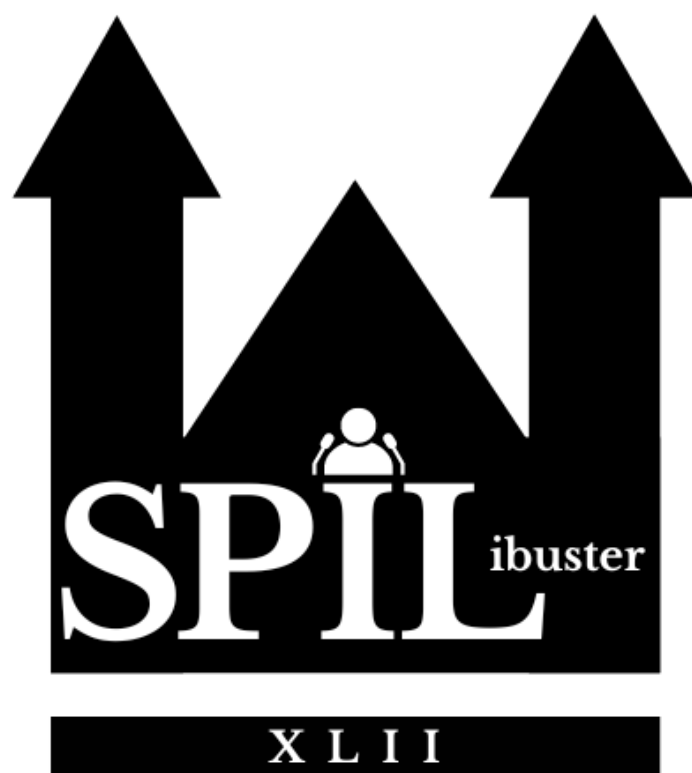


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‘Onze nob’le discipline’

By Max Nederkoorn and Stijn van den Wijngaard

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

Onze nob’le discipline,
De politieke wetenschap!
Het debat is voor ons routine,
Trots op ’t studieus broederschap,
Dit Leidsch superieur instituut,
Eren wij de vereniging,
Die heerst en regeert deze stad:
Sedert ’t jaar één-en-tachtig
Is de SPIL oppermachtig!

Maak plaats, hier is de SPIL!
De SPIL maakt ’t verschil!
Chapeau, chapeau:
Wij prijzen hoog
De glorie van de SPIL

[Rijk’lijk vloeit de alcohol,
De politieke borrelpraat!
Drinken hoort bij ’t protocol,
Zoveel dat het nergens meer op slaat.
Dit Leidsch superieur instituut,
Eren wij de vereniging,
Die heerst en regeert deze stad:
Wie ons ziet heeft direct
een Minderwaardigheidscomplex!

Maak plaats, hier is de SPIL!
De SPIL maakt ’t verschil!
Chapeau, chapeau:
Wij prijzen hoog
De glorie van de SPIL]

AGENDA

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MINUTES OF THE ADDITIONAL GA, dated October 6 2022

Opening

The Chair of the GA, Ms. Otten, opens the meeting at 19:14.

Those present at the GA are:

Annabelle Jung	Noor Stuijt	Thomas Meijer
Robin Buijs	Muriel Verhagen	Thirze Wiegers
Lara Akande	Anna Easton	Le Nguyen Khang
Elena van der Kloek	Canwra Georgia	Ruchi van Zoelen
Anna Gruber	Lyuba Nichera	Donna Dekker
Marvin Lamers	Fince van Kampen	Daan de Vries
Margot Ammerlaan	Jakub Stasny	Juni Moltubak
Emma Breed	Marit van der Heide	Yesim Benli
Rokus Hoogendoorn	Thijmen Zuiderwijk	Olga Churilina
Jelle Kooij	Diana Chaban	Suna Can
Kristina Vidrova	Patrick Daamen	Rosie Reed
Patrick Tobies	Alfons P.C. Hoof	Dante Renes
Niels Bosman	Yva Kapashi	Catrin Böcher
Aleksandar Kaslyovski	Sybrich Zeinstra	Lucille Saisse
Jurgen van der Zwet	Maarten van der Marel	

After singing the SPIL-anthem, the GA Chair welcomes everyone.

Installation Voting Committee

The GA Chair instals Ms. Stuijt and Mr. Van Kampen as voting committee.

Setting the agenda

The ‘Nomination CALVV’ is added to the agenda as point 10, after the discharges and installations. Thereafter, the agenda is set.

Announcements

The GA Chair asks those who are present to please write down their name on the list at the door. When you leave early, indicate so on the list by putting an ‘X’ behind your name. The GA booklet, report of the Audit committee and motion paper can be found at the back of the room. The GA booklet is in both Dutch and English. Due to sustainable reasons, the minutes of the last GA are not in the printed booklet, but have been sent to all members by email.

The GA Chair asks the secretary if he has any other announcements. There are not.

Received documents

There is a vote transfer from Mr. De Natris to Mr. Meijer, from Ms. Saris to Mr. Van der Zwet and from Ms. Pieters to Mr. Bosman.

Installing minutes Change of Boards GA, dated September 15 2022

There are no remarks, the minutes are set.

Final Budget Treasurer XList board

Mr. van der Zwet is asking why the income for “vrienden van de SPIL” is so much higher than previous years.

Ms. Breed explains that she does not have the precise numbers, but the height checks out according to the accountment system.

Ms. Easton is asking how the committee thank you day went.

Ms. Breed explains that the committee thank you day will happen the 14th of October.

Mr van der Zwet is asking why the expenses on Education and Politics are higher than budgeted.

Ms. Breed explains that the committee was originally budgeted a bit higher, but it was shortened halfway the year. Then the expenses were a bit higher than re-budgeted, mainly because the boat lecture was already paid for and planned.

Mr. Bosman is asking why the Leidsch Debat and Infaco contribution to STOP is so low.

Ms. Breed explains that the invoice was for this amount.

Mr Bosman asks if the invoice was low for every association.

Mr. Van der Zwet confirms.

Mr. Kooij is asking what the extra money for the digital DEBAT was spend on.

Ms Breed explains it was for the licence of the website, there was a fee because it was paid late.

Ms. Easton is asking why 130 euros was paid for the InDesign licence, since the yearbook committee didn't receive it.

Ms. Breed explains that the licence was bought, but wasn't transferred to the committee properly. It probably was a miscommunication between the ht. Commissioner Internal Relations and the committee.

Ms. Easton remarks this is a bit waste of the money.

Mr. Van der Zwet is asking why there is such a difference between the budget for social activities and the realisation. He wonders what the money was spend on.

Ms. Breed explains the money was spend on the Efteling trip.

Mr. Van der Zwet is asking why the LUF money isn't in the income part of the budget.

Ms. Breed explains it is part of acquisitions.

Mr. Van der Zwet is explaining he read in the minutes of the last GA that there was 700 euro's in LUF contribution, and is asking why there is only in the budget.

Mr Buijs explains the amount mentioned in the last GA was this year's contribution.

Ms Benli explains the XLIst received 750 euros from the LUF, and the XLIInd will receive around 900 euros.

Mr. Van der Zwet is wondering why it was not on the acquisitions budget then.

Ms. Breed explains it was spend on internal relations and that's why it is in that part of the budget.

Mr. Van der Zwet remarks that it should still have been part of the income.

Ms. Breed thinks this was a mistake.

Ms. Easton is asking if the yellow speaker is still missing.

Ms. Benli explains it was found and returned.

Mr. Van der Zwet remarks that only the 41st boards reservations are on the right side of the balance, but all the previous boards' aren't in there. Maybe Ms. Breed should check this with her successor.

Ms. Breed is apologising and confirms she will discuss it with Ms. Akande.

Mr. van der Zwet is asking if Ms. Breed can fill in the dots in the balance.

Ms. Breed explains she can't due to the change of boards process at ABN AMRO.

Ms. Easton is asking if the participants of the Long Trip have received their left over money back.

Ms. Breed confirms.

The budget is set.

Final report Audit committee

Ms. Breed reads the letter of the Audit Committee.

There are no questions, the audit report is set.

Discharges and installations

The GA Chair discharges as Audit Committee Pien Wissink and Lisa Pieters.

The GA Chair discharges as Treasurer Emma Breed.

Ceremonial Change of Boards

Ms. Moltubak reads a speech written by Ms. Ahmad.

Ms. Jung announces that the Vice-president of the XLIIInd board is Marvin Lamers.

The GA Chair suspends the meeting at 19:55.

The GA Chair reopens the meeting at 20:10.

Nomination CALVV

Mr. Buijs explains that it is tradition for the CALVV to change at the Policy GA, but that the current members of the CALVV are unavailable to chair said GA. Therefore, a part of the CALVV will change this GA, and the rest of the CALVV will change at the Policy GA.

Ms. Easton announces her candidacy for the CALVV. She knows a lot about the procedures at GAs, due to her previous function as secretary in the 40th board. She will try to make the GAs efficient.

The GA Chair discharges as member of the CALVV Rick van den Brink.

The GA Chair instals as member of the CALVV Anna Easton.

Any other business

Ms. Jung announces that the winner of the 2021-2022 Committee Cup is the Education Committee.

Mr. Buijs reads out the first motion. This is the following:

De Algemene Ledenvergadering, hier bijeen bij de Vergulde Kruik, Leiden:

Constaterende dat de SPIL gele biermeter tot onze grote spijt verloren is gegaan toen de storm failliet ging en deze enorm gemist wordt. Roept de ALV het 42^e bestuur op een nieuwe SPIL gele biermeter te verzorgen (betekende zelf maken of de oude terug vinden) en te introduceren op de Cantus van de Dies. Mocht deze activiteit niet plaatsvinden wordt de biermeter verwacht op de Beleids-ALV van het 42^e bestuur.

Gaat over tot de orde van de dag,

Fince van Kampen, Lisa Pieters, Niels Bosman, Pien, Jette Boonstra, Rex van der Kruit, Anna Easton, Roos Neven, Bas van der Tas, Marjolein Nieuwenhuijsen, Sheno Djamshidi, Danique de Laat, Jelle Kooij.

[The old SPIL yellow beer meter is lost, the 42nd board should provide a new one at the Cantus during the Dies-week. If this activity does not take place, it should be presented at the policy GA]

Ms. Jung promises the XLIIInd board will execute this motion.

- Motion 1 is adopted per acclimation.

Mr. Buijs reads out the second motion. This is the following:

De Algemene Ledenvergadering, hier bijeen bij de Vergulde Kruik, Leiden:

Posters zijn een controversieel onderwerp. Binnen de SPIL is er geen sprake van consensus omtrent dit heikele doch belangrijke onderdeel van de vereniging. Daarom stellen wij voor:

Een officiële poster-commissie

Een poster-taskforce

Een poster-conferentie

Een poster-werkgroep

Een poster-boekenclub

Een poster-commissaris

Die allemaal vallen onder de poster-superforce, belast met het beantwoorden van de huidige posterproblematiek. Ook zal hier, naar wens van de ALV, een onderhandelbaar budget voor vrijkomen.

Groenink en Weyne

[There is some discussion about the usage of posters within SPIL. To solve these problems, a poster-committee, poster-taskforce, poster-conference, poster-workgroup, poster-bookclub and poster-commissioner should be established. These will all fall under the poster-superforce and have a to be determined budget.]

Mr. Van der Zwet is asking if committees should be in the Rules of Procedure. The also points out there is a promotion committee.

Ms. Easton explains that not all committees have to be in the Rules of Procedure. She is against this motion.

Mr. Daamen proposes naming the poster-committee the poster-taskforce since it is 'less cute'. He also proposes to cover the BIL common room with posters.

Mr. Van der Zwet is asking for more information about the motion.

Mr. Bosman is giving a small summary of the events of last GA. There was a debate about printing posters for activities. The last years there have been many taskforces for many different topics, so the persons that filed this motion felt this problems could also use a taskforce. He adds that he thinks the board is perfectly capable of addressing these issues themselves without all the propositions.

- Motion 2 is rejected with 3 votes in favour, 21 against and 12 abstentions.

Mr. Buijs reads out the third motion. This is the following:

De Algemene Ledenvergadering, hier bijeen bij de Vergulde Kruik, Leiden:

Asks for an extra performance of the SPIL-song to include the members who joined the session at a later point in time.

7 unknown submitters

Ms. Easton notes that the SPIL-song is sung at the end of the GA.

- Motion 3 is rejected with 1 vote in favour, 23 against and 10 abstentions.

Mr. Buijs reads out the fourth motion. This is the following:

De Algemene Ledenvergadering, hier bijeen bij de Vergulde Kruik, Leiden:

Asks the upcoming boards to once again, as used to be tradition, send out the policy with the original invitation for the GA, which is two weeks before, to make sure that if an emergency occurs, there is still room in the planning and members have energy and time to read the policy.

Jette Boonstra, Roos Neven, Rex van der Kruit, Lisa Pieters, Niels Bosman, Jelle Kooij, Pien.

Ms. Easton understand the idea behind the motion but since the Rules of Procedure state otherwise, it would be weird to accept this motion.

Mr. Bosman agrees with Ms. Easton, but he proposes to advice the board to send the policy two weeks in advance. He is against this motion.

Mr. Buijs promises he will strive to send the policy two weeks in advance, but he can't make any promises.

Ms. Van der Heide suggests putting that in his policy to Mr. Buijs.

- Motion 4 is rejected with 1 vote in favour, 17 against and 17 abstentions.

Mr. Buijs reads out the fifth motion. This is the following:

De Algemene Ledenvergadering, hier bijeen bij de Vergulde Kruik, Leiden:

Motion to request the board to form a workgroup to investigate how to make the SPIL a more sustainable organisation. For instance, we may offer the Short Trip committee suggestions on how to make Short Trip as environmentally friendly as possible, while also taking into account smaller elements like the food and printing of DEBAT Magazine. The sustainability workgroup expects to hold four meetings per year, organised by a member of the board.

Marit van der Heide, Vera, Amy, Noor and 7 unknown submitters

Mr. Daamen is asking if the GA Chair can summarise the motions in one sentence.

Mr. Bosman is asking if the submitters can explain.

Ms. Van der Heide explains sustainability is very important, but it is still quite vague how to implement this. A taskforce can help taking more clear steps.

Ms. Easton is asking if the workgroup would advise the board on concrete steps and present their advice to the GA.

Ms. Van der Heide explains this will depend on if there is clear advise from the workgroup.

Mr. Bosman is asking the examples in the motion are just examples, or things there will definitely be a focus on.

Ms. Van der Heide explains these are just examples.

Mr. Meijer on behalf of Mr. De Natris is asking if money from advertisements can be spend on sustainability.

Ms. Easton recommends to discuss this on the policy GA.

Ms. Akande explains money made from advertisements is part of the acquisitions budget and does not directly go to sustainability.

Mr. Hooft is asking if this workgroup would be temporary.

Ms. Van der Heide explains the taskforce would be just for one year.

- Motion 5 is adopted with 19 votes in favour, 2 against and 16 abstentions.

Mr. Buijs reads out the sixth motion. This is the following:

De Algemene Ledenvergadering, hier bijeen bij de Vergulde Kruik, Leiden:

Ik zou je zoveel willen vragen. Is dat je vriedje of je vader. En ik zou echt niet willen haten, maar hoe kom jij toch aan zoveel knaken. Ik zie je altijd pull-up in een merry benz veel vriendjes om je heen. Jij hebt een hele kleine dagoe met een diamanten chain. Want die jas is mijn salaris en die schoenen mij tv, dus ik vroeg mij af wat voor een werk jij deed. Hoe dan ook ik vind je leuk. Schreeuwend om je aandacht en ook al ben ik mijlenver verwijderd van je radar. Hoe dan ook ik vind je leuk. Je zou eens moeten weten, maar jij bent druk met geld aan iemand anders uit te geven. Hoe dan ook ik vind je leuk.

A. A. A. A. A. Antoooon

[Lyrics of the song "Leuk" by Antoon]

Mr. Daamen is asking if Mr. Buijs can make an album of him reading Antoon lyrics.

Mr. Buijs explains Mr. Daamen can file a motion for these requests.

- Motion 6 is adopted per acclimation.

Mr. Buijs reads out the seventh motion. This is the following:

De Algemene Ledenvergadering, hier bijeen bij de Vergulde Kruik, Leiden:

Taking into account the vital role music has been playing for SPIL and its members. The investment that has been made last year for a JBL SPIL stereo. The ft. board is given 14 days, starting the 19th of September, to take this stereo back to the 'hok' in Leiden again.

Fince van Kampen, Groenink and 10 unknown submitters.

Mr. Buijs states that the stereo is already back in the common room.

- Motion 7 is retracted.

Mr. Buijs reads out the eight motion. This is the following:

De Algemene Ledenvergadering, hier bijeen bij de Vergulde Kruik, Leiden:

Taking into account the tremendous sacrifice they make, their relentless enthusiasm, their marvellous ability to count, their outstanding neutrality, their superb knowledge of SPIL. Ik cannot be than to conclude that the voting committee should be rewarded with a well-deserved drink offered by SPIL.

Fince van Kampen, Groenink, Vera, Leia, Marleen, Noor and 11 unknown submitters.

Ms. Breed remarks that there is always a budget for drinks afterwards so the voting committee shouldn't be treated differently.

Mr. Van Kampen explains the voting committee has to stay to the end of the GA. Therefore, a reward is not more than fair.

Mr. Van der Zwet is asking if this motion is in line with the basic human rights since there is discrimination because not everyone can become a part of the voting committee.

Mr. Van Kampen is asking everyone who might vote against this motion if they really care.

Ms. Easton is asking if the motion only applies for this GA.

Mr. Van Kampen explains it is just for this year. They can continue with doing this if it is a success.

Ms. Easton proposes an amendment to change it to be just one year.

Mr. Hoofd is wondering what 'being a success' means.

Mr. Van Kampen explains this is about the satisfaction of the GA with the delivered work of the voting committee.

Mr. Van der Zwet wonders if the voting committee then always only gets a beer if the GA is satisfied.

Mr. Van Kampen explains this is just for the extensions of the one year term of the motion.

- The proposed amendment is withdrawn.
- Motion 8 is adopted with 25 votes in favour, 7 against and 7 abstentions.

Mr. Buijs reads out the ninth motion. This is the following:

De Algemene Ledenvergadering, hier bijeen bij Café de Pakschuit, Den Haag:

Constaterende dat: de 41^e penningmeester bought and made an amazing koffertje for SPIL, obligates every new treasurer to make sure is written down inside it after their change of Boards GA.

Emma Breed, Yesim Benli, Marit van der Heide, Juni Moltubak

Mr. Van der Zwet would like to amend the motion to include former treasurers.

Ms. Breed is asking how much treasurers back will need to be put in the 'koffertje'.

- The proposed amendment is adopted with 23 votes in favour, 4 against and 12 abstentions.

The motion is now the following:

De Algemene Ledenvergadering, hier bijeen bij Café de Pakschuit, Den Haag:

Constaterende dat: de 41^e penningmeester bought and made an amazing koffertje for SPIL, obligates the board the make sure every new and former treasurer is able to write their name down inside it after their change of Boards GA.

- Amended motion 9 is adopted with 22 votes in favour, 6 against and 12 abstentions.

Mr. Buijs reads the tenth motion. This is the following:

De Algemene Ledenvergadering, hier bijeen bij Café de Pakschuit, Den Haag:

Considering the current board, with only a mere couple of weeks in, is very and shockingly inexperienced, considering that there is a member with remarkably long-stretching experience. Asks the members present to re-instal Ms. Breed as Commissioner Experience.

P. Daamen, A. Hooft

Ms. Breed is saying she would be honoured.

Mr. Van der Zwet explains one board year is enough, also for the member itself. He also explains Ms. Breed can't be in the board the year after her board year.

- Motion 10 was not put to a vote because the content of the motion is statutory inadmissible.

Mr. Buijs reads the eleventh motion. This is the following:

De Algemene Ledenvergadering, hier bijeen bij Café de Pakschuit, Den Haag:

Constaterende dat de huidige gezondheid van SPIL-leden op z'n zachts gezegd 'wankelend' is te noemen. Overwegende dat een hoopvolle roep uit de duisternis een baken van rust en zekerheid kan bieden. Verzoekt het SPIL-bestuur ervoor te zorgen dat er bij elke activiteit iemand aanwezig is die 'BHVer BHVer' kan roepen. Deze persoon hoeft niet per se daadwerkelijk BHVer te zijn. En gaat over op de orde van de dag.

P. Daamen, A. Hooft

[It is mandatory to have a someone present at every activity that can shout 'BHVer BHVer'. This person does not actually have to be an emergency response agent.]

Ms. Benli is wondering why someone would need to shout this.

- Motion 11 is rejected with 9 votes in favour, 12 against and 17 abstentions.

Mr. Buijs reads the twelfth motion. This is the following:

De Algemene Ledenvergadering, hier bijeen bij Café de Pakschuit, Den Haag:

Constaterende dat er van alles kan gebeuren in het algemeen. Constaterende dat dit dus ook geldt voor het SPIL-bestuur. Overwegende dat we dit voor kunnen zijn meet een instrument dat niet 'revolutionair' is te noemen. Verzoekt de vergadering in te stemmen met een designated survivor-maatregel voor het SPIL-bestuur. En gaat over tot de orde van de dag.

P. Daamen, A. Hooft. F. Van Kampen, M. Van der Marel

[There should be a designated survivor from or for the SPIL-board]

Mr. Buijs explains all board members always need to be present at the GA.

Ms. Easton notes that the motion doesn't say the designated survivor should be a board member.

Mr. Van der Zwet proposes to appoint the entire board of advisors as designated survivors.

Mr. Daamen would like to amend the motion to make Joop Van Holsteijn the designated survivor.

Mr. Van der Zwet suggests discussing this with Mr. Van Holsteijn first. He would also like to amend the motion to make the Board of Advisors the designated survivor.

Mr. Buijs is asking if Mr. Van der Zwet understands that in that case no member of the Board of Advisors can be present at GAs.

- The motion is not amended.
- Motion 12 is rejected with 4 votes in favour, 21 against and 12 abstentions.

Mr. Buijs reads the thirteenth motion. This is the following:

De Algemene Ledenvergadering, hier bijeen bij Café de Pakschuit, Den Haag:

Constaterende dat Mr. A. Ntoon has a beautiful, revolutionary and poetic lyrics. Considering Mr. Buijs has a beautiful voice and the perfect 'antonatie' to deliver the meaning of Mr. A A. Ntoons lyrics. Asks the GA to vote for the realisation of an album by Mr. Buijs who is reading Mr. A. Ntoons 'pohkoes' out loud.

Ms. Easton proposes a remix version of some of the songs.

Mr. Daamen proposes to publish the album on the Instagram.

- Motion 13 is adopted with 27 votes in favour, 3 against and 12 abstentions.

Round of questions

Ms. Benli is asking if the CALVV, the XLIst e.t. board and the XLIInd h.t. board know that she is sure the board will do a very good job and she is always there to help.

Mr. Van der Marel is asking which colour of the rainbow the board members are.

Ms. Jung explains everyone is SPIL Yellow.

Mr. Van Kampen is asking if the attendees know that there is a festive Borrel after GA.

Ms. Easton is asking if the GA, CALVV, the XLIInd board and the XLIst e.t. board know she is very happy to see everyone and is really proud of them.

Ms. Breed is asking if the GA, CALVV and the XLIInd board know she appreciates everyone being here for just the budget. She secretly enjoyed being a board member a little longer. She also wants to ask the members to only come to the GA with constructive criticism, because every board does what is best for SPIL.

Mr. Van der Zwet is asking if the Commissioner Education and Politics could show her socks and if the GA, CALVV and XLIInd board know he wishes the XLIInd board a lot of success.

Mr. Bosman is asking if the CALVV, GA and XLIInd board know he is very happy with how the XLIInd board started their year. He has a lot of faith in the rest of the year and he is always available if they need help.

Ms. Ammerlaan is asking if the CALVV, GA and the rest of the XLIInd board know that she is very happy to be in the board and she hopes to see many members at the events and especially the policy GA this year.

Mr. Lamers is asking if the CALVV, GA and the rest of the XLIInd board know that he completely agrees with the words of Ms. Ammerlaan.

Ms. Gruber is asking if the CALVV, GA and the rest of the XLIInd board know that she is very excited for this year.

Ms. Van der Klok is asking if the CALVV, GA and the rest of the XLIInd board know that she is also very excited.

Ms. Akande is asking if the CALVV, GA and the rest of the XLIInd board know that she hopes to organise activities that are fun for all the members.

Mr. Buijs is asking if the CALVV, GA and the rest of the XLIInd board know that he is very excited about this year, especially making minutes of all the motions.

Ms. Jung is asking if the CALVV, GA and the rest of the XLIInd board know that she will spam everyone to attend all activities the upcoming year.

Discharge of Voting Committee

The GA Chair thanks the voting committee for their services. The voting committee is discharged.

Closing

After the SPIL-anthem has been sung, the GA Chair closes the assembly at 21:16.

JUSTIFICATION INCREASE CONTRIBUTION

Dear members of SPIL,

In this letter, I, the Treasurer of SPIL, would like to provide an explanation for the request for a membership fee increase of €1,50 bringing the total membership fee to €17,50.

As a fellow student, the Treasurer knows how important it is to have a financially accessible association through which students can enrich their student life. However, as a board member, the Treasurer needs to balance against the need for a sufficient income in order to organise the fantastic activities for which SPIL is known.

SPIL has grown tremendously over the past few years with currently around 1400 registered members, on top of that we have also expanded to two locations, namely Leiden and The Hague. Because SPIL is now in two cities, we organise many more activities so that students in both The Hague and Leiden can get the most out of their membership with SPIL. Besides the fact that we have started organising more activities for students in both cities, it is of course also a priority for SPIL that those activities maintain a high quality.

Although our membership numbers have also risen greatly, which naturally leads to a higher income, it unfortunately is not enough to ensure that we can fund the current number of activities. This has mainly two reasons:

1. Our other sources of income have decreased

As the GA is most likely aware, SPIL like many other study associations, has a contract with StudyStore for book sales. Sadly, the cooperation with StudyStore has been less than ideal. In recent years, a lot of academic books have mostly been digitised reducing the need for members to buy books. Adding to this, students who do buy books from us have to deal with StudyStore's poor delivery and customer service, preventing them from starting their studies on time. Furthermore, the student association CIROS also holds a second-hand book sale, which many IRO students see as a great alternative.

The combination of these reasons have caused a sharp drop in our income from StudyStore, to illustrate more clearly:

- o The 38th board had an income of: €11.686,03
- o The 39th board had an income of: €7.130,03
- o The 40th board had an income of: €4.700,85
- o The 41st board had an income of: €3.385,22

In 4 years' time, this results in an income drop of €8.300,81.

2. Costs have risen

This year, the Netherlands is facing record inflation, which rose to 17.1% in September. Unfortunately, SPIL is not immune to price increases, which is reflected in the cost of its activities. However, the contribution SPIL can make to activities has not increased, partly because instead of an increase in revenue, we are facing a decrease. This has forced the association to ask for more activity fees from its members, or either not organise some activities, or not organise them to their fullest.

To illustrate, to keep up with rising inflation, the contribution in 2018 would have to be adjusted from €16,00 to €17,08 in 2021. Because between 2018 and 2021, there was 6.7% inflation according to CBS. This does not yet take into consideration the 17.1% inflation we are dealing with in 2021.

Of course, the Treasurer is doing her utmost best to find other sources of income. She is currently in talks with the university about a possible increase in the institute contribution, with the university also indicating that SPIL should look at increasing its own membership fee. Furthermore, the Treasurer is also in close contact with the Commissioner External Relations and Commissioner Education & Politics for exploring possible other income sources.

Meanwhile, to partially absorb both the decrease in income and increase in costs, the Treasurer unfortunately feels compelled to increase the membership fee by €1,50. This increase will result in €2.110,05 extra income, which can be used to avoid the withdrawal of SPIL's equity as well as absorb the uncertainty of the final NPO contribution. Should there be any money left over from the contribution increase, the Treasurer will mostly let that money flow back to the committees so that any possible activity fees remain as low as possible for the members.

A final important note is that the Rules of Procedure, other provisions, article 2 states:

“Should a contribution increase take place during the association year following the year in which the first-year student became a member, this will not be passed on to the member.”

This means that all current first-year students who became SPIL members before the 1st of September are entitled to a membership fee of €16,00. If this applies, the member may refuse the direct debit authorisation and transfer the €16,00 to the SPIL bank account themselves. The Treasurer will then get in touch, asking for proof of registration.

The Treasurer hereby hopes to have sufficiently informed the GA of her reasoning for requesting a contribution increase, and is more than willing to answer any questions members may have.

With kind regards and on behalf of the XLIInd board of the Study Association for Political Scientists In Leiden 'SPILibuster'.

Lara Akande
Treasurer

POLICY PLAN SPILIBUSTER 2022-2023

1. LONG TERM POLICY GOALS

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:

- 1a. contribute to a lively exchange of views regarding subjects of interest to political scientists within the field of Political Science and beyond;
- 1b. advance contacts with universities outside of The Netherlands in its broadest sense;
- 1c. inform about the possibilities of internships and about the position of political scientists on the job market;
- 1d. advance contact between political scientists on an informal level.
2. The association aims to reach this goal by organising gatherings in the broadest sense, domestic and foreign excursions, and the publication of a journal.
3. The association is politically neutral.

These are the foundations upon which the policy goals of the XLIInd board 'SPILibuster' are built.

2. ASSOCIATION WIDE POLICY GOALS

"There are two ways of looking at the talking filibuster. My way is as a form of unanimous consent" - Jeff Merkley

2.1 Visibility

The XLIInd board wants to create more visibility; especially after two years of COVID it is important to get students informed about what the association has to offer. Visibility is therefore meant mostly towards members. A visible association and board will result in a welcoming atmosphere for all members, regardless their study, residence or nationality. Just as is the case with the filibuster, the opinion of minorities will be taken into account. Leiden and The Hague are equally important, as is the input from all members. Being visible is essential in making sure everyone can join and contribute to the association.

To achieve most of the visibility, the XLIInd board wants to make an effort to consistently be present in the common rooms from 10 am to 4 pm. The board will do her best to always provide visitors of coffee, tea, snacks and a nice chat. The board is planning to write down upcoming activities on a white board, so everyone is informed and activities are visible.

Visibility is also meant for the online world. The XLIInd board will make sure that SPIL is well represented on social media. This does not only include Instagram, Facebook and the website, but also LinkedIn and email. This will ensure that SPIL is represented well towards the outside world, both to members, the institute and external partners. Besides being visible on a professional level, the XLIInd board also wants to show students that the association has a lot of informal activities. More photos of borrels and activities will try to be posted and shared, so the Instagram page does not solely consist of information. The ‘looking back at [month]’ -posts are an example of this.

2.2 Interconnectedness

With the priority of interconnectedness, the XLIInd board stresses the importance of openly communicating and working together. This applies to the whole association and its different levels, such as within the board. The XLIInd board strives to work together and find a common ground. The norm for decision making within the board will therefore be consensus. Advantages and disadvantages of solutions to issues will be discussed and everyone will try to compromise. However, if consensus cannot be achieved this way, the board will vote on whether to decide on an issue with a majority rule. Decisions are then made with collegiality in mind; once the board decides on an issue, all board members will homogeneously communicate this to the outside world.

Furthermore, the XLIInd board hopes to be connected with her members. Board members will therefore be expected to approach new members and include them, to make sure everyone feels welcome. It is the responsibility of the XLIInd board to get to know everyone and create a warm and welcoming SPIL community. Besides connecting the board with members, the XLIInd board encourages interconnectedness between members. Firstly, to achieve this, committee bonding will be stimulated. The board strives to organise a Committee Bonding Day and a Committee Thank You Day, to acquaint committee members with other committees. Secondly, all board members will make an effort to be present at their committee meetings as Commissioner to brief the whole committee about upcoming SPIL events. This way, committee members will be encouraged to join activities organised by other committees as well. Thirdly, collabs between committees will be encouraged. An example of this could be a guest lecture organised by the Education Committee, in which the DEBAT Committee presents their magazine. Lastly, the XLIInd board will encourage all committee chairs to bond as a group and for instance go to activities and borrels together, or meet up for dinner.

The XLIInd board also wants to include non-committee members in SPIL. Activities will be promoted to all members and regular members will be encouraged to come to events. From experience, the XLIInd board has noticed that word-of-mouth referrals are very productive in getting people to come to activities. This way, the board hopes that non-committee members will also connect with the association and all she has to offer.

Lastly, the XLIInd board is making an effort to improve the communication between the association and the University. To achieve this, the XLIInd board is in contact with many different departments. These vary from the study advisors, the marketing and communication team, the assessors, the faculty, the institute and other study- and student associations.

2.3 Innovation

Times change and the XLIInd board finds it very important that the association keeps up with societal changes, without losing its character and traditions. Innovation is central to this, and is meant in regard to both keeping the soul of the association and making improvements where possible. The XLIInd board has several ideas to experiment with this.

Currently, one of the most topical developments is the increasing attention for sustainability. To align the association with this, the XLIInd board will for example explore the possibility of appointing committee members that focus on sustainability. The newly formed sustainability taskforce can also contribute to the process. Furthermore, the XLIInd board will try to pick more sustainable options for events if possible. Nevertheless, the XLIInd board recognises that not everything can be sustainable, but strives to always at least have considered this. Another important issue is gender identity. The XLIInd board wants to change male-female stereotypes to make the association more inclusive for all its members. To achieve this, the XLIInd board strives to make small changes throughout the association. The XLIInd board wants to alter the dress code to become gender neutral and organise purple Friday.

Another way where innovation plays a big role is the balance between Leiden and The Hague. This year, there are only around 60 new Political Science and International politics students combined, with more than six times as many IRO students. Although this trend has existed for a couple of years, it is now more visible than ever. The XLIInd board believes that the combination of POL/IP and IRO students gives the association its unique character, and views both groups as equally important. Therefore, the XLIInd board is in contact with the study advisors and tries to contribute actively to efforts meant to keep the POL/IP programme feasible for the University. An example of this is the XLIInd board's presence at the Open Day on the 22nd of October.

3. PRESIDENT AND COMMISSIONER DIES

3.1 President

“Woke up feelin’ like I just might run for president. Even if there ain’t no precedent, switchin’ up the messaging. I’m about to add a little estrogen.” - Lizzo

3.1.1 Internal Affairs

Running an association is a task that is carried out best when the board functions well as a whole. Therefore the President will make sure everyone is able to communicate and work together. This means she will strive to create an environment in which all board members share their opinions and struggles with each other. If necessary, the President will stimulate honesty by specifically asking board members to share their opinion.

The President has held personal talks with each board member and is planning to do this regularly during the year when she finds it necessary. This will be at least after every block and if needed, also in between. She will try to create a safe feeling for all board members to share their feelings about SPIL, other people and personal issues. This means lending an ear, giving advice and support, or communicating difficulties to others for them (if the situation asks for it). If board members are feeling down about something, the President will ask them to share this with the group or her personally, with or without details, so everyone can keep this in mind and act accordingly.

During board meetings everyone's opinion weighs equally. As stated before in the general policy, decisions within the board will be made by consensus. The President will make sure her opinion is not prioritised over others' and will give space for different views.

The President will make sure that throughout the year, choices are made in the benefit of the association. The policy states the XLIInd board's priorities; the focus will therefore lay on this. The President will remind her board members of this when needed.

3.1.2 External representation

The President will represent SPIL in different organs. Firstly, she will be part of the Platform for Political Scientists (PvP). Secondly, the President will join the Association Deliberation (Verenigingen Overleg - VerO's) from the Faculty of Social Sciences, to share experience between study associations. Thirdly, she also does this in the Big Association Deliberation (Grote Verenigingen Overleg - GroVer). Lastly, the President will participate in the General Meetings of the Study association Deliberation Platform (Studieverenigingen Overleg Platform - StOP). This year, she will join a new committee from StOP called International Dinner.

Besides collaborating in these formal structures, the President believes in the importance of informal relationships with other associations. These ties create transparency and can prevent different associations making the same mistakes. Good communication should be created with hallway associations, sister associations, but also associations the XLIInd board wants to be in close contact with like CIROS. The President will therefore do her best to socialise and network with other students throughout the year.

Besides relationships with other associations, the President will try to network and make contact with other external partners when possible. Once contact information is exchanged, she will delegate the task of collaboration to the Commissioner of External Relations.

3.1.3 Platform for Political Scientists

Each year a new board for the Platform for Political Scientists (PvP) is formed, consisting of a board member from all political science study associations in the Netherlands; this involves EOS (Free University of Amsterdam -VU), Ismus (Radboud University) and Machiavelli (University of Amsterdam -UVA). The PvP oversees the PiP Committee, which organises the annual one-day PiP congress (Political scientists In Perspective). Every association sends two of her members to join the committee and organise a congress that brings political science students together. This year the congress will most likely be held in either Utrecht or Leiden.

In the first meeting of the PvP, a second event was discussed. However, there are no concrete plans for this yet. The President will keep her board posted on the course of events and hopes to work together a lot with the PvP. The position she has in the PvP is Treasurer.

3.1.4 Other activities

The President will invite all committee chairs to talk to her about the course of events of their committee. She will stimulate open communication overall, also about the contact the chair has with their Commissioner. Besides this, the President held a successful meeting intended for all chairs to help them get started and give more information about their position. She put emphasis on open communication and on the importance of committee bonding.

In December, a representative of Leiden University will organise the event Politicologie Inside for students from Dutch highschools. For SPIL, it is important to be included in the program that is presented to the highschool students. Therefore, the President will either organise an activity, or let the students join a SPIL activity. Besides that, she will offer the representative a helping hand in organising these days by using her SPIL network.

As stated in the general policy, the XLIInd board hopes to organise a Committee Bonding Day as well as a Committee Thank You Day. The President will help oversee the organisation of these events. The President also considers it her personal goal to include all members and try to approach new members. She and the board members want everyone to feel welcome and will try to give extra attention to students who feel shy, or do not know anyone yet.

To increase the overall feeling of safety, the XLIInd board wants to assign one or multiple trust persons. The President will look into the research that was done on this by the XLIst Secretary Ms. Benli. Afterwards, she will decide, in consultation with her board, how this “trust network” should be finalised.

For more awareness and overall inclusion about sexuality and gender, the President will try to organise an appropriate activity on purple Friday. The Commissioner of External Relations will promote this day and also make special stickers to raise consciousness about the subject. This way, the President hopes to make everyone feel accepted.

The XLIInd board is also looking into board-liability insurance, so individual board members can't be fined for the association's finances. Most associations have such insurance. This is not only important for this board, but also for all SPIL boards to come. Therefore, the XLIInd board sees it as an investment in the safety and professionalism of the association.

3.1.5 CIROS

This year, the XLIIInd board does not solely want to improve contact with CIROS. They also want to work together and organise joint activities. The first ever SPILxCIROS week has been organised to stimulate members of both associations to get to know more people and see the benefits of both associations. Activities like a film screening with discussion about the British monarchy, a Prinsjesdag borrel, a visit to the Georgian Embassy and a soccer match were organised. There are plans for future collaborations as well, an example of such is an internship event. The President believes organising activities together is not only beneficial for the attendees, but also for the relationship SPIL has with CIROS.

To prevent overlap between activities from CIROS and SPIL, the President wants to exchange year plans and avoid activities planned on the same date. On top of this, the President created a whatsapp group with both boards to stimulate open communication.

3.2 Commissioner Dies

“The answer to the ultimate question of life, the universe, and everything is 42.” -Douglas Adams

3.2.1 General

To celebrate the anniversary of SPIL, the Dies Committee will organise a week full of events. For the sense of tradition, a Dieslecture and a beer cantus will be organised. Besides this, the Commissioner will encourage the committee to organise a second formal event. Aside from this, the committee is free to organise any activity they find suitable for a Diesweek. The committee will be stimulated to create a balance between activities in Leiden and The Hague.

3.2.2 Activities

Due to the enthusiasm and motivation of the committee, there will be at least one activity every day of the Diesweek (monday to friday) this year. There will be a total of seven activities. On Monday there will be a music night in which people can perform, followed by karaoke. Tuesday, the 8th of November, the Diesduik and the Dieslecture will take place with speaker Rabin Baldewsingh. On Wednesday the beer cantus will be in full swing. Thursday, there will be an interactive discussion during the world café. On Friday, people can come practise their skating skills at the skating rink. Lastly, the committee is organising a party with an 80s di(e)sco theme.

One new tradition that the Commissioner would like to introduce this year is the “Diesduik”. On the 8th of November the committee, the board and anyone who wants to join will jump in the ocean, to celebrate SPIL’s birthday. Whereafter all participants will enjoy some hot chocolate together. The Commissioner believes this is a great way to celebrate our beautiful association, whilst bonding over the freezing cold water!

3.2.3 Committee

The Dies Committee consists of seven members this year, including a chair, secretary and treasurer. Committee sign ups opened up in May. However, a lack of sign ups led to the committee being formed in August. Despite the delay, the Commissioner has full trust in the committee to organise the second Diesweek known to SPIL. Lastly, she hopes to see some new traditions get created.

4. SECRETARY & COMMISSIONER STAIRS AFFAIRS

4.1 Secretary

‘I knew exactly what to do. But in a much more real sense, I had no idea what to do’ — Michael Scott

4.1.1 Membership account

The Secretary strives, as always, to keep the membership account up to date. He will try to put new members into the membership account on Conscribo on a weekly basis, so members will receive official communication as soon as possible after they signed up. This way, he can also keep an overview of how many non-members join the events. The Secretary has, in line with the request of the former Secretary Ms. Benli, also attended a training session about Conscribo to get a better understanding of how it works and what further possibilities there are regarding the membership account. Furthermore, from this year onwards the Treasurer will also have an account on Conscribo to make the process of deducting the membership fee more smooth. To be certain that members’ personal data is protected, only the Secretary and Treasurer will have access to the membership account. The data in the membership account will be handled with full confidentiality in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation (Regulation (EU) 2016/679).

At present, SPIL has a total of ... members. The bachelor consists of ... international politics students, ... political science students and ... international relations and organisation students. There are ... master students and ... members whose programme is unknown.

4.1.2 Newsletter

The Secretary will send out the online newsletter on every first Monday of the month. In line with the pillar of innovation, the newsletter will contain new segments (like quote of the month and a contribution by a member). The tone of the letter will be a little less formal than previous years. The Secretary will work closely together with the Commissioner of External Relations, so promotion of events can be included in the newsletter. The Secretary will uphold the principle of ‘Dutch follows English’. The calendar and promotion posts will only be in English.

4.1.3 Reunionists

The reunionists newsletter will be sent out three times a year. The Secretary will work together with the Commissioner of Internal Relations to update the reunionists about the current state of affairs regarding DEBAT in these newsletters.

4.1.4 Alumni

Since the LAP (Leids Alumni Platform) has been dissolved, the alumni are a responsibility of associations itself, in this case meaning the responsibility of the Secretary. Members can become an alumnus by signing up on the website. The Secretary will point the possibility of becoming an alumnus out to members that de-register. All members that signed up to be an alumnus via the website have been put in the membership account. The Secretary is in contact with other associations about the Alumni Committee, to determine what format works best. He is also in contact with the faculty and university about possible alumni events. The Secretary will also send all alumni an email about what kind of events they would like to be organised this year, but he does not think a committee with alumni will work.

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

4.1.5 General Assemblies

The Secretary sees the General Assembly as the backbone of the policy of the association and therefore strives to make it more accessible. To achieve this, the Secretary will experiment with a 'How does a GA work'-session, post or video for members. He will explain the rights and duties of members. This way, members that are unfamiliar with GA's feel more stimulated to come. He will evaluate these attempts and subsequently make changes. Furthermore, the Secretary has read the proposals made by the Second Workgroup on Reforming the GA (TWHALV). In line with the advice, posts about the GAs will include topics to be discussed. Although printing physical booklets is less sustainable, the Secretary believes that the benefits weigh up against the environmental costs in terms of convenience for members. He also has the opinion that these give a much better overview of the policy than just a summary by a board member, therefore making it more accessible for members to contribute.

The Secretary strives to send the policy three weeks in advance to the Advisory Board, and two weeks in advance to the members. Nevertheless, this should not be a hard deadline, because sometimes the latest developments need to be included in the policy. He has also planned dates for possible extensions of GA's, in line with the advice from TWHALV. Furthermore, the Secretary has contacted other associations about their GA's to discuss possible improvements. The GA's will be held in both Leiden and The Hague, preferably in a bar. Members can ask questions and make comments in both English and Dutch. These will be put in the minutes in their original language, with a translation accompanying Dutch statements. During the GA, Dutch comments will be translated by the CALVV before the XLInd board responds.

The Secretary would also propose some innovations to the GA. He would like to introduce the board's advice on filed motions. The decision about a motion will obviously remain with the members, but some ideas might not be in line with the board's policy or financially feasible. The advice by the board can either be 'adopt', 'no preference' or 'reject', and will always be accompanied by an explanation.

4.1.6 Former boards file

The Secretary recognises the importance and possibilities of the Former boards file. Unfortunately, a lot of contact details are outdated so not all former board members can be reached. For this reason, he will ask former board members for up to date contact details of their acquaintances. He will also start approaching unreachable members via LinkedIn.

4.1.7 Former boards borrel

The Secretary finds thanking former boards for their commitment to the association very important. The former boards borrel is the perfect opportunity for this. To make sure that as many former board members will be able to join, he will organise it on a friday. The Secretary strives to announce the date of this borrel at least a month before.

4.2 Commissioner Stairs Affairs

“There was a sense of fighting a losing battle. A feeling that the negative forces are winning out over the positive. A fear that our efforts are futile. I understand those feelings. But at the same time, I want to appeal to everyone here: let us not give in to cynicism and fatalism. That is my message today.” - Mark Rutte

4.2.1 The Committee

The committee consists of three members of SPIL, and three members of B.I.L.. After being part of the Stairs Affairs Committee last year as chair, the Commissioner is very excited to remain a part of this committee in another role. Together with the Commissioner of External Affairs of B.I.L., Isabelle Tunnissen, he strives to organise at least one event this year. The committee now has a different contact person at the University, and will invite speakers themselves. The Commissioner believes in the committee's potential and is confident that a great event will be realised.

5. TREASURER & COMMISSIONER SPIL WEEKEND

5.1 Treasurer

“Ja zij doet super high class, weet alles van finance” - A, A, A, Antoon

5.1.1 Budget

The Treasurer put considerable effort in distributing the budget proportionally across the board posts of her Commissioners, to ensure that all committees have the necessary funding to organise the activities they have envisioned for the year. With a hopeful approach, the treasurer has not only looked at the budget of her predecessor, but also focussed on the budgets of the XXXVIIIth and XXXIXth board which were largely non-covid years.

The XLIIInd board has gratefully received a generous gift of 750 Euros from the XXXIXth board, this money will be spent to form a better connection between The Hague and Leiden. Additionally, the XLIst board has created a ‘feest-reserve’ which will go towards the Festive Committee and their activities. Taking note of her predecessor, the Treasurer will also include the post board activities in the budget, under which activities hosted by the entire board will fall. Furthermore, after deliberations with the Commissioner of Education & Politics, and looking at the findings of the task force set-up to research the situation with the booksale, the

Treasurer has lowered the income of Studystore on the budget. Sadly, the revenue has been decreasing throughout the years, and paired with the second-hand book sale held by CIROS for IRO students, the Treasurer does not expect this to change.

Nonetheless, the Treasurer will do her utmost best to find other sources of income to absorb the decrease in money received from Studystore. One of the alternatives the Treasurer is working on is increasing the yearly department contribution, for which she is currently having talks with the university. Additionally, the Treasurer is in close contact with the Commissioner External Relations and Commissioner Education & Politics in regards to acquiring other sources of income.

5.1.2 Membership fee

This year the Treasurer will request an increase of €1,50 in contribution to the General Assembly, as the SPIL has had to deal with income losses for a plethora of reasons. Although the treasurer, as mentioned before, is extensively looking into other means of acquiring income, it will currently not make up for the losses. To properly inform the GA of the reasons behind her decision, the Treasurer has written an accompanying letter of accountability that goes extensively into detail. The Treasurer hopes to have sufficiently informed the General Assembly through the letter, but nonetheless welcomes any additional questions the members might have.

Apart from this, The Treasurer in close cooperation with the Secretary, strives to have the membership fee deducted at the end of November. Like in previous years, November is considered the best option as it is before any large expenses are made and it still gives enough time to the Secretary to properly register all new members. On top of that, Dutch students will receive their student loan form DUO at the end of the month, yet their tuition will already be paid for.

Given the difficulties of membership fee collection, the Secretary and Treasurer have already started preparation in early October. The IBAN and BIC numbers of almost all students have been registered, and preparatory calls with the ABN Amro have been made. Additionally, we have taken note of all students who do not have an IBAN number, or BIC code and will send them personally an email with the request to transfer money to the SPIL bank account. For any additional struggles, the Treasurer will contact her predecessors for help. By taking these steps, the Treasurer and Secretary have faith that the membership fee will be able to be deducted. If the membership has not been paid, the Treasurer and Secretary will send a maximum of three reminders in accordance to the motion passed on the 18th of November 2021, and alternatively offer the option to pay in cash, after that the member will be deregistered.

5.1.3 Audit Committee

The Audit Committee is the controlling body of the treasurer. This year, the committee's tasks will be fulfilled by Mr. Van der Zwet and Ms. Boonstra. The Treasurer understands the importance of the committee, and the responsibility they share in keeping the association financially healthy. The Audit Committee will meet at least twice a year, and will write a report regarding the Treasurer's work. However, the Treasurer is also aware the committee isn't just there to monitor the expenses, but also provide advice and help if needed. Therefore, she will do her utmost best to keep close contact, and clear communication with her committee.

5.1.4 Mollie

The XLIInd board will continue to use Mollie during their year, as it is an easy system to use. Additionally we have no fixed contract, allowing the cancellation of the partnership at any time. The transaction cost of Mollie will continue to be incorporated in the payment. Taking into account the advice of the Audit Committee 'Krulrijk', the Treasurer has researched opening multiple accounts in Mollie to create a clearer overview of the income that will be deposited into the bank account at the end of each month. After getting into contact with the customer service, Mollie had let the Treasurer know that this was not a possibility, however after further inquiry Mollie changed tunes and said it was possible after all. Therefore the Treasurer will now work with at least two Mollie accounts to keep the income of merchandise and ticket sale separately.

5.2 Commissioner SPIL Weekend

"Would you go back to Luik? Unlikely." - Marvin Lamers, former chair of the SPIL Weekend Committee

The applications for the SPIL Weekend Committee will open in November. After which, the committee will start organising an informal weekend for all SPIL members that will be held from the 28th till the 30th of April. The committee will consist of at least a chair, secretary and treasurer as well as general members. The purpose of the committee is to organise a weekend that welcomes both Dutch and international students from our association.

The Commissioner does not want to limit the options of the committee and will leave the choice of the location up to the members. The SPIL weekend has been both envisioned as a city trip, as well as a countryside scouting trip. Whatever form it may take, the Commissioner will ensure that the committee keeps in mind the true purpose of the trip, which is for SPIL members to bond during an informal weekend.

6. COMMISSIONER EDUCATION & POLITICS.

"Only the educated are free" - Epictetus

6.1 Education Committee

The Education Committee organises formal activities that take place within the university. The committee consists of seven members. The committee has several tasks. One of those tasks is evaluating the bachelor courses. Yet, the main task of the Programme Committee is also evaluating the Political Science bachelor's degree. To prevent an overlap of tasks regarding these committees the Commissioner would like to distinguish the tasks of these committees

clearly. The Education Committee will have one meeting in the middle of the block about the bachelor's programme whilst the Programme Committee continues to thoroughly evaluate the course throughout the year. Besides that, the Commissioner will always be open for any feedback regarding the bachelor's degree.

Another task of the Education Committee is organising formal educational events. The Commissioner and her committee will try to be as creative as possible when coming up with ideas for events. Traditions will be kept, such as the boat lecture and the career night. However, the Commissioner would like to provide more of a variety of events and guest speakers to members. Besides that, the Commissioner will try her best to increase the turnout of educational events this year. Ideas on how to increase the number of attendees at educational events have already been thought about. Examples include, but are not limited to; relating events more to the current news, making events more interactive and organising events with other SPIL committees or even other study associations.

Also, the Commissioner will try to be as communicative and approachable as possible towards students and guests during activities. This is in order to make students feel at ease within the association and to ensure nice long term relationships with guests. Finally, the Commissioner will strive to create a working atmosphere where every committee member feels heard, seen and needed.

6.2 Excursions Committee

The Excursions Committee organises formal activities that take place outside of the university. The committee consists of seven members. This academic year the Commissioner wishes to keep on organising activities that were successful in the past couple of years. Examples of these successes are; an excursion to the ICJ, the Senate/House of Representatives and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Also visiting various embassies and participating in another talk show like last year is something that the Commissioner strives to do. However, an excursion to a research institute also seems interesting to the Commissioner, for instance to the Clingendael Institute or the Sociaal Cultureel Planbureau. Besides that, the Commissioner would like to keep the current news in mind when organising activities with the Excursions Committee. With this, the Commissioner hopes to attract more attendees. Also the Commissioner thinks the excursions would be more interesting if they are related to present day news.

6.3 Master activities

This year the Master Committee of SPIL exists for four years. The goal of the committee is to organise activities that both master students in Leiden and The Hague find interesting. However, activities organised by the Master Committee will also be open for bachelor students. This is because these events can help to bring bachelor and master students in contact with each other. Also, the Commissioner finds it never too early to think about the next steps within your career.

However, last year organising these events was difficult. This is because the committee formation took a lot of time and effort. The Commissioner wishes to change this. A way of doing so is to keep good contact with the study advisors of the Political Science programme in both Leiden and The Hague. Another way would be opening the Master Committee sign ups twice a year, in both February and September. Yet, members do have the option to stay in the

committee for a full year. On top of that, changing committee members throughout the year does not mean that the committee changes as a whole.

6.4 Book sale

The book sale is in collaboration with the online bookstore Studystore. The current agreement with Studystore runs until January 2023. This means that by this time the new contract should be finalised. The negotiations began in October.

To be well prepared for the negotiations the Commissioner has met up with the book sale working group. During this meeting important matters regarding the book sale were discussed. These include: the BOOS episode (S08E07), the main goal of SPIL regarding the book sale, difficulties from both parties (Studystore and SPIL), alternative bookstores (INDEX and Bol.com) and alternative sources of income for SPIL to compensate for the loss of income due to the book sale. On top of that, strategies on how to negotiate in an effective manner were explored as well.

Besides preparing for the negotiations with Studystore, the Commissioner has planned an appointment with an alternative bookstore, INDEX. This appointment will take place before the negotiations with Studystore. To be well prepared for this meeting the Commissioner is contacting multiple other study associations that work together with INDEX. This is to judge whether this bookstore is an actual alternative or not. Ultimately, the Commissioner wishes to finalise a new contract with a bookstore that acts in accordance with the interest of SPIL.

Finally, the Commissioner Education & Politics hopes to have great communication with the Commissioner External Relations so that the book sale gets promoted in the most effective manner. However, during various SPIL activities the Commissioner will also do her best in promoting the book sale in numerous informal ways.

6.5 Programme Committee

The Commissioner applied for a position in the BSc Political Science Programme Committee. Since the Commissioner was the only candidate of the specialisation Internationale Politiek, a seat in the OLC was automatically granted to her. This will be the second time that the Commissioner takes part in the Programme Committee. The Chair of the committee, Frank de Zwart, is happy about this. He finds that more consistency within the OLC results in more productivity. Also, he thinks that institutional memory will be a great asset as a student representative within the Programme Committee.

This year the goal of the Commissioner is to maintain the quality of education equally in both Leiden and The Hague. This is because the Commissioner has found imbalances between the two specialisations in the past few years. An example of these imbalances is the significant difference of the amount of students in The Hague compared to Leiden. Commissioner hopes to fix these imbalances. She understands that feedback from students in both cities is important for this. Therefore the Commissioner will try to be as approachable and visible as possible to all students during the academic year.

6.6 FLO

This academic year the Commissioner will help Leiden University organise a new pilot of the Faculty Career Orientation Days. This pilot entails a different type of FLO-Committee structure. The FLO-Committee will consist of 5-6 members delegated from: Emile, Itiwana, Labyrint, SPIL and a student assistant of the Career Service FSW. The representative of each study association is not a board member, but a member of a relevant educational committee. This means that the representative(s) of SPIL will take a seat in both the FLO Committee and a SPIL committee. The Commissioner wishes to choose the association's representative(s) wisely. She will try to find someone who has the right work ethic and is reliable so that SPIL is portrayed in a professional manner to the outside world. This is to ensure long term relationships with guest speakers that will participate in the FLO event.

Lastly, the Commissioner aims to cooperate closely and communicate precisely with the SPIL representative(s), the university and hallway associations so that a well-organised FLO event is guaranteed for all university students. To reach this aim the Commissioner will try to have both informal and formal meetings with all parties involved in this project.

7. COMMISSIONER GLOBAL RELATIONS

“Le véritable voyage, ce n'est pas de parcourir le désert ou de franchir de grandes distances sous-marines, c'est de parvenir en un point exceptionnel où la saveur de l'instant baigne tous les contours de la vie intérieure.” - Antoine de Saint-Exupéry in Le petit prince

The main task of the Commissioner of Global Relations is holding responsibility for planning the Brussels-Trip, Short-Trip, Long-trip and Congress. The Commissioner aims to guarantee that the general goals of the Association and the XLIInd Board will be maintained, while creating the outline of the trips.

The Commissioner aims to increase the visibility of opportunities provided by SPIL for educational trips. Therefore the Commissioner will closely work with Commissioner External Relations on the promotion. Further, the Commissioner will make sure that all students feel welcome to join the trip, even the non-active and non-committee members. The Commissioner realises that participating in a trip can be beneficial in getting more into SPIL and becoming an active member.

Additionally, the Commissioner strives to organise activities on every educational trip, that engage members to meet and debate with fellow university students and youth activists from the country of destination. In this way, the Commissioner tries to broaden the network of SPIL and provide interconnectedness to the association. The Commissioner will also try her best to

add new elements to the trips. The Commissioner's personal goal is to organise at least one activity directly helping the local community. The Commissioner will furthermore look into more sustainable solutions, when it comes to planning the trips, including transport and activities.

Supplementary, the Commissioner understands the importance of journeys as a key activity in the professional development of members, therefore she will ensure that the program has a strong political and cultural focus. Given the emphasis on formal events, the dress code will be strictly set and published before the trips. On the trips, the Commissioner will be responsible for making sure that every participant complies with the dress code.

Lastly, learning from the challenges of last year's SPIL trips, the Commissioner strives to reflect on those in her policy. Therefore, the Commissioner focuses on creating a detailed covid-policy for each trip based on the guidelines of the destination, the university and SPIL. The policy will be approved by her fellow board members and signed by every participant.

7.1 Brussels Trip

The task of the Brussels Committee is to organise the Brussels Trip. The committee was formed at the beginning of June, and consists of 5 members (including a chair, a secretary, a treasurer, and two general members). The committee has already started extensive planning during the summer, therefore the fixed program has been set by middle of September. The Commissioner together with the committee aimed to focus on planning activities regarding current challenges such as the enlargement policy of the European Union and the priorities of the HRVP for the Common Foreign and Security Policy.

The Brussels-excursion will take place on the 14th and 15th of November, 2022. The transportation to Brussels will be organised in the form of a bus for all the 50 participants (including 4 board members and 5 committee members). Due to the increasing gas prices (thus price of the bus) and the inflation, the participation fee has been set to be higher than previous years at 60 euros. Registration was opened at 12.00 am., on the 8th October on the website. Students could register based on 'first come, first serve' and secure their spot by paying the participation fee until the 15th of October. The number of participants will be 50, including 4 board members and 5 committee members. Therefore 41 members will be able to join.

7.2 Short Trip

The task of the Short Trip Committee is to plan a week-long educational trip to somewhere in Europe. The committee was created in the beginning of September and consists of seven members (a chair, a secretary, a treasurer and four general members). The short trip will approximately take place from the 28th of January to the 4th February, however the exact schedule and participation fee will be announced later.

Members who intend to join the trip will be able to hand their motivation in from the 31st October to the 4th of November in the common rooms both in Leiden and the Hague. The cover letters are required to be handed in physically either hand-written or in a printed format. The cover letters must include the participant's motivation to join the journey, their contribution to

improve the trip and their justification on why they think the destination is politically relevant, as well as 3 suggested activities. The word count must not exceed 400.

The letters will be anonymised by fellow board members and checked by the current and a previous Commissioner of Global Relations and an employee of the Institute of Political Science. The students scoring the highest on the point system will be able to join the trip. The number of participants will be 40, including 7 board members and 7 committee members. Therefore 26 members will be able to join.

7.2.1 Destination

The Commissioner, together with the Short-Trip Committee has chosen Lisbon, Portugal, as the destination of Short Trip. The destination has been set based on the following criteria:

1. Political relevance:

- a. **International:** Due to its colonising past, Portugal holds close relationships with Brazil and North-Africa, therefore it plays an important role in EU-North-Africa and EU-Brazilian relationship. As an example, the main priorities of the Portuguese rotating presidency of the European Council (January-June 2021) included improving EU-African relationships by creating “The High Level EU-Africa Green Investment Forum”. Further Portugal has always played an important role in shaping the direction of the European Institutions, as the reform of the Constitutional Treaty was also signed in Lisbon in 2007. Specifically, Portugal’s priority is green transition, reforms and cohesion, as a country which was rebuilt from European funds after a dictatorship. Moreover, Portugal held the presidency of the Council of Europe from January to June 2020, therefore they had to evaluate on how the lockdown, vaccines and pandemic related to the violation of human rights. Additionally, Portugal is a home of a few important offices of international organisations such as IOM. By visiting Lisbon, the students will be able to observe how the coloniser's past impacts a country’s position in current international relations.
- b. **Domestics:** From being one of the early super powers of Europe, to experiencing dictatorship and then stepping on the route of European integration: Portugal has had many political systems. Starting from an absolute and constitutional monarchy, to Fascist dictatorship, which stood until 1974, gave way to a bloodless revolution that brought forth a strong republican ideal centred in the values of social-democracy and the rule of law. Since then Portugal stands as a good partner to both the central and southern European powers when it comes to the defence of European values, and its role in the construction of the European Union. Today, the political system of Portugal is a semi-presidential representative democratic republic. However, this semi-presidential system has some unique characteristics compared to the mainstream example of France. Visiting the capital of this politically diverse country will allow students to learn about different political systems from the past to today.

2. Cultural relevance: Portugal is one of the oldest European nation-states, which was responsible for the first ever global seafaring empire, connecting South America to India and Japan in naval trade even before the rise of the British imperium. Due to its past diplomatic and trade ties, the country has a multicultural nature allowing for coexistence of European, Middle-Eastern and South-American cultures.
3. Scientific relevance:
 - a. Political Science: As Portugal had many political systems, it is interesting to see how these are related to each other and to the given historical period. Also, visiting Portugal could give students an insight on how past colonisation and current politics are related.
 - b. Natural Science: Portugal is a home of very high prestige natural science museums as Portuguese researchers have contributed mainly to the development of neurology and physics. Also, Lisbon is the location of two EU affiliated bodies related to development and innovation: “European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction” and “European Maritime Safety Agency”.
4. Financial feasibility: As Portugal is an undiscovered destination, the prices are way cheaper than in other Southern-countries such as Spain.
 - a. Accomodation: The average price for accommodation per person per night varies between 12 and 16 euros.
 - b. Transport: The city centre of Lisbon is walkable, therefore public transport costs are limited. One public transport ticket costs 1,5 euros and can be used for one journey. Further, uber and bolt scooters are also very budget friendly ways to get around in Portugal.
 - c. Food: An average meal including drinks cost from 6 to 8 euros in a restaurant. The prices of groceries are 36 % less expensive than in Amsterdam.
5. Safety assurance: On the “Safe Cities Index 2021”, published by the Economist, Lisbon appeared the 28th safest cities in the world to visit. Additionally, it was ranked as one of the safest European capitals according to the “European Safety Observatory”. Compared to Amsterdam, Lisbon has a smaller crime rate and a higher safety scale.

6. **Sustainability:** However, Portugal is hardly reachable by train or bus from the Netherlands, it still stands as a sustainable destination to travel to. In 2020, Lisbon was awarded the European Green Capital due to many reasons. Among the reasons, Lisbon has the world's largest network of electric vehicle charging points and a bike-sharing scheme encouraging people to use it as a means of public transport. Additionally, Lisbon has committed to establishing green infrastructure and reducing energy consumption to provide people with the right to a healthy environment that has been stated in the Portuguese Constitution in 1976.

7.2.2 Alternative destinations

The Commissioner, together with the Short Trip Committee, considered all the possible options reachable by train due to sustainable reasons. However, came to the conclusion that they are not financially feasible. After closely observing the international train system, the Commissioner came to a realisation that seat reservation is needed for everyone and that there is rarely any route to reach politically relevant capitals directly from the Hague and Leiden without having to change trains. Therefore, the Commissioner decided to travel by aeroplane, but will do her best to make the rest of the trip as sustainable as possible.

7.3 Long Trip

The task of the Long Trip Committee is to plan a two-week long educational trip outside of Europe. The committee will be formed in November and will consist of 7 members (a chair, a secretary, a treasurer and four general members). The long trip will approximately take place from the 30th of June to the 15th of July, however the exact schedule and participation fee will be decided later.

Members who intend to join the trip will be able to hand their motivation in around the beginning of April, in the common rooms both in Leiden and the Hague. The cover letters are required to be handed in physically either hand-written or in a printed format. The cover letters must include the participant's motivation to join the journey, their contribution to improve the trip and their justification on why they think the destination is politically relevant, as well as a suggested activity. The word count must not exceed 400.

If the General Assembly approves the Changes in the Rules of Procedure (see agenda), letters will be evaluated according to the new procedure. If not, the cover letter evaluation will happen as usual. The number of participants will be 35, including 7 board members and 7 committee members, therefore 21 members will be able to join.

7.3.1 Destination

The Commissioner, together with the Long Trip Committee will choose the destination of the Long Trip later in the year. The plan is to have it set before the start of the second semester, taking into consideration the same criteria as for the Short trip.

7.4 Congress

Originally, the task of the Congress Committee was to organise a trip to visit a conference with SPIL members. However, the Commissioner and the Congress looked at options for congresses

abroad together and realised that most of them are still being organised online until June 2023. Due to the uncertainty, the Commissioner decided to advise the committee to organise their own Congress either in the Hague or in Leiden, just like last year. The committee understands and is planning to organise their own congress, while at the same time keeping the possibility of visiting another Congress.

The committee was created in the beginning of September and consists of five members (a chair, a secretary, a treasurer and two general members). The Congress will take place during the second semester, but further decisions will follow soon.

7.5 Committees

The Commissioner aims to ensure that all committee members have room for professional and personal development. The Commissioner will give as much freedom and responsibility to the committees as possible, while still overseeing and guiding them. As an example, the decision on the destination and its programme will be mostly taken by the committee with the supervision of the Commissioner. The Commissioner will also make sure that during the trip committee members are responsible and approachable for participants. Moreover, the Commissioner is working on the idea to appoint one or committee member as trust person during the trips, ensuring that all participants have someone to turn to, if anything goes wrong. The Commissioner will make sure to create an explicit agreement with the chosen committee member to ensure that the tasks for the trust person are clear. Additionally, together with the committees, the Commissioner will ensure that an evaluation of the trips is made properly, and lessons are learned and passed to the Commissioner's successor.

8. COMMISSIONER INTERNAL RELATIONS AND FESTIVITIES

8.1 Commissioner Internal Relations

"If I had an hour to solve a problem, I'd spend 55 minutes thinking about the problem and 5 minutes thinking about solutions" - Albert Einstein

8.1.1 DEBAT

The DEBAT-Committee allows students 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 in both English and Dutch.

8.1.1.1 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. 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.

8.1.1.2 Committee

Just like the last three years, the DEBAT Committee will be led by an appointed chair. The chair and the Commissioner will be in close contact as usual. In addition to that, a vice-chair has also been appointed to assist the chair in his tasks and responsibilities. Next to that, this year's vice-chair will also be in charge of the external events. She will organise some activities to make sure the DEBAT Committee of 2022/2023 gets to know each other better. The secretary is responsible for the minutes of committee meetings and for managing the website. On top of that, the secretary is the multimedia editor, which means that she is in charge of DEBAT's other platforms (LinkedIn, Twitter, etc.). All three people filling these positions are part of the editorial board. This year the editorial board consists of a total of eight members. Given this information, the editorial team will consist of a mix of two first-years, two second-years, three third-years and one masters student. In addition, the Commissioner has decided to create a new function in the executive board. This function is named "Head of Design". This person is in charge of the graphical process of the magazine. In the last years, it was not always clear who was responsible for this part. The Commissioner thinks that appointing this person will highly benefit the organisation of DEBAT. This is not only beneficial for DEBAT, but also for the subcommittee, because people can help each other develop new graphic skills.

Each writer, including the Online Team, will be paired with someone from the editorial board. This will happen because every article has to be checked before it is published. The editor will provide their writers feedback on the basis of language, structure and content. Every article, online or printed, will be peer-reviewed before it is published, to make sure that the quality of articles is guaranteed. The entire DEBAT Committee of this year, therefore, consists of 29 members. The goal of the Commissioner is 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 Dutch translators. It will also be requested that Dutch writers translate every Dutch article they write into English themselves. The Commissioner believes that having a lot of translators is of great importance, to make sure that not all the work comes down to one or two people. It will be the responsibility of the chair to achieve the desired results of the Commissioner, and he can do so the way he sees fit. However, the Commissioner thinks that the general committee meetings before each printed edition are necessary and has informed the chair that he wants to see this continuing.

As last year, the meetings happily will take place in person. The Commissioner hopes that this development is going to help the committee to get to know each other better and increase active attendance. It is clear to the Commissioner that the DEBAT Committee has always struggled with bonding and belonging within the committee. Members do not feel like being part of the committee, but rather an individual writer. Considering the large size of the committee and the minimal communications with members besides the contact with their editor/writer, this does not come as a surprise. The Commissioner and the committee's executive board are therefore currently planning on having social activities for the members, which will take place soon. However, the Commissioner chooses not to set a minimum limit of events or mention any specifics, since they believe the choice should be up to the committee at the end of the day. He will provide feedback and suggest ideas on this topic when necessary, but chooses not to interfere too much with the process.

The Commissioner also thinks that the DEBAT Committee can increase their community engagement within the association. He notices that there is a sense of disconnection between the association and DEBAT. He acknowledges that DEBAT members typically do not tend to join activities and members are not that well informed on what the magazine offers. Therefore, one of the aims of this year would be to strengthen the bonds between the association and the committee. A way of how this can be achieved, is to make sure that DEBAT-members not only show up at other SPIL-events, but the committee itself organises some bonding activities as well. The vice-chair has the task to organise social activities this year, one of which has already taken place.

8.1.1.3 Content and design

The specifics of each printed issue regarding content and design is up to the committee and the chair. As long as what is being published is scientifically and/or politically relevant and each issue has a wide variety of topics and views represented, the Commissioner will not object to any choices approved by the committee without good reason. After talks with his executive board, the Commissioner decided on the themes. It is the aim of the Commissioner to broaden these themes a bit. For example, in recent years it was hard to find someone who wanted to write the Political Science Worldwide part. Often, this column was just news coverage from what political scientists had done. It is important to keep the scientific part of the magazine. Therefore, it is the intention to try to stay away from just news coverage and take a little more in depth approach about what students of political science can take away from interesting events around the world. This would not only make it more fun to read, but also to write. This means that the columns will largely stay the same. The names of the columns of this year will be the *Editorial column*, *why political science matters (review)*, *the Profile*, *Political Science Worldwide*, *Women in Thought and Research at Leiden*. Regarding language, the Commissioner aims to have 70% English and 30% Dutch articles in the printed version. Despite not having as many Dutch people in the committee as Internationals, the Commissioner wants to continue on having bilingual DEBATs. Therefore, in cases where the 70/30-quota is not possible, articles will be translated from English to Dutch by the Commissioner, or someone from the board. This really does not have the preference of the Commissioner, because he wants to stick to the authenticity of the articles.

The Commissioner is happy with the graphic design and lay-out decisions that were made in previous years and wants to continue in the direction of the last few years. He is open to any new ideas from the committee, but will not actively experiment for large scale changes. Rather, he wants to see possible improvements on what already works for the magazine. The Commissioner thinks that the appointment of the head of design will have a positive impact on the process of illustrations. He rather wants to have enthusiastic people working on the designing process, than just general writers who do not really want to be too much involved in this. As in previous years, the language requirements will remain British English for English articles. Lastly, general Dutch standards will apply to the Dutch articles.

8.1.1.4 DEBAT sending issue

As explained during the last General Assemblies, there is a problem with sending the magazines of DEBAT to members. Below, an overview will be given about the problem, undertaken steps and possible solutions.

At first, putting the “Port Betaald” logo on the magazines in itself, was not fraudulent. Usually, University stickers these, but due to the quantity printing is easier. These stickers do presume that there is an agreement about the payment of the post. The Commissioner knew that SPIL did not have such an agreement, and was confident that the University would have one. By calling the Leiden University Post Office, the Commissioner and Secretary (who was very involved in this process as well) found out that this was indeed the case. This means that the Faculty of Social Sciences has been paying for the delivery of DEBAT, and SPIL is not tricking the Post Office. By knowing this, the only question that remained was if the university indeed was willing to pay for this and knew they had been the last couple of years.

Calls to, among others, the Head of Finance of the Faculty, the Head of Post Finances of the Faculty and a visit to the Department of Finances of the Political Institute, only led to redirections. No one within the university seemed to be in charge of the postal costs of the faculty or could look up what happened in the last years of sending. At the moment of writing, there are still mixed messages about the costs of previous issues. The most important thing is that SPIL did not pay anything.

However, the Commissioner has a new insight on how DEBAT can be sent out. Instead of sending out 1500 DEBATs to all members, the Commissioner will now print 500. He thinks that printing 500 DEBATs is not only more sustainable, it also still provides the opportunity to read DEBAT on paper for all members that are interested. Therefore, he wants to work with a sign-up sheet on the website. Members can register for free to have a physical DEBAT sent to them at home. The rest of the 500 DEBATs (that were not sent) will be available for pick-up in the common rooms in Leiden and the Hague. All reunists, who pay for the magazine only, will have a DEBAT delivered to them without signing up. The proposition above makes sure that all interested members will have access to a physical copy of DEBAT, while not going over the usual budget. Because the first issue will be sent out a short time after the Policy GA, this procedure will be carried out for the november-2022-edition. This to make sure that this issue can definitely be distributed. The Commissioner would like the GAs opinion on this solution before making this the permanent procedure.

8.1.1.5 DEBAT Online

The website is a crucial platform to post web-only articles and helps bring other articles to a larger audience. In order to provide readers with enough reading material, the aim is that one 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 LinkedIn) to promote articles, the magazine, and the website as a whole. LinkedIn is a great opportunity for DEBAT writers to show off their work to friends, family, and potential recruiters. It will be the task of the secretary of the committee to ensure that the social media runs smoothly, but there are also other committee members who are motivated to help.

In addition to the articles written by DEBAT Online writers, the Commissioner aims to keep expanding 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. However, the Commissioner aims to prioritise DEBAT Committee-members over guest writers.

8.1.1.6 DEBAT Podcast

Last year, the plan was to start a podcast. The original idea was to have a weekly episode that features roundtable discussions of current political issues (preferably ones DEBAT writers wrote about) and interviews. The people featured on roundtable discussions and interviews would ideally be politicians and other relevant professionals (e.g. lecturers, social workers, journalists). However, the Commissioner decided that this project will not continue this year. Given the fact that DEBAT still has the delivery problem, the Commissioner first wants to get that problem fixed. Besides, it is the aim to publish one article a week on the DEBAT Online website. Last year, there were some issues as well with publishing weekly on the website. The Commissioner gives full priority on both DEBAT Magazine and DEBAT Online.

8.1.2 Almanac

The yearbook allows members to relive amazing memories and to immortalise their year while going through the pages. What the previous Commissioners of Internal Relations already mentioned in their policy, the work of making a yearbook is often underestimated. That is why, besides the committee publishing another fantastic yearbook, the plan is to be more visible throughout the year. This means that more interviews will be held during activities, to get spontaneous reactions about SPIL activities. 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 the activities the board organises. They will be available in the common rooms as well. Because the Commissioner wants to keep the yearbook fun for everyone, it will be published in English again. As last year, exceptions are made for the quotes and submissions from other associations. A side note here, is that these associations will be encouraged to write their submissions and quotes in English.

The Commissioner definitely strives to finish the yearbook on time and believes that the committee has the same goal. The committee will work with the publishing company PerfectBook again this year. In previous years, the committee was very happy with their service and familiarity with InDesign. Former visits turned out to be great and therefore, the annual visit to the company's headquarters in Vught will be scheduled and will take place soon.

8.1.2.1 Committee

The committee, consisting of eight members, will be led by the chair, who will receive help from the other members to ensure that all tasks are run smoothly. Despite the fact that there are a lot of committee members, no division will take place between a graphic design-team and a writing-team. In addition, the commissioner is sure that the members are all interested in doing more than one task. To guarantee that the committee has a fun time creating the yearbook and working together, the Commissioner will work closely with the chair to organise some social activities. At the time of writing, a so-called "bonding-activity" is in the making. Another example of a social activity could be for example taking an InDesign course, or encouraging committee-members to come to the social activities that the Festive committee is

organising, to make sure that friendships will be made, and everyone has a nice time during the process of producing a yearbook.

8.2 Commissioner Festivities

"One day, you'll leave this world behind, So live a life you will remember" - Avicii

8.2.1 Committee

The Festive Committee is responsible for organising all sorts of informal social activities. This does not only mean that the committee will take care of parties and borrels. They will also make sure that activities such as the gala and a "GSA" (Grand Social Activity) will happen. The Commissioner is responsible for overseeing the planning process and making sure everything goes well before and during events. The committee consists of 8 members this year, 4 members currently study in The Hague, and the 4 other members in Leiden. The chair of the committee is responsible for planning and leading the meetings of the committee. In these meetings, the chair will set deadlines for the committee members and check if these deadlines are met. The chair and the Commissioner will keep in close contact throughout the year. Last year, after every study block, the chair and the Commissioner had an evaluation session where they discussed the chair's experience on the working relationship with the Commissioner. Because of the importance of staying in contact with both the chair and the committee, the Commissioner has decided that these evaluations will take place again this year. The Commissioner is also aware of the fact that having social contacts within an association is one of the most important things that the association is built on. Therefore, he will make sure that as many committee-members as possible will show up at their own events. One way to achieve this is having dinner with the committee right before an activity is planned. The Commissioner also thinks that open communication is a key to availability. Therefore, he shared the year plan with the members of the committee to make sure that every borrel is already set in their agenda. The Commissioner and committee are aiming to make these borrels as fun and attractive as possible.

8.2.2 Borrels

Like previous years, the committee aims to organise two monthly borrels, one of them being in The Hague and the other one in Leiden. At the beginning of the year, the Commissioner gave the committee the task to reach out to venues in both Leiden and The Hague to see what the options were for a "stamkroeg" in both cities. The committee reached out to multiple bars in Leiden and the Hague, with success. The commissioner is very happy to have found café 'the Pakschuit' in the Hague and café 'het Praethuys' in Leiden as SPIL's new 'stamkroegen'. Both bars are able to provide SPIL with cheap beer and a secure place. They are not charging the association with any extra costs and do not apply a barbudget (which is what the 'Vergulde Kruik' implemented this year). The commissioner hopes to organise nice borrels this year with a lot of new people meeting each other.

8.2.3 Parties and gala

The Commissioner aims to have as many parties as possible, without going over budget or planning these parties too close together. It is the aim that the committee reaches out to other associations as well. This might not only result in more people joining an event and making it a success, but also give members an opportunity to meet new people from other associations. Some parties that were done in previous years such as the SPIL x B.I.L.- party, and the FSW party (held with the hallway associations Labyrinth, Itiwana, and Emile) will take place again

this year. In addition, there will be another InterFacultyParty (InFaFe). This party will take place in May.

Besides this, the Festive Committee has the honour to organise the gala this year. This is for the first time in years (last year, it was the Lustrum Committee's responsibility, and the year before the gala did not happen because of COVID-19 restrictions). The Commissioner and the committee are looking forward to the gala with great excitement.

8.2.4 Social activities

As mentioned above, the committee is not only there to provide the members with parties, borrels and the Gala. The committee also strives to organise a so-called "GSA" (Great Social Activity) during the year. This entails a day with multiple social activities combined. The purpose is that SPIL-members get the chance to get to know each other better during the day. Also, the committee is planning on doing a lot of social activities during borrels. An example is a pubquiz, but also a karaoke night. At last, the Commissioner knows that the trip to the Efteling last year was a great success. Therefore, he informed the committee that he wants to do more of those activities this year. The committee has to look further into it to see what is possible regarding the budget and year plan. The committee aims to organise one social activity per month. That could either take place during the borrel, if possible. Otherwise, a separate event will be planned, for example the World Cup Viewing Event in November.

9. COMMISSIONER EXTERNAL RELATIONS AND INTRODUCTION

9.1 Commissioner External Relations

"I'm gonna make him an offer he can't refuse" - The Godfather (1972)

9.1.1 Partnerships

Currently, the association has deals with the firm 'Pizzabakkers' in Leiden and The Hague. The Commissioner will keep on promoting the locations that the association has deals with as of now, but will also seek to find a deal with more franchises that can offer SPIL members a discount on their meals. Deals with Can't Dutch This, Nocto and Huurbuur will also be upheld. The Commissioner wishes to add to this list a company that is politically relevant, giving students a chance to build a network.

9.1.2 Merchandise

The Commissioner wants to make two merchandise items that in some way relate to student life. That way it is attractive for members to purchase and use SPIL items. These items will be revealed during special reveal borrels. This will make for a festive setting in which to showcase and promote the items, and to immediately start selling them. Also, the Commissioner will keep on promoting and selling existing SPIL items, such as the scarfs and bike repair kits. The merchandise page on the website will be updated to promote these items in a new way by taking new pictures and writing new texts.

Every year a committee sweater is made for the committees. The Commissioner recognizes this tradition, but has also noticed that many sweaters do not get paid for or picked up from the common room. In order to make it more attractive to purchase a committee item, the Commissioner will produce a long sleeve shirt this year. This way the cost will remain lower, even when using a sustainable option, and the item can be worn for a longer period. Sweaters can only be worn when it is cold outside, but a long sleeve is multifunctional and thus could be worn in fall, winter and spring.

9.1.3 Acquisitions Committee

This year, the Acquisitions Committee consists of 6 members, including a chair and secretary. The goal for this committee is to create and promote two merchandise items and work on new contracts with companies, but also to stay in contact with the existing deals. As Commissioner, she will make sure that the committee does their work and stays on track. This will be done by joining as many meetings as possible and keeping in close contact with the chair.

9.1.4 Promotion

This year the Promotion committee consists of four members, including a chair and secretary. The main tasks will be designing social media posts, posters and taking pictures at events. Not only will the committee promote events online, but it will also inform other students that there will be events coming up.

9.1.4.1 Social Media

Instagram will be used as the main platform to promote events. This platform will be improved by making a coherent theme that links all photos together. This will make the work for the Promotion Committee easier, because there will be a template that they can always use. Furthermore, this will make the Instagram theme look more calm and put together. The LinkedIn will be used for a professional representation of the association. Formal events, such as embassy visits and career events, will be posted on this platform. That way members that use LinkedIn can tag SPIL or use photos from our events to build their network on LinkedIn. Additionally, the Commissioner will set up a TikTok account to reach a new generation of students. This will also be the place where aftermovies will be posted. The Commissioner strives to not only make aftermovies of the trips, but also of other events in order to show the versatility of the association. These aftermovies will be reposted on Instagram Reels. To further improve the social media platforms, more photos will be uploaded. The past year has shown that uploading photos gets more attention.

The social media plan will be as follows. No more than two posts per day on SPIL social media, but an unlimited amount of posts may be placed in the Instagram story. Also, the aim will be to promote events two weeks before they take place. The promotion form will still be used for committees to inform the Promotion Committee about their events.

9.1.4.2 Posters and Photos

The use of posters is important, because not all students are equally active on social media and the Commissioner deems it important these students are also up to date on our events. The Commissioner strives to find a balance between promotion and sustainability, so there will not be posters made for every event. The rule will be that for big events, such as trips, posters will be made. This will be done until an agreement can be found with the university that SPIL may promote events on the screens at the entrances of the faculty buildings.

9.1.4.3 External Promotion

The Commissioner will promote information of external parties, however only if it meets the set up criteria. This includes that the promotion material must be relevant to political science, relevant and beneficial to members, cannot be on a controversial issue, cannot be money attached, is not allowed to overlap with events organised by the association or the daily promotion schedule and must portray a politically neutral message.

9.1.5 ICT

The main goal is to continue keeping the website up to date and improving where necessary. This does not only apply to the aesthetic of the website, but also to the content of the website. For many members the website is a main source of information about SPIL, so this information should also be checked and updated regularly. This includes uploading photos from events within a month after the event happened.

9.2 Commissioner Introduction

“Je had me bij hallo” - Antoon (2022)

9.2.1 General

A good introduction period is important for students, because it helps them get a study footing at university and shows them what SPIL can offer. That is why the focus of this committee is on the beginning of the year. Within the first semester the most events will be organised, but in order to keep supporting first years the committee will also organise events later in the year. The last event that the committee will organise is the Freshmen Weekend at the end of the summer. This weekend is for the new first year students.

9.2.2 Activities

The Commissioner believes that it is important to have a balance for the activities organised. This is why she wants an equal amount of events in Leiden and The Hague. She also wants a balance between extroverted events, such as borrels and parties, and introverted events, such as movie nights and board games. This way she hopes to welcome all types of students to join activities.

9.2.3 Freshmen Weekend

This year the Freshmen Weekend will be organised between the end of the El Cid and HOP weeks and the beginning of the academic year. The Commissioner thinks this timing is best, because most students will be in the Netherlands and might have already met SPIL members during the introduction-weeks. By planning the weekend after these introduction weeks, this also gives the board the opportunity to promote the weekend during that time. This should contribute to raising the amount of participants. Because the Freshmen weekend is always an important moment in getting first years involved within the association, the weekend should take place before the committee application deadline has been reached. This gives the board the chance to promote joining a committee and becoming an active member during this weekend.

9.2.4 Committee

The Introduction Committee focuses on welcoming Freshmen students to student life. The committee consists of a chair, secretary and treasurer with most members being first years. The Commissioner thinks this is best for this committee, because those students can most easily inquire as to what Freshmen students would like to have as introductory activities.

YEARPLAN SPILIBUSTER 2022-2023

Month	Week	Date	Event
August	Week 33	15/08/22 - 19/08/22	ELCID Week Leiden
	Week 34	22/08/22 - 26/08/22	HOP Week The Hague
September	Week 35	01/09/22	IRO Orientation Day The Hague
	Week 36	07/09/22	Committee interviews 1
		08/09/22	Committee interviews 2
	Week 37	12/09/22	American Embassy visit
		13/09/22	Introduction activity: Freshman Borrel
		15/09/22	Change of Boards GA
		17/09/22	Committee Thank You Day
	Week 38	19/09/22	SPIL x CIROS week: Royalty lecture
		20/09/22	SPIL x CIROS week: Prinsjesdag borrel
		21/09/22	Waffle Morning
		21/09/22	SPIL x CIROS week: Georgian Embassy visit
		23/09/22	SPIL x CIROS week: Football match
October	Week 39	26/09/22	Masters networking event
		29/09/22	Education event: walking tour Leiden
		01/10/22	SPIL x CIROS Party
	Week 40	05/10/22	Introduction activity: board games
		06/10/22	Additional GA Festive borrel Leiden
		08/10/22	Brussels Trip Application Opens
	Week 41	12/10/22 - 16/10/22	Sustainability taskforce applications
		12/10/22	Excursions event: ProDemos Tweede Kamer
		12/10/22	Payment deadline for Brussels Trip
		13/10/22	Short Trip destination announcement Borrel

		14/10/22	Committee Thank You Day (41st)
	Week 42		Introduction: Study Group
	Week 43	24/10/22 - 28/10/22	Exam Week
		28/10/22	After Exam Borrel (The Hague)
November	Week 44	31/10/22-04/11/22	Short Trip cover letters
		31/10/22	Halloween Party
		01/11/22	Education event
		02/11/22	Introduction activity: crazy 42
		03/11/22	Policy GA The Hague
	Week 45	07/11/22 - 12/11/22	DIES Week
		07/11/22	Music night
		08/11/22	'Nieuwjaarsduik' + Dies Lecture
		09/11/22	Beercantus
		10/11/22	Worldcafé
		11/11/22	Skating
	Week 46		Excursions event
		14/11/22 - 20/11/22	Long Trip and SPIL Weekend Committee applications
		14/11/22 - 15/11/22	Brussels Trip
		16/11/22	CoBo SPIL
	Week 47		Reunionist Newsletter
			DEBAT 1
		21/11/22	Festive activity: World Cup Viewing Event
		22/11/22	Masters career event
		24/11/22	Possible additional Policy GA Festive Borrel The Hague (DEBAT reveal)
December	Week 48		Alumni Newsletter
			Acquisitions committee: merchandise market

		01/12/22 or 02/12/22	UNIxSPILxCIROS: Internship event
		03/12/22	Committee Bonding Day
	Week 49		Introduction activity
			Sinterklaas activity: 'schoen zetten'
			Short Trip pre activity
		06/12/22	Stairs Affairs Event
		08/12/22	Education event (with Pol. Inside) Festive Borrel Leiden (Purple Friday theme)
		09/12/22	Purple Friday
	Week 50		Excursions event
			Introduction activity: study group
		15/12/22	Festive Borrel The Hague
	Week 51	19/12/22 - 23/12/22	Exam Week
Januari	Week 52		
	Week 1	05/01/23	New Year's Borrel Leiden
	Week 2		
	Week 3		DEBAT 2
	Week 4		Short Trip Pre-activity
		27/01/23-29/02/23	Short Trip
February	Week 5	30/01/23-03/02/23	Short Trip
	Week 6		FLO Career event
		09/02/23	Festive Borrel Leiden
	Week 7		Reunionist Newsletter
			SPIL Gala
			Excursions event
	Week 8	22/02/23	Leidsch Debat
		23/02/23	Festive Borrel The Hague
March	Week 9		Masters event

			International Dinner
		04/03/23	Friends and Family Day 1
	Week 10		Education event: Career Night
			Efteling
		09/03/23	Festive Borrel Leiden
		11/03/23	Friends and Family Day 2
	Week 11		Excursions event
		13/03/23	PiP Congress
		16/03/23	Interim GA Leiden
	Week 12		DEBAT 3
April	Week 13	27/03/23 - 31/03/23	Exam week
		31/03/23	Festive Borrel: After Exams The Hague
	Week 14		Education event
	Week 15		Masters event
		13/04/23	Festive borrel Leiden
		14/04/23	Former boards Borrel
	Week 16		Excursions event
			Great Social Activity (GSA)
	Week 17	25/04/23	Interfaculty Congress
		28/04/23 - 30/04/23	SPIL Weekend
May	Week 18		Congress
		04/05/23	Festive borrel The Hague
	Week 19	08/05/23	PvP activity
			Education event
			Long Trip Pre-activity
		10/05/23	Interfaculty party
	Week 20		
	Week 21	22/05/23 - 26/05/23	Exam week

		26/05/23	Festive Borrel: After Exam The Hague
June	Week 22		Committee Thank You Day
			DEBAT editie 4
	Week 23	08/06/23	Affirmation GA The Hague
			Reunionist Newsletter
	Week 24		
	Week 25		
July	Week 26		Long Trip Pre-activity
		29/06/23 - 02/07/23	Long Trip (+/- 1 day)
	Week 27	03/07/23 - 09/07/23	Long Trip
	Week 28	10/07/23 - 12/07/23	Long Trip (+/- 1 day)
	Week 29		
	Week 30		
August	Week 31		
	Week 32		
	Week 33		
	Week 34		
September	Week 35		Freshmen Week/ Weekend
	Week 36		Education/Excursions event
		04/09/23	Start of the Academic Year
	Week 37	14/09/23	Change of Boards GA
	Week 38		

To be added: PiP congress, Alumni events, Haagsch studentenfeest

BUDGET SPILIBUSTER 2022-2023

Income			
	Budget 21-22	Realisation 21-22	Budget 22-23
Membership fee¹	€ 20.563,20	€ 17.372,31	€ 19.922,40
Interest	€ -	€ -	€ -
General Contribution Department	€ 1.600,00	€ 1.600,00	€ 1.600,00
StudyStore²	€ 6.500,00	€ 3.385,22	€ 3.000,00
Acquisitions committee	€ 2.080,00	€ 254,99	€ 2.000,00
Withdrawal Lustrum reservation	€ 9.000,00	€ 9.000,00	€ -
Withdrawal corona reservation	€ 1.368,08	€ -	€ -
Withdrawal equity³	€ -	€ -	€ 497,83
Withdrawal festive reservation	€ -	€ 500,00	€ 1.006,41
‘Vrienden van de SPIL’	€ 130,00	€ 194,22	€ 150,00
Other income⁴	€ 50,00	€ 10,00	€ 30,00
Gift XXXIXth board	€ 750,00	€ 750,00	€ 750,00
Leids Alumni Platform (LAP)	€ 820,79	€ 820,79	€ 820,79
NPO Contribution University⁵	€ -	€ -	€ 3.000,00
Withdrawal travel allowance int. board member⁶	€ 500,00	€ 500,00	€ 250,00
Profit Halloween party	€ -	€ 3.205,38	€ -
Total	€ 43.561,28	€ 37.592,12	€ 33.027,43

¹ The contribution is calculated with a member base of 1406, of which 60 are reunionists, and a €16,00 fee. A percentage of 10% defaulters has been taken into account.

² The revenue of StudyStore is estimated lower due to a decreasing trend in the book sale, digitisation of books, bad delivery by StudyStore and second-hand book sale by the student association CIROS.

³ A lot of new merchandise items have to be bought in bulk, for this SPIL will use its own equity.

⁴ Examples of other income are: deposits for small bottles, or found cash money.

⁵ SPIL has received a ‘Nationaal Programma Onderwijs’ (NPO) contribution of €3.000 for "community and career event building" after consultation with the university. This amount is variable and depends on the activities organised by SPIL.

⁶ The XLIInd Board has one international board member who has a claim on coverage for travel expenses. For this purpose €250,00 will be withdrawn.

Expenses			
	Budget 21-22	Realisation 21-22	Budget 22-23
Board	€ 3.843,70	€ 3.412,95	€ 4.420,00
President	€ 700,00	€ 640,53	€ 500,00
<i>Introduction</i>	€ 700,00	€ 640,53	€ -
<i>Dies</i>	€ -	€ -	€ 500,00
Secretary	€ 1.470,79	€ 265,83	€ 1.346,00
Treasurer	€ 700,00	€ 908,41	€ 750,00
<i>SPIL Weekend</i>	€ 650,00	€ 900,00	€ 700,00
<i>Interfaculty Congress</i>	-	-	€ 50,00
Education & Politics	€ 900,00	€ 769,90	€ 750,00
<i>Education</i>	€ 450,00	€ 686,64	€ 300,00
<i>Master activities</i>	€ 150,00	€ 69,94	€ 150,00
<i>Excursions</i>	€ 300,00	€ 13,32	€ 200,00
<i>Interfaculty party⁷</i>	€ -	€ -	€ 100,00
Global Relations			
<i>Long trip⁸</i>	€ 10,566,80	€ 9.439,29	€ 8.267,00
<i>Short trip</i>	€ 6.250,00	€ 6.250,00	€ 4.900,00
<i>Congress</i>	€ 2.666,80	€ 2.666,80	€ 2.666,80
<i>Pre-activities</i>	€ 1.500,00	€ 522,49	€ 500,00
	€ -	€ -	€ 200,00
Internal Relations	€ 10.835,00	€ 8.996,51	€ 11.380,00
<i>DEBAT</i>	€ 5.400,00	€ 2.584,00	€ 5.200,00
<i>Yearbook</i>	€ 3.500,00	€ 3.688,85	€ 2.630,00
<i>Festive</i>	€ 1.935,00	€ 2.723,66	€ 3.400,00
<i>Leidsch debat</i>	€ -	€ -	€ 150,00
External Relations	€ 1.361,90	€ 814,29	€ 2.352,47
<i>ICT</i>	€ 781,92	€ 679,29	€ 782,47
<i>Promotion</i>	€ 500,00	€ 55,00	€ 800,00
<i>Acquisition</i>	€ 80,00	€ 60,50	€ 70,00
<i>Introduction</i>	€ -	€ -	€ 700,00
Depreciation ⁹	€ 250,00	€ 350,00	€ -
PvP	€ 150,00	€ 25,00	€ 100,00
Investments	€ 200,00	€ 91,00	€ 150,00
Contingencies	€ 1.265,85	€ 922,00	€ 961,96
Reserves	€ 1.800,00	€ 1.800,00	€ 1.800,00
New festive reserve	€ -	€ 1.006,41	€ -
Lustrum	€ 7.650,00	€ 7.650,00	€ -
Travel allowance int. Board member	€ 500,00	€ 500,00	€ 250,00
Total	€ 43.562,12	€ 37.592,12	€ 33.027,43

⁷ Last year SPIL had to contribute €100,00, the same amount has been budgeted for this year.

⁸ Long trip is lower than previous year due to no extra contribution from the Lustrum committee this year.

⁹ All depreciation has been written off.

Board	Budget	Realisation	Budget
	21-22	21-22	22-23
Committee thank-you day	€ 600,00	€ 50,00	€ 500,00
ABN-Amro Expenses Business Account	€ 500,00	€ 454,21	€ 500,00
Expenses General Assembly ¹⁰	€ 600,00	€ 773,46	€ 800,00
Van den Berg-Bachelor thesis award ¹¹	€ 91,50	€ 88,80	€ 75,40
‘Constitutieborrel’ presents	€ 60,00	€ 9,67	€ 80,00
‘Constitutieborrel’ SPIL	€ 1.600,00	€ 1.700,00	€ 1.700,00
Office supplies	€ 150,00	€ 19,98	€ 150,00
StOP-Contribution	€ 10,00	€ 10,00	€ 10,00
Provisions of SPIL common rooms	€ 150,00	€ 134,31	€ 150,00
Free round of drinks after Change of Boards GA ¹²	€ 0,00	€ -	€ 109,50
Staff lunch with the institute ¹³	€ 49,50	€ -	€ 80,00
General Board Expenses ¹⁴	€ 150,00	€ 73,89	€ 100,00
Applications board 2022-2023	€ 32,70	€ 98,63	€ 65,10
Board activities ¹⁵	€ 100,00	€ -	€ 100,00
Total	€ 3.843,70	€ 3.412,95	€ 4.420,00

President	Budget	Realisation	Budget
	21-22	21-22	22-23
President	€ -	€ -	€ 500,00
Introduction	€ 700,00	€ 640,53	€ -
<i>General Expenses</i>	€ -	€ -	€ -

¹⁰ Higher costs were budgeted for the GA due to an additional GA being scheduled on Oct. 6.

¹¹ The award price has already been purchased before the policy GA and therefore the costs are realised.

¹² Free round of drinks has been given during the borrel after the GA on Oct. 6.

¹³ The budget for the staff lunch is higher because the board wants to have lunch with both the staff in The Hague and Leiden.

¹⁴ General Board Expenses finances, among other things, the Christmas cards and board trainings.

¹⁵ This includes activities organised by the board, such as 'waffle hour'.

<i>Freshmen weekend</i>	€ -	€ 221,04	€ -
Parents Day	€ 400,00	€ 279,01	€ -
<i>Parents Day Leiden</i>	€ 300,00	€ -	€ -
<i>Parents Day Den Haag</i>	€ 100,00	€ 279,01	€ -
<i>First year Brunch</i>	€ 0,00	€ -	€ -
Events	€ 300,00	€ 140,48	€ -
<i>'International dinner'</i>	€ 100,00	€ -	€ -
<i>Christmas</i>	€ 100,00	€ -	€ -
<i>Other</i>	€ -	€ -	€ -
Total	€ 700,00	€ 640,53	€ 500,00

Secretary	Budget	Realisation	Budget
	21-22	21-22	22-23
Former boards borrel	€ 500,00	€ 238,00	€ 450,21
Alumni activities ¹⁶	€ 820,79	€ -	€ 820,79
Leidsch Debat	€ 150,00	€ 27,83	€ -
Conscribo workshop ¹⁷	€ -	€ -	€ 75,00
Total	€ 1.470,80	€ 265,83	€ 1.346,00

Treasurer	Budget	Realisation	Budget
	21-22	21-22	22-23
Contribution SPIL-weekend	€ 650,00	€ 900,00	€ 700,00
Contribution Interfaculty Congress	€ 50,00	€ 8,41	€ 50,00
Total	€ 700,00	€ 908,41	€ 750,00

¹⁶ Because no alumni activities have been organised in recent years, the €320,79 moved to the XLIInd Board. This is in addition to the €500 from the Institute.

¹⁷ By recommendation of the XLIst Board, the Secretary will attend a course on Conscribo this year.

Education & Politics	Budget	Realisation	Budget
	21-22	21-22	22-23
Excursions	€ 300,00	€ 13,32	€ 200,00
Education ¹⁸	€ 450,00	€ 686,64	€ 300,00
<i>Activities & workshops</i>	€ 300,00	€ 538,72	€ 200,00
<i>Career</i>	€ 150,00	€ 147,92	€ 100,00
Master activities	€ 150,00	€ 69,94	€150,00
<i>Workshops</i>	€ 100,00	€ 25,94	€ 50,00
<i>Career</i>	€ 50,00	€ 44,00	€ 100,00
Contribution Interfaculty Party ¹⁹	€ -	€ -	€ 100,00
Total	€ 900,00	€ 769,90	€ 750,00

Global Relations	Budget	Realisation	Budget
	21-22	21-22	22-23
Corona reserve trips	€ 1.368,08	€ -	€ -
Short Trip	€ 2.666,80	€ 2.666,80	€ 2.666,80
Long Trip	€ 6.250,00	€ 6.250,00	€ 4.900,00
Pre-activities	€ 150,00	€ 170,03	€ 200,20
Congress ²⁰	€ 1.500,00	€ 522,49	€ 500,00
<i>Pre-congress activity</i>	€ 25,00	€ -	€ -
<i>SPIL contribution for Congress</i>	€ 1.500,00	€ 522,49	€ 500,00
Total	€ 10.566,80	€ 9.609,29	€ 8.267,00

¹⁸ Education has a lower budget because the committee organises some activities that will be financed by the university, such as an internship networking event.

¹⁹ The costs of InfaFe are based on the contribution of SPIL in the year 2021-2022

²⁰ Less money has been budgeted for Congress because it will take place within the Netherlands.

Internal Relations	Budget	Realisation	Budget
	21-22	21-22	22-23
DEBAT	€ 5.400,00	€ 2.584,00	€ 5.200,00
<i>4x DEBAT²¹</i>	€ 5.300,00	€ 2.487,38	€ 5.000,00
<i>Workshops</i>	€ 50,00	€ -	€ 50,00
<i>Digital DEBAT</i>	€ 50,00	€ 96,62	€ 150,00
Yearbook	€ 3.500,00	€ 3.688,85	€ 2.630,00
<i>Indesign Licence</i>	€-	€ 130,00	€ 130,00
<i>Yearbook²²</i>	€ 3.500,00	€ 3.558,85	€ 2.500,00
Festive	€ 2.100,00	€ 2.723,66	€ 3.400,00
<i>Borrels</i>	€ 800,00	€ 1.030,15	€ 600,00
<i>Parties</i>	€ 600,00	€ 206,38	€ 500,00
<i>Gala²³</i>	€ -	€ 800,00	€ 1.500,00
<i>Social activities</i>	€ 700,00	€ 687,13	€ 800,00
<i>Withdrawal Lustrum reserve²⁴</i>	€ -	€ 500,00	€ -
SPIL Contribution Leidsch debat	€ -	€ -	€ 150,00
Total	€ 11.000,00	€ 8.996,51	€ 11.380,00

External Relations	Budget	Realisation	Budget
	21-22	21-22	22-23
Acquisition ²⁵	€ 80,00	€ 80,00	€ 70,00
ICT	€ 781,92	€ 679,29	€ 782,47

²¹ The money for DEBAT was budgeted after several discussions with the Commissioner Internal Relations about what the future of DEBAT looks like, and based on the current solution to the shipping problem. A detailed explanation can be found under the policy of the Commissioner Internal Relations.

²² Less money has been budgeted for the yearbook due to no contribution from the Lustrum committee this year.

²³ The cost of the gala is higher this year due to the Festive committee organising it again.

²⁴ The festive reserve of €1.006,41 is used this year; it has immediately been added to the amount for the gala.

²⁵ The Acquisition committee has expressed interest in attending a training again this year.

<i>Licence Snelstart</i>	€ 180,00	€ 171,82	€ 180,00
<i>Conscribo</i>	€ 289,67	€ 289,67	€ 289,67
<i>Hosting www.spilplaats.nl</i>	€ 217,80	€ 217,80	€ 217,80
<i>Website²⁶</i>	€ 94,46	€ -	€ 95,00
<i>Promotion</i>	€ 500,00	€ 355,00	€ 800,00
<i>General expenses²⁷</i>	€ 200,00	€ 55,00	€ 500,00
<i>ELCID and HOP Week stand</i>	€ 300,00	€ 300,00	€ 300,00
<i>Introduction</i>	€ -	€ -	€ 700,00
<i>General expenses</i>	€ -	€ -	€ 300,00
<i>Parents day (Leiden & Den Haag)</i>	€ -	€ -	€ 400,00
Total	€ 1.361,92	€ 814,29	€ 2.352,47

Reserves	Budget 21-22	Realisation 21-22	Budget 22-23
9 th Lustrum der SPIL	€ 1.500,00	€ 1.500,00	€ 1.500,00
SPIL common room Leiden ²⁸	€ 150,00	€ 150,00	€ 150,00
Lustrum DEBAT	€ 150,00	€ 150,00	€ 150,00
Replenishment reserve	€ -	€ -	€ -
Festive reserve	€ -	€ 1.006,41	€ -
Total	€ 1.800,00	€ 2.806,41	€ 1.800,00

Depreciations	Budget 21-22	Realisation 21-22	Budget 22-23
SPIL common room Den Haag ²⁹	€ 250,00	€ 250,00	€ -
Depreciation new camera ³⁰	€ -	€ 100,00	€ -
Total	€ 250,00	€ 350,00	€ -

²⁶ Money has been budgeted again for the website so that the Commissioner External Relations can maintain it.

²⁷ Promotion has received more income as a lot of new merchandise needs to be purchased, including SPIL stickers and SPIL totebags. This will be funded by the withdrawal of equity.

²⁸ Because all assets in the SPIL common room in Leiden have already been depreciated, an amount is set aside each year to still absorb future investment costs.

²⁹ The entire common room in The Hague has been depreciated, a total of €2.500,00 has been written off.

³⁰ The camera was fully written off early by the XLth board.

Travel allowance Int. board member	Budget 21-22	Realisation 21-22	Budget 22-23
Travel reimbursement	€ 500,00	€ 500,00	€ 250,00
Total	€ 500,00	€ 500,00	€ 250,00

Contingencies	Budget 21-22	Realisation 21-22	Budget 22-23
General expenses ³¹	€ 1.265,82	€ 922,00	€ 961,96
Total	€ 1.265,82	€ 922,00	€ 961,96

Lustrum	Budget 21-22	Realisation 21-22	Budget 22-23
Lustrum activities	€ 7.650,00	€ 7.650,00	€ -
Total	€ 7.650,00	€ 7.650,00	€ -

Balance sheet			
Debit		Credit	
ABN business account	€ ...	<i>Equity</i>	€ ...
ABN savings account	€ ...	Lustrum reserve	€ 3.000,00
Ties (162)	€ 972,00	SPIL common room Leiden reserve	€ 1.500,00
Bows (60)	€ 360,00	Lustrum DEBAT	€ 1.400,00
Pair of braces (94)	€ 2.068,00	Reservation travel allowance int. board members	€ 1.750,00
Bowties (91)	€ 910,20	Gift XXXIX th board	€ 1.500,00
Doppers (40)	€ 388,55		
Former-board pin (54)	€ 110,70		
Umbrellas (9)	€ 50,15		

³¹ Contingencies amount to 3% of the general expenditure.

Bike packages (31)	€ 300,36		
Card holders (4)	€ 14,34		
Scarfs (18)	€ 96,84		
Mugs (27)	€ 162,00		
Socks (50)	€ 543,90		
Kas bestuur	€ 0,00		
Total	€ ...	Total	€ ...

Debtors		Creditors	
Deposit Scouting Paulus, location Freshmen weekend	€ 500,00		
Total	€ 500,00	Total	€ -

Budget Brussel trip 2022-2023

Income				Expenses			
	Number of participants	Estimated budget p.p.	Estimated budget		Number of participants	Estimated budget p.p.	Estimated budget
Participation contribution	50	€ 60,00	€ 3.000,00	Accommodation			
				<i>Hostel Meiniger</i>	50	€ 20,80	€ 1.040,00
				Transportation	50	€ 29,00	€ 1.450,00
				Public transport	50	€ 8,10	€ 405,00
				Unforeseen costs	50	€ 2,10	€ 105,00
Total		€ 60,00	€ 3.000,00	Total		€ 60,00	€ 3.000,00

AMENDMENT OF RULES OF PROCEDURE

1. Travel registration

The XLIInd board believes that joining a SPIL trip is one of the best experiences a member can have. To make sure that all members have equal opportunities to be part of one of these trips, the application procedure has been recorded in the Rules of Procedure. These rules state that participants will be selected based on a letter of motivation. These letters will be treated anonymously (article 3.2). “Anonymous can either be ‘not identified by name’ or ‘without outstanding or individual features’”. Traditionally, this article has been executed by blacking out all personal information in these letters that might give away the identity of the writer.

The XLIInd board acknowledges the importance of a fair selection process, but believes that blacking out all personal information is not the best way to achieve this. A letter of motivation without personal information becomes too general or unspecific to judge one’s true motivation. One’s motivation is personal by definition and an applicant should be able to tell what he/she/they can add to the trip and want to get out of it. To give some examples, a member might want to join because he/she/they is very involved in the association, or one might want to join because he/she/they feels this is the perfect opportunity to meet new people and become part of SPIL (as Freshmen might). It is not up to the board to determine what is a valid reason for joining, but the XLIInd board is of the opinion that members should be able to express their true and personal motivation. In the rest of society, there is almost no situation where a letter of motivation can’t contain any personal information.

To add to this, the definition of personal information might differ between board members. Therefore, there might be differences in what information is blacked out based on the board member that does this. Members also might have different opinions about this, and can therefore not be sure what information will be blacked out and what remains in the letter. This makes it extremely hard to write a convincing letter. These reasons can make the evaluation process more unequal.

For the reasons stated above, the XLIInd board believes that only the name of the applicant should be taken out of the letters. Nevertheless, the XLIInd board is aware that this makes it easier to know who the writer of a letter is, and might open the opportunity of favouritism. To address this concern, the Commissioner of Global Relations will no longer be part of the evaluation committee. A second academic staff member will replace the Commissioner in the evaluation committee. A former board member can still be part of the committee, if he/she/they does not have an incentive to favour certain participants. The XLIInd is confident that following boards can determine which former board members might be too involved with applicants to not be suited for this committee, and does not deem it necessary to record this in the Rules of Procedure.

To record these changes, article 3.2 will be modified. Article 3.1 (about anonymous letters) officially doesn’t need a modification, but because the proposed evaluation procedure is very different than the previous, the XLIInd board still finds it important to discuss this with the GA.

* The proposed changes are shown below. Please note that the underlining of the proposed changes is only done for clarification purposes. The new text, if adopted, will be in the same style as the rest of the Rules of Procedure.

1.1 Current text

TRAVEL REGISTRATION

Article 1

Registration for the Short and Long Trip of SPIL shall be done by physical registration. The time for this is determined by the board. At the registration, everyone has to bring a motivation letter. When there are more applications than places, the letters of motivation will be the means of selection.

Article 2

2.1

The criteria on which the motivation letters will be assessed must be made clear to interested members no later than two weeks before the opening of the registration. These criteria shall be determined by the board.

2.2

The deadline for the submission of letters of motivation should be made known at the same time.

2.3

No later than two weeks after the closing of the physical registration, the people selected to participate in the trip will be announced.

Article 3

3.1

The motivation letters will be evaluated by a neutral committee, which will include the commissioner of Global Relations, a former board member and an academic staff member connected to Leiden University.

3.2

The letters of motivation will be treated anonymously.

Article 4

4.1

The neutral committee may only judge the motivation letters on the criteria announced beforehand.

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Based on these criteria, the three members of the committee will independently award a mark between one and ten. The average of the three marks is the applicable mark for the motivation letter.

4.3

Based on the marks, a ranking will be made from the letter that best meets the criteria to the letter that least meets the criteria.

4.4

The ranking of the letters determines the selection of the participants. The best rated letter is admitted to the trip first, then the second and this process repeats until the number of places for the trip is filled.

4.5

Should any of the determined group of participants drop out, all lower ranked letters will move up one position.

4.6

The rankings will not be made public.

Article 5

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The board and the members of the Short Trip Committee are assured of participation in the Short Trip and are exempt from submitting a letter of motivation.

5.2

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1.2 New text

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