evening. Applause follows. The feedback form is shown on the screen and the GA closes at **19:45**.
