
AGENDA GENERAL ASSEMBLY 10

May 7, 2013

Agenda

1. Opening

- Flora notes that the screen and the microphone are not working.

2. Sequential Ordering of the Agenda

- There are no objections against the order of the agenda. Flora introduces Ruben Slot.

3. Audit Committee: February audit

- Ruben Slot introduces the Audit Committee. The Audit checks whether the financials of AUCSA are all right. The Audit Committee states that except for some minor changes everything was fine. No one wants to vote on that matter, so that is decided.

a. Proposing new committee

- Marco, Joep and Dico are proposed as the new members.

Q.1 (Ruben Slot): Is Dico going to be part of SOLACE next year?

A.1: Dico is not part of Solace.

b. Vote

- No one wants to vote on this matter.

4. Advisory Council

a. Proposing new council

- Flora introduces the Advisory Council, and members are Ascha, Thirze and Eddie. There are no objections in the audience, so no votes.

a. Vote

- No one wants to vote on this matter.

5. Policy Manual

a. Explanations on the changes in the Policy Manual

- The election procedure as it was difficult to find back in the policy manual, everything should be included. AUCSA Board proposes clauses to art. 7 that elaborate more on the election procedure. Flora repeats the changes:

8. Candidates may only campaign via their election statement.

a. Candidates are not permitted to engage in any other form of campaigning. This includes social media, email, advertisements, and verbal communication.

b. The election statement will only be distributed by the AUCSA Board.

9. Candidates are permitted to promote the GA concerning attendance for the election, but not their candidacies.

10. Candidates are not permitted to actively or passively engage in third parties promoting their candidacy.

11. Candidates suspected of not adhering to campaign regulations will be referred to the Elections Committee for review of their transgression.

a. The Elections Committee has the prerogative to disqualify candidates based

12. AUCSA members are encouraged to report any campaign transgressions to the Elections Committee at elections@auca.nl. upon proof of transgression.

Q.2 (Michiel van der Staay): I'm wondering whether this is the most optimal procedure. The new changes to the policy manual makes the elections much more stricter. More students might have been here otherwise.

A.2: Flora asks what his suggest in would be?

Q.3 (Michiel van der Staay): My suggestion is to remove to the clause that states that the candidates may only promote via elections statement.

A.3: Flora notes that it would changes the system entirely. The election committee proposes candidates. Flora asks whether people will listen to the advice if there are open elections.

Q.4 (Lea Baecker): People still don't know the difference between Student Council and AUCSA so different types of elections might be good.

A.4: Flora agrees.

Q.5 (Roelant Stegmann): Last year the elections coincided.

Q.6 Henk and Michiel respond that even if the systems coincided, the system still has to be change.

A.5/6. Flora states that we have been discussing it as well, the advantage of a closed system is that the election committee is looking at board dynamics. That is taken more seriously in a closed system.

Q.7 (Michiel van der Staaij): At UCU they have the system we just proposed. Are they not a team?

A.7 Roelant says it not true. He notes that Michiel is proposing a different system.

Q.8 (Michiel van der Staaij): Michiel argues that the proposed changes make the system stricter. I don't think a system of reporting students is a system you want?

A.8. Flora notes that it does not change anything, but the changes make it more clearer, and it is still up to the students to send in complaints, it's just an encouragement. Flora notes that we could vote for a motion that leaves out everything and removes the clause.

Q.9 (Ruben Slot) Let's finish this since this has been discussed for the past 3 years. Let's put this as the main agenda point for the next board and GA to settle this argument?

A.9 Flora says that it is allowed.

b. Vote

- Flora proposes that the new board gives a new number of possibilities for an election system. It is anonymously decided that, if necessary, next GA a new election system will be discussed with new articles.

6. Elections

- Flora introduces Eddie to the stage. Eddie states that they received 11 applications, and that Chair and CAO were most popular. The Election Committee has interviewed them extensively. The Election Committee selected on group dynamics and personality to make sure they get along well.
- For president they proposed Rose Wijnberg, she was enthusiastic and wanted to innovate the system. She is an excellent negotiator, avoiding possible clashes within the group.
- Florentine showed enthusiasm, she was very experienced.

- Barney was direct and innovative.
- CAO Heleen and Camiel: enthusiasm and previous knowledge.
- You can vote for a candidate or abstain. President, Secretary, Treasurer have to get 50%.
- Flora notes that we are first going to start with some speeches.

Rose Wijnberg:

Q.10 (Jente): In which way are you going to engage the student community in the decision making?

A.10: Rose want to make the system more approachable and improve the website

Q.11 (Dico van Dissel) You proposed to make the minutes public. Should I be afraid of your opinions? How will it work?

A.11 Rose says she wants to become more transparent and she wants to publish the decisions online. Rose suggest a committee assembly, to discuss the expectations of the committees.

Reinier Maat:

Q.12 (Ruben Slot): On BB there was a list of Student Council candidates. Reinier was on there. Why are you applying twice, for AUCSA and Student Council?

A.12 Reinier says that he wants to be a “list pusher” because he wants to help Aram’s party, to let AUC Reform win.

Q.13 (Liza Coyer) You’re also going abroad. How will you manage that?

A.13 Reinier says that he is not going abroad. He has other goals he wants to pursue.

Q.14 (Michiel van der Padt) The proposed AUCSA candidates were chosen because of specific group dynamics. How will you fit as a president?

A.14 Reiner notes that he knows two of those people quite well. He thinks they would be perfect to work with. He likes to talk a lot, but people can correct him on that. He wants to embody openness, and not being a passive committee. Transform it into a more active engaging board. Ideas are always open to discussion

Q.15 (Hester Bartelsman) Do you mean by actively involving people, will you approach people or create new committees?

A.15 Reinier argues that he wants to actively approach people to join different committees, and to make it easier to create new committees.

Q.16 (Yanis Pelinski) Will you do that randomly or target specific people?

A.16 Reinier notes that they should approach a wide range of people, approach people that are not represented in it. Especially the first years do not really know what AUCSA is.

Q.17 (Rose Wijnberg) Won't you just have your friends in these committees?

A.17 He wants to approach different kinds of people.

Q.18 (Rose Wijnberg) How do you want to tackle the problem about the lack of participation in committee event?

Q.18 He argues that it is a supply and demand problem. If there is an interest area: it might not always have a big interest group. Big variety of activities, and organize moments in the year to have a moment to join in again, for example before the Christmas break. Organize a platform.

Florentine Oberman:

Q.19 (Ascha Prins) What kind of promotion would you exactly propose to increase active participation?

A.19 Florentine notes that we could have more active participation. AUCSA Facebook is not looked at now. Talking to people, being in the office more, actively being present on Facebook and the Myauc website.

Barend Lahm:

Q.20 (Michiel van der Padt) Would you also consider raising the annual student contribution?

A.20 Barney doesn't think that would be necessary, but make it more commercial by looking for sponsors.

Q.21 (Ruben Slot) I like your idea of getting external funding. Do you have concrete ideas for how to implement this?

A.21 Barney argues that it depends on the committees, for example have a beer brand using solace.

Q.22 (Sonke Matthewes) You think participation is a problem. What committees were you involved in?

A.22 Barney was involved in the student council yet. But friends he has are involved.

Heleen Ruhe:

No questions posed.

Camiel Wijffels:

No questions posed.

a. Results

- Roelant notes that there were 101 votes
- 98 votes, 8 abstaining Heleen
- 94 votes, 4 abstaining Camiel

- 92 votes 9 abstaining Florentine
- 82 votes 19 abstaining Barney
- President 1 abstaining: 34 votes for Reinier, 66 for Rose.

- Flora congratulates the new board: Rose Wijnberg (President), Florentine Oberman (Secretary), Barend Lahm (Treasurer), Heleen Ruhe (CAO) & Camiel Wijffels (CAO).