Minutes General Assembly 1 December 2021

Opening of the GA by Laura

Laura opens the online General Assembly and asks permission to record it for making the minutes.

Proposing of the Agenda

Laura proposes the Agenda, and says that questions may be asked via the chat, but if someone wants to raise a bigger point, unrelated to the topic to raise this during the open floor. Laura welcomes the independent body to oversee the voting on the Agenda and the minutes from las GA on 30 September 2021.

Vote on the Agenda

- Explaining of the Proxy votes in a Zoom session.
- 7 votes in favour
- 0 against
- 0 abstain
- The agenda passed

Vote on the minutes of last GA, this was on the 30 September 2021

- 7 votes in favour
- 0 against
- 0 abstain
- The minutes passed

What we have done so far:

Sebastian tells what we have done since the last GA in September. Since the last GA we have had a reasonable amount of events being the following:

- We have had the crash course for the first year course: Thinking about science.
- In October we had a few events centred around Halloween. We had a nice Pub quiz organised by the social activities committee. We had a Pumpkin carving event organised by our lovely creative committee. And we also had Mind matters from our academic committee.
- After a short postponement we had a paint pouring event.
- Our internationalisation and culture committee has hosted a lovely Beauty of Bollywood night.
- We have attended the Spotlight tournament from UCSRN.
- Recently we have had the Cycling dinner. Which was organised by social activities. It went very well!

For now we are looking at the future for events, there are some events announced that unfortunately have been postponed, but we are trying to get back on track with that and organise in a way that we can still have events, even at this point.

Laura: Thank you very much Sebastian, that was very cohesive, I liked it. I loved how you said that this (*being the point of the screen*) was not on the slides, I did tell you about it, but that is okay, I will take over 'that screen thing'.

- The screen thing: last GA we talked about that we are trying to get a screen or projector for common room, however, since that we have found out that it is not really a plausible idea, because we heard that the screen would cost 8000 euros. Which would then be paid by the faculty or University College Tilburg, so after hearing that amount we reconsidered the screen and because of the lending of a projector from the library being free, we figured it was not worth 8000 euros. If we need a screen for events we can get a projector from the library.

Creative committee proposal:

Beatrice: Fran has asked us to give some money to her committee, so we removed 50 euros from the common pool that committees have access to and gave it to the creative committee. This will not be a vote, because it is not a change in the budget itself as the common pool is meant for this. If you have any questions, do feel free to ask them.

- Question from Loïc:
  o What was the reasoning for the creative committee to ask an additional 50 euros?
- Beatrice: because they did a lot of activities and the money they had was not enough.
- Franziska: the point mostly was that we had a 100 buck and for everything that you do creative, you have to buy things, because we don't have stuff to craft with. We did two events so far, where I had to buy things and that was already almost 50 euros, and I am planning to do more than two more events, so that is why I asked for a bit more money.
- Loïc: Thank you, that is very clear.

Future collaboration with Erasmus University College:

Sebastian: so, the main point of this slide is that I don't answer Laura's texts. It is very unfortunate, I will try to in the future, I will try to not called out at the next General Assembly. If they don't sort of roll me out, figuratively.

- I have been working with UCSRN and their social committee, which is the body that organises social events for the different member university colleges. Another University college, Erasmus university college in Rotterdam has expressed interest in working on a project with us. I have been able to secure a team from them. And I have been able to secure that we can host an event here (*here being Tilburg*). We still have to see about the funding, from UCSRN, but we are hoping to have a continuation of the most popular UCSRN event at our UC, which is the Film festival. We are going to see if we can combine it with a small arts festival. See if we can get some creative input locally with UCSRN. If you have any other questions or if you would like to get involved, please let me know, thank you.
- Laura: there don't seem to be any questions right now.
- Sebastian: This would be happening next semester.
- Laura: was there a date already? Or is that still under deliberation?
- Sebastian: there was a date set, but it was in between Good Friday and Good Sunday. So, not exactly ideal dates for the planning of events. But I am trying to see if I can contact the Black box at university or a theatre in town which has expressed interest in hosting an event with LAS students, and see if we can get them on board.

Laura disappears for a moment

- Sebastian: this is an in prompt of the GA if you want to get a coffee or something, I guess, I don't know. We will see when Laura comes back, or else we will have a chat, or show off your cats, I think that would be cool.
  - After some small talk about Paris, Laura came back from fetching a package
- Laura: were there any question? No, okay. Fun fact, we are already at the open floor! This has been an incredibly quick GA, that was also because there was not a lot of things going on, but we still liked to take the opportunity to tell all our interested members what is going on at the moment.

Open floor:

Laura: the open floor is free for anyone to raise a point. Easiest is if you use the raise your hand button via Zoom. I will stop sharing the PowerPoint, so it becomes more of a cohesive space.

Question from Franziska:

- You shared with us that as reaction on the debate from last GA, we changed the system of who can join events a little bit, is this going to be public information? Like, are you going to make a post about it, for non-members that they can now join specific events? Are you going to advertise this or not at all?
- Laura: how we are doing it at the moment is advertising this per event for who it is open to, and I think it is working so far, I haven't heard anything about it yet.
- Sebastian: do you think it would be a good idea to advertise this openly? Generally?
- Fran: I don't quite know, but so far, was there any change in that non-members actually joined events? Or anything? We don't have a lot of events now, but maybe it could be a thing that you could promote via Canvas, like ask Anna. Say that there are indeed events that they can join and even if you are not a member that you can be part of the announcements group chat and Instagram too, so they know about events that are open or something, I don't know.
- Sebastian: I think it could definitely be interesting. We are also planning to have events with lecturers and more staff, then it could be useful to advertise via Canvas and to say, feel free to join this event, you can hang out with a lecturer for a bit, it is going to be cool.
- Laura: really Canvas? Because a lot of people are in the Extra Muros announcement group chat already, we have way more members in the group chat than we have members.
- Sebastian: on Canvas it can be made clear. That is for all students.
- Laura: I don't know if it is a good idea, because it is also maybe spamming, because Canvas is mainly for important information, and if you want to know about Extra Muros, you will get in the group chat. I don't know if anyone else has an opion?
- Jazlyn: I think it is a very good thing to discuss in our next board meeting.
- Laura: thanks for indeed raising the point Fran.
- Robin: I thought that the events that are open are announced in the open group chat for everyone, so I was wondering how you could communicate more openly than that? I didn't see any possibility there, it seems like it already has been done, but I don't know.
- Beatrice: we will discuss it.
- Jazlyn: I also want to add that I think we opted for advertising it per event because we don't want to suddenly massively have non-members at events, because we still do want to keep that we are still Extra Muros and we still need to be there mostly for our members. So, I think that is why we decided to do it per event to keep it a bit on the downlow, not just broadcasting that I don't know, we are opening everything to everyone, because we are not opening everything to everyone, only certain events.

- Laura: anyone else who wants to talk?

Question from Loïc:

- How does the board see the coming period? What does the near future look like in terms of events and measures, what will be possible? How do you guys see that?
- Sebastian: we have had small discussions on this, of course this happened rather recently. It has interrupted a few of our events that we had been planning short term. Really all we can do is see if we can adapt events to fit within the regulations. This has for example been done with the social activities during the cycling dinner. Originally the plan was to have three courses, which meant that six people would be traveling to different people's homes, government advice at that moment was to have a maximum of four guests. So we are trying to adapt to that. Trying to see how far we can really push it with Zoom. We have to see which events have educational and academic qualities, because then they could be held in person until seven or ten in the evening at university, so those might not be directly affected, we might have to directly talk to facilities about this. The main issue is, how much can we do on Zoom and how much interest can we hold on digital platforms?
- Laura: some of the ideas we talked about are very doable on Zoom. We are continuing goodnight LAS for instance, also we are thinking about cooking workshops with lecturers, which Ellen was very excited about, she came up with the idea. We are trying to not do everything on Zoom, but also keep everything safe and legal is the current status.
- Loïc: sounds good, I know how difficult it is. It sucks, I hope you guys will be great and maintain some height around Extra Muros and events.
- Sebastian: As the previous board do you have any advice for online events? You had some successful ones. Any advice or best practices which worked? I know it is a vague question.
- Loïc: Fran, let's help these kids. The more fun online events were those were you had groups behind a camera, so that is one quality that is needed. Second quality is that then those groups can have fun on its own as well as being part of the general Zoom call. If you want a fun night, that is a requirement and we did the thanksgiving dinner like so and the Halloween event, I remember.
- Fran: Also the cocktail workshop was great, and it is mostly not doing something on your laptop, Zoom is just the call factor, so not for example play a game on your laptop, because people sit behind their laptop all day already. Also we tried to get the 'get to know together events going', this does not work, people have their friends already. If doing group events, then let people choose their own groups.
- Laura: I am wondering, what works better, because the cycling dinner we did, did not have a Zoom, but still had contact with other people. What would then be preferable?
- Tessa: I think during an activity it is hard to have a Zoom call, because you are talking to your own group and not really interact via the Zoom. But you could end with a pub quiz after the dinner, so it is something everyone could do together via the Zoom.
- Sebastian: I think we would have to see if there is any value in having additional digital things if we can do some physical things, but then we have to keep in mind the restrictions. If we can see four people daily, and we can assure something, then we still have a reasonably fun event. For example with the cycling dinner, I had dinner with lots of people have never talked to before. I had people in my room who I never talked to before, and it was really fun. And this was all within restrictions. So, if we can do this, I don't think we need to really add a Zoom into the mix. If you have a dinner and everyone is going around and you have a quiz at the end, I think I would just fall asleep on my laptop. Because I had a good meal.

- Fran: it depends on the event. If you have events where people join in a group and just have fun, it is fine, but if you have an event where people could join alone from their home, then I think a Zoom would be preferred.
- Laura: anyone else who would like to raise a point? Or has an idea for events they would like to see covid proof sort of?
- Tessa: last year there was an event: cooking together, everyone was in a Zoom, but the activity was cooking, so everyone was making their dinner at the same time, I thought that was really enjoyable.
- Laura: I didn't go to that one, so thank you for bringing it up, we might be able to do it, sound like the thing Ellen is very passionate about as well. But then Ellen is cooking, and we would have to do the same as Ellen, which I think we cannot, but we will have to try.

Bea brought up Gala:

- Laura: want to do a Zoom gala Bea?
  - o Beatrice in chat: Covid proof gala on Zoom
- Laura: anyone else who has anything they want to talk about?
- Loïc: quick question on the Gala, I assume your intention is to postpone it, until it is happening, until it is possible to happen right? It is not something we are just walking over now and then, okay no gala this year right?
- Beatrice: we are currently just waiting. Party committee is just hoping.
- Sebastian: creative committee has been hoping this whole year unfortunately, it is just currently not possible.
- Laura: don't you mean party?
- Sebastian: yes, party committee. Creative committee has been out there, they have been doing things, they have been painting things. Dropping paint on things. Dropping paint on the floor. It has been going great.
- Fran: I have to say, none of the paint was on the floor, I made sure of that, I want this to be in the minutes, I made sure of that.
- Fran if there is no Gala this year, I want there to be an alumni gala and I want a personal invitation, thank you.
- Laura: handwritten by Alkeline?
- Fran: yes.
- Laura: that is definitely an option, but I don't want to assume there is no gala this year. We'll see about that later. I don't think anyone wants to raise another point? Then we are going to close the open floor right now.
- Laura: this would be the point where all of us would synchronised say thank you for coming. Remember, 3, 2, 1 Thank
  - o *Rest of the board stays silent*
- Laura: you didn't even try! Assholes. No, but really, everyone thank you for coming, it was quite short, but I think we spoke about everything we needed to. This is now the official end of the official GA.

End of the GA