

# Minutes 2. GA Extra Muros 2020-21

**18. March 2021**

## Regulations and Procedures:

Welcome by Loïc Segers

Introduction by Franziska Fröhlich

## Agenda:

by Franziska Fröhlich

## Voting on agenda:

In favor: 16 of 17

Against: -

Abstain: 1

## What we did since the last GA:

A few words by President Loïc Segers

- Set up a Focus Group to revise the Statutes
  - Revised translation of our Regulations
  - Proposal to change our Rules of Procedure later
- Mentor system for First Year students:
  - Very positive feedback, not all first-years had a chance to join, will be again next year
- Educational support through the Educational Committee is going well, good participation
- Hybrid events: Halloween & Thanksgiving:
  - Both events went very well, thank you to the two committees
- Symposium Dutch Elections:
  - Collaboration with UCSRN and Sapi, hoped to get more attendees, went good nevertheless
  
- Merch:

- Different this year for sustainability, people are not as interested as hoped, might do “normal” merch, try again next year
- Mibo:
  - New way of meeting online

## Committee Updates:

By Ebbe Tim

- Yearbook Committee:  
New committee, it was an initiative by our members, half of LAS has sent in their photos already, yearbook competition is being set up
- PR Committee is cancelled, the budget was transferred to the Yearbook committee
- Study Trip:  
The study trip won't happen in a normal way this year, the committee is planning an online meeting and maybe a city trip
- Social Party Committee:  
Emma is stepping down as head, Thank you to her, new committee head is Suzanna

## Budget Update:

By Anna

The budget is slightly different than the original budget, changes since last time:

- Grants: Internationalization Grant is discontinued, UCSRN is granted now
- Committees: Halloween Party biggest expense, most committees didn't spend a lot of money,
- So far we had no board expenses
- Promotions material: new logo, business cards for board positions
- Symposium: Zoom Pro was mostly covered by UCSRN,
- Mibo: 1447€ distributed via multiple committees and reserves, TSHD sponsored half of the money the committees spent, the committees agreed

Benjamin: question about MIBO: how do you justify that much money for something that is only usable for a couple of months?

Ebbe Tim: what would have been the alternative? No real alternative right now, it's a communication device for now, best way to uphold the common room feeling at the moment

Benjamin: Why MIBO, there are cheaper alternative just without the walking around function

Ebbe Tim: important function about is MIBO is the third dimension, makes conversation more natural, you 3D character makes it feel less weird, not staring at oneself like on zoom

Maciej: MIBO is actually free, the subscription bought personalization and more rooms, is that correct?

Ebbe Tim: partially correct, difference between free version and paid version is that free version only allow for 12 people and needs a new link all the time, paid subscription allows for a permanent room and a hub

Maciej: app hasn't been tested before, is is justified to spent 1400 euros, people are not accustomed to it, its laggy, people have lots of issues, it's rather a mistake than successful, Loic: it was justified within the board and talked about with the committees

Ebbe Tim: we have tested mibo multiple times before we got the subscription with Ellen, Board Meetings etc, people from mibo are fixing the issues, only devices its not usable on are very old laptops

Maciej: 1000 Euros is a lot, other tools could have done the same job

Ebbe Tim: we think it is justified, best thing to do at the moment

Loic: as a association we cannot earn money, we have to spend, all committees supported this decision

Anna: last board told us to spend more money, we haven't spent money on a lot else, it's a good investment for a corona year

Lison:the MIBO subscription is for four months, we used one month right? Lost investment at the moment, not a lot of people join the events, what are the plans in using MIBO?

Ebbe Tim: we have plans to link it to the yearbook competition, party committee will do weekly / bi-weekly events in MIBO, drinks, karaoke parties

Lison: people will not choose it as a common room replacement

Rianne: comment on decision-making process on spending money on MIBO: would have preferred to have talked about in GA about spending this amount of money, remark for future to involve GA in decisions about spending a lot of money

Loic: thank you, we considered doing that, committees were the ones spending so it was legal

Jazlyn: it would have been nice to tell the GA about MIBO, would have been nice not only to talk about MIBO with committee heads but with committee members, we should have had a try out if people actually join MIBO, is it a subscription that will renew?

Ebbe Tim: it is a one time deal

Melanie: have you considered spending the MIBO money on other things?

Loic: we have not considered spending that exact money on something else, we wanted to focus on giving people the possibility to meet

Ebbe Tim: things like projectors etc came up in discussions, they were not worth the investment

Melanie: Do the committee heads have ideas how to use MIBO?

Ebbe Tim: events by social party/ social activities, before we made the investment we talked about ideas

Loic: it is a replacement for the common room

Julia: MIBO was not discussed extensively with committee heads, it is a waste of money

Loic: there were extensive discussion within the board, all committee heads agreed on the proposal for MIBO

Maciej: would it be possible to cancel the subscription and get the money back? Are you planning to continue the subscription?

Loic: we cannot say if it will be continued as that will be during the time of the new board

Ebbe Tim: we do not think that it can be cancelled, we could try but he would advise against it

Jazlyn: did you guys actually talk to committee heads if they needed money for other things?

Anna: we had board meeting about things we could invest in, also had an individual conversation with committee heads

Loic: we told committee heads explicitly that we have reserves if they run out of money

Anna: not a single committee has spend half of their money, we are not running out of money because of MIBO

### Plans for the upcoming months:

- Application for the next Board, closes on the 4.04
- Last General Assembly: May 12
- Extra Muros Manual
  - Keep consistency, plans to have extensive conversations with the new board
- UCSRN
  - We got 200 euros from them for the Symposium, more events with UCSRN are in planning: film night, voice of UC
  - Break in at treasure of UCSRN: 2000 euros were stolen

### Proposals:

- Proposal: New Rules of Procedure (Loïc & Itai van de Wal) (Chaired by Ebbe Tim)  
Itai: was member of Extra Muros last year, donor now,  
- > old Rules of Procedure (RoP) are very confusing: the Dutch and English versions are different
- Statutes can only be changed with notary, RoP can be changed by us
- Focus Group: Benjamin, Rainbow, Rianne, Loic, Itai were members
- new RoP provide more info on GAs
- Loic: explanation which articles were changed and added,
  1. Associate members
  2. GA, slight problem with Article 17,  $\frac{2}{3}$  needed to put a motion forward, maybe change it to  $\frac{1}{2}$  simple majority
  3. Voting Procedures
  4. Board
  5. Committees, an entire new article, committee heads - committee members

Lison: central registration procedure: what does the phrase mean?

Loic: it is the online registration of Extra Muros

## 6. Independent Committee

### Vote on Proposal:

Vote on the proposed changes to our Rules of Procedure:

- No amendments for the RoF
  
- Votes
  - In favor: 15
  - Against:
  - Abstain: 1

### Open floor:

Benjamin: Happy Birthday to Ebbe Tim!

Loic: Motion, request to formally transfer budget from PR to formally establish Yearbook committee

- Vote on motion: 12 in favor

Maciej: MIBO: idea to establish a commission to see if the decision to buy MIBO was good or bad and if it can be done more democratically, document for next board what to do in case similar situation arises

Ebbe Tim: transition to next board will include a manual anyway, what would be the added value of a commission?

Anna: we should have asked the GA, but no real use to trace steps now

Loic: nothing more to add, concerning evaluation of decision, we take feedback from GA seriously, what would be the preferred outcome of an evaluation now? Board feels like we did the right thing, maybe should have included the GA, will tell that next board

Maciej: ask if other members have an opinion about it

Benjamin: agree with Loic, it is enough that we talked about it in GA, he does not think a committee should be established.

Luuk: Independent committee will have a say in future about those things, committee heads had multiple chances to disagree, nobody said anything, as head of activities committee he is fine with the decision

Yvonne: we should track how many people actually use MIBO

Maciej: will not raise a motion, agrees with Yvonne about tracking how many people use MIBO

Loic: No other questions

Thank you to Yearbook committee, thank you to involved members, closed GA at 21:14