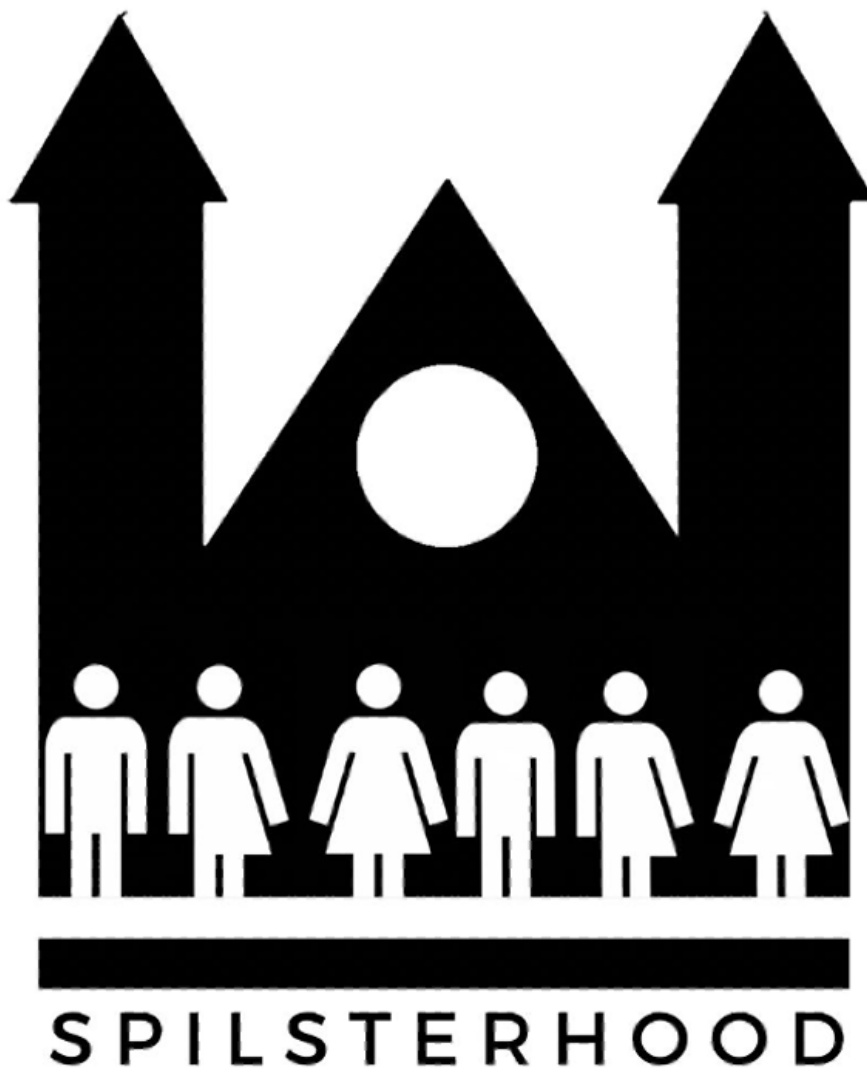


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**XLith board
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**CHANGE OF BOARDS GENERAL ASSEMBLY
2022, starts at 7:00 PM
Vergulde Kruik, Leiden**

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‘Onze nob’le discipline’

Door Max Nederkoorn en Stijn van den Wijngaard

NB: Voor ceremonieel gebruik worden slechts het eerste couplet en het refrein gezongen.

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 vloeï’ 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 AFFIRMATION GA OF SPILSTERHOOD

Opening

I hereby open the General Assembly, but not before we have sung the SPIL-anthem...

Bij dezen open ik de vergadering, maar niet voordat we het SPIL-lied hebben gezongen...

Installing voting committee

Instelling der Stemcommissie

The CALVV asks if there is anyone who wants to be in the voting committee.

Mr. Van der Marel and Mr. Van Kampen are hammered into the voting committee.

Setting the agenda

Vaststellen agenda

The point contribution will be added to the agenda. It will be point 7 on the agenda.

Announcements

Mededelingen

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

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

Motion paper can be found in the back of the room.

Received documents

Ingekomen stukken

CALVV asks the secretary if there are any received documents. There are several vote transfers:

- Ms. Otten to Ms. Pieters
- Ms. Boonstra to Ms. Böcher
- Ms. Van Holst to Ms. Andriessen
- Ms. De Jong to Mr. Van der Kruit

- Mr. Van der Zwet to Mr. Weyne
- Ms. Easton to Mr. Park
- Ms. Korteweg to Ms. Wissink
- Ms. Groeneveld to Ms. Nieuwenhuijsen
- Mr. Van der Kooi to Ms. Neven
- Mr. Bosman to Ms. Gamaggio

There is a letter mailed to the secretary, this will be discussed at the motions.

Installing minutes Interim GA

Vaststellen notulen Tussentijdse-ALV

There are no remarks.

Contribution

Ms. Breed explains that the new membership system took more time than expected. The problems were mainly the new membership system. When having the format, there were some mistakes given to ABNAMRO. They are now waiting on ABN AMRO. She got the advice to keep track of the money when something goes wrong. If this happens, she can cancel it the second day. They will try again in July if it does not work.

Ms. Benli explains that the problems are now solved. Every time something does go wrong, but she hopes the problems are solved now. She also sent an e-mail to Conscribo asking if it would be possible for the upcoming treasurer to take care of contribution on a separate account. Conscribo confirmed that this would be possible.

Mr. Park is asking how all the activities have been paid until now.

Ms. Breed did not have any problems up until now, since there is still money on the SPIL bank account. She does not expect to counter any more problems until the contribution is deducted.

Mr. Park is asking if there is money from last year.

Ms. Breed says there is.

Mr. Park asks if there is money used from savings.

Ms. Breed says there was money from the institution, CASSA/ LUF etc. because of that there might be extra money without using the contribution money. The savings account was not used.

Ms. Böcher is asking if there might be more people who will not pay.

Ms. Breed says a motion was voted in that people get three reminders when they have to pay for contribution. She does expect around 15% to not be paid. She hopes the motion will help with the problem.

Ms. Böcher is asking if extra information will be added why the contribution is deducted later in the year.

Ms. Breed says this is already added to the e-mail.

Ms. Pieters is asking if the secretary kept in mind that some people signed out throughout the year and still have to pay the contribution. She is wondering how this is done.

Ms. Benli explains that they have not been removed from the system yet and still have to pay.

Ms. Benli noticed that a lot of people still signed up as a member until february. Normally, the contribution is deducted in November. She is asking if it would not be smarter to do it later in the year anyway.

Ms. Pieters explains that normally there is not enough money for the activities and trips especially. Because of this, it is done earlier in the year to have enough money on the bank account.

Mr. Van der Marel wants to suggest that there's a list of people who are joining later in the year. There could be a second automatic deduction later in the year. You could make sure that those people also pay for it.

Ms. Breed thinks this would be a lot of administrative work for the secretary. However, this can be considered.

Ms. Pieters understands that the contribution is easy to hand over to the treasurer. Though, every year there are problems with collecting the membership fee. Doing it together with the secretary who has more knowledge about the membership system is helpful. It is smarter than handing it over to the treasurer.

Ms. Benli agrees but does not expect any problems if she would work in the next treasurer. It is not really possible to look at the contribution with two people. There should be a white paper for the contribution. This way, there would not be a problem for next treasurer.

Mr. Weyne thinks it would be nice to look into the contribution and maybe make a plan for next year already. It would be a nice idea to take some time to look into the contribution and why it is this difficult every year.

Ms. Akande will consider this.

Budget Committees

Begroting Commissies

Point 8

The budget of EJW, SPIL weekend and Long Trip will be discussed.

Mr. Park is asking if the people joining the SPIL weekend also paid the same amount of money as SPIL members. These people do not pay the contribution so this would be interesting.

Ms. Breed says the sign ups were not full, it was quite short notice to invite others to the trip.

Mr. Park explains that it is strange that non-members had the opportunity to pay the same amount as the people paying contribution to SPIL.

Ms. Breed elaborates and tells the GA that more money would be saved like this in the end. If less people had joined, they would have lost more money.

Mevr. Nieuwenhuijsen vraagt wat er bij voetnoot 2 staat, ze snapt dit niet aangezien dit van tevoren besproken had kunnen worden.

Ms. Nieuwenhuijsen asks what it states at voetnoot 2. This is something that could be thought of beforehand. She does not understand it.

Ms. Breed says that travel expenses are not always fully covered, an old board member told her this during the previous GA. Not everyone was traveling back to Leiden, so her and the committee thought it would be okay. When telling the board, they decided to cover those costs anyway since they thought this would be better. Everyone who sent her the train ticket then eventually got back a part of the train ticket.

Mevr. Nieuwenhuijsen adviseert dit voortaan in bestuursvergadering te bespreken aan voorhand.

Mrs. Nieuwenhuijsen advises to discuss this in the board meeting beforehand.

Dhr. Park vraagt wat de verhouding tussen SPIL leden en niet-SPIL leden was.

Mr. Park asked what the ratio of SPIL members to non-SPIL members was.

Ms. Breed does not know.

Mr. Lamers explains it was around 70% SPIL members and 30% non-members.

Dhr. Weyne zegt dat het niet goed klinkt dat het bestuur niet mee wilde gaan. Hij vertelt dat het niet tactisch is om het zo te omschrijven in de voetnoot. Zelfs al was dit het geval, is het niet verstandig om dit zo te benoemen.

Mr. Weyne says it doesn't sound right that the board did no't want to go along. He says it is not tactical to describe it like that in the footnote. Even if this was the case, it is not wise to name it like that.

Ms. Breed explains that it is a bit harsh. The board members that were joining discussed this. They wanted the travel coverage after all.

Ms. Pieters questions why the whole board was not there. It is a shame to see that the whole board was not there.

Ms. Breed agrees with that. Some board members already had plans before the dates of the trip. Some of the board members had last minute personal reasons why they could not join. Ms. Van der Heide was sick during that weekend for example.

Dhr. Park vraagt zich af waarom er dan voor dat weekend is gekozen, terwijl al bekend was dat sommige bestuursleden niet mee konden.

Mr. Park wonders why that weekend was chosen, when it was already known that some board members could not go.

Ms. Breed says the schade was aan het begin beperkt. From the board members not joining, a lot of things changed throughout the year.

The damage was limited at the beginning of board members who did not join, many changed during the year.

Ms. Bendsdorp already told her that she was not available that weekend, she told her this prior to the announcement of the weekend. Because of this six spots were taken, due to personal issues some board members simply could not join.

Mr. Park vraagt waarom er dan tijdens het beleidsweekend is gekozen voor dit weekend. Persoonlijke omstandigheden kunnen natuurlijk gebeuren. Toch was er al bekend dat niet het hele bestuur aanwezig kon zijn.

Mr. Park asks why this weekend was chosen during the policy weekend. Personal circumstances can of course happen. However, it was already known that not the entire board could attend.

Ms. Ahmad says other board members were simply not available in other weekends. Board members could really not be there on short notice. She is very sad that this happened, but it was not possible to do it in another way.

Ms. Böcher thinks it is important for the KB to keep this in mind. In general, watch out for these kinds of things. It is easily forgotten but very important.

Ms. Breed is asking if travel costs should be included in the budget for next years. It would take a lot up from the budget.

Ms. Böcher explains it should be thought about how much the travel costs are in the future. Internationals do not have the Dutch free OV.

Mr. Groenink is asking if she recommends Liège for next boards.

Ms. Breed does recommend it although they had a fantastic time. She advises them to be careful at night.

Dhr. Weyne vraagt hoe het zit met de deelnemersbijdrage op de begroting aangezien deze lager was.

Mr. Weyne asked what the situation was with the participants' contribution in the budget since it was lower.

Ms. Breed explains that the participants fee did not change throughout the year.

Dhr. Weyne asks how the amount got to 900 euros in the end.

Ms. Breed says she budgeted for 40 participants, that is what the contribution is based on. The transport was paid for. They need the “SPIL bijdrage” for that. They did not know a big time in advance that the sign ups would not be full. That is why the SPIL bijdrage is the same.

Ms. Wissink thought it was something she did not change in the budget since it was talked about in the audit check. The income does not add up.

Ms. Breed says that less participants fee was there in the end since there were less people. The hostel managed to adapt to less rooms. Most costs however stayed the same. The participants fee that they did not get will be at unforeseen costs.

Mr. Van Kampen is wondering if she recommends the next board to lower the amount of participants for future years.

Ms. Breed would advise not to do that if the whole board is joining. They just picked a very popular weekend where a lot of people already planned something. For now, she would say to still keep the 40 participants in mind.

Mr. Weyne has a short remark if the price is less expensive, more people would join. It was without any food included and EJW is 45 euros and everyone does get food there.

Ms. Breed knows that the fee is higher, the EJW has no transport, accommodation is less expensive. Those are main differences. Including transport was the most important in highering the participants fee this year.

Dhr. Weyne zegt dat het in een stad altijd duurder zal zijn dan in een verlaten huisje ergens. Als de prijs lager was geweest, had hij graag willen meegaan naar het SPIL weekend.

Mr. Weyne says that it will always be more expensive in a city than in an abandoned cottage somewhere. If the price had been lower, he would have liked to go to the SPIL weekend.

Ms. Breed is sad that Mr. Weyne did not join.

Budget EJW

Begroting EJW

Dhr. Park heeft drie punten. Hij vindt het leuk dat SPIL naar scouting Paulus gaan. Hij heeft daar leuke herinneringen aan.

Zijn tweede punt gaat over de datum van het EJW. Er was een discussie over de datum zodat internationale studenten konden komen. Een aantal oud bestuursleden maakten er toen een punt van dat het traditie was. Hij snapt niet waarom het naar nog eerder is verplaatst.

Ms. Ahmad is thanking him for the compliment. It seemed like everyone was pushing her to do it. There were just no places available during that time or they just did not want a study association there. It was either more expensive or just not possible. Then they had to rush to find a place for august. This was really the only option for the EJW.

Ms. Pieters saw that there is 75 euros budgeted for the next board.

Ms. Ahmad says she really told the next board but they simply have things planned already. Mr. Buijs says the dates were not communicated.

Dhr. Park says there is a 50 cent difference in the budget at the drinks sections.

Ms. Breed will correct this.

Ms. Wissink is wondering how the sign ups are going for the freshmen weekend.

Ms. Ahmad does not think it is not going great. She is already in the new group chat.

Ms. Wissink thinks it would be possible but that you do not want that. They would send a separate letter to university to let them mail it.

Ms. Pieters wants to add something. When going into the group chat, write the message in Dutch as well, maybe they are a bit hesitant to join because they have to speak English.

Dhr. Park vraagt zich af bij hoe veel deelnemers ze eraan zitten te denken om het weekend te annuleren.

Ms. Ahmad did not consider this. Maybe she would cancel it when having 30 participants.

Mr. Park is sorry to ask this question. He advises her to be in touch with the RvA, it is not good in name of SPIL.

Ms. Wissink thinks the weekend could still go through with it when having less people. Maybe they could already let the location know, maybe they could lower the amount of money. She does not think it would be a big problem in that case.

Ms. Andriessen thinks the idea of having second years join is not a bad idea. It might be a solution to the problem.

Ms. Böcher says as Ms. Ahmad said she has never joined a weekend. A plan should be set up when not having enough participants. There could be a waiting list where freshmen could have priority. Write down at what point a decision is made.

Suspension – Schorsing

Long trip budget

The XLIth board explains there has been a mistake in the flight situation of Ms. Benli's ticket. She had already booked another trip before joining the board and the flight ticket back from Thailand is now overlapping. Due to mistakes the board asks the GA if it would be possible for SPIL to cover some of those costs.

Ms. Breed explains that there has been a change in the price of a ticket for the trip. Ms. Benli had

Due to slow communication with group flights, there is a 200 euros extra from the budget that is going to unforeseen costs.

Mevr. Nieuwenhuijsen does not understand the remark.

Mevr. Breed legt uit dat er een overlap in reizen is. Mevr. Benli zal een dag eerder gaan. Haar ticket moest omgeboekt worden, nu is het zo dat er door miscommunicatie 200 euro uit het potje onvoorzien zal gaan om alle bestuursleden op de reis te laten gaan.

Mrs Breed explained that there was an overlap in travel. Ms Benli will be going a day earlier. Her ticket had to be rebooked, now it is so that due to miscommunication, 200 euros will be taken from the contingency fund to allow all board members to go on the trip.

Mevr. Nieuwenhuijsen zegt dat het niet onvoorzien is als dit al duidelijk was van te voren.

Mrs Nieuwenhuijsen says it is not unforeseen if this was already clear beforehand.

Ms. Breed says it was changed and because of that unforeseen.

Mevr. Nieuwenhuijsen snapt dit niet.

Ms. Nieuwenhuijsen does not understand this.

Ms. Breed says it was more important for all board members to be on the trip to pay the

Dhr. Weyne vraagt of er nu geld wordt betaald.

Mr. Weyne asks if money is being paid now.

Ms. Breed says ms. Benli already told the board this

Mr. Park does not accept this and asks if this has been done before this year.

Ms. Breed says it has not been done before. It would be a huge exception, she understands this but that is why it is being discuss it during the GA.

Ms. Böcher is asking if there is another plan.

Ms. Breed is explaining

Mr. Park doubts the credibility of this idea.

Ms. Pieters says the audit committee told Ms. Breed that

Mr. Van der Marel is asking where the miscommunication is.

Ms. Breed says Ms. Benli communicated this to the board. The committee booked the flights on the 10th, she would then miss her flight on the 11th. She thinks the board is responsible for what the committee does.

Mr. Van der Marel says it is hard to justify this. It is a hard discussion but they also have to accept that mistakes were made. If the members have trust in that things get resolved properly, it is not fair. Questions could be asked. It is not fair to let members pay, it could act as a prevention. It does not have a factor of retaliation.

Ms. Breed thanks him. It is always very hard to blame someone in this case.

Dhr. Van der Kruit vraagt wie de tickets boekt en of die persoon op beleidsweekend was.

Ms. Breed explains that in march when the tickets were booked, this situation was not there yet.

Mr. Buijs would like to respond Mr. Van der Marel. They are doing voluntary work so it would not be responsible to ask them to contribute more.

Ms. Pieters does not think it is fair to ask board members and committee members extra money.

Dhr. Weyne vraagt of het niet raar is dat de rest van het bestuur hier vraagtekens bij had. Het is een hele rare ontwikkeling en vraagt hoe

Mr. Weyne does not agree at all.

Ms. Ahmad does not feel good about this decision but when these points were made, who do they make it fair in the end. There were no miscommunications, they promised her that they would try and fix something. The budget from the committee. They were trying to find a solution

Mr. Park advices to suspend the GA

Suspension - Schorsing

Ms. Ahmad thanks the GA for giving them the suspension. She would like to apologize on behalf of the board. It is not okay to ask members to pay for this price that was miscommunicated by the board. They will figure it out within the board, they will not let others pay. It will be decided within the board to handle the situation.

Ms. Böcher would like to thank the board for discussing this and thinks it is a good solution.

Lustrum realisation

Lustrum Realisation will be discussed.

Dhr. Park ziet de CASSA subsidie niet. Waarom was het gekozen om de CASSA subsidie niet te gebruiken dit jaar.

Mr. Park does not see the CASSA subsidy. Why was it decided not to use the CASSA subsidy this year.

Mr. Groenink says Mr. Neeleman is not here today. They did apply but the CASSA denied their request. It was rude and inconsiderate. Their money from SPIL was going towards a long trip. So they did get the money but for the long trip. He advises them to not include the long trip budget in their budget for the future.

Mr. Buijs has a question about the left-over money from the lustrum budget.

Ms. Breed says the money will go to the next lustrum.

Dhr. Park zegt dat het verschil tussen formele en sociale activiteiten erg hoog is. Aan de ene kant is dit goed, maar aan de andere kant vraagt hij zich af of dit goed besproken is in de ALV.

Mr Park says that the difference between formal and social activities is very high. On the one hand this is good, but on the other hand he wonders whether this has been properly discussed at the GA.

Mr. Groenink said that CASSA also told them that a lot of money was going to social and alcoholic activities. The fact is that formal activities just cost less money. There were like two formal activities. The social activities were almost free. There could be more money spent but not ensured a higher quality of ensurement. The gala cost more than expected.

Ms. Bendsorp explains there was a GA planned but it could not be continued because of the quorum not being reached. It was at that moment that the budget should have been discussed.

Ms. Benli says Mr. Groenink explained during that GA that the formal activities simply did not cost a lot of money relatively.

Ms. Böcher thinks it would be good for the next Lustrum Committee to keep this balance. Her advice would be to really be considerate on what to spend money on and discuss it at early GA since it is still money from SPIL.

Dhr. Park zegt dat de begroting van het lustrum eerder besproken moet worden in de toekomst. Hij adviseert om tussen de beleids-ALV en de Tussentijdse-ALV bij komt zodat alles wordt besproken over het Lustrum. Het KB zou dit kunnen doorgeven aan het volgende bestuur. Dit zal dan ook in het witboek geschreven worden.

Mr. Park says that the budget for the Lustrum should be discussed earlier in the future. He advises to meet between the policy GA and the interim GA so that everything about the Lustrum is discussed. The KB could pass this on to the next board. This will then also be written in the white paper.

Dhr. Buijs verteld dat dit geen goed idee is.

Mr. Buijs agrees with this.

Dhr. Park zegt dat in zijn jaar de Lustrum ALV wel goed bezocht was. Dan heb je meer zicht op het budget. Vanuit een kritische ALV wordt dan verwacht dat er op dat moment nog een keer naar gekeken wordt. Het is een advies, het bestuur kan ermee doen wat ze willen.

Mr Park says that in his year the Lustrum GA was well attended. Then you have more insight into the budget. A critical GA is expected to take another look at it at that time. It is advice, the board can do what they want with it.

Ms. Breed has a question regarding this advice. When discussing the Lustrum budget during the GA, a lot was not specified yet. In what month would this GA then take place.

Dhr. Park zegt dat het lastig is hier een datum aan te koppelen. Het zou ergens tussen de beleids-ALV en de Tussentijdse-ALV kunnen plaatsvinden.

Mr Park said that it was difficult to set a date for this. It could be somewhere between the policy GA and the interim GA.

Mevr. Akande zegt dat het gedeeltelijk aan COVID-19 maatregelen lag. Hierdoor konden zij geen dingen zo ver van tevoren vastleggen.

Ms. Akande said that it was partly due to COVID-19 measures. This prevented them from fixing things so far in advance.

Ms. Böcher thinks GA's would become shorter, so the quorum in the end would not be a problem. People could be less irritated by GA's if it would not last six hours.

Mr. Weyne advises to plan the GA earlier next time.

Ms. Benli explains that there was an exam week so the GA could not be planned earlier.

Mr. Groenink thinks SPIL is lucky that the Lustrum could go through. Everything went quite smoothly keeping the COVID-19 in mind. It was very short notice. Considering all circumstances, it is a commendable effort by the board, next time it should probably be easier. It is very unusual to organise something like this during those times.

Dhr. Park kan niet zien of er Lustrum items zijn gemaakt.

Mr. Park cannot see if a Lustrum item was made.

Ms. Bendsorp explains it was budgeted last year. It was already made last year under the 40th board budget, so it could not be made this year.

Dhr. Park vraagt of het bier nog lekker was.

Mr. Park asked if the beer was still good.

Ms. Bendsorp was sad to see that lots of people did not buy the beer. It was nice beer but it did not sell that well.

Mr. Weyne wants to know if the beer is still drinkable.

When the gavel hits the table the GA approves of the budget.

Affirmation 42nd board of SPIL

Instemming 42^e bestuur der SPIL

It is with honour and pleasure to introduce to you the 42nd candidate board of SPIL:

President	<i>Annabelle Jung</i>
Secretary	<i>Robin Buijs</i>
Treasurer	<i>Lara Akande</i>
Commissioner Education & Politics	<i>Elena van der Klok</i>
Commissioner Global Relations	<i>Anna Gruber</i>
Commissioner Internal Relations and Festive	<i>Marvin Lamers</i>
Commissioner External Relations and Introduction	<i>Margot Ammerlaan</i>

The CALVV asks them to briefly introduce themselves.

The KB is introducing themselves.

The GA is asking whether or not the commissioner titles have to be stated as well.

Ms. Benli explains that festive and introduction are given to the KB by the h.t. Board. It is not comparable to other committees like SPIL weekend since the next board chooses it for themselves.

The GA agrees on the title of commissioner Festive and Introduction.

Ms. Wissink is asking what the KB is mostly looking forward to.

Dhr. Park vraagt zich af of er al een strategie is bedacht door het KB voor het EJW aangezien ze maar met z'n drieën zijn.

Mr. Park wonders if a strategy has already been devised by the KB for the EYW since there are only three of them.

Ms. Jung believes the current board will also be there. They are working on it since a lot of people still are catching up on vacation which could not happen during COVID-19.

Ms. Böcher experienced that during EJW they meet so many new people. It would

Dhr. Park vraagt of Dhr. Lamers trots is op de naam functienaam feest ipv. Faciliteiten.

Mr. Park asks if Mr. Lamers is proud of the job title Festive instead of Facilities.

Mr. Lamers likes all parties, so he is fine with that.

Dhr. Park vraagt of Dhr. Lamers bekend is met de geschiedenis van de functie.

Mr. Park asked if Mr. Lamers was familiar with the history of the function.

Ms. Nieuwenhuijsen asks why the KB is not wearing their board jackets.

Ms. Bensdorp explains that they advised not to go to Gents.

Ms. Jung says they have an activity tomorrow.

Ms. Ammerlaan says they will visit everyone's parents' home this summer.

Mr. Van der Marel asks which animal they would like to be for a week.

Mr. Buijs would love to feel how it is to fly by being a big angry bird.

Ms. Jung cat

Ms. Akande butterfly

Mr. Lamers panda

Ms. Ammerlaan dolphin.

Ms. Van der Klok hamster

Ms. Gruber bird

Mr. Van der Kruit is wondering what their favourite bar is and if it's in Leiden or The Hague.

Ms. Gruber Fiddler.

Ms. Van der Klok Vergulde Kruik got COVID-19 in the Vergulde Kruik.

Ms. Ammerlaan de Keyzer.

Mr. Lamers leopold.

Ms. Akande o'cassey's

Ms. Jung de Roebels or de Keyzer

Mr. Buijs Barlo in The Hague

Mr. Groenink asks if they have considered going to breskens for their policy weekend.

Ms. Akande says they are going there.

Dhr. Groenink zegt dat er weer wat en vraagt wie Augustinus heeft opgericht.

When the gavel hits the table, I install as the 42nd f.t. board of SPIL *Annabelle Jung, Robin Buijs, Lara Akande, Elena van der Klok, Anna Gruber, Marvin Lamers, Margot Ammerlaan*

Suspension - Schorsing

Audit Committee report

KasCo verslag

CALVV gives the word to Ms. Wissink

“Dear GA,

On Monday the 13th of June, the third audit check took place in the beautiful common room of Leiden. It brought back old memories to us since the weather was so nice outside, yet the common room was freezing. After a delicious dinner provided by Mrs. Breed, we could get started on checking the books. Mrs. Breed was well prepared this time and had printed all the documents from March on. After highlighters were found, we could get started. The bookkeeping was nearly perfect since only a few expenses were categorised in the wrong place. The receipts were a little messy and all over the place but they were all there which made us very happy. We advised Mrs. Breed to purchase a new binder since it is currently overflowing with declaration forms.

We also checked the budget for the Long Trip as well as the realisation of the Lustrum and SPIL Weekend. In general, the budget for the Long Trip looked very well put together. We advised Mrs. Breed on some changes she could make regarding the division of the budgeted money. Furthermore, we looked at the realisation of the Lustrum week. After we enjoyed ourselves at the Lustrum week since every activity was well organised, we were also happy to see that their budget was very well managed. Lastly, we checked the realisation of the SPIL Weekend and sadly we could not be as happy with that as with the other budgets we checked. Unfortunately, the SPIL Weekend cost way more than budgeted, which worries us. Mrs. Breed explained how this happened and what caused the negative result of the realisation. We advised Mrs. Breed to critically look at how she will spend money the remaining of the year since the incomes with Studystore and acquisition are lower than expected. Additionally, the collection of the membership fee will most likely be lower since it is collected this late in the year but we are happy that it is finally taking place at the end of June.

During our last audit report, we ended with a few expectations we had of Mrs. Breed for this audit check. We have seen improvements from Mrs. Breed, however there are still things we

are not satisfied with. The communication has since the beginning of the year not been great and has still not improved even after the pressing words in our last audit report. This also applies to the membership fee updates, we had not heard anything from Mrs. Breed so we decided to ask her ourselves again and during this audit check we asked as well. Moreover, the bookkeeping up until March, which we checked last time, was still not improved and the mistakes were not taken out yet. We had to find this out ourselves when we looked at Snelstart instead of Mrs. Breed being honest and telling us. It saddens us that Mrs. Breed does not follow up on the things we have asked of her throughout the year and especially during the last audit check in April. We talked about this with Mrs. Breed and we agreed that everything will be perfect during the last audit check so we can end the year on a good note.

The Audit Committee 2021 - 2022 'Krulrijk' Pien Wissink & Lisa Pieters''

Dhr. Park wil de complimenten uiten naar de KasCo naar het eerlijke verslag en de precieze werk de laatste maanden.

When the gavel hits the table the GA approves the audit report.

Discharges and installations

Decharges en instalaties

When the gavel hits the table, I install into the Brussels Excursions committee:
Karolina Panko, Mats Bouman, Nefeli Vonno, Evaelle Dhainaut, Csongor Gyorivanyi

Any other business

W.v.t.t.k.

Ms. Van der Heide had a talk with study store today. She wants to let the GA know that they can join the book sale workgroup so that they can think of a strategy for the contract and negotiations.

Mr. van der Marel asks when the negotiations need to be done.

Ms. Van der Heide says this will be around October.

Ms. Böcher wants to compliment Ms. Van der Heide for her procedure on this.

Ms. Andriessen wants to clarify that the letter that will be discussed is not meant to be rude and there is no critique on one person.

“Dear XL1st board of SPIL, dear General Assembly,

We, some of the e.t. boards of SPIL, write to you because we have some concerns about the state of affairs of SPIL over the past year and wish to help the XL1st board to come up with solutions to overcome the issues that our beloved study association is facing. As you are all aware, we have had to deal with a pandemic over the past two years. This has not only been a tough time for everyone personally, but it also makes it very difficult for an association to function successfully. Board years have been very different from the years before, activities could not be organised and, as a consequence, knowledge about SPIL has inevitably decreased to some extent. This is why some e.t. SPIL boards from before the pandemic want to help the XL1st board and the XLIIInd board as well as the General Assembly to prepare for next year and fill the gaps that were lost due to not being able to have normal board years. We hope to remind the upcoming board and the General Assembly of SPIL traditions and activities that are a great part of our history and hopefully of the future. Next to this, this letter is also a reminder that e.t. board members can always be reached out to for help and we are very willing to offer advice.

First of all, we want to focus on the General Assembly. Thank you to every SPIL'er that has joined the General Assembly this evening. It is very important that you are here. SPIL belongs to all of its members and the board is there to act on the wants and needs of our association. A SPIL board may be selected by its predecessors, but it is approved by the General Assembly and acts only on behalf of its members. In essence, SPIL is a group of students that come together, all pay some money and then task the board with spending that money in the way members want. We want to stress that everyone at the General Assembly has a right to voice their opinion on the actions of the board and the direction that SPIL is taking. It is important and beneficial to our association if the General Assembly remains critical. This is also why we have decided to address these issues during this General Assembly. To be critical does not mean to be rude or against a board, it just means that we all want the best for SPIL so that we can enjoy our great association for as long as possible.

The first thing we want to encourage the XLIIInd board to do is adhere to a long term planning for promotion, outlining how long before any activity promotion should be put online and how often reminders should be sent. An example of this is the two-week rule used by predecessors. It can also work great to post monthly overviews of what activities are coming up. This is a major contributor to members' awareness of what activities are available. This will be especially important in September. In September the XL1st board (and their committees) should have their last activities to give their successors a head start, and to make sure new first years know of everything SPIL has to offer, promotion is important.

As it looks now, fingers crossed, the XLIIInd board will have the most normal circumstances for a board year since the start of the Corona pandemic. And, as mentioned before, the pandemic has had a lot of consequences for associations. Mainly, many activities that SPIL would normally organise could not be organised over the past years. We understand that some knowledge about what events are usually organised, what traditions SPIL has, and the importance of some events over others has gone lost over the past two and a half years in which boards have had to adapt to new circumstances. This year, we have noticed some

traditions and events that have gone missing that we think belong to a SPIL year and that we would like to see return in the upcoming years. Next to the pandemic, SPIL has gone through quite some changes of its own, with a new board structure and an increasing importance of the Hague and international students and having to balance this with the presence of SPIL in Leiden. This is why we want to stress our willingness to help the XLIIInd board discover the traditions, events, and overall character that SPIL had pre-pandemic. We understand that each board has some discretion in how to fill in their board year but of course there are some things that should not be missed now that we can most likely get back to a normal year filled with activities.

Next, we want to advise the XLIIInd board to not be afraid to make mistakes. These happen, issues arise during your board year, and the important thing is how you handle these problems. E.t. board members are all here to help you when you reach out to them. Especially those undersigning this letter as well as your direct predecessors. When issues cannot be solved, we must have open communication about these in the General Assemblies and it is important that board members explain these in their policy, interim report and final report. One issue we want to point out as an example is how the board as a whole handled the problems that arose with DEBAT. We know there have been multiple setbacks and challenges that made sending out the printed copies of DEBAT difficult, but it wasn't until former board members reached out to help that these problems were addressed. This did improve at one point during the year, but seeking help remained low. When such problems arise, it is up to the board as a whole to invest sufficient time and effort to solve it as quickly as possible, and to reach out to those that might be able to help. It is important for the XLIIInd board to know that every board in the past years has faced challenges and struggled to solve them, which is why e.t. boards will always be willing to help out. They understand how hard certain problems can be and they don't judge individuals for reaching out for help.

This is why we want to stress the importance of the policy, interim report and final report each board writes during their year. Especially to newer SPIL members this may sometimes feel like a document that is mostly there for show, but it is the backbone of communication between the board and the members of the association. The policy as set out by the board at the beginning of their year is agreed upon by the General Assembly and therefore they mandate how the board should carry out their tasks throughout the year. Unforeseen circumstances always arise, certain things are easier or better done differently than written in the policy and some things may just have been too ambitious. This should be clearly presented, and most of all, explained in the interim report. As long as any board has a good reason to take a certain course of action, the General Assembly will definitely agree. If the General Assembly feels like there is no good reason to deviate from the original policy they agreed with and doesn't want the board to change their course of action, they can discuss this during the General Assembly. The same goes for the final report: as long as there is a clear explanation of why certain decisions were made, it is alright if there have been mistakes. They just need to be acknowledged.

It is therefore highly important for any board to stick to their policy or interim report, and to keep all the promises that are made during a General Assembly. The best way to utilise the General Assembly is to acknowledge that certain things have gone wrong or not as well as they should have. This is part of a professional attitude that board members should have during their board year. We would argue that other important aspects of professional attitude are that problems within a board are kept within the board, that board members publicly support their fellow board members and the board's decisions even if they disagree and that they always have an open and inviting attitude towards all members. In addition, board members are responsible for everything that happens during SPIL activities and should take that task and their responsibility for their members seriously.

In relation to this, new board members should be clear to their fellow board members where their priorities will lie during the year to come. It is only understandable that some people will want to spend more time with other friends or studying than others, and sharing this with each other helps to build understanding. However, when one is on the board of SPIL, that has to be top priority for at least most of the board members. This is important for solving problems that can arise, as well as presence and visibility at activities. The most important thing is to keep in mind the mantra "one board, one task": all board members are collectively responsible for everything their fellow board members do. We hope the XLIIInd board will once again strive for the standard of all board members being present at all activities if they can. Especially for trips and other big activities that are planned way in advance board members are expected to remain available, as their presence is extra important.

For the remainder of this year specifically, there is one main concern that we want to mention in this letter. The finances of any association are of utmost importance for the continuity of the association. As has been discussed during this General Assembly and addressed by the Audit Committee, the financial situation this year has been below standards. The issues with the finances must be solved before the XLIIInd board will take over, and really before the last audit check of course. You, as a board, have taken on the responsibility for the finances of this association. As long as the financial year is not properly finalised by the XLIIInd board, the General Assembly cannot allow the XLIIInd board to be discharged from their position. We want to stress this is a situation the General Assembly and the signatories to this letter want to avoid at all cost and it can definitely be avoided. As stressed throughout this letter, e.t. boards are here to help and support you to make sure the finances can properly be finalised, however, the initiative only lies with the XLIIInd board and the outcome is eventually up to them.

Signed,

Leonie Andriessen, Niels Bosman, Niels Park, Roos Neven, Frits Weyne, Lisa Pieters, Pien Wissink, Rick van den Brink, Marjolein Nieuwenhuijsen."

Motion 1

"The GA gathered at Vergulde Kruik in Leiden:

Taking into account that the previous boards in COVID-19 all had to adjust their activities and board year. Therefore, a lot of knowledge has been subsidised, asks the 41st board of SPIL to involve old board members, specifically from before COVID-19, to let them help fill in the gaps. The 41st board is asked to keep in touch with Ms. Saris to coordinate during at least three general onboarding sessions. Old board are present and involved in the preparations. Furthermore, the 42nd/f.t. Board, is asked to involve other predecessors when planning their onboarding sessions with the previous sessions as usual.

And proceeds to the order of the day.”

Was getekend: Mr. Kooij, Ms. Andriessen, Mr. Van der Kruit, Ms. Gamaggio, Mr. Weyne, Ms. Pieters, Ms. Wissink and Ms. Böcher.

Ms. Neven tried to get the motion as clear as possible. The main point is get old board members in the inwerkssessies.

Ms. Jung is asking when these sessions would take place.

Ms. Neven is explaining what kind of work in sessions are planned. Some sessions are planned individually and some are more general. They are asking to be there in the general work in sessions.

Ms. Van der Heide is saying COVID-19 started in the year of the 39th. She is asking how it would work if older board members are being asked to be there since functions in that board were different.

Ms. Pieters explains why the 39th board is still included in the letter.

Ms. Neven will also keep this in mind when including themselves.

Ms. Haliloglu explains that their priority training was a bit personal and emotional so it would be strange to add more people in there.

Ms. Neven does not want the new board to feel uncomfortable. Maybe someone from the current board and an older board member can be there.

Ms. Pieters the information will be kept within the session, should the motion be accepted they can look into other facts. She agrees and does not want anyone to feel uncomfortable.

There are 21 votes in favour.

There is 2 votes against.
There are 17 votes abstaining.

The motion is approved.

Motion 2

The GA gathered at Vergulde Kruik in Leiden:

“Considering that the F.T. board will only be with three people at the EJW, asks the remaining board members to create a video to be shown to all new members.

And proceeds with the order of the day.”

Signed by: Mr. Van der Kruit, Ms. Andriessen, Mr. Groenink, Ms. Böcher, Ms. Gamaggio, Ms. Pieters and Ms. Wissink.

Ms. Bendsorp explains that the current board also did this since they did not have an EJW, so she would advise the new board to do this.

Ms. Böcher likes the idea of a video of the whole board. It would be a gezellige atmosphere if people missing the EJW are still represented in some way.

Ms. Gamaggio suggests making a cardboard print of the faces missing, then they could walk around with this.

There are 14 people abstaining.

The motion is accepted.

Motion 3

“The GA gathered at Vergulde Kruik in Leiden:

The GA calls upon the GA to take demand for more sustainability serious and investigate how the association can become more sustainable, including researching sustainable alternatives, talking to experts, learning from others and be open to change. Especially in regards to the trips, but also other activities and an update on this progress of these efforts should be given at each GA.

And proceeds with the order of the day.”

Signed by: Ms. Böcher

Ms. Benli explains this was also handed in at last GA and no one was voting in favour.

Ms. Böcher thinks it is long term thinking, it could be about merchandise, activities etc. it is a very open motion. It is not implemented in the association in any way and it is time to take responsibility and action. The association should be more sustainable.

Ms. Benli thinks that setting strict rules on this will be limiting for future boards like trips.

Dhr. Park wil graag weten waarom het de vorige keer niet ingestemd is.

Mr. Park would like to know why it was not voted in during the last GA.

Ms. Böcher could not be present and there was no one else defending it. She is in shock that such an open motion is not supported.

Ms. Breed explains it was a bit vague in the phrasing of the motion. It lacked explanation so maybe that is why the motion would not be accepted.

Ms. Jung agrees and would like to be more sustainable in the upcoming year. She is asking if there are examples of this.

Ms. Böcher thinks there are different options. It should be a priority of board members. Leiden university green office, klimaat en milieuwetenschappen instituut has lots of experts. There are many different ways. They could make it more concrete now or do it later in the year.

Mr. van der Marel agrees with Ms. Breed. Of course it is important to be sustainable, but the idea is so broad. Because of that it is hard to decide upon. This motion is introducing so many different debates. He would suggest not to take on this motion. Only if there are concrete ideas, these could be voted in.

Ms. Neven understands the question of it being broad. Motions are always recommendations. It could be an advise on the next board on what they could research into. Every board always sets three policy goals. She would suggest to make a sustainability goal. Take on the very broad motion as a first step and then look into the details later on.

Ms. Andriessen says it would be up to the new board.

Dhr. Weyne legt uit dat het heel symbolisch is en een richting is vanuit de ALV waar je het later nog over kan hebben.

Mr. Weyne explains that it is very symbolic and a direction from the ALV that can be discussed later.

Dhr. Park zegt dat het niet alleen symbolisch is. Moeten er wel bitterballen worden gebracht op een borrel bijvoorbeeld. Er zijn zulke kleine dingen waar aan gedacht kan worden. juist omdat het zo breed is er veel mogelijk, het gaat er gewoon om dat er aan gedacht wordt.

Mr. Park says it is not only symbolic. Do we have to bring bitterballen to drinks, for example? There are such small things that can be thought of.

Ms. Ahmad would like to say that it is not necessary to have a long discussion about this. The next board can decide on how to tackle this themselves. It is a good motion to think about for future events and other elements.

Ms. Böcher thinks everyone should vote now.

Mr. Van der Marel wants to emphasise his point.

There are 19 in favour

There are 16 abstaining

There is 1 vote against

The motion is accepted

Any other business

W.V.T.T.K.

Ms. Ahmad would like to vote on the remark on the EJW problem with not having enough sign ups. She wants to include the second years as well.

Ms. Böcher states the trust in Ms. Ahmad about this decision.

Round of questions

Rondvraag

Ms. Neven

Ms. Andriesson no

Mr. Van der Kruit asks if the 42nd board is aware that he thinks they will do a great job. Is the policy of the next board.

Dhr. Park vraagt zich af waarom hij geen brief heeft ontvangen. Hij zou de aankomende ALV's een brief moeten ontvangen.

Mr. Park is wondering why he did not receive a letter. He expected to receive several letters for the upcoming GA.

Mr. Buijs asks if it would be okay to send an email instead of a letter.

Dhr. Park hopes that the 42nd board will send out the email to him. He hopes they will enjoy their last months and the trips.

Mr. Kooij no

Mr. Groenink asks the board what their favourite ride at the Efteling is.

Ms. Haliloglu has never been there.

Ms. Van der Heide droomvlucht.

Ms. Benli Joris en de draak.

Ms. Ahmad max en morris

Ms. Breed carnaval festival

Ms. Moltubak has never been there

Ms. Jung is asking if the GA, the CALVV, the 41st board know that she is very excited to be in the f.t. Board and is looking forward to this year. She is honoured to be in the upcoming board, question mark.

Ms. Jung is asking if the GA, the CALVV, the 41st board know, she is looking forward to her board year, question mark.

Ms. Akande is asking if the GA, the CALVV, the 41st board know, she is very excited, question mark.

Ms. Van der Klok is asking if the GA, the CALVV, the 41st board know, she is very excited, question mark.

Dhr. Weyne wenst het F.T. bestuur veel plezier en geluk.

Mr. Weyne wishes the f.t. Board lots of fun and luck.

Ms. Constateli no

Ms. Cabaleti wishes the new board good luck, question mark.

Mr. Van der Marel asks the f.t. board what the best beer is.

Mr. Lamers asks the GA the CALVV, the 41st board that they are looking forward to upcoming year, question mark.

Ms. Ammerlaan asks the GA the CALVV, the 41st board that she is excited for upcoming year, question mark.

Mr. Buijs asks the GA the CALVV, the 41st board what famous person they would be. He is also very excited to start next year and make the association better, question mark. He would like to improve and make the association even greater.

Ms. Böcher knows that the 42nd board will do a great job.

Ms. Wissink everything that Ms. Böcher said.

Ms. Gamaggio no.

Ms. Bendsdorp thanks everyone for this year.

Ms. Haliloglu thanks everyone, and is sure they will do great question mark.

Ms. Moltubak is excited to see them next year, question mark.

Ms. Van der Heide is happy that they all here tonight, she is glad that they have such an amazing association question mark.

Ms. Breed agrees what has been said up until now, question mark.

Ms. Benli asks if the 42nd f.t. Board knows that she is certain they will do a great job.

Ms. Ahmad is excited for them to work and have these GA's in the future, question mark.

Mr. Van Kampen is looking forward to the long trip. If they are going to carnaval festival, this should be prohibited, question mark.

Discharge of Voting Committee

Discharge der Stemcommissie

The CALVV would like to thank the voting committee for their service and hereby discharge Mr. Van der Marel and Mr. Van Kampen from the voting committee.

Closing

Sluiting

FINAL REPORT XLlth BOARD OF THE SPIL, ‘SPILsterhood’

1. LONG TERM GOALS OF THE STUDY ASSOCIATION FOR POLITICAL SCIENTISTS IN LEIDEN

The main goals of the association have been recorded in the Statues of the association. These are the following:

The association’s goal is to:

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

These are the foundations upon which the policy goals of the XLlth board SPILsterhood are built.

2. ASSOCIATION WIDE POLICY GOALS

“I think SPIL yellow is just yellow with a feeling for SPIL” - Marit

2.1 Inclusion

The main focus for this year was inclusion. Since it was the first board with three international board members, the board saw an opportunity to improve the inclusion of international members. In the past year, the board members have tried to organise events which would attract members from all programs and years. To evaluate inclusion by ourselves is not really practicable. Inclusion can be different subjectively to every member. However, the board took measures that assured more inclusion between members. An example would be the use of the English language in most of the events and situations. This is the first and most visible example of inclusion. Further would be the attempt of equal amounts of events in both cities. This may have differed from committee to committee, but it was one of the main points in their introduction to the committees. The board made it clear to committees that events needed to be inclusive in both cities. To learn more about inclusion SPIL also, as mentioned in the last policies, joined the Diversity and Inclusion training. It was a great platform to learn and evaluate the inclusive behaviour of the associations through constant training. The XLlth board advises the upcoming boards to still keep this pillar in mind for the future. It is important that everyone feels welcome at the association. Be open for conversations with the new freshmen and especially include the internationals by talking English during all activities.

2.2 Balance

The XLlth board has set harmony as a general goal over the past year. For this board it was important to have a balanced association to create an atmosphere of unity. The XLlth board has set itself the goal this year to be present in both Leiden and The Hague and to represent

members from both cities as well as possible. They planned to have an equal number of events in both cities. Based on the advice of past boards, they had their monthly borrels in both The Hague and Leiden and balanced out the formal and informal activities.

The XLlth board advises the upcoming boards to try and keep the balances of cities. Though there are more and more IRO studentens joining the associations, a big part of them still live spread out in the two cities. By creating a balance for the activities, members will have equal opportunities to join events in their city. Furthermore, a balance between formal and informal activities is needed in the study association. This way the social and educational elements are included in SPIL.

2.3 Realignment

In the rural times of pandemic, the board was excited to organise events again when society opened up. The XLlth board was aware that COVID-19 had not come to an end yet when beginning their board year. While they had hopes for a normal year, a part of it still fell through when society had to be in lockdown again during the winter. Fortunately, SPIL was still able to go on her trips this whole year. During (physical) activities like trips and GA's the board tried to let everyone be at comfort. This is why it was possible to join the GA's online, this year while it being a physical event. This was done after the discussion at the Policy GA.

On trips like Athens, it was made sure that self tests were provided since the pandemic was still peaking. The Commissioner of Education and Politics also noticed difficulties with organising excursions this year. Political institutions and embassies were still strict with their measures, which made it hard for the committee to organise embassy trips and traditional events like the ICC. Furthermore, companies were reluctant in their acquisition department because of the COVID-19 deficit in their budgets. Details about this will be discussed in the commissioner specific policies. Overall, the board hopes that most of the traditional activities of the association are still being organised and they hope that these SPIL traditions and friendships will continue to be made in the future.

3. PRESIDENT

3.1. President

"Be as you wish to seem" - Socrates

3.1.1. Internal affairs

One of the main tasks of the president is to ensure regular communication between the board members. During the three-hour board meetings this was well ensured enough by starting the meetings with the question: How is everyone doing? This made it possible for every board member to know what the other board members were currently doing or going through. This also gave every board member the time to open up and let everyone know more about their issues but also good news. The board members get a great insight into each other's life. At the end of each meeting the board also discussed how the meeting went and what made the board members feel comfortable and what needs to change. The president obtained the impression that everyone trusted the atmosphere to open up about what they liked and did not like and how it can be managed better in future board meetings. As always, the president thrives on compromise in most situations. This has ensured that everyone's ideas and opinions are in some way respected while making decisions. Even though the president was not able to join some of the trips this year, contact with the board was still maintained through phone calls.

3.1.2. External representation

Aside from the internal representation, the president is also in charge of the external presentation of the association. As introduced in the last policies this is done by joining different meetings. The president this year has taken part in most of all the meetings of VerO which is a meeting within associations in the Faculty of Social Sciences. During the last blocks not, many meetings took place but we still kept in constant contact via the groupchat. On the other hand, the VerO from the Campus The Hague only took place once last semester. Due to everyone's busy schedule another meeting wasn't possible to schedule. The communications between both meetings are different. The communication in the VerO for the associations in Leiden is frequent and regular, whereas the communication in the VerO Campus The Hague is rarer and irregular. The president is very much convinced that these forms of representation bring favourable aspects and outcomes to the associations. These outcomes would be such as further communication and collaborations with other associations. It leads to better relationships and communication with other associations which in return concludes to future collaborations with the different associations. The associations can also gain advice and knowledge from each other.

Another platform where SPIL was externally represented is the Diversity and Inclusion workgroup. This was the most consistent project that took place this year. Many successful and insightful meetings took place with invited guests that brought great advice and help in difficult situations. Many of the other associations visited the meetings frequently with great enthusiasm for working and collecting ideas together to make their associations a better place for every member. The president would highly recommend joining the workgroup consistently next year as well.

Finally, the president-maintained contact with the advisory board (RvA) last year. Due to some circumstances and not enough knowledge the policies couldn't be always sent out to the board of advisors. The board would absolutely recommend the future board to sit down with the board of advisors and discuss a prepared timeline that would ensure every step in making and correcting of the policy, which would also include the exact date and time the future board will know when to send the policies to the board of advisors to check. The board felt good trust in the advisory board to give appreciated advice in situations needed.

3.1.3. CIROS

The president was not able to keep consistent contact with The Community for International Relations and Organisations Students (CIROS) board since their board transition occurred earlier in the year. Currently, the president and one of their officers are planning a meeting to discuss future collaborations during the IROC month. More on the contact with CIROS might be provided by the other board members.

3.1.4. Other Activities

This year has been filled with good and fruitful events for the members. Many initiatives came from the board itself for events that they also organised for the members this year. One of the examples would be the trip to Efteling park or the Iftar event that was a collaboration with Ciros. It was a great success with many participants and a nice atmosphere.

3.2 Commissioner Introduction

The president is very happy with the work of the committee. All in all the events planned and executed were a great success. It was however noticeable that towards the Freshman Weekend many participants were not available. When asking why this is the case the

president received the feedback that the date is too early for them to be in the Hague and Leiden. Due to that the president would advise the next commissioner to really consider doing the Freshman Weekend at the later date. This was a hardship since the introduction committee, which was already small in numbers, lost the assistance that it needed at that time. She would still like to praise the members that independently and respectively organised the Freshman Weekend.

The commissioner addresses the fact herself that not enough events took place in Leiden. Many great ideas were presented for an event in Leiden but none of those ideas were executed. It is hard to explain why those ideas did not come to reality but one of the reasons that the committee struggled to organise an event, was the unavailability of space in Leiden. In the Hague many spaces like the beehive common room and other spaces were available to book for an event. However, the commissioner sincerely acknowledges that this reason cannot alone explain why events were not considered in Leiden. The president would advise for a task force that keeps track of how many events took place in both cities every block. This would ensure constant observation of the fact if the events were equally divided in both cities. It is to acknowledge that the Iftar event with the CIROS committee was a success. A lot of students joined us for the feast and the commissioner was happy with the collaboration and turnout of the event.

3.2.1 Freshman Weekend

The Freshman Weekend took place with around 28 participants and 8 board members. The participants number a few days prior the freshman weekend was over 35 participants excluding the board. However, there were many last-minute cancellations which were unforeseen. Due to the lack of committee members organising the event it was harder to maintain every detail and action that needed to take place. Despite all the hardships, the Freshman Weekend still took place and was a great success. The commissioner was in constant contact with an old board member to ask questions and clarifications on some topics. Traditions like “Zure Jury” were kept in mind and an evaluation/feedback form was sent to the participants after the event. The outcome of the forms was positive, and everyone was exceptionally happy to have a small group since everyone got to know each other in an intimate setting. The commissioner was also happy that most of the f.t. Board joined the freshman weekend. Due to this the participants appreciated getting to know the future board. However, the commissioner would still very much advise and suggest having the freshman weekend in September and at the same location. It is very visible that the struggle to get participants for the event was big. Many people were not able to join due to being either still on vacation or abroad. It was visible that both Dutch and international students felt that it was too early for them to join. Despite asking second-years to join the event they did not gain more participants. This further solidifies that issue that the beginning of August is not an ideal time for the Freshman Weekend.

4. SECRETARY

Spok klinkt echt super ugly en leuk tegelijkertijd - Fizza

Dit is de precieze omschrijving van het SPIL hok in Leiden - Yesim

4.1.1 Members

At this point in time SPIL counts a total of (...) members. This includes (...) IRO students, (...) Internationale Politiek, (...) Politicologie: Algemeen and (...) International Betrekkingen en

Organisaties members. In the past months, the secretary was able to learn more about the program Conscribo which is the new membership system of SPIL. Though, she did encounter some difficulties while using new functions. Since the association had not used the program before, there was no white paper with explanation. The secretary would like for her successor to follow a course provided by Conscribo to learn more. This course will cost 75 euros so she will look into this with the treasurer to see if this is possible within the budget. By following a course, the next secretary would be able to pass on valuable knowledge to the upcoming boards. It would also be an opportunity to gather more information for the whitepaper for the program and have a better understanding of Conscribo in general.

4.1.2 Newsletter

Every first Monday of the month the newsletter is sent out. The policy of *Dutch follows English* continues to be respected. The schedule is presented in English so that every member is able to understand and be informed about activities occurring that month. The secretary continues a positive experience using the new program Laposta. During the summer break, she took some time off since no activities other than the long trip and EJW were taking place. In September, the newsletters will be sent to the members again.

4.1.3 Reunionists

Currently the SPIL counts (...) reunionists. Since there were delivery issues with DEBAT this year, the reunionists were not able to receive the magazine this year. It was available online for them to read. We hope to deliver them again in the upcoming academic year. The reunionist membership is promoted to the members when deregistration as a general SPIL member. This way, the secretary was able to get more sign ups this year.

4.1.4 Alumni

Since the Leidse Alumnivereniging van Politicologen has been dissolved, the responsibilities have been passed on to the secretary. The secretary has been in contact with several employees of university to work together to use the money in a good manner. Due to personal circumstances of the employee, there was some lack of contact. The secretary hopes to have a meeting again soon to discuss future events and collaborations with other associations within FSW.

4.1.5 General Assembly

This year, the board was able to organise General Assemblies in both The Hague and Leiden. Though, since COVID-19 was still around in the beginning of the year this was not always possible. When trying to search for a location for the Change of Boards GA, the secretary was not pleased with the limitations and costs of the venues in The Hague. She was trying to find a location which would be reachable via The Hague HS station, since trains would go to Leiden until later in the night. After calling many bars, most of them asked between 150-300 euros for the association to book a room or had bar minimums which were too high for the association to pay. When approaching associations in The Hague, they either did not answer their question or were not pleased with the GA location themselves. The secretary hopes to find a suitable place in The Hague for upcoming GA's since the board understands the urgency of hosting the assembly in both cities.

This year, there was also the opportunity to attend the GA's online via Zoom after discussing it during the policy GA. The idea was discussed to let members know that an online Zoom link would be given when requesting this. The secretary expected that more members would

make use of this since it was an opportunity to easily have access to join a GA. There was only one person who requested the Zoom link throughout the year.

The board is happy to notice that the committee cup is a good way to create an incentive to attend the GA. Therefore, they recommend the next board to continue with this.

4.1.6 Old Boards borrel

Due to COVID-19 restrictions at the beginning of the year, the old boards borrel took place later than planned. The secretary hoped that more old board members would join by planning it in a “longer” weekend because of a national holiday. She does not recommend for her successor to do this, since various people were on vacation because of this. The XLlth board had a great time with the old board members who attended and hope they will continue to be there at future borrels. She did notice that a large amount of e-mail addresses in the “old board member file” were not up to date anymore. This led numerous failed deliveries when sending the invitation. She advises her successor to look into this and maybe update the existing document.

4.2 Platform for Political Scientists

During the year, contact within the Platform for Political Scientists (PvP) went smoothly. Regular meetings were held with the board members of the PvP in different cities and online. During these meetings, advice was given between the boards about obstacles in their board years and ideas for activities were shared.

The PiP conference has also been discussed. The committee worked hard to create a thoroughly put together Congress in Amsterdam. It was located at the cultural centre Lab111. Although they expected more members to show, the attendance was still decent. The conference was about “a polarized society”. There were four people speaking at the event with several specialisations to create a broad understanding of the topic. The people attending were: Prof. Dr. Sjoerd Beugelsdijk who is a researcher studying the deeper causes of rising polarization, Prof. Dr. Ronald van Raak who is a Dutch historian and former member of the Dutch parliament for the Socialist Party and Drs. Ron van Wonderen who researches and gives advice on issues regarding social tensions, polarisation dynamics and the coexistence of population groups. Mr Von Wonderen is also the coordinator of Social Stability at Kennisplatform Inclusief Samenleven (KIS). Lastly, Jazie Veldhuyz, the party leader of BIJ1 at the local council of Amsterdam also joined the discussion. He is an activist and fights for the rights of those who are oppressed.

The PvP board looked into creating a second event with the four associations, but this was not manageable with the busy agendas of each association. They advised the next PvP board to compare agendas earlier in the year since having a collaborative second event with PvP does seem appealing.

5. TREASURER

Emma: “so weird that everything you part to 1 is 1, you wouldn’t say so”

5.1.3 Membership Fee

For the collection of the membership fee, the treasurer and secretary were in a sticky situation the past year. All the problems that occurred with the new membership system ‘Conscribo’

were discussed during the Interim GA. All these were solved and there were no further complications with ABN-Amro. Furthermore, the treasurer is happy that the membership fee is successfully collected.

Despite this, the membership fee is collected 7 months later than usual, in June instead of November. This has led to a few complications. There were more defaulters than budgeted. Under defaulters the treasurer counts the non-successful transactions as a result of 'not accepted'-defaulters, members with a too low balance during the collection, missing bic-codes and members who gave up the wrong bank account. The treasurer budgeted the defaulters being 10% of the total members during the policy GA (a percentage adopted from her predecessor, mister Van der Zwet). However, after the collection of the membership fee, the defaulters were estimated on 15% of the total amount of members. Together with miss Benli, the treasurer did everything to bring this percentage back to 10%. Every member, whom we'll call defaulter for now, received an email to transfer the contribution to SPIL right away, with the deadline of 1 September. If the defaulters does not fulfill the obligation of their SPIL membership, they will be unsubscribed as a SPIL member.

The h.t treasurer is planning on actively helping the f.t treasurer with the collection of the membership fee in its usual month, November.

5.1.4 Budget

During the Interim GA it became clear that SPIL has received fewer income than the treasurer estimated at the policy GA. And the realisation of this year can confirm that. The membership fee has already been discussed. However, the share that SPIL receives from StudyStore is lower than the years before and continues to do so. Luckily the commissioner Education and Politics, together with the ft. commissioner and their Task Force are actively discussing this issue. Moreover, from a treasurer's point of view the realization of the acquisitions target is also very disappointing. The treasurer has no clear explanation but hopes to see progress next year. The treasurer is very happy that the missed income did not lead to any budget shortages. And the SPIL did not make any losses this year.

5.1.5 Budget Surplus

The budget surplus that SPIL has derives from the Halloween party, that took place in The Hague in the beginning of November. From this budget surplus a reservation has been made that carries the name 'Party Reservation'. Since the surplus is profit it can only be spent at the same post next year. The treasurer sees this reservation as an asset for the ft. Commissioner of festivities so that he can organise parties just as successful as the Halloween Party 2021. The 41st board will leave the parties up to the next Festive Committee.

5.1.5 Mollie

The treasurer experienced this year that Mollie offers a lot of advantages for members; an 'easy' way to pay. However, the treasurer also experienced that there are less advantages for herself, Mollie has no clear oversight in payments and therefore during bookkeeping Mollie is a pitfall. For the f.t treasurer a separate email address will be made. This email can be checked regularly without the emails being drowned in other emails. The h.t treasurer still encourages the f.t treasurer to keep using Mollie.

5.2.1 SPIL WEEKEND.

"What is the most %# country you've been to?"*

Donna: "Belgium"

SPIL-Weekend took place this year from the 29th of April till the first of May in the pretty Liège. The location was a long kept secret that was revealed in the bus, although some SPIL'ers guessed in the right direction. This creative idea was frowned upon by SPIL'ers, which the commissioner and the committee did not expect beforehand. To fill in the empty spaces, external friends were invited who paid the same amount of participants fee as the SPIL members. The commissioner and committee look back on a fantastic weekend where every participant had the time of their life. The commissioner is very proud of the creativity that the committee showed, for example creating the SPIL weekend TikTok that the commissioner hopes will be used again next year. The budget and realisation of SPIL weekend were discussed during the interim GA, whereby all the losses in participants fee will fall under unforeseen costs.

6. COMMISSIONER EDUCATION AND POLITICS

The Commissioner Education and Politics looks back on a fun and educational year. The commissioner's goal this year was to make it as fun as possible for both the committee members and all members in general.

Although it was sometimes difficult to get a lot of attendees at the activities, the feedback from the members who came was often positive. The commissioner is happy with the positive reactions of the members who came to the activities, but hopes that in the coming years even more members will come to and enjoy the activities.

Within the committees, the commissioner tried to create an open, safe atmosphere. The commissioner hoped that her committees would become a place to develop new skills, but also to form new friendships. Looking back on the year, the commissioner thinks that this has worked out well. In the committee meetings, people worked hard to put on fun events, but there was also room to get to know each other and share stories. As a result, committee members often spoke to each other outside of meetings as well. The commissioner is very happy with this.

6.1 Commissioner Education

'As if the booksale is that much work' - Emma

6.1.1 Education Committee

The Education Committee has worked hard this year to organise fun and informative activities. The commissioner and the committee tried to find a balance between educational activities, such as workshops, and formal activities, such as panel discussions and guest lectures. They also tried to find a balance in the location. The commissioner therefore strived to have the activities alternate between Leiden and The Hague. In addition, the commissioner and the committee also tried to find a balance in themes. There were activities that were more focused on international politics, but also activities that focused on national politics, such as the panel discussion about the municipal elections. The Commissioner hopes that all members had activities this year that matched their interests.

The commissioner and committee also did their best to bring back activities that have been successes at SPIL for years. The Career Night was also a success this year. The turnout was good and the members present said they learned more about the various career possibilities

after their studies. Another recurring activity this year was the LeidenMUN workshop. Unfortunately, the turnout for this activity was not as good, but the members who attended found the workshop to be very informative and fun to attend. The boat lecture is also an event that returned this year. The organisation of the boat lecture did not go quite as hoped, but the students who came to the boat lecture hopefully all had a nice evening. The commissioner thinks that all the activities described above are traditions for a reason and that these are activities that members generally enjoy. The commissioner also believes that these are certainly activities that should return in the future.

The Education Committee also provided the news updates on Instagram again this year. The news was divided into three categories: Dutch news, European news and international news. The first half of the year, these news updates were as they were before, in the form of a small text in the Story. The second half of the year, a new format was tried out, in which the news updates were posted on Instagram in the form of a small quiz. The interaction with these quizzes was good and the commissioner believes that this new format is a nice interactive addition to the SPIL Instagram.

The Education Committee also helped the commissioner to organise a formal activity for the beginning of the new academic year. The committee is looking into organising a walking tour where students can learn about the political history of Leiden. The commissioner believes that it is important to organise a few fun activities in the beginning of the year, so that new students can immediately experience what SPIL does and thus become enthusiastic about becoming a member of SPIL. The commissioner is very happy that the committee wants to help her organise an activity in this period.

6.1.2 Master Students

This year, the commissioner tried to make SPIL also accessible and interesting for master students. In the beginning of the year it was difficult to find master students who had time to organise activities for other master students. She then decided to organise two workshops independently with the help of other board members. One of the workshops was in cooperation with the POPcorner, the other workshop was in cooperation with a PhD student. The workshop with the PhD student was also organised in previous years, and the commissioner thinks that this is certainly a tradition that could be continued in the coming years. The turn-up at the POPcorner was bad. The turn-up at the workshop with the PhD student was a bit better.

In the second semester, the commissioner was still able to form a committee consisting of seven master students who had started their master in February. These students have indicated to the commissioner that they would like to continue their current work for the Master Committee for another six months. In the opinion of the commissioner, it would be best to strive for continuity of the Master Committee, by which the commissioner means that the committee is not unchanging for an entire academic year. This can be achieved by not forming the committee at one moment, but having two moments in the year when students can join or leave the committee. This organisation of the committee fits better with the structure of the master's programme, which has a starting moment twice per academic year and only lasts one year.

In the second semester, the committee organised two activities. The first activity was a networking borrel in cooperation with HSVL. This borrel was a success and both the Commissioner Education and Politics and the commissioner of HSVL thought that the borrel should be repeated in future years. The second activity the committee organised was a beach borrel. The turnout was good, despite the fact that there was a tram strike on the day of the borrel. The committee also organised a networking event at the beginning of the new

academic year. This kind of event meets the needs of master students, can introduce master students to SPIL and hopefully encourage them to join the Master Committee.

6.1.3 Book sale

The book sale went well this year in terms of organisation. The commissioner received almost no complaints from students. The commissioner has tried to promote the book sale as much as possible. She has asked and received help from the Education Committee and the entire board. She has used several social media channels, such as Instagram and Whatsapp, and she has also verbally promoted the book sale to as many students as possible. Despite all the promotion, this did not ensure that the sales did not drop further. The commissioner fears that this trend cannot be stopped and that the association will have to reckon with even lower sales figures in the future.

6.1.4 Book sale taskforce

This year, the commissioner organised a taskforce to discuss the future of the book sale. The taskforce came to the conclusion that the book sale is an important service to its members and that SPIL should continue to fulfil this task in the future. In addition, the book sale is still an important source of income for SPIL, even if fewer books are sold. The decline in sales, however, creates a gap in the income that has to be filled with something else. One possibility would be to ask for money for career events. If it is difficult to get companies to pay money for this, this could perhaps be made easier by arranging this in cooperation with other associations such as the B.I.L.

At the end of the academic year, Studystore announced that they will terminate the contract with SPIL as it currently stands. This means that the current contract with Studystore will expire in January and a new contract must be signed before then in order to continue the cooperation between SPIL and Studystore. The commissioner has asked the taskforce to help her prepare for the negotiations, which are likely to begin sometime in October. The taskforce has let the commissioner know that they are happy to help with this. If other members wish to join the taskforce, they can let the commissioner know by e-mail. In September, the taskforce and the commissioner will start mapping out the SPIL's preferences for the new contract and drawing up a strategy for the negotiations.

6.2 Commissioner Politics

'Why should we teach people about politics if they don't care about politics? Do people care about politics? No' - Emma

6.2.1 Excursions Committee

The Excursions Committee has worked hard this year to organise many fun and interesting excursions. This turned out to be more difficult than the committee and the commissioner thought in advance. Many organisations had their own rules to prevent the spread of COVID-19 within their organisation and this often meant that the organisation did not receive any groups. Because of these rules, we chose to visit the OPCW and the US Embassy online. Although these excursions were online, attendance was not bad and the feedback from students on these excursions was positive.

The committee also had to deal with the consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic in another way this year. The organised visit to the Haags Historisch Museum was cancelled at the last minute by the museum, due to new national measures being announced. The commissioner is proud that after this news, the committee organised a replacement activity at short notice. At the end of the second semester, some organisations relaxed their rules for receiving groups. Therefore, the committee was able to arrange an excursion in person to the British Embassy.

The committee is also helping the commissioner to organise a physical embassy visit that will take place at the beginning of the new academic year. The commissioner believes that it is important to organise a nice excursion at the beginning of the year, so that new students can immediately experience what SPIL does and thus become enthusiastic about becoming a member of SPIL.

This year, the committee has also brought back a tradition within SPIL: A visit to a talk show. The committee organised for a group of members to visit the Beau talk show. The commissioner understood from the members who were there that they really enjoyed seeing how a talk show is recorded and the commissioner thinks that a visit to a talk show would certainly be fun to organise again in future years.

6.2.2 Stairs Affairs

In November, a committee was formed to organise the first Stairs Affairs event.

Unfortunately, this did not succeed this year. The cooperation between the committee and the university was not easy, especially because of the difficult communication. To prevent the same problems from occurring next year, a plan for next year has been worked on. It was decided that the committee itself will look for and invite guests, instead of leaving this to the university. In addition, an extra contact person has been sought at the university. The university will still finance the project and will also continue to provide media training for the committee members. The commissioner hopes that these changes will ensure that the Stairs Affairs Committee will hold their first interview on the steps of Wijnhaven next year and is already looking forward to this moment.

6.3 Programme Committee

The commissioner tried to represent the students as well as possible in the Programme Committee. She believes it is a great advantage that the Commissioner Education and Politics is also a member of the Programme Committee, because as commissioner she has a lot of contact with students from different years and specialisations. Together with the various student members of the Programme Committee, the commissioner tried to create more opportunities for student input by organising Feedback Fridays. These were days when the students could meet the student members in both Leiden and The Hague to talk about a specific theme or the quality of education in general. Although the turnout was not always high, the commissioner believes that it is important that such occasions are created for students to get in touch with the student members in an accessible way. This year, Feedback Fridays partly took place in the common room of SPIL. The commissioner believes that this is a very suitable place for these kinds of meetings to take place.

6.4 Student Sounding Board

The Student Sounding Board (SKG) has met several times this year to discuss a variety of issues. The commissioner tried to represent the interests of SPIL as well as possible at these meetings. At the meeting on the social media of the faculty, for example, she discussed the visibility of the study associations on social media. The topics that were discussed during the meetings were the procedures around the course evaluations, the transition from a world with COVID-19 measures to a world without these measures and the *Vision & Strategy Plan FSW 2022-2027*. The commissioner thinks it is good that the Commissioner Education and Politics goes to the meetings of the SKG, because this is an opportunity to hear what is going on within the faculty and to represent the interests of SPIL within these discussions.

7. Commissioner of Global Relations

“Buza is the Global Relations of the Dutch government” - Josephine Bendsdorp

The commissioner looks back at the past year with great pride and relief over the fact that all three trips and a two-day congress could go through. Despite the, at times very challenging, Covid-19 situation, all of her committees did an amazing job, and created numerous SPIL memories for old and new members alike.

7.1 Brussels excursion

“There’s water on Mars, and there’s life beyond Brussels” - Matteo Salvini

The year started somewhat rocky for the commissioner, as medical issues kept her from attending the Brussels excursion in November. However, it was great to see the committee (and the board) manage so well on their own, showing amazing ownership and leadership before and during the trip.

The excursion went ahead on November 22nd-23rd 2021, after a challenging and educational planning process. The semester started somewhat slow, which resulted in an unnecessarily stressful last few weeks before the trip. The last-minute stress could have been easily avoided, and the commissioner took many lessons away from the process of planning the Brussels excursion. Among those lessons was that it is smart to include the next Commissioner of Global relations in the planning process early on, which has been ensured this year, by keeping the f.t. commissioner up to speed with all committee developments over the summer.

With regards to the trip itself, the main challenge this year was a lack of institutions willing to receive large groups of visitors due to the Covid-19 situation, which resulted in far more time being spent finding suitable activities than usual. The trip would have been easier to organise with fewer participants, from a Covid-19 safety perspective, although the commissioner does not necessarily advise that the amount should be lowered in a non-Covid year.

Another significant challenge was that several institutions wished to cancel the visits with only a few days’ notice, and some without any foreseeable justification for their decision to cancel. These challenges lead to a somewhat lighter program than other years, with more free time and fewer activities. A clear, written and signed agreement with the institutions might have prevented such unexpected cancellations.

The trip was nevertheless received with great positivity from the participants, visible both in immediate feedback during the trip, and in the official evaluation after the trip. The participants enjoyed the extra free time, and appreciated that they were able to visit certain institutions and museums (that did not accept large groups) on their own, to complement the group program. The feedback also indicated that a lighter program gave more time for participants to get to know one another, and it was clear that the majority left Brussels with far more friends than when they arrived.

The group travelled to Brussels with Flixbus, and the committee and the commissioner were all very satisfied with the price and quality of the company. The group enjoyed two days filled with interesting activities, such as a visit to the Permanent Representative of the Netherlands to the European Union, NATO, and the House of European History. The latter activity was included by necessity due to the lack of open institutions, but it ended up being one of the

most popular activities of the trip. The commissioner will advise her successor to try to make space in next year's program for this museum.

In order to ensure the participants' safety, everyone was encouraged to self-test before and during the trip. Masks, social distancing, and general caution was strongly advised, and the activities organised by the committee all followed the measures in place in Belgium at the time. Nevertheless, with a group of 50 people, it was unfortunately not possible to avoid a few cases of Covid-19, and although nobody tested positive during the trip itself, there were a couple of positive cases directly after the trip. The commissioner, in collaboration with the committee and the board, took action immediately, and communicated clearly with the participants about what rules applied with regard to testing, quarantining, and isolation after possible exposure.

7.2 Short trip: Athens

"Be citizens, not idiots" - George The Tour Guide

The short trip this year took place from January 29th till February 4th, and went to Athens, Greece. The committee worked tirelessly, despite the issues continuously posed by the Covid-19 situation, and managed to make a great plan for a very special trip. The main challenge was to judge whether or not the trip could go through, and the decision to go was made in collaboration with the board and the university (after several helpful conversations with the advisory board). Questions about refunds and cancellations due to health issues were, of course, especially present this year, and the commissioner advises her successor to have a solid and well-communicated plan for this for next year's trips, regardless of the Covid-19 situation.

Like last year, a participant contract (covering information about cancellation, expectations with regards to behaviour, etc.) was to be signed by all participants – a very helpful solution that the commissioner certainly will advise her successor to continue. The committee also put together a Covid-19 protocol for the trip, with all the necessary information about entry into Greece, what measures are in place in Greece, and what procedures would be followed in case of infection on the trip.

Furthermore, the "buddy groups" were gathered in WhatsApp group chats several weeks before departure, firstly in order to spread information quickly on a platform most people check daily, and secondly to make sure all participants felt comfortable asking any questions they might have before the trip. Small group chats were thought to be more personal, so the participants would feel comfortable and taken care of by the committee, to a larger extent than they would in one large group.

The participation fee was set to €230, which created a comfortable budget that even encompassed bus transportation from The Hague and Leiden to Schiphol Airport. Furthermore, the short trip received an additional €1000 from CASSA only days before departure. The extra funds meant that there was money left over after the trip, which was transferred back to the participants.

On February 27th, the committee organised an online pre-activity. Due to the Covid-19 situation in the Netherlands at the time, it was difficult to organise a pre-activity at Greek institutions/organisations in the Hague, but the main reason behind the online format was to respect the many participants who chose to go into quarantine in the week before the trip. We

had a lovely introduction activity with a quiz about Greece, and made an effort to let the participants get to know one another before the trip.

On the trip itself the group was able to visit the Acropolis, do yoga with a refugee NGO, have online/hybrid meetings with the bank of Greece and the IOM, meet with the Dutch embassy to Greece, and many other interesting activities. Thankfully, no participants tested positive for Covid-19 during or directly after the trip, so all participants and committee members were able to enjoy Athens to the fullest.

Despite the challenges related to Covid-19, the committee did an excellent job at planning and leading the trip, with a wonderful chair who stayed calm in the most stressful of situations. The first (more or less) post-Covid trip was overall a great success.

7.3 Long trip: Bangkok and Phuket

“When I get drunk, my heart beats very fast, like CHAPEAU CHAPEAU CHAPEAU!” - Jasmann Chhatwal

The long trip this year took place between June 27th and August 11th, and went to Bangkok and Phuket, Thailand. It was a memorable trip for many reasons, and the commissioner is extremely proud and thankful for the fact that SPIL finally got to have a long trip abroad, after three long years.

The participation fee was set to €755, which, in combination with the lustrum money and extra CASSA funds, created a comfortable budget with room for going to Phuket, and staying at nice, high-quality hostels in both cities. The extra lustrum money was spent on one of the things that (not surprisingly) ended up being the most popular parts of the trip: the day-long snorkelling tour in Phuket.

The programme of the trip contained a long list of interesting political, academic, and cultural activities. Among the political activities were: a visit to the UNDP, a reception at the Administrative Court of Thailand, a conversation with the Ministry of Tourism, and a meeting with the EU delegation to Thailand. Other activities included a meeting with the renowned Faculty of Political Science at the Thammasat university, two meetings with journalists, a beach clean-up, a visit to the grand palace, and an amazing bike tour.

The trip was overall a great success, but there is, of course, always room for improvement. The first point that should be emphasised was a certain lack of communication regarding the exact Covid-19 policy of the trip, which led to some confusion and frustration when cases of Covid-19 occurred on the trip. The commissioner will advise her successor never to underestimate the importance of a clear Covid-19 strategy, and the importance of clear communication.

Another issue worth mentioning was that two meetings had to be cancelled last minute due to Covid-19, which of course, was very unfortunate. In addition, the visit to the Dutch embassy was cancelled due to miscommunication with regard to the guest list.

Further, the main negative feedback from the participants revolved around the fact that travelling with public transport in Bangkok was tiring and somewhat chaotic, and the commissioner will advise her successor to consider the local circumstances thoroughly before deciding on transportation modes.

Related to this, the commissioner underestimated the effect heat and humidity would have on the participants' energy levels and capacity to focus. The programme was at times very packed, and the added toll of the climate was not something she was prepared for from an organisational and logistical perspective. That being said, the participants and the committee did an outstanding job at participating in the programme and tackling the heat at the same time.

Other points the commissioner is proud of include: the excellent leadership of the committee, the fact that the reader was finished a month before departure, the (packed) programme, and the amazing line-skipping skills of the committee chair at Schiphol.

7.4 SPIL Congress — “Youth in Europe: Climate and Security Politics in Europe”

“wHaT aM I sUpPoSeD tO tAlK aBoUt??” — His Excellency, the Ambassador of France to the Netherlands at the SPIL Congress 2022

The SPIL Congress 2022 was organised on May 30th and 31st, by a wonderful committee who did an outstanding job.

After a somewhat disappointing collaboration attempt with IAPSS before Christmas, the congress committee decided to rather focus on collaborating with CIROS and SIB. However, due to communication issues and hesitancy from both associations, the committee ended up organising the event mainly on their own.

The lack of help turned out to be no problem, however, as the committee put together a great programme, and organised the two days (almost) perfectly. With financial help from CASSA, the participation fee could be kept very low, and include all meals, snacks, a goodie bag, a drink on the final borrel, and access to the entire congress.

The time of the congress was less than ideal, being right after final exams, hence why the commissioner decided to let the congress be open to non-SPIL members too (with a discounted price for SPIL members). The timing nevertheless, the congress had more participants than expected, and the attendants gave, in general, very positive feedback.

The congress has several interesting keynote speakers, former youth representative to the UN, Hajar Yakoubi, being one of them. Further, the ambassadors to the Netherlands from Sweden and France also attended the congress, and several interesting workshops were organised, such as one from the Global Human Rights Defense. We also had an interesting youth party debate on day one, and ended the congress with a lovely borrel on day two.

The commissioner has had a great time developing this project, and will recommend that the coming board consider a similar setup next year.

8. COMMISSIONER INTERNAL RELATIONS AND FESTIVE ACTIVITIES

The commissioner is very grateful for all committee members' understanding attitude and neverending motivation throughout the year despite the unforeseen circumstances. She is incredibly honored to have worked with such people. She also apologizes in general regarding everything that went wrong with their committees. They had to take some time off around February and there was some disconnectedness in all her committees afterwards.

8.1 Commissioner DEBAT

8.1.1 Committee

The DEBAT committee did not succeed in bringing out four physical copies per usual this year. This problem is discussed in more detail in the next point. However, the four issues were still finished and uploaded onto the DEBAT website. The design process was mainly done by the chair of the committee and she did wonders. The commissioner is very grateful for the chair's work this year.

DEBAT's online presence, with special thanks to the secretary of the committee, was also quite successful this year. The LinkedIn page created last year as well as the Instagram page was active throughout the year. DEBAT Online regularly published articles from both our regular writers and many guest writers. The commissioner is excited about the interest from guest writers and hopes that this aspect of DEBAT Online will keep blooming more and more in the upcoming years.

The DEBAT Podcast unfortunately did not go through as planned this year. The first episode can be found online but there were a lot of unforeseen issues with the publishing of this episode, which is why the process was slower than intended. Publishing an episode on Spotify did not work as planned and the committee had to come up with a new way of reaching the listeners. The system is fully set up now and the commissioner believes that there will not be any other problems if their predecessor chooses to keep this project running.

Overall, the committee had some problems with motivation this year, with the printing process not going forward and the commissioner not being able to help out during the February-March period. However, with all that in mind, the committee did a wonderful job to compensate online and the executive team especially did amazing work.

8.1.2 Physical copies

The commissioner, at the time of writing this, is leaning towards not having physical copies sent out anymore. He will give all updates, if there are any new developments, at the GA but does not feel hopeful.

The entire timeline is as follows: at the Policy GA the commissioner found out that using the Port Betaald logo as part of the design was fraudulent. Before involving it in another design, she wanted to look into it in more detail. After many talks with Post NL she found out that using the logo as part of the design by itself is not a fraudulent act. However, during this research, the question of, "If these magazines truly are 'Port Betaald', who is paying for them?" came up.

This posed a bigger problem than initially realized. The commissioner asked the university if they were paying for these issues around December. They said that they were not. This meant that either the university was paying for these and was not aware, which would mean that we were tricking the university, or they really were not paying, which meant we were tricking the post office.

Therefore, she stopped the printing and sending out of DEBAT issues temporarily until there was an official confirmation that the university was paying for these and they could provide proof. Since then, the commissioner has emailed and called so many different offices in the university with no luck. They were either redirected to another person or they simply received no answer. Throughout March-May, the commissioner reached out to many of you as well. Old board members, current DEBAT members, the GA... She got some advice but everyone

seemed to feel differently about what the next step should be. Following advice from some old board members, the commissioner also talked to other associations that send out magazines in April and found out that they also do not know how their issues are paid for and never questioned it.

At this point, the commissioner is genuinely confused on how to proceed and asks for the GA's support and help trying to find a solution.

8.2 Commissioner Yearbook

The yearbook committee also had some ups and downs this year just as expected. The committee's chair was on exchange throughout the second semester and by the time she was back, the commissioner was back in her home country which made physical meetings impossible. However, with the chair's incredible work this year, the InDesign file was turned in on time and the committee has a product to be proud of.

The committee lost a member during the year, which impacted the committee more than expected. In a small committee with a clear division of tasks, losing a member was tricky to navigate. This is why the commissioner gave very clear directions on what kind of committee one might want for the yearbook to her predecessor and hopes for his sake that this will not repeat in the future.

The commissioner would like to thank all the remaining members of the committee for their time and energy throughout the year. Their work is invaluable and the commissioner hopes that each and every one of them is aware of this. Today, during the Change of Boards GA, the Dynasty Yearbook will be revealed. The commissioner hopes that every reader will feel the excitement the committee felt when we first got to read it.

8.3 Commissioner Festivities

The Festive Committee had many activities this year, which can be seen in the year plan for anyone interested, but not as much as wanted. COVID-19 had a very unexpected effect on the Festive Committee. The commissioner and the committee were prepared to have some events cancelled, but this was the first year where there were serious effects of COVID-19 only in the first half of the year rather than the second. So the committee had to keep postponing activities and by the time they could do them again, the schedule was filled with other activities from the past and present. There was significant overlap in some of these activities or some moments where it was impossible to do another activity (such as Lustrum week or exam weeks) so the postponed activities never took place and the schedule kept moving as planned. The commissioner advises the Festive committee to never budge on future events in the upcoming year, even if it is a simple borrel. Postponing them did not work in the long run.

Aside from this, the committee did a great job this year. Other than a few exceptions, attendance to the borrels were stable at around 20-30 participants. A number of activities we missed in the past years came back such as the Terrace Hop and the SPILxBIL party. The gala also took place this year, organized by the Lustrum committee per their request with the help of the Festive committee. The commissioner has already advised her predecessor on activities that should make a comeback but did not go through this year for various reasons.

9. Commissioner External Relations

9.1 Commissioner Acquisition

Man in Thailand: 'We are not going to give you money, we are not going to make you rich, we are not going to give you fish.'

9.1.1 Finance and partners

Last year the commissioner was busy looking for new partner deals for the SPIL, and maintaining already existing contracts. New contracts have been signed this year with several eating places in both Leiden and The Hague. Since April there has been a deal with the Pizzabakkers in Leiden, for a 15 percent discount for SPIL members. This deal will also be with the Pizzabakkers in The Hague starting in August. In addition, there is a deal with Ritos in The Hague, where SPIL members will also receive a 15 percent discount. Furthermore, we have a new contract with AIESEC, in which we offer them promotion, and they offer us training in skills which are interesting for students. Next, the commissioner has been in contact with Stricter, the company that made the sweaters, which is a sustainable company. At the moment, talks about a contract are happening. Existing contract we still have is with Can't Dutch This, a partnership we have enjoyed a lot this year. Next, the contract with Nocto is still in place, next to the contract with Huurbuur.

Since this year, we have also looked at promoting on our social media in return for a fitting fee. A possibility that is often considered interesting for companies, because of our large reach on social media. This possibility has been used a lot, but unfortunately has not been enough to reach the target that the commissioner had in mind at the beginning of the year. In comparison with other promotion options, using Social Media was the most chosen option by companies. However, since it was a new method, the commissioner needed to test how much money she could ask.

When contacting companies, the commissioner has noticed that companies do not have the financial possibility for a new partner/sponsor deal with SPIL, coming out of a pandemic. The Commissioner had to regret this with not achieving the target, despite the hope that things would go better this year, thinking companies would again have this possibility, since the pandemic has (almost) ended.

To her successor, she would therefore advise, in consultation with the Treasurer, to choose a lower target to achieve, especially since companies have been reluctant for two years in a row.

9.1.2 Merchandise

Last year the committee worked on two merchandise items, the first item being a SPIL (beer) glass, which was for sale on the website for 7.50. The second one was an item which was in demand within SPIL and which was hinted at by the members: socks! These are for sale at the end of September and will be on the website and in the common rooms to make sure everyone looks great in their new college year!

9.1.3 Committee

The committee worked hard last year to find new companies for collaborations, new deals, and to help the commissioner keep existing contacts. They came up with creative, new ideas, looking at what was interesting for SPIL members, what we can offer the companies and how to bring these needs together in a possible contract.

9.2 Commissioner Promotion

Fizza: I find it very funny that this man has my phone. Joos: He has BeReal????

9.2.1 Social Media

Last year the commissioner mainly used Instagram as the first form of social media. At all times the aim was to post events two weeks before the event would be happening, however sometimes this could not be achieved because certain aspects of events were not yet established or only became known later. New features on Instagram made it easier to get promotion out there in an even better way.

For example, it was possible to use links in Instagram Stories, which made it easier to sign up for events. We also looked at the possibility of using paid promotion for big events, such as the Lustrum week and the Freshmen Weekend. This option has been used, and we saw an increase in the amount of people coming to the events because of it.

Facebook has mainly been used to also post the events, but the commissioner saw a decrease in the amount of students who still use Facebook, mainly the newer students. In the Form, used for promotion, we gave committees the option to choose which platforms they wanted to use for promoting their events. LinkedIn was also an option, but committees did not choose this quite often.

Looking back, the commissioner is satisfied with the use of social media over the past year, always looking at what the committees liked in terms of promotion. The communication between the Board and committees was clear about promoting events and also the capturing of events through stories went well to give both SPIL members and non-members a good picture of how SPIL events are going.

9.2.2 Posters

The option of using the university for promotion through TV-screens was looked at a lot this year. It was therefore used during events such as the Lustrum Week, Career Night and the Congress. The Commissioner believes that it is more sustainable to use the displays at the universities rather than printing posters, as these posters are often only used for a short period of time. For large scale events, such as trips, the Dies lecture or our congress, the use of posters is still a good option, but for smaller events the commissioner would not necessarily recommend it, to improve the sustainability of the association.

9.2.3. Photographs

On Instagram, the commissioner saw a large growth of likes on posts where photos are used. It is therefore a recommendation to her successor to adopt this when creating content for

social media. On the website, the photos can be found at the photo gallery on the English website.

9.2.4. Committee

The committee has worked hard over the past year to continually incorporate new, creative ideas into content for social media. The form used between the committee has worked well and ensured that most activities could be promoted in time. It remains a challenge to promote everything on time with the uncertainty that some events still have at times, but as long as the communication between committees and the Board is good, the commissioner believes it will be fine.

9.3 Commissioner ICT

Juni: "Can you struggle in silence please?" (Always when working on ICT)

9.3.1 Website

Last year the commissioner tried to keep the website up to date, regarding signing up for activities, posting pictures and keeping several pages up to date. The addition of a calendar has been looked into, but the software used for this is not ideal, so we are still looking at a better way of doing this in the future.

The website remains a way for (new) members, companies and universities to contact us, which is one reason why it is so important that the information on the website is accurate. As final work on the website, the commissioner went through the website to check that it is correct, before handing it over to her successor.

9.4 Commissioner Lustrum

Pro-tip for galas: Only wear a jumpsuit if you are also being watched for how much you drink. Otherwise you'll be cycling into a market stand while racing home because you need to go to the bathroom too urgently.

9.4.1. Evaluation

In April our 8th Lustrum took place, by means of a Lustrum Week. This week took place from April 4 to April 8. In this week different kinds of activities took place to celebrate the Lustrum of SPIL in a good way, after it was postponed for a year. The Lustrum Committee will elaborate further on the course of the week in their final evaluation, but the commissioner speaks of a successful week in which we properly showcased all aspects of SPIL, which we have been proud of for 40 years.

REVISING YEARPLANNING SPILSTERHOOD 2021-2022

Week	Date	Activity
<u>August 2021</u>		
Week 33	16 th -20 th of August	
ELCID		
Week 34	23 rd -27 th of August	HOP week
<u>September 2021</u>		
Week 35	30 th of August	IRO Orientation
Day		
	3 rd of September	Freshmen day Leiden
	4 th of September	Freshmen day The Hague
Week 36	5 th of September	Committee application deadline
	9 th of September	Borrel Leiden
Week 37	13 th of September	Freshmen Borrel
	16 th of September	Change of boards GA
Week 38	22 nd of September	Borrel The Hague
Week 39	29 th of September	Tour du waffle
<u>October 2021</u>		
Week 40	7 th of October	Borrel Leiden – short trip announcement
Week 41	11 th of October	Start book sale of block 2
Week 42	18 th of October	Study Group
	23 rd of October	Brussels sign-up
Week 43	25 th – 29 th of October	Exam week
	29 th of October	After-exam borrel The Hague f.t. CIROS
<u>November 2021</u>		
		<u>Debat I</u>
	Week 44	
	1 st of November	Stairs affairs and Long Trip opening of committee applications
	3 rd of November	Halloween party
	4 th of November	Policy GA
	5 th of November	International dinner
Week 45	7 th of November	SPIL weekend opening committee
	8 th of November	Deadline short trip and Stairs affairs
	11 th of November	Borrel Leiden

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Week 46	16th of November 17 th of November	Dies lecutre Education activity: Panel Evening
	18th of November 18 th of November 19 st of November	Borrel The Hague Continuation Policy Ga Deadline Long Trip and SPIL weekend application
Week 47	22 nd – 23 rd of November	Brussels trip
Week 48	29 th – 3 rd of December 1st of December 2 nd of December	Committee bonding day Schoen zetten Excursions activity: historical museum Festive activity/ Introduction Secret Santa

December 2021

Week 49	7th of December 8 th of December 8-9 of December 9-10 of December 10 th of December	CoBo Masters activity: Reading Efficiently Scavenger Hunt: DH Making Holiday cards Sebenica survivor lecture Festive Activity
Week 50	13 th of December	Study group
Week 51	20 th – 24 th of December	Exam week Alumni Newsletter
Week 52		

January 2022

Week 1		
Week 2	14th of January	Ice Skating in DH
Week 3	21 st of January	Zumba
Week 4	27 th of January	Pre-activity Short Trip

February 2022

Week 5	31 st – 6 th of February	<u>DEBAT II</u> Short trip
Week 6	8 th of February 10th of February 11 th of February	Lustrum opening activity Russian ambassador American embassy visit Friends and Family day Leiden
Week 7	14 th of February 17th of February	PhD workshop SPIL x B.I.L Party Interim GA

Week 8	22 nd of February 24 th of February	Registration Brussels Excursion Leidsch debat Career night
<u>March 2022</u>		
Week 9	3 rd of March	Borrel Leiden: Long Trip destination announcement Education activity Ukrainian Embassy
Week 10	5 th of March	Committee Bonding day
	7 th of March	Efteling
	9 th of March	Interfaculty Party
	10 th of March	Municipality Elections Activity
	12th of March	Terrace Hop Friends and Family Day The Hague
Week 11	14 th of March	OPCW excursion
	15 th of March	Interim GA
	17 th of March	Borrel The Hague: Merchandise
announcement	18 th of March	Excursions activity Introduction activity: board game night Old Boards borrel
Week 12	21 st of March	Study group
Week 13	28 th of March – 1 st April	Exam week
	1 st of April	After-Exam borrel
<u>April 2022</u>		<i>DEBAT III</i>
Week 13	1 st of April	After-exam borrel
Week 14	4 th – 8 th of April	Lustrum week
Week 15	8 th of April	Lustrum Gala
	12 th of April	PiP-Congress Festive activity
	13 th of April	Education activity: SPIL x LeidenMUN - Public Speaking
Week 16	14 th of April	Board interest borrel
	18 th of April	Terrace Hop
	21 st of April	Introduction activity: Iftar with CIROS
Week 17	26 th of April	King's day party
	29 th of April – 1 st of May	SPIL weekend

~~Masters activity: LinkedIn~~
~~Real life~~

May 2022

~~Week 18~~

1st of May

~~Congress trip~~
Opening registration
Brussels Committee and
DIES
Interfaculty Congress
Borrel Leiden:
Merchandise
announcement

2nd of May

5th of May

Week 19

9th of May

Reunionists Newsletter
Excursions activity: Beau
talkshow

11th of May

12th of May

Pre-Long Trip Activity 1
FSW Party
Education activity:
boat lecture

Week 20

16th of May

Study group
Alumni Newsletter

Week 21

23rd of May

Yearbook theme
announcement

23rd – 27th of May

27th of May

Beach

30-31st of May

Exam week
Introduction activity:
Day
Congress

June 2022

DEBAT IV

Week 22

30th-31st of may

1st of June

Congress trip
New Board announcement
borrel

2nd of June

Masters Activity: beach
borrel

7th of June

~~PvP event~~

Week 23

9th of June

~~Committee thank you day~~
~~Party welcoming summer~~

Week 25

22nd of June

British Embassy
Affirmation GA

24th of June

Pre-Long Trip activity 2

Week 26

27th of June – 10th of July

Long Trip

July 2022

Week 27

Long Trip

Week 28

Week 29

Week 30

August 2022

Week 31	5th- 7th of August	EJW
Week 32		
Week 33	15 th - 19 th of August	El Cid
Week 34	22 nd – 26 th of August	Hop week

September 2022

Week 35	1st of September	Borrel Leiden
Week 36	9th – 11th of September	EJW
Week 37		Change of boards GA: presentation Almanac
Week 38	12 th of September 20 th of September	American Embassy Prinsjesdag event

REALISATION 'SPILSTERHOOD' 2021-2022

	Income		
	Estimated Budget 20/21	Re-estimated Budget 20/21	Realization 21/22
Membership Fee	€ 20.563,20	€ 20.563,20	€ 17.372,31
Interest	€ -	€ -	€ -
General Contribution Department	€ 1.600,00	€ 1.600,00	€ 1.600,00
StudyStore	€ 6.500,00	€ 5.500,00	€ 3.385,22
Acquisitions committee	€ 2.080,00	€ 2.080,00	€ 254,99
Withdrawal Lustrumreservation	€ 9.000,00	€ 9.000,00	€ 9.000,00
Withdrawal Coronareservation	€ 1.368,08	€ 1.368,08	€ -
Withdrawal Reservation SPIL-common room Leiden	€ -	€ -	€ -
Withdrawal Reservation Festive	€ -	€ 500,00	€ 500,00
"Vrienden" van de "SPIL"	€ 130,00	€ 130,00	€ 194,22
Other Income	€ 50,00	€ 0,00	€ 10,00
Gift 39ste board	€ 750,00	€ 750,00	€ 750,00
LAP	€ 820,79	€ 820,79	€ 820,79
Withdrawal travel allowance int. board member¹	€ 500,00	€ 500,00	€ 500,00
Surplus Halloween Party	€ -	€ -	€ € 3.205,38
Total	€ 43.561,28	€ 42.861,87	€ € 37.592,12

Expenses			
	Estimated budget 21/22	Re-estimated budget 21/22	Realization 21/22
Board	€ 3.843,70	€ 3.850,00	€ 3.362,95
President	€ 700,00	€ 700,00	€ 735,89
<i>Introduction</i>	€ 700,00	€ 700,00	€ 735,89
Secretary	€ 1.470,79	€ 1.470,00	€ 265,83

¹ Two of the three International Board members will receive the travel allowance as 1 board member has a Dutch Student OV. In total 500 euros will be withdrawn from this post.

Treasurer <i>SPIL Weekend</i>	€ 700,00 € 650,00	€ 800,00 € 750,00	€ 908,41 € 900,00
Education & Politics <i>Education</i> <i>Master activities</i> <i>Excursions</i>	€ 900,00 € 450,00 € 150,00 € 300,00	€ 400,00 € 200,00 € 100,00 € 100,00	€ 769,90 € 538,72 € 69,94 € 13,32
Global Relations <i>Long Trip</i> <i>Short Trip</i> <i>Congress</i>	€ 10.566,80 € 6.250,00 € 2.666,80 € 1.500,00	€ 10.566,80 € 6.250,00 € 2.666,80 € 1.500,00	€ 9.439,29 € 6.250,00 € 2.666,80 € 522,49
Internal Relations <i>DEBAT</i> <i>Yearbook</i> <i>Festive</i>	€ 10.835,00 € 5.400,00 € 3.500,00 € 1.935,00	€ 11.998,15 € 5.400,00 € 3.500,00 € 2.589,15	€ 8.865,85 € 2.584,00 € 3558,85 € 2.723,66
External Relations <i>ICT</i> <i>Promotion</i> <i>Acquisitions</i>	€ 1.361,90 € 781,92 € 500,00 € 80,00	€ 1.361,90 € 781,92 € 500,00 € 80,00	€ 576,90 € 461,49 € 55,00 € 60,50
Depreciations	€ 250,00	€ 250,00	€ 250,00
PvP	€ 150,00	€ 150,00	€ 25,00
Investments	€ 200,00	€ 500,00	€ 91,00
Contingencies	€ 1.265,85	€ 1.265,85	€ 922,00
Reservations	€ 1.800,00	€ 1.800,00	€ 1.800,00
New Festive Reservation	€ -	€ -	€ 1.429,10
Lustrum	€ 7.650,00	€ 7.650,00	€ 7.650,00
Travel costs	€ 500,00	€ 500,00	€ 500,00
Total	€ 43.562,12	€ 43.211,80	€ 37.592,12

Board	Estimated Budget 21/22	Re- estimated budget 21/22	Realization 21-22
Committee thank-you day	€ 600,00	€ 400,00	€ -
ABN-Amro Expenses Business Account	€ 500,00	€ 500,00	€ 454,21
Expenses General Assembly	€ 600,00	€ 700,00	€ 773,46
Van den Berg-Bachelor thesis award	€ 91,50	€ 91,50	€ 88,80
Constitutieborrel presents	€ 60,00	€ 50,00	€ 9,67
Constitutieborrel SPIL	€ 1.600,00	€ 1.600,00	€ 1.700,00
Office supplies	€ 150,00	€ 150,00	€ 19,98
StOP-Contribution	€ 10,00	€ 10,00	€ 10,00

Expenses SPIL-common room	€ 150,00	€ 150,00	€ 134,31
Free round of drinks after Change of Boards GA	€ 0,00	€ 100,00	€ -
Staff-lunch with Institute	€ 49,50	€ 49,50	€ -
General Board Expenses	€ 150,00	€ 150,00	€ 73,89
Applications Board 2022-2023	€ 32,70	€ 100,00	€ 98,63
Board Activities	€ 100,00	€ 200,00	€ -
Total	€ 3.843,70	€ 3.851,00	€ 3.362,95

President	Estimated Budget 21/22	Re-estimated Budget 21/22	Realization 21/22
Introducion	€ 700,00	€ 700,00	€ 316,40
<i>General Expenses</i>	€ -	€ -	€ -
<i>Freshmenweekend²</i>	€ -	€ 200,00	€ 316,40
<i>Parentsday³</i>	€ 400,00	€ 300,00	€ 279,01
<i>Parentsday Leiden</i>	€ 300,00	€ -	€ -
<i>Parentsday The Hague</i>	€ 100,00	€ 300,00	€ 279,01
<i>First Years Brunch</i>	€ 0,00	€ 0,00	€ -
Events	€ 300,00	€ 200,00	€ 140,48
<i>'International dinner</i>	€ 100,00	€ -	€ -
<i>Christmas</i>	€ 100,00	€ -	€ -
<i>Other</i>	€	€ 200,00	€ -
Total	€ 700,00	€ 700,00	€ 735,89

Secretary	Estimated Budget 21/22	Re-estimated Budget 21/22	Realization 21/22
Former Board drinks	€ 500,00	€ 500,00	€ 238,00
Alumni-activities	€ 820,79	€ 829,79	€ -
Leidsch Debat	€ 150,00	€ 150,00	€ 27,83
Total	€ 1.470,80	€ 1.470,80	€ 265,83

Treasurer	Estimated Budget 21/22	Re-estimated Budget 21/22	Realization 21/22
SPIL-weekend	€ 650,00	€ 750,00	€ 900,00
Interfaculty Congress	€ 50,00	€ 50,00	€ 8,41
Total	€ 700,00	€ 800,00	€ 908,41

² Because of fewer applications for the EJW and the location that was paid beforehand, a small Vanwege tegenvallende aanmeldingen op het EJW en een locatie die vooraf betaald was moest er een kleine SPIL bijdrage uit het Introductiebudget gehaald worden om deze kosten te kunnen dekken.

³ Er heeft dit jaar 1 ouderdag plaatsgevonden met ouders in Den Haag en Leiden.

Education& Politics	Estimated Budget 21/22	Re-estimated Budget 21/22	Realization 21/22
Excursions	€ 300,00	€ 100,00	€ 13,32
Education	€ 450,00	€ 200,00	€ 538,72
<i>Education Evaluations</i>	€ -	€ -	€ -
<i>Activities & workshops</i>	€ 300,00	€ 100,00	€ 538,72
<i>Career</i>	€ 150,00	€ 100,00	€ 147,92
Masters activities	€ 150,00	€ 100,00	€ 69,94
<i>Workshops</i>	€ 100,00	€ 75,00	€ 25,94
<i>Carrière</i>	€ 50,00	€ 25,00	€ 44,00
Total	€ 900,00	€ 400,00	€ 769,90

Global Relations	Estimated Budget 21/22	Re-estimated Budget 21/22	Realization 21/22
Coronareservation trips	€ 1.368,08	€ 1.368,08	€ -
Short Trip	€ 2.666,80	€ 2.666,80	€ 2.666,80
Long Trip ⁴	€ 6.250,00	€ 6.250,00	€ 6.250,00
Pre- and postactivities	€ 150,00	€ 150,00	€ 170,03
Congress	€ 1.500,00	€ 1.500,00	€ 522,49
<i>Pre-congres activity</i>	€ 25,00	€ 25,00	€ -
<i>SPIL-contribution</i>	€ 1.500,00	€ 1.500,00	€ 522,49
Total	€ 10.566,80	€ 10.566,80	€ 9.439,29

Internal Relations	Estimated Budget 21/22	Re-estimated Budget 21/22	Realization 21/22
DEBAT	€ 5.400,00	€ 5.400,00	€ 96,62
<i>4x DEBAT</i>	€ 5.300,00	€ 5.300,00	€ -
<i>Workshops</i>	€ 50,00	€ 50,00	€ -
<i>Digital DEBAT⁵</i>	€ 50,00	€ 50,00	€ 96,62
Yearboek	€ 3.500,00	€ 3.500,00	€ 3558,85
Indesign License ⁶	-	-	€ 130,00
Festive	€ 2.100,00	€ 6.598,15	€ 2.723,66
<i>Borrels</i>	€ 800,00	€ 530,00	€ 1.030,15

⁴ De uitgaven voor de lange reis zullen hoger zijn omdat er 15% van de lustrumreservering wordt geschonken aan de lange reis.

⁵ De kosten voor DEBAT online zijn hoger dan gebruikelijk door het verlengen van de licentie.

⁶ Er is een licentie voor InDesign aangeschaft zodat de commissaris en de voorzitter vanuit huis kunnen werken.

<i>Parties</i>	€ 600,00	€ 1.068,15	€ 206,38
<i>Gala⁷</i>	€ -	€ 800,00	€ 800,00
<i>Social Activities</i>	€ 700,00	€ 200,00	€ 687,13
<i>Withdrawal Reservation</i>	€ -	€ 500,00	€ 500,00
<i>Festive</i>			
Total	€ 11.000,00	€ 11.998,15	€ 6509,13

External Relations	Estimated Budget 21/22	Re-estimated Budget 21/22	Realization 21/22
Acquisitions	€ 80,00	€ 80,00	€ 80,00
ICT	€ 781,92	€ 781,92	€ 461,49
<i>License Snelstart</i>	€ 180,00	€ 180,00	€ 171,82
<i>Conscribo</i>	€ 289,67	€ 289,67	€ 289,67
<i>Hosting www.spilplaats.nl</i>	€ 217,80	€ 217,80	€ -
<i>Website</i>	€ 94,46	€ 94,46	€ -
Promotion	€ 500,00	€ 500,00	€ 55,00
<i>General Expenses</i>	€ 200,00	€ 200,00	€ 55,00
<i>ELCID en HOP stand</i>	€ 300,00	€ 300,00	€ -
Total	€ 1.361,92	€ 1.361,92	€ 576,90

Toelichting:

Reserves	Begroot 21/22	Her-begroot 21/22	Realisatie 21/22
9 th Lustrum der SPIL	€ 1.500,00	€ 1.500,00	€ 1.500,00
SPIL-common room Leiden ⁸	€ 150,00	€ 150,00	€ 150,00
Lustrum DEBAT	€ 150,00	€ 150,00	€ 150,00
Extra Reservation	€ -	€ -	€ -
Travel Expenses	€ -	€ -	€ -
New Festive Reservation ⁹	€ -	€ -	€ 1.429,10
Total	€ 1.800,00	€ 1.800,00	€ 3.229,10

Toelichting:

⁷ De feestcommissie heeft een bijdrage geleverd aan het gala tijdens de Lustrumweek. De feestreservering is opgenomen om deze bijdrage te financieren.

⁸ Doordat alle activa in het SPIL-hok in Leiden al zijn afgeschreven wordt er per jaar een bedrag gereserveerd om zo toch de kosten voor het vernieuwen in de toekomst gevangen kunnen worden.

⁹ Deze reservering is gemaakt uit de oververdiensten die de SPIL heeft gemaakt tijdens het Halloweenfeest. Deze reservering dient dan ook alleen gebruikt te worden door de ft. Commissaris Feest.

Afschrijvingen	Estimated Budget 21/22	Re-estimated Budget 21/22	Realization 21/22
SPIL-common room The Hague ¹⁰	€ 250,00	€ 250,00	€ 250,00
Old Camera	€ -	€ -	€ -
New Camera	€ -	€ -	€ -
Total	€ 250,00	€ 250,00	€ 250,00

Travel allowance Int. Board Members	Estimated Budget 21/22	Re-estimated Budget 21/22	Realization 21/22
Travel Allowance (2)	€ 500,00	€ 500,00	€ 500,00
Total	€ 500,00	€ 500,00	€ 500,00

Contingencies	Estimated Budget 21/22	Re-estimated Budget 21/22	Realization 21/22
General Expenses ¹¹	€ 1.265,82	€ 1.265,82	€ 922,00
Total	€ 1.265,82	€ 1.265,82	€ 922,00

Lustrum	Estimated Budget 21/22	Re-Estimated Budget 21/22	Realization 21/22
Lustrum activities ¹²	€ 7.650,00	€ 7.650,00	€ 7.650,00
<i>Dies Lecture</i>	€ -	€	€ -
<i>Other Activities</i>	€ -	€	€ -
Total	€ 7.650,00	€ 7.650,00	€ 7.650,00

Balans

Balans			
Debit		Credit	
ABN bestuursrekening	€ ...	<i>Eigen vermogen</i>	€ ...
ABN spaarrekening	€ ...	DEBAT reservering	€ 1.100,00
Dassen (162)	€ 972,00	SPIL-hok Leiden reservering	€ 1.200,00
Strikjes (60)	€ 360,00	Afschrijvingen	€ 2.246,00
Bretels (94)	€ 2.068,00	Artikelen	€ 2.962,42

¹⁰ De penningmeester heeft een volledige lijst met de activa. Onder afschrijving valt: meubilaire, de bank, alle apparaten: de ijskast, het koffiezetapparaat, de waterkoker, tosti-ijzers, muziek boxen en overige producten.

¹¹ De onvoorziene kosten bestaan uit de gemiste deelnemersbijdrage van SPIL weekend.

¹² De lustrum commissie heeft een eigen begroting gemaakt en deze is reeds besproken.

Vlinderdassen (91)	€ 910,20	Reserve contributie	€ 12.080,00
Doppers (40)	€ 388,55	Reserve extra	€ 14.570,55
Oud-bestuurspeldje (54)	€ 110,70	Reservering reiskostenvergoeding int. bestuursleden	€ 600,00
Paraplu's (9)	€ 50,15	Feestreservering	€ 1.429,10
Fietspakketjes(31)	€ 300,36	LAP	€ 320,79
Kaarthouders (4)	€ 14,34	Lustrum Reservation	€ 1003,32
Sjaals (18)	€ 96,84	Extra Corona reservation	€ 1.373,70
Mokken (27)	€ 162,00		
Kas bestuur	€ 0,00		
Total	€ ...	Total	€ ...

Debtors		Creditors	
Institute Political Science	€ 1.600,00		
Total	€ 1.600,00	Total	€ -

Budget SPIL Congress

Income	Estimated Budget p.p	Estimated Budget	Realization
SPIL contribution		€ 600,00	€ 522,49
Participants fee	€ 8,00	€ 320,00	€ 213,40
CASSA		€ 438,00	€ 389,20
Total	€ 8,00	€ 1.358,00	€ 1.125,08

Expenses	Estimated Budget	Realization
Location	€ 0,00	€ 0,00
Wijnhaven	€ 0,00	€ 0,00
Catering Wijnhaven	€ 384,00	€ 245,40
Borrel	€ 135,00	€ 131,80
Goodiebags	€ 200,00	€ 149,00
Speakers	€ 400,00	€ 363,00
Promotion	€ 240,00	€ 236,28
<i>Banner</i>	€ 175,00	€ 171,28
<i>Program booklets</i>	€ 65,00	€ 65,00
Total	€ 1.358,00	€ 1.125,08

Budget EJW

Income	Estimated Budget p.p.	Estimated Budget	Realization
Participants fee (50 participants)			
Freshmen	€45,00	€ 1.575,00	€ 855,00
Committee	€45,00	€ 315,00	€ 45,00
Current board	€45,00	€ 315,00	€ 225,00
Future board	€45,00	€ 270,00	€ 225,00
Scouting Paulus		€ 500,00	€ 500,00
Extra SPIL contribution	€ -	€ -	€ 316,40
Total	€45,00	€ 2.975,00	€ 2.166,40

Expenses	Estimated Budget p.p.	Estimated Budget	Realization
Accommodation	€25,00	€1.765,00	€1.765,00
<i>Paulus Scouting</i>	<i>€25,00</i>	<i>€1.765,00</i>	<i>€1.765,00</i>
Weekend (food + drinks)	€23,00	€1.025,00	€401,40
	€3,00	€150,00	X
Breakfast	€5,00	€250,00	X
Lunch	€4,50	€225,00	X
Diner			
Non-Alcoholic Drinks + snacks	€2,00	€100,00	X
Alcoholic dranken	€6,00	€300,00	x
Activities	€2,25	€205,00	€ -
Other expenses		€50,00	€ -
Decoration		€30,00	
Cleaning costs		€20,00	
Speaker		€45,00	€ -
Travel expenses speaker		€30,00	
Present speaker		€15,00	
Contingencies	€1,65	€150,00	€ -
Total		€4.500,00	€ 2.166,40

Realisation Long Trip

Income	Estimated Budget p.p	Estimated Budget	Realization
Participants fee	€ 755,00	€ 26.425,00	€ 26.425,00 ¹
SPIL-contribution	€ 179,00	€ 6.265,00	€ 6.265,00
CASSA	€ 71,00	€ 2.485,00	€ 2.485,00
Total	€ 1.005,00	€ 35.175,00	€ 35.175,00

Expenses	Estimated Budget p.p	Estimated Budget	Realization
Accommodation	€ 121,80	€ 4.263,00	€ 4.481,33
<i>Bangkok</i>	<i>€ 92,00</i>	<i>€ 3.212,00</i>	<i>€ 3.268,02</i>
<i>Phuket</i>	<i>€ 30,00</i>	<i>€ 1.051,00</i>	<i>€ 1.213,31</i>
Flights	€ 730,00	€ 25.538,00	€ 25.585,91
<i>Amsterdam-Bangkok 2x</i>	<i>€ 591,00</i>	<i>€ 20.700,00</i>	<i>€ 20.700,00</i>
<i>Bangkok-Phuket 2x</i>	<i>€ 128,00</i>	<i>€ 4.658,00</i>	<i>€ 4.885,91</i>
Transport	€ 35,00	€ 1.330,00	€ 1.069,19
<i>Airport-hostel transfer</i>	<i>€ 16,00</i>	<i>€ 550,00</i>	<i>€ 349,90</i>
<i>Bangkok transport</i>	<i>€ 12,00</i>	<i>€ 400,00</i>	<i>€ 360,37</i>
<i>Phuket busses</i>	<i>€ 11,00</i>	<i>€ 385,00</i>	<i>€ 358,92</i>
Activities	€ 104,00	€ 3.629,00	€ 3.243,90
<i>Museums¹³</i>	<i>€ 19,00</i>	<i>€ 658,00</i>	<i>€ 468,93</i>
<i>Biking-tour</i>	<i>€ 24,00</i>	<i>€ 856,00</i>	<i>€ 877,00</i>
<i>Venues + interpreters</i>	<i>€ 11,00</i>	<i>€ 400,00</i>	<i>€ 353,14</i>
<i>National park¹⁴</i>	<i>€ 11,00</i>	<i>€ 385,00</i>	<i>€ 173,67</i>
<i>Snorkel tour</i>	<i>€ 36,00</i>	<i>€ 1.330,00</i>	<i>€ 1.371,16</i>
Other Costs		€ 575,00	€ 346,80
<i>Payments¹⁵</i>		<i>€ 110,00</i>	<i>€ 92,96</i>
<i>Reserves¹⁶</i>	<i>€ 13,00</i>	<i>€ 465,00</i>	<i>€ 142,08</i>
<i>Presents goodiebags</i>	<i>€ -</i>	<i>€ -</i>	<i>€ -</i>
<i>Final dinner</i>	<i>€ -</i>	<i>€ -</i>	<i>€ 150,00</i>
<i>Restitution</i>	<i>€</i>	<i>€</i>	<i>€ 501,00</i>
Total	€ 1.005,00	€ 35.155,00	€ 35.175,00

¹³ The visit to the National Museum was for free, these are the costs for the tickets of the Grand Palace.

¹⁴ The National Park was half of the original price and 32 people participated instead of 35.

¹⁵ Under payments the treasurer counts the transfer costs of ABN for the deposits and the costs for the ATM machines in Thailand.

¹⁶ Because a few participants tested positive on corona during the trip, it was necessary to book a separate room for them.

8th LUSTRUM EVALUATION

Over the past year, the Lustrum Committee was tasked with organising the quinquennial celebration of SPIL's birth. In this overview, we will outline and evaluate our policy goals as well as the Lustrum as a whole.

The context of the lustrum was by all means exceptional. Even after the unprecedented postponement in 2021, arranging the activities remained an arduous task due to all uncertainties regarding the coronavirus and subsequent measures. From the very first meeting up until the very last day of the lustrum, we had to take into account the possibility of cancellations and last-minute adjustments.

Naturally, this means our policy has been and will be an outlier for future lustrums to come. In forthcoming decades, we consider it highly unlikely that any lustrum committee will deal with the same set of circumstances. For evaluation purposes, that implies a large share of our experiences organising a lustrum will not be replicable. Having said that, there are several general remarks to be made that we believe to be worthwhile for future iterations of the lustrum and the processes pertaining SPIL committees.

The primary goals of our initial policy have been achieved: the association has experienced a lustrum week that brought together students after two years of relative detachment. We experienced a week of both political insightfulness and enjoyable social activities. That is chiefly why we consider the Lustrum to have been a success. Yet, all things considered, it is certainly possible to organise more activities and events in the future. That is in large part due to organisational uncertainty, but it does also hinge on several factors, which we will outline below.

Our main recommendations affect the structural and procedural elements of committee affairs. Firstly, we feel that it would have benefitted the association and our committee if the Lustrum Committee had been effectively installed earlier than September of 2021. There had been a Lustrum committee prior to that year, but all but one of these members were not partaking in the next iteration of the committee. Moreover, there was relatively little prior work of significance by said initial committee that would have helped in organising the postponed Lustrum.

Secondly, the size of the committee was rather limited in size. Coming on top of a short time notice, a group of six members only made for a more challenging task. We did experience

plentiful help from our commissioners Josephine, and we are very thankful for her assistance. Nonetheless, we think it would benefit the committee to be enlarged in member quantities.

In regard to specific events, we had five main activities planned respectively for each day of the week. The cinema night was a personal favourite of ours and many members we spoke to. SPIL had a private viewing of *The Mauritanian* - a movie on political imprisonment. Moreover, the Panel Discussion piqued the interest of those interested in global socioeconomic and political developments, specifically regarding the rise of China. The cantus and open mic night proved to be popular and joyful activities. The final day featured an awe-inspiring Gala at the Kurhaus. This imposing venue saw the end of a long-awaited week of festivities - the event was sold-out and we think of this as a fitting conclusion to the lustrum.

Generally, we tried to balance activities in both Leiden and The Hague, although we experienced that there is still a significant barrier for members - especially those not actively involved in SPIL - to travel to another city. While the common rooms were open all week and stocked with many delicacies, the masses did not easily find their way to these yellow bastions. We consider this to be a point worth noting for future SPIL boards and Lustrum Committees. A note worth mentioning is that the Dies was subject of postponement and eventual cancellation due to pandemic measures. By the time regulations had eased down and possible guest speakers were willing to join the discussions, the Lustrum was merely weeks away. Furthermore, venues for the lustrum were broadly hard to come by. We believe this is in part due to the coronavirus and the subsequent hesitation felt by many, but it displays a somewhat worrisome situation for future events regardless.

The committee, the board, and the members were all instrumental in organising this lustrum, and we want to thank all involved for partaking in this festive period of time.

Thomas Groenink
Chair of the Lustrum Committee