

20th EUA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Thursday 5 April 2018
10.00-11.30

University of Zurich
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EUA President Rolf Tarrach welcomed participants and thanked the University of Zurich for hosting the EUA statutory meetings and Annual Conference.

1. Approval of the Agenda

The proposed agenda was approved without changes.

2. Approval of the Minutes of the 19th EUA General Assembly at the University of Bergen on 6 April 2017

The minutes were approved without changes.

3. Approval of the Rules of Procedure

The Rules of Procedure were approved without changes.

4. Approval of the 2017 financial report and accounts

J Georis, EUA Finance and Administration Manager, presented the 2017 financial reports and accounts. He reported that a remarkably high membership fee collection rate, lower staff expenses and a delay in the implementation of new communication tools had led to a budget surplus of just over EUR €160 000, which would be transferred to the project reserve.

Decision: the 2017 financial report and accounts were approved.

The President proposed to the members of the General Assembly to grant full discharge to Board members for the fulfilment of their mandate during the year 2017.

Decision: discharge was granted by the members of the General Assembly to the Secretary General, the President and the Board.

5. Approval of the 2018 budget

J Georis presented the 2018 budget. He reported that revenue from projects was slightly down from the previous year, as there had been fewer EU-co-funded projects and roughly the same income from the Institutional Evaluation Programme (IEP) and other projects. The projected deficit would be covered through the project reserve established in 2016. The surplus accumulated in 2017 had been used to shore up this reserve.

Decision: the 2018 budget was approved.

6. Appointment of the Auditors for the 2018 accounts

The General Assembly endorsed the proposal of the President to continue the arrangements in place since 2009, and thus to appoint Fernand Maillard & Co, Brussels (BE), to audit the 2018 Brussels accounts, and OGH expertises, Geneva (CH), to act as auditor for the 2018 Geneva accounts.

The President informed the General Assembly that a new auditor would be proposed for appointment for the 2019 EUA Brussels accounts onwards.

7. Approval of 2019 subscriptions for EUA members

- Individual full members
- Collective full members
- Individual associate members
- Collective associate members/collective associate members – European networks
- Affiliates
- Council for Doctoral Education

The President recalled that annual membership subscriptions for all membership categories for 2019 followed the methodology for calculation agreed by the 2011 General Assembly. A small increase in the 2019 fees was due to inflation. The average Eurozone inflation figures had been used as a basis for this calculation.

The next regular update of fees would be due in preparation for the 2019 General Assembly. This would entail a recalculation of GNP levels as well as an update of student numbers for individual member institutions.

Decision: The General Assembly approved all 2019 membership subscriptions: individual full and individual associate members, collective full and collective associate members, affiliates and membership of the Council for Doctoral Education (CDE).

8. Presentation of key activities in 2017 and 2018

The Directors of the thematic units at the EUA Secretariat presented the work carried out by EUA in the years 2017 and 2018, with a focus on the following key areas: EUA's flagship 2018 Trends study, the Campaign 'EU Funding for Universities' and the work on 'big deals' negotiations with scientific publishers. The Secretary General also referred members to the Annual Report 2017 and the 2018-2019 Key Priorities for more detailed and comprehensive information.

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