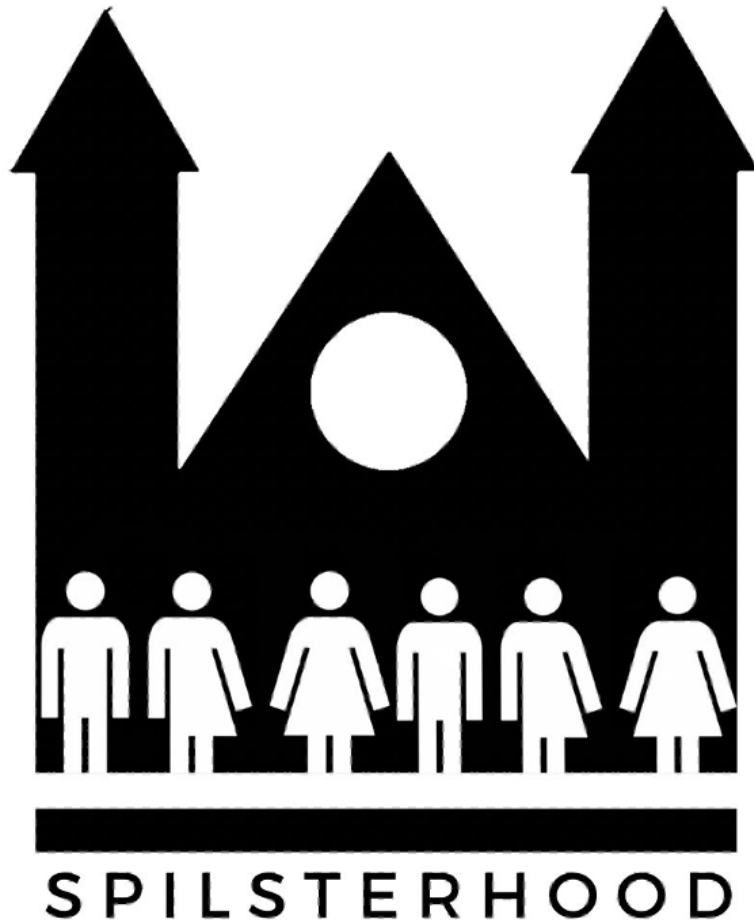


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**XLith board
SPILsterhood
2021-2022**

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‘Onze nob’le discipline’

By Max Nederkoorn and Stijn van den Wijngaard

NB: For ceremonial use only the first verse and the refrain are sung.

Onze nob’le discipline,
De politieke wetenschap!
Het debat is voor ons routine,
Trots op ’t studieus broederschap,
Dit Leidsch superieur instituut,
Eren wij de vereniging,
Die heerst en regeert deze stad:
Sedert ’t jaar één-en-tachtig
Is de SPIL oppermachtig!
Maak plaats, hier is de SPIL!
De SPIL maakt ’t verschil!
Chapeau, chapeau:
Wij prijzen hoog De glorie van de SPIL
[[Rijk’lijk vloeit de alcohol,
De politieke borrelpraat!
Drinken hoort bij ’t protocol,
Zoveel dat het nergens meer op slaat.
Dit Leidsch superieur instituut,
Eren wij de vereniging,
Die heerst en regeert deze stad:
Wie ons ziet heeft direct
een Minderwaardigheidscomplex!
Maak plaats, hier is de SPIL!
De SPIL maakt ’t verschil!
Chapeau, chapeau:
Wij prijzen hoog De glorie van de SPIL

AGENDA

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15. Discharge of Voting Committee
16. End of meeting

MINUTES POLICY GA, dated October 29 2021

The chair of the General Assembly, Mr. Van der Brink, opens the meeting at 6:15 PM.

Present at the GA are:

Rick van den Brink	Samuel Lozi
Samara Ahmad	Stijn Westerhof
Bas van der Tas	Frits Weyne
Yesim Benli	Jurgen van der Zwet
Emma Breed	Nuno Lamers
Marit van der Heide	Nina Wysowaka
Juni Moltubak	Lisa Pieters
Ada Haliloglu	Rosie Reed
Joséphine Bendsdorp	Daria Aron
Sybrich Zeinstra	Anna Easton
Nicola Otten	Danique de Laat
Catrin Böcher	Fince van Kampen
Marjolein Nieuwenhuijsen	Ayla Covington
Lara Akande	Vera van Klink
Kamiel Neeleman	Amy Steinbacher
Thomas Groenink	Puck oldegbers
Anna Gruber	Noor Stuijt

After singing the SPIL song, the GA chair welcomes everyone.

Choosing voting committee

The GA chair asks if there are any candidates for the voting committee. Ms. Nieuwenhuijsen and Ms. Gruber are installed as the voting committee.

Setting the agenda

There are no changes made to the agenda. The agenda is set.

Announcements

The GA chair asks those who are present to state their full names before saying anything so that the secretary can write down their name for the minutes.

Questions can be asked in both Dutch and English. Dutch questions and answers will be provided with a short translation.

Due to the motion submitted during the Change of Boards GA, the board will first present its own policy. After the board member has presented his or her policy, there is time for questions from the GA.

Motion paper can be found on the SPIL website and sent by email to the secretary.

Ms. Benli points out that motion paper can also be found in the room.

Ms. Easton asks what presenting the policy means.

Ms. Benli explains that the board will only elaborate specific parts in the policy when questions are asked.

Ms. Otten points out that policies are never really presented and are just gone through page by page.

Ms. Benli confirms that this will be done like usual

Received documents

There is a vote transfer from Ms. Otten to Mr. Weyne

There is a vote transfer from Ms. Pieters to Mr. Weyne

There is a vote transfer from Mr. Buijs to Ms. Easton

There is a vote transfer from Mr. Van der Brink to Ms. Nieuwenhuijsen

There is a vote transfer from Ms. Neven to Ms. Andriessen

There is a vote transfer from Ms. Saris to Mr. Weyne

Ms. Nieuwenhuijsen explains that there can only be two vote transfers per person.

Ms. Benli takes a look at the statutes to confirm this. The statutes say that there is no maximum on the amount of people you can transfer your vote to.

Evaluating the minutes of the Change of Boards GA dated September 16 2021

Ms. Nieuwenhuijsen says that in the previous GA, the then secretary Ms. Easton said to look into having a hybrid GA and would pass this on to her successor. Ms. Nieuwenhuijsen asks if it's possible for people to join the GA online.

Ms. Benli said that the XLith board did discuss this matter within the board and with the Board of Advisors. The board was thinking about discussing this during the GA since there are no set rules about having a hybrid GA yet.

Ms. Nieuwenhuijsen asks if this is going to be discussed now.

Mr. Van der Brink thinks it's best to discuss it later in the GA.

Ms. Nieuwenhuijsen points out that she left the Change of Boards GA at some point, while she left the room. She will mail this to the secretary.

When the gavel hits the table, the minutes are set.

Policy SPIL-board 2021-2022 'SPILsterhood'

Point 2

Dhr. Groenink vind het leuk dat er verwezen is naar een filosofische verwijzing maar vroeg zich af of het bestuur zich ervan bewust is dat Socrates deze uitspraak nooit gemaakt heeft.

Mr. Groenink liked the reference to a philosophical reference but wondered whether the board was aware that Socrates never made this statement.

Mr. Groenink would like to know if the board was aware of this mistake.

Ms. Benli explains that her president chose this quote but thinks that we can learn from this that we cannot trust anything we find on the internet. She thanks Mr. Groenink for pointing this out.

Point 2.1

Ms. Nieuwenhuijsen points out that the first part of the Dutch policies involves the word “empowerment”. A few years ago a motion was passed where one should say “zoals men zegt” and then use the English term.

Ms. Nieuwenhuijsen also has a question regarding diversity and inclusion. She wants to have more specific information on what the board is going to do with this matter.

Ms. Otten asks if the president is not going to speak the whole GA.

Ms. Ahmad points out that she will speak but cannot hear everyone fully. Ms. Haliloglu and Ms. Ahmad joined the diversity and inclusion workgroup that is organised by Leiden University. She wants the board to be educated by this topic.

Ms. Nieuwenhuijsen wants to know what the concrete plans of the working group are.

Ms. Ahmad for example wants to include the international students more and wants to create balance in inclusion. It’s not only about inclusion within members but also within the board. She wants the board to work together with different opinions and views. The first meeting was more of an introduction, but she is interested in what the other meetings will provide.

Ms. Easton wants to know what keeping mental health in mind means.

Ms. Benli points out that the board wants to keep a balance between work- and free time.

Ms. Easton wants confirmation that nothing big has changed from previous years.

Ms. Benli confirms this.

Ms. Otten is wondering how the president is going to keep everyone’s mental health in mind.

Ms. Ahmad explains that she does not have concrete plans but is gathering information from for example the inclusion working group.

Ms. Otten asks if it is going to elaborate more in the next GA since it is such a big part of our policy.

Ms. Ahmad confirms and explains that this topic is very important to her.

Ms. Bensdorp explains that the SPIL platform will be used to promote the mental health activities organised by university.

Dhr. Weyne zegt dat er zowel Engels en Nederlands gesproken wordt voor de inclusie, maar de taal voornamelijk zal zijn. Hij vraagt zich af of er een aanbod zal komen vanuit de SPIL om de leden Nederlands te leren spreken.

Mr. Weyne is wondering if the board is going to help the members become fluent in Dutch.

Ms. Bensdorp says that SPIL has a contract with an organisation who offers Dutch to international students. They offer 10 week courses for students. SPIL will provide a discount.

Mr. Weyne wants to know how many SPIL members join this course.

Ms. Bensdorp explains that around 15 SPIL members have joined this course.

Mr. Weyne points out that 15 members is not a lot.

Ms. Bensdorp says she will look into it.

Ms. Otten wants to know how SPIL will help international students help integrate more into this country.

Ms. Bensdorp explains that the board is planning traditional Dutch activities like “Sinterklaas”. During HOP week the board gave a workshop on how to be a student in the Netherlands. This was mainly focused on international students. The students were able to ask questions to the board about Dutch student life and things like how to find a GP and finding a house.

Mr. Weyne remembers that the long trip committee in his time would learn sentences and words from the place they would go to. He proposes to do this for SPIL committees.

Ms. Bensdorp thinks this is a good plan for the integration.

Mr. Van der Zwet wants to know what the balance is between the location of the board meetings.

Ms. Benli explains that the board agreed to have the board meetings in the Hague for the first block since Ms. Haliloglu had class until 15.00pm. The board is trying to have the meetings in the second block in Leiden.

Mr. Van der Zwet wonders what the monthly meeting means.

Ms. Van der Heide explains that the board aims to have the next block in Leiden since the first block was in The Hague.

Ms. Otten is wondering how many people in the board do studies next to their board year.

Ms. Benli explains that this differs per board member. Some are doing all of their courses, some are only doing a minor or writing their thesis.

Ms. Otten asks if this would be 20 EC per person minimum.

Ms. Benli explains this is not the case for everyone.

Ms. Otten thinks it would be very difficult to be on the same page with everyone since people are doing a lot of things next to it. How does the board balance this out? Does one do more than the other? How does it feel for the board?

Ms. Ahmad tries to communicate via Whatsapp and Google Drive. The meetings are three hours long every week and the board tries to communicate as much as possible during that time. It has not been easy since some board members are indeed taking all their courses.

Ms. Otten is concerned about this matter.

Ms. Böcher recommends not to take all the credits since it can be hard on the whole board and in their best interest. She advises to reconsider not taking all the courses. She thinks it would be best to talk with the study advisor.

Ms. Benli thinks Ms. Böcher is making a good point but cannot force her board members to drop their classes.

Ms. Nieuwenhuijsen advises to stress this matter when searching for a new board. For example during the interviews and the board interest borrel.

Ms. Ahmad shares that the board made a document to write down information for the next board. She explains that this topic will also be passed down. She tries to give her board as much free time as possible to create balance.

Ms. Moltubak explains that everyone in the board was warned and prepared about the workload. She has been honest about taking all her credits. The previous board decided to put her on the board anyway. Although it was hard to find a time for a board meeting, the board did find a time. Everyone is almost always present at the board meeting so she thinks the board is doing alright.

Ms. Bendsdorp thinks it sounds like the board is unprepared. She assures that the board puts a lot of time in SPIL. They are working on it everyday. The schedules are clear and they know it is a busy and hard year. She takes the advice into consideration.

Ms. Otten says she also took all of her credits. It is almost a 60 hour job you are doing. She explains that her board went to Rapenburg which gave them a good training. They learned about expectation setting and priorities. This helped us understand each other's priorities. The guidance is also nice to have during this training.

Ms. Bendsdorp explains that the board had priority training as well from the previous board. The XLlth board is also doing the Rapenburg training.

Ms. Otten thinks that some people are putting more hours into studying and some more into SPIL. She knows that people are going to get frustrated with each other because others are taking that many classes. This will put a lot of mental health issues on the board. She proposes to do monthly reviews with each other. She wants the board to be honest with each other.

Ms. Andriessen has trust in the board and thinks it is important to keep in mind. She does want to stress that she understands that the last two board years have been different from the others. She wants the board to keep in mind that when COVID-19 is gone, the workload is going to be harder. This is something they should take into consideration when looking for the next board. She has trust in the board figuring out the amount of credits.

Mr. Groenink thinks it is important to raise the question of mental health. He likes that the board decided to raise awareness for this. Since some people in the room might want to be on the board themselves in a year or so, he asks the board if the expectation of doing a board year were met.

Ms. Ahmad explains that she was told that the workload would be a lot. She did not realise that borrels would last until midnight. The cobo's were also an unexpected element. She only concentrated on the formal side of the board year and did not realise that the cobo's were also going to fill her schedule.

Ms. Benli did expect to have a very busy year. For now, it is what she expected.

Ms. Breed thinks her predecessor prepared her very well. She also went to her study advisor to ask for advice. The hours are pretty doable for now and done in the common room hours. There has not been extreme stress for her at this point.

Ms. Van der Heide thought the first weeks were a bit hard. But since then she has tried to balance her work better. She recognises that the board year is very busy, but she enjoys everything she's doing.

Ms. Moltubak also did a board year last year. Because of this she thinks she could estimate her time schedule well. It has been as expected for now. She is very busy but not too stressful.

Ms. Haliloglu explains that there are times where she is overwhelmed. Though she thinks this is what she expected in a board year. She is a board member that is taking all of her credits but that does not mean that it is the end of the world when she fails a class. She is taking advantage of classes still being uploaded online.

Ms. Bendsorp is only writing her thesis and does not take any courses. She will have free time for her studies in January which will make the board year easier for her. She was prepared for the workload and likes to work in to do lists. Her tasks are pretty small most of the time. She gets more excited everyday because of getting to know more people. It can be stressful at times but that was to be expected for her.

Ms. Böcher explains that the message from the GA is not for people to drop their courses or are not working hard enough. She thinks the board is all working very hard. It is a message for the board to watch out for themselves and be aware. It is more so a caring old board member's point then criticism. She hopes the board will take something out of this.

Point 2.3

Ms. Easton wants to know what "not going back to how it used to be" means in this part of the policy.

Ms. Benli explains that the board does not expect that this year will go back to pre-COVID-19 times. They want to take this into consideration for future events.

Ms. Easton asks if there will be more hybrid events in that case.

Ms. Benli thinks that the board will try to implement some hybrid events and will try to also organise online activities when necessary.

Ms. Ahmad gives the GA as an example where there could be a livestream. The board will try to go back to the more lively SPIL year but also have to take into consideration that COVID-19 affects activities like this. The board wants to go back to SPIL roots but in combination with "new" thinking.

Ms. Haliloglu explains that the board has to be prepared for the changing conditions of COVID-19. An example of this is the Halloween party. It was very uncertain if this could go through because of possible new measurements. The festive committee did think of cancellation policies and made a back up plan in case it could not go through.

Mr. Weyne asks what “as many activities as possible” means. He wants to know how many formal and informal activities there are planned.

Ms. Benli explains that some committees have more activities planned than normal years, like the introduction committee. The board is trying to organise fun and formal events for the members, since this was not possible all the time last year.

Mr. Weyne asks if the introduction committee then organises two activities in a year.

Ms. Benli explains that they will organise an activity every month. She explains that an overview of all the activities can be found in the year plan and does not see the need to go by every committee.

Mr. Weyne does think this is important since everything is opening up again and he wants to know how the board is planning to make use of this.

Ms. Van der Heide elaborates that the activities will differ per week. Some weeks will have more formal activities and some weeks will have more informal activities. In the year plan it is possible which activities are planned each week.

Mr. Weyne asks if there is not a general guideline on how many formal/ informal activities each week has.

Ms. Benli says that this is not the case.

Mr. Weyne wants to know what the response has been for the past physical activities.

Ms. Ahmad says that the Halloween party had a very good response. The international dinner also had a lot of people show up. She was happy that many students joined the past physical activities. However, the board still wants to focus on the second year students since they had a hard year in 2021.

Mr. Weyne is happy to hear this.

Point 3.1.2.

Ms. Niewenhuijsen wonders how the VerO's in The Hague are going.

The CALVV explains that he should have given Ms. Ahmad the word for this point since she wants to elaborate on this.

Ms. Ahmad realised that she forgot to include the VerO meetings in The Hague in her policy.

Ms. Easton wonders if CIROS is taking part of VerO this year since they promised to do so last year.

Ms. Ahmad explains that CIROS did not take part in previous meetings.

Ms. Nieuwenhuijsen van Ms. Otten vraagt wat de houding is van bestuursleden in de hokken. Ze heeft namelijk gehoord dat er niet altijd enthousiaste bestuursleden in het hok zitten. Ze wil graag weten of er afspraken zijn over de houding van het bestuur in de hokken.

Ms. Nieuwenhuijsen from Ms. Otten asks in which way board members behave in the common rooms. She heard from different people that board members do not seem engaging or enthusiastic about people coming by the common room. She wants to know if there are any rules made within the board about this.

Ms. Ahmad explains that the board is opened up to members, also when they are in the common rooms. The board decided to create a space where they do not seem unapproachable to the members. They have let the students know that they can be in the common room whenever they want. It is a way to have a better connection with the members. It is also a good way to have contact with the hallway associations. The board should not see the common room shifts as something that is being forced on them. She wants her board to be open and have fun with SPIL members.

Ms. Andriessen wants to know who in the room is getting points for the committee cup.

Ms. Andriessen explains that the attendance for SPIL GA's has always been a problem. She advises to promote the committee cup points more for the GA's. Maybe someone could earn more points when going to the GA in another city.

Ms. Böcher wants to know how the attendance is in the common room. Is it always busy? Is it always the same people?

Ms. Bendsdorp says that the common room in Leiden is always quite busy. Most of the time, the same people are coming to chill there the whole day. There are also some people who just walk in for a few minutes. This happens more in Leiden. The board has informed that this is possible in The Hague, but people seem to be less interested in joining the common room in The Hague. Some people cannot seem to find it or do not know it exists. The board tries to spread the word of the common room in The Hague. But also in The Hague students come by.

Ms. Akande wants to know when the committee cup points are being counted.

Ms. Bendsdorp forgot to reset it on the website but the board is counting from November 1st. She will post this as soon as possible.

Ms. Nieuwenhuijsen thinks committees should receive extra points when a committee is complete.

Ms. Bendsdorp says she will keep this in mind.

Ms. Böcher wants to know if the board has any ideas on creating awareness to the common room in The Hague. Ms. Gamaggio for example made a sign that pointed to the common room.

Ms. Benli says the board is planning on organising activities in the common room itself so that people will recognize that there is a SPIL common room there. The board also organised the waffle hour which brought some attention to the common room.

Ms. Ahmad wants to create a sign to let members know about the common room. She emphasizes that there are students in the common rooms in the Hague to for example study upstairs.

Ms. Böcher explains that the board needs to communicate hanging up signs to the service desk. Otherwise it will be taken down after a day.

Ms. Covington wants to know if the common room in Leiden will be cleaned up. She would like to stress the importance of this since it is almost impossible to sit in the room with more than three people. She wants the board to take the cleaning seriously.

Ms. Breed explains that one of the typewriters that is on the couch will be taken to The Hague. There will be more space this way. Though it might not be clean, it is always open to the members.

Ms. Benli says the board is planning on cleaning the common room in January. It has been a topic of conversation every day. She thanks Ms. Covington for pointing this out.

Point 3.2.

Ms. Easton wants to compliment Ms. Ahmad about changing the date of the EJW. She thinks it is a good way to try and involve the internationals more.

Mv. Niewenhuijsen van Mv. Otten zegt dat het verplaatsen van het EJW elke keer op hetzelfde neerkomt. Als het namelijk verplaatst wordt bijvoorbeeld in september, zal er geen enkele Nederlander die ergens lid is geworden mee. Mensen hebben KMT etc. van studentenverenigingen. Wanneer het in september plaatsvindt is dit niet het geval. Ze is bang dat de Nederlanders hierdoor niet zo snel zullen deelnemen aan SPIL activiteiten. Er is ooit een speciale international dag besproken voor de internationals die niet de mogelijkheid hadden om aan het EJW deel te nemen. Ze adviseert om dit idee dan te ondernemen. Mv. Niewenhuijsen is het eens met dit argument.

Ms. Niewenhuijsen says that moving the EJW every time results in the same thing. After all, if it is moved, say, in September, no Dutch person who has joined a student association will join. People have hazing etc. from student associations. When it takes place before the EL CID this is not the case. She is afraid that because of this the Dutch will not participate in SPIL activities as much. A special international day was once discussed for the internationals who did not have the opportunity to participate in the EJW. She advises to undertake this idea then. Ms. Niewenhuijsen agrees with this point.

Ms. Benli says that the board could talk to the student associations about when they have their hazings. She explains that she found it sad that she was not able to join the EJW even while being Dutch since she already booked her vacation at that time. She hopes that more people will join if it is being postponed to later in the year.

Ms. Niewenhuijsen thinks Dutch students will be too busy during September and will simply not join the EJW.

Ms. Ahmad sees that it is hard to move EJW. But a lot of internationals have let SPIL know that they are not able to join EJW if it is in august. She recognises that the Dutch students also need to be thought of in this discussion. She is going to talk to the study advisors. When wanting as much people as possible to join, it has to be postponed. It has not been fixed yet.

Ms. Niewenhuijsen does not agree. She wants to know what other people in the room feel about this.

The CALVV will go by all the members.

Ms. Easton also looked into this when she was commissioner. She thinks that no study associations does their EJW before EL CID. There are plenty of Dutch students joining in associations like HSVL that do it in September. Since it works for them, Ms. Easton does not understand why it would not work for SPIL. Maybe it is something that needs to be tried out once.

Mr. Groenink has some remarks on the comments of Ms. Easton. He says the board wants to move EJW to the first week of September. If it were not for the EJW, Mr. Groenink would have never joined SPIL. Throughout the years, the interest of Dutch students in SPIL has decreased severely. When looking at the number of Dutch students it does not look good according to him. When deciding the EJW date, you would think about the Dutch students. He is concerned about the Dutch students when not giving them an option to join.

Ms. Covington understands that Mr. Groenink's EJW was the best thing possible. Though, she counts at least 6 Dutch students in the room which were not present at a SPIL EJW since it was not possible this year. She understands his concern, but she does not think that changing the date would make a difference in many interested members.

Mr. Groenink thinks that this does not prove that it did not have a negative effect. COVID-19 has not been a good thing for SPIL. IRO has brought a rise in SPIL members. But they do not prove anything that would have been. It is very worthwhile for Dutch students to still be able to join the EJW.

Ms. Andriessen thinks this can be an endless discussion. She sides with Ms. Easton. It has been great that SPIL had the exception to have the EJW before EL CID. It has been great for the past years but she does think that there is a reason this has been in the policy in the past four years. She advises to talk to the other associations that do have it in September. Having a freshmen weekend in September does not necessarily mean that Dutch people are excluded. It is a good thing to put more research into this before saying it would be a bad plan.

Ms. De Laat agrees that EJW's are important. She loved her EJW. Last year when being in the introduction Committee, there were more sign-ups for the Freshmen days later in the year. She thinks that moving the EJW would not mean less sign ups. It would be best to try it out for a year and see if it affects anything.

Ms. Nieuwenhuijsen has a point of order and worries about the quorum.

The chair of the GA counts that there are 25 people present, so no one can leave. The people that left will be coming back.

Mr. Groenink says he is on the verge of leaving.

Ms. Böcher explains that Ms. Pieters will be joining later in the evening.

The chair of the GA suggests the board reach out to their committee members.

Ms. Böcher wants a report at the next GA about the discussion with other Study associations. She wants to know which decisions are going to be made. The pros and cons need to be stated so that the GA can decide on whether to move EJW. She asks when the location needs to be booked.

Ms. Ahmad explains that research will be done and could be talked about at the next GA. She wants to book the location as early as possible.

Ms. Nieuwenhuijsen has a point of order and worries about the quorum again.

The chair of the GA counts that there are 25 people present.

Ms. De Laat explains that the place was booked in March last year.

The chair of the GA suspends the meeting for a short break.

The chair of the GA opens the meeting.

Ms. Nieuwenhuijsen suggests setting up a workgroup to set up a plan and evaluate everything that has been said.

Ms. Benli also wanted to propose this. The board will keep in touch with especially the old board members that are interested in taking part of this workgroup.

Ms. Nieuwenhuijsen emphasises that maybe general members would also want to join.

Ms. Andriessen wants the board to also include younger members.

Point 4.1

Ms. Benli fills in the gaps for the members: in total SPIL has 1427 members, of which 727 are IRO students, 125 are international politics students, 808 students study political science and 64 students study IBO.

Mv. Nieuwenhuijsen van Mv. Otten heeft een opmerking voor de secretaris dat zowel de nieuwsbrief als het beleid van de secretaris niet in het gewenste Brits Engels wordt geschreven.

Ms. Nieuwenhuijsen from Ms. Otten makes a remark for the secretary that both her newsletter and policy were not written in the preferred British English language.

Ms. Benli thanks Ms. Otten for pointing this out and will take this into consideration for the future.

Point 4.1.4

Ms. Nieuwenhuijsen from Ms. Neven wants to know if the alumni committee will be set up this year or the year after.

Ms. Benli has talked with her predecessor about this. She has told her that there are interested alumni for the committee. Unfortunately they did not want to participate last year because of COVID-19. Ms. Benli will keep in touch with her predecessor to get more information from these alumni. She will ask if they want to participate in the committee again this year.

Point 4.1.5

Ms. Andriessen from Ms. Neven wants to know which other recommendations from the TWHALV.

Ms. Benli does not know all the recommendations TWHALV has made. She will keep in touch with them for recommendations for future GA's. This will also be smart regarding the livestream because of COVID-19.

Ms. Andriessen asks if there were no recommendations yet regarding the livestream.

Ms. Benli explains that she only spoke to the RvA about this.

Ms. Pieters has a question regarding the livestream. Why was there a livestream set up for Samara and not for the members as well? It is not hard to add more people to the Teams meeting. She is wondering why the link of the livestream is not shared to other members.

The chair of the GA thinks it is now a good time to start the discussion about the livestream for the GA.

Ms. Benli explains that there have not been any rules set on live streams yet. How would it work if people on the livestreams have questions for example? Are they taking part in the quorum? The board was planning on discussing this matter during the GA for the future.

Ms. Bendsdorp says the board discussed this with the RvA. If there would be a livestream without any rules, the board would be afraid people would simply join only and would not count into the quorum. They were scared the GA might not be able to go through when that happens. Samara is now online but this was only planned this morning. It was a last minute decision that had to be made.

Ms. Niewenhuijsen asks if the board knows how other associations do this.

Ms. Benli does not think others have a livestream but she can ask this for the future. She has spoken to her PvP board. When Ismus had a sick board member, they had a separate GA with the board member who still had to present his policy.

Ms. Bendsdorp explains that Quintus does a livestream when there are too few members joining it. The online members are then also counted into the quorum. They vote through someone who is at the GA.

Ms. Niewenhuijsen wants to know how other study associations tackle this.

Ms. Benli explains that other study associations sometimes do not even have a quorum like Emile. They only have 9 members joining their GA's sometimes. She could ask Labyrinth since they are also a big association.

Ms. Andriessen thinks this topic has already been discussed long enough, also with the RvA. She recommends talking to the TWHALV.

Ms. Böcher wants to make a point of clarification. The topic needs to be discussed with the TWHALV. She does not know if it exists in the same form. Maybe a new thing needs to be set up. Maybe committee members also need to be involved because they may feel uncomfortable joining the GA physically. The effect of a livestream should be looked into.

Ms. Covington explains that her committee members just think it's boring to join the GA's since a lot of questions are asked. They think it is a waste of time.

Ms. Benli will have a talk with the RvA if it is true that the TWHALV has been discontinued. She will try to set up a new form to discuss the matter of a livestream for GA's.

Ms. Böcher wants to put out an open question to the GA if they have any opinions for this livestream. The board together with the RvA can then think of how this should be done for the next GA.

Ms. De Laat thinks that as long as there is something like QR codes, or other COVID-19 related things that hinder people from coming, there should be a livestream available. Maybe once regulations change, the live streams are not necessary anymore.

Ms. Benli asks if the GA needs to vote on counting the people from the livestream into the quorum.

The chair of the GA explains there needs to be a slightly more concrete proposal. This is not possible right now.

Ms. Böcher thinks it is best to first work on a thoroughly thought-out proposal. Before the GA starts it's procedure, there should be a vote whether the votes should be counted with just the people present, if they count for the quorum etc.

Ms. Benli thinks it is best to do this at the next GA.

Ms. Böcher wants to go back to the alumni point. She is disappointed that she did not receive one as an alumni. She is looking forward to receiving her first alumni newsletter. She also wanted to point out that there was a folder from LAP in her bachelor diploma map. Since this does not exist anymore, she advises the secretary to communicate this to the university.

The chair of the GA also agrees with this remark.

Ms. Benli thinks this is a good point. She will contact the person in charge from university to change this.

Ms. Böcher wants to know when she will receive her alumni newsletter.

Ms. Benli will get back to her about this point.

Mv. Nieuwenhuijsen van Mv. Otten vraagt wat er mis is gegaan bij het CALVV voor de ALV. Het huidige CALVV mist het initiatief van de secretaris. Er werd pas een dag voor de ALV gevraagd naar de kandidaatstelling voor het CALVV. Het CALVV werd pas gevraagd na de uitnodiging van de ALV, waarvan werd uitgegaan dat zij beschikbaar zouden zijn terwijl dit niet zo was. Procedures moeten vanuit het CALVV worden ondernomen en dit werd niet gedaan vanuit de secretaris zelf. Ze vraagt zich af wat hier misgaat.

Ms. Nieuwenhuijsen from Ms. Otten asked what went wrong with the CALVV before the GA. The current CALVV lacks the initiative of the Secretary. The CALVV was only asked about its nomination one day prior to the GA. The CALVV was only asked after the invitation to the GA, which assumed that they would be available when this was not the case. Procedures should be undertaken from within the CALVV and this was not done from within the secretary herself. She wonders what went wrong here.

Ms. Benli confirms that it is true that she did not ask the CALVV beforehand. Because of this the GA had to be postponed. She explains that she simply did not know, and no one told her that this was the procedure. Now that she looks back, she should have asked how everything regarding the CALVV should have been done. This procedure was not written down in her white paper and because of this and other reasons, the board has already begun writing down points for the next board. She feels like a lot of crucial information is missing in the secretary's white paper. It has happened several times now that she hears things that need to be fixed afterwards. She was also not put in the CALVV chat.

Ms. Niewenhuijsen understands that the board tasks are still very new and that a lot of things are coming to the board at the same time. Though the GA's are one of the main tasks for the secretary. For Ms. Niewenhuijsen it is hard to believe that this was not said to the secretary in her work in sessions. She knows that not every white paper is very thorough. Saying that she was not put into the CALVV is something that should be Ms. Benli's responsibility and not from her predecessor. She gets where she is coming from but still does not understand it.

Ms. Benli understands what Ms. Niewenhuijsen is saying and is taking it into account. She will try and fix everything on time for the next GA. She will try her best and work hard on this. She stands her point that this information was not shared with her. This is the reason why it was not done earlier.

Mv. Niewenhuijsen van Mv. Otten zegt dat de ALV niet door is gegaan omdat de CALVV niet op tijd is gevraagd. Na de herplanning werd duidelijk aan de RvA dat het beleid bovendien niet af was. Stel dat de ALV wel door was gegaan, hoe zou dit dan verlopen zijn? Het beleid dient namelijk het liefst twee weken van te voren naar de leden verstuurd te worden.

Ms. Niewenhuijsen from Ms. Otten explains that the GA was not able to go through since the CALVV was not asked on time. Though after rescheduling that GA, it became clear to the RvA that the policy was not finished. She wonders what would have happened if the GA did go through at the same day.

Ms. Benli thinks she could have finished the policy on the correct day. Only because of the stress of still having to fix the CALVV she wasted a lot of time on that. She could have finished it on time.

Ms. Niewenhuijsen recommends for the board to have their policy done in time for the next GA. It should also be sent out to the board of advisors in time so that they can give them feedback. A follow up question is: how is the board planning on using the board of advisors for the future?

Ms. Benli explains that there has been a discussion with the board of advisors to make a schedule for next GA's. They want to make a timeline together with them and especially with Rex.

Ms. Andriessen recommends writing in the white papers during the year.

Ms. Benli explains that a document has already been made.

Ms. Pieters says the board can always contact older board members. She experienced this in her board year as well. Old board members are always willing to help. She is sad to hear her white papers were not updated since she worked really hard on them.

Dhr. Weyne wil graag verduidelijking over het feit dat het beleid niet naar het RvA is verstuurd op tijd.

Mr. Weyne wants to know if the policy plan was not sent to the RvA before the GA was planned.

Ms. Benli explains that the policy was sent out prior to the RvA and was sent to the members afterwards. Though the mock GA was after sending out the policies. There was feedback given by the RvA before sending the policy to the members.

Ms. Ahmad talked to the board of advisors about this situation. It was advised to the board to postpone the GA. There was not enough time to thoroughly read the policy, but the RvA did their best. The board did get feedback and the board changed what had to be changed. There was not enough time to sit down

extensively with the RvA beforehand. The board still managed to do a mock GA where they gave the board tips.

Ms. Bendsdorp wants to clarify the timeline. The policy was sent to the board of advisors. They gave the board some remarks which were then changed in the policy. After this the policy was sent to the members. Eventually there was a mock GA with the board of advisors. After the mock GA the board was not able to change anything in the policy anymore since it was already sent to the members.

Dhr. Weyne vraagt of het beleid dus inderdaad al langs het RvA was gegaan en veranderd daarna pas naar de leden was verstuurd.

Mr. Weyne asks if it was true that the policy was sent to the board of advisors prior to sending it out to the members.

The board confirms this.

Dhr. Weyne wil bevestigen of het RvA het advies gaf om het beleid nog niet te versturen toen deze in eerste instantie verstuurd moest worden. Waarom is het beleid niet verstuurd wanneer deze in eerste instantie verstuurd had moeten worden?

Mr. Weyne wants to know why the policy was not sent out on the date it had to be originally sent out according to the schedule.

Ms. Benli explains that Ms. Ahmad talked with the board of advisors. They told her to send out an email saying the GA was going to be postponed. A new email had to be sent out with a new date. The board of advisors wanted to send out the policies a week before the new date of the GA.

Mr. Weyne does not agree with the way this has gone.

Dhr. Weyne snapt niet waarom hij niet op de geplande dag het beleid heeft ontvangen. Bovendien vond hij de verstuurde mail erg vaag. Hij vindt het onbegrijpelijk hoe dit verlopen is.

Mr. Weyne does not agree with how the procedure went. He would have preferred that the policy would have been sent out on the original date.

Ms. Andriessen wants to clarify this matter. The reason that the GA was postponed was because there was no CALVV. After this, there was a crisis chat with the RvA.

Mr. Weyne clarifies that he just wanted the policy out a week prior to the original date of the GA.

Ms. Andriessen explains that there was no CALVV a week before the original date of the GA. There was a discussion about sending out the policies and seeing if another CALVV could be fixed. When there was a decision made to postpone the GA, the policy did not have to be sent out per e-mail.

Ms. Bendsdorp says that policy was done. This is therefore not the reason why the policy was not sent out on that specific date.

Ms. Benli explains that she was told by Ms. Ahmad who communicated with the board of advisors, that it would be best to send out the policies later. This meant, sending out the policies one week before the new date.

Ms. Otten asks why the policy was not sent out two weeks prior to the GA to the RvA.

Ms. Benli recognises she made a mistake, and it should not have been done that way.

Ms. Ahmad explains that the board has made a mistake. They are sad about what happened. There has been contact with the board of advisors which gave them advice for the decision that had to be made.

Ms. Böcher thinks the board has learned from their mistakes. They have heard a couple of times that it was advice from the RvA. Though, this is not a general policy on how to fix things. The board of advisors can give their opinions, but it is still the responsibility of the board. It is not an excuse to say that the board of advisors said this.

Ms. Bendsdorp explains that the board experienced some time-management issues. The board knows they made mistakes. They will do their best to not make these mistakes again. The policy will be sent out on time, not only to the RvA but also to the members.

Ms. Böcher understands that things happen but is not content with the framing of things. She thinks this is clear now.

Dhr. Weyne vindt het goed dat dit nu gezegd wordt, maar had gewild dat dit direct duidelijk geweest zou zijn. Het voelt nu alsof er gegraven moet worden naar de situatie. Het is vervelend dat er gevraagd moest worden naar wat er precies aan de hand was. Het is fijn dat dit nu duidelijk is.

Mr. Weyne is glad things became clear now. He would have preferred if everything would have been explained better and that the GA did not have to dig for this information.

Ms. Böcher thinks a work group should be set up for having specific GA's, maybe in specific cities. She wants clarification about when GA is where since this could cause conflict.

Ms. Benli agrees that this should be a point of discussion. She planned on rotating every GA. This means that the next GA would be in The Hague. Ms. Benli was trying on doing this GA in The Hague since the Change of Boards GA was in Leiden. It was very hard to find a location near HS station so that trains would still go after midnight. She is working on this and has a few locations she is in touch with. It would be smart to look into which GA's should be either in The Hague or Leiden.

Ms. Böcher wants to see Ms. Benli to write this in her policy. She should look at if GA's have an even or uneven number in the year. If the Change of Boards GA is always in Leiden, that would be unfair. It should be looked into that one year the Change of Boards GA is in Leiden and the other year in The Hague.

Ms. Niewenhuijsen wants to know where the penning of the treasurer is.

Ms. Breed is fully aware of this. She is sorry that she is not wearing her penning today.

Ms. Niewenhuijsen wants to know where it is.

Ms. Breed explains her penning is still at home.

Ms. Niewenhuijsen asks how the treasurer could forget her penning.

Ms. Breed had a very packed day. She forgot to put her penning in her bag and is very sorry for that.

Ms. Breed promises to wear her penning next time.

Ms. Otten notices there are a lot of inconsequences in terms of style of language. Sometimes “corona” is used, while “COVID-19” is used in other cases. The invitation of the mail was also not the correct name. She stresses that the secretary should do at least three final run-throughs in the policy especially. She does not want these mistakes and would want a cleaner language.

Ms. Niewenhuijsen explains that the Dutch booklet already has several mistakes in it. There are a lot of inconsequences in what words she is using.

Ms. Otten also noticed that it said 41 instead of 41st. This is a general remark for the secretary.

Point 4.1.7

Ms. Niewenhuijsen is wondering why the secretary is in the PvP since the president normally is in it.

Ms. Benli explains that it is also stated in her policy why she is taking part in the PvP board. The previous board decided to put her in this since she was also in the PiP-congress committee. She was very enthusiastic about this and still has a good relationship with these other associations. Ms. Ahmad was in the Introduction Committee last year, this is why she is overseeing this committee. It would make more sense to give the secretary the function in the PvP board. Ms. Benli expressed her willingness to be part of the PiP-Congress again this year.

Ms. Böcher knows there has been some difficulty with EOS in the past years. They were not very active and had a hard time finding new board members.

Ms. Benli is happy to tell the GA that she has a good relationship with all the associations in the PvP board. They have met quite regularly. Maybe it helps that Ms. Benli already knew the board member from EOS who is taking part in PiP. They did deliver their board very late. The person from EOS recognises that they have made mistakes in the past. She has good hopes for working together this year.

Ms. Böcher is happy to hear this.

Point 5.1.1

Ms. Böcher is happy to hear the 41st board is glad about the gift of the 39th board.

Ms. Pieters wants to know how the membership fee is going with the new system. She hopes it is less “sucky” with this system.

Ms. Breed explains that the board just found out how to print the DEBAT labels. They have already made a lot of progress. However, she is looking into this with Ms. Benli. They hope to deduct the money at the end of November or December. Because of the new membership system, they cannot guarantee this.

Ms. Pieters suggests postponing it to the end of the month since people will not have enough money left in their bank account. Everyone spends their money on Christmas gifts.

Ms. Breed thanks Ms. Pieters for this advice and will take it into consideration.

Point 5.1.3

Ms. Pieters wants to express that Ms. Breed is doing a great job. She thinks that it is great that she is asking for help when needed. She wants her to keep up the good work.

Ms. Breed is happy with the fast reply of KasCo.

Ms. Andriessen from Ms. Neven wants to know if Ms. Breed is planning on doing a third Audit Committee check. She wonders why not if that is the case.

Ms. Breed knows that her predecessor only had two checks. She knows of course that the Audit Committee checks are important, but she thinks they take up a lot of time for both parties. This is why she is content with two checks since this was also done the year before. She will discuss this matter with the Audit Committee to see if they would want a third check.

Ms. Andriessen thinks Ms. Neven would like to see a third check. Once someone takes a seat in the Audit Committee, you are willing to spend time.

Ms. Breed does not know when to plan the third one exactly but she will look into this.

Ms. Otten thinks it is normal to have an extra one since there is more money to spend because of the lustrum budget.

Point 5.2

Ms. Niewenhuijsen wants to know if SPIL weekend is going to be in a city or in the middle of nowhere. She is planning on going so that is why she is asking.

Ms. Breed explains that the committee has only been opened today. She will be receiving lots of motivation letters. She will leave the destination up to the committee.

Point 6.1 and 6.2

Ms. Niewenhuijsen explains that SPIL would organise activities around elections in the past. She is asking if Ms. Van der Heide is planning on doing something with this.

Ms. Van der Heide has not established which activity in the year plan will entail. Leidsch Debat will be organised and maybe SPIL will also do something separately.

Ms. Niewenhuijsen is glad that the Leidsch Debat is happening again this year.

Ms. Andriessen has not seen a lot of promotion of more serious education events. She is worried about the balance in SPIL with formal and informal activities. The formal activities within SPIL are a very attractive part of the association. She is wondering what the plan for this year is for this.

Ms. Covington is speaking on behalf of the education committee. There are no plans made yet for the Dutch elections. Since the Norwegian and German elections have been held, the committee is having a panel discussion. They will compare Dutch coalition forming compared to the Norwegian and German coalition forming.

Ms. Bendsdorp explains promotion for this event will be up tomorrow.

Ms. Van der Heide wants to add that she does want more formal activities. She noticed that it is hard to work on this in the beginning of the year when a committee has just been formed. For the Excursions there are still a lot of organisations that do not allow groups in.

Ms. Andriessen understands that it is difficult to organise these activities in the beginning of the year. She would like for her successor to organise these activities at the beginning of the year. It might come down to doing a lot of work on your own.

Ms. Böcher understands it is difficult. She explains that Ms. Van der Heide and her predecessor should have sat down together to make a plan for the beginning of the year. It is a good way to catch new members. Hopefully there will not be any COVID-19 restrictions.

Ms. Van der Heide explains that she has looked into excursions with her predecessor. Though this was not possible due to COVID-19. She was not aware that she had to do that this summer. She is planning on forming the stairs affairs committee earlier, so there will also be an event from this committee in the first semester.

Mr. Lozi is also from the education Committee. The Dutch politicians are not eager to talk about politics at Wijnhaven.

Ms. Niewenhuijsen can understand this. She was mostly talking about the municipal elections. It was not necessarily to force the committee to do something. It was advice on what to do with the formal activities.

Ms. Otten put trust in her committee members at the end of her year for organising events. They even organised some things with Ms. Böcher. This was also done with Ms. Otten. IRO students love to attend political events. Ms. Van der Heide should put committee members on this, definitely in the first week of September. So the education committee from the year before organised the activities at the beginning of the new academic year. She has to find the most motivated people for this job.

Ms. Van der Heide will take this advice into consideration.

The chair of the GA suspends the GA for 15 minutes since the quorum is not reached.

The chair of the GA starts the meeting.

Ms. Böcher would like to make a general remark. She is missing the formal activities part in her policy. Education has a lot of surveys and skills and formal activities. It would be good to include that.

Ms. Van der Heide is sorry that this part is not in there.

Ms. Otten wants to know if Ms. Van der Heide wants to redirect the focus of bringing Dutch politicians for Dutch students to SPIL. The 36th board had events with several Dutch politicians like Baudet, Segers and Rutte. These were all in the same year. She says this would maybe be smart to do since the turnout to these formal SPIL events has declined over the years.

Ms. Van der Heide means the low turnout was about the evaluations. The turnout for education events is pretty good for now. The committee is definitely looking into this idea.

Ms. Covington explains that the committee did try to get in contact with a high profile/ highly famous. They thought about asking people from the second chamber etc. No one was willing to come. The committee is trying but people like Kaag and others from D66 were not interested.

Ms. Otten understands the problem. She recommends looking into your own network. Should a Dutch politician say yes, would the event then be in Dutch or English?

Ms. Van der Heide would have to think about this. She will discuss this with her board if a situation like this may occur. She is asking Ms. Otten if she would do this in Dutch.

Ms. Otten thinks that this event in that case should be in Dutch. She has experienced from prior events that the speaker's quality is higher when the person is speaking Dutch.

Ms. Van der Heide is aware that SPIL has a lot of international students who do not speak Dutch. She wants to make events where all members are able to come. She is not sure about this.

Ms. Andriessen understands that Ms. Van der Heide is torn about this case. She thinks SPIL needs to create a balance between Dutch and English. If SPIL is also organising big events in The Hague with an English speaker, it should be fine to let a high profile Dutch politician speak Dutch. The people that study in Leiden are very into Dutch politics. If the politician says he wants to do the event in Dutch, Ms. Andriessen recommends doing the event in Dutch.

Ms. Van der Heide agrees with this.

Ms. Otten explains these events could get bigger because Dutch students from for example law would also love an event like this.

Ms. Böcher says SPIL used to do course evaluations in the common room where pizza was ordered. Students would come in and evaluate their courses while enjoying pizza. She knows that there used to be a budget for evaluations. Maybe this is something Ms. Van der Heide should consider.

Ms. Van der Heide says this is definitely something she will take into consideration. The committee is very eager to help her.

Ms. Otten suggests screening the people SPIL is inviting to talk beforehand. She had a bad experience with the politician Van Ollongeren in her year. It would be a bad thing if SPIL would get a negative reputation because of a speaker saying inappropriate things.

Ms. Van der Heide thinks this is a good idea. She is not sure yet on how to screen people but will look into this.

Mr. Lozi explains the committee has thought about this. For the upcoming event, the guest lecturer had a lecture in Amsterdam. They think he is trustworthy because of this.

Ms. Otten explains the committee and the commissioner could sit down with the speaker and tell them which topic they should talk about. Let the speaker explain what he is going to be talking about.

Mr. Lozi says the committee sent a formal email saying which topics the speaker should talk about.

Ms. Pieters suggests looking up the speaker on the internet. If the speaker is really bad in English, the committee could decide on making the event Dutch.

Ms. Niewenhuijsen thinks it helps to think of some questions to fill the event. Sometimes the attendees of an event do not interact with the speaker. It is nice if the committee then has questions prepared.

Ms. Covington says the committee already made a plan for this scenario. They prepared several questions for the speaker.

Mr. Lozi confirms this. He does not want an awkward situation during the event where no one has questions and does not seem interested.

Ms. Niewenhuijsen suggests preparing many questions. Each committee member should have at least three questions prepared.

Ms. Böcher would like to express how happy she is about the Education Committee joining the GA and being active in the discussion. She hopes the committee will receive lots of Committee Cup points. She has a question for the commissioner. She wants to know what it means to create a safe atmosphere. She would like to know what this means.

Ms. Van der Heide thinks it is important that the committees get along and that everyone feels like they can express their ideas freely. She means that she would for example encourage the committee to have dinner together before going to an activity etc. she wants her committees to get to know each other and have bonding.

Ms. Covington thanks Ms. Van der Heide for encouraging the good relationship within her committee. There are already plans for a dinner with the committee. She thanks Ms. Van der Heide for being an amazing commissioner.

Ms. Otten wants to know if Ms. Van der Heide is looking into going to journalistic talk shows. These are usually a big hit at SPIL. She is also wondering if she is looking into career events where companies are invited.

Ms. Van der Heide never heard about the idea of talk shows. She will definitely look into this.

Ms. Covington thinks this is good to keep in mind for the future. Right now, this idea is not possible due to COVID-19.

Ms. Bendsdorp says that she went to JINEK with her friends. There are limited spots available. The tickets do not cost that much money. It should be easily arranged in January or February.

The chair of the GA suspends the meeting because the quorum is not reached anymore.

The chair of the GA opens the meeting.

Ms. Böcher explains SPIL had contact in the past with people working in talk shows. It could be smart to email the production assistant of a show to ask if you are allowed to come as a group. The contact details of this talk show should still be somewhere in the education committee email.

Ms. Easton compliments Ms. Van der Heide on thinking about diversity. She, for example, wants the tour guides to be diverse.

Point 6.3

Ms. Böcher wants to know how the Masters Committee is doing.

Ms. Van der Heide explains that two people joined the committee. She is trying to convince a third person. The committee is now organising their first event. It will be a workshop on how to do your readings efficiently, since master students need to do a lot of readings. She stopped by some master lectures to tell them about this event.

Ms. Böcher thinks this sounds good. She advises talking to some PhD students who might be interested. She wishes Ms. Van der Heide good luck.

Ms. Otten says Ms. Van der Heide should not be afraid to stop with the Masters Committee if it does not work out.

Ms. Otten from Ms. Neven recommends for the board to look into companies paying to talk at our career event. Companies love to pay money to talk to master students. The ministries, consultancy etc. she should put her committee on this.

Ms. Böcher advises to talk to BIL about this. They make a lot of profit out of this. She thinks B.I.L would help SPIL out with this.

Mr. Lozi believes this could be connected to the career nights. The committee could plan a second career night with government institutions and the private sector.

Point 6.4

Ms. Böcher knows CIROS had a really big secondhand book sale. She wants to know if SPIL has been in touch with them about this. This is something that is against the contract that SPIL has.

Ms. Van der Heide has discussed this with her board. They are unsure what to do about this. It feels like it is not their place to say that they should not do it.

Ms. Ahmad saw CIROS was doing a book sale and had contact with the Study Advisors about this. The response from the study advisors was that they could not do anything about it. SPIL should just focus on their strong points. Ms. Ahmad thinks it would be helpful if the GA has some suggestions for this. She believes CIROS should not do a book sale, since they are not a study association.

Ms. Böcher thinks the study advisors cannot do anything about this. They have been very passive in the past years. This is something that needs to be discussed with CIROS. The two associations should agree on this. The relationship needs to be improved. The board should make clear that this is a difficult topic for SPIL. They are not allowed to break the contract. She is more than happy to make a strategic plan for this.

Ms. Ahmad thinks it would be best if Ms. Böcher comes up with a plan together with the board. She wants to ensure that something is misunderstood in a conversation with CIROS.

Ms. Otten wants to give advice. CIROS can be tough to work with, but the board should not take this personally. If it does not work to come to an agreement, then SPIL has to be as present as possible for the book sale. Be on social media, lectures etc. The board should look into new ways to market the book sales. This is something SPIL has been struggling with in the past years.

Ms. Van der Heide agrees with the book sale being hard on SPIL, especially because the contract is going to expire. There are some difficulties they need to overcome.

Ms. Andriessen from Ms. Neven would like an update on what the working group has already done.

Ms. Van der Heide has made an incentive for the people who are interested in joining the work group. She is scheduling the first meeting. She would have liked to have created the work group earlier. Though, she was investigating what other study associations were doing in terms of the book sale. The first meeting is now planned.

Ms. Böcher understands this. She would like to speed the process up a bit.

Ms. Covington knows that SPIL is still selling a book that is no longer being sold. The whole class of law students are now waiting for a book that is no longer being produced. When looking online, the only thing that is still being sold is an e-book, while they all ordered a hard copy. All of these students are really mad at SPIL. She has tried to explain to everyone that this is not SPIL's fault. She recommends talking to these students about why this is happening.

Ms. Van der Heide wants to know which book this is.

Ms. Covington says it is "Nederlandse Rechtsstaat".

Mr. Van der Zwet is sad to hear that the law students do not have to read "Political and Political Theory" anymore.

Ms. Covington explains this is a problem that should be resolved.

Ms. Van der Heide agrees with this and will try to resolve this problem.

Ms. Covington would like to borrow this book from someone at the GA if they are open to this.

Ms. Van der Heide will investigate this specific issue. They are looking into other companies than study stores.

Ms. Breed wants to add that this is not a SPIL problem, but a problem from study store. She understands they are mad at SPIL but this is not their fault. They will have contact with study store.

Ms. Böcher gets that the board cannot always know these problems. Now that Ms. Van der Heide is aware of this, she should get in touch with Study Story about this. If information is gathered, SPIL should post an announcement they are aware of this problem and are working on it. In general, the books on study store first have them in stock. If they offer them, they should have them in stock. Sometimes things take a long time. She should look into communication with the study store.

Ms. Pieters says ms. Breed needs to call study store every day if she wants their money.

Point 6.5

Ms. Otten wants her to elaborate more on how to be more approachable to students.

Ms. Van der Heide is still figuring out how to tackle this in the best way. She is talking to other student representatives because they all want to be more approachable. They will try to be more active on the social media accounts of OLC. Something will be organised in the common rooms for this too.

Ms. Böcher congratulates Ms. Van der Heide for making it into OLC.

Point 6.6

Ms. Böcher is happy that Stairs Affairs will hopefully exist this year. Ms. Van der Heide should not hesitate to ask any questions regarding this. She is really looking forward to this.

Ms. Van der Heide explains she has already been in touch with Ms. Lhajoui about this.

Ms. Böcher is sure Ms. Lhajoui can tell her everything about Stairs Affairs.

Ms. Pieters wants to see the socks of Ms. Van der Heide

The GA cheers for her socks.

Point 7

Ms. Pieters is wondering how the Brussels excursion is going since the COVID-19 cases are rising again. She is asking if everything that has been planned can still go through.

Ms. Moltubak explains she and her committee are pretty optimistic. None of the participants have cancelled yet. It will be okay if someone is not able to come because of COVID-19 anymore. The only issue is that none of the EU institutions are accepting visitors right now. The program has been pretty difficult to create because of this. They are doing their best.

Ms. Pieters understands that EU institutions are strict now. She is asking what they are now planning on doing. In her year they went to NATO for example.

Ms. Moltubak is in contact with NATO. They are going to the Bruegel Institute think tank. There has been contact with the Red Cross, Amnesty International, Museum of European History and a representative from the European Parliament.

Ms. Andriessen from Ms. Neven is asking if the trip is full.

Ms. Moltubak says the trip is full and there is also a waiting list.

Mr. Niewenhuijsen is asking if they are going by bus to Brussels.

Ms. Moltubak says they are going by bus.

Ms. Böcher wants to know what the cancellation fee will be for this trip. Is SPIL going to pay everything?

Ms. Moltubak decided that participants can cancel if they are not able to come anymore due to COVID-19. They will get refunded. If the university says they cannot go anymore, they will have to find a COVID-19 friendly solution to that. If people get COVID-19, they will get refunded for this.

Ms. Böcher wants to know if the hostel can still be cancelled. She is asking Ms. Breed if SPIL will then cover these costs otherwise.

Ms. Breed says the hostel has already been paid for half. If the trip gets cancelled, this will be covered by the COVID-19 reservation from the last board.

Ms. Böcher has looked a lot into this for the long trip in her year. It should be looked into until when the hostel can be cancelled. They should keep in mind until what time they can still make a decision. It might save the SPIL a lot of money.

Ms. Moltubak explains the Brussels Trip is not where she wants other trips to be when it comes to cancellation policies. They are doing their best right now, but the Short Trip will definitely have a very thorough and planned out COVID-19 scenario.

Ms. Breed clarifies that the Brussels Committee chose a hostel where they can still get a part of their money back when cancelling.

Ms. Pieters wants to know how the board is planning on checking if people really got COVID-19, when cancelling because of that. She does this a lot with her lectures, so she thinks people will also do this for this trip.

Ms. Moltubak is thinking people would have to show an official positive PCR-test.

Ms. Niewenhuisen points out this is not possible. This is private medical information. If someone says they have COVID-19, they would have to believe them. You cannot ask for a positive test result, this is against the law.

Ms. Otten says that if someone breaks their leg, you are also not going to ask for proof.

Ms. Pieters is wondering how the board is going to deal with COVID-19 situations. She is afraid people are going to use this as an excuse for not going anymore. People could get uncomfortable with going to Brussels, COVID-19 cases are rising. How is the board going to manage this? Will they ask for QR codes? If SPIL money goes to that, it would be a shame.

Ms. Andriessen suggests not mentioning to the SPIL members that they will get a refund if this happens.

Ms. Moltubak had this in mind as well. They will tell the participants they have to be in contact with the committee in case of emergency. They will not tell everyone they will get their money back when someone gets COVID-19.

Mr. Van der Tas wants to know if the committee is asking the participants to take a self-test before going on the trip.

Ms. Moltubak is going to bring this idea up to the committee. This is not the plan as of now.

Ms. Pieters understands that people do not want to take a self-test. She is wondering how people will get on the bus safely during this COVID-19 situation. She thinks it is important to do some sort of check. A QR code may not be enough. Vaccinated people can still carry the virus. It would be a shame if people would get sick while on the trip.

Ms. Moltubak thinks this is a very good point. She will talk about this with her committee.

Ms. Böcher suggests talking about this with the assessor.

Ms. Moltubak explains the university and the assessor has given the SPIL a green light for the trip.

Mr. Van der Tas went to the beautiful Utrecht in his year. University told them at that time SPIL could only request people to do a self-test. He advises the reader to put the request in the reader. She cannot ask people to do it.

Ms. Otten says they could make something fun out of this. They could for example ask for a crazy self-test selfie.

Mr. Van der Zwet would like an example of this.

Ms. Easton advises the whole board that SPIL is an independent organisation. Although you want to listen to the university 99% of the time, the board is not legally obligated to listen to university.

Ms. Covington asks for a clear dress code for this trip. She would want to know if she needs to buy a suit within the upcoming two weeks.

Ms. Moltubak clarifies this will be in the reader.

Ms. Benli says the dress code for SPIL activities can also be found on the website.

Ms. Moltubak says the reader will be sent out as soon as possible.

Ms. Akande would like to know how many emails were supposed to be sent out. Someone from the Lustrum Committee showed a link to pay for the trip.

Ms. Moltubak has sent out one email saying the participant has signed up correctly and can go on the trip. The second e-mail was a payment request. The chair of the committee is aware of some people not receiving the second e-mail.

Ms. Van der Zwet is asking if the board is keeping track of everyone who paid for the trip already.

Ms. Moltubak is aware of who is and is not paying for the trip. They will not be allowed to join the trip if they have not paid.

Point 7.2

Mr. Van der Tas wants to know why the decision was made to hand in the motivation letters via google forms instead of doing it physically like other years.

Ms. Moltubak explains it was easier for the participants to apply through this form.

Ms. Pieters says the Commissioner of Global Relations is usually left out of this process of receiving the letters. She wants to know if Ms. Moltubak was involved in this process.

Ms. Moltubak explains the chair of the committee anonymised the letters. She has not seen the letters and does not know any personal information.

Mr. Van der Zwet is asking if only the chair of the committee deleted names from the motivation letters. Usually, board members know more about people who signed up for trips. Not only names and committees have to be erased, also what you did in your life or previous trips etc. He knows from his year someone from university, a previous Global Commissioner together with the current one grade the letters. He is asking how Ms. Moltubak made sure this was done correctly.

Ms. Moltubak does not understand why this is more of a problem this year than other years.

Mr. Van der Zwet says ms. Moltubak pointed out only names were erased.

Ms. Moltubak explains that personal information has also been removed.

Ms. Pieters is explaining that the board usually anonymises the motivation letters. Mr. Van der Zwet means that board members know better which information to filter out from these letters.

Mr. Van der Zwet wants everyone to get a fair chance with these letters. When things are put in a motivation letter which could help them, people will slowly recognize them in this letter. Board members are more able to recognise this personal information. He does not understand why this was done by the chair.

Ms. Moltubak decided on doing this. There was no specific reason why this was done differently than different years.

Ms. Bendsdorp is asking if some board members should also go over the letters. She would be more than happy to do this so that no personal information is in there. She wants the process done correctly.

Ms. Benli points out the letters were already read. But this would be done in the correct way for the long trip.

Mr. Van der Zwet did not have a trip in his year. In previous years, other board members would scrap the information. He thinks it should have gone in a different way, just like other years. Maybe Ms. Niewenhuijsen has experience with this since she was also a Commissioner of Global relations.

Ms. Moltubak explains it is too late now, since the letters have already been read. It was never told to her that board members should have anonymised the letters.

Mr. Van der Zwet would like to see this process done correctly for the long trip. Maybe Ms. Niewenhuijsen could elaborate more on this.

Ms. Niewenhuijsen was in her year, not allowed in the common room when motivation letters were handed in. If for example Mr. Van der Brink would hand in his motivation letter, another board member would take it. The board member would scrap out personal information. The board member would number the letters. On a second list the board member would write down. Number 1 is Mr. Van der Brink. That list would only be given to her after she had graded all the letters. It is really important that Ms. Moltubak stays out of this process and only sees the letters and grades them. It would be best if board members would be the persons scraping out information. She thinks the procedure for the Short Trip is okay for now. Though she would like to see it differently for the Long Trip.

Ms. Böcher explains it is privacy related to keep this within the board. If the procedure is changed like this, it is important to adapt this in your policy. She doesn't know when Ms. Moltubak decided to change the procedure. She is not sure whether it is a good idea to use Google Forms for this. The letters are privacy sensitive. Google Forms is not EU privacy approved. It would be better to work with safer options or a physical procedure.

Ms. Otten proposes to use spilplaasts.nl. This would be safe because data can be deleted afterwards.

Ms. De Laat responds to Ms. Böcher. She thinks it could be okay to change the procedure to this, since committees did not have chairs in the past. It would be okay to give the chair more responsibility.

Ms. Otten wants to know why a Short Trip committee Instagram account was made.

Ms. Moltubak explains the committee wanted to have an informal account to post about their progress. They wanted to have a memory book for the trip itself. It is not meant to replace the official SPIL account. They will also repost things from the SPIL account.

Ms. Otten saw a link in the bio of this Instagram to a google docx. She found this unprofessional and unnecessary. She does not understand why it had to be done this year. She is wondering why the decision was made. The link has also been revoked and wants to know why.

Ms. Moltubak received a lot of questions regarding the trip. The committee wanted to make it easier to give the participants more information. They wanted to communicate and change information quickly.

Ms. Otten recommends using Canva next time for making information booklets. If an online information is made again, she wants her to use this instead. The Google docx looked very unprofessional to her.

Mv. Niewenhuijsen vraagt zich af waarom de data van de reis niet zeker is. Ze wil weten of de tickets al geboekt zijn en waarom er al promotie wordt gedaan als dit niet het geval is. Ze heeft het gevoel alsof er niet genoeg zekerheid is en dat is geen goede boodschap om naar de leden te brengen.

Ms. Niewenhuijsen wants to know why the dates are not certain yet. She wants information about whether the flights have been booked yet. It feels very unprofessional to send an unorganised message to the members.

Ms. Moltubak says no tickets have been booked yet.

Ms. Niewenhuijsen is worried about this. She wants to know how Ms. Moltubak is going to be on time with arranging the hostel, flight tickets etc.

Ms. Moltubak is booking the flights this week. The appointments are in the works. When she was in the Short Trip committee, they did not book things until quite late. She is working based on experience but is not worried.

Ms. Benli explains the flights are not booked yet because they are booking the tickets by name. This means they are still waiting on the letters being graded. Based on this it is decided on which names they are able to book the flights.

Ms. Moltubak has looked into booking group flights. Thought this was 150 euros extra for non-personal tickets. This would have been easier but the budget did not allow this.

Ms. Otten is asking if flight tickets are going to be booked on a website.

Ms. Moltubak confirms.

Ms. Otten points out that the price of flight tickets change. She is wondering if she has taken this into consideration and if tickets would still be cheaper if this is the case.

Ms. Moltubak says she has looked into this, and tickets are still cheaper than a group flight.

Point 7.1

Ms. Covington has received more information on the Brussels Trip. It states that it is possible to cancel the trip and get a full refund for free when having COVID-19. Ms. Moltubak just announced it was not going to be stated in there.

Ms. Moltubak recognises she made a mistake and says “oops”.

Point 7.2

Mr. Van der Zwet would like to know why Athens was chosen as a destination. He sees five criteria stated in her policy. It is normal to fill in the criteria why the location was chosen. He wants to know why it was not stated in her policy and he wants her to fill in all the criteria why Athens was chosen.

Ms. Moltubak based her policy on her predecessor’s policy. Since it was not in there she did not put it in either. She knows this is a bad excuse but this was the reasoning behind it. The destination was picked before sending out the policy but not before writing the policy. She will now fill in the criteria:

1. Political relevance: Athens is the birthplace of Democracy. Greece was part of the refugee crisis and the situation with Turkey and the EU.
2. Scientific relevance: they have already been researching with think tanks and universities she would like to visit.
3. Cultural relevance: it is the basis of western philosophy and western cultures based in Greece. A lot of Greek mythology is great to discover and of course the political culture that originated in Greece.
4. Financial feasibility: this is one of the main reasons. There was a list of several countries they had in mind, Greece was by far one of the cheapest to go to. Flights are not that expensive, and the committee has found cheap accommodation. The activities and food options are also relatively cheap.
5. Safety insurance: Greece is a safe country.

Mr. Van der Zwet would like to see these things added to her policy before the Interim GA. On top of this, he wants this added for the Long Trip as well.

Ms. Niewenhuijsen urges everyone to look further than only the policy of her predecessor. She recommends especially looking at policies prior to COVID-19. She points out she did write about this in her policy.

Ms. Otten does not want to normalise saying “oops' ' at a GA. She needs to work harder on this. A participant of the Brussels Trip just said she received different information than Ms. Moltubak has just given the GA. There has at least been some miscommunication between her and the chair. She wants her to elaborate this more. She does not accept her just saying “oops” about this. She wants her to apologise for this and thinks it is strange this happened.

Ms. Moltubak did not mean to use “oops” as a response. She is very sorry for the miscommunication and will talk to the Brussels Committee about this as soon as possible.

Ms. Otten wants to know what happened.

Ms. Moltubak explains the committee had an agreement that participants would get fully refunded when having a COVID-19 case. It was apparently not clear that they should not email this information to participants.

Ms. Niewenhuijsen sees a request for the LUF CASSA subsidy. She points out that SPIL can usually only ask for one subsidy for trips. This is normally used for the Long Trip. She thinks the committee can get pretty far with the 250 euros. She thinks this is a waste to use it on the short trip and not the long trip.

Ms. Moltubak has already talked to the CASSA subsidy contact person. They told us it would not affect the chances of SPIL getting another funding for the long trip. They have confirmed that SPIL can apply for both.

Mr. Weyne knows the participation fee for the short trip is now raised from 200 to 250 euros. He is wondering how this extra money is helping her with the trip and how it is going to be spent.

Ms. Moltubak is working on keeping the fee under 250. It was time to up the price last year and she is glad this happened. She will organise a cool program and will not worry too much about the budget.

Mr. Van der Zwet is asking if the exact price is not set yet.

Ms. Moltubak is going to confirm this when the flight tickets are booked.

Mr. Van der Zwet asks if people are aware of the range in price the trip will cost.

Ms. Otten is wondering which activities are already on the program and how many activities are planned per day.

Ms. Moltubak is in contact with institutions and organisations. Nothing is confirmed yet but the committee is working hard on this.

Ms. Otten wants to know what her vision is.

Ms. Moltubak wants to visit a refugee NGO. The Greek parliament and embassies are also planning. She is aiming for between 1 or 2 activities per day and 1 planned free day. This is still to be finalised.

Ms. Otten missed in the policy how the committee is doing.

Ms. Moltubak explains the committee is doing pretty well. They are having social gatherings and are very motivated. They are enthusiastic at meetings and excited to organise a nice trip.

The chair of the GA has a point of order. It has been 23.30 already. The GA needs to end at 00.00 due to COVID-19 measures. He still needs to hand over the GA chair for the continuation of the policy GA.

Ms. Niewenhuijsen points out the policy GA needs to be done within two months.

The chair of GA clarifies that there needs to be a GA within two months. The policy does not have to be voted on within these two months.

Point 7.3

Mr. Weyne has a question regarding the extra Lustrum money for the long trip. He is wondering where this money is going to be spent. He is asking who is going to decide on how it will be spent. Will it be the committee or the board?

Ms. Moltubak has not decided on this yet. The long trip committee is being formed right now.

Ms. Bendsdorp proposes to use this money for hostels where all members are able to go. It might be an option to look into places where for example people with a disability can also go.

Ms. Moltubak thinks this is a nice idea. She will discuss this with the committee once it is formed.

Ms. Nieuwenhuijsen is surprised that it has not decided yet where the Lustrum money is going to be spent. It is of course part of the committee, but it should be up to the board where it will be spent on. During these uncertain times it is not even sure if the long trip can go through. Last Lustrum trip went to Washington, this would have never been possible without the Lustrum money. She advises to really decide this together with the board. She is surprised this has not been discussed yet and that it is not written down in the policy. For example, if the situation happens where they could only go to Europe, where is this extra money going to be spent on.

Ms. Moltubak explains it will definitely be discussed with the board. She is sorry it is not in the policy.

Dhr. Weyne wil graag dat dit wordt toevoegt in het volgende beleid. Iedereen zal benieuwd zijn naar de lange reis en zal ernaar uitkijken.

Mr. Weyne requests for this to be put into the next policy in the interim GA. Everyone will look forward to the long trip and would want to know where they are going.

Mr. Van der Tas is not surprised that the commissioner of Global relations has not thought about the extra Lustrum budget yet. The committee has not been formed yet. He is a believer of having the committee think along with this. As of right now, the applications have only been open for a week. To him, it is not a huge problem.

Closing

Ms. Benli explains that GA is going to be closed because the Vergulde Kruik closes at 00.00 due to COVID-19 measures. The GA will continue November 18 at the same location. The GA will start at 17.00.

Mr. Weyne is asking if there will be dinner available since it is starting that early.

Ms. Benli will try and arrange dinner for the GA. She will talk with her treasurer for the available budget.

Mr. Van der Zwet thinks it is really important that food is available. He wants to know if it is definite that there will be food available at the next GA.

Ms. Benli will make sure that Mr. Van der Zwet has food at the next GA.

The Chair of the GA Mr. Van der Brink hands over his hammer to Ms. Otten for the continuation of the Policy GA.

The chair of the GA closes the General Assembly until further notice.

MINUTES CONTINUATION POLICY GA, dated November 18 2022

The chair of the General Assembly, Ms. Otten opens the meeting at 6:08 PM.

Present at the GA are:

Samara Ahmad
Bas van der Tas
Yesim Benli
Emma Breed
Marit van der Heide
Juni Moltubak
Ada Haliloglu
Joséphine Bendsdorp
Nicola Otten
Lara Akande
Kamiel Neeleman
Thomas Groenink
Anna Gruber
Ömer Yavuz
Georgia Cancura
Ayla Covington
Suna Can
Sybrich Zeinstra
Donna Dekker

Robin Buijs
Anna Molotmova
Emilie Wastijn
Jelle Kooij
Fince van Kampen
Frits Weyne
Noor Stuijt
Maryem Lhajoui
Jette Boonstra
Pohene Inlo
Camila Sertori
Elise Priester
Bas van der Tas
Sheno Djamshidi
Rick van der Brink
Rosie Reed
Thomas Groenink
Sara Sorici

After singing the SPIL song, the GA chair welcomes everyone.

Announcements

The GA chair asks those who are present to state their full names before saying anything so that the secretary can write down their name for the minutes.

Questions can be asked in both Dutch and English. Dutch questions and answers will be provided with a short translation.

Motion paper can be found at the front of the room.

Received Documents

There is a vote transfer from Ms. Easton to Mr. Van der Tas.

There is a vote transfer from Ms. Saris to Mr. Van der Zwet.

There is a vote transfer from Ms. Neven to Mr. Van der Brink.

There is a vote transfer from Ms. Nieuwenhuijsen to Mr. Van der Brink.

There is a vote transfer from Ms. Pieters to Mr. Weyne.
There is a vote transfer from Ms. Peters to Mr. Kooij.
There is a received document for the CALVV, this will be talked about later in the GA.

Discharge of Voting Committee

Ms. Benli explains that the Voting Committee has not been hammered out at the closing of the last GA because of the rush of leaving the building.
Ms. Nieuwenhuijsen sent in a document stating to step out of the voting Committee.
Ms. Gruber would like to step out of the voting Committee as well.
The chair of the GA thanks the voting committee for their service and hereby discharge Ms. Nieuwenhuijsen and Ms. Gruber from the voting committee.

Choosing voting committee

The GA chair asks if there are any candidates for the voting committee. Mr. Buijs and Mr. Van der Zwet are installed as the voting committee.

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Point 7.2

The chair of the GA explains the GA will continue at point 7.3 long trip, the board would like to give a statement about the short trip first.

Ms. Breed explains there has been a discussion about the motivation letters last GA. The board decided to not redo the process of the motivation letters. It does not mean that the board is not sorry for their mistake. They will make sure it will not happen for the long trip.

Ms. Benli gives a statement about Ms. Moltubak not feeling her best self. She had a surgery last week and cannot be physically there at the GA because of that reason.

Mr. Weyne asks how anonymous the letters were. He wants to know if more than the names were removed from the letters.

Ms. Moltubak explains that only the names were removed.

Mr. Weyne asks how many people wrote letters and how many people got accepted to participate in the trip.

Ms. Moltubak says 47 people wrote letters and 27 people are joining outside of the committee and the board.

Mr. Van der Zwet points out that this statement is not allowed to be made during the GA.

Mr. Weyne thinks the procedure is not done fairly. He advises us to take back our decision and repeat the process in an anonymous way. It is written in HR how the procedure should be done. No one knows if the current participants are not just friends of board members. He wants

everyone to have a fair chance to join the trip. He wants to know how the GA can know the procedure is indeed done fairly.

Ms. Moltubak does not know how to move forward.

Mr. Weyne still thinks it is not fair and says that this is the reason that these procedures exist. He thinks that we should make sure that not only friends of board members are taking part in trips. He does not say this is the case but he wants to make sure this did not happen.

Ms. Ahmad explains the board has taken this procedure very seriously. The HR do not clearly state how it should be cleared out exactly, only that the letters should be anonymous. She agrees that it should not have been done this way. It was done anonymously, there was no bias in this procedure. It can be hard to believe, though it would be very hard to change this right now. As long as it does not state clearly in the HR which parts of the letters need to be cleared, the board found it okay to move forward. They were planning on still reviewing the letters but they did not find this necessary in the end.

Mr. Weyne says there is a reason why the procedure has been done this way in the past. He asks what the reason is why the letters are not being written and read again. Was it only because the board feels sorry for the people who were already accepted to the trip? Or was it an issue with the flight tickets?

Ms. Ahmad explains that Ms. Moltubak was in the hospital during the process. The communication was not very clear because of this. She explains that the topic has been discussed. It felt bad to tell members who were already accepted, they were not allowed on the trip anymore when the letters would be reviewed.

Ms. Breed would like to add on the previous part that it has of course not been done in a professional way. There was not much personal information found in the letters. The flight tickets were booked by name yesterday. The board is not able to change these names now.

Ms. Boonstra is asking if the tickets were booked yesterday, while the board knew there would still be a discussion about it today.

Ms. Breed confirms this. She explains that the board has discussed this matter thoroughly with the board of advisors. They thought it was best to come up with a solution.

Mr. Yavuz thinks we should trust the integrity of the board. It would never be possible to anonymise the letters completely. The only possibility would be to limit people on what they could say in a motivation letter. He does not see another to make it more anonymous.

Mr. Weyne agrees with the integrity. He explains that normally, other board members would go over the letter and remove everything which they think would expose one.

Mr. Yavuz does not agree. He does not think that would keep the board's integrity.

Mr. Weyne thinks this will be a long discussion. For a very long time the SPIL has not been on the same page but he thinks that these rules are written in the HR to give everyone a fair chance. He explains that every SPIL member is paying for the trip. He does not understand how it would be fair that others are paying for a trip that is not selected fairly.

Mr. Yavuz understands Mr. Weyne's concern. He thinks it would violate the integrity of the board if the GA does not trust them. It is not fair for the participants to change their motivation letters when they have already been accepted. He does not see how the letters can be more anonymous. He suggests making a quiz to still test people but make it more anonymous.

Mr. Weyne would not be a fan of removing the procedures since it gives a certain direction for the board. For a long time, SPIL has not been on the same page. All these rules in the HR are there to give everyone a fair chance for the trips. People have relations with board members. How can SPIL members be sure that not only friends of the committee or board are being allowed on such trip. Every SPIL member is paying for this selected group that is going on the trip. How is it fair that a board or committee can decide on this? He believes this is not fair since everyone is paying. He does not know exactly how it is done this year.

Mr. Yavuz understands his concern. He notices that he does not trust upon the integrity of the board to review this letter in the correct order. Both sides need trust in this process.

Mr. Weyne thinks removing all these procedures is not a good plan. It gives a certain direction for the board. He understands that the board needs to be trusted. These rules exist so that everyone who wants to go has a fair chance of taking part in the trip.

Mr. Boonstra thinks the trust and integrity has already been violated since the procedure did not take place. The argument of trust is therefore not valid.

Mr. Weyne has personal concerns and is asking Ms. Moltubak why the procedure was not followed.

Ms. Moltubak explains that the procedure was not followed for this trip, which was a mistake. She will make sure this will not happen for the long trip. Unfortunately, the procedure is already completed for the short trip. It is going to be hard to change everything now. She is sorry about the situation and asks for trust in her for reviewing the letters fairly.

Mr. Yavuz is asking how the procedure normally goes.

Ms. Otten explains how the procedure is done. The letters are reviewed by the Commissioner of Global Relations, the previous Commissioner of Global relations and a professor from university.

Mr. Yavuz suggests changing this procedure.

Ms. Benli asks if he thinks that no one who is involved in SPIL should read the letters.

Mr. Yavuz thinks two external people should read the letters.

Ms. Otten explains that people would come to the common room with three physically printed out. The personal information is then removed by board members. The commissioner of Global Relations is not allowed in the common room during these days. This is regarding things like “I’m a second-year student” or “on my previous SPIL trip”. It is then graded by the three people mentioned before. She explains that the GA thinks the letters were not anonymous enough this time.

Mr. Weyne explains that the problem in this case is that the letters were not being anonymised. The idea is that personal information cannot be found in the letters. The procedure, which is written in the HR, is not followed this year. Changing the procedure is not a good plan.

Mr. Van der Zwet explains that it does not per se have to be the former commissioner. He asks why Mr. Van der Tas would also apply for the short trip. Why did Ms. Moltubak still choose Mr. Van der Tas to grade the letters?

Ms. Moltubak explains that Mr. Van der Tas offered to help grade the letters. She did not know he was going to apply himself. He of course did not grade his own letter.

Mr. Weyne asks if Mr. Van der Tas was grading letters and also going on the trip.

Ms. Moltubak confirms.

Mr. Weyne thinks this is a problem and makes the situation worse. He thinks we should still find a way to still redo the process in the quickest and most efficient manner.

Ms. Moltubak understands this situation is not ideal. She does not know how to redo this process and would like to know if anyone has a suggestion.

Mr. Yavuz thinks doing a lottery is the best option to resolve this case.

Ms. Moltubak says SPIL would have to pay a lot of money to change the flight tickets.

Mr. Buijs does not agree with this idea and suggests choosing another procedure.

Mr. Van der Zwet thinks the board needs to find a person to read the letters and anonymize them.

Ms. Breed explains that she is not opposed to the idea but points out that the flight tickets are already booked by name. This will cost a lot of money if parts of the names are being changed.

Ms. Covington would like to state that the students are really excited about being let in the trip. Then they would be very surprised if they are not being let in the trip anymore. She doesn't think it's fair for the people who are already on the trip.

Mr. Buijs thinks it is fair to review the letters again. Although it is very unfortunate that SPIL would have to pay more money, the procedure is not done fairly and fully anonymised.

Mr. Van der Zwet points out that it is now not fair for people who are now not let in because of this reason.

Ms. Can points out that would be unfair for people who already were being let in.

Ms. Covington thinks that people already have expectations on going on the trip. It would just not be fair for the people who were already accepted on the trip.

Mr. Weyne thinks that there may be a big overlap. He suggests checking the overlap when reviewing the letters. Maybe they are not able to join anymore. He would like for the board to redo the process, in correct order, and see if there will be any overlap.

Ms. Breed proposes to vote about this. She recognizes that the procedure was not done fairly. Though, it will cost a lot of money to change it. It is easier to just vote on the matter of reviewing the letters again.

Mr. Yavuz is willing to give up his spot for other people.

Ms. Otten thinks this is nice, but explains that this is not the point of the discussion.

Mr. Buijs suggests keeping the plane tickets. It should be looked into who would be graded higher when reviewing again. If this involves new people, then SPIL can pay the money to change the flight tickets.

Ms. Ahmad recognises that mistakes have been made. If the same people are allowed to go, it will show the members that there was integrity in the process. It unfortunately happened the wrong way, but hopefully with the same results.

Mr. Van Kampen thinks that the procedure should stay how it's done. Firstly, since the plane tickets are already booked. Second, he suggests making the rules stricter. He adds that members should have faith in the people that have selected the letters. He thinks the board should take this information with them for the long trip but thinks it does not help SPIL.

Ms. Lhajoui explains that the commissioner recognises her fault. The people have already received their email. Having to tell people that were already selected on the trip and tell them they cannot join anymore is not fair to them. It will be very embarrassing for SPIL to do that.

Mr. Weyne thinks it's embarrassing that 20 people are not being let into the trip. He also points out it's embarrassing that the guy reading the letter is also going on the trip. Having trust in SPIL and not giving everyone a fair chance is also embarrassing. Those 20 people would also want to join the trip. He thinks it would be better that people should all get a fair chance. Having trust in this is the wrong procedure.

Mr. Buijs would like to make a point of order since the discussion is going in circles. Everything that has been said is said.

Ms. Covington would like to know how the procedure would be redone.

Ms. Breed explains that the same motivation letters will be used if the procedure will be reviewed again.

Ms. Bendsdorp says the board has decided on not letting Ms. Moltubak and Mr. Van der Tas in the new review of the letters. Members would not have to send in new letters in this procedure.

Mr. Yavuz thinks the board should organise an activity for the people that are now not able to join the trip.

Mr. Van der Brink thinks the procedure was not done fairly. Other people will re-evaluate the letters again and if there is a significantly different outcome, to then check everything again. If there is an overlap seen, then the people who are selected now could go on the trip. The process should for now simply be checked.

Ms. Moltubak asks for a clarification. She asks if it would just be a comparison.

Ms. Benli explains to Ms. Moltubak the letters will be re-evaluated, but not by Ms. Moltubak and Mr. Van der Tas. Other people would do this in their place. It will be researched if there is a significant overlap between the first and second time of reviewing the letters.

Mr. Van der Zwet thinks that the current grading is not correct and that the board should take maybe two or three or four persons to do this work yet for grading at all advisors will be good.

Ms. Haliloglu explains that the board has not read letters. Only Ms. Moltubak and Mr. Van der Tas saw the letters. She is asking how much the significance should be in this case.

Mr. Van der Brink thinks it's an area discussion as much as they can call for significant changes. But he thinks the procedure correctly, isn't supposed to be a ranking of the other letters. There will be differences in what places, let's say there's 10 People who reevaluate the second interior still not. While they are coming in the current situation. And depending on wherever it is, for example, 24th and 26th place or sweat ground, it doesn't really matter if it is definitely only three people. I would say that's not ideal, but I mean, there's always a better taste. But I would say

Ms. Otten would like to ask old board members who are excited to grade the letters. She would like to then continue.

Mr. Wayne asks if there are deadlines for changing the tickets and it will be more expensive. You can just keep doing it.

Ms. Breed is not completely sure of this. But she thinks you can change names once. Otherwise, it will cost 50 euros so you can change it. She will check that in a break for sure.

Mr. Yavuz suggests changing the names. He says it should be possible to maybe get a refund.

Mr. Weyne asks the treasurer to just check and have a quick break.

Ms. Reed suggests that in the case of the re-evaluation, instead of people not able to come. The case should be investigated. This way it could be seen if it was not a biased person. To see if there is an actual relationship between the person and the reader and look if there actually was bias in the selection. Some external person would have to investigate the relationship.

Mr. Buijs thinks there is no way to find if there's a connection between people. He thinks the process will just get more complicated.

Mr. Van der Brink suggests to rank the letters and number them. They have a list of numbers who are coming and then they will remember those numbers are the same numbers as we find out the second time so they will know the names okay same for the city check with someone else I need to be on my page right now. I am from Florida

SUSPENSION - SCHORSING

Ms. Breed explains that she checked how much it would cost to rename the tickets. This will cost 2200 euros in the worst case. It is 50 per ticket, so 100 in total per ticket. It was 100 Euros per person as for flying well to Athens and back so 50 euros for both and then the difference in ticket price as tickets might get more expensive as you get closer to departure date so in a worst case that would cost us 2200 euros. If you spelled your last name incorrect or if change you could change your first name your last name or date of birth one of those things for free once

Mr. Van der Zwet thinks it would be possible within the budget to cover this. There is a big amount of money for the corona reservation.

Ms. Otten explains that there will be a review of the letters, anonymously. This would be prepared to the old rankings of the letters. The taskforce will decide on who is reviewing the letters again.

Mr. Buijs asks how big the difference the bar is.

Ms. Otten suggests more than 5 differences in participants.

Ms. Boonstra thinks the taskforce should keep 30% in mind.

Mr. Buijs thinks it is a lot to find a 25% difference if we go into 30 and 25% of people that aren't supposed to go that are going and 25% of the people that are not going.

Ms. Otten explains that there are 47 people who applied.

Mr. Van der Brink explains that if there is an x percentage overlap. So let's say they go from 80% overlap. It's a free range for them to leave everything as it is. He suggests to have a 75% overlap.

Ms. Moltubak thinks there should be a grade difference. She thinks the overlap idea is good but if it is visible that the overlap is big, there should be a full grade difference in two rounds. She knows, her opinion is not really that strong here. But she thinks there should also be a great difference. Just because a lot of people got very close and very average grades, which means that the tipping point is not that high.

Mr. Weyne does not agree. The letters can always be a close race. The right to go in and who doesn't have the right ability? Maybe everyone scored zero to 10 and everyone scored a 6.6.

Ms. Otten asks what the percentage should be according to the GA.

Mr. Van der Zwet thinks that if it is below 20%.

Mr. Buijs thinks the barrier should be at 75%.

Ms. Otten suggests the taskforce should decide but it should at least 75%.

Mr. Buijs thinks a max of 4 people switching places is reasonable.

Ms. Otten asks the voting committee to come forward.

Ms. Benli explains who has vote transfers.

Ms. Otten explains that a taskforce set up will decide who will grade the letters.

Mr. Weyne wants people who know the procedure to be in the taskforce.

Ms. Otten says the deadline for the taskforce will be tomorrow and old board members will be in it. The taskforce themselves will decide who grades the letters.

Ms. Ahmad suggests the board of advisors do that. The association already trusts these people and knows the procedure very well. She thinks they can overview the whole taskforce very well.

Mr. Van der Brink suggests texting the board of advisors to ask for this procedure.

Ms. Otten explains the board of advisors will be contacted soon. Ms. Moltubak will guide this task force. She is the communicating factor to them.

Ms. Breed suggests taking over for ms. Moltubak since she is still on bed rest.

Mr. Van der Zwet points out that no one who is joining the trip can join the task force.

Ms. Otten explains a task force will be set up in the grading of the letters. They will decide upon who will be deciding on grading the letters again. People can communicate this to the secretary before tomorrow 19, nov, 00.00am. within ten days of today, 28th of November. This will be set up. No one from the taskforce can be a participant in the trip. Ms. Breed will guide this taskforce.

Proposal accepted with 17 votes in favour. 9 votes against, 2 votes sustained

Mr. Weyne from ms. Pieters kreeg door dat er bestuursleden niet meegaan op de korte reis. Ze is benieuwd waarom dit het geval is, aangezien dit volgens haar een gewoonte is.

Mr. Weyne from Ms. Pieters would like to know why some board members are not participating in the short trip. Since this is normally not the case, board members usually go on all the trips.

Ms. Bendsdorp explains that she is one of these people. She booked a vacation a week before the short trip. Since the dates of the short trip were only changed moments after that, ms. Bendsdorp had already booked her flights. The board is looking into if ms. Bendsdorp is still able to join the short trip. She did not decide on just “not going” on the trip but this was because of poor communication. The only way for her to join now is to kick out a SPIL member but the board will of course not do this.

Ms. Ahmad is the second board member not participating in the trip. She was prepared to get there by train, but this seems almost impossible for Greece. She does not want this to happen but she cannot force herself to overcome her phobia of flying. She is being honest with the GA and does not want this to happen. This is the reason she is not joining the trips.

Point 7.4

Mr. Van der Zwet asks if IAPSS congress is already definitely off the table. If yes, where does the committee then want to go ?

Ms. Moltubak would like to give a general update on the congress committee. Since the IAPSS congress was going to be online, the committee would like to create their own congress. IAPSS has suggested working together with the committee for this.

Mr. Van der Zwet asks if there is a set deadline for the committee to decide what congress to go to. In former years other problems emerged because of waiting too long.

Ms. Moltubak explains that the final decision will be made next week. It will probably be a congress that they organise themselves.

Ms. Covington clarifies that the committee has looked into every possible congress. Both options were not possible. Adult congresses were not in our academic year anymore or too far in the year. The plan now is to find as many sister associations to create a big congress. As soon as more emails are answered, the committee will base their plan on this.

Mr. Van der Zwet thinks that in previous years that in other years, working with one other association, wonderful congresses have been put out.

Point 7.5

Mr. van der Zwet asks what the COVID-19 policy will be within the trips. Do people, for example, need to get tested.

Ms. Moltubak explains that the participants had to sign a form that the participants will keep the COVID-19 regulations in mind from Greece. SPIL will not require the participants to have a vaccination. They need to comply with the rules that will be set in the country. In Greece it is almost impossible to not be vaccinated. They need a QR code for everything. It is almost implied by going on the trip to be vaccinated, otherwise they would have to get tested everyday in Greece.

Ms. Covington asks if SPIL would pay for testing in the country they will travel to.

Ms. Moltubak explains that this will not be covered by SPIL for now. This is maybe a question the treasurer can elaborate on.

Ms. Breed explains that a Qr-code is enough for Greece as of now. SPIL will not cover costs for testing.

Ms. Covington asks if this is also the way for activities.

Ms. Breed explains she would look into this when an activity requires this. A QR code is enough as for now and participants will pay for their own tests. She will discuss the covering of testing costs if that is the case.

Mr. Buijs asks what will happen when people break COVID-19 related rules.

Ms. Moltubak explains that this will fall under the regular rule break. It will be handled on a case by case basis. The board has not settled on COVID-19 specific rules yet.

Mr. Van Kampen asks what would happen if someone would get tested positive during the trip.

Ms. Moltubak explains that the committee is now setting up a policy for these cases.

Mr. Neeleman is asking if the commissioner of global relations knows if Greece will only allow people who are vaccinated. This summer, only vaccinated people were allowed inside in restaurants and cafes. How will the commissioner work around that?

Ms. Moltubak is going to assess the COVID-19 rules in December. She cannot answer it right now, but can check it in the break. She might have to reconsider the criteria for going on the trip if Greece requires the committee to do so.

Mr. Weyne has a general point for the commissioner of global relations. He thinks that there are a few things missing in the policy. He would like to see this added to the policy in some way. Secondly, he thinks there's nothing in there that happens when trips have to be cancelled because of COVID-19. If she thinks it's up to the long trip committee, that should also be in there. He thinks it is very important to involve this in the policy this year.

Ms. Moltubak will definitely add this to her policy.

Mr. Weyne points out that the criteria for the short trip should really be there.

Mr. Van der Brink points out that policies are normally not changed during the GA. Officially, the policy is there for the board to guide themselves throughout the year.

Ms. Otten is asking for Mr. Weyne if he would vote in favour if the following things are added: criteria of the short trip explained, COVID-19 regulations, lustrum budget needs to be taken into consideration. This will be added before the minutes are being voted in for the next GA.

Ms. Moltubak confirms to do this.

Mr. Van der Brink asks how the members will be aware of these changes. He proposes to put it on the website.

Ms. Benli says it would be an option for Ms. Moltubak to check with Mr. Weyne afterwards to check if everything is in her updated policy.

Mr. Weyne agrees to do this.

Point 8.1.2.

Mr. Van der Tas from Ms. Easton asks if Ms. Haliloglu has thought about doing meetings online since the committee has so many members.

Ms. Haliloglu explains that they are having hybrid meetings, especially because of the lockdown. It is the best option since not everyone would feel comfortable with COVID-19.

Ms. Lhajoui is asking how the DEBAT committee is doing.

Ms. Haliloglu explains the committee is doing very well. She explains that they are planning to have a committee bonding day. The first edition is very near being done and will be sent to the printer at the end of the week. The focus is also on the podcast.

Point 8.1.3.

Mr. Van der Brink points out that a great number of the committee does not speak Dutch. He is wondering how this is going within the committee.

Ms. Haliloglu explains that not a lot of Dutch members have signed up. She does not want to force the Dutch speaking students to write in Dutch. There was also the case that some Dutch speaking members had applied to other committees.

Point 8.1.5.

Mr. Van der Brink would like to give his compliments on the many DEBAT articles that have already been put out.

Ms. Haliloglu would like to give the credits to Ms. Toledo.

Mr. Van der Brink asks about the podcast.

Ms. Haliloglu explains podcasts will be posted on Spotify, of which SPIL already has an account but it is not active yet. She thinks that any interview that is done should be more “high profile” and not every single episode. They are thinking about doing panel discussion and also have the writers involved in the conversation. But also people like professors who are not necessarily “high profile”.

Ms. Boonstra likes the idea but she asks what type of themes Ms. Haliloglu is planning on talking about in the podcast. She mainly asks how this will be politically neutral.

Ms. Haliloglu explains that she will not silence out their own opinions the speakers. She is considering putting out both sides of a politically controversial issue.

Ms. Boonstra explains that they did something about the elections last year. She suggests writing in the title what the topic will be about so that people will know what to expect.

Ms. Haliloglu will write it in the description of an episode and take her advice into account.

Mr. Neeleman asks if there will be one or more guests on every episode.

Ms. Haliloglu, if not possible, still has multiple committee members so that there are still different views on the topic. This way, there will be more than one “guest” each episode.

Point 8.2.1.

Ms. Boonstra would like to point out that she likes that the name tour du waffle is there again.

Ms. Lhajoui asks if the almanac will be a lustrum edition.

Ms. Haliloglu points out it will be a lustrum edition. It is in the policy. She will not go into too much detail since the committee is still working hard on everything to be set.

Point 8.3.2.

Mr. Van der Zwet asks how the attendance was at the borrel with CIROS. And the borrel of last week since the promotion was very late both times.

Ms. Haliloglu is sorry that the post of the CIROS borrel was put out that late. There was some miscommunication regarding. The SPILxCIROS borrel had a high attendance but only 75 people could join because of the CIROS regulations. The second borrel was in collaboration with politicologie inside, she thought it was only for the high school students. This was again, a miscommunication. The attendance of people there was not very high.

Mr. van der Zwet asks what the distribution of the SPIL and CIROS members was.

Ms. Haliloglu cannot fully know this, because they did not ask when signing up. Its important to note that lots of SPIL members are both members of SPIL and CIROS.

Mr. Weyne would like to congratulate the commissioner on the SPIL/ CIROS borrel. This is something he was working on in his year.

Dhr. Weyne van Mevr. Pieters vraagt wat de houding is van bestuursleden op borrels. Is het afgesproken tot hoe laat ze blijven? Is er afgesproken dat ze gaan tot de laatste persoon vertrekt?

Mr. Weyne from Ms. Pieters would like to know which behaviour the board decided on at the borrrrels. Are they staying until the end? Are they only leaving when the last person leaves.

Ms. Haliloglu explains that if a borrel is in Leiden, people from The Hague will of course have to leave early. They did not have any issues regarding trains especially around this time because they are all set time that well but when it comes to specific regulations they don't have any it mostly depends on who is there the commissioner festivities always please till the end and everyone else that can stay till the end always does but if they have any specific cases then they can leave earlier.

Ms. Covington would like to thank the board for making everyone feel welcome at the borrels when they did not know anyone.

Ms. Haliloglu is thankful that ms. Covington is enjoying the borrel and would like to thank her for the compliment.

Mr. Weyne wonders how the borrel went where something happened which caused them to be kicked out of the bar.

Ms. Haliloglu says that Vergulde Kruik and Raphael are owned by the same person. She points out that SPIL is still let in at Vergulde Kruik so she thinks it's good. It was close to closing time, so that is why she thinks they were kicked out. The situation was never discussed again, so she thinks it's okay.

Mr. Van der Brink thinks that the person owning the place is a jerk.

Mr. Weyne really liked Raphael.

Ms. Benli thinks it was not an ideal place for a borrel. There were lamps hanging very low which caused a situation where people could not stand up. It was maybe nice due to COVID-19. Though, she thinks it would not be a good location for the usual borrels.

Ms. Boonstra wants to let the board know that they should go to Vergulde Kruik and eat beef at the bar there.

Point 8.3.4.

Mr. Weyne from ms. Neven asks if there will be other parties without collaborations, other than the Halloween party.

Ms. Boonstra wonders how well the Halloween party was attended. She would have liked a lower ticket price than 10 euros per ticket.

Ms. Haliloglu says the attendance was very high. The max capacity was 350 people. On Wednesday, the tickets were sold out. The waitlist was 110 people. The reason for the ticket price was mostly the venue. The venue was pip and is well known in the Hague. It is an expensive location. She wanted to guarantee to cover the costs and not spend half of the festive budget on covering the costs. Any event organised at pip starts from 10 euros.

Ms. Boonstra is asking if the parties in the future will also have the same ticket pricing.

Ms. Haliloglu explains that the committee is not planning on doing this for future parties. They will aim for cheaper prices but wanted to go big on the first party of the year.

Ms. Boonstra also saw that there was a physical ticket sale. She wonders if there were a lot of people who bought their tickets physically.

Ms. Haliloglu says 170 people bought their tickets physically.

Mr. Weyne asks how many people that bought their ticket were SPIL members.

Ms. Haliloglu cannot give an exact number. At least half of it was not a SPIL member.

Ms. Benli checked if everyone was a SPIL member and thought it was half of the people attending.

Mr. Weyne wants to give his compliments. He thinks it's really amazing that the commissioner has organised such a great party. He is wondering how the financial element was regarding the party. Did the committee make money from the party?

Ms. Haliloglu explains that pip had a minimum bar spending. This was triple the rent, she wanted to guarantee this. The committee did make money, but this will be spent in future festive events. She cannot give Mr. Weyne an exact overview on the costs right now but she can reach

out to him when she knows more about this. The SPIL bank account is currently locked so she cannot check right now.

Mr. Weyne wonders if the commissioner is planning on having big parties like this again for future events.

Ms. Haliloglu thinks the committee does not need to put the ticket prices up that high. The current goal is to create cheap or free events for their members.

Mr. Weyne thinks that the ticket sale sometimes helps for people to come to the party. He concludes by proposing to organise more parties since he sees a lot of potential regarding the Halloween party.

Ms. Haliloglu agrees with this. She will try and add more parties to their schedule. It of course depends on the COVID-19 situation.

Mr. Neeleman notices the backlash online about the DJ. He wants the commissioner to elaborate on how the DJ was selected.

Ms. Haliloglu explains three DJ's were considered. The problem was that the DJ did not match the work he showed the committee earlier. The committee members and the commissioner have walked up to the DJ to ask and change the music they were playing. They did not want EDM music the whole night. Since he was in the middle of the set, he could not change his music. She thinks that there was too much backlash for the DJ.

Mr. Neeleman wants confirmation if the DJ told the committee to play other music than that was played at the party.

Ms. Haliloglu points out that some things went wrong that led to the bigger issue. On the day of the party, he brought concrete set lists which he could not change anymore. The venue also provided the wrong DJ equipment. Some things went wrong.

Mr. Neeleman agrees with Mr. Weyne said that the party was a success, also because a lot of non-SPIL members showed up. He does believe it's not the commissioner's fault but thinks it's sad that it happened.

Mr. Van der Tas asks how Ms. Haliloglu will prevent this from happening again in the future.

Ms. Haliloglu wants to find someone who can change their set list for future events. So that people can intervene when necessary. She also wants to open an online form so that people can request songs for the upcoming party.

Ms. Boonstra saw the insta story about the e-bullying of the DJ. She is asking if the SPIL also reached out to the channel in question which posted the bullying.

Ms. Haliloglu decided with the board to put a statement out themselves. They did not want to silent others. In the end, the page deleted the post.

Ms. Benli and Ms. Moltubak both dm'ed the page. And if she heard correctly from people around her that a lot of people found it also disturbing that they were bullying this person since the page is usually like noticing people in vain Wijnhaven and not a page to bully others. So it was not only from the board and from committee members but also from members and other people had been have were shocked of this post.

Point 8.3.5.

Dhr. Weyne van Mevr. Otten vraagt of er in de toekomst ook evenementen vanuit de commissie overdag georganiseerd zullen worden, aangezien ze heeft gezien in haar beleid dat dit niet mogelijk zou zijn

Mr. Weyne from Ms. Otten is asking if there will be any day activities planned. Since she wrote in her policy that this was not really an option.

Ms. Haliloglu points out that the committee is taking opportunities to organise activities during the day. Festive and Introduction are soon collaborating on an activity which will take place during the day. It will not always be possible to organise something during the day, but they will strive to work for this.

Mr. Weyne from ms. Pieters points out that having one activity per month is not enough for the social committee. She asks why this is decided. It feels like not a lot of festive/ social activities for SPIL.

Ms. Haliloglu explains that the committee felt like the activities they were planning to do were mostly night time activities. They did not want to add that as a second event.

Ms. Boonstra points out that a terrace hop can be planned during the day. She points out that more activities like this can be done during the day. Since the COVID-19 regulations, this is maybe a smart plan to do because everything closes at 20.00.

Ms. Haliloglu points out that a terrace hop is already in the year plan. She will take the suggestion into consideration.

Ms. Ahmad explains that the introduction committee is also planning on doing a social activity every month to put more social activities in there.

Mr. Weyne remembers from his year that he tried to introduce a drinking port in the common room. He decided that it would be important to bring back this tradition. He likes the idea of drinking the traditional drink of SPIL in the common room, red port.

Ms. Ahmad asks if people are allowed to drink in the common room.

Mr. Weyne asks if this is something that the board would like to promote.

Ms. Benli does not want to have activities based on alcohol. The board will look into this.

SCHORSING – SUSPENSION

Mr. Buijs notified that you are only allowed to carry the vote for max two people. The number is now changed from 18 to 17.

Point 9.1

Mr. Weyne from ms. Otten wordt er ook gekeken naar bedrijven van consultancy, recruten. Ze stelt voor om hiervoor eventueel een commissie op te zetten.

She wonders if the commissioner of external relations is going to contact companies who give money to speak for students.

Ms. Bendsdorp has not looked into this yet. She did speak with Ms. Van der Heide about this for example for the carrier night. She wants to collaborate with the education and acquisitions committee. She will look into this.

Point 9.1.2.

Ms. Boonstra wants to know the inclusion pillar.

Ms. Bendsdorp wants to take the companies she is reaching out to meet inclusive elements. She will look into companies who take sustainability into account. She will for example try to do this for the committee sweaters.

Ms. Boonstra thinks that's a great plan but would like to advise her to write that down in her policy next time.

Ms. Bendsdorp wants to add on JOORIT, she then receives an email from strikters, a sustainable sweater company. She is planning on making committee sweaters from this company. It was only 2/3 euros more expensive with the sustainable company.

Ms. Boonstra says that the contract with joorit right now gives the association an annual amount of 200 euros. She knows from her year that this was 10% of her target amount, so she should keep that in mind for collaboration with the other company. There's a substantial account of money needed for the budget.

Mr. van der Brink saw in the policy that she is planning on handing out flyers. He asks if she still has the old flyer.

Ms. Bendsdorp says yes.

Mr. Van der Brink wants to know if she will also be responsible for the DEBAT advertisement.

Ms. Bendsdorp had a miscommunication about this but will also oversee advertising for DEBAT. She wants to invite companies to see if SPIL could have a partnership/ sponsorship with them.

Point 9.2

Mr. Van der Zwet thinks the promotion of the events was quite late, he is wondering how the commissioner will improve that.

Ms. Bendsdorp explains that for example the dies lecture was put out late because not everything was set yet. She points out that she strives for putting out a promotion three weeks in advance. She expressed to the board that their committees need to fill out the promotion form on time. For the future, she strives to put out a promotion on time. She feels like the communication within the board and their committees is improving. For the borrels, she feels it would be confusing to promote the borrel one week beforehand. Due to circumstances, some events are not promoted on time.

Mr. Van der Zwet points out that some people do not use social media. He is asking why the board is not making use of this. He explains that their board made a whatsapp group last year for the people that do not look on social media that much. He is seeing that the current board is not making any use of this.

Ms. Bendsdorp explains that a new Whatsapp group is made. The link of the group is changed on the socials. Activities are promoted in this new WhatsApp group.

Mr. Van der Brink would suggest for next year to keep the whatsapp group that is made now for her successor. Otherwise, SPIL is losing their base members.

Ms. Boonstra suggests promoting the group regularly since especially master students join later in the year.

Ms. Covington is asking when the choice is made not to promote an event the group chat. Some activities have not been promoted and she would like to know why that happened.

Ms. Bendsdorp explains that activities from now on will be promoted in the chat. Each commissioner can decide to promote their events themselves and there has been some miscommunication about this in the past.

Ms. Boonstra asks if she thought of keeping her environmental goals in mind. And is wondering if the commissioner has had contact with the university about where to hang their posters.

Ms. Bendsdorp noticed that they have a board here that says, who can put posters here. So she wanted to contact the university for future events. They also print posters to put in common rooms.

Ms. Benli explains that the board would like to buy a chrome cast and see if the TV screen would work to promote their material there.

Ms. Boonstra explains that the study advisors told them that bigger events, which allow all students, can also be promoted on Brightspace.

Ms. Bensdorp should keep in mind that Wijnhaven has tv screens as well. Think about contacting the study advisors about promotion.

Ms. Lhajoui explains that the commissioner just has to send an email to the servicedesk and that the board can then hang up their poster there.

Point 9.3

Mr. Groenink wants to know if there is motion paper present in the GA.

Ms. Benli explains it is in the front of the room.

YEAR PLAN

Ms. Benli explains that the board has decided to not let the cobo go through on the planned date and that people did not receive an invitation because of this. They saw at other cobo's that the whole association was affected by COVID-19 and that they had to close the common rooms and a lot of people were sick. They did not want to have a second cobo where that happened. Also, they kept their third pillar in mind that they take the current restrictions very seriously. They will put the health of our members and board members and old board members in mind. And that's why they have decided to plan it later on in the year. They would like to do it in January, but since a lot of internationals will be gone to their home country or somewhere else. She doesn't know if they are maybe planning on doing it in February, but Quintus it is very unreachable. So she'll call them again tomorrow and hope that they will pick up this time and then I will send you the invitation as soon as possible so that everyone can come when available.

Mr. Van der Zwet asks why the FSW party is not in the year plan.

Ms. Haliloglu explains that a date is not planned yet, when they know they will add this to the yearplan. There were communication problems with other associations.

Ms. Lhajoui wonders how it's going with organising events and putting them in the year plan due to COVID-19.

Ms. Benli feels like everything was going as planned but due to new restrictions a lot of things had to be cancelled.

Ms. Van der Heide explains that a lot of institutions do not allow big groups, because of this some excursions are not being able to go through. There has now only been one excursion in the first semester because of this since no one allows them to come.

Mr. Groenink would like to express his gratitude that the board is organising a master activity. Having said that, he would like to know what he can expect as a master student.

Ms. Van der Heide explains that it has been very hard to form the committee. The two members who were part of the committee both left. She is now organising things on her own, which is hard sometimes. There is an event coming up about how to do your readings efficiently. A second event will be thinking about a research questions workshop together with pop corner. Without a committee, the commissioner found it hard to form a committee. She is planning on going to the workgroups of masters to promote the workshop with pop corner that is coming up. She hopes to find more master students to join the committee and the activities.

Mr. Groenink understands it's very difficult and thinks it's a topic that has been going on for several years. He wonders if she received information from her predecessor about forming the master committee to make it a success for the future.

Ms. Van der Heide heard that the collaborations with PhD students has been a success in the past. This has been the third year where SPIL had a master's committee. She heard that it has been a struggle for all three years and that the turnout was not that big. The turnout at events has also not been that big.

Mr. Van der Zwet missed the new year's borrel in the year plan.

Ms. Haliloglu explains that she and her committee decided not to plan this since people are not in the country in January. She would not find it a good plan to have the new years borrel a year later.

Mr. Van der Zwet would recommend doing the terrace hop in the summer or spring, at least later in the year. The weather in March is not really warm so doing a terrace hop then is not smart.

Ms. Haliloglu did consider this but because of the overlap, the activity is planned in march. She will look into changing it to later in the year. She just wanted a terrace hop in the year plan but not very concrete about it.

Mr. Weyne would advise to reconsider organising something that month. Though some people are busy and not here, he thinks it's a bit empty for the people that do have time and are in the country. Even if only 50 people show up, it's nice for the 50 people to be there anyway.

Ms. Haliloglu points out that 7/9 board members are internationals and will not be in the country during that time. But since there are no members to organise an activity during that time, she will also not be here. This is the issue that they ran into. She understands what he is coming from and understands the loneliness. Though, there are simply no members here to plan something.

Mr. Weyne at least something for the lonely people that are there, even if other board members plan something.

Ms. Ahmad would take this into consideration. She would be willing to organise a small event. She will be thinking about this.

Ms. Bendsdorp is free from January and would be willing to organise something in this month.

Ms. Covington proposes to ask other committee members to help organise an event in January.

Ms. Haliloglu will definitely think about this. She knows her board members are always willing to help her out.

Mr. Buijs points out why the borrel of merchandise announcement is on the 5th of may since it is a national holiday.

Ms. Haliloglu does not know about national holidays.

Ms. Benli explains that it is liberation day. She will change this in the year plan since not a lot of people will come.

BUDGET

Mr. Van der Zwet points out that the numbers are not the same in the English/ Dutch booklet.

Ms. Breed thinks most of the Dutch booklet is indeed the correct one.

Mr. Van der Zwet explains what is wrong in the booklet. For example PvP is two times in there, conscribo is not in there ICT is wrongly in there.

Ms. Breed did not intend for this to happen. She thinks most of the Dutch booklet is the correct one.

Ms. Benli will change the budget on the website once it is corrected.

Ms. Covington points out that at “uitgaven en kosten” years are also wrongly put in there.

Mr. Buijs wonders if there are penalties for people who do not pay their membership fee. since it is a lot of the income of SPIL.

Ms. Breed points out that some people have no automatic retraction of the contribution. She will mail the members who did not pay their fee, but she can of course not say that they will pay eventually.

Mr. Buijs counted that this is 5% of the income. He would like to file a motion for this.

Mr. Van der Zwet proposes to pass the motion around the round so that people will cheer him on.

Mr. Van der Zwet is asking how it's going with the membership fee.

Ms. Breed explains that the change of boards is causing the pass to be blocked. It might take longer. She will aim to collect it in November but cannot guarantee this.

Mr. Van der Zwet points out an email needs to be sent two weeks in advance.

Ms. Benli thinks it will be later in the year since the board cannot see which people paid their contribution.

Mr. Van der Zwet sees that the income from vrienden van SPIL has increased. Former board members can make monthly contributions to SPIL. He wonders why ms. Breed expects an increase in this amount. He is asking why his board never got information on if they would like to transfer this money.

Ms. Breed noticed that Mr. Van der Zwet had also budgeted this. She will soon send an email about the “vrienden van de SPIL” to the XLth board.

Ms. Lhajoui wonders why SPIL is contributing 50 euros more for PvP this year. Normally, it was 150. It was changed to 100 euros after finding out that the other associations also were paying 100

Ms. Benli thinks this is based on PvP having a second activity. Besides PiP there will be a second activity.

Ms. Lhajoui wants her to make sure that other associations will also be doing this.

Ms. Benli will discuss this with the PvP board at her next meeting. She will contact the treasurer but also the other board members about this.

Mr. Van der Zwet asks why the amount for the next borrel is drastically reduced. He thinks it will be a sad borrel with this amount of money.

Ms. Breed explains that there will be a board interest borrel but this will be from the borrel budget.

Mr. Buijs has a question about the budget as a whole. The president and secretary part do not add up.

Ms. Breed explains what the exact amount of numbers are. The budget of introduction is made with their treasurer. She did not calculate the realisation part yet.

Mr. Van der Zwet thinks it does not add up this time since the introduction were under secretary last time.

Mr. Buijs wants ms. Breed to guarantee for the next GA everything will be correct.

Ms. Breed will guarantee that it will add up.

Mevr. Covington bij secretaris begroot, klopt het bedrag helemaal niet.

Ms. Covington explain that the amount for the secretary is not correct.

Ms. Breed thinks the GA should look at the English booklet in this case. She points out that the secretary budget in the English booklet is correct in this case. She is sorry for the confusion and requests for the GA to look at the English booklet.

Mr. Van der Zwet asks if the GA needs to look at the English booklet for the Secretary part. He is asks why 410 euros is estimated for alumni. The total does not add up.

Ms. Breed agrees.

Mr. Weyne proposes to take a break to first check which part of the budget in which booklet is correct.

SUSPENSION – SCHORSING

Ms. Breed would like to point out that the Dutch booklet is correct but two mistakes were made. First, is that the total income of SPIL will be 42.359. The total of the secretary 1620,79. The total of global relations is 10.566,80. This way, everything is correct.

Mr. Van der Zwet sees that money for the lustrum of DEBAT is budgeted. He is wondering what the commissioner of internal relations is going to do with this extra money.

Ms. Haliloglu would like to come back to Mr. Van der Zwet.

Mr. Van der Zwet would like to see this added to ms. Haliloglu's policy.

Mr. Van der Zwet is asking how the collecting of money from the institute of political science is going.

Ms. Breed is in contact with them.

Mr. Van der Zwet would like to make a general point about the whole policy and the budget. He would like to say that he noticed that both in English and the Dutch booklet, a lot of mistakes were made. He could really notice that a translator was used. He would like to urge the board to check their policy once more for next time.

Ms. Ahmad agrees with Mr. Van der Zwet. They all apologise about what happened with the policy. It was not structured the right way. They are definitely going to try their best and do better next time.

Ms. Benli recognises the mistakes she made. she sent out the policies way too late to check everything again. She underestimated the fact that the board has a lot of international board

members. This means, they are not able to write their own Dutch policy. She will take this into account for future policies and strive for less mistakes.

Ms. Breed wants to add on the balance that she cannot inform the GA on how much is on the bank account. She wants to add on the beer boxes: there are 20 boxes in Leiden, 13 in The Hague. She thinks that not all members have picked up their beers. 792 beers in stock, but part of this has already been paid for. This is something to take into account.

Mr. Van der Tas wants to know how many members have not picked up their beers yet.

Ms. Bendsdorp knows that more than 30 packages of beer have been sold. She will email the people we did not pick up their beer yet

Mr. Weyne wants to know how much 1 beer costs.

Ms. Bendsdorp explains 1 beer is 2 euros. She points out that all the beer that is sold will be contributed to Lustrum. The money used for this was. Explains that she will make deals with bars to sell the beer. There were 792 beers in stock, part of which had already been paid for. Still 180 units of packs to still sell. SPIL is not in depth for the beer. The passed board has paid for this beer. She will look into selling beers at borrels. She wants to make a deal with bars to sell the SPIL beer.

Ms. Covington points out that members do not get an email when buying something.

Ms. Bendsdorp says there's a list of people who paid. Showing your payment confirmation is also fine.

Ms. Benli says the website has been a struggle, which causes members to not get a confirmation email. This counts for signing up to become a SPIL member but also buying things.

Ms. Otten adding global, lustrumbudget to DEBAT, changing budget.

LUSTRUM POLICY

Mr. Groenink is presenting the VIIIth lustrum policy. Sadly, last year's lustrum could not go through. Since 5 people from last year's committee left, a new committee was set up. He wants to shout out ms. Nieuwenhuijsen. He would like to congratulate the board on hammering in their policy. He thinks it will be a great year. The committee went on policy weekend. The policy mainly revolves around the spirit of realignment. The committee decided to make a program for next year. With great sadness, the committee had to cancel the first activity, the DIES lecture. With the rise of IRO, the SPIL is a very inclusive association. They organise a variety of activities but we also have to think about the more serious stuff in life. The committee is planning on organising a week full of activities. They will host a wide range of activities. They recognize not everything can be organised the way they want to. It is possible that the Lustrum is not able to be held due to COVID-19. Though, there could be an online version when COVID-19

does not allow the physical Lustrum to happen, they would not like to have an online Lustrum week. Their policy is based on the board's policy. I think the realignment pillar gives them a vision of a bright future. SPIL is a binding association. It is not just parties and borrels but they also keep the more serious things in life in mind. It is not always possible to do what the committee wants to do but they will strive to work for this.

Mr. Buijs is wondering if there are any measures. Will it definitely be held this year or will it be postponed again?

Mr. Groenink does not think a Lustrum with COVID-19 restrictions will happen, he thinks it's not worth doing it that way. He cannot know what can happen for sure. Please do know that they will only organise a Lustrum if it's worth it. They will only organise a lustrum if its worth being called a lustrum.

Mr. Buijs asks if it will be postponed once more if it cannot go through.

Mr. Groenink cannot guarantee this.

Third paragraph

Ms. Covington would like to know what a beer cantus is.

Ms. Bendsorp explains that you bring a waterproof hat. You are sitting at tables and singing, when not following the rules, one will be punished by drinking. It is always "gezellig" and a really fun activity. The activity is basically based on signing and drinking beer.

Mr. Groenink provided a great overview of the cantus. Though, it is not a requirement to wear a hat.

Ms. Boonstra points out that wearing a hat is only done at Quintus.

Mr. Van der Brink wants to advise the Lustrum committee to look into the motions. He points out that two motions were handed it with two requirements for a beer cantus.

Mr. Van der Zwet points out a motion was handed in about the 40th board about being updated.

Ms. Bendsorp explains that she has forgotten about the motion and will make it up. She will make sure that the board will receive an update from Lustrum every two weeks from now.

Mr. Van der Zwet points out that a lot of lustrum beer is still left, he suggests doing something about this.

Ms. Bendsorp will do this.

Mr. Groenink thinks the board has other things to do as well.

Ms. Boonstra points out that the motion was that the 40th board would know what is going on in the Lustrum committee. She has not seen anything from them about the current events.

LUSTRUM BUDGET

Mr. Van der Zwet sees a difference between the Dutch and English booklet. The numbers do not add up.

Ms. Akande points out that this was a mistake.

Ms. Covington wants to know what gotcha' means.

Ms. Akande explains it's a game that will last throughout the week and the members will get more information about this when the lustrum week is approaching. Assignments to kill people in the game etc. there will be more information about this soon.

Everyone: whooos

Nomination CALVV

Mr. Van der Brink would like to present himself as a member of CALVV. He is a 6th year SPIL member, he is studying European Studies. He was in CALVV last year as well and would like to continue this. He enjoys being in the CALVV and would like to go on for another year.

Mr. Groenink would like to know his core strengths and weaknesses.

Mr. Van der Brink explains that one core strength is that he is reliable.

Ms. Otten would like to present herself as CALVV as well. She has been in the CALVV the past two years.

Mr. Van der Zwet thinks that showing how she let this GA shows that she can be a good CALVV.

Ms. Benli explains that Ms. Saris sent her proposal in since she is in Canada and cannot be here:

"Dear GA, CALVV and 41st board,

Through this letter I would like to express my wish to continue as a member of the CALVV of this beautiful association. In the year 2019-2020, I had the privilege of being a board member together with the six most amazing SPIL'ers, during that year I learned a lot about leading meetings, and last year I was the presiding chair over two General Assembly's. Even though I mispronounced some names and could not always remember everyone's surnames, I enjoyed it a lot and believe

that I am a good candidate for the CALVV of this year as. Therefore, I hope that I have your faith and support to stay a member of the CALVV. Even though I am currently living across the ocean, my yellow heart will always skip a beat for a SPIL GA.

Lots of SPIL yellow greetings,

Noor Saris

E.t. President of the board 'CaterSPILLars'”

Discharges and installations

When the gavel hits the table, I distal from the masters committee: Devin Kauer

When the gavel hits the table, I install into the short trip committee: Sheno Djamshidi

When the gavel hits the table, I install into DEBAT: Celine Westhoff and Yorgos Achimastos

When the gavel hits the table, I install into CALVV: Rick van den Brink, Noor Saris and Nicola Otten

Any other business

Ms. Boonstra was not able to attend the last GA because she had COVID-19. She then thought it was possible to join through a livestream, but this was not an option. She made a point about it in the groupchat with the board, but it was still not possible. There were also not any measures taken for this GA. She is wondering if it would be possible for the next GA since this would be possible for next time.

Ms. Benli discussed with the RvA it would be smart to set up a livestream. The RvA advised not to do this since there were no set rules on this yet. There were no rules about a quorum and vote transferring etc. in that case. It was then decided that the members would have the opportunity to join. The secretary wrote in the invitation that should you not be able to come because of COVID-19 restrictions, you can send an email to the Secretary and then ask them for the link. No one emailed her asking for the link. But there was a live stream and she can show you the link if they want but no one is there watching and no one requested one. So that's the reason why no one is joining online. And she is sorry that Ms. Boonstra could not be there at the last GA.

Ms. Boonstra would still have appreciated having a livestream at that time. She did not know this decision was taken and felt unheard. She thinks it should be possible to also attend online from now on.

Ms. Benli does not agree with putting out the link online everywhere. As it is seen, also in this GA, they always struggle with reaching the quorum. The GA is being communicated better with

having people physically there. If the rest of the GA agrees with putting the link out there, then she is fine with that?

Mr. Weyne is asking if the GA was promoted on the socials.

Ms. Benli explains it has been promoted, but the link to the livestream was only in the secretary.

Mr. Weyne would like to also see this in the description on the posts online.

Mr. Van der Zwet thinks the people joining online should also count for the quorum if the board also counts online.

Ms. Van der Heide explains that the whole GA would decide if the livestream would count in the quorum at the beginning when people have joined online. This has been discussed during last GA. Because there was no one online now, this was not done.

Ms. Boonstra thinks it's a right for a SPIL member to count as an equal member online. She thinks it should be a right to vote on the livestream as well. It is not equal for online members to let the GA decide on whether or not the online members have a vote. Secondly, if people do not count for the quorum and do not get a vote online why would anyone come and be on a livestream in that case. She is because of that getting frustrated.

Ms. Ahmad explains that the logistics were not counted in. There is also a moderator needed in this case. Several factors are thought of in this case.

Ms. Covington is wondering if ms. Moltubak is now counted into the quorum.

Ms. Benli suggests handing in a motion.

Mr. Van der Zwet suggests that a livestream

Mr. Weyne thinks that people that just cannot be there physically cannot vote because they can give them to someone else or they can already ask questions by letting someone else ask their questions. It should not be too easy to just sit at home and follow the GA. So he would say, you can put a live stream, so they can follow the GA. They can send someone else their questions and their votes for being here.

Mr. Van der Brink thinks that as long as we are in a pandemic, the option to join the GA online should be there. This should only be allowed when someone is sick.

Mr. Van der Zwet wants to alter it to: if the whole GA is online everyone has a vote, but when it's hybrid, it should be a vote transfer.

Ms. Benli explains that what mr. Van der Zwet says it what the board wants. Hybrid GA's should not let people from online count for the quorum.

Ms. Bendsdorp she proposes for the people to do have a vote, and count for the quorum. The CALVV would be the moderator for this. It would be extra work to transfer everyone's vote. It would be unnecessary to do this since people could follow it online.

Ms. Ahmad is scared that the amount of people physically coming to the GA will decrease a lot.

Ms. Bendsdorp says it does not matter if they would count for the quorum.

Mr. Kooij is asking what would happen when someone online cannot follow the discussion being held in the room.

Mr. Van der Zwet thinks that we would count ms. Moltubak. Suggests to workgroup, board and rva to think about a plan for next time.

Ms. Benli will work on it.

Mr. Van der Brink says that if the proposal say it would be allowed for people to have a vote online, then they are allowed to.

Ms. Covington

Ms. Benli announces that seven motions have been submitted. The first motion is the following:

*“De Algemene Ledenvergadering, hier bijeen bij op Wijnhaven, te Den Haag.
Constaterende dat het XLlste bestuur aan volume en enthousiasme ontbreekt bij het zingen van ons allerdierbaarste vereeningslied, geschreven door heren Nederkoorn en van den Wijngaard, gezongen op de wijs van de Marseillaise. Overwegende dat voorgenoemd feit de ALV zeer triest stemt. Overwegende dat het zingen van onze ‘Onze nob’le discipline’ vol enthousiasme en met veel voel volume een teken van respect, liefde en geloof voor ons Leidsch superieur insituut zodat het vereenigingslied tot haar recht komt, verzoekt het XLlste bestuur te zingen met meer volume. Bij gebrek aan uitvoering van deze motie, houdt de ALVz zich het recht voor, het bestuur te verplichten te blijven zicht tot het bereiken van een volume waarme de ALV zichzelf tevreden bevindt.”*

Was getekend,

Rick van den Brink, Thomas Groenink, Jelle Kooij, Maryem Lhajoui, Jette Boonsta, Jurgen van der Zwet, Rosie Reed, Lara Akande, Robin Buijs, Ayla Covington, Frits Weyne, Sara Sorici en Sybrich Zeinstra

The CALVV explains this motion is about the board needing to sing the SPIL song more loudly until the GA is satisfied.

Ms. Stuijt objects since it is unnecessary to sing such an old song.

Mr. Buijs would like to express that the SPIL song is one of the core features of the association. He requests to try to not end tradition.

Ms. Benli explains that the international board members still find it hard to pronounce the words of the song since it is in Dutch.

Ms. Haliloglu explains that the tradition should not be disrespected by her butchering the words. She does remember the words but just cannot pronounce them.

Ms. Ahmad already finds it hard to say the “OOH” at the beginning of the song.

Voting: 20 in favour, 2 against, 1 sustains.

Ms. Benli reads out the second motion. This is the following:

*“De Algemene Ledenvergadering, hier bijeen bij op Wijnhaven, te Den Haag.
Constaterende dat de penningmeester van het XLIIe bestuur, mejuffrouw Breed, haar penning tijdens het eerste deel van de Beleids-ALV niet droeg.
Overwegende dat het niet dragen van de penning tijdens een ALV ten diepste een onwenselijk precedent schept en dat het verzaken van de penningmeester van het XLIIe bestuur, mejuffrouw Breed, in het dragen van haar penning diepe verontwaardiging heeft veroorzaakt.
Verzoekt bestuursleden in de toekomst te allen tijde hun penning te dragen tijdens de ALV's en daarmee respect te tonen richting de ALV en de tradities van de vereniging. En stelt voor dat een ALV niet kan beginnen en eindigen zonder het aanwezig zijn van alle bestuursleden en hun penningen.”*

Was getekend,

Jette Boonstra, Rick van den Brink, Maryem Lhajoui en Bas van der Tas

The CALVV explains the motion is about the board having to wear their penning, otherwise a GA could not start or end.

Ms. Bendsdorp is asking if this also counts for online board members.

Mr. Weyne has an addition to this motion, it now says on the start but would like to add finish.

Mevr. Stuijt denk niet dat het handig is om te wachten op een bestuurslid.

Ms. Stuijt does not think it is ideal to wait for board members who still need to pick up their pennings.

Voting: 18 in favour, 2 against, 1 sustained. The motion is Accepted.

Ms. Benli reads out the third motion. This is the following:

*“De Algemene Ledenvergadering, hier bijeen bij op Wijnhaven, te Den Haag.
Constaterend dat de reader minder dan een week van te voren is verstuurd (aangaande de Brussels Trip), dat deelnemers amper tijd hebben om zich voor te bereiden; een pak aan te schaffen etc., stelt voor dat de reader voor de SPIL trips voortaan minstens twee weken van te voren wordt verstuurd (waarna later zo nodig extra informatie wordt toegevoegd).”*

Was getekend,

Jette Boonstra, Rick van den Brink, Frits Weyne, Lara Akande, Rosie Reed en Thomas Groenink

The CALVV explains that the motion is about the reader for Brussels. This needs to be send out earlier.

Everyone in favour

Ms. Benli reads out the fourth motion. This is the following:

*“De Algemene Ledenvergadering, hier bijeen bij op Wijnhaven, te Den Haag.
Constaterende dat vanwege zijn ervaring sympathie, kennis, inlevingsvermogen, kritische én on-kritische vragen, gezelligheid, levensvreugde en aandoenlijkheid het een zonde is dat dhr. Niels Park en bewuste keuze heeft gemaakt om niet meer aanwezig te zijn bij de ALV's.
Moedigt het bestuur aan om alles op alles te zetten, om vanwege alles wat hierboven is gezegd, dat Dhr. Niels Park bij aankomende ALV's weer aanwezig is.*

Stelt daarom voor dat voor alle aankomende ALV's Dhr. Niels Park door middel van een handgeschreven brief op zijn postadres wordt uitgenodigd om de kans op aanwezigheid van Dhr. Niels Park te vergroten."

Was getekend,

Jurgen van der Zwet, Jette Boonstra, Frits Weyne, Bas van der Tas

The CALVV explains that the board needs to write a letter to Mr. Park to invite him for future GA's.

Mr. Van der Brink wants the board to be convincing.

Ms. Covington thinks that Mr. Park is extending the GA's with his presence. Some first years are also scared of him because of the change of boards GA where he was in the discussion with them at some moments.

Mr. Van der Zwet says he is formally allowed to ask questions, even if they are "too much" according to Ms. Covington.

Mr. Weyne appreciates the atmosphere Mr. Park always had. It is also important to have enough people for the quorum.

Ms. Covington does not think he should get special treatment. Everyone in the association is equal.

Ms. Boonstra thinks he has a great opinion for this board, if she may speak from experience.

Ms. Van der Heide explains that he is already in the RvA and the working group for the book sale. They are already receiving advice from him.

Mr. Buijs would like to vote on this motion

Voting: 11 in favour, 6 against, 5 sustained. The motion is accepted.

Ms. Benli reads out the fifth motion. This is the following:

"De Algemene Ledenvergadering, hier bijeen bij op Wijnhaven, te Den Haag.

Constaterende dat: The SPIL is funded partly by the contribution of (extra)ordinary members. Every (extra)ordinary member, according to article 9.1 of the statutes, owes an annual membership fee to the association. Approximately ten percent of the members did

not pay this fee. There are right now no formal sanctions or penalties given if a member is not paying the fee. The SPIL values equality. Inequality between members arises when some members do not pay for their membership.

Overwegende dat: article 6.3 of the statutes states that membership can be terminated by the association if a member has ceased to meet the requirements of the statutes.

Verzoekt het bestuur, to give members that do not pay their membership fee a maximum of three reminders with a formal warning attached to the third reminder, that the membership will be terminated if the member does not comply with the obligations to pay the annual membership fee. To terminate the membership if the member still does not comply after the reminders. To make an exception for the members that have reasons for not paying, determined valid by the board.

En gaat over tot de orde van de dag.

Was getekend,

Robin Buijs, Sheno Djamshidi, Jelle Kooij, Bas van der Tas, Lara Akande, Elise Priester, Ayla Covington, Rosie Reed, Frits Weyne en Thomas Groenink.

Voting: everyone in favour. The motion is accepted.

Ms. Benli reads out the sixth motion. This is the following:

*“De Algemene Ledenvergadering, hier bijeen bij op Wijnhaven, te Den Haag.
Constaterende dat een karaokeavond louter een groot succes is op de reizen, om een
karaokeavond verplicht te maken als optionele activiteit op de Korte, zowel als op de
Lange Reis”*

Was getekend,

Jurgen van der Zwet, Bas van der Tas, Frits Weyne, Robin Buijs, Lara Akande, Rosie Reed, Robin Buijs en Thomas Groenink

Everyone in favour. The motion is accepted.

Ms. Benli reads out the last motion. This is the following:

“De Algemene Ledenvergadering, hier bijeen bij op Wijnhaven, te Den Haag. Constatende dat het bestuur natuurlijk altijd een gratis openingsronde geeft na de Wissel-ALV, dit niet kon plaatsvinden door corona en het bereiken van de opgelegde sluitingstijd van de horecagelegenheid door dhr. M. Rutte en dhr. H. De Jonge, waarna dit middels een motie is verplaatst naar de Beleids-ALV, maar dit wederom niet plaats kon vinden door nieuwe opgelegde horeca sluitingstijden door dhr. M. Rutte en dhr. H. De Jonge, verzoekt het bestuur dit gratis rondje te verplaatsen naar de aankomende ALV, zichzelf noemende ‘Tussentijdse-ALV’”.

Was getekend,

Rosie Reed, Jurgen van der Zwet, Jette Boonstra, Frits Weyne, Maryem Lhajoui, Lara Akande, Bas van der Tas, Sheno Diamshidi, Thomas Groenink

Everyone in favour. The motion is accepted.

Mr. Weyne is asking why the wrong logo is used in the reader. He would like to know which board it is.

Ms. Moltubak is sorry for using the wrong logo.

Mr. Weyne suggests putting down a packing list.

Ms. Moltubak will do this next time.

Round of questions

Mr. Weyne is asking why the motion of the Change of Boards GA has not been discussed.

Mr. Van der Zwet said this topic has already been discussed in his year.

Mr. Weyne said it was moved to this GA due to time constraints last time.

Ms. Bendsdorp will contact the Lustrum Committee about this tomorrow. She has more information for them.

Discharge of Voting Committee

The Chair of the GA thanks the Voting committee for their service. When the gavel hits the table, the Chair of the GA discharges from the Voting committee Mr. Van der Zwet and Mr. Buijs

Closing

The Chair of the GA closes the GA, but not before we have sung the SPIL anthem.
The Change of Boards GA ended at 23.50h.

INTERIM REPORT SPILSTERHOOD 2021 – 2022

1. LONG TERM GOALS STUDY ASSOCIATION FOR POLITICAL SCIENCE STUDENTS

The main goals of the association have been recorded in the articles of the association. These are the following:

The association's goal is to:

1. a. contribute to a lively exchange of views, regarding subjects of interest to political scientists within the field of Political Science and beyond;
1. b. advance contacts with universities outside of The Netherlands in its broadest sense;
1. c. inform about the possibilities of internships and about the position of political scientists on the job market;
1. d. advance contact between political scientists on an informal level.
2. The association aims to reach this goal by organising gatherings in the broadest sense, domestic and foreign excursions and publication of a journal.
3. The association is politically neutral.

These are the foundations upon which the policy goals of the XLIth board SPILsterhood are built.

2. ASSOCIATION WIDE POLICY GOALS

“where does SPIL stand for? Oh Nevermind, its French” - Annabelle

2.1 Inclusion

This year one of the priorities of the XLIth board was to create an inclusive environment for all our members. Inclusivity can have different forms and meanings. For the board being inclusive, this means that any member or student they associate with should get the feeling of a community that they can belong to. Having said that, the board also needs and should get educated on the topic Inclusion and Diversity. Due to that, certain board members have been participating in the Diversity and Inclusion workgroup organised by Leiden University and StOP. As an example, they had a coordinator from Fenestra Disability Centre join them in one of the meetings. The next meeting will be about international and masters students. The board members have put effort into planning inclusive events. The international dinner organised by the introduction committee was a great start of the block. In the event, different dishes from different nationalities were introduced and eaten. People were able to experience different cultures and specialties. Many students participated in this and it showed a feeling of community from students with different nationalities.

The GA also displays the inclusiveness SPIL tries to maintain. This is visible through the location change of the GA. Since internationals cannot always afford to make a trip to Leiden it

is great to give them the possibility to join the GA in The Hague. The GA is not the only event that takes place in both cities, but different events are divided within Leiden and The Hague.

Another way the XLth board has tried to include all members was through including the international members in Dutch traditions or common Dutch activities. These are things like Christmas, Sinterklaas and events like the King's Day party which is coming up. On top of this, inclusion means that every member should feel welcome at the association. The board has tried to involve everyone at activities like borrels. Especially during the first few months, members often do not know a lot of people in their studies. Because of the COVID-19 pandemic and having online classes, a lot of second year students also did not know many students. The XLth board tried to connect members and let them build new relationships. It was important for them that everyone has a great time at SPIL activities but also at university in general.

2.2 Balance

One of the priorities of the XLth board was to create balance between Leiden and The Hague. They did this by organising events in both cities. Each committee has been told that they needed to find a balance in the location of their events. On top of this, the board - and committee meetings also had a balance in their location.

Because of the statute changes made by the XLth board, the XLth board was now able to host the GA in The Hague. The board has received positive feedback from the members about this change and was happy to see more international members at the GA in The Hague.

Mental health is an important aspect for the board. Creating a healthy work and private life balance is therefore crucial for this board. Making room for this during meetings is important before talking about the practical things. The president tries to give everyone an opportunity to talk about their current mental health state and creates an open atmosphere to do so. Not only does the board think this is important for themselves, but especially for their members. Because of this, they have tried to organise mental health related activities. Participating in sports for example is important when spending hours studying. That is why the board has tried to organise sports activities before the exam week like Zumba at Beehive. On top of this, they have promoted great mental health workshops and activities organised by university. The board also hopes to implement a trust person into the association. This will make the barrier lower for the students to talk with the board. They hope to collaborate with university on this topic. The secretary is currently in contact with other study associations about their policy on this.

2.3 Realignment

In the past months the COVID-19 crisis certainly did not go away. While it seemed like everything was going back to "normal", the varieties of lockdowns were still a fact that everyone had to deal with. Prior and during the lockdowns, the XLth board still tried to organise several events for their members. They also realised that members would maybe not feel comfortable with joining some events physically or that members would be in quarantine. Because of this, the board has tried to prepare hybrid events. Participants could be there physically or take part online. At events like the panel night and the GA, the XLth board will provide for the participants when needed.

During the chaotic times of the COVID-19 pandemic, the social life of the association was unfortunately not as vibrant. Though, the XXXIXth and XLth board did put effort into this and

have organised many social events online or physically in small groups. The XLlth board was determined to bring the social connections of the association back. The festive committee has organised the monthly borrels, threw parties and other small activities. On top of this, the board also tried to stimulate this by organising events like zumba, ice skating or the waffle hour. Trips like Short Trip and Brussels excursion could luckily go through during the pandemic. The board is pleased to see that many SPIL members were able to take part in social activities again and have met new people during SPIL activities.

Furthermore, with the university opening up again, the XLlth was glad that the common rooms could be used again. The XLlth saw a lot of members in the Leiden common room. Since the common room in The Hague is still not being used as often, the board has a plan to create more awareness of this room. The SPIL the tea hours, established by the XLth board, will be brought back again this year. New coffee machines and kettles have been bought to organise these every week. It will be an opportunity for students in both The Hague and Leiden to feel more welcome in the common room. Board members will be fully focused on the members and will provide them coffee or tea. The goal is to create a better connection with the members and inform them about the safe space of the association.

Overall, the board is pleased with the developments the association has gone through in the past months. The positive feedback by the members has motivated them to work even harder in the upcoming months. They hope the COVID-19 pandemic will improve and that students can enjoy the rest of the academic year without worrying about the virus.

3. PRESIDENT & COMMISSIONER INTRODUCTION

3.1. President

“Leadership is a commitment to an idea, to be a dream, and to vision of what can be.” – Benazir Bhutto

3.1.1 Internal Affairs

This year the board has several international members which brings diversity but also hardships at the same time. However, the board has been dealing with the hardships in a very well manner. Not only did we figure out the solution to the problem together but we also realised what needed to be changed for a better work environment. One of the problems we faced quite early on is the different opinions of the board members. There are bound to be different opinions and ideas among the board but it is best to figure out a solution that would assure less intensive discussion. The president figured out that if there is a situation where the board members can't agree upon something it is best to figure out a compromise that would ensure that everyone is heard and understood. The board improves through every meeting and event. The president is very proud that the board members are not shy to express their opinion and views. The president held an evaluation after and before the short trip to start the second semester with reflected views of the board members of the past year. She is immensely pleased with the innovative projects and ideas the board members have for a good SPIL year for not only members but also board members. Especially the aspect of future informal events between the board members will become a

bigger focus. The personal time to get to know the values and character of the board members is a crucial aspect for a better atmosphere and work. The president also ensures to have an open mood and spirit, so the members do not hesitate to trust her with their issues. Through this, she is well informed how the board members are doing, behaving, or working through the pressure they might experience. However, it is still important for her to give her board members the safe space to work freely and trust them to manage most of the issues on their own, so the board members wouldn't feel undermined. When the need to help or intervene rises the president will communicate about this with the board members. The board training held this year was crucial due to the factor of diversity and inclusivity. The board members got to have a safe space with a mediator and professional to work through some issues individual board members were coming across. As a result, the board figured out that the board members need more informal time and space between each other for a better understanding including a robust relationship. An important step the board takes after heavy board meetings is the point "lucht je hart", where the board members freely express how the board meeting went and what could be improved. This is important especially when there is tension built up during the meeting that has to be realised

3.1.2 External representation

The president is very happy with the external representation of SPIL within different meetings. The first and most active would be the VerO, a meeting within the associations in the Faculty of Social Sciences and the Campus The Hague. The VerO held for the hallway associations that are part of the Faculty of Social Sciences take place regularly with enthusiastic attendance. The atmosphere and communication in the meeting are very open. Not only are things discussed together but also suggestions for future collaborations and advice are asked and given. The VerO ensures a regular get together for the chairs of the associations and to keep track of everyone's schedule and upcoming events. This year the focus of the associations is to organise an event for members of the different associations with the money they received from the faculty employees. Several ideas have been brought up, but further discussions will continue in the next meeting. The president appreciates these meetings a lot since the bond between associations is kept intact and strengthened. These meetings are also the perfect space for the chairs to share and evaluate on developments together.

Right after the first GA, the first meeting for the VerO Campus The Hague took place. As of now the meetings are held once every semester. This year CIROS is also present in the meetings. The president experienced the meeting as very useful. Not only does this meeting give exposure and overview of other different and new associations within Wijnhaven but they also open a gate for further inclusive and diverse collaborations. Until now, SPIL hasn't had the chance for collaboration due to the unbalanced measurements but the president hopes that this might be possible in the future.

GroVer, also known as The Big Association Deliberation, is chaired and run by the association StOP. In the GroVer meetings important topics are discussed. In the last meeting many associations including SPIL asked questions about the upcoming trip. Due to several other associations being present many tips and advice were given for the upcoming and future trips. Especially regarding the ongoing COVID-19 crisis. The president will continue to take advantage of the opportunity to be a part of this platform.

Another important platform the president would mention is the Diversity and Inclusion workgroup. This year the president and the commissioner of internal affairs will be joining the workgroup. Until now the workgroup meetings have been held online but the upcoming one will happen live in The Hague. It is important for the president to be involved in the workgroup and learn ways to further improve the association's diverse and inclusive atmosphere. Since the last meeting of the D&I workgroup discussions and information have been progressing to a deeper understanding of this topic.

As every year this year StOP has organised several trainings that were relevant for different commissioners on the board. As an example the secretary joined the Alumni training to further access knowledge on Alumni and the commissioner of external relations joined the social security training. StOP is a great platform that targets the members individually through the various training sessions. As the president noticed the lack of communication between the associations due to the COVID-19 times the appreciation for these platforms has grown immensely. SPIL takes its chances wherever it can to engage in StOP. These can be General Assemblies, committees, and training.

This year the president also had the great opportunity to take part in the Beehive Chair meeting. Several different associations that are located in The Hague, precisely in the building of Wijnhaven and Beehive, get together for a meeting to discuss their developments. The president realises with great fascination that the Beehive Chair meetings have the most variety when it comes to the associations or unions that are a part of it.

3.1.3 Other activities

The president is overall very happy with the way the board is managing business in the hybrid times. Every board member is prepared to find alternatives for events in case of cancellations. As soon as the president gets the green light for opening the common rooms, the board members take it upon themselves to make time for their respective shifts. The president observes that the common room in The Hague needs more attention and is planning to discuss more events taking place with the other board members. The board members are also planning to bring SPIL the Tea from last year back. The new version would be having the tea sessions in the common rooms on certain days of the week. This will ensure that students can trust and find a place to vent about stuff they would like to discuss.

3.2 Commissioner Introduction

“Okay, let me vaccinate myself, I'm done with this” – Samara Ahmad

The introduction committee is constantly meeting and working towards future events. The enthusiasm and dedication satisfies the commissioner a lot. The commissioner is also realising that the committee can independently take care of most of the tasks. The committee has dealt with some ups and downs regarding cancelling or postponing of events. Nevertheless, the committee has shown its great efforts to find alternatives and make the best of the situation.

The committee started their work with the organisation of the study groups which took place in The Hague. As it was indicated in the older policies too, the study groups in Leiden were not well visited. So, we decided to keep the study groups in the Hague but that does not mean that the students from Leiden cannot join. The committee members who study in Leiden make sure to

include and remind the students about the study groups. The committee has also planned several informal events like International Dinner and Secret Santa. International Dinner was an idea connected to Inclusion. Through this event the committee and the commissioner wanted to encourage different nationalities to take part and include their cuisine. The event was a success with more than 20 students joining and bringing their national dish. The committee also decided to organise an event for Christmas with the festive committee. The event called “*Secret Santa*” was a cosy evening with some festive games and the screening of a Christmas movie. In January the committee members were visiting their families and studying for retakes. Due to that, January was the month the committee was not able to plan anything. In that time the board took over to organise events for students who didn’t go back home.

3.2.1 Friends and Family Day

The friends and family day is one of the most important events of the committee. However, this year complications appeared. Due to the new COVID-19 measures over the winter break the Friends and Family Day in Leiden got cancelled. Like every year the committee decided to share the building Pieter de la Court and the costs for it together with Labyrint. However, Labyrint decided to switch to an online program of Friends and Family Day. Since SPIL was only paying 1/3 of the costs, it would not be possible to rent the building alone with the committee’s budget. Hence, the cancellation of the event. The committee wanted to give both the IRO and Leiden students the same experience of Friends and Family Day. Thinking about it the committee decided to have one Friends and Family Day in March for both international and Dutch students. The event will take place at the Campus The Hague. The logistics are still being discussed but the committee is very sure that they make something amazing out of it. The committee will ensure that the Dutch parents and students get a tour of Leiden and a virtual tour of the Pieter de la Court building. As the commissioner mentioned earlier the logistics are still being discussed in the committee meetings. The idea of doing a Friends and Family evening was also considered by the committee but that would not ensure the same experience as a full-on Friends and Family Day. Additionally, many concerns were brought to us by Dutch members that their parents would not be willing to join just for an evening since they would have to travel back early to join their work the next day.

3.2.2 Freshmen Weekend and EJW Task force

The Freshman Weekend is in the first steps of preparations. During the last GA it was decided to discuss the intended change of the date for the Freshman Weekend. As a conclusion a task force was created. The commissioner was instructed to research if the new date, which would be somewhere in September, would overlap with activities from other student associations. The taskforce has met twice and discussed the pros and cons of the change of the date. The commissioner totally understood why the change of the date was hesitant to some members. The members made her realise that having the Freshman Weekend in August was an opportunity for SPIL to recruit new members before EL-Cid and HOP-week. However, the commissioner also explained why she decided to consider a later date for the Freshman Weekend. As explained in at the last GA, the commissioner realised last year how internationals were struggling or couldn’t join the EJW last year due to it taking place in August. Most of the internationals but also Dutch students are still on their vacations and consider joining when the EL-Cid and HOP-week start.

Not only was this something the students expressed but also the study advisors contacted the commissioner and asked her if the date could be possibly set to a later time in the month. To add on, the commissioner did her research by asking the hallway associations about their dates for EJW and the assessor about more official information. The commissioner was given a document by the assessor stating the dates where the study associations could organise the Freshman Weekend since they were not allowed to overlap with student associations. The document stated that September would be free for study associations to plan their Freshman Weekend. The assessor was also asked if changing the date back to August next year would be possible if we do it in September this year. The assessor told the commissioner that we can have the EJW whenever we want and can still change the date back to August next year. After considering all the points the taskforce decided to do it in September this year. This would be an experiment to see if having the EJW permanently would be good or not. For this the taskforce will also take the task to evaluate the EJW this year. However, this depends on if the committee finds a place that will be available in September. Currently, it is extremely hard to find a place, but we are making good progress. The committee has already found and reserved a place for August, although it has come to the attention of the committee that Scouting places are not free to book the weekend for September. After asking around what to do in this situation the committee got the tip to look up farm houses available for 100 people.

4. SECRETARY

“I had a nightmare about us forgetting the SPIL song” - Joséphine Bendorp

4.1 Members

At the moment SPIL consists of ... members of which ... study IRO, ... Internationale Politiek, ... Politicologie and ... IBO. The secretary expects this number to stay in balance in the upcoming year. Throughout the past months, she has enjoyed working with the new membership system. Consribo is user-friendly and she will try to make an instruction guide for her successor with all the information she gathered this past year. Though, she is still trying to develop new skills with managing the system thoroughly. There has also been some difficulty with sending confirmation emails of memberships after signing. This has caused some confusion for new members. The issue has now been resolved. Members receive a confirmation mail from now on when signing up to become a SPIL member.

4.2 Newsletter

Every first Monday of the month the newsletter is sent out. As the association also consists of international students, the letter is written in two languages. The letters are written with the *Dutch follows English* principle. The newsletter includes the agenda for the coming month and is written in English. The secretary is very pleased with the program used for the newsletters Laposta, and thinks it is easy to work with.

4.3 Reunionists

At this moment there are ... SPIL reunionists. They receive the magazine DEBAT four times a

year. They also receive the reunionist letters. The first reunionist newsletter was sent out in February and the second one will be sent out in May. These moments have been added to the year planner.

4.4 Membership fee

The deduction of the membership was originally planned for November, however due to working with the new program Conscribo, the secretary and treasurer are now aiming to deduct it as soon as possible. The secretary has been in contact with treasurers from other study associations who use this program as well. She gathered information from them on how to work the system and will pass this information on to her successor. She thinks the next board will not experience as many difficulties since the whole system needed a basic set up to deduct contribution for the first time. This caused delays for the secretary and treasurer.

4.5 Alumni

Since LAP does not exist anymore, the secretary has tried to re-establish the system with alumni. There has been some confusion and misinformation between SPIL and university, since they thought we had access to the whole alumni database of our studies. This is however not the case. SPIL members can sign up to become an alumni member if they want. The current alumni file is added with new members, now that regular SPIL members know of the existence of the alumni community. The secretary will contact the alumni bureau to try and gain access to this file. On top of this, she is also in contact with several employees from the university to work together on establishing and building up the alumni community and organise activities for them. She is going to try to create at least one activity for alumni this year. For this she will use the money, given by the university, to cover the costs.

4.6 General Assembly

The XLlith board planned GA's in both The Hague and Leiden. They received positive feedback from this change and will continue to follow this structure for future GA's. Since COVID-19 is still taking a toll on our lives, the board will provide a hybrid form for the GA's. Members will be informed that a link will be available to follow the assemblies from their homes when they are not able to join it physically. The people joining online will not count for the quorum and need to transfer their votes. This will be done because discussions cannot be understood fully when joining online. SPIL members and especially committee members are encouraged to come to the GA's as they will earn points for the Committee Cup. This still seems to be a success for several committees. The booklets for the assembly will be provided in both English and Dutch so that all members are able to understand. The main language of the GA is English. However, it will still be allowed to speak Dutch as long as this will be translated by the CALVV afterwards. The minutes will be written in the language that they were expressed in during the assembly, meaning the Dutch questions and answers will be noted down in Dutch and the English questions and answers will be noted down in English.

4.7 Old Boards Borrel

The old boards borrel has been planned for April. The borrel will take place on a Friday or Saturday, to prevent a conflict with the busy work schedule of old board members. The secretary is still waiting for the confirmation of the location for the borrel. Because of this, invitations have not been sent out yet.

4.8 PiP-Congress

The secretary has been meeting up and working together with the Platform voor Politicologen (PvP) this year. She is enjoying the collaboration between the associations and thinks the relationship between the associations is growing. The PiP-Congress will take place in Amsterdam this year. This location has been chosen because of the rotation of location after each Congress. The committee is very motivated and is working hard on establishing a great Congress where not only students from university will be allowed to join, but any interested students can take part in it. Together with PvP, the four associations are also planning a second event. This will be an opportunity to connect with students from other study associations for political scientists.

5.1 TREASURER

“there we go” – Emma every day

5.1.2 Budget

The festive committee has made a profit with the Halloween Party in November. A separate overview of the profit and expenses of the party is added to the budget. In consultation with the Lustrum committee there had been decided to organise the Lustrum Gala together. This partnership is completely equal as both parties will spend the same amount of money on this Gala.

Because of the optimistic view for the income of Studystore at the beginning of the year, it had been decided to lower the budget for the upcoming half year. This decision is also based on the outcome of the booksale task force by the commissioner of Education and Politics.

For the Long Trip the treasurer, together with the treasurer of the Long Trip will apply for a department contribution, which is approximately 500 euros. There will be an annulment insurance for the Long Trip from the Corona Reservation, if this can not be done from Long Trips budget.

5.1.2 Contribution

The collection of the contributions didn't go down smoothly this year. The treasurer would like to give the following statement about this; Firstly, SPIL had to cope with a frozen bank account for a few weeks. The change of board registration at the ABN Amro did not go as well as expected. As a consequence, the treasurer did not have access to the accounts. Secondly, SPIL has a new member database through which contributions had never been collected before. The treasurer and secretary spent many hours figuring out how the system works. At the time of writing the contribution has been planned and hopefully at the moment of reading collected successfully.

The choice was made to collect the membership fee as fast as possible, and not at the end of the month anymore, because the contribution is an important income source for SPIL. The treasurer also took the motion of mister Buijs into account, meaning members will receive three reminder emails before being unsubscribed as SPIL members. The treasurer is aware that Tikkies were used as a reminder to pay membership fees and will use Tikkies this year again. Note that Tikkies only work with Dutch IBAN numbers.

5.1.3 Audit Committee

Together with the audit committee the treasurer decided that there will be three audit checks this year. Of which one has already taken place before this GA, the audit committee themselves will

share their own findings of the audit check. The treasurer is still very happy with her audit committee and the quick reply to all her questions.

5.2 Commissioner SPIL-Weekend

'I would vote for you!!' ~ ELIAMEP lady to the SPIL-weekend chair

5.2.1 Committee

This year the treasurer is responsible for the SPIL-weekend. The committee was formed in December and had its first meeting in January. The committee consists of 5 members including a chair, secretary and treasurer and two general members. In the committee all SPIL committee members are in their first, second year of political science or specialisations.

The commissioner would like to compliment the committee on its enthusiasm and work they have done the past two months, for example, the creation of the SPIL Weekend TikTok account (very successful). The committee is self regulated and the commissioner noticed that there is great internal consensus within the committee. As far as cooperation is considered, the commissioner sees no bears on the road. The commissioner works closely with the chair of the committee and attends all meetings to make sure they're run smoothly. The commissioner, as well as the committee, is really looking forward to future preparations for the SPIL weekend and aspire to take as many members as possible on this short trip.

5.2.2 Location

At the time of writing, the location for SPIL weekend has been decided on but has not yet been presented to the members. A special moment will be planned to reveal the location of the weekend. After the last GA the commissioner will announce that the SPIL weekend has been arranged as a city trip. The commissioner and the committee are convinced that the location will appeal to all SPIL members.

6. COMMISSIONER EDUCATION & POLITICS

6.1 Commissioner Education

"Be citizens, not idiots" - George the tour guide in Athens

6.1.1 Education Committee

The Education Committee has organised two activities so far. The first activity was a panel discussion on formation processes in different countries. The feedback from the students who attended was positive. This was mainly due to the guests who had an interesting story to tell. The committee and the commissioner aimed for an interactive event. Although the students were able to ask questions, the event could have been more interactive. For the future, the commissioner will take into account that an interactive event requires a different kind of space than the auditorium where the event took place. The activity took place at Wijnhaven in The Hague. There also was a livestream for those students that couldn't join because of the COVID-19 situation.

The second activity organised by the Education Committee was the Srebrenica lecture. This lecture was a great success. Over 20 students attended the lecture, even though it had to be held

on a Friday afternoon due to the availability of the speaker. The commissioner understood from the students present that the lecture was experienced as very interesting and moving. The lecture took place in the Pieter de la Court building in Leiden.

The Education Committee also organised the Career Night. The committee invited eight guests to come talk about their career. The commissioner has decided not to request money from the guests or from companies to participate in the event this year. It is the opinion of the commissioner that a more elaborate framework for this is needed. The commissioner will, however, further map out the possibilities for this and draw up a document on the subject for the coming years. This document will elaborate on how much can be asked and how a distinction can be made between large and small companies. It should also be further investigated what effect asking for money has on which guests can be invited. To find out more about these matters, the commissioner plans to contact other study associations. The Career Night took place at Wijnhaven in The Hague. The commissioner received a lot of positive feedback from students who attended the event.

The Education Committee is also preparing an event on the local elections. The commissioner and the committee wanted to organise an event about the local elections, but tried to organise something that did not overlap with Leidsch Debat. It will be an event about the differences in campaigning for local elections and national elections. The committee and the commissioner will try to invite people who are working for a campaign of a wide range of political parties, including local ones. The event will be in Dutch, because the commissioner thinks that the target group for this activity will be the Dutch-speaking members of SPIL. The event will take place in Leiden.

The Education Committee is also planning to organise a boat lecture again this year. The boat lecture will take place later in the semester, so there is a higher chance of good weather.

Same as previous years, the education committee makes weekly news updates for SPIL's Instagram. Every week the committee writes a short piece about what happened that week. The news is divided into three categories. These categories are Dutch news, European news and international news. The committee wants to try out a new format for the news updates next semester. Instead of a small piece of text, the committee will make a quiz question about the news every week. On the slide after the question a link will be given, so people can read more about the event the question was about.

It is the opinion of the commissioner that it is not desirable for the education committee to distribute a separate evaluation form among the students. The response to the evaluation of the Programme Committee is low, and the commissioner thinks that distributing an extra evaluation form will lead to a fragmentation of the students' answers over the various questionnaires. The commissioner therefore tried to encourage students through WhatsApp to fill in the ICLON evaluation form in order to get more responses to that questionnaire.

In the past semester, the commissioner has worked to create a good atmosphere within the committee by encouraging committee members to get to know each other better on a personal level. The committee members know each other really well now, and they often meet to talk to each other on a personal level. The commissioner will continue to encourage this.

6.1.2 Book sale

The commissioner does her best to bring the book sale to the attention of students as much as possible. She mainly uses Instagram and WhatsApp, because these are the media that students mainly use. In addition, the commissioner also tries to promote the sale of books orally as much as possible. The commissioner will continue to work on promoting the sale of books as much as possible. The commissioner is in contact with CIROS about their second-hand book sale.

6.1.3 Book sale taskforce

The commissioner formed a taskforce to discuss the future of book sales. In this taskforce were three former commissioners of education, one former treasurer, one former secretary, one former president and one active member. The outcome of the discussion was that it is best for SPIL to extend the contract with Studystore and thus continue the book sale. The book sale is an important service to members and especially new members of SPIL. Studystore seems to be the best cooperation partner for SPIL, looking at the experiences of other study associations. In the negotiations for a new contract, it is important to see if it would be possible to establish when exactly Studystore has to pay out the money to SPIL. Furthermore, according to the commissioner, it is best to continue with the contract as it is now. The negotiations about the new contract can best be started in the summer, when the successor to the current Commissioner Education and Politics is known.

6.2 Programme Committee

The commissioner tries to talk a lot with students in the common rooms and also to inquire about their experiences with the courses they have. The information she gets from the students is what she takes with her in the discussions in the Programme Committee. To become more visible to students, she is currently working on a video together with the other student members of the Programme Committee. Together with the other student representatives, the commissioner is also organising a few events called Feedback Friday to gather ideas from students about how the education in our programme can be improved. These Feedback Fridays will all have a specific theme. The theme of the first Feedback Friday is inclusion.

6.3 Student Sounding Board

In her position as Commissioner Education and Politics, the commissioner is part of the Student Sounding Board. The meetings of the Student Sounding Board are organised by the faculty assessor. There has been one meeting so far. This meeting was about the social media of FSW. The commissioner has tried to represent the interests of SPIL as well as possible during the discussion and has suggested that the study associations and the common rooms of the study associations become more visible on the social media of FSW.

6.4 Commissioner Politics

"You just have to find the rhythm of the stairs" - Marit about the stairs in Wijnhaven

6.4.1 Excursion Committee

The excursion committee has experienced in the past semester that many organisations and institutions do not want to receive visitors or groups because of COVID-19. The committee has tried and will continue to try to organise nice excursions despite this complication.

The committee organised a political scavenger hunt through The Hague. Initially, this was a replacement activity for the cancelled visit to the Hague Historical Museum. The museum visit was cancelled by the museum at the last minute, because they could no longer receive a group of students due to changed COVID-19 measures. Nobody participated in the scavenger hunt as a replacement activity. The activity was then repeated a week later for all members. The students had to find various politically relevant buildings in The Hague on the basis of pictures they were given. If the participants had taken a photo of themselves in all the places, they could collect a stroopwafel in one of the common rooms as a reward. There were ten participants and the feedback from the participants was positive.

The committee also organised an excursion to the US Embassy. This was an online visit, as it was not possible to organise an in person excursion to an embassy due to COVID-19 restrictions. The online activity was a success. There were 24 members who participated in the online excursion. The staff members from the US Embassy told us that they are willing to welcome us in person later in the year.

For the upcoming semester, the committee is organising an online excursion to the OPCW. The preparations for this excursion are going well.

The committee is currently working on further excursions in the second semester. An attempt is being made to organise another excursion to the ICC, Europol and/or the Second Chamber. The committee is currently trying to contact as many places as possible in the hope that some of the places will be able to host a group of students despite the COVID-19 measures. For the Second Chamber excursion the committee will contact Menno de Bruyne to see if he could give a tour.

Last semester, the commissioner made efforts to create a good atmosphere within the committee by encouraging the committee to undertake activities outside committee work in order to get to know each other better. The commissioner will continue to do so.

6.4.2 Master students

The commissioner noticed that organising activities for master students is difficult. The members of the master activities committee have all quit due to the high work pressure from their studies. With the help of other board members, the commissioner herself organised a workshop about how to efficiently deal with large amounts of literature that has to be read. Unfortunately, no students attended the workshop.

The commissioner also organised a workshop with a PhD student in which students could receive advice on writing a thesis. This activity was intended for both bachelor students who were in the process of writing their thesis and master students. The workshop had to be moved online at the last moment, because of the COVID-19 situation. A few students attended the workshop. The workshop was very informative.

The commissioner will further focus on promoting activities such as the career night among master students. These are activities that are organised for all SPIL members, but of which the commissioner thinks that these activities could be interesting for master students. She will promote these activities in the group chat of master students on WhatsApp that she is in.

The commissioner also plans to organise an activity for master students in cooperation with HSVL. The plan is for this activity to be a networking event for master students.

The commissioner gave a presentation during the introduction meeting with which she tried to make the new master students familiar with SPIL. She tried to give the new master students a short overview of the kind of activities SPIL organises. In addition, the presentation indicated the advantages of membership of SPIL and students could easily apply for the master activities committee via a QR code. Unfortunately, only one student applied to be part of the committee. The commissioner thinks there are more students needed to form a committee that is enjoyable to be a part of. Therefore, she decided not to form the committee.

6.4.3 Stairs Affairs

The Stairs Affairs Committee was formed last semester. The committee consists of seven members, four of whom are SPIL members and three of whom are B.I.L. members. The positions held by SPIL members are that of chair, vice chair, researcher and interviewer. Of the B.I.L. members, two hold the position of researcher, and one the position of interviewer. Contact with the University is difficult, but progress is being made. A list of names of people the committee would like to interview has now been passed on. The university will use their own network to invite one of these persons for the interview. The committee aims to hold its first event somewhere in April.

7. COMMISSIONER GLOBAL RELATIONS

“Education is important, but travel is importanter.” – Anonymous

7.1 Commissioner Global Relations

The commissioner is very happy with the progress of all her committees so far; all members have shown impressive levels of creativity, enthusiasm, resilience, and flexibility during yet another complicated and challenging semester. The Brussels trip was a great success, and the short trip made a wonderful comeback after two years. The long trip committee was formed in December, and quickly and enthusiastically started working on picking the destination. Furthermore, the

Congress committee picked up speed before Christmas, after a somewhat slow start, and are now getting closer and closer to realising their The Hague-based two-day long congress.

The commissioner has been in close contact with all her committee chairs, making sure they all feel confident in their roles, feel ownership over their projects, and are able to motivate their committee members well. She has established a good rhythm of communication with the chairs, which has resulted in an overall efficient and professional work dynamic. The commissioner sent out an evaluation form to all her chairs before Christmas, which was a nice way to reflect on the work and habits that have been established on both sides.

In the days before, and during, the short trip in February the commissioner felt somewhat detached from the other two committees, as the main focus had to be on the most imminent event, but things quickly came back to normal after the trip. She was pleased to see that the other committees worked well independently and made great progress, also without her presence.

7.2 Brussels Committee

Most unfortunately, medical issues kept the commissioner from going on the Brussels excursion this year. It was nevertheless great to see that the committee (with help from the board) managed very well on their own, showing amazing ownership and leadership before and during the trip.

The annual Brussels trip took place on November 22nd-23rd 2021, after a challenging but highly educational planning process. The semester started somewhat slow, which resulted in an unnecessarily stressful last few weeks before the trip. This could have been avoided with better planning and more initiative from the commissioner's side – a lesson she has kept in mind while following up on her other three committees this year. That being said, the main challenge this year was a lack of institutions willing to receive large groups of visitors, which resulted in far more time being spent finding suitable activities than usual. The trip would have been easier to organise with fewer participants, from a COVID-19 safety perspective. Another significant challenge was that several institutions wished to cancel the visits with only a few days' notice, and some without any foreseeable justification for their decision to cancel. These challenges lead to a somewhat lighter program than other years, with more free time and fewer activities.

The trip was nevertheless received with great positivity from the participants, visible both in immediate feedback during the trip, and in the official evaluation after the trip. The participants enjoyed the extra free time, and appreciated that they were able to visit certain institutions and museums on their own, to complement the group program (as certain institutions were open for smaller groups, but not larger ones). The feedback indicated that a lighter program gave more time for participants to get to know one another, and it was clear that the majority left Brussels with far more friends than when they arrived.

The group travelled to Brussels with Flixbus, and the committee and the commissioner were all very satisfied with the price and quality of the company. The group enjoyed two days filled with interesting activities such as a visit to the Permanent Representative of the Netherlands to the European Union, NATO, and the House of European History. The latter was an unexpected addition to the program, brought about by necessity due to the lack of open institutions, but it

ended up being one of the most popular activities of the trip. The commissioner will advise her successor to try to make space in next year's program for this museum.

In order to ensure the participants' safety, everyone was encouraged to self-test before and during the trip. Masks, social distancing, and general caution was strongly advised, and the activities organised by the committee all followed the measures in place in Belgium at the time. Nevertheless, with such a large group, it was unfortunately not possible to avoid a few cases of COVID-19, and although nobody tested positive during the trip itself, there were a couple of positive cases directly after the trip. The commissioner, in collaboration with the committee and the board, took action immediately, and communicated clearly with the participants about what rules applied with regards to testing, quarantining, and isolation after possible exposure.

7.3 Short Trip Committee

The selection procedure for the short trip participants suffered from some mistakes, from which the commissioner has learned a lot. The selection procedure for the long trip will be done in the same way as in previous years, and the commissioner will make a strong effort to reassure the applicants that the process was fair and orderly.

The annual short trip took place from January 29th till February 4th, 2022, and went to Athens, Greece. The committee worked tirelessly despite the issues continuously posed by the COVID-19 situation, and managed to make a great plan for a very special trip. The main challenge was to judge whether or not the trip could go through, and the decision to go was made in collaboration with the board (after several helpful conversations with the advisory board). Questions about refunds and cancellations due to health issues were of course especially present this year, and the commissioner has gained a good overview of the possibilities available in the current COVID-19 landscape.

Like last year, a participant contract (covering information about cancellation, expectations with regards to behaviour, etc.) was to be signed by all participants – a very helpful solution that the commissioner certainly will advise her successor to continue. The committee also put together a COVID-19 protocol for the trip, with all the necessary information about entry into Greece, what measures are in place in Greece, and what procedures would be followed in case of infection on the trip. This was also very useful, and definitely something the commissioner will include in the preparations for the long trip. Furthermore, the “buddy groups” were gathered in WhatsApp group chats several weeks before departure, firstly in order to spread information quickly on a platform most people check daily, and secondly to make sure all participants felt comfortable asking any questions they might have before the trip. Small group chats were thought to be more personal, so the participants would feel taken care of by the committee to a larger extent than they would in one large group. The committee wished to appear as approachable and transparent as possible toward the participants, and received positive feedback on this point both during and after the trip.

The participation fee was set to €230, which created a comfortable budget that even encompassed bus transportation from The Hague and Leiden to Schiphol Airport. Furthermore, the short trip received an additional €1000 from CASSA only days before departure, which went towards funding the participants' COVID-19 testing expenses.

On January 27th, the committee organised an online pre-activity. Due to the COVID-19 situation in the Netherlands at the time, it was difficult to organise a pre-activity at Greek institutions/organisations in the Hague, but the main reason behind the online format was to respect the many participants who chose to go into quarantine in the week before the trip. We had a lovely introduction activity with a quiz about Greece, and encouraged the participants to get to know one another before the trip.

On the trip itself the group was able to visit the Acropolis, do yoga with a refugee NGO, have online/hybrid meetings with the bank of Greece and the IOM, and many other interesting activities. Despite the challenges related to COVID-19, the committee did an excellent job at planning and leading the trip, with a wonderful chair who stayed calm in the most stressful of situations. The trip was overall a great success, with many valuable SPIL memories secured.

7.4 Long Trip Committee

The long trip committee was partially formed in December, and completed in January. The creative and social group quickly started working on the destination process, and had several interesting options in mind before they finally landed in Bangkok, Thailand.

The commissioner and the chair of the committee have both gained a lot of experience and insights from the short trip that are well used in the long trip process. The trip will take place between June 27th and July 10th, and the participation fee will be a maximum of €800. When deciding on the destination, Bangkok was chosen for the following reasons:

a. Political relevance:

Bangkok is often considered a hub of political activity in the region, particularly considering the increasing political “shift” towards Asia globally. As one of the most prosperous nations in Southeast Asia, and one that houses a significant number of migrants from China and North Korea, Thailand is generally considered a safe haven for many groups in the region.

Despite the relative prosperity of the country, Thailand has also suffered from high political instability with several coup d'états – the latest occurring as late as 2014, and over 20 charters and constitutions. This dynamic, as well as the interesting fact that Thailand is the only Southeast Asian country that has never been colonised, are among the reasons why the commissioner and the committee find it politically interesting to visit the country.

b. Scientific relevance:

Thailand is ranked “not free” on the Freedom House Democracy Index, and the remnants of the coup in 2014 and the flawed elections in 2019 have set the scene for politically difficult – but nevertheless interesting – conditions in the country. The newly opened parliament building will have an interesting museum worth a visit for political scientists, as well as different governmental offices. However, considering the political situation in the country at the moment, the most interesting activities the participants will experience from a scientific perspective is likely to be non-governmental ones, such as NGOs, independent think tanks, or independent journalists.

c. Cultural:

Not only is Bangkok itself a city bursting with life and exciting activities, it is also conveniently located with regards to day trips to other places. The participants will benefit from visiting countless temples, museums, and other socio-cultural experiences, and it will in general be interesting to experience a culture so significantly different from the Dutch, and get our political and social perspectives challenged.

d. Financial feasibility:

It is somewhat expensive to travel to Thailand, but the commissioner and the committee considered the low cost of living, eating, and travelling within the country as outweighing the relatively expensive flight tickets. In addition, this year's increased participation fee, the lustrum money, and potential CASSA funding overall creates a basis for a financially feasible trip. New for this trip is that the committee will apply for a safety buffer from the university, as a financial insurance in case the trip has to be cancelled due to COVID-19.

e. Safety assurance:

Despite some political unrest in the past few years, Thailand is generally considered a safe destination for tourists. At the moment, Thailand is coded "orange" on the Dutch travel advice scale, but based on previous years and the general developments in the COVID-19 situation, the commissioner has judged that this is very likely to change by the summer. In general, the COVID-19 situation is relatively stable, although conditions of course change constantly.

7.4.1. Lustrum budget

This year, the long trip will also receive extra money due to it being a lustrum year, and the committee, together with the board, has decided to spend the extra funds on dividing the trip between Bangkok and Phuket, spending around 4 days in the latter, and the remaining time in the former city. Phuket was chosen for several reasons; as a tourist hot spot, it is an excellent example of Thailand's main economy that can teach us a lot about the impact of tourism on politics, local culture, and the environment. Additionally, the participants will spend the time in Phuket learning about the important nature conservation efforts in the region, and thus get a new perspective on the Western-centric, global climate change efforts.

After notes about SPIL's HR, and a few comments regarding security issues with using Google forms, were raised on the previous GA, the commissioner is going back to requiring physical letters for applying for the long trip. At this moment, the committee is working hard on finalising the program, and as the deadline for applying is almost upon us – everyone is excited to see which SPILlers will be selected to go on the trip.

7.5 Congress Committee

After a somewhat disappointing collaboration attempt with IAPPS, the Congress Committee decided to rather focus on setting up a collaboration with CIROS and SIB. The committee is currently working on finalising the program for their two-day long congress in the Hague, centred around the overall theme of "*climate and security politics in Europe*". It is the goal of the committee and the commissioner to have a varied program consisting of both interactive workshops, inspirational speeches, and interesting discussions. At the moment of writing, the committee is busy filling in the program with activities, securing the venue, and deciding on

details such as catering. The commissioner is having a great time in this creative process, and is looking forward to seeing it come to life!

8. COMMISSIONER INTERNAL RELATIONS

Due to personal circumstances the Commissioner of Internal Relations was not able to write her own policy. Therefore, this policy is written by other members of the XLIth board. Keep in mind that the policy may not be as thorough as usual because of this reason.

8.1 Commissioner DEBAT

The DEBAT Committee has completed two editions so far. In the first edition, there were some problems with the mailing because the printing of the address labels did not work for a long time. This was because it was the first time that labels had to be printed from the new membership system. This problem is now solved. Of each edition 1500 pieces are printed.

There is only one member in the committee who likes to write in Dutch. The commissioner has therefore decided to no longer apply the rule that at least one third of the articles must be in Dutch. Instead, the rule is now that at least one article must be in Dutch.

8.1.1 Committee

The Commissioner is very pleased to see that the committee is functioning well. The committee went through a training session at the beginning of the year that covered all the different facets of the committee's work, such as the writing style and design of DEBAT. This training, given by an experienced committee member, was very useful for the new committee members. The training took place in The Hague. The committee tries to take into account that there are as many meetings in Leiden as in The Hague. Committee members can also choose to attend committee meetings online.

There are four subcommittees within the DEBAT committee this year. The editorial board has separate meetings before the committee meetings. The commissioner is very happy to see that the editorial board manages very well to get everything done within the planning. There are also a design sub-committee, a translation sub-committee and the new podcast sub-committee.

The committee unfortunately had to postpone the social meeting that was planned because of the new COVID-19 measures at that time. The planned activity has been postponed to the next semester. The commissioner thinks it is important that the committee also meets in an informal way to keep a pleasant atmosphere in the committee. The commissioner believes that the atmosphere within the commission is good. In the meetings and in the group app, everyone participates actively.

8.1.2 DEBAT Online

Every week at least two articles are published on the DEBAT website. These articles are written by committee members as well as guest writers. The licence for the website unexpectedly expired last January, so the website was down for a while. The licence was then renewed. The commissioner is very satisfied with the website and will make every effort to keep it up to date.

8.1.3 Archive

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8.1.4 Podcast

The DEBAT Committee is also working on setting up a podcast. A separate sub-committee has been formed for this. The subcommittee has had some trouble with the COVID-19 situation. The guest who was originally to be interviewed did not want to come because of the new wave of infections. Although there has been some delay on the original planning, the sub-committee is making good progress with the podcast. The commissioner hopes that the first podcast will be finished in March and can be placed on Spotify then.

8.2 Commissioner Yearbook

“Woegt” – Ada pronouncing Vught

The committee has started with the preparations to make a beautiful Lustrum yearbook. The committee has visited the printer and has started writing the contents of the yearbook.

8.2.1 Printer

The yearbook will be printed again this year by PerfectBook. The committee has already visited PerfectBook in Vught to learn more about the different options for the paper and the cover. After that, a few test pages were sent to the printer, so the printer could give feedback on the layout. It was decided to order 130 yearbooks. Last year, this was also the number that was ordered, and this turned out to be a good number. If necessary, the number can be increased.

8.2.2 Committee

The committee consists of five members. The committee found it difficult to get going due to the COVID-19 pandemic, but the committee members are becoming more engaged. The committee will try to get to know each other even better in the upcoming semester. There were some difficulties in the beginning with the licence for InDesign, because the chair of the committee did not have the possibility to work on the computers of the university. This problem has been solved. The committee decided not to follow an InDesign workshop on the advice of previous committees. Instead, a former committee member gave them a short introduction on how InDesign works. The responsibility for the different chapters of the yearbook is divided among the committee members. The piece on the Short Trip to Athens will be written by a SPIL member who went on the trip.

8.2.3 Lustrum

The yearbook will be a Lustrum edition this year. The committee has taken this into account when choosing from the different options the printer gave for printing the yearbook. The Lustrum Committee will write a piece about the lustrum week for the yearbook. The Yearbook Committee will also help with the application for the CASSA subsidy from the LUF for the Lustrum.

8.3 Commissioner of Festive Activities

The festive committee contains 9 members. The committee had its ups and down due to COVID-19 but they are still focusing on doing their best. Currently, the president is in-charge of the committee, till the festive commissioner joins us after the required break. The committee had great success at the borrels with a good number of members joining. The committee didn't have a regular pub for the Hague during the first semester. However, for the second semester Fiddlers is already booked and ready to use for the borrels in The Hague. The committee is also very enthusiastic to have further parties since Halloween had a great turnout. They also know that the next possible party will have to take place in Leiden. The committee has great ideas regarding

social events for the future. Now that the measures are more open and make it able to organise almost everything, the committee will take this chance to make up for the cancelled or postponed events. The pub for Leiden borrels will probably be changing since it seems the management changed. The new management asks for a fee to use their room for the borrels. The festive committee does not have the budget to pay more than 100 euros for the room once every month. The committee already contacted some pubs from Leiden but they still are searching for the ideal pub for the SPIL members.

There are many parties coming up. Some parties that were postponed will hopefully also take place, since the measures allow it now: SPILxBIL party. The president will be meeting up with the FSW party committee to discuss what to do further.

8.3.1 Committee

The committee is working greatly to have interesting themes and games for the borrel. Other upcoming events are also in great discussion, like the Terrace Hop, Kings day party, and many other events. The committee has decided to work on the Gala with the Lustrum Committee, since they will also be contributing money from their budget. The borrels regarding the destination reveal have been a major success with amazing and creative ideas.

9. COMMISSIONER EXTERNAL RELATIONS

9.1. Commissioner Acquisitions

“You can recognise Joos by the ‘bro’” – Marit van der Heide

9.1.1 Finance and Partnerships

In recent months the commissioner has been working on creating new partnerships. There has been a lot of email contact between companies and organisations both in Leiden and The Hague, and new relevant collaborations are further explored. Offering promotion on social media and the newsletter is very appealing to companies and organisations, because it is low-threshold, yet reaches many new people.

However, the commissioner notices that companies are still quite cautious because of COVID-19 and the uncertainty that today's society brings. Last year, the former Commissioner External Relations came across the same problem. This does not mean that the commissioner is not doing everything possible to bring in as much money as possible for SPIL.

9.1.2 Merchandise

This week the first item will be announced, which the committee has been working on the recent weeks. In May, the second item will be announced. Without giving too much away, the creativity and input of SPIL-members will be asked for when creating the second product, to make the item even more personal. The first product will be useful to many students and will be a good addition to (student)houses.

9.1.3 Committee

The committee is working well together and meets every two weeks to discuss the progress made on merchandise and partner- and sponsorships. Furthermore, several members of the committee have visited companies, stores and organisations in both The Hague and Leiden to promote SPIL even more.

In December, the committee participated in an acquisition training, organised by Sanne Morsink, where they talked about bringing in possible collaborations. Sanne is an employee at Leiden University and has experience in acquisitions, since working for the HOPweek and EL CID. The training was very successful and the committee and also the commissioner learned a lot from it.

9.2 Commissioner Promotion

“I just like being in the spotlight” – Joséphine Bensdorp

9.2.1 Social Media

The commissioner is responsible for SPIL's social media. Hereby an emphasis is put on the Instagram and Facebook. On these platforms the events that will take place the upcoming weeks are promoted. Furthermore, the social media channels are used to post promotions of companies or organisations that the commissioner is in contact with. On Mondays, an Insta Story is posted about who will be in the common rooms, and on the first of every month, a summary will be posted of what events will take place that month. The ability to post links directly to the Insta Stories allows for better promotion of events, which leads to events being better attended.

Due to COVID-19, there is uncertainty about the exact location of some events, for example whether the event will be physical or online, so promotion may be posted later than preferred. However, to make sure the promotion is placed correctly the lines of communication between the commissioner, the chair of promotion and the committee who organises the event is kept short.

SPIL's LinkedIn is checked weekly, for new members in SPIL groups and for more formal contact with SPIL members. The option to promote on LinkedIn has been added to the promotion forms used by committees when forwarding the committee the information about the event.

9.2.2 Posters

The possibility of going back to the university has led to the possibility of hanging up posters in the buildings again. Hereby two posters are printed each time, one for Leiden and one for The Hague. There is also contact with the university about the promotion of events on the television screens which are located in the university buildings.

9.2.3 Photos

In the last few months it was possible to organise physical events, which made it possible to take photos again. These photos are checked and edited, in order to be placed on the website to create an atmosphere of these events. During the Short Trip, for example, many photos were taken, which will be used for a recap page on the website, to give a good impression of SPIL trips.

During the events, the commissioner noted that the lens of the camera does not have a zoom in or out option. However, she feels like this is needed to improve the quality of the lens. Therefore, she will take a look into the possibilities of buying a new lens or swap the current lens with a new one.

9.2.4. Committee

The Promotion Committee works very efficiently through the use of the Promotion Forms. The creation of the posters goes smoothly and adjustments are well processed when the situation changes by COVID-19. Furthermore, the commissioner is very satisfied with the creativity that can be seen on the posts that are made.

9.3 Commissioner ICT

“Dat gaat ons het hoofd, de pief boven” – Joséphine Bensdorp

9.3.1 Website

Keeping the website up-to-date is something the commissioner strives to do. This involves putting the events on the home page and in the events calendar. In addition, the Committee Cup is looked at bi-weekly, thereby updating it. The website is also used by committees if they need a sign up form for their events.

9.3.2 Committee Cup

The board has taken a look at the Committee Cup and how points were divided in previous years. As a result, a new way to make the competition even more fair was needed. Since the size of the committees differs within SPIL, it is more difficult for smaller committees to get more points despite the presence of members of these committees. We have spoken to other associations, and asked how they divide their points, thereby giving the board some new ideas. It has been decided to change the way points are being distributed.

The new way will be as follows. An activity is worth a number of points, determined by the board. For example, the General Assembly will be worth ten points, and an activity like Shoe Zetten three points. The number of members of a particular committee present at the activity will be noted down. This number will be multiplied by the value of the activity. This number is then divided by the total number of members of this certain committee. An example: At the first GA the entire lustrum committee was present (6), that GA is worth ten points. $10 \times 6 = 60 / 6 = 10$ points. The congress committee was present with three members at the first GA, this leads to $10 \times 3 / 7 = 4$ points. In this way all activities are calculated per committee.

9.4 Commissioner Lustrum

“Op de Glorie” – Thomas Groenink

9.4.1 Progress

Together with the committee we are working hard to organise a great lustrum week in April, the exact dates are April 4th to April 8th. The situation around COVID-19 is being looked at closely, but for now we are expecting a week in which a lot will be allowed without too many problems with the measurements. As discussed in the earlier policy of the lustrum committee, there is a wide variety of activities, varying from formal and informal, in Dutch and English. For the Dies lecture, we are looking at a suitable possibility to find a way to make it happen, either as a Dies Lecture or as a Lustrum activity. Last February the lustrum year was kicked off (again) with a borrel, during which the lustrum song was revealed by the committee. This song, written by

SPIL members, will be played often in the upcoming months, to increase the lustrum feeling among the members.

During this borrel, unfortunately COVID-19 was spread, probably after someone was infected, without knowing this at the time. The fact that attendees of the borrel had been in contact with an infectious person was sent out in an email two days after the borrel. This was a very unfortunate event, we had not expected to happen. However, everybody was informed rather quickly, therefore everybody could get tested or go into quarantine if needed.

9.4.2 Committee

The committee works very well together. Next to working hard on organising the lustrum week, they also have lots of fun as a group itself. There is a clear division about the events that will be organised. Furthermore, in the lustrum week the board will offer a supporting role for the committee, which is clearly discussed between the two groups. The commissioner acts as the contact person, and will be the seventh member of the lustrum committee during the lustrum week. The commissioner is also very confident that the lustrum week will be a great success.

In the previous GA, the motion on receiving more money for the Lustrum gala was discussed. Eventually, the Board and the Lustrum Committee decided on asking the Festive committee to join the organisation of the gala, therefore also dividing costs. This way, more money can go into other lustrum activities, and the Festive committee gets the opportunity to join in on organising a gala.

REVISING YEAR PLANNING SPILSTERHOOD 2021-2022

Week	Date	Activity
<u>August 2021</u>		
Week 33	16 th -20 th of August	ELCID
Week 34	23 rd -27 th of August	HOP week
<u>September 2021</u>		
Week 35	30 th of August	IRO Orientation Day
Week 36	3 rd of September	Freshmen day Leiden
	4 th of September	Freshmen day The Hague
	5 th of September	Committee application
	deadline	
Week 37	9 th of September	Borrel Leiden
	13 th of September	Freshmen Borrel
Week 38	16 th of September	Change of boards GA
Week 39	22 nd of September	Borrel The Hague
	29 th of September	Tour du waffle
<u>October 2021</u>		
Week 40	7 th of October	Borrel Leiden – short trip announcement
Week 41	11 th of October	Start book sale of block 2
Week 42	18 th of October	Study Group
Week 43	23 rd of October	Brussels sign-up
	25 th – 29 th of October	Exam week
	29 th of October	After-exam borrel The Hague f.t. CIROS
<u>November 2021</u>		
<i>Debat I</i>		
Week 44	1 st of November	Stairs affairs and Long Trip opening of committee applications
Week 45	3 rd of November	Halloween party
	4 th of November	Policy GA
	5 th of November	International dinner
	7 th of November	SPIL weekend committee opening
	8 th of November	Deadline short tripan and Stairs affairs

	11 th of November	Borrel Leiden
		Politologie inside
Week 46	16th of November	Dies lecture
	17 th of November	Education activity: Panel Evening
	18th of November	Borrel The Hague
	18 th of November	Continuation Policy Ga
	19 st of November	Deadline Long Trip and SPIL weekend application
Week 47	22 nd – 23 rd of November	Brussels trip
		Committee bonding day
Week 48	29 th – 3 rd of December	Schoen zetten
	1st of December	Excursions activity: historical museum
	2 nd of December	Festive activity/ Introduction Secret Santa
<u>December 2021</u>		
Week 49	7th of December	CoBo
	8 th of December	Masters activity: Reading Efficiently
	8-9 of December	Scavenger Hunt: DH
	9-10 of December	Making Holiday cards
	10 th of December	Srebrenica survivor lecture Festive Activity
Week 50	13 th of December	Study group
Week 51	20 th – 24 th of December	Exam week
		Alumni Newsletter
Week 52		
<u>January 2022</u>		
Week 1		
Week 2	14th of January	Ice Skating in DH
Week 3	21 st of January	Zumba
Week 4	27 th of January	Pre-activity Short Trip
<u>February 2022</u>		
Week 5	31 st – 6 th of February	<u>DEBAT II</u> Short trip
Week 6	8 th of February	Lustrum opening activity

	10th of February	Russian ambassador
	11th of February	American embassy visit
		Friends and Family day
		Leiden
Week 7	14th of February	PhD workshop
	17th of February	SPIIL x B.I.L Party
		Interim GA
		Registration Brussels
		Excursion
Week 8	22 nd of February	Leidsch debat
	24th of February	Career night
<u>March 2022</u>		
Week 9	3 rd of March	Borrel Leiden: Long Trip destination announcement Education activity Ukrainian Embassy
	5 th of March	Committee Bonding day
Week 10	7 th of March	Efteling
	9 th of March	Interfaculty Party
	10 th of March	Municipality Elections Activity
		Terrace Hop
	12th of March	Friends and Family Day
		The Hague
Week 11	14 th of March	OPCW excursion
	15 th of March	Interim GA
	17 th of March	Borrel The Hague: Merchandise announcement Excursions activity
		Old Boards borrel
Week 12	21 st of March	Study group
Week 13	28 th of March – 1 st April	Exam week
	1 st of April	After-Exam borrel
<u>April 2022</u>		
		<i>DEBAT III</i>
Week 13	1 st of April	After-exam borrel
Week 14	4 th – 8 th of April	Lustrum week
	8 th of April	Lustrum Gala
Week 15	12 th of April	PiP-Congress Festive activity

Week 16	18 th of April 21 st of April	Education activity Terrace Hop Borrel The Hague Introduction activity
Week 17	26 th of April 29 th of April – 1 st of May	King's day party SPIL weekend Masters activity
<u>May 2022</u>		
Week 18		Congress trip Opening registration Brussels Committee Interfaculty Congress
	2 nd of May	
	5th of May	Borrel Leiden: merchandise announcement
	3 rd of May	Education activity: boat lecture Borrel Leiden: Merchandise announcement
Week 19		Festive activity Reunionists Newsletter Excursions activity
Week 20	11 th of May 16 th of May	FSW party Study group Alumni Newsletter
Week 21	23 rd – 27 th of May	Exam week
<u>June 2022</u>		
Week 22	30 th -31 st of may 7 th of June	<i>DEBAT IV</i> Congress trip PvP event Committee thank you day Party – welcoming summer
Week 23		New Board announcement borrel
Week 24		Pre-Long Trip Activity 1 Affirmation GA
Week 25		Pre-Long Trip activity 2
Week 26		Long Trip
<u>July 2022</u>		
Week 27		Long Trip
Week 28		
Week 29		

Week 30

Reunionists newsletter

August 2022

Week 31

Week 32

Week 33

Week 34

September 2022

Week 35

1st of September

Borrel Leiden

Education activity

Week 36

9th – 11th of September

EJW

Week 37

Change of boards

GA: presentation

Almanac

RE-BUDGET 'SPILSTERHOOD' 2021-2022

Income			
	Budget 20/21	Realisation 20/21	Budget 21/22
Membership fee	€ 20.563,20	€ -	€ 20.563,20
Interest	€ -	€ -	€ -
General Contribution Department	€ 1.600,00	€ 1.600,00	€ 1.600,00
StudyStore	€ 6.500,00	€ 2.062,73	€ 5.500,00
Acquisitions Committee	€ 2.080,00	€ 40,00	€ 2.080,00
Withdrawal Lustrum Reservation	€ 9.000,00	€ 9.000,00	€ 9.000,00
Withdrawal Corona Reservation	€ 1.368,08	€ -	€ 1.368,08
Withdrawal reservation SPIL-common room Leiden	€ -	€ -	€ -
Profit Festive¹	€ -	€ 2.288,75	€ 2.288,75
Vrienden van de SPIL	€ 130,00	€ 57,47	€ 130,00
Other income	€ 50,00	€ 0,00	€ 50,00
Gift 39ste board	€ 750,00	€ 750,00	€ 750,00
LAP	€ 820,79	€ -	€ 820,79

¹ There is a separate profit and loss oversight of the Halloween Party

Withdrawal travel allowance int. board member ²	€ 500,00	€ -	€ 500,00
Cassa³	€ 200,00	€ 1.000	€ -
Total	€ 43.561,28	€ 14.510,20	€ 44.650,82

² Two of the three international Board Members are eligible for the Travel cost allowance as one of the three had a Dutch Student OV. That is why 500 € is taken from this reservation.

³ The CASSA subsidy was budgeted to cover the costs for the mandatory COVID-test for the Short Trip, but was not necessary.

Expenses	Estimated budget 21/22	Realisation 21/22	Re-budget 21/22
Board	€ 3.843,70	€ 1.028,15	€ 3.800,00
President	€ 700,00	€ 55,32	€ 750,00
<i>Introduction</i>	€ 700,00	€ 55,32	€ 750,00
Secretary	€ 1.470,79	€ -	€ 1.470,00
Treasurer	€ 700,00	€ -	€ 950,00
<i>SPIL Weekend</i>	€ 650,00	€ -	€ 900,00
Education & Politics	€ 900,00	€ 97,10	€ 600,00
<i>Education</i>	€ 450,00	€ 57,84	€ 400,00
<i>Master activities</i>	€ 150,00	€ 25,94	€ 100,00
<i>Excursions</i>	€ 300,00	€ 13,32	€ 100,00
Global Relations	€ 10.566,80	€ 2.666,80	€ 10.566,80
<i>Long Trip</i>	€ 6.250,00	€ -	€ 6.250,00
<i>Short Trip</i>	€ 2.666,80	€ 2.666,80	€ 2.666,80
<i>Congress</i>	€ 1.500,00	€ -	€ 1.500,00
Internal Relations	€ 10.835,00	€ 1.522,12	€ 13.037,27
<i>DEBAT</i>	€ 5.400,00	€ 92,62	€ 5.400,00
<i>Yearbook</i>	€ 3.500,00	€ -	€ 3.500,00
<i>Festive</i>	€ 1.935,00	€ 1.425,50	€ 4.137,27
External Relations	€ 1.361,90	€ 288,99	€ 1.361,90
<i>ICT</i>	€ 781,92	€ 217,80	€ 781,92
<i>Promotion</i>	€ 500,00	€ 10,69	€ 500,00
<i>Acquisitions</i>	€ 80,00	€ 60,50	€ 80,00
Depreciations	€ 250,00	€ -	€ 250,00
PvP	€ 150,00	€ -	€ 100,00
Investments	€ 200,00	€ -	€ 500,00
Contingencies	€ 1.265,85	€ -	€ 1.265,85
Reserveringen	€ 1.800,00	€ -	€ 1.800,00
Lustrum	€ 7.650,00	€ -	€ 7.650,00
Reiskosten	€ 500,00	€ -	€ 500,00
Totaal	€ 43.562,12	€ 5.658,48	€ 44.650,82

Board	Budget 21/22	Realisation 21/22	Re-Budget 21-22

Committee-thankyou day	€ 600,00	€ -	€ 400,00
ABN-Amro Expenses Business Account	€ 500,00	€ 181,70	€ 500,00
Expenses General Assembly	€ 600,00	€ 444,00	€ 700,00
Van den Berg-Bachelorscriptieprijs	€ 91,50	€ 91,50	€ 91,50
‘Constitutieborrel’ presents	€ 60,00	€ 25,00	€ 50,00
‘Constitutieborrel’ SPIL	€ 1.350,00	€ 68,12 ⁴	€ 1.350,00
Office Supplies	€ 150,00	€ 72,12	€ 150,00
StOP-Contributie	€ 10,00	€ 10,00	€ 10,00
Expenses SPIL-Common Room	€ 150,00	€ 35,00	€ 100,00
Free round of drinks after Change of Boards-GA	€ 0,00	€ -	€ 100,00
Staff-lunch with Institute	€ 49,50	€ 0,00	€ 49,50
General Board Expenses	€ 150,00	€ 60,50	€ 150,00
Expenses Board 2022-2023	€ 32,70	€ -	€ 100,00
Board Activities ⁵	€ 100,00	€ 40,21	€ 200,00
Total	€ 3.843,70	€ 1.028,15	€ 3.801,00

President	Budget 21/22	Realisation 21/22	Re-Budget 21/22
Introduction	€ 700,00	€ 55,32	€ 750,00
<i>General Expenses</i>	€ -	€ -	€ -

⁴ COBO cards from SPIL.

⁵ De Tour du Waffle and writing Christmas Cards for the elderly are board activities that took place the past half year.

<i>Freshmenday</i>	€ -	€ -	€ 250,00
Parentsday	€ 400,00	€ -	€ 300,00 ⁶
<i>Parentsday Leiden</i>	€ 300,00	€ -	€ -
<i>Parentsday Den Haag</i>	€ 100,00	€ -	€ 300,00
<i>First Years Brunch</i>	€ 0,00	€ 0,00	€ -
Activities	€ 300,00	€ 55,32	€ 200,00
<i>'International dinner</i>	€ 100,00	€ 55,32	€ -
<i>Christmas</i>	€ 100,00	€ -	€
<i>Other</i>	€	€ -	€ 200,00
Total	€ 700,00	€ 55,32	€ 750,00

Secretary	Budget 21/22	Realisation 21/22	Re-Budget 21/22
Former board drinks	€ 500,00	€ -	€ 500,00
Alumni activities	€ 820,79	€ -	€ 820,79
Leidsch Debat	€ 150,00	€ 150,00	€ 150,00
Total	€ 1.470,80	€ 150,00	€ 1.470,80

Treasurer	Budget 21/22	Realisation 21/22	Re-Budget 21/22
SPIL-weekend	€ 650,00	€ -	€ 900,00
Interfaculty Congress	€ 50,00	€ 50,00	€ 50,00
Total	€ 700,00	€ 50,00	€ 950,00

⁶ Partentsday Leiden and the Hague will be merged this year and will mainly take place in the Hague.

Education & Politics	Budget 21/22	Realisation 21/22	Re-Budget 21/22
Excursions	€ 300,00	€ 13,32	€ 100,00
Education	€ 450,00	€ 57,84	€ 400,00
<i>Education evaluations</i>	€ -	€ -	€ -
<i>Activities & Workshops</i>	€ 300,00	€ 57,84	€ 300,00
<i>Career</i>	€ 150,00	€ -	€ 100,00
Master activities	€ 150,00	€ 25,94	€ 100,00
<i>Workshops</i>	€ 100,00	€ 25,94	€ 75,00
<i>Career</i>	€ 50,00	€ -	€ 25,00
Total	€ 900,00	€ 97,10	€ 600,00

Global Relations	Budget 21/22	Realisation 21/22	Re-Budget 21/22
Corona reservation Trips ⁷	€ 1.368,08	€ -	€ 1.368,08
Short Trip	€ 2.666,80	€ 2.666,80	€ 2.666,80
Long Trip ⁸	€ 6.250,00	€ -	€ 6.250,00

⁷ The corona reservation will be used for annulment insurance for the Long Trip, only if this cannot be done from Long Trips budget.

⁸ The expenses for Long Trip will be 15% higher because of Lustrum's donation to Long Trip.

Pre- and post activities	€ 150,00	€ -	€ 150,00
Congress	€ 1.500,00	€ -	€ 1.500,00
<i>Pre-congress activity</i>	<i>€ 25,00</i>	<i>€ -</i>	<i>€ 25,00</i>
<i>SPIL-contribution</i>	<i>€ 1.500,00</i>	<i>€ -</i>	<i>€ 1.500,00</i>
Totaal	€ 10.566,80	€ 2.666,80	€ 10.566,80

Internal Relations	Budget 21/22	Realisation 21/22	Re- Budget 21/22
DEBAT	€ 5.400,00	€ 96,62	€ 5.400,00
<i>4x DEBAT</i>	<i>€ 5.300,00</i>	<i>€ -</i>	<i>€ 5.300,00</i>
<i>Workshops</i>	<i>€ 50,00</i>	<i>€ -</i>	<i>€ 50,00</i>
<i>Digital DEBAT</i>	<i>€ 50,00</i>	<i>€ 96,62</i>	<i>€ 50,00</i>
Yearbook	€ 3.500,00	€ -	€ 3.500,00
Festive	€ 2.100,00	€ 1.425,50	€ 4.137,27
<i>Borrels</i>	<i>€ 800,00</i>	<i>€ 348,90</i>	<i>€ 818,75</i>
<i>Parties⁹</i>	<i>€ 600,00</i>	<i>€ 1014,59</i>	<i>€ 2.119,15</i>
<i>Gala¹⁰</i>	<i>€ -</i>	<i>€ -</i>	<i>€ 1.000,00</i>
<i>Social Activities</i>	<i>€ 700,00</i>	<i>€ 62,01</i>	<i>€ 200,00</i>
Total	€ 11.000,00	€ 1.522,12	€ 13.037,27

⁹ Because of the profit SPIL makes from the Halloween party, a separate overview is made for the profit and expenses of this party.

¹⁰ Festive will organise the Gala this year together with the Lustrum Committee, they will both spend an equal amount of money.

External Relations	Budget 21/22	Realisation 21/22	Re-Budget 21/22
Acquisition	€ 80,00	€ 60,50	€ 80,00
ICT	€ 781,92	€ 217,80	€ 781,92
<i>Licence Snelstart</i>	€ 180,00	€ -	€ 180,00
<i>Conscribo</i>	€ 289,67	€ -	€ 289,67
<i>Hosting www.spilplaats.nl</i>	€ 217,80	€ 217,80	€ 217,80
<i>Website</i>	€ 94,46	€ -	€ 94,46
Promotion	€ 500,00	€ 10,69	€ 500,00
<i>General Expenses</i>	€ 200,00	€ 10,69	€ 200,00
<i>ELCID en HOP stand</i>	€ 300,00	€ -	€ 300,00
Total	€ 1.361,92	€ 288,99	€ 1.361,92

Reserves	Budget 21/22	Realisation 21/22	Re-Budget 21/22
9 th Lustrum of SPIL	€ 1.500,00	€ -	€ 1.500,00
SPIL-common room Leiden ¹¹	€ 150,00	€ 150,00	€ 150,00
Lustrum DEBAT	€ 150,00	€ -	€ 150,00

¹¹ Because all assets in the SPIL loft in Leiden have already been written off, an amount is set aside each year so that future renovation costs can still be captured.

LAP	€ -	€ 320,79	€ -
Compensation Lustrum Expenses	€ -	€ 1.003,32	€ -
Extra Reservation	€ -		€ -
Travel costs for international board members		€ 1.100,00	
Festive reservation	€ -	€ -	€ -
Extra corona reservation	€ -	€ 1.363,70	€ -
Totaal	€ 1.800,00	€ 6.182,32	€ 1.800,00

Depreciations	Begroot 21/22	Realisatie 21/22	Her-Begroot 21/22
SPIL-hok The Hague ¹²	€ 250,00	€ -	€ 250,00
Old camera	€ -	€ -	€ -
New camera	€ -	€ -	€ -
Total	€ 250,00	€ -	€ 250,00

Travel allowance Int. Board member	Budget 21/22	Realisation 21/22	Re-Budget 21/22
Travel allowance (2)	€ 500,00	€ -	€ 500,00
Total	€ 500,00	€ -	€ 500,00

Contingencies	Budget 21/22	Realisation 21/22	Re-Budget 21/22

¹² The treasurer has a complete list of assets. Depreciation includes: furniture, the sofa, all appliances: the refrigerator, the coffee maker, the kettle, sandwich irons, music boxes and other products.

General Expenses	€ 1.265,82	€ -	€ 1.265,82
Total	€ 1.265,82	€ -	€ 1.265,82

Lustrum	Budget 21/22	Realisation 21/22	Re-Budget 21/22
Lustrum activities ¹³	€ 7.650,00	€ 1.003,32	€ 7.650,00
<i>Dies Lecture</i>	€ -	€ 914,24	€ -
<i>Other activities</i>	€ -	€ 89,08	€ -
Total	€ 7.650,00	€ 1.003,32	€ 7.650,00

Balans

Debit		Credit	
ABN business account	€ ...	<i>Equity</i>	€ ...
ABN savings account	€ ...	DEBAT reservations	€ 1.100,00
Ties (132)	€ 792,00	SPIIL-common room Leiden reservations	€ 1.200,00
Bows (...)	€ 360,00	Afschrijvingen	€ 2.246,00
Pair of braces (94)	€ 2.068,00	SPIIL items	€ 2.962,42
Bowties (101)	€ 1.010,22	Buffer contribution	€ 12.080,00
Doppers (45)	€ 437,19	Extra buffer	€ 14.570,55
Former-board pin (47)	€ 96,35	Reservation travel allowance int. board members	€ 2.000,00
Umbrella's (9)	€ 50,15		
Bike packages (30)	€ 290,67		

¹³ De lustrum committee has its own budget and will explain this themselves.

Card holders (4)	€ 14,34		
Scarfs (18)	€ 96,84		
Mugs (27)	€ 162,00		
Kas bestuur	€ 0,00		
Total	€ ...	Total	€ ...

Debtors				Creditors	
Institute Political Science	€ 1.600,00				
Total	€ 1.600,00	Total		€ -	

**SPIIL Profit and
Losses Halloween
Party**

Income		Expenses per Post	
Ticket sale via Mollie	€ 1.878,60	€132,38	Decorations
Ticket Sale PayPal	€ 1.484,74	€ 60,00	DJ
		€ 882,21	PiP Den Haag Venue
Total	€ 3.363,34	€ 1.074,59	Total

Realisation Brussels Excursion

Income	Budget		Realisation	
	p.p.	Budget	p.p.	Realisation
Participants fee	€ 55,00	€ 2.695,00	€ 55,00	€ 2.695,00
	€ 55,00	€ 2.695,00	€ 55,00	€ 2.695,00

Expenses	Budget		Realisation	
	p.p.	Budget	p.p.	Realisation
Accommodation				

Hostel Jacques	€ 25,50	€ 1.249,50	€ 28,00	€ 1.372,00
Transport				
Bus	€ 19,18	€ 940,00	€ 24,71	€ 1.211,00
OV	€ 2,60	€ 127,40	€ 2,10	€ 102,90
Other				
Café Delerium	€ 2,00	€ 98,00	€ -	€ -
Presentjes	€ 2,50	€ 25,00	€ -	€ -
Contingencies	€ 1,02	€ 50,00	€ -	€ -
Restitution	€ -	€ -	€ -	€ -
Total	€ 52,80	€ 2.587,20	€ 54,81	€ 2.685,90

Realisatie Short Trip Athens

Income	Budget		Realisation	
	p.p.	Budget	p.p.	Realisation
SPIL-contribution	€ 66,67	€ 2.666,80	€ 66,67	€ 2.666,80
Participants fee	€ 230,00	€ 9.200,00	€ 230,00	€ 9.200,00
CASSA	€ 25,00	€ 1.000,00	€ -	€ -
	€ 321,67	€ 12.866,80	€296,67	€ 11.866,80

	Expenses		Realisation	
	p.p.	Budget	p.p.	Realisation
Accommodation				
Zeus Hostel	€ 60,00	€ 2.400,00	€ 50,00	€ 2.000,00
Travel				
Flight	€ 125,34	€ 5.013,60	€ 125,34	€ 5.013,60
Transport				
Bus airport-hostel	€ 12,00	€ 480,00	€ 12,00	€ 480,00
Bus Den-Haag-Leiden	€ 6,55	€ 262	€ 6,63	€ 265,25
Schiphol 29-01 ¹⁴				
OV	€ 9,00	€ 360,00	€ 8,20	€ 328
Activities				
Ice-skating	€ -	€ -	€ 10,00	€ 140,00
Entrance Akropolis	€ 2,00	€ 80,00	€ 10,00 ¹⁵	€ 20,00

¹⁴ Because of a different train schedule on the day of departure, the decision was made to book a bus from the Hague to Schiphol with a stop in Leiden to make sure all participants were on time.

¹⁵ These expenses were made for two participants without EU-residence.

(non- EU SPIL 'er)

Meeting spaces	€ 15,00	€ 600,00	€ 2,50	€ 100,00
Meeting Dutch Embassy	€ -	€ -	€ 3,10	€ 124,00
Panatheneïsche stadion	€ 5,00	€ 200,00	€ 5,00	€ 190,00
Benaki museum	€ 9,00	€ 360,00	€ 0	€ 0
Closing Dinner	€ 15,00	€ 600,00	€ 19,34	€ 735,00
Other				
Mandatory Covid-test ¹⁶	€ 30,00	€ 1.200,00	€ 30,00	€ 960,00
Other activities ¹⁷	€ 23,00	€ 920,00	€ 8,57	€ 325,81
Contingencies	€ 9,78	€ 391,20	€ -	€ 100 ¹⁸
Change of name	€ -	€ -	€ -	€ 235,40
Flight tickers ¹⁹				
Restitution	€ -	€ -	€ 22,36	€ 849,74
Total	€ 321,75	€ 12866,80	€ 313,04	€ 11.866,80

Budget SPIL-Weekend

Income	Budget p.p	Budget
SPIL Contribution	€ 22,50	€ 900,00
Participants fee ²⁰	€ 75,00	€ 3.000,00
Total	€ 97,50	€ 3.900,00

Expenses	Budget p.p	Budget
Transport (per bus)	€ 37,50	€ 1.500,00
Accommodation	€ 56,00	€ 2.240,00
Activities	€ 1,05	€ 42,00
Other	€ 1,00	€ 40,00
Contingencies	€ 2,48	€ 78,00

¹⁶ Because of the COVID restrictions it is mandatory to show a negative test when arriving in Greece. Because of this obligation SPIL decided to cover half of the participants' testing costs with a maximum of 30 euros.

¹⁷ Other activities include the walking tour, the thank-you bags for speakers containing stroopwafels. This amount would also be used for hiring meeting spaces and the karaoke bar if the committee didn't arrange a free meeting space for some activities. The karaoke night did not take place.

¹⁸ Because of unexpected circumstances a meeting space was needed where participants could attend online meetings.

¹⁹ The flight tickets were booked personal. If a participant would not join the trip and a new participant was found, the original participant was charged a 100 euros amendment fee. SPIL would cover the administration costs.

²⁰ This budget is based on the assumption that the Weekend will be organised for 40 SPIL members.

Total	€ 97,50	€ 3.900,00
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INTERIM POLICY LUSTRUM

Building on our original policy, the VIIIth Lustrum Committee is glad to announce an update on its existing policy. In our original policy, the context of the Lustrum was still in doubt: throughout the past months, the COVID-situation has changed, and so have the implications for the Lustrum. First and foremost, the original Lustrum policy should be viewed in light of uncertainty and different scenarios. In the current outlook, we consider a physical Lustrum to be entirely feasible. There are no restrictions in place that would hinder the Lustrum taking place in this form.

With that being said, these developments open up the possibilities for a thrilling Lustrum week. The original intention of the Lustrum, as stipulated in our original policy, was to offer the opportunity to celebrate what makes student life worthwhile. Through a combination of both formal and informal activities, we expressed our aim to host a week that captures the essence of being a student at Leiden University. Originally, this ideal was dependent on plans that we were not certain would be feasible to hold, in light of the pandemic. As there are no restrictions applying to our Lustrum, we reinvigorated our focus on those events that were not possible to schedule in the two years prior to this Lustrum.

In the past weeks and months, we have noticed that at times, there are obstacles to overcome. Firstly, we have come to find that a committee of six members is on the small side for organizing an entire Lustrum. As such, we have been in touch with the Festive and Debat Committee, with the aspiration of having members on board to assist in Lustrum-tasks relating to their respective committees.

Secondly, with the previous Lustrum being held 6 years ago, there is a limited amount of prior knowledge available regarding the organization of a SPIL Lustrum. This implies we have to build most, though not all of our plans from scratch. Simultaneously, we are in continuous, supportive communication with the board to ensure a successful build-up to the Lustrum.

Thirdly, from an organizing standpoint, we have noticed some hindrances in the process of finding suitable venues. In the post-COVID era, there has been a limited amount of previously existing networks between SPIL and relevant locations, whilst new, fitting locations are somewhat difficult to come by. Although we do not expect this to obstruct the Lustrum week itself, it does hamper our progress.

On a fourth note, we feel that the Lustrum Committee's original starting date in September is on the late side. Especially with a limited number of members, similarly sized as committees tasked with fewer activities, this puts on a lot of pressure from the get-go. Moreover, this entails there has been a limited amount of time for orientation on the Lustrum as a whole.

Opening reception

On Monday we start off the Lustrum week with a reception in both Wijnhaven and FSW. We will be present with a banner and we will make the Lustrum as accessible as possible. We will also hand out the first Lustrum newspaper and we hope the university gives us a stage to open the Lustrum week and introduce it to students who are less familiar with the SPIL.

Beer cantus

In our Lustrum week we are organising a beer cantus! During this evening, we will sing many songs while enjoying a beer. This tradition from Dutch student life will be organised by the Lustrum committee with our own twist. It's a funny, informal way to better get to know your fellow students and it's something that every student should have done at least once in their study time. It is also a fun way for international students to learn

Panel discussion

During the 'Panel Discussion' we invite various experts to discuss a politically relevant theme with each other - and with students. Our eye is on the rise of China as a political hegemonic power. We would like to organize a session to learn more about this theme, but also to compare different visions. To what extent is this rise a threat to the liberal world order? Should the Netherlands maintain intensive contact with a country that commits human rights violations? What role does the EU have in these developments? We hope to stimulate a discussion on this subject by allowing various experts and insiders to discuss this subject under the watchful eye of students. We would like to give participants in this activity the opportunity to learn more, but also to take a critical look at the prevailing paradigms on this theme. The three panellists will be former ambassador to China, Russia and Turkey Ron Keller, China expert at Clingendael Institute Ingrid D'Hooghe and strategic, security and China expert at Clingendael Institute as well as former SPIL board member Danny Pronk.

Open mic

This open mic night gives our members the opportunity to express themselves in ways they want to. In the past we have seen members form a band or the performance of self-written pieces or poems.

These kinds of social and cultural activities are important for the personal development of students. In addition, music and theatre fraternize and provide students with some relief at a time when many are struggling mentally.

Film night

During the film night we will watch ‘The Mauritanian’ with our members. This film is about Mohamedou Ould Slahi, a Mauritanian who was imprisoned by the USA in Guantánamo Bay without due process. He was thought to have been involved with the attacks of 9/11. During his imprisonment Mohamedou kept a diary which was published after his release as a book. This film is the film adaptation of this book.

The Mauritanian encourages critical thinking about the justice system and shows a side of the War on Terror that often stays underexposed. To encourage conversation about this we will organise a borrel after the film. Here, members can discuss the film and the story behind it and perhaps come to new insights.

Gala

As a last activity, the Lustrum committee will organise a gala to end the Lustrum week in a memorable way. The gala is a formal party both for members and non-members with the opportunity to bring a date and put on your fanciest outfit. This will be the biggest activity of the Lustrum week and gives our members the chance to be a part of a fun night that they will remember for years. It’s also a great way for SPIL-members to strengthen the friendships they made in their years of study as well as get to know the Lustrum committee. Before the gala, we will organise a dinner for committee- and board members to thank them for their help in organising the Lustrum week. Because the gala is our largest event, we budgeted more money for it. This money will be spent on renting a location, booking a band or DJ, bites and drinks and decorating the location, among other things.

RE-BUDGETING LUSTRUM

		Expected
Long Trip	€ 1.275,00	€ 1.275,00
Pre-activities	€ 800,00	
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	Borrel	€ 300,00
Social activities	€ 5.105,00	
	Cantus	€ 1.200,00
	Open mic	€ 750,00
	Gala	€ 2.355,00
	Common room hangout	€ 200,00
	Gotcha	€ 300,00
	Post-paneldiscussionborrel	€ 300,00
Formal activities	€ 2.350,00	
	Opening reception with lecture	€ 400,00
	Discussions	€ 200,00
	Cinema Night	€ 1.600,00
	Paneldiscussion	€ 150,00
Other	€ 1.200,00	
	Promotion	€ 600,00
	Acquisitions	€ 600,00
Unforeseen	€ 270,00	€ 270,00
Totaal	€ 11.000,00	€ 11.000,00

