

## Protocol General Assembly of Delegates 2020

Topic: General Assembly Actionuni 2020  
Date: Tuesday, 29<sup>th</sup> September 2020  
Time: 1630 – 1920h  
Location: online with Zoom  
Moderator: Carmen Faso (Co-President)

### Participants

- Actionuni Board & Representatives (extended board)
- Designated delegations of member associations
- Designated delegations of associations applying for membership
- Invited Guests: swissfaculty, VSS-UNES, ACCORDER, Collective for the Petition for more stable jobs in academia

Note: List of attendees is provided in a separate document

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### 1. Welcome by the Co-Presidents

Co-Presidents welcomes and thank all the delegates and participants.

### 2. Quorum

Two announcements:

- The third co-president Isabel Bolliger (IB) is excused for this GA
- ACINE has delegated their vote in writing to VAUZ delegate Fanny Georgi. No opposition, so the vote delegation is valid.
- Timo Niepel (TN) is sole AVETH delegate since Eric Burns could not join.
- ➤ The quorum is met, see attendance sheet in separate document

GA2020\_presencesheet\_29092020. There are a maximum of 57 votes that can be cast, the majority is therefore 29.

### 3. Elections

#### 3.1. Election of the minute taker

Sophie Girardin (SG) volunteers as a minute taker.

- ➤ There are no oppositions.

#### 3.2. Election of the poll and votation monitors

Hannah Schoch (HS) and Nino Wilkins (NW) volunteer as poll and votation monitors.

- ➤ There are no oppositions.

### 3.3. Online voting platform

Detailed voting results will be made publicly available after the assembly. Only one delegate per association should cast votes. Each association has a number of votes based on their size.

## 4. Approval of the agenda, last minute varia items or amendments

Varia item: Dissolution of MiNW communicated by A. Zenker

**[VOTE]** Do you approve the agenda for the GA?

### **[VOTING Result]**

55/55 votes in favour.

The agenda is approved.

## 5. Approval of the protocol of the Assembly of Delegates 2019

**[VOTE]** Do you approve the protocol of the Assembly of Delegates 2019?

### **[VOTING Result]**

49/57 votes in favor; 8/57 abstentions.

The protocol of the Assembly of Delegates 2019 is approved.

## 6. Annual Report 2019-20

Annual report was presented by Rashmi Rai-Rawat (RR) on behalf of the board. Board and extended board members shared their experiences and highlighted some key points.

Note: The report was sent to the delegates in advance. Detailed information can be found there.

## 7. Financial Report 2018/19 and discharge of the Board

The auditors Simon Bachler and Carl Thomas Bormann vouched through a letter that to the best of their knowledge, all finances of actionuni are in order. The letter was shown during the GA and can be shared if wished so with any delegates.

## 8. Motion I: Waiving of missing fees for MiFHO and MOL

Current situation of two association MiFHO and MOL was discussed during the general assembly.

**[VOTE]** Do you agree that actionuni should, if justified, waive the fee for some member associations?

### **[VOTING Result]**

52/52 votes in favour.

The Motion I is approved.

## 9. Future initiatives

Future initiatives and planning of actionuni was presented by the Board members and representatives. Following points were highlighted.

- Grand Tour & regular communication with delegates.
- Structural funding with swu.
- Monitoring of the covid19 situation
- If structurally funded, actionuni will be able to organize more activities and meetings for the members.

## 10. Application of Accorder-UniGeneva to become a member

ACCORDER is an umbrella association of university of Geneva established in 2014. Within this association are smaller associations from the different faculties. ACCORDER is presenting its candidacies in agreement with its smaller associations. This association was not very active in the past few years. It was re-established in February 2020. Currently it has 7 members.

**[VOTE]** Do you accept ACCORDER as a member association of actionuni?

### **[VOTING RESULT]**

57/57 votes in favour.

ACCORDER is accepted as a new member of actionuni.

## 11. Elections

### 11.1. Election of the Board and Representatives of actionuni for the year

#### 11.1.1. Board elections

Martina Van Arx (MVA) applies as co-president of actionuni. There are no other applications for this position. MVA presents herself during the General Assembly.

**[VOTE]** Do you elect Martina Van Arx as co-president of actionuni for the year 2020/21?

### **[VOTING RESULT]**

57/57 votes in favour.

Martina Van Arx is elected as new co-president. She will replace Isabel Bolliger.

#### 11.1.2. Election of the core Board member

There are no candidates for this position.

- ➡ Position will stay vacant for now.

### 11.2. SNSF representative

There are two candidates for this position: Philipp Blum (PB) and Prabitha Urwyler (PU).

Note: PB is not present. PU presents herself.

**[VOTE]** Who do you elect as the actionuni representative for SNSF?

#### **[VOTING RESULT]**

PB: 17/54

PU: 37/54

Prabitha Urwyler is elected as actionuni representative for SNSF.

### 11.3. Election of two revisors

The majority of the work takes place about two months before the GA. The revision needs to be made at least 30 days before the GA. Newly elected revisors will be in touch with the former revisors for a knowledge transfer.

Timo Niepel and Hannah Schoch candidate for the position of financial revisors.

For this vote, only Fanny Georgi (VAUZ) votes on behalf of VAUZ.

For this vote, TN delegates the AVETH votes to Naemi Jacob (MOL).

**[VOTE]** Do you elect the proposed candidates as revisors (2 positions)?

#### **[VOTING RESULT]**

Timo Niepel (TN): 57/57 votes in favour

Hannah Schoch (HS): 57/57 votes in favour

Timo Niepel and Hannah Schoch are elected as actionuni revisors.

### 11.4. Social media coordinator

The responsibility of the social media coordinator is to take care of actionuni's website and Twitter account.

There are no candidates for this position.

- ➔ Position will stay vacant for now.

## 12. Motions

Technical note about this vote: some participants had to leave the general assembly early but had cast their vote before leaving. These votes are considered valid.

### 12.1. Motion 2: Formal endorsement of the Petition for Stable Positions in Academia

Jacinto Cuvi and Nicola Cianferoni (members of the initiative committee) presented the petition which will be directed towards the Federal Assembly. The petition is requesting more permanent positions in higher education for PhD holders.

Note: Refer to the petition details sent by mail earlier.

#### Discussion summary

- Initiative is appreciated by the assembly.
- Actionuni board shared some issues with the delegates.
  - About the process. Communication method and strategy to share their initiative with actionuni and member associations adopted by the initiative committee could be improved.
  - About the content. Petition draft requires more work. It could be improved.

**[VOTE]** Do you want to endorse the Petition for More Stable Jobs in Academia?

#### **[VOTING RESULT]**

44/54 in favour

5/54 abstain

5/54 against

Motion 2 is approved.

### 13.2. Motion 3: Signing of national-level petitions needs to be coordinated within and with actionuni

Individual member associations are working a lot within their own local realities, which is great. The umbrella association interfaces with the national reality. If there are national petitions, it would be good to coordinate with the Mittelbau representatives on the national level. Therefore, before a member decides to sign a national petition, it would be good that actionuni is informed, so that they can spread it to other associations and is aware of what is going on nationally.

#### Summary of the discussion

- Suggestion to postpone vote
- Suggestion to modify the wording of the motion to:

Do you agree that signing/endorsement of national-level petitions needs to be *communicated* to actionuni? (instead of “coordinated”).

**[VOTE]** Do you agree to postpone the vote to a dedicated miniGA?

#### **[VOTING RESULT]**

1 abstention (ACINE)

With an evident majority, motion 3 is postponed.

Note: this vote was not included in the voting form, so it was done with a show of hands. Votes were not individually counted.

## 12. Varia

- MiNW was dissolved.
- The Board will take care to organise the vote on the postponed Motion 3
- Carla Duss: warmly thanks Carmen and the rest of the Board for their hard work.
  - CF acknowledges the hard work of outgoing members – Alexei (core Board member), Salomé and Lauriane (Twitter account), Isabel Bolliger (co-president), Katharina Prautsch (SNSF delegate).
  - CF also acknowledges the work of the extended board members and of all the member association delegates who kept the communication flowing and worked collaboratively.
  - RR thanks the helpers of GA (minute takers and vote scrutinizers)
  - CF thanks all participants and guests.