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Change of Boards General Assembly



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CHANGE OF BOARDS GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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ONZE NOB'LE DISCIPLINE

By Max Nederkoorn and Stijn van den Wijngaard

On the tune of the Marseillaise

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

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

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

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

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

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MINUTES AFFIRMATION GENERAL ASSEMBLY, dated June 8th 2023.

1. Opening

After singing the SPIL anthem, the Chair of the General Assembly, Mr. Groenink, opens the general assembly at 20:07.

Those present are:

Annabelle Jung	Salome de Bona	Dante Renes
Robin Buijs	Ruchi van Zoelen	Cesar Serlie
Lara Akande	Svea Drose	Marit van der Heide
Elena van der Kloek	Noor Stuijt	Sjoerd van Heijst
Anna Gruber	Kasya Hilhorst	Thomas Meijer
Marvin Lamers	Anna Easton	Niels Bosman
Margot Ammerlaan	Fince van Kampen	Emma Breed
Frederika Togtema	Marjolein	Donna Dekker
Sem van der Voort	Nieuwenhuijsen	Daan de Vries
Gijs Verhoeff	Haitske Pottinga	

2. Choosing Voting Committee

The GA chair instals Thomas Meijer, Donna Dekker and Emma Breed into the voting committee.

3. Setting the agenda

The GA Chair asks secretary if there are any changes to the agenda. There are not. The agenda is set.

4. Announcements

The GA Chair asks those who are present to write their name on the attendance list at the door. The GA booklet and motion paper can be found online. The booklet is both in Dutch and English. He asks the attendants to state their full name before they speak for the minutes. The GA Chair asks the secretary if there are any further announcements. There are not.

5. Received documents

The CALVV asks the secretary if there are any received documents. There is a vote transfer from Ms. Boonstra to Ms. Easton and from Mr. Groenink to Ms. Nieuwenhuijsen. There are also some amendments to the proposed addition to the Rules of Procedure, which will be discussed at agenda point 7.

6. Evaluating the minutes of the Interim GA, dd. March 16th 2023

There are no questions. The minutes are set.

7. Amendment to the Rules of Procedure

Ms. Jung explains there will be confidential contact persons. The amendment to the rules of procedure is to make sure that the election procedure is regulated. The board is also working on a protocol for the CCPs.

Ms. Breed is asking if the confidential contact persons will change every year.

Ms. Jung explains the CCPs will be appointed for a year, and if possible they will stay on longer.

Ms. Easton thinks CCPs are a very important subject and she is happy with the proposal. The proposal made by the board are sometimes unclear. She explains the CCPs are not having a too heavy duty, since these are students that are not officially qualified. The CCPs are more of a listening ear. The board of advisors was not contacted beforehand about the proposed addition, which is why Ms. Easton made these amendments.

Ms. Jung thanks Ms. Easton for the amendments. There are some the board agrees with, and some the board does not. She will explain this later on.

The GA Chair explains they will discuss the proposal per article.

Ms. Breed is asking if there will still be a trust person on the trips.

Ms. Jung explains that the CCPs are not active anymore to make sure there is no conflict of interest. They will most likely not participate in the trips. There will be committee or board members functioning as trust persons on the trips.

Ms. Breed is asking if there will definitely be trust persons for every trip in the future.

Ms. Jung explains this will be the case.

Ms. Easton is asking why the amendment of the rules of procedure does not state that the CCPs will not be active.

Ms. Jung explains the board chooses Mr. Van den Brink and Ms. Otten because they are not as active anymore. It is not specifically mentioned.

Ms. Easton would also like the opinion of the GA in this regard.

Mr. Bosman believes it is good if the board strives to appoint CCPs that are not active anymore, but that this should not be a hard rule. The new board should also mention the appointment in their policy and what kind of CCPs they strive for.

Mr. Verhoeff agrees with Mr. Bosman.

Ms. Van de Heide understands what Mr. Bosman is saying. The university recommends nonetheless that CCPs are not active and more external. Maybe it can be included that the board strives to have CCPs that are not active anymore.

Ms. Easton mentions the GA always has the right to make sure the CCPs are not too close to the association. It is not necessary to include it in the rules of procedure, also to not limit the board too much.

Ms. Breed is asking if the CCPs will be elected by the GA or asked by the board.

Ms. Jung explains they get asked by the board and approved by the GA. She furthermore believes it is not necessary to state the proposal made by Ms. Van der Heide in the rules of procedure.

Ms. Easton explains the current proposal by the board doesn't state clearly that you have to be asked by the board. You can apply or let the board know you are interested in the position of the CCP.

Ms. Breed is asking how this will work out with making sure the CCPs get the necessary training.

Ms. Jung explains the Study association Deliberation Platform (StOP) will organise a training for the CCPs.

Ms. Nieuwenhuijssen vraagt zich af hoe er over de voorstellen gestemd gaat worden.

Ms. Nieuwenhuijssen is asking how the GA will vote on the proposals.

The GA Chair explains the amended articles will be discussed per amendment.

Ms. Van der Heide mentions it is nice to write down somewhere that it is preferred to have not too active CCPs.

Mr. Bosman is asking if it would be a solution to include this in the final policy.

Ms. Van der Heide thinks that would work, but maybe also somewhere else.

Ms. Jung will do so.

The GA Chair explains accepted amendments by Ms. Easton will substitute the original article proposed by the board. The GA will vote on the new complete proposal afterwards.

Ms. Easton is asking why the GA needs to vote on everything as a whole after discussing every article separately.

The GA Chair explains some amendments may pass and may not pass. Furthermore, a added or substituted amendment will affect the whole, which may change the way you would like to vote on the entire proposal.

Mr. Buijs explains the first discussions and votes are on what will be the proposed amendment to the Rules of Procedure, and afterwards the GA will vote if this proposal will be added to the Rules of Procedure.

Amendment on article 1.2

Ms. Jung explains the board advises to accept the amendment.

Ms. Easton explains she doesn't see why the CCP should be between the association and the association.

- The amendment on article 1.2 is approved per acclamation.

Amendment on article 1.3

Ms. Easton explains she wrote this amendment because she feels the current phrasing implies the CCP can be held accountable by the GA.

Ms. Jung explains the board advises to reject this amendment. The annual report will just be a statement at the GA about their work, as this was advised during a training on CCPs. The CCP will not be held accountable by the GA.

Ms. Easton thinks there are other ways to make sure the GA is aware of the existence of the CPP. It might also not work out the way the board would like. The phrasing is vague, and maybe if for example zero people come to the CCP it result in others not going.

Mr. Bosman agrees with Ms. Easton. A report should be as general as possible, but if discussed at a GA it might become too specific. This is not something the GA should want.

Ms. Van der Heide understands the reasoning of the board. The proposed amendment by Ms. Easton still gives room for CCPs to give a short talk.

Ms. Jung explains the board agrees with the points made by the GA.

Mr. Bosman is asking if the board still holds their original position.

Ms. Jung explains the board is convinced by the arguments made. The board now advises to accept the amendment.

- The amendment on article 1.3 is accepted with 16 votes in favour, 0 against and 12 abstentions.

Amendment on article 2.1

Ms. Jung explains the board advises to reject the proposal. The amendment uses the word 're-elected' and the board doesn't want it to look like an election but more of a job-position instead of a popularity contest.

Ms. Breed is asking if a CCP can be asked again after one year.

Ms. Jung explains the CCPs should fulfil the position for at least a year. Thereafter, they can retain the position. Early discharge is still possible if they function below expected.

Ms. Dekker is asking if there will be a moment that members can object.

Ms. Jung explains the GA can vote against or in favour a proposed CCP by the board. Members also have the opportunity to object before the GA.

Mr. Buijs adds that members can object an appointment and the CCP is then appointed for an indefinite period. They will however need to be able to fulfil their position for at least a year to ensure some continuity.

Ms. Easton remarks that there is no benefit to appointing a CCP for an indefinite period of time. Since there will be a voting, the word 'election' shouldn't matter. Furthermore, if there are no complaints there is no reason to believe the GA wont reinstall a CCP, so a vote should be too much trouble.

- The amendment on article 2.1 is accepted per acclimation.

Amendment on article 2.2

Ms. Easton explains the only difference is that it would be better for a CCP to investigate complaints against the other CCP, instead of the board.

Ms. Jung explains the board advises to accept the amendment.

- The amendment on article 2.2 is accepted per acclimation.

Amendment on article 3 and article 4.6

Ms. Easton explains amendment 3 and 4.6 go together.

The GA Chair explains article 4.6 will be removed if amendment on article 3 is accepted.

Ms. Easton explains the amendments can be combined since that makes more sense. A CCP can't be forced to remain in function.

Ms. Jung explains that the original proposal was based on the Rules of Procedure part about the Board of Advisors. Nonetheless, the board advises to accept this amendment.

- The amendment on article 3 (and removal of article 4.6) is accepted per acclimation.

Amendment on article 4.1

Ms. Easton explains it is just a language change.

Ms. Jung explains the board advises to accept the amendment.

- The amendment on article 4.1 is accepted per acclimation.

Amendment on article 4.3

Ms. Easton explains this proposal limits the board, and it is also not done for other positions. She is curious of the opinion of the board.

Ms. Jung explains the board advises to reject this amendment. The objection to a certain person as CCP is very important, and since it might be a sensitive topic objecting during a GA might be uncomfortable. That is why there should be a possibility to object beforehand. The board will then be able to investigate the complaint.

Mr. Bosman agrees with the board and deems it important to keep it in.

Ms. Van der Heide is torn on this subject. She partly agrees with Mr. Bosman, but there are also other positions within SPIL that are important and relate to creating a safe environment. The proposal might make it difficult for the board if the search is hard for example.

Mr. Buijs explains the big difference between the CCP and CALVV is that the CCP is there to make sure the association has a safe atmosphere, and the CALVV does not directly. Finding a suitable CCP should not come down to the last week.

Ms. Van der Heide remarks that the CALVV is also very important and all members should feel safe to come to the GA.

Mr. Buijs apologises and explains he and the board deems the position of the CALVV very important and agree with Ms. Van der Heide.

Ms. Easton explains there is always the possibility of going to the other CCP if members don't feel comfortable with the other CCP.

Mr. Bosman understands the points of Ms. Van de Heide, but he feels the position is too important to let it come down to the last week.

- The amendment on article 4.3 is rejected with 7 votes in favour, 7 against and 15 abstentions.

Mr. Bosman is wondering if the abstentions can be included in the total vote count.

Mr. Buijs will look it up.

Amendment on article 4.4

- Ms. Easton revokes this amendment.

Amendment on article 4.5

Ms. Jung explains the board has no preference and gives therefore no advice on how to vote.

Ms. De Bona is asking why the article only mentions 'gender diversity'.

Ms. Jung explains gender diversity is specifically important for the position of the CCP.

Ms. Van der Heide thinks everyone agrees diversity in gender should be taken into account, but the vote is now about why only gender is explicitly mentioned.

Mr. Buijs explains the proposal mentions gender diversity as it is extra important, but it does not necessarily exclude other types of diversity.

Ms. Easton is wondering if the board also cares about other types of diversity, why not give an advise to accept the amendment.

Ms. Jung explains it is a discussion about grammar and the board does not believe the current phrasing excludes other types of diversity.

Ms. Easton disagrees and believes the phrasing does exclude this.

Mr. Buijs explains the board understands the original article can be interpreted as Ms. Easton describes and that the board now advises to accept the amendment.

- The amendment on article 4.5 is accepted per acclimation.

The proposal as a whole as amended.

The GA Chair explains there will now be a vote on the proposal to amend de Rules of Procedure as amended.

Ms. Jung explains the board advises to accept the amended proposal to amend the Rules of Procedure.

- The proposal to amend the Rules of Procedure as a whole as amended is accepted per acclimation

The GA Chair suspends the meeting at 21:13.

The GA Chair reopens the meeting at 21:26.

8. Committee budgets

Ms. Breed is asking why the participants haven't gotten the reimbursements yet.

Ms. Akande explains they will.

Ms. Breed is asking when this will happen.

Ms. Akande would like to do it before Long Trip.

Ms. Nieuwenhuijsen vraagt zich af waarom er gerekend is op 63 deelnemers voor het EJW.

Ms. Nieuwenhuijsen is asking why the board budgeted for 63 participants for the Freshmen Weekend.

Ms. Akande explains the dates changes compared to last year, and the university is promoting the freshman weekend to all prospective students. The board is already promoting it and will continue doing so during ELCID and HOP-week.

Ms. Ammerlaan adds that sign-ups have also already opened, so prospective students have a lot of time to register. The dates were also specifically chosen to make sure more students can join.

Ms. Breed is asking why the cultural activities aren't specified yet in the budget for Long Trip.

Ms. Akande explains the committee organises all activities through a travel agency and it is a package deal.

Ms. Easton is asking how many board and ft. board members will be present at Freshman Weekend.

Ms. Drose explains the goal will be as many present board members as possible.

Mr. Buijs adds that it was discussed during the board training days and currently it is looking like all ft. and current board members will be present.

- The committee budgets and realisations are installed per acclimation.

9. Reaction board to the letter Sustainability Taskforce

Mr. Buijs reads the letter the board wrote as reaction to the letter of the sustainability taskforce.

Mr. Lamers explains there has been a miscommunication with the printing company, and the yearbooks are printed on recycled paper unlike what is explained in the letter.

Ms. Breed is asking if Mr. Lamers would advise his successor to print the same amount of DEBATs.

Mr. Lamers explains he would. He noticed an increase in amount of DEBATs picked up during the year.

Ms. Van der Heide would like to compliment the board on their efforts and mentions they have set a very good example for future years.

10. Affirmation 43rd board of SPIL

Ms. Drose introduces herself. She is 21, in her second year of IRO, from Germany and she will move from The Hague to Leiden next year.

Mr. Van Kampen is asking to what extent Ms. Drose views Mr. De Vries as example for next year.

Ms. Drose explains she has to compliment Mr. De Vries on his ability to make sure the committee had a very good bond. There was a great balance between fun and achievements.

Mr. De Vries is asking if the festive committee made her want to do a board year.

Ms. Drose explains she fell in love with SPIL the past year. She would like to contribute to this.

Ms. Breed is asking what Ms. Drose's favourite festive memory is and if she will miss the committee.

Ms. Drose explains her favourite memory was the gala. She will miss the committee.

Ms. Easton is asking how Ms. Drose will deal with all the Dutch emails she will receive.

Ms. Drose will try to translate it herself or ask Ms. Stuijt for help. She will make sure people know she is not yet fluent in Dutch.

Ms. Stuijt introduces herself. She is 19 years old and from The Hague. Next year she will do a minor.

Mr. Van Kampen is asking what her highlight of her time at SPIL was.

Ms. Stuijt explains she had many wonderful memories, but the trip to Thailand was her favourite.

Ms. Easton is asking the candidate board what their favourite sentences in the SPIL anthem is.

Ms. Drose explains for her it is 'politieke wetenschap' since she is still learning dutch and these are hard to pronounce.

Ms. Stuijt explains for her it is 'leve de SPIL', because she hopes to be able to say this next year herself.

Ms. Hillhorst explains for her it is 'de SPIL maakt het verschil'.

Ms. Togtema explains for her it is 'is de SPIL oppermachtig', because it shows the role of SPIL in the studies.

Ms. De Bona explains for her it is 'de politieke borrelpraat' since members love talking about politics at family dinners. And SPIL is a family on its own.

Ms. Van Zoelen explains for her it is 'het debat is voor ons routine'.

Mr. Verhoeff explains for him it is 'rijkelijk vloeit de alcohol'. He will furthermore not comment on his presence at the Board Announcement Borrel.

Ms. Hilhorst introduces herself. She is a second year IRO student. She is from Zuthpen and lives in The Hague. She will also be doing a minor in Leiden next year.

Mr. Bosman is asking if Ms. Hillhorst has thought about when to start with the preparations of the Dies.

Ms. Hilhorst has thought about it, she is considering conflicting advice.

Ms. Breed is asking what experience as treasurer of the Short Trip committee she will take with her next year.

Ms. Hilhorst explains she has a general interest in being treasurer.

Mr. Serlie is asking why Ms. Hilhorst name was spelled incorrectly in the invitation of this GA.

Mr. Buijs apologises for his spelling mistake.

Mr. Serlie is asking if Ms. Hilhorst could correctly spell her name.

Ms. Hilhorst spells her name. It is 'h-i-l-h-o-r-s-t'

Mr. Van Kampen is asking whether Ms. Hilhorst could define a vital moment in her career at the Baudartius college that led to her candidacy for the SPIL board.

Ms. Hilhorst explains it was the moment she met Mr. Van Kampen.

Ms. Hilhorst explains where the city of Zuthpen is located. It is next to Brummen.

Ms. Togtema introduces herself. She is half-Portuguese and half-Dutch, a first year IRO student and lives in The Hague.

Mr. Meijer is asking whether she aligns more with the Portuguese or the Dutch.

Ms. Togtema explains she misses the food and sun, but she likes the live prospects here.

Mr. Meijer is asking how Ms. Togtema feels about the BIL.

Ms. Togtema explains SPIL is more important and outshines the BIL. The BIL does have very nice individual members though.

Ms. Van der Heide is asking if there would be an activity she would really like to organise.

Ms. Togtema explains she is looking forward to the embassy visits.

Ms. Easton mentions she is looking forward to the festive socks that Ms. Togtema will wear at future GA's.

Ms. De Bona introduces herself. She is from Liège and is a first year IRO student.

Mr. Meijer is asking how Ms. De Bona feels about the rumours that SPIL might take over the region of Flanders.

Ms. De Bona explains the history of Belgium is very complicated.

Ms. Easton is asking if Ms. De Bona would consider the destination of Mongolia for a long trip.

Ms. De Bona explains she will take it into consideration.

Ms. Van Zoelen introduces herself. She is 21 years old and originally from Hengelo. She had an amazing time at SPIL so far and is looking forward to next year.

Ms. Breed is asking how the Ms. Van Zoelen will prevent the next festive committee from being too pretentious.

Ms. Van Zoelen explains she feels 'pretentious' is very subjective. She hopes the next festive committee will also be very close and will have much fun next year.

Ms. Van der Heide is asking what experience she takes from different SPIL committees.

Ms. Van Zoelen explains she did the excursions and yearbook committee. She learned how to work together and how to be creative. That is what she will take into next year.

Mr. Verhoeff introduces himself. He is 23, a first year political science student. He lives in Leiden.

Mr. Van Kampen is asking how Mr. Verhoeff will combine his career in soccer at RKVV Teylingen with his membership of the SPIL board.

Mr. Verhoeff will be left winger and linesman next year. He will not be as present at soccer events though next year as much.

Mr. De Vries is asking if Mr. Verhoeff liked his presence at festive, Dies or spil-weekend committee meeting the most.

Mr. Verhoeff explains all experiences were amazing and equal.

Mr. Van der Voort is asking how Mr. Verhoeff feels about being the only man in the candidate board.

Mr. Verhoeff explains he has much experience with women. He is not at all intimidated by all these powerful woman and he will enjoy working with them.

Ms. Breed mentions Mr. Verhoeff is an official unofficial member of the festive committee.

Ms. Dekker is asking what his favourite memory of the committee was.

Mr. Verhoeff explains he enjoyed the GSA, although Mr. Park was not there.

Ms. Breed is asking how he will promote the GSA next year so more members will attend.

Mr. Verhoeff explains he will send many emails to Mr. Park.

Ms. Dekker is asking how many times Mr. Verhoeff will wear his Obi-Wan-Kenobi outfit.

Mr. Verhoeff explains as much as possible.

Mr. Bosman is asking how Mr. Verhoeff will combine being an official representation of the board and the association and his alcohol consumption.

Mr. Verhoeff explains his alcohol consumption will have no effect on his functioning as board members.

Ms. Jung explains the board is very excited about the candidate board

11. Discharges and installations

The GA Chair affirms and installs Svea Drose as ft. President per acclimation.

The GA Chair affirms and installs Noor Stuijt as ft. Secretary and Commissioner Introduction per acclimation.

The GA Chair affirms and installs Kasya Hilhorst as ft. Treasurer and Commissioner Dies per acclimation.

The GA Chair affirms and installs Fredrika Togtema as ft. Commissioner Education & Politics per acclimation.

The GA Chair affirms and installs Salomé De Bona as ft. Commissioner Global Relations per acclimation.

The GA Chair affirms and installs Ruchi van Zoelen as ft. Commissioner Internal Relations and Commissioner Festive per acclimation.

The GA Chair affirms and installs Gijs Verhoeff as ft. Commissioner External Relations per acclimation.

The GA Chair suspends the meeting at 22:40

The GA Chair reopens the meeting at 22:48

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

First motion

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

The General Assembly, gathered here at the Vergulde Kruik in Leiden, due to the fact that the general assemblies are extremely important, the GA experiences difficulties getting the required quorum, Gijs Verhoeff plays a vital role in SPIL, and that he has an amazing Obi Wan Kenobi costume, the GA cannot to conclude that the Commissioner External Relations at least has to have the costume with him, and preferably wear it at some point at GA;s. En gaat over tot de orde van de dag.

Unknown

Ms. Jung explains the board advises to reject the motion. In the future the commissioner will have a lovely board suit that he can wear at GAs.

Mr. Van Kampen explains the Mr. Verhoeff can just take it with him.

Mr. De Vries adds the costume includes the light sabre.

- The first motion is accepted with 9 votes in favour, 4 against 14 abstaining.

Mr. Buijs mentions the board should wear a board suit and penning at General Assemblies.

Ms. Easton remarks that this is only true for the penning.

Mr. Buijs apologises for his mistake.

Second motion

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

The General Assembly, gathered here at the Vergulde Kruik in Leiden. Constaterende dat de goede doelenavond die Mr. Lamers en festive committee (vo) zeer goed beviel en Mr. Lamers en zijn metgezellen deze zeer gemakkelijk vinden. Adviseren wij het volgende bestuur van SPIL een goede doelen avond te organiseren met een eigen gekozen goed doen en gaan over tot de orde van de dag.

Breed, Van Kampen, Dekker, Serlie, De Vries

[Asks the ft. Board to organise a charity evening with a self-picked charity]

Ms. Jung explains the board advises to accept the motion.

- The second motion is accepted per acclamation.

Third motion

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

The General Assembly, gathered here at the Vergulde Kruik in Leiden, due to the dreadful presence at the GSA, the vital role it plays for SPIL, the horrible Mr. Park wasn't there, the alarming fact Mr. Park isn't here, the unofficial official Mr. Verhoeff, the GA cannot to then conclude to scrap the GSA as a SPIL tradition en gaat verder tot de orde van de dag.

De Vries, Van Kampen, Breed, Serlie en Dekker

Ms. Jung explains the board advices to reject this motion. If the ft. board believe they can organise a GSA that will be well attended, the should be able to try.

Ms. Easton is asking for clarification if the motion is to keep or to get rid of the GSA.

Mr. De Vries explains to get rid of it.

Ms. Van der Heide is asking if this motion cancels a previously filled motion to organise a GSA. She is wondering if it can still be organised.

The GA Chair explains this motion cancels out the other.

Ms. Jung clarifies a GSA can still be organised, it will just be scrapped as a tradition.

- The third motion is accepted per acclimation

Fourth motion

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

The General Assembly, gathered here at the Vergulde Kruik in Leiden, due to the admiration the kb. commissioner Internal relations has for her predecessor, Don Lamers, Don Lamers' dedication and full commitment previous year, the fact that two KB members were not attending the board reveal borrel, the fact that SPIL does not have an alcohol culture, the GA cannot then to conclude that Ruchi van Zoelen, the kb. Internal, gets two beers right away and trek een bak together with Don Lamers en gaat over tot de orde van de dag.

Unknown

Ms. Jung explains the board advises to reject this motion since they do not want any forced alcohol consumption.

Mr. Van Kampen clarifies it can also be done after the GA.

- The fourth motion is rejected with 5 votes in favour, 5 votes against and 18 abstentions.

Fifth motion

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

The General Assembly, gathered here at the Vergulde Kruik in Leiden, due to the enormous pretentiousness, the dreadful image it has, unprecedented division it has created, illegitimate phoney importance it shows, outrages distinction it makes, the GA cannot to conclude no other future committee should be allowed to have its own vests or clothing in the future and from this day forward it is only going to be SPIL first en gaat over tot de orde van de dag.

Dekker, Breed, Van Kampen

Ms. Jung explains the board advises to reject this motion, since the lustrum might have vests in the future.

- The fifth motion is rejected with 4 votes in favour, 7 votes against and 15 abstentions.

Sixth motion

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

The General Assembly, gathered here at the Vergulde Kruik in Leiden, given that the commissioner Internal Relations has shown his immense dedication to our beautiful association by tattooing our noble logo on his hand, suggests that any future commissioner matches his dedication by also having a semi-permanent SPIL tattoo on their hand at each GA.

Unknown

Ms. Jung explains the board advises to reject this motion, since the ft. commissioner Internal Relations can show her love for her position in her own way.

- The sixth motion is accepted with 9 in favour, 1 vote against and 17 abstentions

13. Round of questions

Ms. Easton notes that this GA was promoted as ‘the shortest and most fun GA’, and believes this should not be done.

Ms. Jung explains it is noted.

At 23:08 the quorum was lost.

The Chair of the GA reopens the meeting at 23:10.

Ms. Breed is asking if the CALVV, GA, the 42nd and the 43rd ft. board know she highly advises them to organise a trip to the Efteling again.

Mr. Bosman is asking if the 43rd ft. board knows he believes they are a really nice fit for the next board and the 42nd board did a really nice job selecting them.

Ms. Van der Heide is asking if the CALVV, GA, the 42nd and the 43rd ft. board know that she is very excited to see seven people with that much energy going into next year.

Ms. Pottinga is asking if the 43rd ft. board know she loves them so much she sprinted here to make sure the GA can be continued.

Ms. Van Kampen is asking if the CALVV knows he really enjoys his presence here.

Ms. Easton is asking if the CALVV, GA, the 42nd and the 43rd ft. board know she agrees that Mr. Groenink did a great job and that if the 43rd board even has half the amount of fun the 42nd board had, they will have an amazing year.

Ms. Hilhorst is asking if the CALVV, GA, the 42nd and the 43rd ft. board know that she is very excited to be next year's treasurer.

Ms. Stuijt is asking if the CALVV, GA, the 42nd and the 43rd ft. board know she is very excited to take up her position and she will hopefully take the best, the most beautiful and most amazing minutes you have ever seen.

Ms. Drose is asking if the CALVV, GA, the 42nd and the 43rd ft. board know she is excited to follow the footsteps of our amazing current president and is looking forward to having a fantastic year with everyone.

Ms. Van Zoelen is asking if the CALVV, GA, the 42nd and the 43rd ft. board know that she is very excited to fulfil her role next year as commissioner Internal, have an amazing festive committee and a semi-permanent SPIL tattoo.

Ms. De Bona is asking if the CALVV, GA, the 42nd and the 43rd ft. board know she is very excited to be the future commissioner Global Relations and organising unforgettable trips for the entire association.

Mr. Verhoeff is asking if the CALVV, GA, the 42nd and the 43rd ft. board know he is very excited and cant wait to become the successor of Margot Ammerlaan and to bring his Obi Wan Kenobi costume to every GA.

Ms. Togtema is asking if the CALVV, GA, the 42nd and the 43rd ft. board know that she is very ecited for next year and she thinks they will do amazing.

Ms. Ammerlaan is asking if the CALVV, GA, the 42nd and the 43rd ft. board know that she hopes the ft. board will bring all their excitement to their board training day tomorrow and she is very happy that there are seven amazing successors.

Mr. Lamers is asking if the CALVV, GA, the 42nd and the 43rd ft. board know that he is proud of Mr. Groenink and he is very proud of the ft. board, especially Gijs who he guided through his SPIL-career, his successor Ruchi and fellow festive member Svea.

Ms. Gruber is asking if the CALVV, GA, the 42nd and the 43rd ft. board know that she is very thankful for her fellow board members for the amazing and that she is already proud of the future board.

Ms. Van der Klok is asking if the CALVV, GA, the 42nd and the 43rd ft. board know that she really enjoyed the presence of the CALVV this evening and she is already very proud of the ft. board and she is excited to work together with her successor Ms. Togtema.

Ms. Akande is asking if the CALVV, GA, the 42nd and the 43rd ft. board know she is super excited for next year. She hopes they will organise amazing activities and finish their year greatly with SPIL being financially healthy and she has full faith in her successor that she will do well.

Mr. Buijs is asking if the CALVV, GA, the 42nd and the 43rd ft. board know he is very exited about the past year, he will miss it but he knows that their work and the association are in good hands with the ft. board. He is especially proud of his successor, Ms. Stuijt, and he would like to offer her the opportunity to work out the minutes of this GA, to make them the best and most elaborate minutes possible.

Ms. Jung is asking if the CALVV, GA, the 42nd and the 43rd ft. board know that she has enjoyed to see the ft. board bond so far, they are very cute. She is very excited to see what is coming up and she is proud to see her successor already talking an behaving like a true president.

14. Discharge of Voting Committee

The GA Chair discharges Emma Breed, Donna Dekker and Thomas Meijer from the voting committee

15. End of meeting

After singing the SPIL Anthem, the Chair of the GA closes the General Assembly at 23:24

FINAL REPORT XLIIND BOARD ‘SPILIBUSTER’ 2022-2023

1. LONG TERM POLICY GOALS

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

The association’s goal is to:

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

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

2. ASSOCIATION WIDE POLICY GOALS

“How did you capture what it was really like? How we felt. How we made each other laugh. And how we got through the day.” - The Office

2.1 Visibility

The XLIInd board has strived to make the association more visible. The XLIInd board was consistently present in the common rooms between 10 am and 4 pm, and informed members about upcoming activities on whiteboards, screens in university buildings, via the study advisors, the newsletter and on social media. The association was visible at all introduction weeks (HOP, ELCID, OWL, Student for a Day, etc.) for new students. When the XLIInd board was unable to attend specific introduction events, it always made sure there was a replacement representation of the association. Next to this, various board members have given presentations to students about programme and career choices. The XLIInd board believes the above described efforts, the many activities that were organised by committees and the enthusiastic word-of-mouth referrals of members have together created a visible association.

2.2 Interconnectedness

The pillar of interconnectedness is meant on various levels. Towards members, the XLIInd board has tried to be as warm and welcoming as possible by approaching new members. Board members were present at almost all of the committee meetings and promoted collaborations between committees, like the DEBAT-reveal borrels and yearbook-pub quiz. This kind of cooperation is something that the upcoming board could further develop. Furthermore, the XLIInd board informed the committee members of upcoming activities and encouraged members to attend activities together. The XLIInd board also tried to include non-committee members more, by encouraging them to come to activities and then purposefully include them in the group. This has proven to be difficult, since sometimes people are a bit scared to join activities if they don’t know many people yet. Nonetheless, many non-committee members especially joined educational activities such as excursions.

Moreover, the XLIInd board tried to achieve interconnectedness by establishing itself more within the University's network. The board did this by actively seeking contact with multiple University organs. The XLIInd board also represented SPIL in all the committees of the Study Association Deliberation Platform (StOP). Furthermore, SPIL took initiative in collaborating with many associations for other events (such as SOS, CIROS, BIL, Labyrinth, Emile, Itiwana etc.). There were regular meetings with the study advisors, marketing and communications office, Institute and Faculty. What also helped in this regard is that SPIL members fulfil various positions at different parts of the University. This all has resulted in the fact that, although there are always more possibilities to connect, SPIL is still heavily embedded within the student culture and University.

2.3 Innovation

Times change and the XLIInd board has strived to keep up with societal changes, while ensuring that the traditions that make our association so beautiful remain. To keep the association up and running financially, the XLIInd board increased the membership fee and negotiated a 2,5 times higher yearly contribution from the Institute. To make our association more inclusive, the XLIInd board introduced a Purple Friday celebration, changed the dress code to become gender-neutral and made new rainbow stickers. Lastly, the installation of the Confidential Contact Persons will hopefully also contribute to members feeling safe within SPIL.

Besides the efforts from the XLIInd board to innovate, members themselves have also contributed to this pillar. Due to their efforts a sustainability taskforce was created, which has for example contributed to the association not serving meat at events anymore. The XLIInd board thoroughly believes members' initiatives are essential to innovate, and hopes that they will continue making suggestions in the upcoming years.

3. PRESIDENT AND COMMISSIONER DIES

3.1 President

"We will eat and then we will make your life decisions" - Anna to Annabelle

3.1.1 Internal Affairs

Over the course of this year, the President has seen all her board members grow and is utmost proud of all their achievements. She was also happy to see they trusted her with their honest opinions and emotions. The evaluations and personal talks after each block proved their successes in the open communication it created within the XLIInd board. The board meetings got more productive and constructive as everyone learned how to respond to one another. When difficult situations occurred, it helped to have a personal brainstorm before the board meetings to get all thoughts in order.

In the XLIInd board's first policy, the President wrote that the board would strive to make all decisions by consensus; this they did with success. Operating on these decisions was done by acting like a collegiate body. This strengthened the XLIInd board's attitude towards the outside world.

Moreover, the President represented the XLIInd board in meetings with the Board of Advisors. The Board of Advisors was a great help in advising the XLIInd board during the year and doing final checks on their policy. The President advises her successor to discuss important issues with them and keep them updated on relevant changes in the association.

3.1.2 External representation

Externally, the President has represented SPIL in numerous bodies: VerO FSW, VerO The Hague, StOP. The Association Deliberation (Verenigingen Overleg - VerO) of Faculty of Social Sciences (Faculteit Sociale Wetenschappen - FSW) has been great to connect with SPIL's hallway associations. The Assessor Laura Boncz was a great help in connecting the President to numerous different groups. Thus, the President remained in close contact with her throughout the year. During the VerO meetings, the President initiated a collaboration with the hallway associations to get more clarity and financial compensation for open days. The Faculty Board ended up promising to sponsor an activity organised by SPIL. The exact details on this are still unclear. The Faculty Board also stated they would give an overview of activities in advance for the upcoming year. The President recommends the XLIIIrd board to ask the Assessor about this in September.

The President also participated in other bodies like the VerO The Hague, the Big Association Deliberation (Grote Verenigingen Overleg - GroVer) and the Beehive President meetings. These meetings were less frequent than the VerO Leiden. Lastly, the President participated in the General Assemblies of the Study association Deliberation Platform (Studieverenigingen Overleg Platform - StOP).

Having connections with other associations is of great importance; it spreads knowledge and boosts collaboration opportunities. The President advises the XLIIIrd board to keep close contact with associations and moreover try to connect with new study associations, especially in The Hague.

3.1.3 Platform for Political Scientists

The Platform for Political Scientists (PvP) consists of one board member of all four Political Science study associations: EOS (Free University of Amsterdam -VU), Ismus (Radboud University) and Machiavelli (University of Amsterdam -UVA) and SPIL. The PvP met up every four to six weeks this year and exchanged knowledge about running a study association. It is not merely a platform to share information, the PvP also functions as a board over the Politics in Perspective (PiP) Congress Committee.

The congress in Nijmegen was very interesting and well attended. However, the President did notice that besides the PiP Committee members and the board, no members attended (due to the travel time). Next year the congress will probably take place in Leiden, which will hopefully result in more SPIL attendees. For the years after that, the President advises to organise a bus for SPIL members, so it is easier and cheaper for members to attend. Moreover, the President advises the next PvP board to keep two dates in the year free. If any complications then occur, there is another date for a joint event with all the associations.

The f.t. President will also fulfil the role of Treasurer in the PvP next year. The President has given her successor the advice to consider giving up the PvP bank account. Almost two thirds of each association's financial contribution goes to paying for the ING account. However, the President stresses this will eliminate part of PvP's professionalism, which is an important detail to take into account.

3.1.4 Confidential Contact Person

After joining the training about Confidential Contact Persons (CCP) that StOP provided, the President decided to revise her plans from the interim policy for the CCP. At the Change of

Boards GA two CCPs will be installed. During the Affirmation GA, the XLIInd board's Rules of Procedure change was already accepted.

The President is convinced this step of having two independent CCPs on duty is essential to the safety and well being of SPIL's members. The protocol, with a more detailed description of the role of the CCPs, will be made for internal use. She hopes that her successor will continue thinking of ways to improve this protocol. The President encourages the f.t. President to further develop the CCP-system.

When choosing the CCPs, the President strongly took into account the person's ability to listen, be sensitive and simply be available. She also asked people that are not active in the association anymore to ensure neutrality. The contact information of the CCPs will be on the SPIL website and available for everyone to contact.

Furthermore, the President has advised her successor to look into a warning and/or sanction system for the association. It is up to the next board and the GA to decide on this.

3.1.5 Other activities

The Committee Thank You Day this year was a great success! 42 committee members showed up for the student dinner Dutch people call "friettafel". Afterwards, everyone was invited to go to the "Gekke Geit" for a lovely karaoke night. The XLIInd board loved seeing committee members there and was happy to see that so many people showed up and enjoyed the night. The President advises the f.t. board to organise original board activities, as she has seen that the Purple Friday activity and the Committee Thank You Day were a big success this year.

The XLIInd board continued the Committee Cup this year. The first semester, the board counted all the points. The second semester, the board made booklets that committee members could take to activities to have them signed and keep track of the points that way. We noticed that this approach did not really get people excited. So the President suggests the XLIIIe board try to tweak the set up to make the Committee Cup more popular and lively.

3.2 Commissioner Dies

"This is the best night of my life." - Anna about the cantus

The Dies Committee for the upcoming year has been formed. The President has advised the f.t. Commissioner Dies to start directly with approaching people, to hopefully get a big name to come as guest lecturer. The committee is completely free to organise the activities that they want to organise. However, the President does believe the traditions of a guest lecture and a beer cantus should be maintained. How exactly the f.t. Board wants to execute these activities, is up to them. The President also hopes the next committee will organise the Dies dive, which was a great success this year.

During the Dies week, Rabin Baldewsingh gave the guest lecture. After the lecture he told the Dies Committee and the President that he wanted to get in contact with students to have an in depth conversation about students' view on current issues surrounding discrimination and racism. The President planned a lunch with Mr. Baldewsingh and some of the Dies Committee members at the Ministry of the Interior and Kingdom Relations. Good connections have been established with the National Coordinator against Discrimination and Racism (NCDR). He even invited SPIL to come to the National Congress against Discrimination and Racism. The

President strongly advises future boards of SPIL to keep in close contact with the NCDR, as he was generous enough to offer his help in the future as well.

4. SECRETARY AND COMMISSIONER STAIRS AFFAIRS

4.1 Secretary

“I wish there was a way to know you’re in the good old days before you’ve actually left them”
- Andy Bernard (The Office)

4.1.1 Membership account

Although the Conscribo workshop that the Secretary followed this year was somewhat useful, he does not expect future secretaries to also need to attend it because he has updated the white book with everything he learned. The Secretary has updated the membership file on a regular basis, as promised in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation (Regulation (EU) 2016/679). He has disqualified everyone who, after several reminders, did not pay this year's membership fee and has subsequently deregistered them. As a result the membership file is completely up to date and the Secretary and Treasurer foresee less non-payments next year. This has however resulted in a somewhat lower number of members than usual. Since many members were unaware last year, the Secretary has also included an explanation about deadlines for deregistration in the newsletter. The most important provisions about membership can also be found on the registration form for new members on the website. Contrary to what was known to be true, the latest deadline for deregistration is according to article 6.2 of the Statutes not two weeks, but one month before the start of the financial year (1st of September). The Secretary has after this discovery updated this on the website and in communications to members. Leniency has been shown to members who deregistered this year between one month and two weeks before the start of the financial year.

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

4.1.2 Newsletter

The Secretary has made some changes to the newsletter to make it more appealing. He received positive feedback about these efforts and advised his successor to keep on experimenting. Furthermore, the newsletters have been added to the ‘activities’-page of the website.

4.1.3 Reunionists

The reunionists received their first newsletter in February and will have received another one in the beginning of September. The Secretary has invited members that de-registered to become a reunionist, but not many people opted for this. Only receiving DEBAT might therefore not be attractive enough. The Secretary recognises the importance of active reunionists and advises future boards to organise more events that target this group.

4.1.4 Alumni

Unfortunately, no alumni events have been realised this year. This is partly a result of the last-minute cancellation of the Social Sciences Alumni dinner, a cooperation with the faculty and other study associations. He has pointed the possibility to become an alumnus out to all members that asked for deregistration. Alumni have received two newsletters, one in February and one this September.

4.1.5 General Assemblies

The Secretary is of the opinion that General Assemblies are very important to the association. In line with what was mentioned under the pillar 'innovation', the input from members can result in big and important changes within SPIL. Unfortunately, he has noticed that his efforts to increase attendance, like the 'how does a GA-work' post and new invitation format, has not resulted in the desired effect. After two workgroups and much deliberation over the past years, he believes voluntary attendance will remain a problem. He therefore advises the next board to plan all GA's at the beginning of the year, survey members why they don't like attending GA's and make attendance (partly) mandatory for committee members. The GA's will need to be seen as part of the deal when becoming active and as a nice way to give direct input into the association, but the Secretary is more than open for advice, suggestions or dissenting opinions from members in this regard, so his successor can use all input to her benefit.

The introduction of the board's advice on motions worked generally well, but the Secretary has noticed that the XLIIInd board has sometimes struggled with how to use it. The advice, as explained in the initial policy, was meant to make sure motions don't result in by the members unforeseen negative results (like budget deficits, planning issues etc.). The advice was however sometimes used to express personal views of board members on issues when there was no risk as described above. Therefore, the Secretary advises future boards to advise 'no preference' unless these negative unforeseen results are really imminent.

4.1.6 Former boards borrel

The Secretary has, at the advice of the GA, sent out the invitation two months before the borrel. This has resulted in around 60 applications. Although there were less people than expected at the borrel, it was still a great success and opportunity for the XLIIInd board to thank former board members for their contribution.

4.2 Commissioner Stairs Affairs

"Next Stairs Affairs event here?" - every committee member when they see stairs

4.2.1 The Committee

The Secretary is very proud that the committee has realised its first two events this year. Especially the 'election night' was a big success. The fact that the committee is a cooperation with BIL has resulted in some minor difficulties, one of the biggest being the language of the events. Mainly for the second event, the Secretary has negotiated multiple times about whether the event could be English spoken. Unfortunately the guest speakers were not comfortable enough in English. The Secretary hopes that future events will be accessible for all SPIL members and has communicated this priority to the committee and his counterpart at the BIL.

5. TREASURER & COMMISSIONER SPIL WEEKEND

5.1 Treasurer

"There's no time for calculations" - Robin Buijs

5.1.1 Realisation

This year the Treasurer has focussed her attention towards curbing the decrease in income SPIL has experienced over the past few years. To achieve this the Treasurer has raised the annual contribution from €16,- to €17,50, with an accompanying letter explaining why during the policy GA.

Secondly, the Treasurer has worked in close collaboration with the Commissioner Education and Politics to investigate the book income situation. However, due to the sudden bankruptcy of StudyStore the attention shifted towards trying to receive the commission of block 1 and block 2 that wasn't paid yet by StudyStore. SPIL has not received any word from StudyStore about the money they are owed after the bankruptcy, despite multiple attempts to contact them.

Currently, the income of IndexBooks is considerably lower than budgeted. The Treasurer believes this to be a result of the lack of trust and the reputation damage it experienced while working with StudyStore and their poor delivery, as well as due to the ongoing book sale of CIROS which creates additional market competition.

Finally, the contribution of the institute board that SPIL yearly receives has stayed the same for the academic year of 2022-2023. This year one of the personal goals of the Treasurer was to see if there could be an increase in the yearly contribution, as it has stayed the same for more than 13 years. After many talks, compiling files and contact with the institute board the Treasurer is proud to announce that the institute has agreed to an increase in the yearly contribution. Starting for the XLIIIrd board, the institute has agreed to contribute a yearly amount of €5.000,- leading to a total yearly increase of €3.400,-. The Treasurer hopes very deeply her hard work will help all her successors in ensuring a fair and well-rounded budget, with the ultimate goal of keeping the quality of SPIL activities as high as possible.

The Treasurer is happy to see that there will not be a budget deficit, nor will there be the need to withdraw from equity. She believes this is to be the case, due to a combination of the conservative spending of her fellow board members on the insistence of the Treasurer. As well as the energy that was put into finding alternative income sources, such as using university funding for more committee activities. However, she does not recommend her successor to be as strict on spending conservatively. Unfortunately the careful spending this academic year was necessary due to the extremely uncertain money situation. The Treasurer has tried her best to ensure that the income for the XLIIIrd, and any following boards, will be as stable as possible.

5.1.2 Audit Committee

The last audit check of the year happened on the 29th of August. During this check the current Treasurer has brought along her successor, per tradition, to prepare her for her own audit checks. The Audit Committee will present their findings of the last check in a letter submitted to the GA about the functioning of the Treasurer this year.

Looking back at the entire year, the Treasurer remains very happy with her relationship with this important committee. They have always been ready to provide help or insights, and the Treasurer therefore strongly recommends her successor to maintain good relations with her own Audit Committee as they consist of experienced members of the association that have valuable knowledge about how to keep the association financially healthy.

5.1.3 Mollie and Club Collect

Throughout the year the Treasurer in collaboration with the Commissioner External Relations has closely looked at the effectiveness of the payment systems that were currently used by the association. Following the advice of the previous Audit Committee, the Treasurer set up two different Mollie accounts. However as mentioned in the Interim GA a problem arose with using both accounts on the SPIL website due to technical difficulties.

Because of this, the Treasurer and Commissioner External Relations looked into alternative methods for payment collection. The Commissioner External Relations set up meetings with Club Collect to talk about the possibility of using their system, which were attended by both board members. Afterwards a contract was signed and currently Club Collect is being tested by using it for Freshmen Weekend. Thus far the Treasurer is satisfied with the new method, as it ensures a clear separation between merchandise income, which Mollie is still being used for, and other income. Additionally it is easily incorporated in the website, and enables the option that the ticket needs to be paid for in advance. As such, the Treasurer recommends her successor to keep using Club Collect to ensure a clearer overview of the income of SPIL.

5.2 Commissioner SPIL weekend

"I have no integrity, I don't care." - Future Commissioner SPIL Weekend, Gijs Verhoeff

5.2.1 The weekend

SPIL Weekend this year took place from the 28th till the 30th of April. Sign-ups for the weekend to Antwerp opened on the 14th of March, this was announced via an Instagram post on the 1st of March. The Commissioner and the committee are extremely proud of the high enthusiasm that was shown for the weekend, as the sign ups were full within 15 minutes of opening. As such, the Commissioner recommends the next Commissioner SPIL Weekend to re-evaluate the amount of members that can join the trip.

The weekend itself was also very successful, the Commissioner and committee members look back proudly at the final result of their hard work. The Commissioner would like to thank her committee members for their creativity and enthusiasm in organising this week, and could not have done it without them. The size of the committee was excellent for the amount of work that needed to be done, and the Commissioner recommends keeping the size of the committee to either 5 or 6 members.

5.2.2 Transportation

This year the destination of SPIL Weekend was reached via train, instead of bus. The committee and Commissioner deliberately chose for a more sustainable alternative in line with the recommendation of the sustainability task force. SPIL Weekend is one of the easier trips in which big steps towards more environmentally-friendly transportation can be made. The experience of the train trip was pleasant, as the trains were not delayed and everyone had places to sit. The Commissioner strongly suggests to her successor to always keep in mind the option of traveling by train, or other forms of public transport.

6. COMMISSIONER EDUCATION AND POLITICS

"The German Embassy looks like the Peli." - Fince van Kampen

The Commissioner Education & Politics is grateful for this very educational year. She hopes that many political science students found their own place within SPIL and consider the association as a place to broaden your social and educational horizon. On top of that, the Commissioner wishes that all members enjoyed the activities organised by the Education Committee, Excursions Committee and Masters Activities Committee. Also, she hopes that she was considered approachable throughout the year as she took a seat in various university bodies. Looking back on the year, the Commissioner is happy with the fact that especially many firstyear political science students have become familiar and active within SPIL. Moreover, she is very pleased with all the great effort that the committee members have put into organising this year's fun activities.

6.1 Education Committee

This year's Education Committee strived to be as creative as possible when organising formal activities. The committee focused on a variety of political themes and tried to educate members about political issues that are currently relevant, such as the Ukraine war and the LGBTQ+ community. This focus on various news topics had a positive impact on the turnout for educational activities. The turnout was high, and students actively participated in discussions. That's why the Commissioner advises her successor to focus on similar relevant news issues when organising events the upcoming year. On top of that, the Commissioner and the committee did their best to find a balance between Leiden and The Hague. All in all, the Commissioner hopes that members found this year's educational activities insightful.

Moreover, the traditional Career Night and boat lecture were also organised this academic year. Both were a success in their own way. A variety of speakers lectured at the Career Night, examples are UNICEF and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. This variation of guest speakers made the event informative for both International Relations & Organisations students and Politicologie/Internationale Politiek students. The boat lecture in May was nice as well. Two guest speakers gave an interesting lecture about the political aspects of water management. And although it was raining all day, there was a cosy atmosphere during the activity. Thus, due to the ongoing success of both traditions, the Commissioner advises her successors to keep on organising these activities in the future.

6.2 Excursions Committee

This year's Excursions Committee worked hard to organise numerous fun activities. During the excursions, various disciplines and themes within Political Science were touched upon, examples are security, justice, and communication. Besides that, the committee became close friends. This motivated the committee members to meet each other more often and organize loads of excursions properly and quickly. The Commissioner found the committee's work ethic very nice, and hopes that soon many more friend groups will be formed through SPIL Committees.

Right now, the Commissioner is working on two excursions that will take place at the beginning of the new academic year. One excursion will be an Embassy visit and the other one will be a visit to the Ministry of Health. These excursions are aimed to welcome first year Political Science students and make them enthusiastic about SPIL.

6.3 Master students

At the start of the year, the Commissioner worked together with the old Masters Activities Committee, formed by her predecessor. This committee organised their last event in November, it was called 'Career Simulation.' The event was well attended by various students from different disciplines. Through this event, SPIL was properly promoted among master students starting their studies in September.

In the second semester, the Commissioner was able to form a Committee consisting of five master students. Most of these students attended the Career Simulation event and got inspired during the activity to join a committee. On top of that, the old Masters Activities Committee helped to recruit new committee members as well, with some guidance by the study advisors. The new committee organised two activities. The first activity was a career related event called 'Coffee chat with a Diplomat.' Master students were invited to come and have a talk with Mascha Baak, a well-advanced diplomat, whilst enjoying a cup of coffee and some snacks. The

event was considered successful. A good number of students joined the event and interesting discussions about diplomacy arose during the activity.

The second activity was called ‘Starters Panel: How to get your foot in the door.’ The Committee invited starters from various fields, ranging from public affairs to research. The event was promoted well and the attendance was high.

Both the Career Simulation and the Starters Panel were financed by Career Services. That’s why it was possible to organise a free borrel at the end of the activities. The Commissioner believes that the free drinks and snacks helped to stimulate students to join the event. Thus, she advises her successor to search for different possible funding methods next year as well.

6.4 Book sale

The Commissioner is glad that this year’s book supplier has changed from Studystore to INDEX Books. INDEX Books has been very welcoming and cooperative towards both the Commissioner and students buying literature from their bookstore. Unfortunately, this change in SPIL’s book supplier has not ensured an increase in sales. The Commissioner thinks that this decrease in book sales is an ongoing trend that is caused by multiple factors. Examples are the competitive book sale caused by CIROS and a slight reputation damage by Studystore. However, the Commissioner believes that the new book supplier will have a positive long-term impact on our current book sales.

Currently, SPIL is experiencing an extra loss of income because Studystore has not paid the association anything during the first semester. The Commissioner and the Treasurer have worked hard together to compensate for this loss of income through multiple ways. One way was to have a meeting with all educational commissioners and treasurers of our hallway associations. Together we brainstormed about how to solve the problems that arose due to the bankruptcy of Studystore. And although each association had different experiences regarding Studystore and their book sales, the meeting was very productive. The meeting resulted in Itiwana and SPIL writing a letter at the beginning of May to the Faculty Board requesting financial support. On top of that, the Commissioner and Treasurer have been in frequent contact with the FSW Assessor. Unfortunately, this resulted in no direct financial compensation. That’s why the Commissioner and Treasurer have been advised by the Assessor to contact the Programme Director and ask for financial support again.

The Commissioner hopes that the problems caused by the cooperation with Studystore will be solved quickly. Moreover, she wishes great luck and good teamwork with INDEX Books in the future.

6.5 Programme Committee

The Commissioner has put great effort in representing the interest of students as well as possible in the Programme Committee. Just like her predecessor, she believes that it’s very productive that the Commissioner Education & Politics of SPIL has a seat in the OLC. This is because the Commissioner keeps frequent contact with various Political Science students from different years and specialisations.

This year, the Commissioner and all other student members of the Programme Committee organised the ‘OLC Coffee Hour Sessions.’ This was an opportunity for students to come and have a chat with the OLC student members about the bachelor programme. A few were held in the common room in Leiden. In general, the attendance was low. The Commissioner believes that it is due to the lack of visibility of the OLC. Therefore, she advises her successor to put

more focus on the visibility of the Programme Committee since this will stimulate students to give more feedback regarding the bachelor's degree.

Moreover, an external Visitation Committee visited the Institute to evaluate the entire bachelor and master's programme. Both programmes passed all criteria. However, the committee stated that the biggest challenge for the Political Science institute is to overcome the fact that the programmes are taught in both Leiden and The Hague. That's why, the Commissioner hopes that SPIL will have an important role in mending the gap between the two cities in order to create a productive study environment.

6.6 FLO

This year the Commissioner helped to start up the new pilot of the 'Faculty Career Orientation Days.' All in all, she thinks that the FLO-days were a success. Yet, she did find one main point of improvement to consider next year. An important aspect that was lacking in the organisation of the FLO-days was consistent communication between all parties involved. The Commissioner found the communication on all sides to be difficult and slow since she did not take a direct seat in the FLO Committee, a SPIL representative did. This created somewhat of a barrier between the committee and the Commissioner. Thus, she hopes that her successor will keep an extra eye on the SPIL delegate as well as the main contact person regarding FLO in order to let things go as smoothly and efficiently as possible.

Currently the Commissioner and her successor are trying to find a new SPIL representative to take a seat in next year's FLO Committee. So far, the recruitment has been difficult. The Commissioner believes that this is because of the summer holidays. Right now, many SPIL'ers are not as active and are also more difficult to contact. Therefore, she believes that as soon as the academic year is about to start the recruitment will go much faster.

6.7 Student Sounding Board

The SKG has met multiple times this academic year to discuss various faculty wide issues. The Commissioner tried her best to represent the interest of SPIL as well as possible when present at a meeting. For example, she talked about the Sustainability Taskforce at a meeting on how to increase sustainability within FSW. Unfortunately, the Commissioner only attended one SKG meeting this year due to her tight schedule. She hopes that her successor will be present more often to promote the interest of SPIL more properly. The Commissioner finds it nice that the Commissioner Education & Politics of SPIL is invited to come and speak at the SKG meetings. It is good to be aware of what is happening within the Social Sciences Faculty. On top of that, it is a nice opportunity to promote and discuss the interests of SPIL faculty wide.

7. COMMISSIONER GLOBAL RELATIONS

"Ideally, travel broadens your perspective personally, culturally and politically. Suddenly, the palette we paint the story of our lives has more colours". - Rick Steves

The Commissioner Global Relations reflects on this year with fulfilment and pride as all three trips and the congress took place without major complications, and resulted in incredible memories for participants. Further, the Commissioner is satisfied with the work of all her committees, as they worked hard to organise these important events of the association.

7.1 Brussels Trip

In terms of organising the Brussels Excursion, the year started off with a close collaboration between the Commissioner of the XLlth and the XLlInd Board as the Brussels Trip Committee

began working during the transition period. Whilst the transition, the Commissioner attended the meetings of the committee to stay updated on the progress that had been made in the summer months. The Commissioner is proud to say that when the official change of boards between the XLlth and the XLIIInd happened, the Brussels Trip Committee had already completed a lot when it came to organising the trip. In September, the accommodation and the mode of transportation has been chosen, and the majority of the meetings and cultural activities have been set.

The Brussels Trip took place on the 14 and 15th of November, as it was the ideal date between deadlines, exams and other SPIL events. The participant fee was set to be 60 euros, as inflation and rising gas prices occurred recently. The trip itself proved to be a success with the variety of interesting political, cultural and social events. Specifically, the delegation visited NATO, the European Commission, the European External Action Service and the Czech rotating presidency of the Council. Additionally, a tour of the House of European History, and a dinner at Wolf Food Court has taken place. Lastly, the night was closed with drinks at the famous Belgian bar, “Delirium”.

The new Brussels Committee was formed in June, and they started working the trip during the summer. Currently, the Committee is busy reaching out to partners and organising the details of the accommodation and the transportation.

7.2 Short Trip: Lisbon

This year the Short Trip has taken place between the 29th of January to the 3rd of February in Lisbon. The Short Trip Committee has worked with compassion and dedication during the first semester to organise the trip.

Specifically, the trip started with a visit to the Museum of Ancient Arts, followed by a city tour of Lisbon. The next day the group travelled to Sintra to see where the royal family used to be based, where a visit was organised to the National Palace of Sintra and the Palace of Monserrate. Later, the delegation engaged in interesting discussions with numerous political institutions including IOM Portugal, UNHCR, Dutch Embassy, Portuguese Parliament, European Commission’s Representative in Portugal, Community of Portuguese Language Speaking Countries. Further, the delegation visited the NOVA University Lisbon and listened to two lectures from professor Anabela Brizido and Alexandra Magnolia Dias. Also, a panel discussion was organised with IPRI-NOVA, which is the research institute of International relations at NOVA University Lisbon. Additionally, the participants visited Museum Aljube Resistência e Liberdade and cleaned a park (as a sustainable activity). Lastly, the programme consisted of social elements like an icebreaker activity, karaoke night and final dinner.

The participation fee was set at 250 euros, and an additional 997 euros was granted to fund the trip as part of the LUF subsidy provided by Cassa. With the participation fee, SPIL contribution and the grant all the activities, public transport, accommodation and final dinner were covered. After the trip, the restitution was sent back to the participants.

The main challenge also proved to be public transport, just as during the Brussels Trip. Sometimes, there were difficulties with buying the tickets and with the time table. Thus, the Commissioner would advise her successor to dedicate more time to plan the logistics with public transport.

7.3 Long Trip: Jordan

The Long Trip to Jordan has taken place between the 29th of June to the 14th of July. The Long Trip Committee has shown amazing dynamics when it comes to bonding and working together, thus the Commissioner would like to thank them especially and emphasise how proud she was of the committee.

The participation fee was raised from the original 750 euros to 770, as some complications came up when finalising the details of the trip. Together, with the SPIL contribution, participation fee and 2625 euros from LUF, the trip not only included the stay in the capital city, but multiple day trips as well. Specifically, the group visited Petra, one of the seven world wonders, spent a night in the beautiful desert of Wadi Rum and discovered the ancient ruins of Jerash and Ajloun Castle.

The programme of the trip included a lot of interesting political and academic activities. Specifically, the delegation met with high ranked officials such as four ministers (Political and Parliamentary Affairs, Environment, Youth and Islamic Affairs), members of the Youth Parliament and the representatives of the Royal Hashemite Court, visited international organisations and NGOs like UNRCO, UNHCR, ACOR and American Research Center. Additionally, we engaged in discussion with the University of Jordan, the Business Development Center, the Dutch Embassy and the Arab Institute of Security Studies. For the cultural and social elements there was a city tour in Amman, a jeep tour in Wadi Rum, a borrel with BIL, a pub crawl, a food tour (optional), and a karaoke night was organised in addition to the above-mentioned day trips.

Learning from the experiences of the Short-trip and Brussels Trip, the Commissioner decided to rent a private bus and a guide for the whole duration of the Long-Trip. This made the heat and busy schedule more bearable for participants and allowed for more free time. The Commissioner would definitely advise the same for her successor, as she received a lot of positive feedback.

7.3.1 Sustainable activity

In accordance with the promise to organise a sustainable activity on each trip, the Commissioner organised a park clean up in both Portugal and Jordan. These have proved to be successful, however sometimes the sustainable impact of the activity itself was overridden by the mode of transportation. Thus, the Commissioner would advise her successor to organise a similar activity in collaboration with a local NGO focused on sustainability, as the organisation could help to accommodate the activity to the needs of the local community.

7.3.2 Cover Letters

According to the changes in the Rules of Procedure, the cover letters have been evaluated by two old board members and an employee of Leiden University, instead of the current Commissioner Global Relations. The new method has proved to be more efficient and according to the XLIInd board more fair towards participants, and it still prevented favouritism in the grading. Specifically, it allowed applicants to emphasise their personal motivation without it being crossed out from the letters. Thus, the Commissioner is happy to have implemented such a change and supposes that it will be beneficial for future years.

7.4 Congress: “Migration in the equation”

On the 3rd of May, 2023 the SPIL Congress took place at the House of Europe, in the Hague. Overall, the Congress was a success with a total of 35 participants from different studies including anthropology and psychology. However, the attendance turned out to be lower than

the sign ups, thus the Commissioner advises her successor to focus on promotion in the upcoming years. Specifically, opening up the congress not only to Leiden University students, but other students in the Netherlands would be beneficial in terms of attendance.

Firstly, the Congress opened with a welcome speech by the chair of the Congress Committee and two refugee students from Leiden Inclusion. Afterwards, four lectures took place by Brian Shaev, Tingting Hui, Vanessa Newby and Katharina Natter. Lastly, a panel discussion took place about the human rights and treatments of refugees. were Gaith About Fakher (student from Leiden Inclusion), Mete Sanli (human rights lawyer), Anastasiia Kadatska (representative from NGO) and Talha Gunay (scholar of public law). Further, the Congress involved a lot of networking as in the breaks the participants shared their opinions and experiences and engaged in debates and interesting discussions with the experts.

In conclusion, the Commissioner has this year decided to stick to organising a congress rather than attending one abroad, as most of the conferences were still organised online this year. However, the Commissioner would advise her successor to look into all the options for the upcoming years. Other options might be more beneficial for SPIL members as SPIL is already involved in the interfaculty and PIP Congress.

8. COMMISSIONER INTERNAL RELATIONS & FESTIVE

8.1 Commissioner Internal Relations

"I fold paper, don't come and say you fold more" - Crook

8.1.1 DEBAT

The DEBAT Committee managed to release four paper-editions this year. These were printed at the same company as last year, which continued under a different name. Also, the Commissioner sees the DEBAT-sending issue as solved. A lot of effort has been put into this problem, and he is very happy with the way the DEBAT sign-up list works. 500 magazines are printed each time. Besides, there are currently 74 sign-ups for getting a DEBAT at home, and 62 reunionists who receive this automatically. The Commissioner advised his successor to start the sign-up list again next year.

The Commissioner is very happy and proud of what the committee was able to accomplish this year. Commission members attended the meetings with many and pages were eagerly accepted by the writers and deadlines were mainly met. DEBAT requires a lot of discipline, both individually and from the team. The Commissioner is very satisfied with the work done and sees the four editions as a delight, both in terms of content and design.

For next year, the Commissioner would heartily recommend the sign-up list for sending again. In his view, it is the most realistic and environmentally-friendly way. This way, interested people who live far away can still enjoy the articles, and members who live nearby can pick up the DEBAT in the common room, which is less work sending. Also, the Commissioner is perfectly aware of the number of members who may wish to receive a DEBAT. For members who wish not to receive a magazine, none is printed either. Of course -according to tradition- one magazine for each edition is also brought to the National Library, where every DEBAT of all-time is stored.

Finally, an attempt was made this year to get the DEBAT committee more involved in SPIL itself. Past experience has shown that the largest committee -consisting of about 30 members-

has difficulty connecting with the rest of SPIL. This year, attempts have been made to break this. For example, DEBAT's pub crawl merged with Introduction's, there was a writing course given by a journalist, and DEBATs were presented during borrels (see 8.2.3). Unfortunately, this did not have much effect, as few members actually showed up. The Commissioner hopes for change next year and still thinks that close cooperation with other committees is ultimately the key to success.

8.1.2 DEBAT Online

DEBAT Online writers have done their best this year to publish at least one article per week on the website. This has been accomplished with the help of some guest writers. The Commissioner commends the DEBAT Online members' efforts for this and is pleased with the quality of the articles, which mainly address current affairs.

However, translating articles remains a difficult issue. International students obviously cannot translate written pieces and the number of Dutch students who were in DEBAT was too few to carry the burden of one article per week. The principle of translating one's own articles does help, but the Commissioner thinks this is a challenge for next year and is confident that the next Commissioner of Internal Relations will do her best in this regard.

8.1.3 Yearbook

The process of creating a yearbook has gone incredibly well. According to the Commissioner, this was due to making good agreements regarding tasks, and meeting deadlines on time. There was a clear distinction who took on which task, which helped the structure of the committee. Communication with the company in Vught, where the yearbooks are printed, also went smoothly.

Also, it was decided to introduce a new column, "SPIL-Housing." This tells the story of SPIL'ers living together, and shares experiences about it. In the future, the Commissioner hopes that this column may expand.

The Commissioner is sure that this is a yearbook that will be an eye-catcher on every member's bookshelf and is incredibly proud of the work his committee has done to make this possible. He and his committee also look forward to the comments on the artwork that will follow at the end of the GA.

8.2 Commissioner Festive

"I am sleep deprived because I sleep too short" - Crook

8.2.1 Parties

This year, three parties were organised by the association itself: the Halloween party, the Disney party and the Tropical party. The Halloween party took place in Leiden at the beginning of the year. This attracted many members and non-members. It was a great opportunity for both SPIL'ers and non-SPIL'ers to get to know each other as well as the social side of the association. After a cancelled party in January (due to few registrations), the Disney party took place in The Hague on 19th of April. Attendance was lower than expected beforehand. The Commissioner thinks that the train-drama that took place in Voorschoten played a major role in this. Still, he sees opportunities to stimulate attendance among international students living in The Hague. This can be done, for example, by cooperation with study/student associations based in The Hague itself. This was tried several times this year, but did not lead to a positive response. The third party was again in Leiden itself and was held to celebrate the closing of the academic year.

The turnout was again slightly lower than expected, but the Commissioner looks back on nice parties with memories that will not soon be forgotten.

8.2.2 Borrels

This year the Festive-Committee managed to find two new pubs: the Pakschuit in The Hague and 't Praethuys in Leiden. The Commissioner is very satisfied with the Pakschuit. The owner "Corrie" has become a concept among insiders, and so have the themed drinks "SPINGO" and "Secret-Santa". SPIL'ers can get discounts for drinks and the Commissioner is also positive in terms of communication. He sees an opportunity to stay here longer as an association and has advised his successor to keep warm ties with the owner, since he feels that "the Pakschuit likes SPIL as much as the SPIL likes the Pakschuit."

In Leiden, 't Praethuys is a slightly less suitable option for long-term retention. Communication was somewhat stiffer and the pub is not really suitable for drinks accompanied by a social activity, such as a quiz or presentation (see 8.2.3), because of the loud music that is often on. An option for next year could be L'esperance. This pub, located on het Rapenburg, approached SPIL itself for a borrel, and has since been in intensive contact with the Commissioner to hold possible drinks at this venue. The owners are nice, more study- and student associations come there, and they offer nice discounts. This pub has therefore been recommended to the Commissioner's successor.

8.2.3 Social Activities

This year the goal of having at least one social activity per month has been achieved. With exceptions such as the GSA and the trip to the Efteling, for example, these social activities almost all took place during borrels. This is a good way to get to know each other better, and gives borrels themselves a unique angle. It also challenges the creativity of the committee. The Commissioner is therefore very pleased with the outcome. In addition, presentations of DEBATs and the unveiling of the theme of the yearbook were also held during borrels. The Commissioner recommends that this could be continued. It not only gives a higher turnout at the activities itself, but also makes DEBAT writers and yearbook members feel appreciated, which was nice to see,

8.2.4 GSA

For the first time in years, the Commissioner decided to organise the GSA again. This was intended to be a day where fun activities took place throughout the day. It was a great day with sports and games, followed by a party in the evening. Although the member and committee-members present had a great time, the Commissioner recommends that either the GSA should be held earlier in the year, so that attendance is likely to be higher, or to cancel the GSA, in order to spend the money elsewhere.

8.2.5 Gala

The annual SPIL gala was organised at Koetshuis de Burcht, Leiden. It turned out to be one of the nicest parties of the year, like previous years. SPIL members were provided with fancy champagne, unlimited free drinks, fries and other snacks and above all: a lot of fun together. The Commissioner is very pleased with the organisation and work done by the committee. The DJ was really good, the location was fantastic and the Commissioner was pleased to see that some former board members could make it to the finals of "So You Think You Can Dance". It was an evening to remember and the Commissioner would like to thank the Festive Committee for an awesome year.

9. COMMISSIONER EXTERNAL RELATIONS & INTRODUCTION

9.1 Commissioner External Relations

“I don’t even have money to buy a shot glass, let alone fill it” - Marvin Lammers

9.1.1 Partnerships

Previous year, the Commissioner External Relations has upheld the partnerships with Pizzabakkers and Can’t Dutch This. These partnerships remain successful for SPIL and therefore the contracts will be renewed for the upcoming year. Previous year Can’t Dutch This got the most sign ups from SPIL members. Furthermore, new deals with Toastable and Magnet.me have been established. The Commissioner has also promoted an internship opportunity at Delta Capita on Instagram as an acquisitions deal. Yet, the Commissioner has noticed that companies are hesitant to pay for promotion or create other acquisitions opportunities for SPIL. For this reason, the Commissioner advises her successor to focus extra on this aspect of the External Relations function on the board. The Commissioner has already taken steps to help her successor to be successful.

9.1.2 Merchandise

Due to the delayed delivery of the SPIL socks, produced by the Commissioner predecessor, the Commissioner has only been able to release one merchandise item during the previous academic year. Of the SPIL socks, 14 pairs have been sold. The merchandise item produced by the current Commissioner is the SPIL shot glass. 37 shot glasses have already been sold and the Commissioner advises her successor to keep promoting this merchandise item by selling the shot glasses at borrels or making extra promotion before a (SPIL) party. The Commissioner is looking into releasing her second merchandise item in September. Furthermore, the Commissioner recommends her successor to keep organising Merchandise Markets. The Merchandise Markets have been organised by the Acquisitions Committee, once in Leiden and once in The Hague. During these events, the committee has managed to sell roughly 70 euros worth of merchandise, at both locations. The Merchandise Markets help promote the SPIL merchandise inventory, making people aware of all the great merchandise SPIL has. Next to that, the markets also promote the visibility of the common rooms.

Last year, the small SPIL bows were reordered via Budget Tie. Despite getting a discount because we are already a customer, the cost of the SPIL bows turned out higher than the price they were previously sold for. Because new ties were not needed, this price will remain the same. The price for the small bows cannot be lowered, because they are sold for the price that they were bought for.

9.1.3 The Committee

The Acquisitions Committee has put a great amount of effort into creating good quality merchandise items and reaching out to companies for new deals with SPIL. Furthermore, the Acquisitions Committee has created more opportunities for them to organise physical events, thus not only having reveal borrels for the new merchandise items but also by organising the Merchandise Markets.

9.2 Promotion

9.2.1 Social Media

This year the Commissioner has focused on promotion via Instagram as a main source. In doing so, she has observed multiple things. Firstly, including pictures into posts results in the post

getting more attention in the form of likes and comments. Secondly, posting interactive stories also helps with making members more involved with the SPIL Instagram. Furthermore, the Commissioner has made an effort to repost relevant career service options provided by the university to help out students in their (upcoming) professional life. In line with this, the Commissioner has also posted relevant SPIL activities on the LinkedIn page to reach students that might not be as active on Instagram or are more interested in the professional activities SPIL offers. Next to these platforms, the Commissioner has also created a TikTok account. This is the platform all aftermovies and other video content has been posted on, and these videos have also been reposted on the Instagram reels.

9.2.2 Posters and photos

The Commissioner has mainly used the screens in the university buildings as a way to promote SPIL activities open for all students. This is because contact with the printshop remained difficult throughout the year and the prices to print posters have become considerably more expensive. Promotion events by using the screens has been successful, as the activities are promoted to all students and sometimes the promotion was even shown on the screens of the coffee machines. A QR code was added to the promotion so people could easily look up important information or could sign up for the event. The Commissioner recommends her successor continue to promote SPIL events open to all students via this channel.

In some cases this year, posters have been used for promotion. The Commissioner recommends her successor to make general posters, such as the one made for the book sale, to hang up in the common room. Furthermore, she also advises her successor to make posters for certain events, as it is a nice memory to have in the common room.

9.2.3 The Committee

Despite having a relatively small committee, consisting of four members, the Promotion Committee has done outstanding work in delivering promotion and being creative whilst also creating a cohesive Instagram feed and general SPIL theme. The Commissioner hopes to see the next Promotion Committee to keep up the good work.

9.3 ICT

9.3.1 Website

The Commissioner has updated multiple aspects of the contents of the SPIL website. The dress code page has been changed to be more inclusive and the description of the SPIL bows and ties are now non-gendered. This has been done in line with the policy of the XLIInd board. Furthermore, the layout of the Committee Cup page has been redesigned to show progress bars, rather than numbers. The Committee Cup has furthermore been moved from the home page to the committee page, due to its size and it having more relevance to that page. Another addition to the home page has been the video about SPIL made by the university. This video can now be found at the bottom of the home page, so it can easily be found by (upcoming) members. The pictures at the heading of the home page have also partly been updated to show some pictures from the previous year. Next to these changes, the Commissioner has changed a few aspects of the travel diary page to make the information on the trips more easily accessible. The merchandise page has also been updated to create a more cohesive theme and make the page look more professional. Lastly, the photos have now been categorised by month of the year, but due to limited storage on the website the Commissioner advises her successor to look into other options for showcasing the photos on the website. Additionally, the Commissioner recommends to keep updating the website regularly and reaching out to internship opportunities to add to the internship page.

9.4 Commissioner Introduction

“I am a boomer. I am a 4th year student, nobody knows me, nobody” – Margot Ammerlaan,

9.4.1 Activities

The Commissioner has noticed in the previous year that the attendance for activities organised by the introduction committee has been varying. Events such as the board games night and the crazy 42 in Leiden hardly got any participants, whilst the pub crawl in The Hague was very popular. The Commissioner recommends her successor to perhaps find a way to ask freshmen what activities they would like to participate in so there is more attendance. Furthermore, the study groups were also not popular in the previous year. Despite having been well organised, promoted and having many sign ups, there were hardly any sign ups at the study groups. The Commissioner believes the study groups are a good initiative to have, but advises her successor to look into ways to reshape what the study groups actually are or if there is another way in which SPIL can assist students in their exam preparations. An example of a solution could be to work together with organisations within the university, such as POPcorner, or with other associations to get more participants to show up.

9.4.2 Freshmen Weekend.

In total the Freshmen Weekend had 80 spots available, of which 15 were for board and committee members and 64 sports were available to participants. All 7 h.t. and 7 f.t. board members were present at the Freshmen Weekend, and one member from the committee joined. In the end, due to last minute cancellations 6 spots were not filled and 7 people did not show up for the Freshmen Weekend, bringing the total number of participants for the weekend to 52. Adding the boards and the committee to this number brings the total number of people to 67. The Commissioner is glad that the weekend turned out to be so popular among new students, but has noticed that the main participants are upcoming IRO students. This most likely is because IP and POL students might have chosen to join a student association in Leiden and therefore had their introduction weeks at the same time as the Freshmen Weekend.

The Freshmen Weekend had a varied programme with games, drinks, exploring the city and getting to know SPIL and fellow students. Everyone seemed to enjoy the weekend and the activities that were organised. The night game in the forest always remains a favourite of the participants. Furthermore the theme of the weekend, which was ‘Murder Mystery’, was also a great success and gave the participants extra motivation to participate in challenges as they could earn points to get clues for the mystery. The Commissioner therefore recommends her successor and the upcoming Introduction Committee to be creative in the theme they pick and to see if they can perhaps combine the theme with games, the lecture and other events throughout the Freshmen Weekend.

9.4.3 The Committee

Halfway through the year some committee members left the committee. For this reason, the committee applications reopened and the committee welcomed three new members. The Commissioner got the feedback from multiple SPIL members that they actually enjoyed the committee applications reopening. Firstly because it gives students that did not get into SPIL at the beginning of the academic year the opportunity to still be a part of a committee. Secondly, members that are further in their academic life and might have on exchange or have been busy with other aspects of their studies, will have the chance to join a committee at a later moment. For these reasons the Commissioner recommends the upcoming board to consider reopening committee sign ups whenever a committee member can no longer be a part of a committee.

In addition, the Commissioner is very proud of the Introduction Committee for organising a successful Freshmen Weekend and being creative in the theme and activities.

Week	Date	Event
Week 33	15/08/22 - 19/08/22	ELCID Week Leiden
Week 34	22/08/22 - 26/08/22	HOP Week The Hague
Week 35	01/09/22	IRO Orientation Day The Hague
Week 36	07/09/22	Committee interviews day 1
	08/09/22	Committee interviews day 2
Week 37	12/09/22	Excursion event: American Embassy visit Stop General Assembly
	13/09/22	Introduction activity: Freshman Borrel
	15/09/22	Change of Boards GA
	17/09/22	Committee Thank You Day (41st)
Week 38	19/09/22	SFIL x CIROS week: Royalty documentary screening and discussion
	20/09/22	SFIL x CIROS week: Prinsjesdag borrel
	21/09/22	Waffle morning SFIL x CIROS week: Georgian Embassy visit
	23/09/22	SFIL x CIROS week: Football match
Week 39	26/09/22	Masters event: Networking event
	29/09/22	Education event: Walking tour Leiden
	01/10/22	SFIL x CIROS Party
Week 40	05/10/22	Introduction activity: board games
	06/10/22	Additional GA Festive borrel The Hague
	08/10/22	Brussels Trip application opens
Week 41	11/10/22	Safe Space performance
	12/10/22	Excursion event: Tweede Kamer Payment deadline Brussels Trip
	12/10/22 - 16/10/22	Sustainability taskforce applications
	13/10/22	Short Trip destination announcement Borrel
	14/10/22	Committee Thank You Day (41st)
Week 42		Introduction: Study Group
	22/10/22	Open Day
Week 43	24/10/22 - 28/10/22	Exam Week
	25/10/22	Books block 2 online
	28/10/22	After Exam Borrel (The Hague)
Week 44	31/10/22-04/11/22	Short-trip cover letters
	31/10/22	Halloween Party (Leiden)
	1/11/22	Education event: Russia & its neighbours
	02/11/22	Introduction activity: crazy 42
	03/11/22	Policy GA (Leiden)
Week 45	07/11/22 - 12/11/22	DIES Week
	07/11/22	Music night (Praethuys)
	08/11/22	Dies Dive (Scheveningen) Dies Lecture (Wijnhaven)
	09/11/22	Worldcafé (Pakschuit)
	10/11/22	Biercantus (Augustinus)

	11/11/22	Skating Di(e)sco party (Club Gwoon)
Week 46		Excursions event
	14/11/22 - 15/11/22	Brussels Trip
	14/11/22 - 20/11/22	Long Trip and SPIL Weekend Committee applications
	16/11/22	CoBo SPIL
Week 47		DEBAT edition 1
	21/11/22	Festive activity: World Cup Viewing Event
	22/11/22	Masters event: Career simulation
	24/11/22	Possible additional Policy GA Festive Borrel The Hague (DEBAT reveal)
Week 48	29/11/22	Acquisitions committee: merchandise market Leiden
	30/11/22	Lunch with 5th floor
	01/12/22	Introduction activity: pub crawl TH
	02/12/22	UNI x SPIL x CIROS: Internship event
	03/12/22	Committee Bonding Day
Week 49		Introduction activity
	5/12/22	Sinterklaas: Schoentje zetten
	06/12/22	Stairs Affairs
	08/12/22	Education event: Purple Friday lecture (with Pol. Inside) Festive Borrel Leiden (Purple theme)
	09/12/22	Tote bag painting Leiden & The Hague Short Trip pre-activity
Week 50	12/12/22	Excursions event: Kosovo chamber Introduction activity: study group 2
	15/12/22	Festive Borrel The Hague + secret santa
Week 51	19/12/22 - 23/12/22	Exam Week
Week 52		
Week 1	05/01/23	New Year's Borrel Leiden
Week 2	09/01/23	Books block 3 online
Week 3	19/01/23	StOP symposium on inclusion StOP General Assembly
	22/01/23	Short Trip Pre-activity
Week 4	27/01/23 - 29/02/23	Short Trip
Week 5	30/01/23 - 03/02/23	Short Trip
	04/02/23	Friends & Family Day Leiden
Week 6	07/02/23 & 08/02/23	FLO Career event
	09/02/23	Festive Borrel Leiden DEBAT edition 2 reveal
Week 7		Reunionist & Alumni Newsletter
	13/02/23	INDEX Books event
	15/02/23	Excursions event: Redcross
	16/05/23	Information session for third year students
	17/02/23	SPIL Gala

Week 8	21/02/23	Excursion event: Google NL
	22/02/23	Leidsch Debat
	23/02/23	Visit to NCDR Rabin Baldeswingh Festive Borrel The Hague
	25/02/23	Open Day
Week 9		Masters event
	01/03/23	International Food Festival
	02/03/23	StOP General Assembly Long Trip Announcement Borrel
	04/03/23	Friends and Family Day The Hague
	07/03/23	Education event: Career Night
	03/03/23 - 10/03/23	Long Trip Application period
Week 11	13/03/23 - 17/03/23	Books block 4 online
	13/03/23	Efteling
	14/03/23	Excursions event: Eurojust
	15/03/23	Stairs Affairs Election Night
	16/03/23	Interim GA Leiden
Week 12	23/03/23	Masters event: Coffee chat with a diplomat
Week 13	27/03/23 - 31/03/23	Exam week
	30/03/23	Alumni Dinner (with Hallway associations)
	31/03/23	Festive Borrel: After Exams The Hague & DEBAT edition 3 & Merchandise reveal
	01/04/23	IRO Experience Day
Week 14		Education event
		Excursion event
	06/04/23	Haagsch studenten feest
Week 15		Masters event
	13/04/23	Board interest Borrel Leiden
	14/04/23	Former Boards Borrel Den Haag
Week 16	17/04/23	Excursions event: German Embassy
	18/04/23	Board interest Borrel The Hague
	19/04/23	StOP General Assembly GSA Disney Party
Week 17	25/04/23	Interfaculty Congress
	28/04/23 - 30/04/23	SPIL Weekend
Week 18	01/05/23	Committee Thank You Day
	03/05/23	SPIL Congress
	05/05/23	Board application deadline
Week 19	08/05/23	PiP Congress
	10/05/23	Interfaculty party
	11/05/23	Education event: Boat lecture
	12/05/23	Yearbook theme reveal borrel Leiden + Festive Pubquiz
	19/05/23	Deadline Brussels and Dies committee applications
Week 20	15/05/23	'DEBAT Thank You Day' and presentation edition 4

	16/05/23	Stairs Affairs 2: Turkish and Greek elections Merchandise Market TH
	17/05/23	Study group block 4 TH
Week 21	22/05/23 - 26/05/23	Exam week
	25/05/23	Masters event: Career event for starters
	26/05/23	Festive After Exam party
Week 22	31/05/23	Board Announcement Day Board Announcement Borrel The Hague
	02/06/23	Board training day 1 Leiden
Week 23	05/06/23	FSW Party
	05/06/23	Long Trip pre-activity: ambassador (with BIL) + henna tattoos
	08/06/23	Affirmation GA Leiden
	09/06/23	Board training day 2 The Hague
Week 24	15/06/23	Long Trip Pre activity 2
Week 25		
Week 26	29/06/23 - 02/07/23	Long Trip
Week 27	03/07/23 - 09/07/23	Long Trip
Week 28	10/07/23 - 14/07/23	Long Trip
Week 29		
Week 30		
Week 31		
Week 32		
Week 33	14/08/23 - 18/08/23	ELCID week
Week 34	22/08/23 - 26/08/23	HOP week
Week 35	28/08/23 - 30/08/23	Freshmen Week/ Weekend
	28/08/23 - 01/09/23	OWL Week
Week 36	04/09/23	Start of the Academic Year Reunionist & Alumni newsletter
	07/09/23	Borrel Leiden
	12/09/23	Excursions event: Ministry of Health
Week 37	14/09/23	Change of Boards GA

REALISATION 'SPILIBUSTER' 2022-2023

Income			
	Budget 22-23	Re-budget 22-23	Realisation 22-23
Membership fee¹	€ 19.922,40	€ 20.771,01	€ 20.775,86
Acquisitions committee²	€ 2.000,00	€ 2.000,00	€ 1.016,00
General Contribution Department	€ 1.600,00	€ 1.600,00	€ 1.600,00
Interest	€ -	€ -	€ 4,78
StudyStore³	€ 3.000,00	€ 1.500,00	€ -
Index books	€ -	€ 1.000,00	€ 178,31
Withdrawal equity	€ 497,83	€ 1.293,88	€ -
Withdrawal festive reservation	€ 1.006,41	€ 1.006,41	€ 1.006,41
'Vrienden van de SPIL'	€ 150,00	€ 150,00	€ 109,86
Other income	€ 30,00	€ 30,00	€ 94,85
Gift XXXIXth board	€ 750,00	€ 750,00	€ 750,00
Leids Alumni Platform (LAP)⁴	€ 820,79	€ 820,79	€ 320,79
NPO Contribution University⁵	€ 3.000,00	€ 1.535,13	€ 1.535,13
Withdrawal travel allowance int. board member⁶	€ 250,00	€ 250,00	€ 250,00
Profit Halloween party⁷	€ -	€ 325,59	€ 325,59
HSF profit⁸	€ -	€ -	€ 306,00
Total	€ 33.027,43	€ 33.032,81	€ 27.967,58

¹ Membership fee was collected at the end of December with a total percentage of ...% defaulters.

² Acquisitions managed the reach half of their target. Throughout the year it was hard to reconnect with partners, due to the covid-19 pandemic contact had been lost and needed to be re-established.

³ After the bankruptcy of StudyStore SPIL has not heard anything about receiving the income from block 1 and 2, despite multiple attempts to contact them. The total amount StudyStore owes SPIL for the first block can be found under Debtors.

⁴ The €500 of the institute was not requested because the big event that was planned was unfortunately cancelled by the university itself.

⁵ Out of the €3.000 available through the NPO grant SPIL has been able to spend a little over half. This is mainly due to time constraint and the restricted guidelines of the events that were able to fall under NPO.

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

⁷ The festive committee was able to sell a higher number of tickets which resulted in a small profit.

⁸ A small profit was made because extra tickets went on sale due to people being unable to pick up their tickets, or cancelling as a result of the train accident in Voorschoten.

Expenses⁹			
	Budget 22-23	Re-Budget 22-23	Realisation 22-23
Board	€ 4.420,00	€ 4.370,00	€ 4.157,26
President	€ 500,00	€ 517,01	€ 517,01
<i>Dies</i>	€ 500,00	€ 517,01	€ 517,01
Secretary	€ 1.346,00	€ 1.346,00	€ 525,50
Treasurer	€ 750,00	€ 750,00	€ 705,61
<i>SPIL Weekend</i>	€ 700,00	€ 700,00	€ 700,00
<i>Interfaculty Congress</i>	€ 50,00	€ 50,00	€ 5,61
Education & Politics	€ 750,00	€ 750,00	€ 543,42
<i>Education</i>	€ 300,00	€ 300,00	€ 264,49
<i>Master activities</i>	€ 150,00	€ 150,00	€ 59,08
<i>Excursions</i>	€ 200,00	€ 200,00	€ 98,85
<i>Interfaculty party</i>	€ 100,00	€ 100,00	€ 121,00
Global Relations	€ 8.266,80	€ 8.266,80	€ 8.042,46
<i>Long trip</i>	€ 4.900,00	€ 4.900,00	€ 4.900,00
<i>Short trip</i>	€ 2.666,80	€ 2.666,80	€ 2.666,80
<i>Congress</i>	€ 500,00	€ 500,00	€ 330,83
<i>Pre-activities</i>	€ 200,00	€ 200,00	€ 144,83
Internal Relations	€ 11.380,00	€ 11.380,00	€ 8.912,72
<i>DEBAT</i>	€ 5.200,00	€ 5.200,00	€ 2.841,33
<i>Yearbook</i>	€ 2.630,00	€ 2.630,00	€ 2.992,05
<i>Festive</i>	€ 3.400,00	€ 3.400,00	€ 2.996,26
<i>Leidsch debat</i>	€ 150,00	€ 150,00	€ 83,08
External Relations	€ 2.352,47	€ 2.391,04	€ 1.690,94
<i>ICT</i>	€ 782,47	€ 821,04	€ 822,06
<i>Promotion</i>	€ 800,00	€ 800,00	€ 698,34
<i>Acquisition</i>	€ 70,00	€ 70,00	€ 9,07
<i>Introduction</i>	€ 700,00	€ 700,00	€ 161,47
PvP ¹⁰	€ 100,00	€ 100,00	€ 200,00
Investments	€ 150,00	€ 150,00	€ -
Contingencies	€ 961,96	€ 961,96	€ 45,62
Reserves	€ 1.800,00	€ 1.800,00	€ 2.377,04
Travel allowance int. Board member	€ 250,00	€ 250,00	€ 250,00
Total	€ 33.027,43	€ 33.032,81	€ 27.967,58

⁹ Any additional comments about changes in budget or realisation can be found under the specific tables of each post.

¹⁰ The realisation of PvP is €200 instead of €100 because last year's payment still needed to be made.

Board	Budget	Re-budget	Realisation
	22-23	22-23	22-23
Committee thank-you day	€ 500,00	€ 500,00	€ 488,13
ABN-Amro Expenses Business Account ¹¹	€ 500,00	€ 1.000,00	€ 1.154,04
Expenses General Assembly ¹²	€ 800,00	€ 500,00	€405,38
Van den Berg-Bachelor thesis award	€ 75,40	€ 75,40	€ 75,40
‘Constitutieborrel’ presents ¹³	€ 80,00	€ 40,00	€ 49,49
‘Constitutieborrel’ SPIL	€ 1.700,00	€ 1.420,10	€ 1.420,10
Office supplies	€ 150,00	€ 150,00	€ 86,57
StOP-Contribution	€ 10,00	€ 10,00	€ 10,00
Provisions of SPIL common rooms ¹⁴	€ 150,00	€ 150,00	€ 50,30
Free round of drinks after Change of Boards GA	€ 109,50	€ 109,50	€ 109,50
Staff lunch with the institute ¹⁵	€ 80,00	€ -	€ -
General Board Expenses	€ 100,00	€ 200,00	€ 160,40
Applications board 2023-2024	€ 65,10	€ 65,00	€ 63,05
Board activities ¹⁶	€ 100,00	€ 150,00	€ 84,90
Total	€ 4.420,00	€ 4.370,00	€ 4.157,26

¹¹ The costs for the business account are significantly higher than previous years, this can mainly be accounted for due to the Treasurer having to make extensive calls to renegotiate a contract. The Audit Committee discovered that ABN AMRO charges extensively for customer service, which includes calling, and returning a wrong transferral.

¹² The GA costs have a lower realisation due to the no longer printing of booklets for sustainability reasons.

¹³ Less presents were needed to be purchased than expected because the President had a box full of gifts which could be used as CoBo presents.

¹⁴ Some provisions were bought for the SPIL common room as part of events and the cost of that was placed under the respective committees. This has led to a lower realisation of provisions.

¹⁵ The final realisation of the lunch with the institute is €0 because although we had a meeting, it was without lunch due to the restricted time the institute had.

¹⁶ The money for the board activities was spent on Purple Friday in collaboration with our hallway associations

President	Budget 22-23	Re-budget 22-23	Realisation 22-23
President	€ 500,00	€ 517,01	€ 517,01
<i>Dies</i>	€ 500,00	€ 517,01	€ 517,01
Total	€ 500,00	€ 517,01	€ 517,01

Secretary	Budget 22-23	Re-budget 22-23	Realisation 22-23
Former boards borrel	€ 450,21	€ 450,21	€ 450,50
Alumni activities	€ 820,79	€ 820,79	€ -
Conscribo workshop	€ 75,00	€ 75,00	€ 75,00
Total	€ 1.346,00	€ 1.346,00	€ 525,50

Treasurer	Budget 22-23	Re-budget 22-23	Realisation 22-23
Contribution SPIL-weekend	€ 700,00	€ 700,00	€ 700,00
Contribution Interfaculty	€ 50,00	€ 50,00	€ 5,61
Congress ¹⁷			
Total	€ 750,00	€ -	€ 705,61

Education & Politics	Budget 22-23	Re-budget 22-23	Realisation 22-23
Excursions ¹⁸	€ 200,00	€ 200,00	€ 98,85
Education	€ 300,00	€ 300,00	€ 264,49
<i>Activities & workshops</i>	€ 200,00	€ 200,00	€ 178,64
<i>Career</i>	€ 100,00	€ 100,00	€ 85,85
Master activities ¹⁹	€ 150,00	€ 150,00	€ 59,08
<i>Workshops</i>	€ 50,00	€ 50,00	€ 17,08

¹⁷ The realisation of InFaCo is lower because the university never sent an invoice for the coffee, tea and cake despite multiple reminders.

¹⁸ Excursions has a low realisation because nearly all events were free to attend. So only presents needed to be bought for the speakers.

¹⁹ Master activities has a low realisation because their events like career night were mostly sponsored by the university.

<i>Career</i>	€ 100,00	€ 100,00	€ 42,00
Contribution Interfaculty Party ²⁰	€ 100,00	€ 100,00	€ 121,00
Total	€ 750,00	€ 750,00	€ 543,42

Global Relations	Budget 22-23	Re-budget 22-23	Realisation 22-23
Short Trip	€ 2.666,80	€ 2.666,80	€ 2.666,80
Long Trip ²¹	€ 4.900,00	€ 4.900,00	€ 4.900,00
Pre-activities	€ 200,00	€ 200,00	€ 144,83
Congress ²²	€ 500,00	€ 500,00	€ 330,83
Total	€ 8.266,80	€ 8.267,00	€ 8.042,46

Internal Relations	Budget 22-23	Re-budget 22-23	Realisation 22-23
DEBAT	€ 5.200,00	€ 5.200,00	€ 2.841,33
<i>4x DEBAT²³</i>	<i>€ 5.000,00</i>	<i>€ 5.000,00</i>	<i>€ 2.725,63</i>
<i>Workshops</i>	<i>€ 50,00</i>	<i>€ 50,00</i>	<i>€ 37,26</i>
<i>Digital DEBAT</i>	<i>€ 150,00</i>	<i>€ 150,00</i>	<i>€ 78,44</i>
Yearbook ²⁴	€ 2.630,00	€ 2.630,00	€ 2.992,05
<i>Indesign Licence</i>	<i>€ 130,00</i>	<i>€ -</i>	<i>€ -</i>
<i>Yearbook</i>	<i>€ 2.500,00</i>	<i>€ 2.630,00</i>	<i>€ 2.992,05</i>
Festive	€ 3.400,00	€ 3.400,00	€ 2.996,26

²⁰ Final realisation is higher than budgeted due to lower ticket sale.

²¹ The final realisation of Long Trip can be found at the bottom of the budget.

²² Congress has a lower realisation because of the LUF Subsidy that was granted to SPIL.

²³ The realisation for DEBAT is low, due to the decrease in the amount of DEBAT printed and no longer sending it to every single member, but only to those who have signed up to receive it at home. Nonetheless, all 4 editions of DEBAT have been released.

²⁴ Yearbook ended up being more expensive than budgeted due to an increase of paper and printing costs.

<i>Borrels</i>	€ 600,00	€ 400,00	€ 129,74
<i>Parties</i>	€ 500,00	€ 289,77	€ 250,09
<i>Gala</i> ²⁵	€ 1.500,00	€ 1.910,23	€ 1.910,23
<i>Social activities</i>	€ 800,00	€ 800,00	€ 706,23
SPIIL Contribution Leidsch debat	€ 150,00	€ 150,00	€ 83,08
Total	€ 11.380,00	€ 11.380,00	€ 8.912,72

External Relations	Budget 22-23	Re-budget 22-23	Realisation 22-23
Acquisition ²⁶	€ 70,00	€ 70,00	€ 9,07
ICT ²⁷	€ 782,47	€ 821,04	€ 822,06
<i>Licence Snelstart</i>	€ 180,00	€ 180,00	€ 185,37
<i>Conscribo</i>	€ 289,67	€ 289,67	€ 333,23
<i>Hosting www.spilplaats.nl</i>	€ 217,80	€ 256,37	€ 256,37
<i>Website</i> ²⁸	€ 95,00	€ 95,00	€ 47,09
Promotion	€ 800,00	€ 800,00	€ 698,34
<i>General expenses</i>	€ 500,00	€ 500,00	€ 348,34
<i>ELCID and HOP Week stand</i> ²⁹	€ 300,00	€ 300,00	€ 350,00
Introduction	€ 700,00	€ 700,00	€ 161,47
<i>General expenses</i>	€ 300,00	€ 300,00	€ 112,50
<i>Parents day (Leiden & Den Haag)</i> ³⁰	€ 400,00	€ 400,00	€ 48,97
Total	€ 2.352,47	€ 2.391,04	€ 1.690,94

²⁵ The cost of the gala are higher than expected due to a slightly lower ticket sale income and additional costs on the final invoice.

²⁶ The Acquisition committee did not attend the training as it was deemed no longer necessary, the costs made were for the merchandise market.

²⁷ All licences have been increased in cost.

²⁸ The costs of the website are for Elementor.

²⁹ The invoice for the EL Cid and HOP week stands have not been received, despite reminders being sent out. The Treasurer did however receive an estimate in budgeted based on that.

³⁰ SPIIL and her hallway associations never received an invoice from the university for keeping the university open on the weekend for parents day in Leiden. Although we have sent multiple e-mails asking for the invoice. Therefore the realisation of Parents day is extremely low.

Reserves	Budget 22-23	Re-budget 22-23	Realisation 22-23
9 th Lustrum der SPIL	€ 1.500,00	€ 1.500,00	€ 1.500,00
Lustrum DEBAT	€ 150,00	€ 150,00	€ 150,00
SPIL common room Leiden ³¹	€ 150,00	€ 150,00	€ 150,00
SPIL common room Den Haag ³²	€ -	€ -	€ 150,00
Committee cup reserve ³³	€ -	€ -	€ 177,04
Replenishment reserve for travel allowance int. board member ³⁴	€ -	€ -	€ 250,00
Total	€ 1.800,00	€ 1.800,00	€ 2.377,04

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

Contingencies	Budget 22-23	Re-budget 22-23	Realisation 22-23
General expenses ³⁵	€ 961,96	€ 961,96	€ 45,62
Total	€ 961,96	€ 961,96	€ 45,62

³¹ Because all assets in the SPIL common room in Leiden have already been depreciated, an amount is set aside each year to still absorb future investment costs.

³² Because all assets in the SPIL common room in The Hague have been depreciated since this year, an amount is set aside each year to still absorb future investment costs.

³³ In order to get the committee cup up and running again, the XLIInd board has specifically made a reserve to buy a new, neutral plaque and buy items needed to let it run smoothly throughout the year.

³⁴ This year €250,00 was withdrawn from the travel reserve for compensation for our international board member. The XLIInd board has decided to put the same amount back in the reserve.

³⁵ The realisation of the contingencies consist of the non-payment from committee members for their committee long sleeves.

Balance sheet

Debit		Credit	
ABN business account	€ ...	<i>Equity</i>	€ ...
ABN savings account	€ ...	Lustrum reserve	€ 3.000,00
Ties (68)	€ 408,00	SPIIL common room Leiden reserve	€ 1.500,00
Bows (48)	€ 364,80	Lustrum DEBAT	€ 1.400,00
Pair of braces (94)	€ 1.880,00	Reservation travel allowance int. board members	€ 2.000,00
Bowties (89)	€ 534,00	Gift XXXIX th board	€ 1.500,00
Doppers (33)	€ 330,00	SPIIL common room Den Haag reserve	€ 150,00
Former-board pin (41)	€ 84,05	Committee cup reserve	€ 177,04
Umbrellas (8)	€ 44,58		
Bike packages (25)	€ 250,00		
Card holders (4)	€ 14,34		
Scarfs (11)	€ 55,00		
Mugs (27)	€ 162,00		
Socks (34)	€ 374,00		
Beer glass (12)	€ 90,00		
Bottle opener (19)	€ 26,60		
Shot glasses (96)	€ 480,00		
Kas bestuur	€ 250,00		
Total	€ ...	Total	€ ...

Debtors		Creditors	
StudyStore	€ 1.158,71	El Cid & HOP Week stand	€ 350,00
Basis	€ 5,61		
Total	€ 1.158,71	Total	€ 350,00

Realisation Freshmen Weekend 2023

Income			Expenses		
	Estimated budget	Realisation		Estimated budget	Realisation
Contribution	€ 3.520,00	€ 3.701,28	Accommodation		
			<i>Scouting Paulus</i>	€ 1.600,00	€ 1.615,00
			Food and drinks	€ 1.360,00	€ 813,65
			Activities	€ 180,00	€ 104,52
			Decorations	€ 20,00	€ -
			Speaker	€ 35,00	€ 6,65
			Cleaning costs	€ 35,00	€ -
			Unforeseen costs³⁶	€ 290,00	€ 24,00
			Restitution	€ -	€ 1.137,46
Total	€ 3.520,00	€ 3.701,28	Total	€ 3.520,00	€ 3.701,28

Realisation Long Trip 2023

Income			Expenses		
	Estimated budget	Realisation		Estimated budget	Realisation
Participant contribution	€ 26.950,00	€ 26.950,00	Accommodation		
SPIL contribution	€ 4.900,00	€ 4.900,00	<i>Battuta Hostel</i>	€ 6.557,94	€ 6.557,94
CASSA contribution	€ 2.625,00	€ 2.625,00	Flights	€ 17.464,30	€ 17.464,30
			Activities	€ 9.944,97	€ 9.944,97
			<i>All bus travel</i>		
			<i>Access to all cultural activities</i>		
			<i>Wadi rum</i>		
			<i>Petra</i>		
			Final Dinner	€ 0,00	€ 356,88
			Unforeseen costs	€ 507,79	€ 0,00
			Restitution	€ 0,00	€ 150,91
Total	€ 34.475,00	€ 34.475,00	Total	€ 34.475,00	€ 34.475,00

³⁶ Unforeseen costs consist of transferral costs from two American bank accounts, €12 each.