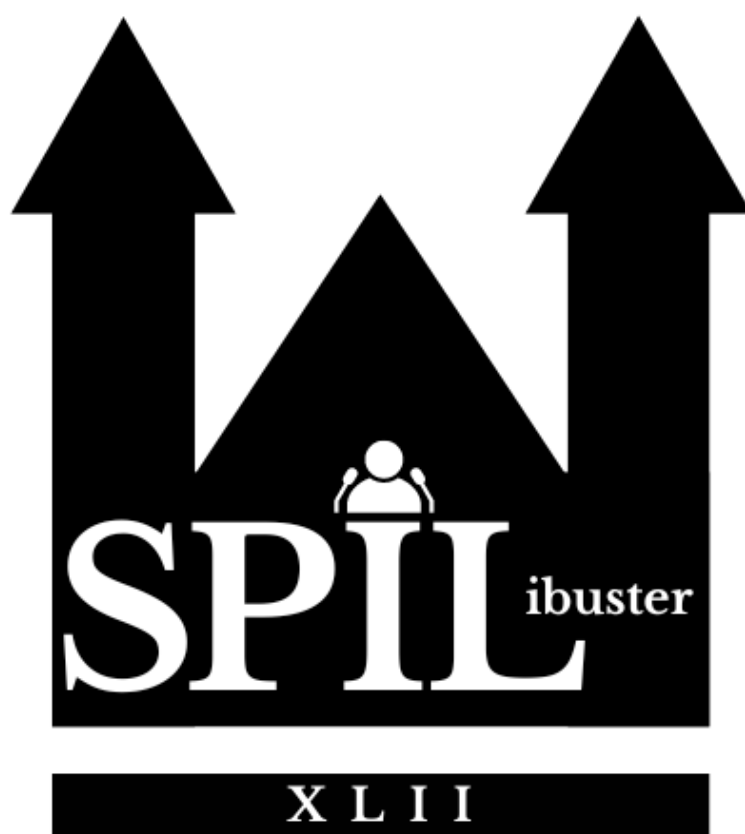


**Studievereniging voor Politicologen In Leiden  
Study Association for Political Scientists in Leiden**



**Affirmation GA  
XLIIInd board 2022 - 2023**

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## AFFIRMATION GENERAL ASSEMBLY

8th of June 2023, 7 pm

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### ONZE NOB'LE DISCIPLINE

By Max Nederkoorn and Stijn van den Wijngaard on the tune of the Marseillaise

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

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

## AGENDA

1. Opening
2. Choosing Voting Committee
3. Setting the agenda
4. Announcements
5. Received documents
6. Evaluating the minutes of the Affirmation GA, dd. March 16<sup>th</sup> 2023
7. Amendment to the Rules of Procedure
8. Committee budgets
9. Reaction of the board on the letter of the Sustainability Taskforce
10. Affirmation 43rd ft. board of SPIL
11. Discharges and installations
12. Any Onther Business (W.v.t.t.k.)
13. Round of questions
14. Discharge of Voting Committee
15. End of meeting

## MINUTES INTERIM GA, dated March 16<sup>th</sup> 2023

### 1. Opening

After singing the SPIL Anthem, the Chair of the GA, Ms. Van der Heide, opens the meeting at 19:12.

Those present at the GA are:

Annabelle Jung	Kathrin Brill	Jelle Kooij
Robin Buijs	Niels Bosman	Frederika Togtema
Lara Akande	Martine Chmura	Dante Renes
Elena van der Klok	Mathilda Minakova	Livi van Overan
Anna Gruber	Evaelle Dhainaut	Joost Glas
Marvin Lamers	Thirze Wiegers	Lyuba Nicheva
Margot Ammerlaan	Muriel Verhagen	Otso Pekonen
Sybrich Zeinstra	Rosalie van Gilst	Fince van Kampen
Olga Churilina	Noor Stuijt	Delfina Nano
Donna Dekker	Kasya Hillhorst	Haitske Pottinga
Emma Breed	Cesar Cerlie	Diana Chaban
Rosan Speek	Csongor Gyorivanni	Jette Boonstra
Salome de Bona	Samuel Lozi	

### 2. Choosing Voting Committee

The GA Chair instals Ms. Breed and Ms. Stuijt to the voting committee.

### 3. Setting the agenda

There are no questions or remarks. The agenda is set.

### 4. Announcements

The GA Chair asks those who are present to please write their name on the attendance list at the door. The GA booklet and motion paper can be found online or via the QR code. The booklet is both in Dutch and English. Due to sustainability, the minutes of the last GA are not included in the booklet. These can be found in the mail. The GA Chair also asks the attendees to state their full name before they speak for the minutes.

There is one announcement from the board. Ms. Jung explains the board is working on a rules of procedure change, to include an election procedure for the confidential contact person. Until then, Ms. Jung and Mr. Van den Brink will act as temporary confidential contact persons.

Mr. Buijs mentions the GA will be recorded for the minutes. This recording will be deleted if no longer necessary.

### 5. Received documents

There is a vote transfer from Mr. Zijderwijk to Ms. Stuijt, from Mr. Van der Zwet to Ms. Boonstra, from Ms. Easton to Mr. Weyne and from Ms. Van de Heide to Ms. Breed.

## 6. Evaluating the minutes of the Policy GA part 1 & 2

Mr. Buijs mentions that a small part of the first part of the Policy GA hasn't been recorded due to technical errors. He has made an executive summary based on his recollection of the discussion. He apologises for the inconvenience.

There are no questions. The minutes are set.

## 7. Interim Policy XLIInd board 'SPILibuster'

### 3.1.1

Ms. Boonstra is asking how the board feels about each other and how the personal conversations with the president have been going.

Ms. Jung explains the communication within the board is going well. The personal conversations help to be open about stress other subjects that you deem important.

### 3.1.3

Ms. Breed is wondering how it is going with the platform for political scientists.

Ms. Jung explains the PVP consists of board members from the boards of study associations of political science throughout the Netherlands. They meet every couple of weeks, and discuss for example the PiP congress.

### 3.2.1

Mr. Bosman, as treasurer of the Dies Committee, gives a short explanation on how the dies week was. There were many interesting activities, with a great balance between working together with the Commissioner and freedom for the committee. The committee was very happy with how the week went.

### 4.1.1

Mr. Buijs fills in the blanks in the policy. At present, SPIL has a total of 1413 members. The bachelor consist of 123 'international politiek'-students, 145 'politicologie'-students, 742 international relations and organisations-students. There are currently 33 master students and 369 students whose the programme is unknown. In his policy, Mr. Buijs stated that 167 members have been disqualified from membership because they have not fulfilled their duty to transfer the membership fee. This was incorrect, these members will be deregistered after this GA, because statutory they have the opportunity to object he board's decision to disqualify them at a GA.

Ms. Boonstra is asking how the more threatening reminders to pay the membership fee have worked out.

Mr. Buijs explains the second and third reminders were very effective. He noticed a lot of transfers after these reminders. He will advice his strategy to his successor.

### 4.1.2

Ms. Boonstra compliments Mr. Buijs with the theme-related banners of the newsletter. These are very creative

### 4.1.3 – 4.1.4

Mr. Buijs fills in the blanks. There are currently 61 reunionists, 271 SPIL-alumni and 4431 alumni from the bachelor and master.

### 4.1.7

Mr. Bosman compliments the secretary and board about the planning of the former boards borrel.

## 4.2

Mr. Van Kampen, as vice-chair of the Stairs Affairs Committee, gives a short explanation about the committee. Yesterday, there was a first event organised about the elections. It was a huge success, mainly due to the hard work of the committee. In total around 60 people showed up. Stairs affairs will also be a success the coming years.

### 4.2.1

Mr. Bosman is asking how the cooperation with the committee members from the BIL is going.

Mr. Buijs explains it is going great. It does not feel like there is a divide between committee members from different associations. Sometimes it is hard that there are two commissioners, mostly for communication.

Ms. Breed is asking if there will be more events this year.

Mr. Buijs explains the aim is to organise another event this year.

Mr. Van Kampen is asking if Mr. Buijs could explain the huge success of the event the day before.

Mr. Buijs explains it was the combination of the work of the committee, the programme that was election themed and the fact that it was at the Spanish steps.

## 5.2

Ms. Dekker, as chair of the SPIL Weekend Committee, gives an explanation on how the committee is doing. The weekend will take place in Antwerp, the sign us were full very quickly. The committee is looking forward to organising it.

### 5.2.2

Ms. Boonstra is asking how the participants will travel to Antwerp.

Ms. Akande explains this will happen by train.

Ms. Boonstra is asking why the committee picked a city instead of the countryside.

Ms. Akande explains the committee considered both options, but in the end unanimously chose Antwerp.

## 6.1

Ms. Van der Klok, as Commissioner of the Education Committee, gives an explanation of how the committee is doing. The organised events this year were very successful. She is very happy with the committee.

## 6.2

Ms. Stuijt, as chair of the Excursions Committee, gives an explanation of how the committee is doing. There have been 5 events so far. The ambiance within the committee is great, there are meetings every week. She would like to thank the committee and Ms. Van der Klok for their hard work.

## 6.3

Ms. Speek, as (new) chair of the Masters Committee, gives an explanation on how the committee is doing. She started at the beginning of the second semester and is looking forward to the upcoming event. She would like to thank the former Masters Committee, who organised great events. The study advisors were very happy with them as well.

Ms. Boonstra is asking how the transit between the committees went.

Ms. Speek explains it went well, but she is still in the middle of the process. Ms. Van der Klok was a huge help, and the old committee as well.

#### 6.4

Ms. Stuijt mentions she really enjoyed the index event.

#### 7.1

Ms. Dhainaut, as chair of the Brussels Committee, gives an explanation on how the committee is doing. They visited five places in Brussels, and the participants enjoyed the trip.

#### 7.2

Ms. Dhainaut, as chair of the Short Trip Committee, gives an explanation on how the committee is doing. The trip was to Lisbon. She enjoyed the sun and activities, and would like to thank the committee.

#### 7.3

Ms. Renes, as chair of the Long Trip Committee, gives an explanation on how the committee is doing. The announcement borrel was very successful, the sign-ups for participants closed last week. The flights have been booked, an accommodation has also been arranged. There will be day trips, and cultural activities. The committee is busy with arranging transportation, and she is looking forward to the trip.

##### 7.3.1

Ms. Boonstra compliments the committee and Ms. Gruber with the location.

##### 7.3.2

Mr. Bosman is asking if the board things the way the trips are funded and planned will remain financially feasible the coming years.

Ms. Gruber explains there are still many destinations available. She would like to advise her successor to look into other funding options, also from outside of Leiden University.

Ms. Akande explains that one of the limits is currently that the rules of procedure state how much SPIL can contribute. This might be able to be changed.

Mr. Bosman believes that the subsidy from SPIL is already very big for the amount of people that join. He thinks it might make a difference if the long trip is planned earlier in the year.

Ms. Van Gilst is asking if the long trip is always sixteen days.

Ms. Gruber explains the trip is fourteen days, and this is what the long trip is always like.

##### 7.3.3

Ms. Stuijt is wondering if the suggestions for activities the participants make in the cover letters are taken into account by Ms. Gruber.

Ms. Gruber explains she always passes on a list with the suggestions to the committee.

#### 7.4

Ms. De Bona, as chair of the Congress Committee, gives an explanation on how the committee is doing. The congress will be about migration. The dates are known and somewhere in the beginning of May. The committee is working on the speakers and funding. She would like to thank the committee.

Ms. Breed is wondering if the committee already knows if they will get the Cassa subsidy.

Ms. De Bona explains there is another meeting soon, and they will know whether they will get the subsidy within a few weeks.

### 7.5

Mr. Bosman compliments Ms. Gruber for being involved in this new project.

*The Chair of the GA suspends the meeting at 19:52.*

*The Chair of the GA reopens the meeting at 20:06.*

### 8.1.1

Mr. Kooij, as chair of the DEBAT Committee, gives an explanation on how the committee is doing. The committee has already released two print editions, with a third coming up. The guest writing programme for online articles has been expended. The committee has done a great job in internal restructuring. He is very happy with the committee and their work.

Mr. Bosman would like to congratulate Mr. Lamers, who is doing a great job. He is wondering if there is a full archive with printed editions in The Hague.

Mr. Lamers explains the full archive has been moved. He believes it is complete.

### 8.1.2

Ms. Van Gilst, as chair of the Yearbook Committee, gives an explanation on how the committee is doing. The process of making the yearbook is going great, The contact with perfect books is going well. The InDesign process is also working out nicely. Almost all sister- and hallway associations have send in their contributions. The committee has also done various bonding activities. She would like to thank the committee and Commissioner.

#### 8.1.2.1

Mr. Bosman feels in the previous years the yearbook has been picked up less than usual. He is asking if it is an option to do a poll on Instagram to see what the demand will be.

Mr. Lamers explains there were a lot of yearbooks left over. He is almost certain 100 copies will be enough, but he will talk about it with his committee.

### 8.2

Ms. Breed, as secretary of the Festive Committee, gives an explanation on how the committee is doing. The chair of the committee is currently at a game of Feyenoord. The committee is really enjoying their time together, although the committee is quite big. She is happy with the regular bars, gala, Halloween party and Efteling excursion. The relationship with the board is quite nice and has improved over the year. Overall, it is going really great.

Mr. Van Kampen is asking if Ms. Dekker could clarify the quote.

Ms. Dekker explains she can't remember the evening.

#### 8.2.4

Ms. Stuijt is asking what the plans for the Great Social Activity are.

Mr. Lamers explains there will be multiple activities with a party at the end. There even is a taskforce.

### 9.1.2



Ms. Zeinstra, as chair of the Acquisitions Committee, gives an explanation on how the committee is doing. She explains the committee started the year with much enthusiasm. The socks were a bit of a setback, being an item of last year's committee. There was a merchandise market, and there will be another one after the release of the new item. The partnership with toastable received great feedback. The committee is working on a new way of getting in touch about potential deals and the way emails are processed.

Mr. Bosman is asking when the new bowties will be delivered.

Ms. Ammerlaan explains she didn't receive information about the company where the bowties were made from her predecessor. She contacted the company she thought was the one, but they haven't gotten back to her. She recognises the importance of the bowties.

Ms. Boonstra is asking if the committee will bring out two merchandise items this year.

Ms. Ammerlaan explains the committee will bring out a second item in September.

#### 9.1.5

Ms. Boonstra is asking how Ms. Ammerlaan thinks about the amount of storage space left on the website.

Ms. Ammerlaan explains there have not been problems in this regard yet. She will reorganise the way the pictures are on the website.

#### 9.2

Ms. Churilina, as member of the Introduction Committee, gives an explanation on how the committee is doing. The committee is currently working on organising the freshman weekend and has organised the friends and family day. She is proud of the committee and their work.

Ms. Speek is asking if there are separate introduction activities for the master students.

Ms. Ammerlaan explains the introduction committee hasn't thought of activities for master students, but she will take it into consideration.

Mr. Van Kampen would like to compliment Ms. Ammerlaan for asking Mr. Kern and Mr. Boin for the friends and family day.

Ms. Breed is asking how the communication with scouting Paulus is going, and if Ms. Ammerlaan has looked into other locations.

Ms. Ammerlaan explains this is the best accommodation location wise, since it is close to the city and a forest. Communication with the scouting is oké, but it is not going very well since they are slow to answer to email.

#### 9.2.2

Ms. Boonstra is asking if there will also be a 'zure jury' at the weekend.

Ms. Ammerlaan explains it will.

#### Yearplan

Mr. Bosman is asking when former board members will be invited for the board interest borrels.

Ms. Jung explains it is on her to do list.

Ms. Dhainaut is asking why there are no studygroups planned yet for the second semester.

Ms. Ammerlaan explains the committee is rethinking the way these are organised.

#### Re-budget

Mr. Bosman compliments the board about the common room in The Hague. It is more open, welcoming and attractive for members to go there.

Ms. Breed is asking why the excursions committee donated 50 euro's to the Red Cross.

Ms. Akande explains it was a gift after the visit, instead of a thank you present.

Ms. Akande fills in the blanks in the balance.

Ms. Breed is asking if there is a budget for SPIL weekend.

Ms. Akande explains there is. The documents couldn't be send to the members before the GA, due to time constraints.

Ms. Breed would like to receive the budget personally.

#### Policy as a whole

Ms. Stuijt is asking why the board changed the way the committee cup is organised.

Ms. Jung explains the idea behind the booklets is that the committee brings the booklet to activities. The can now keep track of the points themselves.

Ms. Stuijt explains it is now less efficient for the committee, since they have to do more work themselves.

Ms. Jung will take her suggestions into consideration and re-evaluate the process.

Mr. Lozi is asking how the booksale in general is going.

Ms. Van der Klok explains the booklist for block 4 is finished. She will receive a report from index about the booksale of block 3 somewhere soon.

Ms. Stuijt is asking if the board considers re-thinking the dress code or the long trip, since it is quite hot in Jordan.

Ms. Gruber explains she will take the temperature into consideration.

Ms. De Bona is asking why the emails at the SPIL-email gets redirected to the spam.

Ms. Ammerlaan explains she received the complaint multiple times and will took into it.

- *The interim policy, yearplan and re-budget are installed with 28 votes in favour, 0 against, 0 neutral and 7 abstentions.*

### **8. Interim report Audit Committee**

Ms. Boonstra reads the Interim Report of the Audit Committee.

Ms. Breed remarks that it is normal for invoices to not be paid before the change of boards.

Ms. Akande explains this is true, but some invoices were from further back in the year and not part of the usual ones that are normally not paid before the transmission. This is why she mentioned it to the Audit Committee.

➤ *The Interim Report of the Audit Committee is installed per acclimation.*

## **9. Letter Sustainability Taskforce**

Mr. Buijs reads the letter from the sustainability taskforce.

Mr. Bosman is asking on behalf of Mr. Weyne if a trip is the place and time for a sustainability related activity.

Mr. Lozi explains the long trip is fourteen days, and there should be more than enough space for any sustainability related activity.

Ms. Dhainaut remarks such activity will also help the participants understand the local culture and way people live, so it is also a great addition to the programme.

Ms. Zeinstra is asking what the taskforce thinks about the reveal of the merchandise item and a poll on how many people would like to receive the item. This might spoil the surprise.

Mr. Lozi explains multiple item can be asked about, so the committee doesn't have to reveal the item.

Ms. Zeinstra will take it into consideration.

Mr. Bosman thinks the of the purpose merchandise is that people can get them years after their introduction.

Ms. Boonstra explains the items are also bought in bulk because it makes them cheaper.

Mr. Bosman is asking if the taskforce looked at the feasibility of recycled paper. This might cost too much.

Ms. Verhagen explains they didn't. Although it might be more expensive and difficult, this is true for most sustainability related issues. It was just a suggestion.

Ms. Jung thanks the taskforce for their work.

*The GA Chair suspends the meeting at 21:09 .*

*The GA Chair reopens the meeting at 21:18.*

## **10. Nomination Board of Advisors**

All members of the board of advisors would like to remain on the board for another year. There are no new candidates.

## **11. Discharges and installations**

➤ *The board of advisors is re-elected with 22 votes in favour, 0 against, 0 neutral and 7 abstaining.*

## **12. Any Other Businesses (W.v.t.t.k.)**

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

*The General Assembly, gathered here at Café de Pakschuit,*

*Keeping in mind the letter of the sustainability taskforce; asks the board to take the propositions from the sustainability taskforce letter into account and put it into practise; at the next GA to present and ex-post evaluation of its implementation.*

*Signed by Van der Heide, Verhagen et al.*

Ms. Jung explains the board advices to adopt this motion, because the board would like to give an update on how it is going with sustainability withing SPIL.

Mr. Van Kampen is asking if ‘to put into practise’ means it is mandatory for the board to comply.

Mr. Lozi explains it is a recommendations, so non-binding.

➤ *Motion 1 is adopted with 21 votes in favour, 0 against, 1 neutral and 7 abstaining.*

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

*The General Assembly, gathered here at Café de Pakschuit,*

*Constaterende dat: Festive has been of unprecedented value. Words fall short describing its dedication. The tremendous singing skills of its members, the GA cannot than to conclude every festive committee needs to have it own distinguished song. En gaat over tot de orde van de dag.*

*Signed by Breed, Dekker, Van Kampen, Togtema et al.*

Ms. Jung explains the board advices to reject this motion, because it believes committees should not feel more important than others or have special privileges.

Mr. Bosman agrees with the board and explains the festive committee already has their vests, and does already present itself as more pretentious than other committees.

Ms. Breed remarks she is not advising the next festive committee to also have vests.

Ms. Stuijt mentions the song shouldn’t be mandatory for following committees.

➤ *Motion 2 is rejected with 7 votes in favour, 13 against, 0 neutral and 7 abstaining.*

### **13. Round of questions**

Ms. Ammerlaan is asking if the CALVV, GA and 42<sup>nd</sup> board know she is still very happy with working with the board every day. The would also like to mention that Mr. Van Kampen needs to chug a beer, due to an ‘anytimer’.

Mr. Lamers is asking if the CALVV, GA and 42<sup>nd</sup> board know that he is really happy with what they achieved this year, that everyone is here and participating and for their compliments this GA. He is looking forward to the rest of the year.

Ms. Gruber is asking if the CALVV, GA and 42<sup>nd</sup> board know she agrees with Ms. Ammerlaan.

Ms. Van der Klok is asking if the CALVV, GA and 42<sup>nd</sup> board know she is very grateful for all the comments and she is looking forward to next semester. Mr. Buijs also needs to chug a beer, because of an ‘anytimer’.

Ms. Akande is asking if the CALVV, GA and 42<sup>nd</sup> board know she is really grateful everyone is here, and a continuation is not necessary. Ms. Ammerlaan also needs to chug a beer, due to an ‘anytimer’.

Mr. Buijs is asking if the CALVV, GA and 42<sup>nd</sup> board know that he is also very happy that everyone stayed this GA, it saves him a lot of time. He is looking forward to seeing everyone at the upcoming activities and the next GA on June 8<sup>th</sup>.

Ms. Jung is asking if the CALVV, GA and 42<sup>nd</sup> board know that there are two board interest borrels coming up. She would love to see everyone there.

#### **14. Discharge of Voting Committee**

The Chair of the GA discharges Ms. Stuijt and Ms. Breed from the voting committee.

#### **15. End of meeting**

*After the SPIL-anthem has been sung, the Chair of General Assembly ends the meeting at 21:36.*

## PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE RULES OF PROCEDURE

The XLIIInd board proposes to add the text below to the Rules of Procedure. The text below is a display, the final layout will be the same as the rest of the Rules of Procedure.

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### CONFIDENTIAL CONTACT PERSONS

#### Article 1

1.1  
For the purpose of social safety within the association, there are Confidential Contact Persons (CCP).

1.2  
The Confidential Contact Persons are independent; they are there for the well-being of the members of the association. When necessary, they have a direct line to the board. They are aware of reference opportunities and when necessary act as a liaison between the association and Leiden University.

1.3  
The Confidential Contact Persons present an annual report at the Change of Boards General Assembly. In this they shall mention at least their experience as Confidential Contact Person and in what way they were involved in the association from their position as Confidential Contact Person.

#### Article 2

2.1  
The Confidential Contact Persons must be able to hold the position for at least one year, after which they can retain the position for an indefinite period of time. Any premature hammering (HIER IS EEN ENGELSE TERM VOOR TOCH?) out is possible. In the event of premature hammering out or dismissal of a Confidential Contact Person, a new candidate will be proposed by the Board at the next General Assembly. If there are no objections, the candidate will be hammered in.

2.2  
If the Confidential Contact Persons or the Board see undesirable behaviour or receive complaints about one of Confidential Contact Persons, the Board shall investigate the situation with the other Confidential Contact Person. The Board may take appropriate action if necessary, including the possibility of dismissing a Confidential Contact Person.

#### Article 3

There shall be a minimum of two Confidential Contact Persons.

#### Article 4

4.1  
The Board shall determine candidates for the position of Confidential Contact Person based on suitability of that person and an intake interview.

4.2  
Only members and/or reunionists who have been active for the Association for at least one year, and are not members of the Board at the time of election, may be candidates.

4.3

At least one week before the General Membership Meeting at which the Confidential Contact Persons will be installed, the Confidential Contact Persons nominated by the Board will be announced to the members.

4.4

Objections to a candidate may also be submitted in writing to the Secretary prior to the General Assembly. If an objection is made, the candidate will be reconsidered by the Board and potentially a new candidate will be nominated for the next General Assembly.

4.5

In appointing candidates, the Board shall consider diversity in terms of gender.

4.6

If there is only one candidate for the position, that candidate will be installed as Confidential Contact Person. The current Confidential Contact Persons will then determine which of them will stay in function until the next General Assembly, at which another call for candidates will be made.

## BUDGETS AND REALISATIONS

## Realisation SPIL Weekend 2023

Income				Expenses			
	Estimated budget p.p.	Estimated budget	Realisation		Estimated budget p.p.	Estimated budget	Realisation
<b>Participant contribution</b>	€ 85,00	€ 2.550,00	€ 2.550,00	<b>Accommodation</b>			
<b>SPIL contribution</b>	€ 23,33	€ 700,00	€ 700,00	<i>Hostel The ASH</i>	€ 66,00	€ 1.980,00	€ 1.980,00
				<b>Transport</b>	€ 23,51	€ 705,40	€ 705,40
				<b>Activities</b>		€ 467,40	€ 516,85
				<i>Town Hall Tour</i>		€ 300,00	€ 300,00
				<i>Lunch</i>		€ 82,40	€ 104,25
				<i>Pubcrawl</i>		€ 75,00	€ 75,00
				<i>Scavenger hunt</i>		€ 10,00	€ 37,60
				<b>Unforeseen costs</b>	€ 3,24	€ 97,20	€ 0,-
				<b>Restitution</b>			€ 47,75
<b>Total</b>	€ 108,33	€ 3.250,00	€ 3.250,00	<b>Total</b>	€ 108,33	€ 3.250,00	€ 3.250,00

## Realisation Congress 2023

Income			Expenses		
	Estimated budget	Realisation		Estimated budget	Realisation
<b>SPIL contribution</b>	€ 500,00	€ 330,83	<b>Location</b>		
<b>LUF contribution</b>	€ 650,00	€ 650,00	<i>House of Europe</i>	€ 0,-	€ 0,-
			<b>Food &amp; drinks</b>	€ 500,00	€ 500,00
			<b>Presents</b>	€ 200,00	€ 159,45
			<b>Booklets</b>	€ 101,00	€ 129,29
			<b>Name tag &amp; holder</b>	€ 103,00	€ 103,81
			<b>Borrel</b>	€ 200,00	€ 51,50
			<b>Unforeseen costs</b>	€ 46,00	€ 36,78
<b>Total</b>	€ 1.150,00	€ 980,83	<b>Total</b>	€ 1.150,00	€ 980,83



### Budget Freshmen Weekend 2023

Income			Expenses		
	Estimated budget p.p.	Estimated budget		Estimated budget p.p.	Estimated budget
<b>Participant contribution</b> <i>(63 participants)</i>	€ 44,00	€ 2.772,00	<b>Accommodatie</b> <i>Scouting Paulus</i>	€ 20,00	€ 1.600,00
<b>Introduction committee</b>	€ 44,00	€ 132,00	<b>Food and drinks</b>	€ 17,00	€ 1.360,00
			<i>Breakfast</i>	€ 2,00	€ 160,00
			<i>Lunch</i>	€ 3,50	€ 280,00
			<i>Dinner</i>	€ 4,00	€ 320,00
			<i>Snacks</i>	€ 1,00	€ 80,00
			<i>Drinks</i>	€ 6,50	€ 520,00
<b>42nd board</b>	€ 44,00	€ 308,00	<b>Activities</b>	€ 2,25	€ 180,00
<b>43rd board</b>	€ 44,00	€ 308,00	<b>Decorations</b>		€ 20,00
			<b>Speaker</b>		€ 35,00
			<b>Cleaning costs</b>		€ 35,00
			<b>Unforeseen costs</b>	€ 3,62	€ 290,00
<b>Total</b>	€ 44,00	€ 3.520,00	<b>Total</b>	€ 44,00	€ 3.520,00

### Budget Long Trip 2023

Income			Expenses		
	Estimated budget p.p.	Estimated budget		Estimated budget p.p.	Estimated budget
<b>Participant contribution</b>	€ 770,00	€ 26.950,00	<b>Accommodation</b>		
<b>SPIL contribution</b>	€ 140,00	€ 4.900,00	<i>Battuta Hostel</i>	€ 187,00	€ 6.557,94
<b>CASSA contribution</b>	€ 75,00	€ 2.625,00	<b>Flights</b>	€ 498,98	€ 17.464,30
			<b>Activities</b>	€ 284,14	€ 9.944,97
			<i>All bus travel</i>		
			<i>Access to all cultural activities</i>		
			<i>Wadi rum</i>		
			<i>Petra</i>		
			<b>Unforeseen costs</b>	€ 14,50	€ 507,79
<b>Total</b>	€ 985,00	€ 34.475,00	<b>Total</b>	€ 985,00	€ 34.475,00

## REACTION OF THE BOARD TO THE LETTER OF THE SUSTAINABILITY TASKFORC

Dear members,

As per motion requested by the General Assembly at the 16th of March 2023, this letter aims to inform you about the board's implementation of the propositions made by the sustainability taskforce at said General Assembly. The board would also like to express its gratitude to the taskforce for their advice and their efforts to make the association more sustainable.

### **Trips**

The XLIInd board is in agreement with the taskforce that air transportation should be limited, but also recognises that the trips offer an unique experience to the members to experience foreign countries. It therefore believes that there should be no set rules about flights on trips. Nonetheless, in an effort to make our trips more sustainable, the destination of this year's SPIL Weekend has been reached by public transport instead of by bus. The XLIInd board also made sure that there will be no domestic flights on this year's Long Trip. The possibility of train/bus travel within Europe will also be advocated by the Commissioner Global Relations for next year. Further, the XLII board tries to organise at least one sustainable activity on each trip, to contribute to the local ecosystem. There has been one in Portugal, and one will also be organised in Jordan.

### **Merchandise**

The XLIInd board agrees that sustainability should be kept in mind whilst producing SPIL merchandise. Because committee long sleeves have already been produced this year, the advice concerning the production of a general SPIL clothing item will be passed on to the successor of the Commissioner External Relations. However, the board would like to highlight that in the production of the long sleeves sustainability has been kept in mind. The long sleeves are made from sustainable cotton, and the board has chosen long sleeves instead of sweaters so the committee item can be worn for a larger part of the year. Thus, the item will be more sustainable because the committee members can overall get more wear out of the item, and keep them in their closets during most seasons. Furthermore, the printing of the long sleeves has been done by a small business and thus supports a local income instead of a major company. On the topic of sustainable merch items, the Commissioner External Relations has discussed this with the committee, because she believes they have the greatest say in this, due to them putting the most work into the item. The acquisitions committee will take the advice of quality over quantity into consideration, but cannot make any guaranteed promises on the sustainability of the item. This is because the committee needs to take into consideration the cost of producing the item, and the higher the price, the less likely it is that the item will sell.

### **Printing**

Due to difficult contact and high costs at the print shop at FSW, the XLIInd board has been more mindful about printing the documents necessary for certain events. Limited number of posters are being printed on university printers, greatly reducing the amount of paper used, but still taking into consideration that the posters are a nice decoration and memory to have in the common rooms. Booklets for the General Assembly will for the remainder of this year be printed only for the members that requested this beforehand. The Secretary and his successor will evaluate this and brainstorm about possible other solutions for in the future. The XLIInd board has also made use of the opportunity to show 'digital posters' of events on the screens in University buildings.

The sign-up system for physical DEBATs has proved to work well this year. The Commissioner Internal Relations will advise his successor to continue with this. Furthermore, the Commissioner Internal Relations has counted the yearbooks from last academic year and has adjusted the printed amount accordingly to 100 issues. Possible leftover yearbooks will be used on events where SPIL represents itself. Unfortunately, printing yearbooks on recycled paper is not financially feasible since this would result in a significant price increase.

**Food**

The XLIIInd board has this year committed to only serving vegetarian food on SPIL events, if paid for by the association. An example of this was the vegetarian dinner at the committee thank you day and the catering of the SPIL Congress. The XLIIInd board strives to also include vegan options, such as the vegan mayonnaise that was served on the committee thank you day. If the members are indirectly paying for something, such as the final dinner on trips, the XLIIInd board believes that vegetarian options should be available but not mandatory. Furthermore, the XLIIInd board strives to use less plastic and individually pre-packaged food. This is why the effort has been made to use the mugs in the common room as much as possible as an alternative for plastic cups.

In conclusion, the XLIIInd board is aware that the association can and needs to become more sustainable. It has tried to contribute to this in various ways, while also keeping (financial) feasibility, traditions and the diversity in members in mind. The XLIIInd board believes future boards can and should continue this effort, but that they also have to be able to make their own considerations. It therefore believes it is not up to the XLIIInd board, but up to the members to decide if certain efforts should become mandatory for future years.

With kind regards,

On behalf of the XLIIInd board of SPIL, 'SPILibuster',

Robin Buijs  
*Secretary*