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Onze nob'le discipline'

Door Max Nederkoorn en Stijn van den Wijngaard op de wijs van de Marseillaise

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!
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AGENDA

1. Opening
2. Choosing Voting Committee
3. Setting the agenda
4. Announcements
5. Received documents
6. Evaluating minutes of General Assembly: Change of Boards, dated September 10 2020
7. Policy SPIL-board 2020-2021 'SPILuminous'
8. Policy 8th Lustrum Committee of SPIL
9. Nomination 'College der ALV-voorzitters'
10. Proposal to amend the Rules of Procedure
11. Discharges and installations
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14. Discharge of Voting Committee
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POLICY PLAN SPILUMINOUS 2020-2021

1. LONG TERM GOALS STUDY ASSOCIATION FOR POLITICAL SCIENCE STUDENTS IN LEIDEN

The main goals of the association have been recorded in the Statutes 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 organizing 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 XLth board 'SPILuminous' are built.

2. ASSOCIATION WIDE POLICY GOALS

"Our ability to reach unity in diversity will be the beauty and the test of our society." - Mahatma Gandhi

The XLth SPIL board will handle the following association wide policy goals this year.

2.1 Adaptability

The XLth board realises that the life of the average student has changed drastically over the last couple of months. As a result, many students do not really know where they stand and there is a lot of uncertainty. One of the themes that will be central to the policy of the XLth board upcoming year, is adaptability. The XLth board realizes that the current health situation requires a flexible and efficient approach to the activities of the association

Moreover, the board recognizes that the large platform of SPIL entails an extra responsibility for this. Although the XLth board would like to offer as many physical activities as possible to its members, these must be in line with the regulations of the RIVM and the COVID-19 policy of Leiden University. This means that clear and regular communication between the board and the university and the board and the members of the association, is of utmost importance this year. The board strives to maintain close ties with Leiden University, specifically the assessors and study advisors. There is a specific role for the president, who strives to maintain a short line of communication within the faculty and university.

As in previous years, the XLth board has drawn up a year plan. The board realizes that this may be subject to change due to the current pandemic. The board asks the members of the General Assembly for understanding. The board calls on the committees to deal creatively with the current situation. This is encouraged by the recent revised committee structure which gives committees more freedom in organizing events. The coming year will require a lot of patience from the association and its members, but health comes first.

2.2 Diversity and inclusion

The XLth board believes that the growth of the association is not solely related to the member count, but also in the general mindset of the association. The XLth board recognizes that there is still a long way to go with regard to diversity and inclusion, and recognizes the important role that our association plays in society. Change also starts within SPIL. This is why the XLth board has decided to make an extra effort for diversity and inclusion, and to make this one of its main pillars for the upcoming

association year. The XLth board believes that an inclusive environment contributes to a better performance of the association as a whole.

Regarding inclusivity, the XLth board believes it is important that everyone feels welcome within the association, regardless of origin, age, political preference, et cetera. Diversity is an important value that can be considered in its broadest sense. The XLth board strives, among other things, to offer her members a diverse range of activities, taking into account the balance between Dutch and English spoken activities. The objectives of diversity and inclusion are taken into account when organizing activities. The board will support her committees in this.

The XLth board is very proud to have an international student on the board again this year and hopes this will play a role in being more inclusive towards international students. The XLth board recognizes the commitment and dedication of previous boards to internationalization. SPIL is a bilingual study association. The XLth board strives to always speak English in order to prevent someone who does not speak Dutch from feeling excluded. However, members can approach most board members in Dutch too.

The main goal of the XLth board is to educate itself on the topic on diversity and inclusion. They hope to achieve this by, among other things, having regular contact with the Diversity Officer of Leiden University to discuss developments within the university and how SPIL as an association can contribute to this. By doing this, the XLth board hopes to reassure their members that everyone feels valued, respected and welcome.

At the time of writing, the XLth board is in contact with the Diversity Officer about the possibilities and more concrete steps SPIL can take. Diversity and inclusion will be a recurring theme this year.

2.3 Unity

An association is nothing without its members and SPIL is no exception to this rule. The XLth board finds it very important that members feel at home within the association, that they matter and that they are heard. The XLth board finds it important that members feel mutually connected. Especially in these uncertain times in which little physical education can take place, the connecting role of SPIL is more crucial than ever.

For these reasons, the XLth board has chosen ‘unity’ as one of its main pillars. The XLth board wishes to be one with their members and to support the connection between members, whether they study political science, international politics or IRO. The board takes a lead in this by adopting an open attitude towards all members and tries to chat with everyone, both during SPIL activities and beyond. The board will encourage the committee members to do the same, especially during activities organised by them. The XLth board hopes this will make both old and new members feel welcome at SPIL.

The committees are a crucial part of SPIL. The board warmly welcomes a close relationship within the committee and between committees. The commissioners and chairs play an important role here. In addition to committee outings that will be organized by the commissioner and the chair of committee, the XLth board would like to show its appreciation to the committee members during the year. This can be done in the form of a ‘committee thank you’ day, a borrel or a to be determined activity.

The balance between Leiden and The Hague plays an important role for the value ‘unity’. The goal of the XLth board is to build bridges between both cities. The board will therefore encourage members to attend activities in both cities, if it is safe to do so. The board will do this, among other things, by informing members of the possibility of a travel discount for international students. Various formal and informal activities will also be organized in both cities.

Normally, the common rooms are an excellent way to create a sense of unity: in an informal setting, members can get to know the association and its members, all just at the university. Unfortunately, it will not be possible in the first semester to open the common rooms due to COVID-19. The board understands this, health comes first. The XLth board came up with an alternative for the common rooms so that the board remains easy to approach for members. This is in the form of a chat function on the

website, where members can chat with the board during opening hours. As soon as the common rooms can be reopened for the members, the XLth board strives to improve the visibility of the common rooms by proactively inviting members to come by.

The XLth board also hopes to maintain the good relationship with the hallway associations in both Leiden and The Hague. This is also something that may be complicated now that the university buildings are largely closed, but up until now there has been intensive online contact with the boards of the hallway associations.

3. PRESIDENT & COMMISSIONER LUSTRUM

3.1 President

“Never forget your real identity. You are a luminous conscious stardust being forged in the crucible of cosmic fire.” - Deepak Chopra

3.1.1 Internal Affairs

The internal affairs are crucial for the functioning of any association. The wellbeing of the board members plays a vital role in this. The president commits herself to an environment in which every board member is seen, heard and accepted. The president strives to stay up to date with the progress the board members make on both a personal and academic level. At the end of each block, and whenever necessary in the meantime, extensive evaluation interviews will be held with the board members. During these evaluations, the study progress, progress of committees and personal issues will be discussed. Every board member is equal and during board meetings the board will always strive for consensus. It is also important that the board members develop professionally throughout the year. To achieve this, a board training will be followed.

The XLth board aims to commit to the policy they have written. The president deems it important that these goals will be pursued throughout the whole academic year and will proactively support her board members in the execution by regularly reminding them of the goals. The association wide policy goals will be evaluated every board meeting.

Furthermore, the president will continue the evaluations and chair training sessions with the chairs of the committees. The president also sees this as an opportunity to evaluate the association wide policy goals.

3.1.2 External representation

The president is, besides the internal representation, also responsible for the external representation of the association. The president deems these tasks important for the wellbeing of the association. The president deems it important that the collaboration with association is experienced positively by external parties.

The president will also take a seat in the association meetings (VerO). These are the meetings with the hallway associations of the faculty of Social Sciences (FSW) and the assessor. These meetings will be organized every two weeks, during which faculty issues will be discussed. The president experiences these meetings as very positive. It is important to stay in close contact with the assessor, especially because the board has to be extra careful with the applications for activities now.

The president will also represent SPIL within the Study Association Deliberation Platform (StOP). The president will attend the General Meetings and the Big Association Deliberation (GroVer). This way, the president hopes to stay up to date and to strengthen the bond with the StOP. This year, the Commissioner Internal Relations will organize together with StOP on the Leidsch Debat. The secretary will organize together with StOP on the Interfaculty Congress.

3.1.3 Platform for Political Scientists

This year, the president of SPIL will have a position in the Platform for Political Scientists (PvP) board, as well as in previous years. She will hold the position of treasurer. Within the PvP, SPIL comes together

with her sister associations EOS (Vrije Universiteit), Machiavelli (University of Amsterdam) and Ismus (Radboud University). The PvP board will oversee the PiP-committee, which consists of eight members, two of each association. The PiP-committee strives to organize the PiP (Political science in Perspective) congress. The president will be responsible for the PiP-committee within SPIL. The PiP-congress will take place in April in Amsterdam. The associations are in close contact with each other and are keeping a close eye on the RIVM measures.

The president will also commit to achieve more publicity for the PiP-congress among the associations (SPIL, EOS, Ismus and Machiavelli). She hopes to achieve this by actively using social media channels.

3.1.4 Other activities

The president strives to commit herself to achieve a more active, approachable, and visible attitude, both internally and externally. Internally the president hopes to achieve this by supporting her board members to attend as many activities as possible, and to actively approach members. Externally, this means that both the president but also the XLth board will have an open attitude towards new collaborations.

The past academic year, the XXXIXth board came up with the committee cup as a motivation to increase the attendance of committee members during activities. This way committees can gain points. The XLth board sees this as a success and is, at the time of writing, drawing up a list of activities for which the committees can gain points.

Furthermore, the president wants to organise a 'Committee thank you day'. This will be done at the end of the academic year to thank the committees for their effort. The president would also like to organise a 'committee bonding day'. This has come forward in the chair evaluation of last year. This bonding day will be organized next to the separate committee outings. She hopes to keep the committees motivated and to strengthen the bond between the committee members of different committees.

3.1.5 CIROS

The president strives to maintain regular contact with the president of CIROS and to have an open attitude towards each other. The president emphasizes the open attitude, because she is positive this could lead to opportunities both associations could benefit from. Both associations will strive to minimize overlap between activities, so SPIL members who are also CIROS members do not have to choose. Together with the commissioner of festivities the 'borrels' are organized in a way that overlap is avoided.

3.1.6 COVID-19

As mentioned in the general policy, the upcoming year will be a challenge due to the current pandemic that is going on. The president recognizes the responsibility the association carries with them, and will make use of the platform. As many have experienced, the possibility exists that an activity that was looked forward to may be cancelled a day in advance. This may lead to disappointment, but the board asks the members for understanding. The XLth board will be as flexible as possible and will also proactively motivate their committee members to keep their heads up. After all, there is always something that can be done.

For every physical event that the board wants to organize, the board needs to follow university protocol and get approval. The difference is drawn here between regular activities and introduction activities. For introduction activities, a request to the municipality needs to be submitted. If this introduction event will take place at Pieter de la Court, a request needs to be submitted to an assigned subgroup. Once this request is approved, a room at FSW can be reserved. For regular activities that take place at FSW, a request to the subgroup needs to be submitted. If the regular activity takes place at an external location, no request needs to be submitted. The president is in charge of the approval requests that have to be submitted for each event, because she is in close contact with the assessor.

The XLth board has decided that for physical events with a maximum number of people due to COVID-19 regulations, not every board member will be present. This way, the XLth board hopes to give as many

members as possible the opportunity to participate in those few events that can take place physically. Although the board strives to be present with as many board members as possible at all activities, the board believes that the bonding amongst our members is also important.

3.2 Commissioner Lustrum

“Life Begins at Forty.” - Walter B. Pitkin

3.2.1 Lustrum

This year SPIL will celebrate her eight lustrum. The president deems it important that the Institute of Political Science is aware of the plans early on in the year, so they can attend the lustrum activities and not plan other big events that week. The president will bring these expectations to light during the meeting with the institute board.

3.2.2 Committee

The Lustrum committee is an independent committee that will organise the celebration of the XLth birthday of SPIL this year. The committee was formed in May 2020 and has ever since been working on ideas. The president has regular contact with the chair of the Lustrum committee. The president wants to give the Lustrum committee as much space as possible, but the president does carry the final responsibility. The committee consists of six members, of which three are old board members. The president believes this will benefit the committee, as old board members bring a lot of experience in a committee with many responsibilities. The president is very excited about the plans that the committee has already made. The Lustrum committee will present its own policy.

4. SECRETARY & COMMISSIONER INTRODUCTION

4.1. Secretary

“What does the secretary of a committee even do?” “Great question, I don’t even know.” - Anna Easton, secretary of the XLth board

4.1.1 Member account

As always, the secretary will aim to keep the member account up to date. Due to the current university policy regarding COVID-19, it will not be possible to access the common room in Leiden as often as in previous years. Therefore, the secretary will not always be able to access PCLeden, SPIL’s member account. However, she will make up for this by letting members know why it might take a bit longer for her to answer emails regarding their SPIL membership. Furthermore, regular updates of the member account will be made throughout the year and privacy will be a priority. Therefore, only the secretary will have access to the member account.

The secretary has been advised by her predecessors to investigate using a new member account. As the number of SPIL-members has increased significantly, with now a lot of international students as members, PCLeden has proved to be outdated and impractical. At the time of writing, the secretary is exploring other possibilities for the member account. She has consulted other (international) study and student associations to find a member account that is more suitable for registering the many international members of SPIL. She will update the General Assembly about the possible new member account as soon as she has more information.

Currently, SPIL counts a total of ... members. This number is made up of at least ... Politicologie students, ... Internationale Politiek students, ... IBO students, ... IRO students, and ... master students, of which at least ... members are international students.

4.1.2 Newsletter

The secretary will send out the monthly newsletter to all members every first day of the month. She has chosen to do so because she believes that this will create a clear overview for members of what is happening in a particular month. The newsletter will follow the ‘Dutch follows English’ principle. The calendar will only be provided in English. The secretary will work together with the commissioner of

External Relations to ensure that the event posters will be included in the newsletter. The newsletter will also be provided with a new header to match the look of the updated website that was created last year.

4.1.3 Reunionists

Since the secretary has the honour of keeping up with SPIL's reunionists, she will make sure the reunionists newsletter will be sent out three times a year. Furthermore, reunionists will receive the DEBAT magazine four times a year.

4.1.4 Alumni

Under the XXXIXth board, the LAP has been officially dissolved. This means that the activities organized for the alumni network completely fall under the responsibilities of the secretary this year. The secretary deems this to be a very important task. She realizes the potential that the alumni network has and plans to utilize this network by making it a fully integrated part of SPIL. Therefore, she will also work together with the Commissioner of Education and Politics to see if collaborations are possible between the Alumni committee and, for example, the Master Activities and Education committee.

Per recommendation of her predecessor, the secretary will use this year as a test year to investigate what committee structure works best for the Alumni committee before this is written down in the Rules of Procedure. As of now, the secretary will form the Alumni committee with five alumni members who have expressed their interest in organizing three activities this year. The committee has also expressed their interest in receiving a newsletter twice a year with updates on the faculty, professors, research and alumni events. The secretary will take on this task and keep in contact with the alumni network to see if they enjoy this newsletter.

Currently, SPIL counts a total of ... alumni members.

4.1.5 General Assembly

For years now, boards have tried to increase the attendance of the GAs and to make them more accessible to members. This has been attempted by offering free snacks, Committee Cup points and by following the recommendations of the "Werkgroep Hervorming Algemene Ledenvergadering" (WHALV) to reach the quorum. Although the secretary will continue with these implementations, the XLth board also believes that it is time for a change. During the Change of Boards GA, a motion has been passed that requires the board to try out a different structure for the Policy- and the Interim-GA. Instead of going through the GA booklet point by point, each board member will present their own policy with a PowerPoint presentation after which members can ask their questions. Furthermore, the GA booklet will no longer be printed for environmental and financial reasons, but instead will be provided to the members by email one week in advance.

With this new structure, the board hopes to get back to the essence of GAs, which is to inform members on the policy of the board and to receive their input. The board also anticipates the GAs to more accessible to members and less complex, which will hopefully result in a higher turnout. At the end of the Interim GA, a vote will be held on this new structure to decide if this is something that should be continued.

As in previous years, members will be able to ask their questions to the board both in Dutch and English. The minutes will be written in the language that the questions were expressed in during the GA. For Dutch questions and answers, a short translation will be provided to maintain the transparency towards international members.

4.1.5.1 GA page website

To encourage participation in the procedural side of SPIL even further, the board believes that the Statutes and the Rules of Procedure should be easily available to all members. Therefore, a GA page has been added to the SPIL website on which these documents will be uploaded, alongside with the agendas and booklets of the GAs. Furthermore, an instructional video has been made by the

commissioners Education & Politics of the XXXIXth and XLth board that informs the members of their rights during a GA. This video has been posted on the website.

4.1.5.2 Information meetings The Hague

The secretaries of the XXXVIIth, XXXVIIIth and XXXIXth board have started the tradition of hosting Information Meetings in The Hague before the GAs, mainly catered towards international students who are not able to come to Leiden for the GAs. The secretary has decided not to continue with this practice for now, as this GA, and presumably the GAs in the near future too, will be livestreamed as long as the capacity to attend the physical GAs is limited due to COVID-19. Therefore, location no longer forms an obstacle to attend GAs.

If the health situation improves soon and livestreams will no longer be necessary, the secretary will host Information Meetings in The Hague again. She believes that although the turnout might be low, it is still worth it to get input from international members who are not able to travel to Leiden for GAs.

4.1.6 Old boards borrel

To show our gratitude for the efforts that previous boards have put into SPIL to create the beautiful association that we know today, the secretary is passionate about organizing a great old boards borrel. Since the borrel had to be cancelled last year due to COVID-19, extra budget has been reserved to make this borrel a spectacular one. The secretary hopes to welcome as many old board members as possible. Therefore, she will organize the borrel on a Friday and send out the invitations well in advance.

4.2 Commissioner Introduction

“Small but mighty!” – Anonymous

First-year students have been greatly affected by the safety measures regarding COVID-19. Not only did they not experience a ‘normal’ high school graduation, they also did not get to participate in a full physical introduction week and now have very little in person classes. Therefore, the commissioner of Introduction finds that this committee is more important than ever. She believes it to be the job of SPIL to give first-year students the opportunity to explore Leiden and The Hague and to connect with their fellow students. It has also been made clear to her that first-year students experience a lot of stress and uncertainty regarding their online education as this requires a lot of self-study. Therefore, the committee has a role to play in guiding the students through their first year of university.

The Introduction committee is still a very young committee, as this committee has only been founded last year. Therefore, the commissioner believes that there is still a lot of room for growth within the range of activities that this committee can organize. She is excited to hear the ideas of the committee members and to explore the possibilities of this committee together.

Additionally, the commissioner hopes that by organizing activities specially for first-year students, the students will be encouraged to attend more SPIL activities and to become active members of the association.

4.2.1 Activities

The committee will strive to organize about ten activities this year. The commissioner will leave it up to the committee to determine what kind of activities they wish to organize. The aim will be to have a good balance between educational and social activities. These activities will be organized in English, except when the activity is only relevant for Dutch speaking members.

One of the activities that will be organized by the committee this year is the Friends and Family Day (previously known as ‘Parentsday’) in both Leiden and The Hague. The commissioner is also enthusiastic about the idea of organizing a Freshmen Day for the students who were unable to attend the Freshmen Weekend. Per recommendation of her predecessor, the Freshmen Day will be organized in the first week of September 2021, so that the committee has plenty of time to plan this day.

4.2.2 Freshmen Weekend

The cherry on top of this committee will be the organization of the Freshmen Weekend. After the success of the Freshmen Weekend in previous years, the commissioner is excited to organize another great edition of this event in the first week of August. She has chosen to organize the Freshmen Weekend at the beginning of August since it has become evident in previous years that there are significant advantages to meeting the first-year students before the introduction weeks take place. This way, first year students do not get distracted by activities from student associations and have all their attention reserved for SPIL. The commissioner is currently under the assumption that this weekend will take place in person, but will think of an alternative for this weekend if this turns out not to be possible.

The number of international students that join this weekend has steadily increased over the years. The commissioner wishes to continue this positive development. During the weekend, both the board and the committee will make sure that the participants will mostly converse in English. Naturally, the board and committee will lead by example.

4.2.3 Committee

This year, the Introduction committee will consist of four members, of which three are first-year students themselves. The commissioner believes it to be important to have mostly first-year students in this committee, as they know best what kind of activities their fellow students want and need.

Following the advice that has been given to her by her predecessor, the commissioner has chosen a chair who has participated in the Freshmen Weekend herself. The commissioner is aware that this committee is rather small. Although she has the utmost faith in her committee members, she will consider enlisting the help of volunteers during bigger events such as Friends and Family Day and the Freshmen Weekend if this turns out to be necessary.

The commissioner has recommended the chair to organize some informal get-togethers with the rest of the committee in order to get to know each other outside of the serious committee work.

5. TREASURER & COMMISSIONER FESTIVITIES

5.1 Treasurer

"I'll need a credit card that has no limit." - Nickelback

5.1.1 Budget

The treasurer tried to distribute the budget proportionally over the posts of the board members. The predecessors of the XLth treasurer from the XXXIXth and XXXVIIIth board renamed the individual posts last year, following the restructuring of the committees. The XLth treasurer decided to continue using these names, as he strives to make the budget as structured and well-organized as possible. The XLth board has received a donation of 750 euros from the XXXIXth board. This money will be used to improve the connection between Leiden and The Hague.

The revenue from StudyStore is an import source of income for SPIL. The treasurer expects the income from StudyStore to be around the same as last year. The promotion of the book sale for block 1 was effective, but with the first class of IRO students that graduated last year, the treasurer expects that the second-hand book sale between IRO students will increase. More details about the book sale are discussed in the policy of the Commissioner of Education & Politics. The treasurer plans to keep close contact with the Commissioner of Education & Politics, the Commissioner of External Relations and StudyStore, to keep improving the promotion of and income from the book sale.

5.1.2 Membership fee

In cooperation with the secretary, the treasurer has decided to collect the membership fee at the end of November. This month is considered to be the best option for members and the board, as most activities still have to be organised. As students get their student loans at the end of the month, the treasurer believes that the end of the month is the most suitable time for member fee collection. The treasurer and

secretary have been updated by their predecessors about the problems the XXXIXth board encountered while collecting the membership fee. The XLth treasurer and secretary are delighted to announce that the predecessors offered their help with collecting the membership fees. As has been discussed in the policy of the secretary, the secretary is looking into a new membership program. The current membership program is not able to collect the membership fees of international students without a Dutch bank account. If the secretary cannot find a suitable membership program, the membership fee for international students without a Dutch bank account will be collected as in previous years. The treasurer will ask to transfer the money to the SPIL bank account, and if students do not do that after some time, the treasurer will offer international students the option to pay the fee in cash.

5.1.3 Audit committee

The Audit committee is the controlling body of the treasurer. This year, Rex van der Kruit and Roos Neven will take place in this committee. At least two times a year, the audit committee writes a report about the treasurer's work, which it presents to the General Assembly. The treasurer considers the audit committee as highly valuable for the financial integrity of the association and will not only see it as a controlling body, but also as an advisory organ. The treasurer considers it of utmost importance to keep good contact with the audit committee and to be as transparent as possible for the fulfilment of its tasks.

5.1.4 Mollie

Together with the Commissioner of External Relations, Mollie, an online paying system, has been added to the website. SPIL is not bounded by a contract and it can be cancelled at any time. When using Mollie, transaction costs are included in the payment, to make sure SPIL does not have to cover this. The XLth board is planning to use Mollie for the online purchase of merchandise, gala/party tickets and much more.

5.2 Commissioner Festivities

"I gotta feeling, that tonight's gonna be a good night." - Black Eyed Peas

5.2.1 General

The task of the Commissioner Festivities is to bear responsibility over the organization of the 'borrels' (social drinks), parties and social activities. The commissioner is responsible for the end result and will keep close contact with the committee. The chair of the committee will be responsible for achieving the final result. In this process, the chair will plan and chair the meetings of the committee. In these meetings, the chair will set deadlines for the committee members and check if these deadlines are met. After every study block, the chair and the commissioner will have an evaluation session, to discuss the chair's experience on the working relationship with the commissioner. Next to that, the chair can express the challenges she has encountered with the committee and discuss the role of the commissioner in handling these challenges.

5.2.2 Borrels

After multiple failed attempts from the commissioner and his predecessor to get in contact with the owner of Stadsbar De Storm, the commissioner has decided to look into new locations for the monthly SPIL-borrel in Leiden. During this process, the commissioner has done his best to fulfil the wishes of the SPIL-members. The commissioner can proudly say that the new location for the monthly SPIL-borrel in Leiden will be Café De Vergulde Kruik. The borrels will, as usual, be on the first Thursday of the month, starting in October and ending in June. Unfortunately, the first borrel in October could not take place due to last-minute changes of the COVID-19 measures. For that borrel, there was no time to come up with an alternative, but in the future the committee will think of alternatives for every borrel, if a borrel will be cancelled again. The commissioner is very positive about the contact with and enthusiasm of the owner of De Vergulde Kruik. During the borrel, free snacks will be provided by De Vergulde Kruik and there are possibilities to provide discounts on drinks, which will be compensated by SPIL. The committee has the freedom to decide how they want to spend this budget. With these deals, the commissioner cherishes the positive expectation that more members will be present at the borrel. As the owner of De Vergulde Kruik owns multiple cafes and bars in Leiden, there are possibilities

to move to another location if De Vergulde Kruik cannot provide enough space for the evening that has been booked.

Sadly, the location of our monthly borrels in The Hague, Brody's Taphouse, has gone bankrupt. Although the pub has been taken over by another owner, the commissioner believes that the new direction of the pub doesn't match the policy of SPIL. The commissioner currently has talks with multiple locations to host our monthly borrels in The Hague. However, the current situation concerning COVID-19 makes it harder to find a suitable location for a big group of people to come together. While looking into a new place for the borrel, the XLth board finds it of a high importance that the bar can guarantee the XLth board they abide by the COVID-19 measures from the government.

The commissioner and the secretary have had contact with the Vice-President and the head of the Social committee of CIROS. In consultation with them, the board has decided that, like last year, SPIL will organize their borrels at the 1st and 3rd Thursday of every month, while CIROS will organize their borrels on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of every month. However, with this agreement, SPIL would have a borrel in the week before the exam week, which is the revision week, and CIROS would have a borrel during the exam week. As both boards believed that this was not optimal for our attendance at the borrel, the commissioner and CIROS have met each other halfway, and decided that the 'after-exam borrel' in October and March will be organized together. By doing this, both associations would benefit. The after-exam borrel in December and May will not be in cooperation with CIROS, as they expressed that most international students fly home for the Christmas- and summer break directly after their last exam. As there are also students who stay in The Netherlands during these times, SPIL has decided to organize an after-exam borrel for these people and other people who would like to join.

Last year, the chair of the committee aimed to keep contact with the owners of the pubs about the details of each borrel. However, because SPIL has a new collaboration in Leiden, and possibly The Hague, the commissioner will keep contact for now with the owners of the pubs. If the collaboration with these pubs continue in the upcoming years, there is a desire that the future chairs will take over this task.

5.2.3 Parties and gala

The commissioner has decided together with the rest of the board to not plan any parties in the first semester of the year. The board believes it is not realistic to expect that SPIL can organize a party under the current COVID-19 regulations. However, if the situation soon changes into a positive direction, the board is still open to look at options for parties in the first semester. The commissioner will be aiming to organize the FSW-party with the hallway associations (Labyrint, Itiwana, Emile) in the first week of February and the SPILxB.I.L.-party in May. Next to that, the commissioner can proudly announce that SPIL will once again be in the organization of the Interfaculty party in March. Of course, the commissioner will always keep the current situation of the COVID-19 virus into account while organizing parties.

The Lustrum committee has expressed their wish to organize a Lustrumgala in the Lustrumweek. As the board decided to not organize any parties in the first semester, and the second semester will be quite packed, the commissioner has decided to not organize an extra gala besides the Lustrumgala. Of course, the commissioner will stay in contact with the chair of the Lustrum committee to see if the Festive committee can provide help with the organization of the Lustrumgala.

5.2.4 Social activities

The commissioner Festivities believes that in times like these with all the COVID-19-measures, SPIL is an important contributor for students to make and maintain social contacts. The commissioner aims to organize a social activity at least once a month, besides the monthly borrels, to increase the interconnectedness between members. Of course, these activities can be combined with the monthly borrels, like a karaoke night, band night or pub crawl. Next to that, the commissioner Festivities will, together with the commissioner Internal Relations, look into possibilities to combine certain activities with a performance of the legendary SPIL-band.

The committee aims to organize all their activities in English and during the activities, all participants are encouraged to speak English. By doing this, the committee wants to make sure international students can attend the activities as well.

5.2.5 Committee

The committee was formed at the end of September. The committee consists of eight members, of which five international students and three Dutch students. The Commissioner Festivities believes a good atmosphere within the committee is very important in working as a committee and wants to pay attention to the social part of being a committee member. Therefore, as long as it adheres to the COVID-19 regulations, the commissioner would like to encourage the committee to organize committee trips or activities, to strengthen the bond between the committee members.

6. COMMISSIONER EDUCATION & POLITICS

“The world we build tomorrow is born in the stories we tell our children today. Politics moves the pieces. Education changes the game.” - Jonathan Sacks

6.1 Education committee

The education committee, which will this year be merged with the formal activities committee, is focusing on organising educational and formal events and activities within the university. The committee consists of seven members from which five are internationals.

One of the education committee’s tasks is the evaluation of political science courses. The committee will continue the course evaluations after each block also this year. Alternative ways to carry out the evaluations are considered to increase the turnout, which has been low during the previous years. For instance, it will be possible to fill in the evaluation surveys via the SPIL website.

The commissioner has been pleased with several events that have taken place the past years. These events include Career Night, Company Hop, and Boat Lecture. She wishes to organise these events also this year. However, she recognises that the events need to be adjusted to the current situation and measurements. When it comes to these and other events, the committee will prepare both offline and online versions depending on the state of the pandemic. Different ways to organise events in-person will also be taken into account. This could, for instance, mean events and activities that are organised outside. So far, the committee has organised an online workshop together with the Popcorner. In block II, the committee is organising events in cooperation with LeidenMUN, and Leiden Debating Union. Another event that has been planned at the moment is a panel discussion on the US Presidential Elections.

The commissioner aims to encourage the committee to plan and organise new types of events, and to have a fearless approach to try out new ways to have the events, both online and offline. Moreover, the commissioner wishes to create a safe atmosphere where the committee members feel good and safe to share their own opinion and let their voices be heard.

6.2 Excursions Committee

The Excursions committee is organising formal activities that are taking place outside the university buildings. This year the committee consists of six members from which one is international. The commissioner recognises that because of the current COVID-19 situation, the committee will face an extra challenge. She, however, believes that this challenge is a great opportunity for the committee to be more creative. She will guide the committee to explore different ways to organize excursions. These ways could for instance be online tours or Q&A talks and interviews with professionals from different organisations.

So far, the committee has organised an online interview about the upcoming presidential elections with the US Ambassador Peter Hoekstra. This interview was recorded and will be posted on the SPIL social media channels before the elections will take place. The committee will also have an online Q&A event with the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPWC) in the second block. Likewise

with the education committee, the commissioner strives to create a safe atmosphere within the committee.

6.3 Master Activities

This year will be the second year SPIL has its committee for master students. This year the committee consists of four members from which three are internationals. The committee's main targets are the needs and interests of master students. Thus, the committee focuses on offering master students educational events that will be helpful with their future career paths likewise with their possible postgraduate studies. These events could be for instance career and networking events. The commissioner guides the committee to discover cooperation possibilities with master committees from other associations at Leiden University. The commissioner believes this will benefit both sides but also be practical because of the on-going pandemic. The commissioner intends to continue the successful cooperation with the PhD students from the institution of Political Science. Both master and PhD students have been satisfied with the past cooperation. The commissioner believes this cooperation will offer a fruitful exchange of thoughts and ideas. She also believes that in the future SPIL will gain from the cooperation with PhDs and masters who stay at Leiden University after postgraduate studies.

6.4 Book sale

The commissioner realises the great importance of the book sale and the income SPIL receives from it. Therefore, she will dedicate as much time as it will need to finish everything on time and to promote the book sale. She expects to keep the profit at least at the same level as last year. She aims to take greater advantage of the SPIL social media channels when it comes to promoting the book sale. The commissioner intends to make it more widely known that the book sale works, not only for the mandatory courses but also for minor and master courses. The commissioner has noticed that this has been unclear for some students. With the help of the commissioner of external relations, she will promote the book sale more regularly and underline the discounts and easiness of it.

The commissioner wishes to keep the relationship with the Studystore good to maintain cooperation with them easy and pleasant. This year in the middle of block I, the income was less than last year at the end of block I. The commissioner has requested to get to see the total numbers from the book sale for block I but has not received those. The book lists for block II have not been on the website as planned, even when the commissioner has respected the given deadlines and done her part of the book sale on time. To avoid issues like this from happening, the commissioner wishes to have meetings together with Studystore more regularly.

6.5 Programme Committee

The commissioner has, like her predecessors have also done, runned for a seat in the BSc Political Science Programme Committee (OLC). She has carried out an online campaign and taken great advantage of different social media channels. With this campaign she got a seat from the committee.

6.6 Stairs Affairs

Stairs Affairs is meant to be an event open to all students studying at Wijnhaven. The concept is inspired by "Room for Discussion" which is a series of lectures, taking place at the University of Amsterdam. The idea of the committee is to welcome speakers from the professional world for an interview. Two student interviewers ask the guest about four different topics. Between the topics there is time for the audience to ask questions.

The committee will, according to the contemporary plan, consist of 6 members, three from SPIL and three from B.I.L. These six members will consist of a chair, vice-chair, two researchers, and two interviewers. The committee has not started nor has been formed yet. At the moment, the plan is to wait until the University will allow larger events to take place in person. The commissioner wishes to start the cooperation with B.I.L. soon.

7. COMMISSIONER GLOBAL RELATIONS

“The world is a book, and those who do not travel only read a page.” - Anonymous

The main task of the commissioner Global Relations is to organize the Brussels Excursion, the Short Trip, the Long Trip and the Congress. The commissioner will ensure that the association wide policy goals will be kept in mind while making the program for all trips. Furthermore, during all trips an explicit dress code will be maintained and be watched upon by the board.

7.1 Brussels Excursion

The Brussels Excursion committee has been formed under the XXXIXth board already. Usually, the Brussels Excursion takes place at the end of November. Unfortunately, SPIL is not allowed to organise any trips in the first semester, and thus the excursion will be postponed to the second semester. Therefore, at the time of writing, the Brussels Excursion is planned to take place in week 13 of 2021 (March 29 – April 4). The exact dates will be announced later.

The commissioner intends to allow 49 participants and registration will be according to the principle of ‘first come, first serve’ and the fee will be a maximum of €55,-. Registration for the Brussels Excursion will open on the 15th of February. However, the number of participants may be subject to change because of possible university policy. Similarly to last year, there will be a deadline added for cancelling so the commissioner will not have to look for replacing participants at the last minute, which caused some problems in the years before.

7.2 Short Trip

The Short Trip committee consists of seven members, among which a chair, secretary, treasurer and four general members, and has been formed in September. Usually, the Short Trip takes place in the last week of the first semester. Unfortunately, SPIL is not allowed to organise any trips in the first semester, and thus, at the time of writing, the Short Trip will be organised in week 6 of 2021 (February 8 – February 14). The exact dates will depend on financial benefits and classes the students may have, and thus will be announced later. When choosing the destination, the following criteria must be met:

- Political relevance;
- Scientific relevance;
- Cultural relevance;
- Financial feasibility;
- Safety assurance.

The commissioner will overlook that the committee chooses a destination that meet these criteria.

The commissioner intends to allow 40 people to participate in the Short Trip and the selection procedure will be the same as previous years. However, the number of participants may be subject to change because of possible university policy. Interested members are able to hand in their motivational letters until the 3rd of December 2020. The letter will be anonymized and checked by the commissioner Global Relations, a previous board member, and an employee of the Institute of Political Science of Leiden University. Interested SPIL members will be able to hand in their letters until the 3rd of December. The writers of the motivation letters scoring highest will be accepted to join the trip. The maximum fee for the Short Trip will be set at the usual €200.

7.3 Long Trip

The Long Trip is planned between the 21st of June and the 11th of July 2021. The exact dates will depend on financial benefits and will be announced later. The aim is to have a committee consisting of seven members, among which a chair, secretary, treasurer and four general members, and will be formed in November. The goal of the Long Trip is to travel outside of Europe. However, if corona does not allow us to travel outside of Europe, travelling within Europe also is an option. The criteria used for the Short Trip will also be used when choosing the destination for the Long Trip. These are the following:

- Political relevance;
- Scientific relevance;
- Cultural relevance;

- Financial feasibility;
- Safety assurance.

The commissioner will overlook that the committee chooses a destination that meet these criteria. Similarly to last two years, the number of participants will be set to 35. This was introduced by the XXXVIIIth board of SPIL to increase ‘inclusiveness’, which is also a very important pillar in our policy. However, the number of participants may be subject to change because of possible university policy. The maximum fee for the Long Trip will be set at €700. Furthermore, the commissioner will submit an application to the LUF in order to receive a CASSA subsidy. Lastly, the commissioner will advise the committee to keep up the great cooperation with Groupflights and D-Reizen.

The selection procedure will be the same as for the Short Trip; interested SPIL members can hand in their letter until the 4th of March. The letter will be graded anonymously by the commissioner Global Relations, a former board member and an employee of the Institute of Political Science of Leiden University. The writers of the motivation letters scoring highest will be accepted to join the trip.

7.4 Change in Rules of Procedure

The commissioner wants to propose a change in the Rules of Procedures for the maximum fees set for the trips. The commissioner Global Relations of the XXXIXth board has expressed his concerns on the budget available for the trips. Last year, the commissioner had difficulties with finding enough suitable locations within the price range. For this reason, the XLth board has decided to propose a change to the Rules of Procedure, concerning the maximum participant fee for trips. This will be discussed later in this General Assembly, and more information can be found in the document sent by the secretary.

7.5 Congress

The Congress committee consists of five members, among which a chair, secretary, treasurer and two general members, and has been formed in September. The task of this committee is to organize a trip to a relevant congress or organize a congress themselves. In previous years, this has always been the IAPSS congress. However, the commissioner has been encouraged by his predecessors to explore the options to attend another congress. Therefore, the commissioner will also task his committee with looking for an alternative congress. An IAPSS congress will still be part of the possibilities, but alternatives will be considered as well. A set amount of €1550 has been reserved in the budget for the trip.

Comparable to last year, the commissioner will keep in contact with other study associations to keep each other updated and to inform each other if possible about options to organise a congress. When there is more information available about IAPSS and possible alternatives, a decision will be made based if the quality and relevance of the content will be higher in comparison to visiting another congress.

7.6 COVID-19

Of course, this year will be a year like no other. The commissioner is fully aware of the fact that it is likely that SPIL does not have the possibility to travel abroad this year because of COVID-19. The commissioner has made sure that every committee also is aware of this, and fortunately, every committee member is willing to think of alternatives if it turns out SPIL cannot travel abroad. For example, for the Short Trip this could mean a trip within the Netherlands. However, the commissioner wants to let the committee themselves think of alternatives, which of course have to be approved by the board. Furthermore, the commissioner will be in close contact with Leiden University about updates regarding the policy on COVID-19 and travelling.

8. COMMISSIONER INTERNAL RELATIONS

8.1 DEBAT

“There is no greater agony than bearing an untold story inside you.” - Maya Angelou

The DEBAT committee allows students of political science, IRO and IP to develop their journalistic and academic writing skills, as well as to get informed about political and scientific debates and

developments. As in previous years, the goal is to publish four print edition magazines in November, February, April and June. Moreover, the committee aspires to publish one web-only article per week on the DEBAT Online website.

8.1.1 Main goal

The objective of the DEBAT committee is to publish semi-scientific articles for an audience as large as possible, and in particular for as many SPIL members as possible. The semi-scientific nature of DEBAT is best expressed through the use of academic and non-academic sources, and the pillar diversity and inclusion can be achieved by having diverse writers, types of articles and topics. This way, readers are exposed to a wide variety of opinions and articles.

8.1.2 Committee

Following the course of last year, the DEBAT committee will be led by an appointed chair of the committee. In addition to that, there is a vice-chair to assist the chair in her tasks and responsibilities. The secretary is responsible for the external communication, the minutes of committee meetings and the managing of the website. All three of them are part of the editorial board, consisting of a total of eight members this year. Unlike the previous year, there is no separate online editorial board, which entails that writers for DEBAT Online are not automatically considered editorial board members. This means that each of their articles have to be checked by the editorial board this year to ensure that no article appears on the website without being peer-reviewed. Each writer will be paired with someone from the editorial board. The editor will provide their edit feedback on the basis of language and content checking. In addition to the editorial board, there are eleven general writers and six writers who focus on the DEBAT Online website. The complete DEBAT committee therefore consists of 25 members.

To guarantee the inclusivity of the DEBAT committee, the commissioner aims to publish all articles from the print edition magazine in both English and Dutch on the website. To achieve this, there will be a team of translators working on this.

It will be the task of the chair to decide how she sees it best to run the committee in order to achieve the desired results of the commissioner. However, the commissioner wants the chair to organise at least one meeting with the entire committee before the process of creating a new print edition begins in order to brainstorm about the topic and content of the new magazine. This way, the members of the committee can get to know each other, grow closer, and become more comfortable to express their opinions and views on DEBAT. During meetings, it is at all times important that everyone feels heard, comfortable, able to express their opinions and ideas, and that everyone has the opportunity to be involved in the process, from writing to designing.

On account of feedback from the DEBAT committee on the last year, it seems to be a challenge to create a feeling of belonging within the DEBAT committee. Given the large size of the committee, and the current situation of COVID-19, it will be difficult to organise an educational or social event for the committee early in the year. Still, the commissioner aims to organise at least one event during the upcoming year to create more social cohesion within the committee, and for the committee members to further develop their skills. An event could be a visit to the headquarters of a newspaper, an editorial board of a newspaper, visiting the parliamentary press, writing sessions together with the committee, having a workshop from a writer or journalist or just going for drinks together.

8.1.3 Content and design

The decision-making about the process and content of each printed issue is up to the chair of the committee. However, the requirements for the articles are that they must be politically and/or scientifically relevant, and that there is an extensive diversity of topics and viewpoints in the magazine. There also has to be a balance between the types of articles, such as opinion pieces, explainers, reviews and interviews. Furthermore, the commissioner wants the columns 'Figure of the month' (online), 'Political science worldwide' and 'Retrospect' to remain, as well as choosing a theme for each printed edition. Regarding the language, the commissioner strives to keep the balance of 70% English and 30% Dutch, with exceptions being made if it reduces the quality of the magazine.

The commissioner believes that properly testing and implementing change takes time, and has therefore chosen to continue in the direction of the previous two years regarding the graphic design and lay-out of the print edition. Next to the, in the opinion of the commissioner, aesthetic look of the graphic design style, she believes it will be in the interest of the reputation of the magazine and the reader's experience to further develop this visual editing style.

For language requirements, the British English requirements will be maintained for English articles, and the general Dutch standards will apply to Dutch articles.

8.1.4 DEBAT online

With an eye on the future, and taking the goal to reach a larger audience with DEBAT into account, the website poses an excellent platform to post web-only articles and all the articles from the magazine. In order to provide readers and potential future readers with enough reading material, the aim is that an article will be published every week in both English and Dutch. To increase the exposure of DEBAT, the commissioner wants to make more use of social media platforms (such as Instagram, Facebook, Twitter and perhaps LinkedIn) to promote articles and the magazine and website as a whole. It will be the task of the secretary of the committee to ensure that the social media runs smoothly, but there are also committee members who are devoted to achieving this.

In order to attract a larger audience, the commissioner wants to explore new media possibilities. That is why the aim is to produce one episode, or possibly more, of a podcast this year. In the podcast, there will be a discussion about politically relevant topics with academics or other professionals. In addition to the podcast, the commissioner aims to continue the process of setting up an online archive of old DEBAT issues this year, if the situation around COVID-19 allows it. This will either take the form of entire magazines being uploaded to the website, or separate articles that will be re-published. This way, committee members and readers can learn about the rich history of DEBAT and learn more about the political developments and debates from the past.

The commissioner wants to experiment with the use of self-made illustrations above articles on the website this year, in order to avoid copyright issues. While it has posed a challenge to find motivated illustrators to join the committee, the commissioner will explore the possibilities of having a few articles published with illustrations or self-made designs instead of pictures.

In addition to the articles written by DEBAT Online committee members, the commissioner hopes to expand the website with articles from guest writers. While general writers can already contribute articles to the website when they please, it is also a possibility for non-committee members to write articles for the website, provided that these articles are peer-reviewed and approved by the chair and commissioner. This way DEBAT can be a platform for more writers, and readers can have an even wider variety of articles and writers to enjoy.

8.2 Commissioner Yearbook

"Words are timeless. You should utter them or write them with a knowledge of their timelessness."

- Khalil Gibran

8.2.1 General

The yearbook is a vital, yet, according to the commissioner, underappreciated component of SPIL. It allows members to relive amazing memories and to immortalize their year within SPIL. That is why the committee aims to publish yet another fantastic yearbook, while at the same time offering it more exposure within the association throughout the year. As this is a lustrum year, the aim is to make the yearbook even more special, especially considering the higher budget this year. To achieve these goals, the theme of this year's yearbook will be announced at one of the monthly borrels and the yearbook of the previous board will be distributed at physical activities that the XLth board organises, as was done during the Tour du Waffle. Furthermore, to make the yearbook more appealing to and inclusive for international students, it will be entirely in English again, with exceptions being made for the quotes and submissions from other associations. COVID-19 might make it more difficult to fill the pages of the

yearbook. However, the commissioner wants to leave it to the committee how they want to fill these pages, for example through more interviews or articles. The commissioner strives to complete the yearbook in time and has faith that she and her committee will succeed in doing so.

8.2.2 Committee

The committee, consisting of six members, will be led by the chair, who has help from the treasurer and secretary to ensure that all tasks are run smoothly. Considering the enthusiasm of the committee members to write, as well as design the yearbook, the commissioner has chosen to not divide the committee into an editorial and graphic design sub. To guarantee that the committee has a marvellous time creating the yearbook together this year, the commissioner will work closely with the chair to organise enriching social or educational activities. This way the committee can, in addition to gaining skills and experience in writing and designing, form potential meaningful friendships and social contacts.

9. COMMISSONER EXTERNAL RELATIONS

Being commissioner of External Relations entails the management of the acquisitions and supervising the acquisitions committee. The commissioner will also run the social media accounts to promote activities and to make sure that members are up to date with all the upcoming events with the promotion committee. Lastly, she will run the website. The commissioner is also supervising the SPIL-Weekend committee this year.

9.1 Commissioner Acquisitions

“Music makes her dance and money, money, money make her smile.” - Bruno Mars

9.1.1 Target

The target for this year’s acquisitions has been set, as can be seen in the budget, on €2080,-. Due to COVID-19 the commissioner might have trouble finding companies willing to sponsor. However, the commissioner will work hard and try her best to fully realize this target by selling advertisements in DEBAT magazine and on the website. The commissioner also aims to partner up with student-focussed companies from which all members can benefit.

9.1.2 Partnerships

The commissioner wants to maintain partnerships of the past years, like Joorit and Einstein, as well as to create new relations with partners that will be of use for all members of SPIL. While one of the main pillars on which the board has drafted their policy is diversity and inclusion, the commissioner will make an active attempt to research the ethics of companies she and her committee are interested in partnering up with.

9.1.3 Merchandise

While this year SPIL will celebrate its fortieth birthday, the commissioner aims to launch three merchandise items. One of these items will be dedicated to the eighth lustrum. The acquisitions committee will be in charge of designing and developing this merchandise item. However, they will be in contact with the lustrum committee to make sure both committees agree on the design. The commissioner would like the new merchandise items to be as useful as possible in day to day student life.

9.1.4 Committee

The committee acquisitions consist of five members, including a chair and a secretary. And will be supervised by the commissioner. This year there will not be a treasurer for this committee as there will be too little expenses made for a treasurer to be installed. The only expected expense will be the acquisitions training. This will cost €80 and has already been included in the target. This way, the committee will only raise money.

The committee will this year be in charge of creating three new merchandise items that will be beneficial to the members but will also function as promotion for the association. The committee will also brainstorm on new companies with whom they will try to get in contact with to set up new sponsor- or partnerships.

The committee will be making a standardized email that can be sent to all potential partners. The commissioner has to approve the companies to whom the committee wants to send the introductory email.

9.2 Commissioner Promotion

“Content is fire. Social media is gasoline.” - Jay Baer

9.2.1 Social media

This year, the main focus of promotion will remain on Instagram and Facebook. All events and important information will be shared on both platforms, as well as the website. The commissioner will use Instagram stories to highlight activities as the date on which it will take place approaches. Moreover, the commissioner wants to use polls and Q&A-“stickers” to hear the needs of the members, so that the board as a whole can come up with useful ways to fulfil these needs and answer all questions.

The use of snapchat will be reintroduced this year. However, the commissioner is planning on using this platform for a more personal and “behind the scene” look of the board and all the activities that will be held this year.

As in previous years the newsletter will contain an overview of events that are coming up as well as some nice pictures of events that took place in the previous month. The commissioner aims to bring a more regular system into the posts on Instagram so that it will not overwhelm the followers with too much information at once. Instead she will spread out these posts over time. The days and times of posting will be based on the statistics offered by Instagram. To make it as clear as possible the commissioner will have a good look at the year plan, will make a posting schedule for the year and will give each committee their own colour in which the posts will be made.

9.2.2 Posters and Photos

In previous years the commissioners would print physical posters for bigger events, like the annual gala. At the time of writing, there are still very few physical lectures taking place in both Leiden and The Hague and therefore the commissioner deems it unnecessary to print physical posters for now. However, if the circumstances change and more physical lectures will take place again, the commissioner would really like to use physical posters as a mode of promotion.

9.2.3 Committee

The committee will this year consist of five members, including a chair and a secretary. The main tasks of this committee are designing posts for Instagram and Facebook, taking pictures at events and editing these so they can be shared on the different platforms. The commissioner will supervise this committee and will post the finalized posts and edited pictures to the different social media platforms and the website.

9.3 Commissioner ICT

“Ow shittie, forgot how much I do for this board.” - Jette Boonstra, commissioner of Acquisitions, Promotion, ICT and SPIL Weekend

9.3.1 Main goal

Over the past year the website of SPIL has been greatly improved. This year the commissioner will maintain the current standard of quality of the website. She will do this by updating the website regularly and staying in close contact with the contact persons the commissioner has for ICT. Overall, the commissioner aims to keep the website as clear and user-friendly as possible.

9.3.2 Online Common Room

Over the past months the board has tried to come up with a creative way to make up for the closed common rooms in both Leiden and The Hague. As a result, the board came up with online common room hours. To make it as accessible as possible the commissioner installed an easy chat function on the website which will automatically pop-up when a member enters the website during “opening hours”. For now the board decided to open the common room from 11 till 3 o’clock, with the exception of Wednesday (11 till 1 o’clock). Because the chat function is available on every smartphone, this timeslot seems big enough for all members to ask their questions. The turn up has been rather small and therefore the board deems it unnecessary to expand the opening hours for now.

9.4 Commissioner SPIL Weekend

“A journey is best measured in friends, rather than miles.” - Tim Cahill

The applications for the SPIL-weekend committee will open in November. In December the committee will be formed. The committee will then start organizing an informal weekend away that will be held in the weekend of the 30th of April till the 2nd of May. At the time of writing it is uncertain where this weekend will take place. The committee will look into options within the Netherlands or, if the situation allows it, Belgium and Germany. Moreover, it is up to the committee to decide whether the weekend should take place in a city or the countryside.

During this weekend SPIL’ers from the multiple study programs (IP, POL, IBO and IRO) can get to know each other. The commissioner hopes that the SPIL-weekend can take place in person. However, if this turns out not to be the case, the committee will investigate a suitable alternative. These alternatives might range from online activities to a cinema night (of course only if the cinemas are open and the COVID-19 regulations are taken into account).

YEAR PLANNING SPILUMINOUS 2020-2021

Week	Date	Activity
<u>September 2020</u>		
Week 36	2nd of September	Q&A with board
	4th-5th of September	First Years Weekend
Week 37	10th of September	Change of Boards GA
	13th of September	Physical day First Years Weekend
Week 38	15th of September	Master activity: Meet the PHDs
	16th of September	Tour du waffle
	18th of September	Deadline committee applications
Week 39	23rd of September	Speed Dating
	24th of September	Student Life 101
<u>October 2020</u>		
Week 40	30th of September	Education workshop: How to master online studying
	1st of October	Borrel Leiden
Week 41	6th of October	Study group
	8th of October	Game night: get the Committee Cup started!
Week 42	13th of October	Study group
Week 43		Exam week
	23rd of October	Madurodam
	23rd of October	After-exam borrel The Hague f.t. CIROS
Week 44	27th of October	Online Q&A OPCW
	29th of October	Policy GA
	30th of October	Pre-US election event

November 2020

DEBAT I

Week 45	3rd of November	US election live stream
	5th of November	Borrel Leiden: Lustrum theme announcement
		Dies lecture
Week 46	12th of November	Lustrum Pub Crawl
		Master activity
		Introduction activity
Week 47	16th of November	Opening committee applications SPIL-Weekend and Long Trip
	19th of November	Borrel The Hague: announcement Short Trip destination
		Education/Excursions activity
		Festive activity
Week 48		Introduction activity
		Committee bonding day
		Activity with DEAL foundation
		Reunionists newsletter
<u>December 2020</u>		
Week 49	3rd of December	Sinterklaasborrel Leiden: launch merchandise item
	3rd of December	Deadline application Short Trip
	4th of December	Deadline committee applications SPIL Weekend and Long Trip
		Education/Excursion activity
		Study group
Week 50		Study group
		Festive activity (Christmas)
Week 51		Exam week
	18th of December	After-exam borrel The Hague
		Alumni newsletter
Week 52		
Week 53		

January 2021

Week 1	7th of January	New Year's borrel Leiden
Week 2		Festive activity
Week 3		
Week 4		Pre-activity 1 Short Trip

February 2021

		<i>DEBAT II</i>
Week 5	3rd of February	FSW party
	4th of February	Borrel Leiden
	6th of February	Parents Day Leiden
		Education event
		Pre-activity 2 Short Trip
Week 6		Short Trip
Week 7	15th of February	Registration Brussels Excursion
	17th of February	Leidsch Debat
	18th of February	Borrel The Hague: announcement Long Trip destination
		Master activity
		Excursions activity
Week 8		Interim GA
		Education event
		Festive activity

March 2021

Week 9	4th of March	Borrel Leiden: announcement SPIL Weekend destination
	4th of March	Deadline application Long Trip
	6th of March	Parents Day The Hague
		Excursion activity
Week 10	10th of March	Interfaculty party
	12th of March	Old boards borrel

		Study group
		Dutch election event
Week 11		Study group
Week 12		Exam week
	26th of March	After-exam borrel The Hague ft. Ciro
<u>April 2021</u>		<i>DEBAT III</i>
Week 13	1st of April	Borrel Leiden: launch Lustrum merchandise item
		Brussels Excursion
		Boat lecture
Week 14	5th of April	Deadline SPIL-weekend application
	6th of April	PiP-Congress Amsterdam
		Excursion activity (Company Hop)
		Introduction activity
Week 15		Lustrum week
Week 16	22nd of April	Borrel The Hague
	23rd of April	Interfaculty Congress
		Festive activity (Ramadan dinner?)
Week 17	30th of April – 2nd of May	SPIL weekend
		Education activity
		Board interest borrel
		Pre-activity 1 Long Trip
		Reunionists newsletter
<u>May 2021</u>	3rd of May	Opening committee applications Dies and Brussels Excursion
Week 18	6th of May	Borrel Leiden: Yearbook theme announcement
		Study group

		Excursion activity
		Master activity
Week 19		Study group
		Introduction event
		Education activity/workshop
Week 20		Exam week
	17th of May	Deadline committee applications Dies and Brussels Excursion
	21st of May	Deadline board applications
	21st of May	After-exam borrel The Hague: launch merchandise item
		‘Schoolreisje’
Week 21		Committee thank you day
		Alumni newsletter
<u>June 2021</u>		<i>DEBAT IV</i>
Week 22	3rd of June	Borrel Leiden
		Pre-activity 2 long trip
Week 23		New board announcement borrel
Week 24		Pre-activity 3 Long Trip
Week 25		Affirmation GA
		Long trip
<u>July 2021</u>		
Week 26		Long trip
Week 27		Long trip
Week 28		
Week 29		
Week 30		Reunionists newsletter

August 2021

Week 31

Freshmen Weekend

Week 32

Week 33

Week 34

September 2021

Week 35

2nd of September

Borrel Leiden

Freshmen Day

Education event

Week 36

Introduction event

Change of Boards GA:
presentation Almanac

BUDGET SPILUMINOUS 2020-2021

		Income	
	Estimated budget 19/20	Realisation 19/20	Estimated budget 20/21
Membership fee¹	€ 23.112,00	€ 24.291,11	€ 22.320,00
Interest	€ 0,29	€ 0,29	€ -
General Contribution Department	€ 1.600,00	€ 1.600,00	€ 1.600,00
Alumni Contribution Department²	€ 200,00	€ 200,00	€ -
StudyStore³	€ 6.000,00	€ 7.130,03	€ 7.000,00
Committee Acquisitions⁴	€ 2.080,00	€ 820,00	€ 2.080,00
Withdrawal Lustrum reservation	€ -	€ -	€ 7.000,00
‘Vrienden van de SPIL’	€ 130,00	€ 121,88	€ 130,00
Other income	€ 50,00	€ 0,00	€ 50,00
Gift previous board	€ 510,00	€ 510,00	€ 750,00
LAP⁶	€ 0,00	€ 320,79	€ 820,79
Withdrawal travel allowance Int. board member⁷	€ -	€ -	€ 250,00
Total	€ 33.682,29	€ 34.994,10	€ 42.000,79

Explanation:

1. The calculation of the membership fee is based on 1550 members and 10% defaulters. Last year, the income from the membership fee was higher than expected, as the XXXIXth board used 3 collection batches instead of 2, due to their problems with collecting the membership fee. For this year, the usual calculation is used for calculating the income of the membership fee.
2. Due to the overtake of the activities and the according subsidies of LAP by SPIL, there will not be an Alumni contribution from the department anymore.
3. The expectation is that the revenue from the StudyStore booksale will be around the same as last year.
4. The target for acquisitions is set at 2000 euro. On top of that are the costs of the acquisitions training the commissioner would like to follow, as the committee Acquisitions is meant to provide money, not cost money.
5. Due to their budget surplus, the XXXIXth board provided a gift of 750 euro to the 40th until the 44th board. The board would like to use this money to improve the connection between Leiden and The Hague.
6. Last year, SPIL took over the activities of the LAP. The yearly contribution of 500 euro the LAP received will go to SPIL now. On top of that is the 'LAP reservation' of 320,79 euro which the XXXIXth board gave to the 40th board.
7. The XXXIXth board made a reservation of 1.750 euro, to cover the travel expenses of international board members. As the 40th board has one international board member, 250 euro will be withdrawn from this reservation.

Expenses			
	Estimated budget 19/20	Realisation 19/20	Estimated budget 20/21
Board	€ 4.557,75	€ 4.000,16	€ 3.958,00
Secretary	€ 600,00	€ 0,00	€ 1.850,00
<i>Introduction</i>	€ 827,28	€ 366,26	€ 800,00
Internal Relations	€ 8.601,00	€ 5.941,14	€ 9.750,00
<i>DEBAT</i>	€ 5.700,00	€ 2.635,32	€ 5.600,00
<i>Yearbook</i>	€ 2.500,00	€ 2.904,82	€ 4.000,00
<i>Dies</i>	€ 401,00	€ 401,00	€ -
Global Relations	€ 12.193,34	€ 5.550,41	€ 9.346,80
<i>Long Trip</i>	€ 4.900,00	€ 700,00	€ 4.900,00
<i>Short Trip</i>	€ 2.666,80	€ 2.666,80	€ 2.666,80
<i>Congress</i>	€ 1.520,00	€ 0,00	€ 1.530,00
8 th Lustrum of SPIL	€ -	€ -	€ 8.500,00
External Relations	€ 2.690,54	€ 2.973,25	€ 2.085,94
<i>SPIL-Weekend</i>	€ 550,00	€ 750,00	€ 700,00
<i>ICT</i>	€ 1.060,54	€ 1.475,23	€ 705,94
<i>Promotion</i>	€ 400,00	€ 420,50	€ 600,00
<i>Acquisitions</i>	€ 80,00	€ 45,00	€ 80,00
Festive	€ 2.906,54	€ 2.068,22	€ 1.850,00
Reserves	€ 1.700,00	€ 13.826,28	€ 1.800,00
Education & Politics	€ 900,00	€ 207,09	€ 750,00
<i>Education</i>	€ 400,00	€ 111,79	€ 500,00
<i>Excursions</i>	€ 250,00	€ 17,49	€ 150,00
<i>Master activities</i>	€ 100,00	€ 10,26	€ 100,00
Depreciations	€ 350,00	€ 350,00	€ 350,00
Travel allowance Int. board member	€ -	€ -	€ 250,00
PvP	€ 150,00	€ 150,00	€ 150,00
Investments	€ 100,00	€ 300,00	€ 100,00
Contingencies	€ 1.010,47	€ 1.429,51	€ 1.260,02
Total	€ 33.680,39	€ 34.994,10	€ 42.000,76

Expenses per post

Board	Estimated budget	Realisation	Estimated budget
	19/20	19/20	20/21
Committee-thank you day	€ 900,00	€ 600,00	€ 900,00
ABN-Amro Expenses Business Account ¹	€ 500,00	€ 681,51	€ 500,00
Expenses General Assembly ²	€ 800,00	€ 792,00	€ 500,00
Van den Berg-Bachelor thesis award	€ 91,50	€ 91,50	€ 100,00
‘Constitutieborrel’ presents ³	€ 60,00	€ 48,26	€ 60,00
‘Constitutieborrel’ SPIL ⁴	€ 1.352,15	€ 1.352,15	€ 1.350,00
Office supplies	€ 220,00	€ 121,16	€ 150,00
StOP-Contribution	€ 10,00	€ 10,00	€ 10,00
Expenses SPIL-common room	€ 150,00	€ 57,52	€ 75,00
Free round of drinks after Change of Boards-GA ⁵	€ 104,60	€ 104,60	€ 93,00
Staff-lunch with Institute ⁶	€ 49,50	€ 49,50	€ 0,00
General Board Expenses ⁷	€ 250,00	€ 45,80	€ 150,00
Applications board 2020-2021	€ 70,00	€ 0,00	€ 70,00
Total	€ 4.557,75	€ 4.000,16	€ 3.958,00

Explanation:

1. As a result of the extra collection batch of the XXXIXth board, the costs of the business account were higher than usual. The 40th board does not expect that they will need this extra collection batch, so the usual amount is budgeted.
2. The booklets of the GA will not be printed anymore and the Policy-GA will be online, so it is expected that the total costs of the GA's will decrease.
3. Unfortunately, no ‘Constitutieborrels’ have been organised in the 1st semester. The board expects these to be organised in the 2nd semester.
4. The SPIL ‘Constitutieborrel’ will also be organised in the 2nd semester.
5. Despite all the COVID-19 measures in the catering industry, there has been a ‘borrel’ after the Change of Boards-GA. The turnout at the ‘borrel’ was high. For this price, everyone present has had the chance to consume a drink.
6. Due to the COVID-19-virus, there will be no staff-lunch with the Institute.
7. General board expenses cover among other things Christmas cards, the board training(s) and board interest booklets.

Secretary	Estimated budget	Realisation	Estimated budget
	19/20	19/20	20/21
Former board drinks ¹	€ 400,00	€ 0,00	€ 550,00
Alumni drinks ²	€ 200,00	€ 0,00	€ 450,00
Introduction	€ 827,28	€ 366,26	€ 800,00
<i>General expenses³</i>	<i>€ 100,00</i>	<i>€ 100,00</i>	<i>€ 200,00</i>
<i>Freshmenday</i>	<i>€ 100,00</i>	<i>€ 0,00</i>	<i>€ 100,00</i>
<i>Parentsday</i>	<i>€ 600,00</i>	<i>€ 238,98</i>	<i>€ 500,00</i>
<i>Parentsday Leiden⁴</i>	<i>€ 450,00</i>	<i>€ 238,98</i>	<i>€ 350,00</i>
<i>Parentsday The Hague</i>	<i>€ 150,00</i>	<i>€ 0,00</i>	<i>€ 150,00</i>
<i>First years brunch⁵</i>	<i>€ 27,28</i>	<i>€ 27,28</i>	<i>€ 0,00</i>
Interfaculty Congress ⁶	€ -	€ -	€ 50,00
Total	€ 1.427,20	€ 366,26	€ 1.850,00

Explanation:

1. The former-board drinks couldn't take place last year, so the board has decided to budget more money this year for the former-board drinks.
2. With the takeover of the Lap by SPIL, more money is available for the Alumni drinks.
3. The general expenses have increased, because the commissioner Introduction finds it important to spend more attention on introduction-activities in these times of online education.
4. The costs for opening the FSW-building will be shared with study association Labyrint.
5. The first-years brunch/drinks usually take place after a lecture in the first week of the academic year. As there are no physical lectures for first year students, there has not been a first-years brunch/drinks.
6. This year, StOP asks a contribution from the associations for the Interfaculty Congress.

Internal Relations	Estimated Budget	Realisation	Estimated Budget
	19/20	19/20	20/21
DEBAT	€ 5.700,00	€ 2.635,32	€ 5.600,00
<i>4x DEBAT</i>	<i>€ 5.500,00</i>	<i>€ 2.614,91</i>	<i>€ 5.500,00</i>
<i>Workshops</i>	<i>€ 100,00</i>	<i>€ 0,00</i>	<i>€ 50,00</i>
<i>Digital DEBAT</i>	<i>€ 100,00</i>	<i>€ 20,41</i>	<i>€ 50,00</i>
Yearbook ¹	€ 2.500,00	€ 2.904,82	€ 4.000,00
Dies ²	€ 401,00	€ 401,00	€ -

'Leidsch Debat' ³	€ -	€ -	€ 150,00
Total	€ 8.601,00	€ 5.941,14	€ 9.750,00

Explanation:

1. As the Lustrum year is an extra special year, it should have an extra special yearbook. This is why more money is budgeted for the yearbook.
2. Because of the Lustrum there will be no Diesweek.
3. Last year, 'Leidsch Debat' was covered by the Commissioner Education & Politics. For that reason, the budgeted and realised amounts of the 'Leidsch Debat' from the XXXIXth board are not in this budget, but in the budget of the Commissioner Education & Politics.

Global Relations	Estimated budget 19/20	Realisation 19/20	Estimated budget 20/21
Short Trip	€ 2.666,80	€ 2.666,80	€ 2.666,80
Long Trip	€ 4.900,00	€ 700,00	€ 4.900,00
Pre- and post-activities	€ 200,00	€ 180,00	€ 250,00
Congress	€ 1.520,00	€ 0,00	€ 1.530,00
<i>Pre-congress activity</i>	€ 20,00	€ 0,00	€ 30,00
<i>SPIL-contribution</i>	€ 1.500,00	€ 0,00	€ 1.500,00
Total	€ 12.193,34	€ 5.550,41	€ 9.346,80

Lustrum	Estimated budget 19/20	Realisation 19/20	Estimated budget 20/21
Lustrum activities ¹	€ -	€ -	€ 8.500,00
Total	€ -	€ -	€ 8.500,00

Explanation:

1. The Lustrum Committee will make and present its own budget.

External Relations	Estimated budget 19/20	Realisation 19/20	Estimated budget 20/21
Acquisitions ¹	€ 80,00	€ 45,00	€ 80,00
ICT	€ 1.710,54	€ 1.475,23	€ 705,94
<i>License Snelstart</i>	€ 140,00	€ 180,00	€ 180,00
<i>Subscription PCleden</i>	€ 75,00	€ 71,39	€ 75,00
<i>Hosting www.spilplaats.nl</i>	€ 325,54	€ 325,54	€ 325,54
<i>Domain registration Argeweb</i>	€ 20,00	€ 20,00	€ 20,00
<i>Website reparations²</i>	€ 500,00	€ 776,72	€ 105,40
<i>Zoom</i>	€ 0,00	€ 101,58	€ -
Promotion	€ 400,00	€ 420,50	€ 600,00
<i>General expenses</i>	€ 100,00	€ 395,50	€ 300,00
<i>ELCID and HOP stand</i>	€ 300,00	€ 25,00	€ 300,00
SPIL-Weekend	€ 550,00	€ 750,00	€ 700,00
Total	€ 2.690,54	€ 2.873,25	€ 2.085,94

Explanation:

1. The Commissioner of External Relations has expressed the wish to follow an Acquisitions training with the committee. The committee will earn the costs of this training back itself, as the committee is meant to provide money, not cost money. The commissioner is in talks with study association Emile to share the costs for this training.
2. As the XXXIXth board spend a lot of time, money and dedication in the new website and the 40th board reaps the benefits of a well-functioning website, the expectation is that costs for the website reparations will be low.

Festive	Estimated budget 19/20	Realisation 19/20	Estimated budget 20/21
<i>'Borrels'¹</i>	€ 500,00	€ 175,79	€ 600,00
<i>Parties²</i>	€ 750,00	€ 171,28	€ 400,00
<i>Gala³</i>	€ 1.656,54	€ 1.656,54	€ -
<i>Social activities</i>	€ 475,00	€ 600,00	€ 850,00

Total	€ 2.906,58	€ 2.003,61	€ 1.850,00

Explanation:

1. The Commissioner Festivities believes that in times like these with all the COVID-19-measures, SPIL is an important contributor for students to make and maintain social contacts. For this reason, more money is budgeted for 'borrels' and social activities.
2. Because of the COVID-19-measures, less parties will be organised.
3. The Lustrum Committee has expressed the wish to organise a Lustrumgala. This will be funded by the Lustrum budget. The commissioner Festivities has chosen not to organise an extra gala.

Reserves	Estimated budget 19/20	Realisation 19/20	Estimated budget 20/21
8 ^e Lustrum of SPIL	€ 1.500,00	€ 1.500,00	€ 1.500,00
SPIL-common room Leiden ¹	€ 100,00	€ 1.150,00	€ 150,00
Lustrum DEBAT	€ 100,00	€ 355,49	€ 150,00
LAP 40 th board	€ -	€ 320,79	€ -
Gift 40 th – 44 th board	€ -	€ 3.750,00	€ -
Long term investments (camera, podcast equipment, digitalising DEBAT archive)	€ -	€ 3.000,00	€ -
Travel allowance int. board members	€ -	€ 1.750,00	€ -
'Coronareservation' 40 th board	€ -	€ 2.000,00	€ -
Total	€ 1.700,00	€ 13.826,28	€ 1.800,00

Explanation:

1. For the SPIL common room in Leiden there will be no depreciations. To cover future expenses money will be 'saved'. This is the reason why the SPIL common room in Leiden is put under reserves. The XXXIXth board budgeted more money for this than usual, due to their budget surplus. The 40th board will budget the usual amount.

Education & Politics	Estimated budget 19/20	Realisation 19/20	Estimated budget 20/21
Excursions	€ 150,00	€ 67,55	€ 150,00
Formal ¹	€ 250,00	€ 17,49	€ -
<i>General expenses</i>	€ 100,00	€ 17,49	€ -
<i>'Leidsch Debat'</i> ²	€ 150,00	€ 0,00	€ -

Education	€ 400,00	€ 111,79	€ 500,00
<i>Education evaluations</i>	€ 0,00	€ 0,00	€ 0,00
<i>Activities & workshops</i>	€ 250,00	€ 10,92	€ 350,00
<i>Career</i>	€ 150,00	€ 100,87	€ 150,00
Master activities	€ 100,00	€ 10,26	€ 100,00
<i>Workshops</i>	€ 50,00	€ 10,26	€ 50,00
<i>Career</i>	€ 50,00	€ 0,00	€ 50,00
Total	€ 900,00	€ 207,09	€ 750,00

Explanation:

1. With the change of the Rules of Procedure, the Formal Committee is now covered by the Education Committee.
2. The 'Leidsch Debat' will not be covered by the Commissioner Education & Politics this year, but by the Commissioner of Internal Relation. Thus, 'Leidsch Debat' is not in this budget, but in the budget of the Commissioner Internal relations.

Depreciations	Estimated budget 19/20	Realisation 19/20	Estimated budget 20/21
SPIL-common room The Hague ¹	€ 250,00	€ 250,00	€ 250,00
Depreciation camera	€ 100,00	€ 100,00	€ 100,00
Total	€ 350,00	€ 350,00	€ 350,00

Explanation:

1. The treasurer has a list of all assets. Depreciation includes: furniture, the sofa, and all appliance: refrigerator, coffee maker, kettle, toast iron, music boxes, and other products.

Travel allowance Int. board member	Estimated budget 19/20	Realisation 19/20	Estimated budget 20/21
Travel allowance (1) ¹	€ -	€ -	€ 250,00
Total	€ -	€ -	€ 250,00

Explanation:

1. As a result of their budget surplus, the XXXIXth board made a reservation to cover travel expenses of international board members.

'Platform voor Politicologen'	Estimated budget 19/20	Realisation 19/20	Estimated budget 20/21
Contribution	€ 150,00	€ 150,00	€ 150,00
Total	€ 150,00	€ 150,00	€ 150,00

Investments	Estimated budget 19/20	Realisation 19/20	Estimated budget 20/21
Investments for promotional purposes	€ 100,00	€ 300,00	€ 100,00
Total	€ 100,00	€ 300,00	€ 100,00

Explanation:

1. The XXXIXth board ordered SPIL-yellow T-shirts, to make the SPIL more visible at events like the EL CID and HOP-week. The 40th board budgeted the usual amount again, for example to resupply the stock of SPIL-stickers.

Contingencies	Estimated budget 19/20	Realisation 19/20	Estimated budget 20/21
General expenses ¹	€ 635,47	€ 0,00	€ 1.260,02
Compensation Verch ²	€ 375,00	€ 375,00	€ -
Committee sweaters ³	€ 0,00	€ 1.054,51	€ -
Total	€ 1.010,47	€ 1.429,51	€ 1.260,02

Explanation:

1. The calculation of contingencies is based on 3% of the total income.
2. Last year, the XXXIXth board had to pay a compensation for the illegal usage of a photo.
3. The 40th board will let committee members pay for their sweater before they are ordered.

Balance

Balance			
Debit		Credit	
ABN business account	€ ...	<i>Equity</i>	€ ...
ABN savings account	€ ...	DEBAT reservations	€ 1.005,49
Ties (162)	€ 972,00	SPIL-common room Leiden reservations	€ 1.600,00
Bows (60)	€ 360,00	‘Coronareservation’	€ 2.000,00
Pair of braces (94)	€ 2.068,00	Afschrijvingen	€ 2.246,00
Bowties (91)	€ 910,20	SPIL items	€ 2.962,42
Doppers (41)	€ 397,50	Buffer contribution	€ 12.080,00
Former-board pin (54)	€ 110,70	Extra buffer	€ 14.570,55
Umbrella’s (9)	€ 50,15	Reservation travel allowance int. board members	€ 1.500,00
Bike packages (35)	€ 340,36		
Card holders (4)	€ 14,34		
Scarfs (18)	€ 96,84		
Cash	€ 0,00		
Debtors	€ 3.600,00		
Total	€ ...	Totaal	€ ...

Debitors		Creditors	
General Contribution Department	€ 3.200,00	-	-
Alumni Contribution Department	€ 400,00		
Total	€ 3.600,00	Total	€ -

POLICY PLAN VIIIth LUSTRUM COMMITTEE

LET'S QUARENTEZ-VOUS

1. Committee

The new Lustrum committee consists of six enthusiastic members who are very excited to organise and celebrate the XXXIXth anniversary of the SPIL. The members are Josephine Bendsorp as chair, Abel van de Sluis as secretary, Ingrid Mehammer as treasurer, and Marjolein van Nieuwenhuijsen, Nicola Otten and Annabel van Holst as general committee members. The committee is divided into sub-committees; Formal, Informal and Promotion. This way the chair has a clear view on what the tasks are, and who is responsible for what. The committee experienced the luxury of being formed in June, which has provided the committee members with additional time to organise the upcoming Lustrum activities.

2. Goal

Our goal for this Lustrum is in the first place to celebrate the XXXIXth anniversary of the SPIL. Even in these strange times, the committee still wants to provide a way to celebrate this with our fellow SPIL members and alumni. The committee decided to do a Lustrum week instead of separate activities throughout the year, because this will create a week of celebration, making it a week people can look forward to. This was also advised by the VIIth Lustrum committee of the SPIL in their committee evaluation. It will hopefully feel like one coherent week, where the members can celebrate the anniversary of the SPIL through different kinds of activities, but also a week where members celebrate the fact that they can come together (either physically or online) in these unusual times, or as the committee prefers to call it: *quarentez-vous*. This week will be held from the 12th of April 2021 to the 16th of April 2021. This will be in the fourth block of the study year, just two weeks after the third exam week of Political Science. By choosing this week, the committee hopes to prevent low turnout due to exam stress, and moreover anticipates that the Dutch climate will bless the SPIL members with some warmer days in the Spring.

The theme that the committee has decided on will be announced during the pubcrawl this November. Of course, the GA must be aware by now of the wonderful slogan that the committee has introduced on her Instagram (@spillustrum): *'Let's Quarentez-Vous'*. This slogan relates to the SPIL celebrating her anniversary in these unusual times, and embodies the desire to meet up and socialise in these turbulent times, after months of not being able to do this. The Lustrum committee will come to the rescue, and offer the SPIL members opportunities to *rendez-vous* again. Moreover, it must not have gone unnoticed by enlightened members that *'quarante'* is the translation of forty (40) in French, and this is of course a wink to the XXXIXth board and the XXXIXth birthday of the SPIL.

.3 Corona

At this moment, the committee has no perception how the coronavirus will develop in the upcoming year. This gives the committee an extra challenge in organising the VIIIth Lustrum week and pre-activities. There is a feasible chance that the coronavirus will still guide our daily lives in April. Therefore the committee aims to organise a Lustrum week in which the rules of the RIVM, Leiden University and the municipality are prioritised. In the first place, the committee will look at corona-proof activities, where the 1,5-meter rule will be implemented at all times and wearing a face mask will be recommended. The committee wants to prevent the members of the SPIL being at risk when they attend or participate in the activities. The committee aims to provide a livestream where possible for members who do not feel comfortable attending the activities, or for members who are still abroad at times of the Lustrum week. This will be easier for the formal activities and might be more difficult for the informal activities. The purpose of informal activities is to connect with fellow members of the SPIL, which is more difficult through a computer screen. The committee will use online platforms for this, hoping to attain the interactive aspect so that people can still feel as if they are a part of the activities, even though they are not physically attending. The committee aims to have an online replacement for each physical activity they organise, should it occur that the restrictions become too strict to organise activities physically. The committee stays in close contact with the board on whether

the Lustrum week will take place physically, online or will be postponed by a year, depending on the situation at the time.

4. Activities

During the Lustrum week, a combination of formal and informal activities will be organised, aiming to distinguish the Lustrum activities from the regular SPIL ‘borrels’ and lectures that we are all familiar with (and of course deeply enjoy). The committee will organise two formal activities that are politically relevant, yet fun for our members - aiming to create that celebratory atmosphere whilst keeping a focus on the political. The committee can already reveal that a spectacular opening lecture is being planned at this moment. For those who prefer a cold beer over an informative lecture, the committee has planned three informal activities that have a more celebratory feel to it and where the focus lies on the celebration of the anniversary of the SPIL. The committee decided to organise another cantus, as last year’s cantus was a great success, and hopes this activity will become a tradition in celebrating the anniversary of the association. Moreover, the committee can also reveal that there will be a SPIL gala on the last day of the Lustrum week. The committee aims for an external location, outside of Leiden and of course promises that there will be an open bar.

However, the committee obviously cannot let the SPIL members wait until April for the first activity to take place. Therefore, the committee aims to organise two pre-activities in November: an official dies lecture, and a pubcrawl. With these pre-activities, the committee aims to put themselves on the map among the SPIL members and moreover to give the members a taste of what the Lustrum week will look like. Another formal pre-activity is planned later this year but will remain a secret for now. However, the committee urges the GA to keep an eye on the committee’s social media accounts as the activities will be revealed very soon! The committee hopes that successful pre-activities will attract more attendees in the Lustrum week.

As the corona-related restrictions change every few weeks, the committee aims to be flexible in finding alternative options to organise activities that are either online or in accordance with the corona guidelines. The committee strives to have as many physical activities as the law allows, since the atmosphere in online activities is generally very different from physical activities. The committee hopes to gain the trust of the GA that they are careful in organising physical activities in these times. The pubcrawl, for example, will be done in groups of four people, and at each location a board- and committee member will be present to manage the corona rules. Each participating pub is carefully selected, based on their regulations around corona and all of the participants are obliged to register beforehand. Moreover, the dies lecture will be held with an audience of thirty people maximum, and online registration is obligatory to attend the lecture physically. The committee is in contact with the security of the university to ensure a smooth walk-in. The SPIL members who are unable to attend physically can watch along via a livestream.

The committee aims to have an online replacement for each of the activities. As discussed before, it is doable to easily make the switch from a physical lecture/debate to an online event. However, for each of the informal activities that the committee has planned, they also have thought of an online alternative to replace the physical activity, should this be necessary. The challenge lies with making these informal activities interactive and enjoyable, as a simple online ‘borrel’ - while still enjoyable - is not a fitting activity to celebrate the SPIL’s anniversary. The committee has been discussing several online alternatives that could replace the physical informal activities, should this be necessary. These alternatives will have to include the entertaining, interactive element of a physical activity, maybe by bringing the iconic SPIL ‘borrels’ to the member’s houses or by turning a simple pub quiz into an online game show. The committee hopes that the plans for the online alternative will not have to be used, however the Lustrum committee welcomes any tips on good alternatives for physical informal activities.

5. Alumni

As it is the XXXIXth anniversary of the SPIL, the committee wants to include not only current members, but also former SPIL-members. The committee strives to have alumni join the activities

organised during the Lustrum week. The committee chair will be in touch with the ab actis of the SPIL to ensure that the activities of the Lustrum week will be mentioned in the reunist newsletters. The alumni platform (LAP) has let the committee know that they do not wish to be contacted on the Lustrum activities.

6. Budget

The committee has enjoyed the luxury of having a large budget, which needs to be spent wisely and will be overseen by the treasurer of the committee, as well as the treasurer of the SPIL. The committee has decided to spend more money on the social activities, because the committee aims to organise grand and extraordinary events for the members to celebrate the VIIIth Lustrum and hopefully the end of the corona measures. Moreover, the committee also aims to make the ticket-fee as low as possible for the members so that even those who live from DUO can attend. The chair will be in contact with CASSA from the LUF and Fonds 1818, which will be used for the extra expenses the committee expects by broadcasting the formal events. The committee expects that these grants will be happy to ensure a professional and interactive continuation of our activities. The committee expects that due to corona a lot of rebudgeting might be needed, to ensure that the best possible events can be organised for the SPIL'ers. Therefore the treasurer will be in close contact with the questor of the SPIL. Moreover, the committee will present a revised budget during the interim GA, which will be adjusted to the accurate situation of corona at that time.

7. Promotion

Enough money has been put aside for the promotion, as the committee aims to make use of promotion through sponsored social media posts. This way, the relevant audience can be reached in a short amount of time. The committee is looking into options of collaborating with DEBAT for extra promotion, based on the fact that this is sent out to not only active members, but also reunists of the SPIL. Therefore, the committee will be in contact with the Commissioner of Internal Relations. This can be a good way to promote the Lustrum even further.

8. Acquisitions

The post acquisitions will be used for the merchandise item that the committee wants to create and release together. This year we received more money, because of the surplus of the XXIXth board. The committee will spend this wisely, to create a great Lustrum year!

9. Year planning

Year planning 2020

Week 42	-	Publication of the policy
Week 44	-	Presenting the policy at the Policy-GA
Week 46	-	Dies lecture
Week 47	-	Lustrum pubcrawl (theme announcement of the VIIIth Lustrum)

Year planning 2021

Week 6	-	Pre-lustrum activity 3 + 'borrel'
Week 7	-	Announcement day 1: Opening lecture
Week 8	-	Announcement day 2: Cantus
Week 9	-	Announcement day 3
Week 10	-	Announcement day 4
Week 11	-	Announcement day 5: Gala
Week 12	-	Exam week block 3
Week 15	-	Lustrumweek

10. Budget

Expected income			Expected expenses		
Initial budget		€8.500,00	Long Trip		€1.225,00
Grants		€2.000,00	Pre-activities		€1.500,00
	CASSA	€1.000,00		Dies	€1.000,00
	Fonds 1818	€1.000,00		Pub crawl	€250,00
				Pre-Activity 3	€250,00
			Social activities		€4.400,00
				Cantus	€900,00
				Activity 2	€1.500,00
				Gala	€2.000,00
			Formal activities		€1.400,00
				Lustrum lecture	€700,00
				Activity 4	€700,00
			Other		€1.100,00
				Promotion	€400,00
				Acquisitions	€700,00
			Unforeseen		€875,00
Total		€10.500,00	Total		€10.500,00

PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE RULES OF PROCEDURE

The SPIL-trips are one of the most amazing events SPIL organises. Many of the board have experienced trips with SPIL already. However, concerns have been passed on by the Commissioner Global Relations of the 39th board. Some concerns which the current Commissioner Global Relations also experienced as the chair of the Short Trip committee, having to do with the budget available for the trips. The Short Trip, as well as the Long Trip, experienced great limitations in finding a suitable destination to visit. As such, the 40th board would like to propose a change of the Rules of Procedure and raise the maximum participant fee to €250 for the Short Trip and €800 for the Long Trip. This would give the committee the option to look at the best possible and politically relevant destination for that year.

First of all, the maximum participant fees which are in the Rules of Procedure now have been set in 2013 by the 33rd board. The reason for this was because the board encountered the problem of finding destinations within their price range, which was €600 before. Because of inflation a raise was inevitable for themselves, as well as their successors. Taking every inflation number from 2013 onwards, the total inflation has increased by more than 10 percent. This greatly limits the options the Short Trip and Long Trip committees have, which undermines the essence of the trips the SPIL organises, which is to find a politically relevant destination each year. The maximum participant fees set in 2013 are not in proportion to the inflation rates we have today.

These limitations can also be seen for last year's trips. In the Short Trip committee of the 39th board, only two destinations were financially feasible (Budapest and Warsaw), greatly limiting the options for the committee. Furthermore, in the Long Trip committee, again only two politically relevant destinations they researched were financially feasible (Bangkok and Taipei). The 39th and 40th board both feel that the essence of the trips is undermined by the limitation of choices. Raising the participant fees will make it possible to find the best destination possible each year.

Furthermore, one of the great concerns of the students of the Universiteit Leiden is that the university is too Western focused and that many cultures are overlooked. We, as SPIL, should not follow the same path, but instead offer our members a diverse trip every year. Raising the fee for participants will give SPIL the chance to organise more culturally diverse trips.

This change will go hand in hand with a change of SPIL contribution on the trips. Right now, SPIL contributes €1 for every €3 a participant pays for the Short Trip, and €1 for every €5 a participant pays for the Long Trip. However, SPIL does not have the financial capability to keep this ratio the same when raising the fees of participants. Therefore, the ratio will change to SPIL contributing €1 for every €3,75 a participant pays for the Short Trip, and €1 for every €5,70 a participant pays for the Long Trip.

An important point to note is that only the maximum participant fee will be raised. This does not mean that the participant fees will be set to €250 for the Short Trip and €800 for the Long Trip. The board and committees will still strive to keep the trips as cheap and accessible as possible for every member.

Lastly, the 40th board does acknowledge that a raise of the participant fees makes the trips more exclusive. Participants of the trips are students and the trips do cost a lot of money. However, the board wants to stress the importance of this raise. With the current budget, it will not be possible to uphold the quality of the trips organised in the previous years. As such, the board hopes to convince the General Assembly to agree with this change in the Rules of Procedure.

Due to the fact that the document of the Rules of Procedures is completely in Dutch, the proposed amendments will be in Dutch as well.

Amendment 1

VOORWAARDEN REISBIJDRAGE

Artikel 1

1.1

De maximale deelnemersbijdrage voor de Korte Reis staat vastgesteld op 200 euro per persoon, maar het staat de commissaris Buitenlandse Betrekkingen vrij om een lagere deelnemersbijdrage te vragen.

1.2

Dit bedrag kan slechts bij noodzaak verhoogd worden met 50 euro per persoon, indien voor deze verhoging twee weken voorafgaand aan de bekendmaking van de bestemming goedkeuring is gekregen van de Kascommissie.

1.2.1

De Kascommissie beoordeelt het verzoek tot verhoging aan de hand van de volgende criteria:

- het extra geld leidt tot een reis waarvan de bestemming aantoonbaar politiek relevanter is, bijvoorbeeld door verkiezingen en/of politieke ontwikkelingen.
- het extra geld moet toekomen aan noodzakelijke onderdelen van de reis, zoals vervoer, verblijf of essentiële programmaonderdelen die de reis voorzien van haar culturele/politieke relevantie.

Alleen indien aan beide criteria wordt voldaan, kan de 50 euro per persoon extra toegekend worden.

1.3

Tegenover elke euro SPIL-bijdrage aan de Korte Reis, moet minstens 3 euro deelnemersbijdrage staan.

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1.3

Tegenover elke euro SPIL-bijdrage aan de Korte Reis, moet minstens **3,75 euro** deelnemersbijdrage staan.

Amendment 2

2.1

De maximale deelnemersbijdrage voor de Lange Reis staat vastgesteld op 700 euro per persoon, maar het staat de commissaris Buitenlandse Betrekkingen vrij om een lagere deelnemersbijdrage te vragen.

2.2

Dit bedrag kan slechts bij noodzaak verhoogd worden met 50 euro per persoon, indien voor deze verhoging twee weken voorafgaand aan de bekendmaking van de bestemming goedkeuring is gekregen van de Kascommissie.

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De Kascommissie beoordeelt deze verhoging aan de hand van de volgende criteria:

- het extra geld leidt tot een reis waarvan de bestemming significant politiek relevanter is, bijvoorbeeld door verkiezingen en/of politieke ontwikkelingen.
 - het extra geld moet toekomen aan de praktische totstandkoming van de reis, zoals vervoer of verblijf.
- Alleen indien aan beide criteria wordt voldaan, kan de 50 euro per persoon extra toegekend worden.

2.3

Tegenover elke euro SPIL-bijdrage aan de Lange Reis, moet minstens 5 euro deelnemersbijdrage staan.

IN:

2.1

De maximale deelnemersbijdrage voor de Lange Reis staat vastgesteld op **800 euro** per persoon, maar het staat de commissaris Buitenlandse Betrekkingen vrij om een lagere deelnemersbijdrage te vragen.

2.2

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 - het extra geld moet toekomen aan de praktische totstandkoming van de reis, zoals vervoer of verblijf.
- Alleen indien aan beide criteria wordt voldaan, kan de 50 euro per persoon extra toegekend worden.

2.3

Tegenover elke euro SPIL-bijdrage aan de Lange Reis, moet minstens **5,70 euro** deelnemersbijdrage staan.