

General Assembly of International Students 19.02.2025

Start of the meeting: 18:15

End of the meeting: 19:05

1. Establishing the quorum

Hassan Elsayed opened the General Assembly, which was conducted in English. A total of 12 people were present.

According to AStA-GO, at least 40 participants are required in the General Assembly for official elections to take place. In cases where this quorum is not met, as in today's meeting, the department will present the results of the elections to the AStA Chairperson as a proposal. The unofficially elected members will be introduced, and the final decision will rest with the General AStA Meeting (GAS), who will proceed with the selection. The unofficially elected head of the department will be proposed to the Student Parliament.

2. Election of the chair of the meeting

Hassan Elsayed was elected as the Chair of the meeting.

3. Election of the registrar

Narges Mirzapour was elected as registrar.

4. Election of the election committee

The individual responsible for this role does not hold passive voting rights. Liliya Fedyaeva was elected to serve as the election committee.

5. Election of the representative(s)

Hassan explained the role of the representative and their responsibilities. The representative serves as the head of the department.

Tasks of the Representative:

- Organize department meetings. (every two weeks)

- Attend GAS-meetings (General AStA Meeting).
- Discuss and address issues with other AStA departments.
- Propose the monthly remuneration for department members. (AE)
- Oversee and distribute tasks within the department.

Candidates for the Position:

1. **Name:** Aiym Jandybayeva

- Hello everyone,

My name is Aiym Jandybayeva, I am 23 years old, and I am studying law. For over a year, I have been an active member of the AStA, working to support international students and improve student life.

My main responsibilities have included designing Instagram content and posters in collaboration with Irina Cheheb and Elena Davydova. Additionally, over the past two semesters, I have been involved in organizing the Sprachcafe.

I joined the AStA because I am passionate about helping international students navigate their studies and everyday life in Germany. Beyond my work at the university, I also serve as an organizational board member at BAS (Bundesverband ausländischer Studierender), where I advocate for international student interests on a national level.

At the moment, I am on my way from Cologne to Bonn due to my legal internship, and I sincerely apologize for not being able to introduce myself in person today. However, I am confident that we will have many opportunities to meet and get to know each other in the future.

With my experience and dedication, I would love to take on the role of Representative of the International Students Department and continue working towards a more inclusive and supportive student community. I look forward to the opportunity to contribute even more!

2. **Name:** Anna Bubnova

- Student of linguistics, MA. communication skills, help in finding resources and organizations of events, engaged with various parties.

3. **Name:** Ali Reda

- Computer science, MA, well-experienced of dealing with challenges; working experiences with refugees in Berlin, and eager to help people in the same situation. Familiar with the difficulties of international students (university, exam, job, ...), organize national/international events.

Election Process:

It was a secret election.

Results of the Voting:

Anna 1
Ali 6
Aiyim 3

Hassan mentioned that after the meeting, everyone elected should stay to exchange contact information and discuss upcoming tasks, as well as attend the next General AStA Meeting (GAS) after the new head of the department gets elected by the SP.

6. Election of the members of the Department

Election of the Deputy:

Candidates: Anna Bubnova, Yasser, Aqib

- Yasser: study Law, have German language skill.
- Aqib: computer science, extrovert person, have experience of helping international students (language,...), social challenges of women/gender.

Election Process:

It was an open election.

Results:

- Anna: 3 votes,
- Yasser: 4 votes
- Aqib: 3 votes

Voting for Members of the Department:

New Members:

1. **Name:** Anna
 - It was an open election.
 - **Results:**
 - Yes: 7
 - No: 0
 - Abstentions: 0
2. **Name:** Aqib
 - It was an open election.
 - **Results:**
 - Yes: 8
 - No: 0
 - Abstentions: 1

Returning Members:

1. **Name:** Narges Mirzapour
 - It was an open election.
 - **Results:**
 - Yes: 7
 - No: 0
 - Abstentions: 0
2. **Name:** Hassan
 - It was an open election.
 - **Results:**
 - Yes: 10
 - No: 0
 - Abstentions: 0
3. **Name:** Liliya Fedyaeva
 - It was an open election.
 - **Results:**
 - Yes: 9
 - No: 0
 - Abstentions: 1

Candidates Not Present at the Meeting:

Hassan read out loud the introductions that have been sent in by the following persons:

1. **Name:** Saleha Khan Abbasi
 - It was an open election.
 - Hello everyone,
My name is Saleha, and I am a master's student in Psychology at the University of Bonn. Originally from Pakistan, I have been living in Germany for nearly one and a half years. As an international student, I have personally faced various challenges and have also heard about the struggles of many fellow international students. These experiences inspired me to join the AStA for International Students, with the aim of supporting those who may be facing similar difficulties. Since joining AStA, I have come to appreciate its role as a platform that allows me to contribute meaningfully and fulfill my aspiration to assist and empower the international student community.
 - **Results:**
 - Yes: 6
 - No: 0
 - Abstentions: 3
2. **Name:** Nargiz Alizada
 - It was an open election.
 - Hello everyone,
My name is Nargiz Alizada, and I am 22 years old. I study law and currently in my 7th semester at the University of Bonn. I joined the International department in November last year. I actively participate in the Chit Chat Lounge that takes place

every Monday and enjoy helping out with entertaining events. I am very happy to be part of the team and to support international students in any way I can.

Hallo zusammen,

mein Name ist Nargiz Alizada, ich bin 22 Jahre alt. Ich studiere Jura und bin derzeit im 7. Semester an der Universität Bonn. Im November letzten Jahres bin ich dem internationalen Referat beigetreten. Ich nehme aktiv an der jeden Montag stattfindenden Chit Chat Lounge teil und helfe gerne bei unterhaltsamen Veranstaltungen mit. Ich freue mich sehr, Teil des Teams zu sein und internationale Studierende unterstützen zu können.

- **Results:**
 - Yes: 5
 - No: 0
 - Abstentions: 5

3. **Name:** Irina Cheheb

- Hey zusammen, ich bin Irina Cheheb und studiere gerade Chinesische Sprache und Translation im Master. Weil ich selbst erlebt habe, wie spannend, aber auch herausfordernd das Studium in einem anderen Land sein kann, möchte ich mich dafür einsetzen, dass internationale Studierende sich hier wohlfühlen und gut unterstützt werden. Ich bin überzeugt, dass wir dadurch eure Studienzeit hier in Bonn noch schöner machen können!

Hey everyone, I'm Irina Cheheb, and I'm doing my master's in Chinese language and translation. Having gone through the ups and downs of studying in a foreign country myself, I'd love to create a welcoming and supportive space for international students in Bonn. I really believe that by connecting with each other we can make the experience amazing for everyone!

- It was an open election.
- **Results:**
 - Yes: 5
 - No: 1
 - Abstentions: 4

4. **Name:** Elena Davydova

- Hey everyone, my name is Elena Davydova. I study law and am currently in my semester abroad in Paris which is why I couldn't attend the General Assembly. I've been a member of the department since the end of 2021 and would like to continue as soon as I return to Bonn. I would like to continue representing the interests of international students towards Studierendenwerk in our regular meetings as well as connect with other AStA departments in Bonn and beyond. Moreover, I used to be the head of the department so another reason why I would like to stay a member is to enable a smooth handover to a new representative. Thank you for your attention and hopefully votes!
- It was an open election.

- **Results:**
 - Yes: 6
 - No: 0
 - Abstentions: 4
- 5. **Name:** Aiym Jandybayeva
 - Hi everyone! My name is Aiym Jandybayeva, I am 23 years old and studying law. For over a year, I have been an active AStA member, working on Instagram design, posters, and co-organizing the Sprachcafé. I am also part of the BAS (Bundesverband ausländischer Studierender), advocating for international students.
 - It was an open election.
 - **Results:**
 - Yes: 6
 - No: 1
 - Abstentions: 3

Election Conclusion:

The election was closed at 19:05.

7. Discussion and voting on key work areas for the Department

The participants decided not to discuss work areas.

8. Miscellaneous

The General Assembly was declared finished at 19:05.