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List of decisions from General Assemblies

The list of decisions presented here is an overview of decisions made at one of the GAs of the Utrecht Debating Society, which are still relevant for the society today. It contains decisions from the GA of 22-02-2009 until that of 10-09-2024.

Decisions that are no longer of any influence for the society in her present form or which have been superseded by later decisions are not incorporated in this list, unless otherwise indicated.

Nr.	Decision	Date
1	Bibilotte Duyvensteyn is installed as an honorary member of UDS.	22-02-2010
2	(Motion Huibers) The GA decides when and where members are honored as honorary member.	22-02-2010
3	(Motion De Jager) The UDS is liable, in the event that, any loss is incurred on the DTU.	22-02-2010
4	(Motion Kupers) The new regulations have to state that when a vote is being held whether or not to install someone as honorary member, at least one fifth of the members have to be present and two third of these have to vote in favor.	22-02-2010
5	(Motion Kupers) It will be recorded in the by-laws that direct debit is only permitted with a form.	13-09-2010
6	With 35 votes in favor and 2 votes empty the board's decision to expel Martin has been ratified.	02-12-2010
7	(Motion Beerthuis) During the debate gatherings adjudicators are required to write down speaker points, but should only give these upon request.	21-02-2011
8	(Motion Kupers) The Motion Beerthuis from 22-02-2010 (The new regulations have to contain a clause stating that a member of the Board of Advisors will function as a technical chair at the GA.) is cancelled. It is up to the best judgement of the board whether or not a technical chair is necessary.	21-02-2011
9	(Motion Beerthuis II) The board is advised to give ample time for feedback during the debate gatherings, fifteen minutes is reasonable.	21-02-2011
10	(Motion Bijveld) The board maintains a list of decisions, as far back as possible, which is available at every GA.	12-09-2011
11	The target amount for the savings account is € 5000, for any extra money reasonable expenses have to be sought rather than saving more.	12-03-2012
12	For tournaments with more entries than spots a selection tournament is held for which external adjudicators are sought.	12-03-2012

13	(Motion Beerthuis) When a team makes the 'break' at a tournament, there is to be pie/cake at the next debate gathering.	12-03-2012
14	(Motion Dundas) In the case of an (inter)national tournament a selection tournament with at least 4 rounds for WUDC/EUDC and 2 rounds for smaller tournaments is held. The team tab determines the ranking for qualification. Adjudicators are chosen based on motivation.	17-09-2012
15	(Motion van Berkel) The board has to offer a healthy vegetarian meal at the GA.	17-09-2012
16	During the semi-annual GA the board of UDS hands out the 'UDS volunteer award' to one person. This person is chosen by the board for his or her voluntary efforts for the Utrecht Debating Society.	05-03-2013
17	The UDS song will be restored to her former glory.	16-09-2013
18	(Motion de Rijk) The Board should provide 'Kroketten (both meat and vegetarian) and Mustard' at every GA.	10-02-2014
19	(Motion van Berkel-Kooger) A member of the Board should be amongst the last to leave 't Pandje every Wednesday.	10-02-2014
20	(Motion Koeman) A reservation of 500 euros extra will be made for the Lustrum in October 2015.	30-09-2014
21	(Motion van Berkel) Suggest that the new board starts a new UDS whatsapp, of which one of the board members is the administrator.	30-09-2014
22	(Motion van Berkel) UDS will organize the Mace this year, provided it doesn't cost UDS more than 100 euros.	30-09-2014
23	(Motie Panhuyzen) The following motion will be taken out "(Motie Hossain) Debaters die naar grote prestigieuze toernooien gaan moeten (financieel ondersteund worden.)"	30-09-2014
24	(Motion de Rijk) Starting in the academic year 2016-2017 a reservation of 100 euros will be made of which 500 will be used for the lustrum every 5 years.	25-02-2015

25	(Motion de Rijk) The amount reserved for the lustrum dies will be expressly used to improve the lustrum dies and not to reduce the price for the members attending the dies.	25-02-2015
26	(Motion de Rijk) The board will create a UDS hall of fame with tournament breaks, tournament wins, and speaker prizes to be published on the website.	25-02-2015
27	(Motion de Rijk) The board of advisors (RvA) will be formally consulted in the process of forming a candidate board.	25-02-2015
28	(Motion de Rijk) The board should organize the Debate Academy at least once, and given demand, twice a year.	25-02-2015
29	(Motion Panhuyzen) Roselinde Kerkhof will be discharged without honor from the board for the whole board year. Her position will be removed from the UDS website.	14-09-2015
30	(Motie Koemans) Pascal Smit will be discharged without honor from the board for the whole board year. Her position will be removed from the UDS website.	14-09-2015
31	(Motie Koemans) Martijn Maas will be discharged from the board for the second half of the board year. Maartje Kristensen will replace him as interim board member.	14-09-2015
32	(Motie de Rijk) The board will upload all documents discussed during the ALV to the website (including the documents regarding the years 2014-2015).	14-09-2015
33	(Motie de Rijk) The society won't pay in advance for members who have not paid their debt to the society for over a year.	14-09-2015
34	(Motie Khachnaoui) The statutes of the society will be placed on the website for everyone to see.	16-02-2016
35	(Motie van Berkel) The board will make a Dropbox/Drive where transition, workshop and ALV-document can be shared between boards and relevant members.	16-02-2016
36	(Motie Wan) UDS will spread relevant information every 6 weeks by means of a newsletter.	16-02-2016
37	(Motie de Rijk) The society will set up a fund with which it can pay judging fees for national and international tournaments (excluding EUDC and	16-02-2016

	WUDC), including travel costs for judges in national tournaments. The fund will be off with a maximum of €300,-.	
38	(Motion Khachnauoi) The board will increase the contribution with ten euros to a total of 35,-. This will start from 2016-09-13.	13-09-2016
39	(Motion Schievels) A board member can only serve in the board for two terms at the Utrecht Debating Society.	13-09-2016

40	(Motion Schievels) The board will try to index all the members who are still studying, all and will turn all others into 'begunstigend lid', following article 4 sub 4 of the Statutes, which will transfer the minimal amount of contribution as stated in article 4 sub 1.	13-09-2016
41	(Motion de Rijk) UDS will pay 20% of the reg fee for EUDC or WUDC for individuals representing UDS with a minimum of 50,- and a maximum of 120,- per person, with a maximum of 300,- per tournament per delegation. Any money not spent at WUDC can be used for EUDC. If the maximum amount per tournament per delegation is reached the money is divided equally between all the participants of UDS attending the tournament.	21-02-2017
42	(Motion van der Veere) When a membership is about to be terminated following art 7.1.E of the statutes, the board is urged to ask the member to become a 'begunstigend lid'.	21-02-2017
43	(Motion Hale) The board, when they say 'proost' will need to say "UDS Hoogh!", on any debating relevant evening. They must also encourage non-board members to do the same.	20-09-2022
44	(Motion Scheepstra) Lustrum's yearly contribution has to be increased from 100 to 150 euros.	07-03-2023
45	(Motion Schmiermann) The social committee budget has to be increased to 1000 euros.	07-03-2023
46	(Motion Loos) THR the use of social media as a tool for learning.	07-03-2023
47	(Motion Moonen) The board should provide kroketten and kaassoufflés during the GA.	19-09-2023

48	(Motion Moonen) If the board is not able to provide snacks (kroketten and kaassoufflés) during the GA they should do so afterwards.	19-09-2023
49	(Motion Schmiermann) In case UDS gets a lot of new members the GA encourages the board to set up new committees and activities. Even if this diverges from the board plan and costs more money than it was budgeted.	19-09-2023
50	(Motion Schmiermann) UDS reserves time at the september GA's or the end of the year BBQ for old members that are leaving to say their goodbyes and thank them for their contributions to the society.	19-09-2023
51	(Motion Schmiermann) Every time somebody confuses Roald and Raouls names or spells any of them incorrectly, they have to bring/bake a cake at the next debate evening. Judged by Roald, Raoul and the RVA.	19-09-2023
52	(Motion Balcheva 1) Calls upon the board to make a strict policy that can restrict access to UDS for members who have committed transgressions, within what is possible by law. This is to maintain the safety of USD members as much as possible. This board is strongly asked to do this as soon as possible, but it must be done before the next GA.	20-02-2024
53	(Motion Balcheva 2) Calls upon the board to explore and implement workshops, consider making these mandatory, taking into account the accessibility of UDS for new members. Those workshops need to include introduction of the equity committee and put a clear emphasis on community values such as mutual respect and equality. The workshops should include a talk about personal boundaries and consent and especially include that behavior that goes against these things will not be tolerated by the community. The workshops should leave space for the members to express their own concerns, tell their own stories and suggest ideas on how to reduce the chances of someone feeling threatened.	20-02-2024
54	(Motion De Vries) We cancel the kroketten and kaassoufflés motion again.	20-02-2024
55	(Motion Moonen-Bos-Broere) The board should provide warm, crispy kroketten (both meat and vegetarian) and kaassoufflés at every GA.	10-09-2024
56	(Motion van der Heijden) The UDS board has to install an alumni-committee. If no members can be found for this committee, the board has to try to organise an alumni-activity themselves. There will also be an alumni-list (a list of the alumni). * Alumni are old members who wish to keep in touch through (for example) an alumni-activity and/or a yearly/monthly e-mail.	10-09-2024
57	(Motion Bos-Broere 1) Calls upon the board to install a UDS song-committee that investigates changing some of the UDS song lyrics. For example: "To slay our enemies!", "We will smash the opposition an' slowly crush their bones", "And smash our enemies!", "And scorch our enemies!" are #cringe, and don't flow very well. The goal of the committee is to come up with more funny, less violent or otherwise deemed more fitting lyrics, and propose these updates at the next GA.	10-09-2024