



# 27TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Date: 09/05/2016

Present: See book of attendance (request with AUCSA)

GA = General Assembly

AOB = Any Other Business (discussed at the end)

EC = Elections Commission

## I. *Opening*

Lance Bosch welcomes everyone to the 26th General Assembly and thanks everyone for coming. In light of the selection of the AUCSA 17'-18', he'd like to thank the AUC'ers for their support, both physically and mentally, and for that he says everyone deserves an applause. For the candidates, he wishes them a lot of luck, to take a deep breath, and go for that final round.

## II. *Sequential ordering of the agenda*

Lance presents the sequential ordering of the agenda and asks if everyone agrees or if anyone has questions. He reiterates the voting procedure, if no one would like to vote, the agenda is passed unanimously. No one wants to, so it's unanimously accepted.

## IV. GA Rules

Lance explains a number of rules for this GA, that we should at all times be dealing in respect, be silent when the candidates speak. He also explains the voting procedure in terms of plurality. People should sign off with Andy if they desire to leave. Lastly, he once again explains the procedure of a motion. Subsequently, he turns to the presentation of the Advisory Council.

## III. *Advisory Council (old & new)*

After some technical issues, we can re-start with the presentation of the previous AC and Lance subsequently presents the new AC. He also explains it should consist of at least two AUCSA people, and at least one external member, to provide guidance for the coming AUCSA. The new AC is currently presented consisting of himself, Lance Bosch, Petra Karlsen Stangvik, Ilen Madhavji, and Ellen Ackroyd. The first three have all been part of the AUCSA 16'-17' and the latter has been part of the Student Council 16'-17'. Lance asks whether anyone would like to vote on the formation of this AC. No one wants to, so it's unanimously accepted.

## IV. *Honorary members*

Lance explains what a Honorary Member entails: those who shall be persons who, because of their special service to the Association, have been appointed as such by the General Assembly. He subsequently

presents the suggested honorary members, for whom the GA can vote. The first one is Thomas Litan, after all his involvement in Intro Weeks, AUCafé, MUN, and many other voluntarily activities. Hereafter, Petra K. Stangvik takes over the talking stick, and introduces another involved individual, namely, Lance Bosch. Due to his involvement with GA's, dance team SlayUC which won the UCSRN competition thrice in a row, been part of the Boards of Jeugdlab and TedX, he's also been Chair of AUCSA, and General Board member.

Naturally, no one wants to vote on the two, so they're both automatically passed as Honorary Members.

We subsequently move on to the Audit, which Lance presents.

#### *V. Audit Commission*

##### 1 Recommendations

Anouk Ide hopes everyone has read the Audit Letter, and also explains once again what the Audit Commission does. She explains that Andy Daab hadn't been able to finalise his books before the set deadline due to transformations in the treasury and unforeseen circumstances. Luckily, they were able to come together to resolve the issue, which is worked on now.

They recommend the next Treasurer to communicate even more with the next Audit next year and also to improve the communication between the Treasurer and the Vice Treasurer.

Anouk says they'll soon after this GA will do the check up on Andy's books, which have been finalised now.

##### 2 Audit Commission 2017-2018

Now, Didi Altena explains that her fellow Commission members will leave next year, so she suggests people at the GA who are interested in finances can apply soon via their email address.

#### *VI. Personal Statements followed by audience questions*

Lance first introduces the Elections Commission and shows the informative video of the EC as well, in which they explain the procedures of their choice for the proposed Board of 17'-18'; going over the motivation letters, the CV's, an interview, the Election Debate. Here, they tried to understand the personalities of the candidates, their experience, and their ability to work together in a team. They also tried to get the gist of their plans for the coming AUCSA year. For an elaboration, the video can be found in the video section of the AUCSA FB account.

With that in mind, Lance introduces the EC on stage to introduce themselves.

Maarten Albers explains Stefanie Berendsen has been Treasurer of the AUCSA, a current AC member, and a current AUC intern. Danielle Wagenaar has been part of the Student Council as well as the UCSRN team, and Maarten himself has been part of the AUCafé Board, the Student Council, and the current AC.

Hereafter, Lance introduces the Elections and explains every candidate has two minutes to deliver their final speech.

Now, the candidates deliver their personal speeches with a maximum of two audience questions in between.

## **Chairs:**

### **Ishvar Lالبahadoersing**

Q\*1: Ellen Ackroyd says she liked the part of connection, but in the recent event at Voices, they talked about that there are already too many events sometimes a week, while Ishvar proposed to increase the amount of events, and she wonders how he will foster the competition between the committees.

A\*\*1: Ishvar thinks it's a good question. He says we need to engage a larger audience, more people, who will go to events overall. His board will look closely at the committee boards, see what their strengths are and how they can get a bigger audience.

All in the mindset of cooperation rather than competition, he proposes to see which boards can connect and have similar interests, so they can work together and make use of their ideal qualities.

Q2: Paul Schlumberger asks how his previous experience will aid him in working as AUCSA Chair.

A2: Ishvar repeats he has been active in many committees. His best experience was AUCMUN for which he was the Secretary general. This event served 150 members from and many international backgrounds, and his task there was similar to be AUCSA's president.

### **Anette Mäletjärv**

Q3: Sezgi Iyibilir says that Anette has been focussed on outreach, but hasn't focussed on the internal structure of the AUCSA and asks how she'll work on the dynamic of the Board and to keep everyone motivated throughout the entire year.

A3: Anette has experience chairing previously. Such as SC in high school, it is firstly important to set goals and expectations (from each other) and have team bonding to gain team dynamics. It's more motivating to work in a board which likes each other. She thinks she will be able to fully motivate her team to the full potential.

There is no second question for Anette.

### **Thanos Theofanakis**

Q4: Thirza Buijx asks about the experiences Thanos has to be a proper Chair.

A4: Thanos explains that in his first year here he has been in Peer Support and Herring, and this is why he would like to connect these to the AUCSA. Besides he has been editor in chief for his high school newspaper.

He led that team after it previously fell apart in the year before.

He also mentions other extracurricular activities in which was a team member or leader as well.

Q5: Rayan Vugdalic says that Thanos hasn't been part of any committees, so he asks what it is that makes him think to become a proper Chair of the overarching umbrella organisation, without that experience.

A5: Thanos would work upon the experience that is already present in the community. For example the chair of junket will be more experienced in junket than he will ever be. So he won't try to beat the experience of a board member of any given committee.

#### **Secretaries:**

##### **Louise ten Bosch**

There are no questions for Louise.

##### **Rosalie Dieselen**

Q6: Sofija Stefanovic asks whether Rosalie can elaborate on her intentions for the representation of the AUCSA.

A6: Rosalie thinks that AUCSA is brought together to talk about the issues, the GAs are for this as well, to address the voices and concerns of the members. In their AUCSA meetings they will also talk about these problems and will solve them. In this sense her team will be representing every member.

There is no second question for Rosalie.

##### **Elizabeth Schippers**

Q7: Sofija Stefanovic asks whether Elizabeth would consider opening up the meetings of AUCSA to the general public.

A7: Elizabeth would not make the meetings open, but she would like to communicate more about them. To talk with the students about this, show it in the weekly. And also update the whole student body on issues AUCSA discusses that concerns everyone.

Q8: Vera Grosskop thinks it's sometimes problematic to communicate half-done work, such as the conclusions of AUCSA meetings, so she asks what Elizabeth thinks about that.

A8: She recognises the point, but we're all humans, and can accept mistakes. If AUCSA is as open about them as possible, then people will understand and at least will know what is up. Then problems such as the books not being ready for the Audit will be communicated better.

#### **Treasurers:**

##### **Amber te Winkel**

Q9: Jaime Lopes wants to know about previous experience with financial administration and asks Amber for her previously acquired skills.

A9: Amber didn't have time to elaborate on this but yes. She has been the treasurer of smaller organisations and she has been part of boards in high school. She also has been involved in some committees at AUC, not as a member, but she knows how the structure and how they work.

Q10: Sezgi Iyibilir says that this question is relevant for all treasurers: there's an issue of underspending of the finances within the AUCSA, and Sezgi asks Amber how she would go about this.

A10: She says AUCSA should listen to the Audit. As the treasurer, she's standing for this. She will be trying to save more money. Also she wants to have a closer look at the committees.

To continue what the other candidates have said: She wants to increase the quality of events. As an organisation we do want to use the money well. The whole AUCSA Board will organise more events and higher quality events to use the money well.

Q17 (This is numbered 17 as during the set of questions the AUCSA has decided to ask Sezgi's question to every treasurer aside from the two regular questions, but the GA had already moved on to Charlotte in the meantime) Ellen Ackroyd says that Amber would like to collaborate with the Student Council, and asks what she'd like to collaborate on.

A17: Amber wants to specifically collaborate with SC, because in her motivation she figured, she would like to work on the problems SC helps the students with. While AUCSA is responsible for social events they both together should cooperate on these issues. She refers to the student well-being rather than academic matters.

### **Charlotte Kroese**

Q11: As repeated question for all treasurers by Sezgi: there's an issue of underspending of the finances within the AUCSA, and asks Amber how she would go about this.

A11: Charlotte sees the problem of underspending in that committees get too much money and then not have the ambition to fulfil all these events. She would connect with the CAOs and the committees, to make sure there are more events and higher quality of events. We should promote cooler events that require maybe a little more money, but therefore all the money is spent.

Q12: Didi Altena says Charlotte mentioned that she wanted to involve more AUCSA people with the treasury, and was wondering how she would do this, as previous treasurers have tried so as well.

A12: Currently the treasurer has physical books, but is now working towards an online administration. Charlotte talked about this at the debate. She wants to publish the budget at least four times a year, in collaboration with the Audit, but also make sure people can understand the budget, so people can see the budget and inform her what can be improved.

Q13: Susan van Hijfte asks why Charlotte changed to the position of Treasurer while first running for Secretary.

A13: She first wanted to run for Secretary where she thought her abilities would fit best. After talking to Didi and Andy she realised she could show her qualities better as a treasurer, where she wants to bring transparency and communication in a different sense than as secretary. Also considering her experience as a high school treasurer, she thinks it would be more fun to become AUCSA treasurer.

### **Twan Stegeman:**

Q14: Klaas Schoenmaker says that Twan was talking about clarification of the role of the Treasurer, and was wondering how he would go about that.

A14:

Twan repeats to use the myauc website, which is amazing and also has the information on the candidates. He wants to do this because he wants the treasury to become more personal, so people are more motivated to get involved

Q15: Anouk Ide asks what Twan wants to publish to improve the transparency of the finances, to clarify the functioning of the treasury.

A15: Twan wants to publish a short version, a total of each committee, so that members know what to expect and can judge if this is aligned with how they value this committee.

Anouk Ide asks a follow-up question about the overview of the AUCSA financial administration Twan wants to introduce, and what he meant with the focus of the AUCSA's budget on in terms of budgets.

Twan says he used the wrong word, some committees attract more attendees, so they will have more money. But maybe we should give more money to smaller committees, so they can also have cooler committees.

Q16: As repeated question for all treasurers by Sezgi: there's an issue of underspending of the finances within the AUCSA, and asks Amber how she would go about this.

Twan says he doesn't fully understand the question, so Lance clarifies saying that committees sometimes do not spend the money they received at the GA, which results in underspending of the committees.

Twan says there is not a big problem with underspending. Committees should not be bound by a number in the beginning, but have all the opportunities they need.

Another clarification is provided by Sezgi, as Twan was misunderstanding underspending for overspending.

Twan wants to host more events, or more quality events. So he would be collaborating with CAOs and Committees members to arrange that.

**CAOs:**

**Madelief van Dongen**

Q18: Anouk Ide was wondering about the suggestion box Madelief'd like to introduce, and ask for whom this suggestion box is meant for.

A18: It is so that individuals who are not in committees can let their voice be heard. If you have any suggestion you can throw it in the box, after which it will be discussed in the meeting and then hopefully be arranged for.

Q19: Ellen Ackroyd thinks that Madelief emphasises the fun of being part of a committee, but was wondering about her plans for the well-being and mental health of committee members, and social responsibility during events.

A19: Madelief thinks there are some things that SC is working on that AUCSA should work on as well. So as she said before, as a CAO she wants to be personally engaged and participate in committee events. She wants to talk to committees often so she knows their problems and can help. She wants to emphasise cooperation with the committees.

### **Evi Sifaki**

Q20: Peppi Väänänen's question is related to Evi's commitment to various committees, and asks how she'll stick all her attention to her new task as CAO aside from her extra-curricular activities

Evi asks if Peppi could rephrase her question.

Peppi clarifies saying Evi's been involved with three committees, and asks how this has helped her gain more knowledge rather than putting all her attention into a single one.

A20: Evi talked about her personal experience in her speech as well. So these three key words are more for her personally. This means they stand for her. She priorities to provide equal opportunity for all her committees.

So she is really passionate about the things she wanted to be involved in so she knew what her jobs were. With efficiency and time management one can get things done.

Q21: Lieke Kollen asks about all committees Evi's been involved with, and ask how she would prioritise all committees equally, rather than putting more attention in one committee than the other.

A21: Evi says first of all if I get committees I am not passionate about, her responsibility is to be there for those committees. It's part of her personality to be passionate about this, but knowing her responsibility will be enough for her to do her job. There is not a single committee she wouldn't want to have under her umbrella.

### **Berend Jansen**

Q22: Amber te Winkel was wondering about the financial foundation of Berend's Initiative Commission.

A22: Berend thinks this is indeed a potential problem. There doesn't have to be a lot of money, just so you have money for the first part of the year. If you need money later in the year you can re-budget, reallocate it. If the initiative is a success then you can use more money in the next year.

Q23: Ellen Ackroyd says that involvement also entails standards for social responsibility, both at the AB, as well as e.g. a Solace party, so she's wondering about how he'd promote this feeling of social responsibility.

A23: Berend could for example have a meeting with SC, AC and other members and set up some rules. Subsequently the CAOs can communicate this with the boards, which can communicate this with the attendees

## **Noa Smits**

Q24: Marleen asks about the inefficiency of the Committee Extravaganza during the Intro Week Noa mentioned.

**A24:** Noa knows from personal experience, that everything was on the first floor, there was a lot going on, and a lot was unclear. So first of all make it bigger, and provide more info on what committees are and what they do. Also explain the difference between being in a committee and attending an event.

There are no other questions for Noa.

## **Gerold Sewcharan**

Q25: Rosemarie asks about where Gerold would lean more to, improvisation as he mentioned, or planning.

**A25:** In Webradio Gerold used both planning and improvisation. In the beginning they planned the things they wanted to do in the year and set the goals of the committee. But there were many things that came up unexpectedly, so they had to think on their feet, such as changes in the budget. He thinks of a quote, from Lennon: Life is what happens while you make other plans.

Q26: Nasiba Sharipova says that Gerold wanted to propose a plan at the beginning of the year, but she wants some more clarification about that annual plan.

Nasiba clarifies about the question mentioning the transition between a previous Committee Board and the new one, so that there's already some sort of clarification of to do's for the year.

**A26:** He envisions a trajectory, a list of things you want to accomplish throughout the year. Something the committees can start to work off from.

As the AUCSA Board they can have an overview and a vision for what is going on at AUC and plan in the beginning of the year a big calendar for all the committees.

## *VII. Announcement proposed Board by Elections Commission*

Maarten Albers repeats what's been said in the introductory video of the EC and says that the choices weren't easy to make, but are confident they were sufficiently well-informed to finalise their decision on the proposed Board. Naturally, they've aside from individuals also looked at how each candidates would work in the Board together. Subsequently the EC presents their proposed Board, consisting of:

Chair: Ishvar Lalbahadoersing, due to his experience within AUC, knows the organisation of AUCSA, and is representable of the community. He's also got a leadership charisma.

Secretary: Louise ten Bosch, due to her involvement with a lot of committees, and as a Secretary it's important to juggle different tasks and be well-known within the community. Despite the other two convincingly candidates, Louise stood out for the EC.

Treasurer: Charlotte Kroese, due to her determination and her eagerness to learn about more and more about this position, while it was clear that all three candidates still had a lot to learn.



CAO 1: Berend Jansen; due to his calmness, his approach to problem-solving, his creativity and new ideas that hadn't been introduced by other candidates, he's also worked together with a lot of committees through his task as AUCafé event manager.

CAO 2: Gerold Sewcharan; because of his fresh, open, and different approach. He is an approachable and open person which makes him suitable as CAO.

CAO 3: Evi Sifaki; due to her experience and eagerness to research more at AUC what can be improved, and her willingness to work for every single person within this community.

Danielle reiterates this is solely a suggestion, so they will not leave this on the slides during the break, and for further questions, the EC is still approachable for a couple of minutes.

Lance continues to the voting procedure.

#### VIII. *Vote*

Lance explains the voting procedure and people start voting afterward.

#### IX. *Break & counting of the votes*

After the GA has casted their votes via the voting ballots, the EC starts counting. In the meantime, everyone is set for pizza.

#### X. *AOBs (Any Other Business)*

There are no further points to be addressed.

#### XI. *Announcement AUCSA Board 2017-2018*

First, Lance comes on stage and announces that this is an extra exciting elections procedure, namely, that there is a tie. EC will do a recount to check whether it is correct, and if so, there'll be a re-elections for those two people.

Hereafter, Sezgi Iyibilir would like to raise a motion: to have Maarten Albers as a Honorary Member as well. She explains that the previous AUCSA would like to have done so as well, but that it'd be more logical to do so when he entered his third year, in which he's now. In this third year, he went on exchange, but was mentally still involved with the AUC due to his work within the AC and subsequently, after his return, his work in the EC.

Lance asks if anyone would like to vote. No one wants to do so, so Maarten is officially a Honorary Member too.

The GA moves on to Maslow, where, after the recount, the new board will be announced.

At Maslow:

The new AUCSA Board for the year 17'-18' is:

**Chair: Ishvar Lalbahadoersing**

**Secretary: Louise ten Bosch**

**Treasurer: Charlotte Kroese**

**CAO's (2x): Gerold Sewcharan, Berend Jansen**

For the last CAO, the votes have been recounted and there has been a tie. The tie took place between **Evi Sifaki and Noa Smits**, who will compete solely together in another GA, which will be announced within the coming five days.

Hereafter, we continue the 27th GA on May 12th.

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**Friday, 12th of May — Election of Final CAO**

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*XII. Voting Procedure*

Lance briefly shows how the day will look like and it will work in terms of voting for either one of the final CAO candidates, either Noa Smits, or Evi Sifaki. Abstentions are added up to the total sum to decide who becomes CAO, which is the plurality principle we have used in the last two GA's as well. There is one ballot with the names of both the candidates, of whom you can select one, or you can abstain.

*XIII. Personal Statements of Evi Sifaki and Noa Smits*

This time, there are 10 minutes per candidate for the audience to ask questions.

**Noa Smits:**

Q27: Thanos Theofanakis says Noa has mentioned the physical calendar, and that it hasn't worked in previous years, and he's wondering how she'll think it'll work now.

A27: Noa replies that she is really passionate to make it work and promote it sufficiently. She is convinced that the calendar would help immensely for planning of the events and for students to find out about them.

Q28: Amber te Winkel says that Noa likes verbal communication, and wonders how Noa is going to keep this clear if it's only verbal communication between solely two people e.g. She clarifies asking how all people will know about it.

A28: Noa is not talking about scraping the online PR. There is a clear page about each event. She is saying, that as a mean to get people to come it helps to talk to people and be optimistic about it. She thinks that will decrease the miscommunication

Q29: Tamara Happé is wondering, as Noa would like to improve on the workshops that are already organised by Peer Support, how she will go about this.

A29: Noa wants only one clear workshop in which Peer Support and most committees come together. She hasn't fully thought about the execution yet, but she says if the entirety of the AUCSA brainstorms together, a concrete plan can easily follow from this.

Q30: Ishvar Lalbahadoersing asks how she will fit in the elected Board, how she'll be an addition to the Board and how her vision will be in line with the others.

A30: Noa thinks that on a personal level she is very positive, and doesn't get stressed. For the vision of the team about collaboration between committees and the outside, she says she is on the same line with the whole team, especially using personal networks to connect to outsiders.

Q31: Heleen Vos is wondering why Noa hasn't been involved yet in her first year, while she does want to implement all her ideas now.

A31: Noa, firstly, was in the Sciences track and was struggling with that. She started getting more involved after switching to Social Sciences. Her personal motivation to not be on a committee board, was that she could focus on these elections, because she wants to have the best contribution to the community, in which she feels at home, even though that sounds cheesy.

Q32: Heleen Vos asks why the public should choose Noa.

A32: Noa hates saying these things about herself, because she has an all or nothing mentality. She knows Evi is motivated as well, but that she herself is in for the job 100%. She is good in working with big groups of people and loves working for and with people, which is why the GA should vote for her.

Q33: Gerold Sewcharan asks what Noa would hope to gain from the position of CAO.

A33: As she said before, Noa loves working with people, that's where she gets her energy from, especially passionate people. She would personally benefit from interacting with the passion of the people in the community, which is why she wants to specifically be CAO.

### **Evi Sifaki:**

Q34: Heleen Vos repeats her question for Evi, why the public should choose Noa

A34: Evi thinks she already elaborated about this in her speech : experience, motivation & vision. If one want something additional: Her experience overlaps with CAO floating tasks, and being involved in many different things. This made her feel what it's like to be CAO, and how it feels to balance all this out. Although it was stressful at times, this made her incredibly happy. She says that this positivity will make her a great CAO. Not only would she stay involved in the activities she was involved in this year, but keep adding something more to it.

Q35: Pjotr Tjallema wants Evi to elaborate on her vision for the next year

A35: Evi wants to improve as a CAO. She wants to create a closer connection to the Committees. She says it's important to be for them at all times, to just in times of need. But also to help trough the transition to the year after. In her time before AUC she stalked the website already, which made her motivated to get involved. She wants to work on the core of the AUCSA, which is that all members are represented.

Q36: Amber te Winkel asks how she will fit in the elected AUCSA for 17'-18'

A36: When Evi saw the proposed board, she was happy as she could see how it would click together. She could really see herself in that board. That's why she was so serious in her speech, because she wants to seriously be in this board.

Q37: Peter Jan Derks asks whether Evi also has concrete plans for the coming year, like Noa had e.g. the physical calendar

A37: Evi had in mind was not only being the CAO, but also to be more involved in the committee meetings and events. She wants to improve communication by really connecting to these people. Although she doesn't present full-fledged plans, she knows what she wants to improve and how to do so.

Q38: Ishvar Lalbahadoersing says that Evi does have a lot of experience, but he wonders what she would still like to improve upon for herself in the coming year.

A38: Evi wants to be a part of a team, which has previously been a factor for her. AUCSA is bigger than that! It is a whole another experience which she is really looking forward to. She also wants to improve her public speaking skills. She has already seen a change in herself. Mostly she wants to get on a whole other level of team building, but also to learn from the skills of each team member.

Q39: Thanos Theofanakis asks about Evi's weak points she mentioned during the Debate last week.

A39: What she meant was that she can was overwhelmed back then, when everybody was staring at her and listen to her and she could feel the pressure. It doesn't mean it would affect her in working in a group afterward. It only takes a short moment until she is back in her comfort zone.

Q40: Thanos elaborates on her fear of public speaking, and says that next year 900 AUC students will look at her for advise and where to go et cetera, so how will she go about that.

A40: She is mostly talking about public speaking like this, or in intro-week. But when it comes to groups and individuals, she is a good listener and speaker and really good at communicating.

Q41: Annelies van Dijke says that Evi wants to become part of all committees, but that she also doesn't want to be overwhelmed, so how will she structure that.

A41: Evi knows that as a CAO she has to prioritize. She is talking about a general approach, where she is insanely involved. She knows she can't be at every single meeting of a committee, but she will do her very best!

#### *XIV. Vote and Subsequent Announcement of the final CAO*

Lance says we will now move on to vote.

The Elections Commission will once more count all casted votes.

After counting, at 15:45 (after class) Lance announces the new CAO:  
Noa Smits

#### *XV. Closing*

Lance herewith officially closes the 27th GA.