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## **‘Onze nob’le discipline’**

By Max Nederkoorn and Stijn van den Wijngaard

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

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

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

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

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

## **AGENDA**

1. Opening
2. Choosing Voting Committee
3. Setting the agenda
4. Announcement
5. Received documents
6. Evaluating the minutes of the Changes of Board GA, d.d. 14<sup>th</sup> of September
7. Policy XLIIIrd board 'SPILocracy'
8. Nomination College of GA Chairs
9. Discharges and Installations
10. Any Other Businesses (W.v.t.t.k.)
11. Round of questions
12. Discharge of Voting Committee
13. End of meeting

## **MINUTES OF CHANGE OF BOARDS GA, dated September 14<sup>th</sup> 2023**

### **Opening**

*The Chair of the Ga, Ms. Van der Heide opens the meeting at 18:42.*

Those present at the GA are:

Svea Drose	Nora Schütz	Celina Gonczol
Noor Stuijt	Hansika Baldwa	Anna Lola Zakong
Kaysa Hilhorst	Hanna Kuleske	Sem van der Voort
Frederika Togtema	Katazyne Kroszka	Sem Spaans
Salomé De Bona	Hannah Epple	Patrick Daamen
Ruchi van Zoelen	Giulio Vuitnerini	Alfons Hooft
Gijs Verhoeff	Roos Busio	Emma Breed
Annabelle Jung	Anna Punselie	Cesar Serlie
Robin Buijs	Judith Hordijk	Nina Joziasse
Lara Akande	Josephine van Os	Soizic Michotte
Elena van der Klok	Nika Verwoert	Florian Kuegekl
Anna Gruber	Dante Renes	Csonger Gyötiviany
Marvin Lamers	Luise Gabbert	Rick van den Brink
Margot Ammerlaan	Cusset Calambe	Carlotta Moscarella
Anna Easton	Mariana Goldsmit	Thomas Groenink
Jules Fockens	Deniz Terzi	Roos Neven
Janneke Pool	Ana Gabelic	Jokin de Carlos
Lilli Helin	Norma Marca	Marjolein Nieuwenhuijsen
Dian Loh	Lydia Fupun	Bas van der Tas
Aleksander Chmiel	Marije Alfarnes	Sheno Djamshidi
Jules Pailloux	Victoria Katama	Leoni Andriessen
Thomas van Loon	Lars Reinhofer	Stash Saldan
Jyoti Verma	Jasmin Adam	Diana Chaban
Sofia Ketting	Ward Frenken	Thomas Meijer
Maria Lozano	Thirze Wiegers	Nienke Uittenhout
Shiori Tsukayama	Evaelle Dhainaut	Haitske Pottinga
Emily Recke	Sjors de Natris	Justine Jourdan Servais
Eve Bailey	Niels Bosman	

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

### **Choosing Voting Committee**

Patrick Daamen and Sjors de Natris are installed into the voting committee.

### **Setting the agenda**

There are no changes, the agenda is set.

### **Announcements**

The GA Chair announces that all members present should register at the entrance and if they leave they should cross out their names.

The GA Chair announces that spelling or grammar mistakes can be emailed to the Secretary.

### **Received documents**

There are two letters, one from Sjors de Natris and one from the study association for public administration. There is a vote transfer from Ms. Van der Heide to Ms. Easton and from Mr. Van Kampen to Ms. Breed.

### **Evaluating the minutes of the Affirmation GA**

There are no questions. The minutes are set.

### **Final Report XLIIInd board 'SPILibuster'**

#### 3.1.2

Ms. Easton is asking what the beehive presidents meeting is, and how it differs from the VerO The Hague.

Ms. Jung explains verO The Hague is mostly a study association, and the beehive meeting is with all associations in the beehive.

#### 3.1.3

Ms. Easton is asking if there has been a decision on eliminating the PvP bank account.

Ms. Jung explains there have been conversations, but no final decisions.

Ms. Easton is asking if having a bank account is necessary for the KVK.

Ms. Jung thinks not.

#### 3.1.4

Ms. Easton is asking if the CCPs can follow the StOP training.

Ms. Jung explains they can.

Mr. Buijs confirms.

Mr. Daamen is asking what the sanction system means.

Ms. Jung explains it is an advice (not a must), but if anything serious happens where sanctions are appropriate, there should be a possibility to sanction but currently there is no special ground for that.

Ms. Easton is asking if Ms. Jung can explain the CCPs.

Ms. Jung explains the Confidential Contact Persons are people that you can contact if anything happens and you need a listening ear. They can refer you further to the appropriate specialists.

### 3.2

Ms. Easton would like to mention to the ft. board that a lot of people really like the Dies Cantus.

#### 4.1.1

Mr. Buijs explains that SPIL has a total of 1141 members. 150 international politics students, 147 political science students, 611 international relations and organisations students, 28 master students and 205 members of which the programme is unknown. SPIL has 264 Alumni and 60 reunionists.

Mr. De Natris is asking why the membership numbers are so much lower.

Mr. Buijs explains as it was said in his policy, that all the members get signed out at once and the members that did not pay were disqualified.

Ms. Easton is asking how many new members SPIL got this summer.

Mr. Buijs explains around 150 new members have registered, which is around what was expected.

#### 4.1.4

Ms. Easton is asking whether Mr. Buijs would recommend organising an alumni event with the faculty or not to his successor.

Mr. Buijs explains that he would recommend reaching out to the faculty, but also try to organise a SPIL alumni event.

#### 4.1.5

Ms. Easton is asking if someone from the crowd can elaborate on why they are here.

Mr. Pailloux explains that he thought it was mandatory.

Mr. De Natris is explaining he attends the GA are very essential for the association, since it is the opportunity for members to express themselves.

Mr. Daamen would like the minutes to reflect that he and Mr. Hoofd are her for Mr. Lamers beautiful eyes.

### 4.2

Mr. Hooft is asking if at next events all the exit polls can be shown.

Mr. Buijs will take it into consideration and pass it on to his successor.

Ms. Easton mentions she would also like Stairs Affairs to be hosted at a bar.

#### 5.1.1

Ms. Akande explains the loss of income due to Studystore bankruptcy, after a letter and explanation by the Treasurer and Commissioner Education and Politics, will be compensated by the Institute Board. This will appear on the budget of the 43rd board.

Mr. De Natris is asking is there will be legal actions against Studystore

Ms. Akande explains she sat down with the legal advisor of the university and the chance is really slim. The legal action will probably cost more than it can deliver.

Ms. Breed is asking if Index pays the same profession as studystore.

Ms. Akande explains this is confidential.

Mr. Hooft is asking why the Institute will increase their contribution, besides the hard work of Ms. Akande.

Ms. Akande explains the amount has been the same for ten years, there are now twice as many activities and members. The association is also now based in two cities.

Mr. Daamen is asking why there was such a tight budget this year.

Ms. Akande explains this was mainly due to the trend of booksale being lower, but also some other factors.

### 5.1.3

Mr. Frenken is asking what a Mollie account is.

Ms. Akande explains it is a way to make sure people can transfer money to the association through them.

Ms. Breed is asking if Clubcollect was used for the parties. Due to the high administration costs, would she recommend using it for parties to her successor.

Ms. Akande explains she would advise to still use Mollie, since then there will be two accounts: one for parties (Mollie) and one for merchandise (ClubCollect).

### 6.2

Ms. Stuijt, as the chair of the excursions committee, explains the committee bonded a lot throughout the year and became a friend group. They organised excursions to the Kosovo chamber, Google, Parliament, German embassy. There was a small issue with people signing up and then not joining, but after people needed to send a confirmation email it got better.

### 6.3

Mr. Daamen is asking if there are only 28 registered master students, what exactly the activities are organised for.

Ms. Van der Klok explains the activities are also open for other master students from other programmes. There is an audience that attends.

Mr. Daamen is asking why there are so little master students and why

Mr Buijs explains there are more master students, but bachelor students don't change their registration after becoming a master student.



Ms. Van der Klok explains that all the master activities were successful this year.

Ms. Easton is asking if it is correct that external partners also paid for the masters activities.

Ms. Van der Klook explains the career service paid for one activity, and it was a success.

#### 6.6

Ms. Easton is asking if the current way FLO is organised works.

Ms. Van der Klok explains the current pilot has potential, since all associations from FSW are involved.

#### 6.7

Ms. Easton is asking if it is necessary to attend the meeting or take a seat in the SKG.

Ms. Van der Klok explains it is, since it would be a loss if we are not involved, Maybe with more meetings, they can get more out of it.

#### 7.3

Mr. Bosman is asking if the final responsibility on the trip was with the committee.

Ms. Gruber is explaining this was not true, the committee just got more responsibility in terms of socialising and the programme.

Mr. Bosman is asking if it worked to give the committee a bit more responsibility,

Ms. Jung explains there was a clear discussion and agreement beforehand, If anything would go wrong, the board would ask Ms. Gruber if they needed to interfere. The committee worked everything out. They should also get the credit they deserve.

Mr. Bosman would like to mention the committee and board were a bit lenient on the dresscode and being on time.

Ms. Dhainaut remarks the SPIL dress code is sometimes a bit too strict.

Mr. Bosman remarks that during the long trip, the dress code was appropriate for the meetings.

Mr. Van den Brink remarks the dress code is a long term consensus from the past ten years. He is wondering when people were feeling overdressed.

Ms. Dhainaut explains for example that the meeting with the parliament in Lisbon was an example, she saw that the organisers were confused about how formal everyone was. Maybe business casual is more appropriate sometimes.

Mr. Van den Brink explains that the expectations of the people can be adjusted by email.

Ms. Andriessen believes it is really nice people think about the dress code, sometimes she feels overdressed on trips. It should be determined per location.

Ms. Wiegers disagrees that the board should be responsible for everyone being on time, but the committee. She was in the long trip committee, and they tried to inform members about the dress code and being on time.

Ms. Andriessen agrees the responsibility should be with the committee, but sometimes it can be a bit too much for them. The board should be able to step in.

Ms. Gruber explains she will pass on everything to her successor.

Mr. Daamen is asking that, since at the policy GA last year, a motion was accepted to have three types of dress code. The problem however is not the policy, but the way it is used.

Ms. Dhainaut explains there is not too much leeway for the committee to alter the dress code besides picking an option.

Ms. Wiegers explains in Jordan there were only problems with one or two people not wearing the appropriate shoes. They tried to fix these instances, but not everything was possible.

Ms. Neeven suggests making it clear before the trip what the dress code entails.

Mr. De Natris adds the dress code should not be a 'gedoogbeleid' but everything that can be worn should be included.

Ms. Gruber will take everything into account.

### 7.3.2

Dhr. Groenink leest dat Ms. Gruber vindt het belangrijk dat de brieven op de nieuwe manier beoordelen efficiënter is. Zou het om efficiëntie of kwaliteit moeten gaan.

Mr. Groenink reads that Ms. Gruber finds it important that the letters are graded more efficiently with the new method. He wonders whether the efficiency or quality of the letter would be most important.

Ms. Gruber explains it was not the only reason for the Rules of Procedure Change, it was more about the fact that participants could explain their personal motivation without it being crossed out of the letter.

### 7.4

Ms. De Bona, as member of the Congress Committee, explains about the congress: Migration in the equation.

Ms. Andriessen is asking what happened with promotion that an improvement needs to be made.

Ms. Gruber explains they made a poster, a letter to all political science students and promoted it on instagram. She would advise to promote it more to other students at lectures.

*The GA chair suspends at 19:54*

*The GA reopens the meeting at 20:04.*

### 8.1.1

Mr. Van den Brink is asking why he does not receive DEBAT. He is not a unionist, but would still like to receive a DEBAT without signing up.

Mr. Lamers explains he is very sorry, and will pass it on

Ms Andriessen suggests the old Commissioner getting all DEBATs.

Mr. Lamers explains he can pick it up in the common room, or in the break they can find a moment

Ms. Neven is asking if there were multiple moments to sign up in the middle of the year.

Mr. Lamers explains there was, and this was promoted before all editions.

Ms. Neven is asking if there can be a link on the website that always works for a sign up. She suggests making it very clear a subscription is for a year, and not indefinite.

Mr. Lamers will pass it on to his successor.

Ms. Neven suggests emailing all subscribers that they have to subscribe again.

Mr. Groenink would like to congratulate Mr. Lamers for restoring the tradition of DEBAT being sent to members. He is asking if Mr. Lamers would recommend bringing a visit to the national library to visit all previous editions of DEBAT. Should he write a motion for this.

Mr. Lamers expects his successor to bring a new edition also to the national library. The choice of the motion is up to Mr. Groenink himself.

Mr. Hooft is asking how many editions that are not sent to the members are picked up.

Mr. Lamers explains there are around 250 leftovers. Mr. Lamers explains they reduced the number from 1500 to 500 already, and his successor can re-evaluate this number.

Mr. Groenink is asking if members from the DEBAT committee can say something. about their work.

Mr. De Carlos, as a member of the DEBAT committee, explains that he was very happy with how the year went. The theme was sometimes a bit too niche. The online edition was sometimes not properly visible on the website and the deadlines were sometimes not met.

Mr. Lamers is happy with the reaction of Mr. De Carlos. He explains that it was sometimes difficult to find writers for DEBAT online, but he is not worried since his successor has an even bigger committee.

Ms. Andriessen is asking Mr. De Carlos how the social inactivity of the committee was caused.

Mr. De Carlos explains there are less meetings than at other committees. He would like to have more activities.

Mr. Lamers explains the first weeks of the committee are very important. He organised a pub crawl after two months, and some other activities, but it was maybe a bit too late. He tried, but it did not work. This might explain why the community feeling was missing sometimes.

Ms. Wiegers mentions the bonding was missing. The committee is structured in a way that after the start, it is mostly about the writing. More activities outside of this could be beneficial.

Mr. De Natris mentions for the minutes that the chair of the past year really emphasised that DEBAT used to be separate from the SPIL, which might have harmed further integration.

Mr. Bosman agrees with the ideas of Ms. Wiegers. At activities however, there were not as many attendees as expected.

Mr. De Carlos agrees with Mr. Bosman. It is a matter of how early you start within the year with these social activities.

Ms. Andriessen understands the feeling of Mr. Bosman, but she disagrees with the fact that the bar should be low for the attendance. It should be fun.

Mr. Van den Brink explains it is not about not trying, just about expectancy management.

Mr. De Natris is asking what Mr. Lamers' perspective is on how DEBAT was runned the past years.

Mr. Lamers explains 'the problem' the committee is really large, and hard to connect to the rest of the association (he tried). Although the social parts were not attended well (since you can't make them mandatory), the writing meetings were so. Since that is the priority, that is the most important. DRBAT is a committee where there should be as many people that like writing as possible, the social part is also important but not the priority.

Mr. Groenink is asking who the journalist was that Mr. Lamers invited for an activity.

Mr. Lamers explains he can't remember her name.

Mr De Natris states that he also cannot remember her name, but that she was a good choice for the training session.

Ms. Wiegers would like to remark that she will take into account everything that has been said.

Mr. De Carlos remarks there should be someone from the committee that is in charge of the social aspect.

Mr. Daamen is asking if Mr. Lamers endorses the plan the committee should make more cooperative articles instead of writing them individually.

Mr. Lamers would.

Mr. De Natris would like Mr. De Carlos put his idea in motion.

### 8.1.2

Ms. Nieuwenhuijsen vraagt of Dhr. Lamers als oplossing heeft voor het probleem met vertalen.

Ms. Nieuwenhuijsen is asking if Mr. Lamers has a solution for the translation problem.

Mr. Lamers explains the key for him is having more Dutch members in the committee, and ask if they are willing to translate. Maybe make translating articles mandatory for their own articles.

Ms. Nieuwenhuijsen is asking why it is obvious there are more IRO students in the committee.

Mr. Lamers explains it is a trend, and there are more IRO students in general.

Mr. Bosman explains that in his year they used sub-committees in the DEBAT Committee and that it worked well. He thinks that is something DEBAT could do this year as well.

Mr. Lamers agrees.

Mr. De Natris is asking Mr. Verhoeff if a newspaper structure would be more fitting.

The chair of the GA explains this should not be discussed too intensively now, since this is something for the policy GA of the next board.

Mr. Verhoeff explains he talked with Ms. Van Zoelen a lot about DEBAT and that she has someone that can help her with DEBAT during the year, since he has a lot of experience.

Ms. Wieggers explains a bit about the structure of DEBAT. She is asking if the idea is to translate all articles from Dutch to English and the other way around.

Mr. Lamers explains both are preferable, but the Dutch-English translation is more important.

### 8.1.3

Ms. Van Zoelen, as member of the committee, explains there was clear division of tasks, they started on time and she is happy how it went the whole year.

Ms. Neeven is asking about the column of SPIL-housing, how many people were in there and what were the requirements.

Mr. Lamers there should have been at least two SPILers in a house. There are two pages in this edition.

Ms. Neven thinks she really likes it, and suggests to the ft. board to keep it in and contact old Spillers who still live together.

Ms. Breed is asking if the finances should be the responsibility of a committee treasurer, of the board's Commissioner or Treasurer.

Mr. Lamers explains the treasurer of the committee worked hard, but the board helped with looking into what was possible. It is nice to have one from the committee nonetheless.

Ms. Breed suggests involving the board's treasurer as much as possible.

#### 8.1.2

Ms. Drose, as a member of the committee, explains the halloween party was a huge success. The borrels in Leiden and The Hague were also nice, and the social activities at the borrels (and trip to Efteling) were also cool. The gala was the cherry on top.

Ms. Breed adds the committee had a great year. She would like to thank their commissioner and chair. She hopes the new committee will have as nice a time as she had.

Ms. Easton is asking if Mr. Lamers likes the time of the year when the gala was held.

Mr. Lamers liked that it was in February, since there needs to be a lot of time to set it up and some bonding beforehand also helps.

Mr. Hooft is asking why the Halloween party was such a big success,

Mr. Lamers explains it was due to the attendees, the decorations and the timing.

Ms. Breed, on behalf of Mr. Van Kampen, is asking if there will be a collaboration between the festive committee and GeopolitiekNu.

Mr. Lamers explains this could only happen if Mr. Michaloliakos attends.

Ms. Breed, on behalf of Mr. Van Kampen, is asking what his role would be.

Mr. Lamers explains he would be the life of the party.

Ms. Neven suggests considering 'the wooden barrel' for a regular bar.

Mr. Lamers explains the committee visited the place, and they did not respond to the emails. The owner at the time of visitation was also having children.

Mr. De Natris is asking why there are no regular bars in both cities.

Mr. Lamers explains there is a regular bar in Leiden and The Hague.

Mr. De Carlos suggests considering De Keyzer.

Mr. Lamers explains that they did consider it, but already found a new location.

#### 8.2.4

Ms. Neven, on behalf of Mr. Park, compliments Mr. Lamers with the organisation of the GSA.

Mr. Lamers thanks Ms. Neeven for the compliment. He was sorry Mr. Park did not attend, even after an explicit promise he would.

Ms. Neeven promises Mr. Park will attend next year's edition, if organised.

Ms. Breed, on behalf of Mr. Van Kampen, is asking if there can be a collaboration of the GSA and GeopolitiekNu.

Mr. Lamers believes this could be nice, if the name is changed

### 9.1.3

Ms. Ammerlaan explains she did not only sell merchandise, but also a market in the common room. This was a big success.

Ms. Breed is asking what the reason was that only one merchandise item was released.

Ms. Ammerlaan explains this was due to the late arrival of the merchandise item of the 41st board.

Mr. De Natris suggests varsity jackets for a next merchandise item. He is furthermore asking if there is an overview of the partnerships.

Ms. Ammerlaan explains it is under 9.1.1 'partnerships'.

### 9.1.2

Ms. Ammerlaan explains the promotion committee delivered excellent work. The committee also had a great time, due to the bonding activities.

### 9.4

Ms. Togtema, as a member of the committee, explains the committee was small but the Freshmen Weekend was a huge success.

Mr. De Natris would like to mention he knows Ms. Ammerlaan, he will always remember her so her policy quote is not necessary.

### 9.4.2

Ms. Easton is asking if Ms. Ammerlaan likes the change of dates for the Freshman Weekend.

Ms. Ammerlaan explains she liked the change of dates, since there were way more participants than last year. She would recommend keeping them, and not doing it earlier. Maybe Leiden students can be more included. It might be a solution to organise other introductory activities after the weekend.

Ms. Easton is asking how many members of the committee were present at the weekend.

Ms. Ammerlaan explains there were two committee members, but some others had other explanations.

Ms. Neven is asking if there was a lesser turnout for committees from students that are also members of student associations.

Mr. Verhoeff explains the 43rd ft. board does not know. There is no data on this.

Ms. Neven recommends asking this during the interview.

Ms. Ammerlaan explains she noticed that the dates for the summer before this were also not ideal. There is no ideal solution to include all kinds of students.

Ms. Neven agrees, but is wondering why the weekend wasn't hosted in september. She also thinks committees can be installed at a later GA than the change of boards GA.

Ms. Ammerlaan explains she agrees, maybe this is something for the policy GA.

Ms. Nieuwenhuijsen vertelt dat er een werkgroep was anderhalf jaar geleden. Ze mist evaluatie in het beleid van Ms. Ammerlaan. Dit kan doorgegeven worden aan het volgende bestuur.

Ms. Nieuwenhuijsen explains that there was a taskforce one and a half years ago. She misses the evaluation of this taskforce in the policy of Ms. Ammerlaan. This can be forwarded to the next board.

Ms. Ammerlaan wasn't aware of the taskforce. She will pass her evaluation on to her successor and also include the feedback from participants.

Ms. Nieuwenhuijsen vindt dat er geëvalueerd moet worden, ze is blij dat Ms. Ammerlaan dit nog wilt doen. Ze vraagt zich af wat Ms. Ammerlaan vindt dat er veel meer IRO en internationale studenten waren. Ze wil meegeven dat dit geen probleem is, maar dat sommige commissies problemen kunnen ervaren door te weinig Nederlandse leden.

Ms. Nieuwenhuijsen thinks that there should be an evaluation. She is happy Ms. Ammerlaan still wants to do this. She wonders what Ms. Ammerlaan thinks of the increased number of international students on the Freshmen Weekend. She wants to add that this is not a problem, but that some committee could experience difficulty if there are no Dutch students.

Ms. Ammerlaan will take it into consideration, discuss it with her successor and evaluate the Weekend.

Ms. Easton would like to recommend evaluating the introduction committee as a whole. She thinks it was a problem there were so few committee members at the weekend, but is happy Ms. Ammerlaan was able to solve it.

Ms. Nieuwenhuijsen vertelt dat er vroeger alleen een EJW-commissie was. Het idee van de verandering was om de commissie eerder in het jaar te vormen, zodat het pas in november was.

Ms. Nieuwenhuijsen explains that there used to be only a Freshmen Weekend Committee. This was changed in order to form the committee earlier in the year.

Ms. Ammerlaan wil take it into consideration.

Mr. Bosman mentions he believes it is not nice to move the weekend to September, since it might be too intense for members to take a shallow weekend off their schedule. He is asking if the board was aware of the overlap agreements.



Ms. Ammerlaan reviewed the agreements and this was the best possible timing based on the hazings of student associations. Everyone was able to attend in theory.

Mr. De Natris remarks that all the spots of the weekend were filled.

Ms. Easton explains she is not talking about moving the date, but more about evaluating.

Ms. Andriessen explains the weekend is always filled, but the discussion is important since there should be no population excluded.

Ms. Nieuwenhuijsen zat vroeger in the EJW commissie en is het eens met Ms. Andriessen.

Ms. Nieuwenhuijsen used to be a member of the Freshmen Weekend Committee and agrees with Ms. Andriessen.

### Year Plan

Ms. Neven is asking why the board of advisors was not invited to the committee thank you day.

Ms. Jung explains the audit committee was invited, and she believes the board of advisors was also invited.

Ms. Nieuwenhuijsen is asking what the henna tattoo's were.

Mr. Lamers explains he had a SPIL henna tattoo of the logo.

### Budget

Ms. Nieuwenhuijsen is asking is there is a plan to make up for the Studystore money

Ms. Akande explains the board reached out to the legal advisors of the university, but there were no legal options. to the Faculty and Institute, and they will compensate for the loss.

Ms. Neven is asking why the index booksal was also lower.

Ms. Akande explains the reputation of SPIL was dented because of the problems with Studystore and book sales are always lower in the second semester.

Mr. Hooft remarks master students don't seem to realise they can buy their books through SPIL.

Ms. Akande will make sure her successor deals with this.

Ms. Easton is asking if the board considered giving people money back for the HSF.

Ms. Akande explains SPIL was advocating to other organisers to give the money back. The others did not agree and since we signed a contract, there was no possibility to do so.

Mr. De Natris is asking about the travel allowance for international board members, if it is not too low.

Ms. Akande explains the money is from a reserve from a previous board, and it was specified that it was 250 euros. The board can't change this. If they do raise it, the fund will be empty sooner.

Ms. De Natris is asking Ms. Grubers if her OV expenses exceeded 250 euros.

Ms. Guber explains it did not.

Ms. Easton thinks the point that Mr. De Natris is making is noble, but too many international board members might result in too much money going to this cause.

Ms. Nieuwenhuijsen believes the Dutch board members also might lose money for OV.

Ms. Breed is asking if there is a limit on the amount of LUF-contributions that can be asked for. Should the next congress committee apply for this?

Ms. Akande explains there is no limit, and asking for funding is up to her predecessor.

Ms Akande fills in the blanks in the balance sheets.

Ms. Breed is asking if the board and ft. board did get a discount for the freshman weekend.

Ms. Akande explains they did not get a discount.

#### Report, yearplan and budget as a whole

Mr. Bosman is asking why the bow ties are smaller.

Ms. Ammerlaan explains this was not on purpose. The company said they had all the information, so she assumed everything would therefore also be the same as earlier.

#### **Report Audit Committee**

Mr. Buijs reads the letter of the the Audit Committee,

Mr. De Natris remarks that bitterballen are unsustainable. He would like to refrain from serving these at events.

Ms. Jung explains the association is vegetarian and therefore no meat-bitterballen will be served.

- The final report (including the year plan and budget) of the 42nd board is installed per acclimation.

*The GA Chair suspends the meeting at 21:35*

*The GA Chair reopens the meeting at 21:48*

#### **Nomination Audit Committee**

The GA Chair discharges Jette Boonstra and Jurgen van der Zwet from the Audit Committee.

There are two candidates for the new Audit Committee. Ms. Breed explains her candidacy. The GA Chair reads the candidacy-letter of Ms. Van der Heide.

- Emma Breed and Marit van der Heide are installed into the 43rd Audit Committee per acclimation.

### **Nomination Confidential Contact Persons**

The GA Chair explains what the CCPs are. The board nominated two candidates after an intake interview. These are Rick van den Brink and Nicola Otten.

- Rick van den Brink and Nicola Otten are installed as Confidential Contact Persons per acclimation.

### **Presentation Yearbook**

Mr. Lamers presents the yearbook.

### **Discharges and installations**

The GA Chair discharges as Acquisitions Committee Sybrich Zeinstra, Arno Vos, Zsombor Gyorfi, Amy Steinbacher, Sesame Le and Nienke Uittenhout.

The GA Chair discharges as Brussels Committee Evaelle Dhainaut, Karolina Pankom Nefeli Vonno, Csongor Gyorivanyi and Mats Bouman.

The GA Chair discharges as Congress Committee Salomé De Bona, Olga Churilina, Mathilda Minakova and Camila Cecconi.

The GA Chair discharges as DEBAT Committee Jelle Kooij, Georgia Canura, Lyuba Nicheva, Thirze Wiegers, Jokin de Carlos Sola, Ana Dadu, Daria Aron, Gijs Verhoeff, Soley Aspelund, Benedek Sipocz, Rosie Reed, Rik Manuel, Kristina Vidrova, Sjors de Natris, Simen Yazdan, Philip Hilen, Ines Freyre, Elliot Underhill, Valentina Petrucci, Joost Glas, Veerle van Onzenoort, Alexander Kaslyovski, Alexia Teodora Matei, Johanna Welk, Ruben Stift, Rokus Hoogendoorn, Olivier Kik and Livi van Overdam.

The GA Chair discharges as Dies Committee Yesim Benli, Sheno Djamshidi, Niels Bosman, Noor Stuijt, Dante Renes and Gijs Verhoeff.

The GA Chair discharges as Education Committee Puck Oldegbers, Pieter Mauritz, Vera van Klink, Alexandra Drugescu Radulescu, Diana Chaban and Clara Kretschmar.

The GA Chair discharges as Excursions Committee Noor Stuijt, Anh Linh, Luna van Tol, Björn Kühn, Nienke Uittenhout, Rokus Hoogendoorn and Thomas Meijer.

The GA Chair discharges as Festive Committee Sesame Le, Jakub Stastny, Fince van Kampen, Emma Breed, Daan de Vries, Donna Dekker, Svea Droese and Soizic van den Berck.

The GA Chair discharges as Introduction Committee Olga Churilina, Diana Chaban, Tatjana Buehring, Milena Schimdt, Adrinana Porras Ogando and Frederika Togtema.

The GA Chair discharges as Long Trip Committee Yesim Benli, Thirze Wiegers, Thomas Meijer, Björn Kühn, Dante Renes and Cesar Serlie.

The GA Chair discharges as Masters Activities Committee Rosan Speek, Otso Pekonen, Delfina Pérez Monsalvo, Shakki Bhat and Gabriel Deazy.

The GA Chair discharges as PiP-Congress Committee Dema Elya and Rik Manuel.

The GA Chair discharges as Promotion Committee Yva Kapashi, Chiara Heemskerk, Suna Can and Patrick Tobies.

The GA Chair discharges as Short Trip Committee Evaelle Dhainaut, Lena Zentai, Martyna Chumura, Kasya Hilhorst, Konstantin Pfaff, Jan tarczyński and Leonie Fiebich.

The GA Chair discharges as SPIL-Weekend Committee Donna Dekker, Maija Nikolaevskaja, Noor Stuijt, Katrin Brill, Cosongor Gyrovanyi and Gijs Verhoeff.

The GA Chair discharges as Stairs Affairs Committee Fince van Kampen, Haitske Pottinga and Joanne Verkerk.

The GA Chair discharges as Yearbook Committee Ruchi van Zoelen, Rosalie van Gilst, Thijmen Zuiderwijk, Samuel Lozi, Suna Can, Lucille Saisse, Sybrich Zeinstra and Stijn Westerhof.

The GA Chair discharges as Commissioner External Relations and Introduction Margot Ammerlaan.

The GA Chair discharges as Commissioner Internal Relations and Commissioner Festive Marvin Lamers.

The GA Chair discharges as Commissioner Global Relations Anna Gruber.

The GA Chairs discharges as Commissioner Education and Politics Elena van der Klok.

The GA Chair discharges as Treasurer and Lara Akande.

The GA Chair discharges as Secretary Robin Buijs.

The GA Chair discharges as President and Commissioner Dies Annabelle Jung.

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The GA Chair instals as President Svea Drose.

The GA Chair instals as Secretary and Commissioner Introduction Noor Stuijt.

The GA Chair instals as Treasurer and Commissioner Dies Kasya Hilhorst.

The GA Chair instals as Commissioner Education and Politics Frederika Togtema.

The GA Chair instals as Commissioner Global Relations Salomé De Bona.

The GA Chair instals as Commissioner Internal Relations and Commissioner Festive Ruchi van Zoelen.

The GA Chair instals as Commissioner External Relations Gijs Verhoeff.

*The GA Chair suspends the meeting at ...*

*The GA Chair reopens the meeting at ...*

The GA Chair instals as Acquisitions Committee B'Elanna van Damme, Sofiya Navasardyan, Juliana Beunk, Stash Saldan and Diana Chaban.

The GA Chair instals as Brussels Committee Élisabeth Richard, Konstantin Aaron Pfaff, Andreea Demian and Anh Linh

The GA Chair instals as Congress Committee Eve Bailey, Shiori Tsukayama, Juliana Beunk, Maria Lozano and Aleksander Chmiel.

The GA Chair instals as DEBAT Committee Thirze Wiegers, Livi van Overdam, Nina Joziassse, Julie Schrooyen, Deniz Terzi, Mariana Valdespino, Maija Nikoaevskaia, Anna Toggweiler, Nienke Uittenhout, Daria Aron, Juno Jahn, Anna Gruber, Anna-Elise Peerlings, Jokin de Carlos Sola, Anna Punselie, Josephine van Os, Finn van der Scheer, Aleksander Chmiel. Giulio Vulterini, Stash Saldan, Carlotta Moscarella, Hannah Epple, Sem van der Tang, Lyuba Nickeva, Jasmijn Schievink, Alexandra Drugescu-Radulescu, Colombe Cusset, Rik Manuel, Anna Slezack, Roos Busio, Hanna Kulesza, Theodora Matei, Jasmin Adam, Adele Lang and Nathan de Jager.

The GA Chair instals as Dies Committee Sjors de Natris, Evaelle Dhainaut, Sem van der Voort, Csongor Györiványi and Jules Pailloux.

The GA Chair instals as Education Committee Pieter Mauritz, Hansika Baldwa, Ralph Otten, Roos Busio, Jasmin Adam and Maija Nikolaevskaya.

The GA Chair instals as Agata Weremczuk, Lilli Helin, Josephine van Os, Judith Hordijk, Nika Verwoert, Anna Lola Zakonyi and Kasia Kroszka.

The GA Chair instals as Festive Committee Soizic van den Berck, Dante Renes, Luna van Tol, Camilla Franchy, Thomas Meijer, Jules Paillouz and Ana Gabelic.

The GA Chair instals as Introduction Committee Sjors de Natris, Dorka Belak, Celina Gonczol and Jyoti Verma.

The GA Chair instals as Long Trip Committee Dian Loh, Emily Recke, Thomas van Loon, Sophie Peters, Thirze Wiegers, Soizic van den Berck and Ebba Börjesson.

The GA Chair instals as Masters Activities Committee Florian Kuegerl Yasmine Naami, Jyoti Verma and Jokin de Carlos Sola.

The GA Chair instals as PiP- Congress Committee Lars Reinhofer and Maria Lozano.

The GA Chair instals as Promotion Committee Marijke Alfarnes, Sofia Ketting, Sofiya Navasardyan, Ward Frenken and Diana Chaban.

The GA Chair instals as Short Trip Committee Jules Fockens, Milena Schmidt, Janneke Pool, Sofia Ketting, Ralph Otten and Nora Schütz.

The GA Chair instals as Stairs Affairs Committee Haitske Pottinga, Cesar Serlie and Lars Reinhofer.

The GA Chair instals as Yearbook Committee Lucille Saisse, Luise Gabbert, Marijke Alfarnes, Jules Fockens, Ward Frenken.

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

Ms. Stuijt reads the letter from Mr. De Natris.

Ms. Drose thanks Mr. De Natris for his letter.

Mr. De Natris wonders whether there are any questions about his letter.

Mr. Daamen wonders whether it is closely the same as the Advisory Board.

Ms. Ammerlaan explains that the Advisory Board is for old board members and should not be opened to other members. She also states that discussing things informally in the common room worked this year.

Ms. Jung says that talking to the board members individually worked. And that people do a board year for a reason to change these things.

Mr. De Natris explains his letter further. People are already discussing informally. He thinks it can be more structured. For example debating about things that might not work at first glance. He thinks that it cannot hurt.

Ms. Easton wonders how the structure of this task force would work inside of the structure of SPIL.

Mr. De Natris explains that it will be an edition. He mentions shadow proposals that still would have to go through the GA. It would not change anything.

Ms. Easton expresses that she likes the idea and would like to see Mr. De Natris work his idea out. She suggests trying it out first and then making it more structured.

Mr. Buijs agrees with Ms. Easton but thinks we should not institutionalise it before we try it out. He thinks a discussion would be nice.

Ms. Drose explains that the board would also like to try it out and maybe discuss it further at the next GA.

Mr. De Natris explains the letter is just to discuss whether we want to discuss the Forum further. It is just a proposal.

Ms. Easton says she does not see a reason to vote on it, since there is no final proposal. Mr. De Natris should first work it out.

Mr. Bosmans says Mr. De Natris should first work it out and then come with a proposal.

Ms. Drose says that Mr. De Natris can work out the Forum.

Ms. Epple: if it does not work, then there is no interest.

Ms. Stuijt reads out the first motion. This is the following:

*De Algemene Ledenvergadering, hier bijeen in Rootz, Den Haag:*

*Would like to propose a motion to create a fixed position within DEBAT that is dedicated to organise social events within the committee to encourage the social aspect of the committee.*

*Rick van den Brink, Roos Neven, Sjors de Natris, Thirze Wieggers, Leonie Andriessen and 13 unknown*

Mr. Lamers says that there is a dedicated person for social events in the DEBAT Committee already.

Mr. De Natis asks Mr. Lamers if there is a fixed person for explicitly social events in the DEBAT Committee.

Mr. Lamers confirms. It is the vice-chair.

Mr Buijs makes a point of order if the motion is retracted.

Mr. De Carlos Sol retracts his motion, if the position of organising social activities is included in the title.

Ms. Van Zoelen will take it into consideration.

- Motion 1 is retracted.

Ms. Stuijt reads out the second motion. This is the following:

*De Algemene Ledenvergadering, hier bijeen in Rootz, Den Haag:*

*Proposes to extraordinarily applaud the 42<sup>nd</sup> board for their extraordinary contribution to our most glorious association.*

*Thomas, Jules, Sofia Ketting, Ward.*

Mr Hooft states that he does not agree with this motion. He says the standards of the 42<sup>nd</sup> cannot be met by any other board.

Ms. Drose states that the board is in favour of this motion.

Mr. Bosman thinks that a motion about one board in particular could cause a problem in the future.

Ms. Easton explains that this is not a problem, since there have been other motions about one particular year before.

Mr. Daamen wants to amend the motion to applauding the 42<sup>nd</sup> board and applauding Mr. Bosman.

Mr. Hooft wants to suggest the same motion.

Mr. Bosman thinks the amendment to the motion is inappropriate, since it suggests applauding one member.

- The amendment to the motion was rejected with 6 votes in favour, 19 against, 5 neutral and 8 abstentions.
- Motion 2 is accepted with 21 votes in favour, 0 against, 10 neutral, 9 abstentions.

Ms Stuijt reads out the third motion. This is the following:

*De Algemene Ledenvergadering, hier bijeen in Rootz, Den Haag:*

*Constaterende dat: The Board is supposed to represent the association the best way possible, One of the most important occasions for representation are the Cobo's. There is a clear dress code for Cobo's that prescribes all aspects except the socks, SPIL has very ugly, but yet very pretty merchandise socks.*

*The GA cannot other than to conclude that:*

*The SPIL socks should be a mandatory aspect of the dress code for Cobo's for the board, and that all (future) boards should wear SPIL socks visibly to all Cobo's. If the socks are out of stock, new SPIL will need to be made.*

*En gaat over tot de orde van de dag.*



*Signed,  
The XLIIrd e.t. board of the Study Association of Political Scientists in Leiden, self-proclaimed 'SPILibuster'*

*Annabelle Jung, Robin Buijs, Lara Akande, Elena van der Klok, Anna Gruber, Marvin Lamers, Margot Ammerlaan*

Ms. Easton is asking if the socks would be reordered with or without the white part.

Ms. Jung says that if the socks need to be reordered they do not need to be the exact same.

Mr. Buijs thinks that socks would be a cool addition to the CoBo outfit.

Ms. Easton suggests that in future maybe SPIL 'zweetbandjes' could be created.

Ms. Drose is wondering how this motion would work with open shoes.

Ms. Jung advises not to wear open shoes to a CoBo.

Ms. Easton agrees.

Ms. Ammerlaan states that the socks are of great quality.

Mr. Verhoeff agrees that the socks are amazing and will order new socks if they go out of stock.

Ms. Breed asks if a different kind of sock also counts.

Mr. Buijs denies.

➤ Motion 3 is accepted per acclimation.

Ms. Stuijt reads the letter from the BIL.

Mr. De Natris suggested we should show our strength to the BIL by not drinking.

Ms. Drose states that the board is not in favour of this letter, since it encourages forced drinking and that we do not want to satisfy the BIL.

Ms. Easton reminds Ms. Drose of the fact that the letter is not a motion and that the board can do with it whatever they want.

Mr. Hooft suggests opening the bottle after the GA.

Mr. De Natris wants to move this point to the next GA, since he thinks we should give the BIL a 'minderwaardigheidscomplex'.

### **Round of questions**

Ms. Breed is asking if the CALVV, GA, e.t. XLIInd board and h.t. XLIIIrd board know that she wants to give her koffertje to Ms. Hilhorst to keep all her budgets in.

Mr. Daamen is asking if the Commissioner Internal Relations knows that Berenburcht is very proud of her predecessor and that she has very big footsteps to step into.

Ms. Van Zoelen responds by saying that she is aware of this fact, because she has shoe size 35.

Mr. Bosman is asking what special kind of socks the Commissioner Education and Politics is wearing.

Ms. Togtema explains that she is wearing chicken legs socks.

Mr. Bosman is asking if the CALVV, GA, e.t. XLIInd board and h.t. XLIIIrd board know that he is very proud of both of the boards.

Mr. De Natris is asking if the GA knows that he thinks we should look at our association again and that he is proud of the board.

Ms. Easton is asking if the CALVV, GA, e.t. XLIInd board and h.t. XLIIIrd board know that she enjoyed the GA and hopes that the XLIIIrd board will have a great board year.

Ms. Ammerlaan is asking if the CALVV, GA, e.t. XLIInd board and h.t. XLIIIrd board know that she is sad that the board year is over and that she is proud of her board and the MXLIIIrd board

Mr. Lamers is asking if the CALVV, GA, e.t. XLIInd board and h.t. XLIIIrd board know that he is proud of a lot of people.

Ms. Gruber is asking Mr. Verhoeff on a scale from one to ten how much he likes Albert Heijn bread.

Mr. Verhoeff responds by saying that he does not like Albert Heijn bread that much. He would rate it a five out of ten.

Ms. Gruber is asking if the CALVV, GA, e.t. XLIInd board and h.t. XLIIIrd know that she has a lot of faith in the next board.

Ms. Van der Klok is asking if the CALVV, GA, e.t. XLIInd board and h.t. XLIIIrd board know that she enjoyed the past year and that she is sorry that she was a pain in the ass sometimes.

Ms. Akande is asking if the CALVV, GA, e.t. XLIInd board and h.t. XLIIIrd board know that the statement made by Mr. Verhoeff contradicts the socks he is wearing. She enjoyed the board year and is excited to see what the next board will do.

Mr. Buijs is asking if the CALVV, GA, e.t. XLIInd board and h.t. XLIIIrd board know that he is excited to see the SPIL socks at all the CoBo's. He is sad the board year is over, but is happy with all the memories.

Ms. Jung is asking the XLIIIrd board to name their board in one name.

Ms. Drose reveals the name of the XLIIIrd board is ‘SPILocracy’

Ms. Jung is asking if the CALVV, GA, e.t. XLIIInd board and h.t. XLIIIrd board know that she is happy with everything she has learned and all the memories she made and is excited for the next board.

Mr. Verhoeff is asking if the CALVV, GA, e.t. XLIIInd board and h.t. XLIIIrd board know that he is excited for the year and to bring his costume to every GA.

Ms. Van Zoelen is asking if the CALVV, GA, e.t. XLIIInd board and h.t. XLIIIrd board know that she is thankful and that she will make many memories.

Ms. De Bona is asking if the CALVV, GA, e.t. XLIIInd board and h.t. XLIIIrd board know that she is excited for the year and will take the advice from her predecessor into account.

Ms. Togtema is asking if the CALVV, GA, e.t. XLIIInd board and h.t. XLIIIrd board that she is grateful of the predecessors and that she is excited to expand her funny socks collection.

Ms. Hilhorst is asking if the CALVV, GA, e.t. XLIIInd board and h.t. XLIIIrd board know that she is very excited for the upcoming year.

Ms. Stuijt is asking if the CALVV, GA, e.t. XLIIInd board and h.t. XLIIIrd board know that she is very proud of the previous board and that she is going to miss them a lot.

Ms. Drose is asking if the CALVV, GA, e.t. XLIIInd board and h.t. XLIIIrd board know that she is excited for all the dedicated work within the board and is proud of the board for coming far in such a short time. She is excited to start the SPIL anthem.

### **Discharge of Voting Committee**

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

### **End of meeting**

*After the SPIL-anthem has been sung, the GA Chair closes the assembly.*

## **POLICY PLAN SPILOCRAZY 2023-2024**

### **1. LONG TERM POLICY GOALS**

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

1. 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;1,
  - 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 XLIIIrd board 'SPILocracy' are built.

### **2. ASSOCIATION WIDE POLICY GOALS**

*"SPIL is not a job, it's a lifestyle."* - Noor Stuijt

#### **2.1 Proximity**

Proximity describes a nearness within aspects such as relationships and space. However, proximity stands for so much more within the association. The association's unique identity of containing both Dutch and English studies and being present in two different cities, Leiden and The Hague, opens up a lot of opportunities and advantages, but also poses potential challenges. The XLIIIrd board strives to connect students from all studies and both cities, as well as students from all backgrounds. This nurtures and strengthens the sense of community within the association.

To enhance proximity between all students, the board will be as visible and present as possible at all of its activities and around the university by welcoming new members, approaching them and making everyone feel included at all times. By being present at all three of Leiden University's introduction weeks, the IRO Orientation Day and the association's Freshmen Weekend, the board ensured that students were familiar with the association. Another aspect of this is having the common rooms open, with a board member present, from 10am to 4pm on weekdays. The common rooms have been successfully promoted at Waffle Hour after the Change of Boards GA and through the association's social media accounts.

Moreover, the board has implemented an English-speaking policy, employed at their discretion, to ensure an inclusive environment. This means that the board will speak English during activities. This inclusivity ensures that everyone can join in on interactions, allowing

international students to fully integrate into the association. The boards' goal for this year is to organise events in English whenever feasible. To further inclusiveness, the SPIL anthem will be translated to English and available for everyone on the association's website. This version is not meant to be sung or replace the original one, but rather guarantee an understanding of its content.

The committees are at the working heart of the association. The XLIIIrd board is implementing multiple measures to stimulate closeness among the various committees and its members, such as committee bonding activities. One other initiative is the reworked concept of the Committee Cup whose leaderboard will be updated regularly. This concept motivates participation in activities and guarantees stronger bonds by promoting common attendance at each other's events.

## **2.2 Creativity**

Creativity describes the use of imagination and original ideas to create something. Creativity is a broad term that can come into practice within various aspects of the association. There are multiple committees that stimulate creative working, such as the DEBAT, promotion and yearbook committees. Not only does creativity come into place concerning the process of design, but it is also needed for organising formal events, for example coming up with excursions, or writing articles. The XLIIIrd board wants to put emphasis on the creative processes within the association and leave space for new creative ideas.

Creativity also comes into place on the subject of collaborations. The board ambitions to collaborate with many different associations on formal and informal events. This not only includes associations which have previously been collaborated with, but also those with which contact has been more recently established. The XLIIIrd board thinks that focusing on this creative dimension of the association will lead to the further establishment of the association within the university.

Additionally, the XLIIIrd board wants to give committees as much creative freedom in organising activities as possible. The members are the heart of the association and should decide what activities they want to organise. The board encourages creative thinking and will make room for new ideas. While doing this, the board will keep in mind the traditions of the association.

Furthermore, the topic of sustainability and being mindful of budgetary constraints asks for creative solutions as well. The XLIIIrd board will look for new ways to be more sustainable. A recent example of this is the Waffle Hour. The board asked the members to bring their own cup, so that there would be less wasted paper cups. The XLIIIrd will also reach out to the University's Green Office and StOP to get advice on how the board can make more sustainable decisions for the association.

## **2.3 Development**

Within the association, constant development is omnipresent; this is not only visible through assessment on a large scale, but also on various smaller levels. This development is sparked

inside the association, but is also influenced through outside progressive forces and changing times.

The association gives opportunities for their members to constantly develop in both personal, as well as academic and professional ways. All events compliment the perks of student life and the study of political science. They are partly geared towards showing potential future employment paths as well as discovering and deepening skills to apply to such. In practice, this presents itself in collaborating with other parties to offer workshops and visit places where political scientists are employed.

Serving as a committee member naturally develops one's skillset. To enhance this development, the commissioner, if applicable, will provide their members with access to free training provided by other institutions that compliments the committee member's role. Additionally, chairs, secretaries and treasurers receive practical working-in sessions, as well as check-in sessions, from the respective board members.

The association itself is also an ever changing entity, with one of the main changes being the added IRO study program. As reflected in other pillars, the XLIIIrd board is therefore putting their focus on creating an all-around inclusive association for all members and students. The members of the board are aiming to further participate in workshops and training ensuring safety at activities and being able to best provide for the association. The XLIIIrd board is enthusiastic to collaborate with old and new partners, organisations and associations in the upcoming year. This approach not only opens up students to more diverse experiences, but also increases visibility to potential new members. By broadening the network of parties the association is working with, the board aims to create an inclusive environment and further the association's external promotion.

### **3. PRESIDENT AND COMMISSIONER STAIRS AFFAIRS**

#### **3.1 President**

*"One team, one task!"* - the XLIIIrd board

##### **3.1.1 Internal Affairs**

It is one of the President's primary priorities to ensure that the board runs smoothly and effectively. This forms the essential support and base for a functioning of the association as a whole. Rules agreed on by all board members have been set, which lay out the guidelines for behaviour amongst each other, in personal as well as professional contexts. Consequently, this ensures an open and comfortable environment for everyone's voice to be heard and opinion to be considered. Shall there be any issues with this, the President strives to stimulate honesty and open communication amongst the board to swiftly resolve any arising conflicts; one team, one task. During board meetings there is room to share any issues and struggles, both on a personal and association level, stimulating internal support and understanding of one another. This openness is also characterised in the quarter-yearly priority sessions within the XLIIIrd board,

giving everyone space to evaluate their priorities, create boundaries and work on possible fallacies one could encounter.

Furthermore, the President has held confidential personal talks with each board member before the start of the academic year. These will be repeated after each block and if needed, also in between. The President is always available to reach out and talk to, should someone encounter any struggles, and she shall offer them a listening ear, comfort and advice. If wanted, these things can then be talked about with the other board members, letting them know as little or as much information as wished for. Additionally, the President is always open for constructive feedback on her work within and for the board.

The XLIIIrd board has greatly bonded during the past few months, with the highlight being its long policy weekend in Hengelo at the end of August. In order to continue with this, the President aims to regularly organise non-association related bonding activities with the board throughout the upcoming year.

### **3.1.2 External representation**

As the association's face, the President represents it in multiple ways and in several organs. Firstly, she is part of the board of the Platform for Political Scientists (PvP). Secondly, the President joins the Association Deliberations (Verenigingen Overleg - VerO) both by the Faculty of Social Science in Leiden and one in The Hague, which includes associations from multiple faculties. Furthermore, she takes a seat at the Big Association Deliberation (Grote Verenigingen Overleg - GroVer). Lastly, she will participate in the General Meetings and Assemblies of the Study Association Deliberation Platform (Studieverenigingen Overleg Platform - StOP), in which she will be a member of its newly created Interfaculty Gala Committee.

All of these meetings give opportunities to connect with other (study) associations to share one's experience and get advice should struggles arise, while granting insight into great possibilities to take part in and working on providing students with the best university experience. The President's goal is to greatly bond and get in active contact with as many associations as possible, while focusing on hallway and sister associations.

As included in the general policy, another aspect of external representation is being in active discourse with the association's members at and outside of activities. This allows the board to get to know them and gain insight in order to develop possible ways to improve. However, the President will also network with prospective members outside of the association to increase visibility and connect with them.

In addition, having great contact with the university is highly valuable. Therefore, the President will regularly visit the study advisors in their offices to get support whenever needed. The President will share with them the association's upcoming events to be promoted amongst students, and in return hear about possible happenings to participate in and contribute to, as well as current struggles within the student body. Notably, this relation is not limited to specific

actors, but rather expresses the general attitude the President strives to always encompass when interacting with university personnel. For the entire XLIIIrd, and prominently the President, this goal extends to outside parties, especially during the association's activities and while being in contact with its partners.

### **3.1.3 Platform for Political Scientists**

As it is tradition, the association is part of the Platform for Political Scientists this year as well, which consists of four political science study associations from The Netherlands; the other three are EOS (Free University of Amsterdam), Ismus (Radboud University) and Machiavelli (University of Amsterdam). This platform forms its own board in which a board member of each of the associations holds a position. The President will serve as its Treasurer this year. The PvP organises the annual one-day PiP-Congress (Politics in Perspective), overseen by its own commissioner. The locations for this event rotate with it being Amsterdam's turn to host it in 2023/2024. The board of the PvP aims to meet in Utrecht once a month in order to plan the upcoming event and connect with each other. This provides valuable insight into other associations and their board work, and additionally strengthens the relationships between SPIL and its sister associations.

### **3.1.4 Other activities**

To make all committee chairs familiar and comfortable with their tasks and have the committees function to their fullest potential, the President will hold a work-in session with them at the beginning of the academic year. In order to further support the chairs, she will hold a second meeting with the chairs after the first semester to stimulate discourse between each other and reflect on difficulties they have experienced. The President believes that honest and open communication between the chair and their commissioner, as well as within the committee, is of crucial importance.

The members of the XLIIIrd board aim to organise a Committee Bonding Activity throughout the year as well as a Committee Thank You Day at its end. Besides the commissioners and chairs stimulating bonding within their committees themselves, these will allow the committees to bond amongst each other and see the appreciation the association has for them.

Continuing the efforts of the XLIIInd board to establish the system of Confidential Contact Persons (CCP), the President will strive to promote and develop this, as she believes this to be an important addition to the association. Furthermore, she will search out the university and other associations' experiences to look into implementing a possible warning and sanctioning system for the association.

Reflected in one of the main pillars, the association is striving to host collaborative events with different associations this year. As a start, a SPILxCIROS Prinsjesdag borrel has been organised.

### **3.1.5 Dress code**

The dress code of the association has been a point of discussion for several years now. This



once again came to light during the Change of Boards GA on the 14th of September. Most of the suggestions the boards have received during the past years have been with regard to the confusion between formal and business-casual and the need to wear the dress code during some events. This confusion is especially present during trips. The board has received feedback that the dress code is unclear and not well enforced during the trips. Participants felt that they were sometimes overdressed and that the dress code was not necessary on some occasions, as well as the dress code at times not being appropriate for the climate of the destination country.

The XLIIIrd board appreciates the input of the members and their honesty concerning the dress code. The board also thinks that the dress code is important to create unity and give a good and professional impression to the institutions and organisations the association visits. That is why the board would like to modify the dress code and put policy in place to enforce the dress code more efficiently.

First of all, the board would like to tackle the confusion between formal and business-casual. The board agrees with the fact that the difference between formal and business-casual is very slim. Specifically, formal is a complete suit and business casual is a suit without the jacket. To combat confusion between the two, the business-casual definition will be less strict. Currently the business-casual dress code goes as follows:

*A business-casual dress code means that you wear trousers, neat pants or a representable skirt that are plain coloured (no stripes or checks) and without frays or gaps, possibly with a suit jacket. You wear this together with a white or light blue shirt tucked into your pants, neat shoes (no sneakers) and a SPIL tie/bow tie pin. An appropriate dress is allowed as well.*

The board will change it into:

*A business-casual dress code means that you wear trousers, neat pants or a representable skirt in neutral colours and without frays or gaps, possibly with a suit jacket. You wear this together with a dress shirt or blouse in neutral colours and neat shoes (no sneakers). An appropriate dress is allowed as well.*

Second of all, the board wants to make the dress code completely gender neutral. The XLIInd board already made changes in making the dress code gender neutral. But the word ‘womens’ is still in the guidelines. The board wants to make the dress code completely gender neutral by removing this word.

Additionally, the board will add a sentence at the end of the dress code page on the website that says: *the dress code is at the discretion of the committee and the board. This means that the relevant committee and the board can make final decisions on specific cases at the moment itself.*

Furthermore, the board wishes to address the enforcement of the dress code, as this is very important to avoid confusion and to ensure the good image of the association during trips and events. That is why the board will install a designated dress code manager during trips and events. This dress code manager will point out the dress code to members that are not following the guidelines correctly. Participants will be potentially asked to adjust their outfit if it is not in line with the dress code.

The dress code manager will be added to the readers of trips, including their contact details. This gives members the opportunity to reach out to the dress code manager if they have any questions regarding the dress code. Pictures of examples of outfits in line with the dress code will also be added to the readers and the website. This will clarify the dress code and help avoid situations in which participants have not correctly packed for a trip. It goes without saying that the board and committee will always give the right example of the dress code to members.

### **3.2 Commissioner Stairs Affairs**

*“Stairs Affairs event?”* - Fince van Kampen at the Egyptian pyramids

#### **3.2.1 General**

The Stairs Affairs Committee is a collaboration with B.I.L., the public administration study association in The Hague. Hence, three members from each association will fill in the positions of chair, vice-chair, secretary, treasurer, and general members. Together with Zinah EL Sayed, B.I.L.’s Commissioner of External Affairs, the President oversees this committee as commissioner. While the committee was started as a project with Leiden University at Wijnhaven a couple of years ago, this has proven itself to be not as fruitful and enriching as previously envisioned. As a consequence, the two Commissioners will reevaluate whether to continue this relationship or to proceed independently of such. In light of this, they will meet with the university’s contact person to discuss eventual improvements for further collaborations between the university and Stairs Affairs to assess its potential. Nevertheless, the President is highly enthusiastic to be the Commissioner of this committee, because she sees the great value it holds for both study associations and its members, as well as other students interested in current affairs. Furthermore, she is looking forward to actively working together with B.I.L., to personally stimulate a great bond between the two associations/boards and build a platform for further collaborations.

#### **3.2.2 Events**

The Stairs Affairs Committee aims to organise two to three events this year. This year the Commissioner strives to continue last year’s success, with the first event being set by the previous year’s committee members, covering the upcoming parliamentary elections in The Netherlands on November 22nd. Once the committee starts working, it will decide on the exact format of this event. As for the other events, it is in the hands of the committee to choose topics and guests to create their own interview and panel concepts. In addition, due to the young age of the committee, it is relatively flexible, such as in terms of the events’ format, opening up committee members to creative input and the trial of new concepts. Another novelty this year is that, if possible, all events will be held in English. The Commissioner believes that this will

result in a higher attendance turnout due to its language inclusivity appealing to both IRO students and the rest of the student body at Wijnhaven, which is mostly international.

### **3.2.3 The Committee**

This is one of the first times in which the committee has international, non-Dutch-speaking members, with one of the Commissioners being from Germany herself. This facilitates the diversity of perspectives when it comes to concepts and the ideas for possible speakers, providing an all angles approach. However, this mix in backgrounds could also open up potential for issues, making the Commissioner put extra emphasis on the committee's organisation of bonding activities amongst themselves and creating a comfortable and open work environment. During the past years, roles of information researchers and interviewers during the day of the event were clearly divided. This resulted in the workload not being equally distributed due to interviewers having to do their own research in light of question development and researchers being not as involved in the event itself. Drawing on that experience, the committee will pilot incorporating a more fluid division of tasks regarding the research and interview portion.

## **4. SECRETARY AND COMMISSIONER INTRODUCTION**

### **4.1 Secretary**

*"I knew exactly what to do, but in a more real sense I had no idea what to do."* - Robin Buijs, former Secretary of SPIL

#### **4.1.1 Membership account**

The Secretary strives, as always, to keep the membership account up to date. She will try to put new members into the membership account on a weekly basis, so members will receive official communication as soon as possible after they have signed up. The data in the membership account will be handled with full confidentiality in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation (Regulation (EU) 2016/679). The Secretary did not attend a training session about Conscribo, since her predecessor taught her everything she needed to know.

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

#### **4.1.2 Newsletter**

The Secretary will send out the online newsletter on every first Monday of the month. She will uphold the principle of 'Dutch follows English'. The Secretary will keep the changes her predecessor made, such as the banner, experience of the members and quotes of the month. She will also keep looking for ways to innovate the newsletter and make it more appealing to members. This includes making the newsletter a platform where members can reach out to other members, such as through the posting of housing ads or general questions.

#### **4.1.3 Reunionists**

The reunionists newsletter will be sent out three times a year. In November, February and June. The Secretary will have regular talks with the Commissioner Internal Relations about the current state of DEBAT to keep the reunionists updated.

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

#### **4.1.4 Alumni**

The Secretary aims to organise an alumni event. She will reach out to the Institute and Faculty to see whether they are organising an alumni event. If so, the Secretary will ask to collaborate on the event. Furthermore, the Secretary will also do research among the association's alumni members, to see what kind of event they would like to attend.

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

#### **4.1.5 General Assemblies**

It has come to the Secretary's attention that General Assemblies (GAs) are not very popular among the members and that reaching the quorum has been a difficulty, despite the fact that it is one of the most important events of the association. The Secretary will try her best to make the GAs as appealing as possible.

First of all, to increase the active participation of all members, the Secretary thinks that a better understanding of what a GA is and how it works will help with engaging the members more in the conversation. This is especially important for first-year students, or other students who are new to the association. The Secretary will increase the understanding of a GA by giving a small summary of what a GA is and by introducing the people who have a crucial role in the GA. By ensuring that all members know what is being discussed, the Secretary believes that members will be more likely to stay invested throughout the entire GA. In practice this means that the Chair of the GA (CALVV) will give a short explanation at the beginning of the GA and with every new agenda point. The CALVV will also step in to give an explanation on topics that might need clarification for new members.

Other than explaining the GA, a fitting location is crucial for success. The Secretary will strive to have all GAs in a bar or cafe, provided there is enough space, so there can be a borrel afterwards. This location should also be reachable by public transport. There will be a 50/50 balance between Leiden and The Hague. The Secretary will add an official walk in time to the invitation so the members have time to settle down and talk to each other and the board.

The correct promotion of GAs is key for the number of attendees. Next to the usual promotional post on instagram and the invitations via email, the Secretary will work in close relation with the Commissioner External Relations on creating explanatory videos for TikTok and Instagram Reels. The videos will contain photos and videos of the previous GAs and explanations on what will happen during the upcoming GA. The Secretary and Commissioner External Relations think that having a visual of what a GA looks like, will attract more attendees and make the GA

less intimidating.

The input of active members of the association is of great value to the GA. Therefore, committee members are expected to be present at the GAs

The Secretary strives to send the documents three weeks in advance to the Advisory Board, and two weeks in advance to the members. Members can ask questions and make comments in both English and Dutch. These will be put in the minutes in their original language, with a translation accompanying Dutch statements. During the GA, Dutch comments will be translated by the CALVV before the XLIIIrd board responds. Because of sustainability and financial reasons there will be no physical GA booklets, instead there will be a QR code to scan at the entrance.

#### **4.1.6 Former boards borrel**

The Secretary is appreciative of the work the former board members have done for the association and the supportive role they play for the current board. To thank the former board members for their efforts and the success of last year's Former Boards Borrel, the Secretary will organise a Former Boards Borrel again this year. To make sure that as many former board members can attend, she will organise it on a Friday. The Secretary aims to announce the date of this borrel at least one month in advance.

### **4.2 Commissioner Introduction**

*“Welcome to SPIL!”* - the XLIIIrd board of SPIL

#### **4.2.1 General**

The introduction period is crucial for the first year students, but the period after is just as important. The Introduction Committee will organise several activities during the year, with as its highlight the Friends and Family Days and of course the Freshmen Weekend. The committee will not only focus on social activities to get to know each other, but also on activities to support students with their university life in The Netherlands, for example study groups.

#### **4.2.2 Study Groups**

The study groups are an important part of the Introduction Committee. Very few members attended the study groups that were organised in the last couple of years. This year the Commissioner plans on innovation and improving the study groups. She is working on this with the committee. The committee plans on making the study groups more appealing by providing documents helpful with studying and keeping the students focussed with snacks. The committee will also do research on why study groups are not well attended.

#### **4.2.3 Freshmen Weekend**

Because of its success last year, the Freshmen Weekend will again be organised between the end of ELCID and HOP Week and the beginning of the academic year. The Commissioner thinks this is the best timing, because most students will be in the Netherlands. This timing also creates the opportunity to promote the Freshmen Weekend during the introduction weeks. The Commissioner will reach out to the Overlap Committee of StOP to check if the timing is not

overlapping with student associations' introduction weeks. The Commissioner will give the freedom to the committee to organise the Freshmen Weekend, but she will keep activities in mind, such as the scavenger hunt and the 'drugs game', since they were received well among the participants in the last two years.

#### **4.2.4 Committee**

The Introduction Committee focuses on welcoming Freshmen students to student life. The committee consists of four members. The Commissioner is happy with the committee.

The applications for the Introduction Committee will open again at the beginning of the second semester. In this way the committee will run from February until December and will be able to organise many activities in the beginning of the academic year. This also means the Commissioner has the opportunity to expand the committee.

### **5. TREASURER & COMMISSIONER DIES**

#### **5.1 Treasurer**

*"We've got some money for some, uh . . . things."* - Jens Mekking, Treasurer of StOP

##### **5.1.1 Budget**

Due to the efforts of the Treasurer of the XLIIInd Board, the h.t. Treasurer has enjoyed the pleasure of more flexibility in creating the budget for the upcoming year. The increase of €3.400,- euros in General Contribution from the Institute will make a considerable difference in the spending capacity of the association for the upcoming year. The Treasurer has put her efforts towards distributing extra income across the committees that experienced difficulty during the previous year in upholding a good standard of activities with the budget that was allocated to them. Thus, committees such as Masters and Yearbook have seen an increase in budget. In addition, more budget has been made available for Board Activities. Such activities include Waffle Hour and 'Schoentje zetten' and are intended to offer members an accessible way to meet each other through smaller-scale activities, in both Leiden and The Hague.

The XLIIInd Board has kindly created a reserve of €177,04, to be used by the XLIIIrd Board for the purpose of getting the Committee Cup back up and running. The Committee Cup is a great tradition which encourages bonding among and within committees, and the reserve will thus be used for this purpose.

Due to inflation, the participant contribution for the Brussels Trip was raised to €60,- last year. However, the Commissioner of Global Relations has once again run into budgeting issues with regards to the Brussels Trip, due to increases in gas and public transport prices. Thus, the participant contribution has again been raised, to €65,- per person. To avoid putting all expenses on participants, €200,- in contribution by the association has been made available as well. This will be sufficient for the trip to be successful and enjoyable.

### **5.1.2 Socie App**

The Commissioner of External Relations has made it his aim to create a new platform for the members to interact with each other and the association. Toward this end, the Treasurer has made funding available for the licensing of a SPIL app through Socie. The Treasurer and the XLIIIrd board are excited to see this project improve the experience of members.

### **5.1.3 Book sale**

The debt owed by Studystore is still outstanding, despite the XLIIInd board's Treasurer and Commissioner Education and Politics' many attempts at contacting the company. However, the Institute has kindly agreed to contribute €2.200,- to compensate for the loss of income due to the bankruptcy of Studystore. This news is especially welcome in light of the results from the book sale through Index Books, which were significantly lower than budgeted for. The Treasurer hopes that the damage caused by Studystore to the trust of members in the book sale will be repaired in the upcoming year. The Treasurer is aware that the competition created through the CIROS book sale also plays a role in this trend of lower book sale results. The Treasurer and the Commissioner of Education and Politics are working together to find ways to increase trust among members, and are nonetheless confident that the booksale will get back on track this year.

## **5.2 Commissioner Dies**

*"It's not like we're organising a birthday party"* - Sjors de Natris, chair of the Dies Committee

### **5.2.1 General**

The Dies Committee is responsible for organising the Dies Week, during which the birthday of the association is celebrated. The committee started their work in July, in order to start reaching out to candidate guest lecturers as early as possible. The Committee have found themselves ahead of schedule and with plenty of time to organise a great Dies Week. The Commissioner is intent on granting the committee as much freedom as possible in the planning of activities. The exception to this is the Dies Lecture, which, due to its far history, the Commissioner believes to be an integral part of the Dies Week.

### **5.2.2 Activities**

The Commissioner has given her committee the freedom to organise activities they find suitable for the Dies Week. The committee has thus chosen not to organise the Beer Cantus. The Commissioner realises the cantus is an activity which is well enjoyed by some members, and has thus made an agreement with the Commissioner of Internal Relations to have the cantus be organised later in the year by the Festive Committee.

The Dies Week will open on Monday with the opening of the common rooms of both The Hague and Leiden to all members for a free cup of hot chocolate, to get into the spirit of the week ahead. Throughout the rest of the week, there will be a variety of fun activities, including some activities that are new compared to the previous years. This year, the committee has chosen to have the Dies week revolve around a theme. The Dies Lecture and all the other activities will thus connect to a theme, relevant to political science. The theme, as well as the

full schedule, will be revealed by the committee at a later date.

### **5.2.3 Committee**

The committee consists of five enthusiastic members. It was a goal of the Commissioner to ensure the committee would include a variety of students, to ensure different perspectives on what defines the association and what should thus be included in the week that celebrates it. The Commissioner is happy to say the committee includes first-, second-, and third year students, as well as students studying in both Leiden and The Hague and a mix of international and Dutch students.

The sign-ups for the committee opened in May. Due to a lack of sign-ups, the committee was formed in July. The Commissioner and the board believe this recurring lack of sign-ups is due to students not being occupied with joining committees during the end of the academic year. Therefore, the sign-ups for the 2024 Dies Committee will open in February of this academic year. This committee will be overseen by the h.t. Commissioner, before it is taken over by the f.t. Commissioner in the summer. Besides encouraging sign ups, this change will also allow the committee to start looking for a guest speaker for the Dies Lecture much earlier, while still leaving much of the schedule undecided until the new Commissioner steps in with their own input. The Commissioner hopes this will grant the future committee and Commissioner a smoother start.

The Commissioner is very excited to continue working with the committee toward the Dies week, and see the committee's plans come to fruition.

## **6. COMMISSIONER EDUCATION AND POLITICS**

*"Education is the most powerful weapon you can use to change the world"* - Nelson Mandela

### **6.1 Education Committee**

The Education Committee is responsible for organising formal activities taking place within the university as well as evaluating the bachelor courses. However, to avoid an overlap with the Programme Committee, the Commissioner wants to use the Education Committee as a tool to get feedback from different students in an informal but continuous way. Unlike the Programme Committee, the Education Committee would rely on direct contact with students to get feedback.

As for the organising of formal activities, the Commissioner will keep the traditional Boat Lecture and Career Night. For other educational events, the Commissioner aims to organise various activities of various nature, such as workshops, lectures and panel discussions. Last year's strategy to base events on current news was very successful. For this reason, the Commissioner will continue this. Collaborations with other study associations will also be encouraged when adequate.

Since Dutch and European elections will be held this year, the Commissioner wants to organise



some Education events around this. However, since Stairs Affairs will already do something on this topic, as well as the “Leidsch Debat” committee of StOP, the Commissioner will work on other ways to approach these opportunities. Currently, the committee is working on a “Dutch elections crash-course” that will be done in collaboration with Leiden United. The goal is to explain to international students how the Dutch political and election system work. The Commissioner finds it important that international students understand the political sphere of the country they live in and believes that SPIL could play a very important role in this.

The committee consists of six members.

## **6.2 Excursions Committee**

The Excursions Committee organises formal visits to politically relevant institutions. The committee consists of six members.

The Commissioner will encourage excursions that are both relevant to international students interested in internationally oriented organisations, and to Dutch students interested in national affairs. Visiting the Parliament, different ministries, international courts and research institutes will be encouraged, as well as different companies which employ political scientists.

Current news will be kept in mind when organising excursions. The committee is currently working on organising a visit to the Polish embassy with focus on their role in the Ukrainian-Russian trial at the ICJ. The Commissioner believes that this makes excursions more attractive and will also give students new perspectives on ongoing political events.

## **6.3 Masters Activities**

The objective of the Masters Committee is to organise activities especially for masters students so they can better get involved within the association and the university. The committee is responsible for masters tracks taking place in both Leiden and the Hague. Similar to last year, activities organised by the committee will be open to bachelor students. However, the priority is masters students and the Commissioner wants to make sure activities take place when they better fit their academic schedule.

This year, the Commissioner wants to increase the amount of social activities directed especially at masters students. Upon talking with these students, a general complaint was that there are not enough opportunities for masters students to socialise in a SPIL context. Even though professional/educational activities were sponsored by Career Services and Study Advisers, social activities do not get such funding. For this reason, the Commissioner has been in contact with the Treasurer and more funding has been allocated to the Masters Activities Committee.

Unfortunately, forming a committee was very hard and only four students applied. Even though both the Commissioner and the previous chair of the committee were present at introductory activities for masters students and enthusiastically advertised the association, there seems to be a lack of engagement by master students. The commissioner is working hard with the committee

to brainstorm ways of bringing more master students into SPIL. The committee has already organised a first activity that will hopefully help better connect with students.

This year sign-ups will again open twice for the Masters Committee, but members will have the option to remain a part of the committee for a full year.

#### **6.4 Book sale**

The current book supplier is INDEX Books. Even though last year's book sale was not very fruitful, the Commissioner is confident that it will soon increase. The fourth block had a better sale outcome than the third block. This could indicate a growing trust for the book sale. This year, the Commissioner will continue to advertise the book sale through social media and ask professors to advertise it as well during their lectures.

Despite a competing book sale by CIROS and a harsh start the previous year, the Commissioner has noticed that a lot of students are interested in the book sale. This includes masters students. For this reason, the Commissioner will extend the book sale to these students.

The partnership and communication with INDEX books has been successful and the Commissioner wants to make sure it keeps running smoothly. To achieve this, she will seek regular contact with INDEX books as well as with other associations and get insights on their experience.

#### **6.5 Programme Committee**

The Commissioner applied for the Bachelor's Programme Committee. Since there were not enough applications to hold elections, a place was automatically granted to her. As advised by her predecessor, the Commissioner intends to promote the Programme Committee so that more students are aware of its importance and will hopefully give more feedback. This will be followed by an effort to organise feedback sessions both by the Programme Committee and the Education Committee.

The Commissioner is aware that balancing the programme between Leiden and the Hague was appointed by the Visitation Committee as the biggest challenge the Institute is facing. Since the Commissioner has not previously taken a seat on the Programme Committee, she finds it important to first understand the current situation and get all the necessary information and only then try to work on a solution.

#### **6.6 FLO**

This year the Faculty Career Orientation Days (FLO) will keep the same structure as last year. The FLO-Committee will consist of members delegated from Emile, Itiwana, Labyrinth, SPIL and a student assistant of the Career Service FSW.

The Commissioner has already found a representative for SPIL. To avoid the communication issues that took place last year, the Commissioner has agreed to have regular meetings with the representative to be updated on all the developments concerning FLO. The Commissioner will

also try to regularly contact the student assistant as well as the hallway associations that take part in FLO. This will hopefully allow for a good overview of the activities of the FLO-Committee.

## **7. COMMISSIONER GLOBAL RELATIONS**

*“The traveller sees what he sees. The tourist sees what he has come to see.”* - G.K. Chesterton

The main task of the Commissioner of Global Relations is holding responsibility for planning and supervising the Brussels Trip, Short Trip, Long Trip and Congress. The Commissioner will ensure that the association wide policy goals will be kept in mind while planning the trips.

Further, the Commissioner will make sure to create a safe and welcoming environment for members before and during the trip. For this purpose, the Commissioner will continue to appoint at least one committee member and one board member as trust person during each trip, ensuring that all participants have someone to turn to if anything arises. The Commissioner will make sure to create an explicit agreement with the chosen committee and board member to ensure that the tasks for the trust person are clear. To further enhance the feeling of proximity, the Commissioner, together with the committees, strive to organise more bonding activities during the trips.

Furthermore, the Commissioner's personal objective is to plan at least one event that will involve the local community to share each one's experience with one another (e.g. university students, regional NGOs, youth associations,...). By doing this, the Commissioner aims to develop the association's network and relations internationally.

When possible, the Commissioner will also research more environmentally friendly options for organising the visits, along with raising awareness of the issue within the country.

Given the emphasis on formal events, the dress code will be strictly set and published before the trips. By emphasising its importance and publishing the dress code well in advance, participants will be able to prepare accordingly. An appointed board member will be responsible for making sure that every participant complies with the dress code. This “dress code manager” will be supported by the committee.

### **7.1 Brussels Trip**

The task of the Brussels Committee is to organise the Brussels Trip. The committee was formed at the beginning of June, and consists of four members. The Commissioner, together with the committee, aimed at planning activities focussing on the variety of the political and institutional spectrum interacting in Brussels. In addition to meetings with major international organisations and European institutions, the committee strives to organise meetings with other relevant actors such as non-governmental institutions. Thanks to the hard work of the committee, the fixed program has been set in the middle of September.

The Brussels Trip will take place on the 20th and 21st of November 2023. The transportation to Brussels will be organised in the form of a private bus. Due to inflation, leading to higher prices of gas, public transport, and accommodation, the participation fee has been set to be higher than the previous year at €65,-. Moreover, contribution from the association has been allocated for the Brussels Trip. Registration was opened at 12 a.m., on the 7th of October on the website. Students could register based on ‘first come, first serve’ and secure their spot by paying the participation fee until the 15th of October. The number of participants will be 50, including 4 board members and 4 committee members. Therefore 42 members will be able to join.

Due to the financial and logistical difficulties encountered by the committee previously, the Brussels committee will open in February instead of May this year.

## **7.2 Short Trip**

The task of the Short Trip Committee is to plan a week-long educational trip to somewhere in Europe. The committee was created in the beginning of September and consists of six members. The Short Trip will approximately take place between the 27th of January and the 4th of February, however the exact schedule and participation fee will be announced later. The destination will be announced on the 5th of October during the traditional reveal borrel. When choosing the destination, the following criteria must be met:

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

Members who intend to join the trip will be able to hand in their motivation letter from the 30th of October to the 3rd of November in the common rooms both in Leiden and The Hague. The cover letters are required to be handed in physically either in a hand-written or in printed format. The cover letters must include the participant’s motivation to join the journey, their contribution to improve the trip and their justification on why they think the destination is politically relevant, as well as two suggested activities. The word count must not exceed 400 words. The letters will be anonymised by fellow board members and checked by one or two previous board members and one or two employees of the Institute of Political Science for a total of three people assessing the motivation letters. The students scoring the highest on the point system will be able to join the trip. The number of participants will be 40, including 7 board members and 6 committee members. Therefore, 27 members will be able to join.

## **7.3 Long Trip**

The task of the Long Trip Committee is to plan a two-week long educational trip outside of Europe. The committee was formed in the beginning of September and consists of seven members. The board decided to form the Long Trip committee earlier than previous years due to the steep rise in travel costs over the last years. This way, the Commissioner hopes to get lower prices, especially for flights. The Long Trip will last around 14 days and will

approximately take place between June 24th and July 14th, however, the exact schedule and participation fee will be decided later. The criteria used for the Short Trip will also be used when choosing the destination for the Long Trip.

Members who intend to join the trip will be able to hand their motivation in around the beginning of March, in the common rooms both in Leiden and The Hague. The Long Trip application will take the same form as the Short Trip application. The number of participants will be 35, including 7 board members and 7 committee members, therefore 21 members will be able to join.

### **7.3.1 Destination**

The Commissioner, together with the Long Trip Committee, will choose the destination of the Long Trip. The Commissioner aims to set the destination before the start of November, taking into consideration the same criteria as for the Short trip.

### **7.4 Congress**

Originally, the task of the Congress Committee was to organise a trip to visit a conference. However, the Commissioner and the Congress Committee looked at options for congresses abroad together and came to the conclusion that the costs of travel are too high. Because the association already has four trips planned per year (Brussels Trip, Short Trip, SPIL-Weekend and Long Trip), it came to the attention of the Commissioner that an additional trip might be difficult to financially assume for members. Additionally, the Commissioner believes that organising our own congress might result in a low turnout from members due to the large variety of congresses already organised by the association or similar associations.

Due to the uncertainties cited above, the Commissioner decided to advise the committee to remodel the goals of the Congress Committee. Several brainstorming sessions have already been held and the committee aspires to create a new event which emphasises the collaboration with other associations and which is open to all students, young graduates and professionals. An evaluation of the goals and results of the Congress Committee will be held at the end of the year. The committee was created in the beginning of September and consists of five members. The Congress will be held during the second semester, but further decisions will follow soon.

### **7.5 Committees**

The Commissioner aims to ensure that all committee members have room for professional and personal development. The Commissioner will give as much freedom and responsibility to the committees as possible, while still overseeing and guiding them. In light of this, the decision on the destination and its programme will be mostly taken by the committee with the supervision of the Commissioner. The Commissioner will also make sure that during the trips, committee members are responsible and approachable for participants. To reach this result, the Commissioner has given particular attention to the training of her chairs and committees. Additionally, together with the committees, the Commissioner will ensure that an evaluation of the trips is made properly, and lessons are learned and material passed to the future committees and f.t. Commissioner Global Relations.

## **8. COMMISSIONER INTERNAL RELATIONS AND FESTIVITIES**

### **8.1 Commissioner Internal Relations**

*“Marvin, how long does it take to make a DEBAT?” - Noor Stuijt*

*“About an hour.” - Sem van der Voort*

#### **8.1.1 DEBAT**

The DEBAT Committee gives students the opportunity to work for a semi-scientific political magazine. Within the committee students can develop their journalistic and academic writing skills, as well as their creative and editorial skills. Furthermore, it allows students to be well informed about current political debates and developments. As in former years, the goal is to publish four print edition magazines in November, February, April and June. Additionally, the committee aims to publish both English and Dutch articles on the DEBAT online website once a week. Moreover, the committee will attempt to start up the DEBAT podcast again this year.

##### **8.1.1.1 Main Goal**

The DEBAT Committee intends to publish semi-scientific articles for the largest possible audience, and in particular for as many SPIL members as possible. The semi-scientific nature of DEBAT is expressed through the uses of academic and non-academic sources, as well as the different kinds of articles. These range from opinion articles to essays. By writing all different types of articles, students will develop themselves both on a personal and a professional level, in line with the association’s pillar of Development

##### **8.1.1.2 Committee**

Like the past four years, the DEBAT Committee will be led by an appointed chair, who will also be editor in chief. The chair and the Commissioner will be in close contact. Additionally, there will be an appointed vice-chair who assists the chair in their tasks and responsibilities. Moreover, the vice-chair will be in charge of the committee’s bonding activities. The secretary is responsible for making the minutes during committee meetings and for managing the website. Besides that, the secretary is the multimedia editor, which entails that they are in charge of DEBAT’s social media (LinkedIn, X, etc.).

Similar to last year, the committee will also have a head of design. This person will be in charge of the graphical aspect of DEBAT. Having one designated person direct the creative part makes the committee more organised. Since the head of design will be someone with experience, it will give the subcommittee the opportunity to develop their designing skills. The four people filling these positions are all part of the executive board of DEBAT. Additionally, there is an editorial board. This year it will consist of eight members which include the chair, vice-chair, secretary and five editors. The board consists of a mix of two first-years, four second-years, and two third-years students. Furthermore, three members of the editorial board are able to edit both English and Dutch articles.

Each writer, which includes the writers for the physical magazine as well as the online team, will be paired with someone from the editorial board. This is because every article has to be

checked before it is published. The editors will provide feedback to their writers in terms of language, structure and content. To guarantee the quality of the articles, every piece needs to be peer-reviewed before it is published.

The entire DEBAT Committee this year consists of 37 members. To make sure that there are enough writers for both the physical magazine and the online website, the Commissioner and chair have made a division between these writers according to their own preferences as expressed during their interviews. However, it is possible for writers to switch throughout the year when either needed or wished for after discussing it with the chair or the Commissioner.

The Commissioner aims to be as inclusive as possible, and therefore publish articles both in English and Dutch. The past years have however shown that this is difficult to achieve. To try and realise this goal, Dutch writers are asked to write their piece in both languages. Furthermore, there will be a team of Dutch translators to translate as many articles as possible from English to Dutch.

It is the responsibility of the chair to achieve the desired results, and they can do so as they see fit. The Commissioner does however think that the general committee meetings before each printed edition are necessary and has informed the chair about the continuation of these meetings. This is not just of value for the structure of DEBAT, but also for the bonding of the committee itself.

Similar to last year, the meetings will take place in person. The Commissioner is aware of the difficulties DEBAT has had the past couple of years when it comes to bonding. Therefore, the Commissioner and the vice-chair have started organising social events right from the start, so committee members immediately get to know one another. This will hopefully encourage them to keep showing up throughout the academic year. On top of that, the Commissioner and the executive board will facilitate a place where writers can work on their articles together, like they are in an office. In this way the committee members can write their own articles, while having other members within reach to give them immediate feedback.

Lastly, the Commissioner strives to also make the DEBAT committee feel like they are part of the association. The Commissioner will update the committee on which events will take place within the association and encourage the committee members to attend some together. In addition, the physical DEBAT magazines will be revealed during a borrel, as was the case last year. This will help the DEBAT members to also engage with members of the association outside of their own committee.

### **8.1.1.3 Content and Design**

When it comes to the specifics of the content and design of the physical magazine, this is up to the chair and the committee. It is important that everything that is being published is scientifically and/or politically relevant. There should also be enough diversity when it comes to topics and views. As long as these requirements are met, the Commissioner will not object to any choices made by the committee without good reason. The theme of the printed magazine

is democratically chosen by the committee. It is however the task of the Commissioner and executive board to broaden these themes if necessary.

The columns will largely stay the same this year, as it is important to keep the scientific column Political Science Worldwide. The names of the columns of this year will be the Editorial column, Why Political Science Matters (review), the Profile, Political Science Worldwide, Women in Thought and Research at Leiden.

For the printed version, the Commissioner aims to have 70% English and 30% Dutch articles. As in previous years, the language requirements will remain British English for English articles and general Dutch standards will apply to the Dutch articles.

The Commissioner is rather content with the design and lay-out decisions that were made in the past couple of years and wishes to continue in said direction. New ideas are always welcome, however she will not actively enforce any large scale changes. The Commissioner will continue with having a design team, as was done in the previous year. She thinks it is of importance that the designing is done by people who are enthusiastic about it.

#### **8.1.1.4 DEBAT sending and pick up**

As of last year, people could choose to sign up in order to get a DEBAT delivered to their house. All reunionists, who pay for the magazine only, will have a DEBAT delivered to them without signing up. The Commissioner will make sure that her predecessors will also receive a physical DEBAT. The other DEBATs can be picked up in the common room at any moment. The Commissioner will continue with this system. Members can register for the sign up list during any moment of the year. They will be on the list up until the end of the academic year, unless they decide to sign out. The sign up list will be promoted two weeks before the release of a new printed DEBAT by the Commissioner External Relations. At the beginning of the new academic year, the people on the sign up list will receive an email from the Commissioner External Relations to sign up again.

The previous year has shown that around 250 out of the 500 DEBATs printed were actually being distributed. Hence, the Commissioner has decided, taking sustainability into account, to print 400 DEBATs of each edition this year. The remaining copies can be used during open days or will be distributed at other university buildings if possible.

#### **8.1.1.5 DEBAT Online**

The website is crucial when it comes to reaching a larger audience. In addition, it also gives the writers more freedom in terms of topics, as they are not bound to a specific theme. To make the website even more accessible, the aim is to publish one article per week in both English and Dutch. To increase the exposure of DEBAT online, the Commissioner will make use of social media platforms (such as Instagram, X and LinkedIn), to promote articles, the magazine and the website as a whole. LinkedIn gives DEBAT writers the opportunity to show off their work to friends, family, and potential recruiters. It is the task of the secretary of the committee to make sure all social media accounts run smoothly. They will get help from other committee



members who are enthusiastic about joining the social media team.

In addition, the Commissioner and the Secretary will take care of DEBAT also being promoted in the newsletter. Moreover, the Commissioner and the Commissioner External Relations will make sure that DEBAT is promoted on the main Instagram page of the association as well.

Should it emerge that there are not enough committee members for DEBAT online, then the Commissioner will reach out to guest writers in order to make sure that at least one article is published every week. A condition is however that these articles are peer-reviewed and approved by the chair and Commissioner.

#### **8.1.1.6 DEBAT Podcast**

Two years ago there was a plan to start a podcast. Last year the committee chose to mainly focus on publishing all four editions of the printed DEBAT and one online article every week. Since the committee this year has quite a lot of members, namely 37, the Commissioner hopes to start up the podcast again this year. During the interviews multiple committee members have already shown their interest in hosting the podcast. The idea is to make episodes that feature roundtable discussions of current political issues and interviews. The people featured on roundtable discussions and interviews would ideally be politicians and other relevant professionals (e.g. lecturers, social workers, journalists).

Since the podcast is a whole new addition to the DEBAT committee, the Commissioner will not prioritise it, but rather help enthusiastic committee members to set it up again. If episodes will actually be made this year, the topic and further ideas first need to be discussed with the chair and the Commissioner. Furthermore, the episodes will first have to be edited and peer-reviewed before being released on Spotify.

The association already has a Spotify account on which podcasts have been released in previous years. The secretary of the committee and the Commissioner External Relations will work together to release the episodes.

#### **8.1.2 Yearbook**

The yearbook ensures that all the amazing memories that the members of the association have made are immortalised forever. The aim of this year's yearbook is to make it even more personal. This can be achieved by the Yearbook Committee by being more visible at events throughout the year, and asking for people's reactions to events, or doing interviews on the spot. Another way to achieve this is to dedicate more pages to the members themselves instead of to associations who have no special connection to the association. Similar to last year, the theme of the yearbook will be revealed during one of the monthly borrels in cooperation with the Festive Committee.

The 2022/2023 yearbook will be distributed during activities. They will also be available in the common rooms. The Commissioner strives to finish this year's yearbook in time, so it can be revealed during the Change of Boards General Assembly next year.

In order to make the yearbook as accessible as possible, the Commissioner has decided that it will be published in English again. As last year, exceptions are made for the quotes and submissions from other associations. These associations are however highly encouraged to write their submissions and quotes in English.

This year the committee will work with the publishing company PerfectBooks again, as previous years the committee was very happy with their service and familiarity with InDesign. Furthermore, the committee will visit the company itself in Vught in December, in order to get some inspiration and already decide on some aspects of the yearbook.

### **8.1.2.1 Committee**

This year the committee consists of five members. Since it takes quite some work to make such a yearbook, it is important to have a clear division of tasks. The chair will be in charge of dividing the tasks among the members, taking their preferences into account. The previous year has shown that it is best to do the designing part with only two people, as only one person at a time can access InDesign. Furthermore, it is the chair's task to make sure the committee members will stick to their deadlines and that pieces from external parties are received in time.

To guarantee that the committee has a fun time creating the yearbook and working together, the Commissioner will work closely with the chair to organise some social activities. This can be achieved by organising bonding activities, or encouraging committee members to attend the social activities of the association. In this way friendships will be made, and everyone will have a nice time during the process of producing the yearbook.

## **8.2 Commissioner Festivities**

*"In Leiden we don't have a cat, we only have a kater."* - Fince van Kampen

### **8.2.1 Committee**

The Festive Committee is responsible for organising all sorts of informal social activities. This does not only mean that the committee will take care of parties and borrels. They will also organise activities such as the gala and a GSA (Grand Social Activity). In this way, members of the association will get the chance to meet each other in an informal setting. It also provides a bridge between Dutch and international students. Furthermore, other committees of the associations will be able to bond with one another during these activities.

The Commissioner is responsible for overseeing the planning process and making sure everything goes well before and during events. The chair of the committee is responsible for planning and leading the meetings of the committee. In these meetings, the chair will set deadlines for the committee members and check if these deadlines are met. The chair and the Commissioner will keep in close contact throughout the year. To organise such events, it is important to have a good overview of what is happening during an activity. Therefore, the Commissioner will make sure that as many committee members as possible will show up at their own events. One way to achieve this is having dinner with the committee right before an

activity is planned. The Commissioner also thinks that clear communication is the key to availability. Therefore, she shared the year plan with the members of the committee to make sure that every borrel is already set in their agenda.

### **8.2.2 Borrels**

Like previous years, the committee aims to organise two monthly borrels, one of them being in The Hague and the other one in Leiden. At the beginning of the year the Commissioner reached out to 'the Pakschuit' in The Hague to become the regular bar again, upon recommendation from her predecessor. The association has always had good contact with this bar and the location is great for students from The Hague as well as from Leiden, as it is very close to the train station 'The Hague Hollands Spoor'. The regular bar in Leiden this year will be 'Café l'Espérance'. Upon recommendation from her predecessor, the Commissioner has decided to switch to this bar from 'Café het Praethuys', as the live music there was always too loud to hear one another properly at a borrel. Both bars are not charging the association with any extra costs and do not apply a bar budget. 'Café l'Espérance' even provides free vegetarian snacks during the borrels. The commissioner hopes to organise a lot of nice borrels this year, during which many new friendships can be made.

### **8.2.3 Parties and gala**

The Commissioner aims to have a balanced amount of parties during the year, so people will be excited for them and have something to look forward to. This year the committee will reach out to other associations to organise parties together. This might not only result in more people joining an event and making it a success, but also give members an opportunity to meet new people from different associations. Some parties that were done in previous years such as the SPIL x B.I.L.- Party, and the FSW Party (held with the hallway associations Labyrint, Itiwana, and Emile) will be organised again this year. Additionally, the association's Halloween Party has always been a huge success.

Besides this, the Festive Committee will also organise the gala this year. Last year the gala was a great success. Since the gala is quite a big event to organise, it will take place during the second semester, so the committee can get used to organising events and working together before taking this on. The Commissioner and the committee are looking forward to the gala with great excitement.

### **8.2.4 Social activities**

Besides all the parties, the committee will also organise the social activities of the association. The committee aims to organise one social activity per month. These activities can take place during one of the monthly borrels, like a pub quiz or karaoke. However, they can also be something completely different, like a soccer tournament with other associations or a movie night.

This year the committee also strives to organise a so-called Great Social Activity (GSA). The purpose of this event is for members of the association to get to know each other better during the day. How the GSA is executed exactly will be up to the committee. Moreover, the

Commissioner knows that the trip to the Efteling has been a great success in the past couple of years. Therefore, she will recommend the committee to organise something like this as well during the year.

Furthermore, the committee has been assigned the task to organise the Beer Cantus this year, as it will not happen during the Dies Week. During a cantus members sing and drink beer together. The Commissioner and the chair will take care of everyone feeling comfortable during the event. She and the chair will make sure that no one feels pressured to do anything they do not want to do, and that there is enough water.

The Commissioner and the committee are looking forward to organising many fun activities this year.

## **9. COMMISSIONER EXTERNAL RELATIONS AND SPIL WEEKEND**

### **9.1 Commissioner External Relations**

*“My optic presentation sizzles the retina”* - Q-Tip, Check the Rhime (1991)

#### **9.1.1 Partnerships**

The association at this time has a deal with the firm ‘Pizzabakkers’ in Leiden and The Hague. The Commissioner will reevaluate this deal and in the meantime keep promoting it to the members of the association. Additionally, the Commissioner will look into more deals of the kind to assure better prices on meals for members. The deal with Can’t Dutch This has already been renewed, and will be promoted accordingly. The deal with Nocto will also be upheld. The Commissioner will, alongside these deals and partnerships, look to enter into more deals with companies and firms that pose opportunities for members to find career opportunities, both for their time during and after university.

#### **9.1.2 Merchandise**

The Commissioner’s goal this year for the merchandise items is to create items that are attractive to a broader audience. Not only will he look to make items that are aesthetically pleasing, but he will also keep in mind that members may look to wear them more casually as well. In collaboration with the Acquisitions Committee he will look into items that fulfil these criteria, but will also leave room for the committee to come up with other ideas. The Commissioner will also continue his predecessor’s policy of revealing the items during special borrels, as this was a great success last year. Promotion of the already existing merchandise items is essential, and the Commissioner will continue to do so periodically through all channels through which the association can promote them. The Commissioner has been blessed with an updated merchandise page on the website, and wishes to uphold these standards for future items.

For this year’s committee item, the Commissioner wishes to move away from the long-sleeve shirts in exchange for short-sleeve shirts. These can, not unlike the long-sleeve item, be worn often if members choose to wear them over or under another clothing item in colder weather.

Not only that, but a short-sleeve committee item will be cheaper even when a sustainable option is picked, resulting in more committee members acquiring them and wearing them.

### **9.1.3 Acquisitions Committee**

This year, the Acquisitions Committee consists of five members, including a chair and secretary. The goal of this committee remains to promote the two new merchandise items of the year and work on the new and existing partnerships and deals of the association. To ensure the correct functioning of the committee, the Commissioner will make sure to attend as many meetings as possible and build a good relationship with the chair to assure good communication.

### **9.1.4 Promotion**

This year, the Promotion Committee consists of five members, including a chair and secretary. The committee will be in charge of creating social media posts and physical promotion material surrounding the different activities of the association. Promotion will be done through the online channels of the associations, but also through informing members in person and through physical promotion material.

#### **9.1.4.1 Social Media**

The Commissioner recognises the success of the Instagram account as the main platform for promotion of activities and events last year, and would like to continue to use the platform in such a fashion. He will discuss a design standard as well as a new colour palette with the Promotion Committee to ensure a uniform and appealing look. The LinkedIn account will remain the main professional avenue of representation for the association, which can be used for the promotion of the more education- and career-oriented events. The Commissioner believes the TikTok account can and should be used for more purposes than creating aftermovies, and therefore wishes to expand on it with content aimed at newer members. Here, explainers can be posted about the common rooms and where to find them, what goes on at GAs, and other such things that are not always evident to new members of the association. All content from TikTok will be reposted on the Instagram account as well in the form of the platform's own short video format, Reels. The Commissioner has noticed members also enjoy seeing their pictures on the social media platforms, and thus will make sure to include these whenever possible.

The Commissioner believes a solid social media strategy will ensure all the association's platforms stay popular and well visited. Therefore, he plans to stick to the policy of no more than two Instagram posts per day and no limit on the amount of Stories posted. Events will also be promoted at least two weeks beforehand whenever possible. If no extensive details are yet available, a 'Save The Date' post should be created. The promotion form will still be used, so that committees can request promotion material for their events from the Promotion Committee.

The Commissioner will also promote DEBAT's social media as much as possible, to make sure as many members as possible are made aware of the association's top-notch political science magazine.

#### **9.1.4.2 Socie App**

The Commissioner sees a great opportunity in improving the experience of the members at the association through the making of an app through the Socie system. The Socie platform allows associations and such to easily create a community app for members. This platform includes many features that would allow the Commissioner and his board members to combine multiple systems the association currently uses into one central app. This system is already successfully being used at other associations.

The app includes groups which allow members to place posts and interact with them. This could be used to replace or work alongside any WhatsApp group chats, since no phone number is required. The app also allows the Commissioner to post events in an in-app calendar, with and without registration. This way, members can easily access the association's year plan. The registration system would not replace the registration forms used on the website, but would be used for gauging interest in non-registration activities like borrels and GAs, while also allowing for the members to see who is coming. The app also includes a News and Events page, where DEBAT could be further promoted to members, and more formal announcements could be placed by the board. A Photo Gallery is also included, which would allow members better mobile access to pictures from events and trips. The app features a Documents page, which would allow the Commissioner to share important documents with members, for example GA booklets, trip readers, or DEBAT editions. The app allows the board and the Commissioner to post notifications to promote events, remind members of upcoming signups, or post updates during events. The app also has a Contact Info page where the Commissioner can inform members of the different ways to contact the association, as well as the opening hours of the common rooms. On startup, the app displays a splash screen which can be updated in accordance with the season, or to promote specific events.

The app also poses a great opportunity for the Acquisitions Committee, as the app includes a special advertisement module. Through this, the Commissioner believes he could have more to offer to potential and existing partners.

Members can be added through invites in their email or through an invite link, and will then need to be approved. Members choose when joining what information they want to display, assuring that no unwanted private information is shown unwillingly. The Commissioner can also choose what information is displayed in general.

#### **9.1.4.3 Posters and Photos**

With the gift of the new printer in the common room in The Hague, the Commissioner believes there are now more options for the Promotion Committee to promote events and activities to members that are less active on social media through physical media. The printer has the capability to print on A3 paper, which would allow for bigger posters to be made. A balance can be made here as well with sustainability, by choosing to print on more sustainable paper. The Commissioner will look into what options are available, keeping both cost and demand in consideration. Posters will only be made for big events such as trips and GAs. The Commissioner also wants to continue to promote events on the university's screens in the

Wijnhaven and Pieter de la Court buildings.

#### **9.1.4.4 External Promotion**

The Commissioner is open to promoting for external parties, however they must meet certain criteria. These criteria are as follows: the promotion material must be relevant to political science, relevant and beneficial to members, cannot be on a controversial issue, is not allowed to overlap with events organised by the association or the daily promotion schedule and must portray a politically neutral message.

#### **9.2.1 Website**

This year's goal for the website is to keep up the design, as well as generally improve some of the layouts and pages. The newsletter has been added to the Activity Reports page by the Commissioner's predecessor, and so the Commissioner believes this particular subpage should be renamed to Activities & Newsletter to better reflect this change. The Commissioner also wishes to add more internships to the homonymous page, and so will work together with the Acquisitions Committee to achieve this goal. The Commissioner also believes the Committee Cup rankings should be moved to the Activities page, as this makes more sense. The dress code on the website will be changed as well, in accordance with the policy of the XLIIIrd board. As recommended by his predecessor, the Commissioner will also look into another solution with more storage for the Photo Gallery page of the website. The Commissioner also will look into improving the performance of the website, as sometimes the loading times can be slow. To improve the responsiveness of the website, he will look into caching solutions for the website, as currently none are used. In accordance with the policy of the XLIIIrd board, the English website will also include the official translation of the SPIL song, so international members can easily know what the meaning of the song is.

#### **9.3 Commissioner SPIL Weekend**

*"I will try to be there at 11:05."* - Donna Dekker, not at 'Het Steen' at 11:00, former chair of the SPIL Weekend Committee (2023)

This year, the applications for the SPIL weekend committee will open around the start of November. The informal weekend for the association's members that is to be organised by this committee will be held from the 19th until the 21st of April. The Committee will consist of at least a chair, secretary, and treasurer, as well as a number of general members. The purpose of the committee is to organise an informal weekend trip in which both international and Dutch members of the association can bond.

The Commissioner will leave the choice of the destination up to the committee. He will also not limit the format chosen for the weekend, whether it be a city trip or a countryside scouting trip. The Commissioner will only help the committee keep in mind the true purpose of the trip as described above.

## Year plan SPILOCRAZY 2023-2024

Month	Week	Date	Event
August	Week 33	14/08/23 – 18/08/23	ELCID Week Leiden
	Week 34	21/08/23 – 25/08/23	HOP Week The Hague
	Week 35	28/08/23 – 30/08/23	Freshmen Weekend
		31/08/23	IRO Orientation Day The Hague
September	Week 36	04/09/23	Start of the Academic Year
		05/09/23	Committee Applications Deadline
		07/09/23	Welcome Back Borrel Leiden
	Week 37	12/09/23	Excursion: Ministry of Health
		14/09/23	Change of Boards GA
		15/09/23	Waffle Hour
	Week 38	19/09/23	SPIlxCiROS: Prinsjesdag Borrel The Hague
		22/09/23	Excursion: Portuguese Embassy Visit
	Week 39	28/09/23	Excursion: Discrimination and Racism Congress, NCDR
October	Week 40	05/10/23	Introduction event: Back to School Lunch
		05/10/23	Short Trip Destination Announcement Borrel Leiden
		06/10/23	Masters event: Borrel
		07/10/23	Brussels Trip application opens
	Week 41	10/10/23	Excursion: Polish Embassy
		12/10/23	Policy GA
	Week 42		Study Groups Block 1
		19/10/23	Festive Borrel The Hague
	Week 43	23/10/23 – 27/10/23	Exam Week Block 1
November	Week 44		Halloween Party
			Education event
			Festive Borrel
		30/10/23 - 03/11/23	Short Trip Cover Letters
	Week 45	06/11/23 – 10/11/23	DIES Week
		09/11/23	DIES Lecture
		06/11/23 - 17/11/23	SPIl-Weekend Committee applications
	Week 46		Excursion
		14/11/23	CoBo SPIL
		15/11/23	Leidsch Debat Parliamentary Elections (StOP)
	Week 47		Reunionist Newsletter
			Introduction event
		20/11/23 – 21/11/23	Brussels Trip
		22/11/23	Stairs Affairs Election Night



		23/11/23	DEBAT 1 Reveal Borrel The Hague
December	Week 48		Alumni Newsletter
			Committee Bonding Day
			Education event
			Short Trip Pre-activity
		27/11/23 - 01/12/23	Sinterklaas Activity: ‘ Schoentje zetten’
	Week 49		Masters event
		07/12/23	Merch Reveal Borrel Leiden
		08/12/23	Purple Friday
	Week 50		Study Groups Block 2
			Excursion
	Week 51	18/12/23 – 22/22/23	Exam Week Block 2
	Week 52		
January	Week 1		
	Week 2	12/01/24	Interfaculty Gala (StOP)
	Week 3		
	Week 4	27/01/24 - 28/01/24	Short Trip
February	Week 5	29/01/24 - 04/02/24	Short Trip
		29/01/24 - 09/02/24	Masters Activities, Dies, Brussels Trip and Introduction Committees applications open
	Week 6		Excursion
		07/02/24 - 08/02/24	FLO Career Event
		07/02/24	Interfaculty Food Festival (StOP)
		08/02/24	DEBAT 2 Reveal Borrel Leiden
	Week 7		Reunionist Newsletter
			Cantus
			Masters event
	Week 8		Education event
		22/02/24	Festive Borrel The Hague
March	Week 9		Stairs Affairs event
		02/03/24	Friends and Family Day 1
	Week 10		Excursion
		06/03/24	Interfaculty Party (StOP)
		07/03/24	Long Trip Destination Announcement Borrel Leiden
		09/03/24	Friends and Family Day 2
	Week 11		Efteling
		11/03/24 - 15/03/24	Long Trip Cover Letter
		14/03/24	Interim GA
	Week 12		Study Groups Block 4
			Education event

		21/03/24	Festive Borrel The Hague
	Week 13	25/03/24 – 28/03/24	Exam Week Block 3
April	Week 14	04/04/24	Festive Borrel Leiden
		05/04/24	SPIIL Gala
	Week 15		Excursion
		12/04/24	Sports Tournament (StOP)
		12/04/24	Former Boards Borrel
	Week 16	17/04/24	Interfaculty Congress (StOP)
		18/04/24	DEBAT 3 Reveal Borrel The Hague
		19/04/24 – 21/04/24	SPIIL-Weekend
	Week 17		Education event
			Masters event
			Long Trip Pre-activity
May	Week 18		Introduction event
			Stairs Affairs event
		02/05/23	Festive Borrel Leiden
	Week 19		Great Social Activity (GSA)
			Committee Thank You Day
	Week 20		Study Groups Block 4
			Education event
		16/05/24	Merch Reveal and DEBAT 4 Borrel The Hague
	Week 21	21/05/24 - 24/05/24	Exam Week Block 4
	Week 22		End of Year Party
		30/05/23	Leidsch Debat European Elections (StOP)
June	Week 23	06/06/24	Affirmation GA
	Week 24		Reunionist Newsletter
			Alumni Newsletter
	Week 25		Long Trip Pre-Activity
	Week 26	25/06/24 - 30/06/24	Long Trip
July	Week 27	01/07/24 - 07/07/24	Long Trip
	Week 28	08/07/24 - 14/07/24	Long Trip
	Week 29		
	Week 30		
August	Week 31		
	Week 32		
	Week 33	12/08/24 - 16/07/24	ELCID Week Leiden
	Week 34	19/08/24 - 23/08/24	HOP Week The Hague
September	Week 35		Freshmen Weekend
	Week 36	02/09/24	Start of the Academic Year
	Week 37	12/09/24	Change of Boards GA
	Week 38		

## BUDGET 'SPILOCRAZY' 2023-2024

Income			
	Budget 22-23	Realisation 22-23	Budget 23-24
<b>Membership fee<sup>1</sup></b>	€ 19.922,40	€ 20.775,86	€ 19.550,93
<b>Acquisitions committee</b>	€ 2.000,00	€ 1.016,00	€ 2.000,00
<b>General Contribution Department<sup>2</sup></b>	€ 1.600,00	€ 1.600,00	€ 5.000,00
<b>Interest</b>	€ -	€ 4,78	€ 4,78
<b>StudyStore</b>	€ 3.000,00	€ -	€ -
<b>Index books<sup>3</sup></b>	€ -	€ 178,31	€ 2.000,00
<b>Contribution Department StudyStore<sup>4</sup></b>	€ -	€ -	€ 2.200,00
<b>Withdrawal Committee Cup reservation<sup>5</sup></b>	€ -	€ -	€ 177,04
<b>Withdrawal equity</b>	€ 497,83	€ -	€ -
<b>Withdrawal festive reservation</b>	€ 1.006,41	€ 1.006,41	€ -
<b>'Vrienden van de SPIL'</b>	€ 150,00	€ 109,86	€ 130,00
<b>Other income<sup>6</sup></b>	€ 30,00	€ 94,85	€ 55,00
<b>Gift XXXIX<sup>th</sup> board</b>	€ 750,00	€ 750,00	€ 750,00
<b>Leids Alumni Platform (LAP)</b>	€ 820,79	€ 320,79	€ 500,00
<b>NPO Contribution University</b>	€ 3.000,00	€ 1.535,13	€ -
<b>Withdrawal travel allowance int. board member<sup>7</sup></b>	€ 250,00	€ 250,00	€ 250,00

<sup>1</sup> The membership contribution is calculated with a member base of 1227, of which 60 are reunionists, and a €17,50 membership fee. A percentage of 7% defaulters has been taken into account.

<sup>2</sup> The XLII<sup>nd</sup> board negotiated an increase in the yearly general contribution from the institute. Starting this academic year, the institute has agreed to contribute a yearly amount of €5.000,-

<sup>3</sup> The income from the booksale was calculated taking into account the realisation from the last two blocks of the previous academic year.

<sup>4</sup> The XLII<sup>nd</sup> board negotiated a one-time €2.200,- contribution from the institute to compensate for the loss of income due to the bankruptcy of StudyStore.

<sup>5</sup> The XLII<sup>nd</sup> board has created a reserve of €177,04, to be used by the XLIII<sup>rd</sup> board for the purpose of getting the Committee Cup back up and running.

<sup>6</sup> Examples of other income are deposits for small bottles and cans or found cash money.

<sup>7</sup> The XLIII<sup>rd</sup> board has three international board members, of which two are eligible for the Dutch Student Travel Product. Therefore, only one international board member has a claim on coverage for travel expenses. For this purpose, €250,- will be withdrawn.

<b>Profit Halloween party</b>	€ -	€ 325,59	€ -
<b>HSF profit</b>	€ -	€ 306,00	€ -
<b>Total</b>	<b>€ 33.027,43</b>	<b>€ 27.967,58</b>	<b>€ 32.617,75</b>

<b>Expenses<sup>8</sup></b>			
	<b>Budget 22-23</b>	<b>Realisation 22-23</b>	<b>Budget 23-24</b>
Board	€ 4.420,00	€ 4.157,26	€ 4.340,52
President	€ 500,00	€ 517,01	€ 100,00
<i>Dies</i>	€ 500,00	€ 517,01	€ -
<i>Interfaculty Gala</i>	€ -	€ -	€ 100,00
Secretary <i>General<sup>9</sup></i>	€ 1.346,00	€ 525,50	€ 1.550,00
<i>Introduction</i>	€ -	€ -	€ 950,00
<i>Introduction</i>	€ -	€ -	€ 600,00
Treasurer	€ 750,00	€ 705,61	€ 480,00
<i>Dies</i>	€ -	€ -	€ 450,00
<i>SPIL Weekend</i>	€ 700,00	€ 700,00	€ -
<i>Interfaculty Congress</i>	€ 50,00	€ 5,61	€ 30,00
Education & Politics	€ 750,00	€ 543,42	€ 820,00
<i>Education</i>	€ 300,00	€ 264,49	€ 300,00
<i>Master activities</i>	€ 150,00	€ 59,08	€ 250,00
<i>Excursions</i>	€ 200,00	€ 98,85	€ 150,00
<i>Interfaculty party</i>	€ 100,00	€ 121,00	€ 120,00
Global Relations	€ 8.266,80	€ 8.042,46	€ 8.466,80
<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>Pre-activities</i>	€ 200,00	€ 144,83	€ 200,00
<i>Congress</i>	€ 500,00	€ 330,83	€ 500,00
<i>Brussels trip</i>	€ -	€ -	€ 200,00
Internal Relations	€ 11.380,00	€ 8.912,72	€ 10.465,88
<i>DEBAT</i>	€ 5.200,00	€ 2.841,33	€ 3.935,88
<i>Yearbook</i>	€ 2.630,00	€ 2.992,05	€ 3.130,00
<i>Festive</i>	€ 3.400,00	€ 2.996,26	€ 3.400,00
<i>Leidsch Debat</i>	€ 150,00	€ 83,08	€ -
External Relations	€ 2.352,47	€ 1.690,94	€ 2.966,01
<i>Acquisition</i>	€ 70,00	€ 9,07	€ 20,00
<i>ICT</i>	€ 782,47	€ 822,06	€ 822,06
<i>Promotion</i>	€ 800,00	€ 698,34	€ 1.273,95
<i>SPIL weekend</i>	€ -	€ -	€ 700,00
<i>Introduction</i>	€ 700,00	€ 161,47	€ -
<i>Leidsch Debat</i>	€ -	€ -	€ 150,00
PvP <sup>10</sup>	€ 100,00	€ 200,00	€ 100,00
Investments	€ 150,00	€ -	€ 150,00

<sup>8</sup> Any additional comments about changes in budget or realisation can be found under the specific tables of each post.

<sup>9</sup> This includes the Former Boards Borrel and Alumni activities.

<sup>10</sup> The yearly contribution to PvP is €100,-. The expenses for the XLII<sup>nd</sup> board were higher, due to the payment for 2021-2022 having to be made, as well as for 2022-2023.

Reserves	€ 1.800,00	€ 2.377,04	€ 1.950,00
Travel allowance int. board member	€ 250,00	€ 250,00	€ 250,00
Contingencies	€ 961,96	€ 45,62	€ 978,53
<b>Total</b>	<b>€ 33.027,43</b>	<b>€ 27.967,58</b>	<b>€ 32.617,74</b>

<b>Board</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Realisation</b>	<b>Budget</b>
	<b>22-23</b>	<b>22-23</b>	<b>23-24</b>
Committee thank-you day	€ 500,00	€ 488,13	€ 500,00
ABN-Amro Expenses Business Account <sup>11</sup>	€ 500,00	€ 1.154,04	€ 800,00
Expenses General Assembly	€ 800,00	€ 405,38	€ 400,00
Van den Berg-Bachelor thesis award	€ 75,40	€ 75,40	€ 100,00
‘Constitutieborrel’ presents <sup>12</sup>	€ 80,00	€ 49,49	€ 50,00
‘Constitutieborrel’ SPIL	€ 1.700,00	€ 1.420,10	€ 1.500,00
Office supplies	€ 150,00	€ 86,57	€ 150,00
StOP-Contribution <sup>13</sup>	€ 10,00	€ 10,00	€ 15,00
Provisions of SPIL common rooms	€ 150,00	€ 50,30	€ 150,00
Free round of drinks after Change of Boards GA <sup>14</sup>	€ 109,50	€ 109,50	€ 78,75
Staff lunch with the institute	€ 80,00	€ -	€ 80,00
General Board Expenses <sup>15</sup>	€ 100,00	€ 160,40	€ 350,00

<sup>11</sup> ABN AMRO charges extensively for customer service, which includes calling, and returning a wrong transferral. This expense is widely budgeted for, to cover costs in the event these occur.

<sup>12</sup> The XLII<sup>nd</sup> board left a box of gifts to be used for CoBo’s. The expenses are thus expected to be similar to those of the XLII<sup>nd</sup> board.

<sup>13</sup> The StOP contribution has been increased from €10,- to €15,-.

<sup>14</sup> The free round of drinks was supplied after the Change of Boards GA on September 14.

<sup>15</sup> The Committee Cup reserve will fall under General Board Expenses.

Applications board 2024-2025	€ 65,10	€ 63,05	€ 66,77
Board activities <sup>16</sup>	€ 100,00	€ 84,90	€ 100,00
<b>Total</b>	<b>€ 4.420,00</b>	<b>€ 4.157,26</b>	<b>€ 4.340,52</b>

<b>President</b>	<b>Budget 22-23</b>	<b>Realisation 22-23</b>	<b>Budget 23-24</b>
Dies <sup>17</sup>	€ 500,00	€ 517,01	€ -
Interfaculty Gala <sup>18</sup>	€ -	€ -	€ 100,00
<b>Total</b>	<b>€ 500,00</b>	<b>€ 517,01</b>	<b>€ 100,00</b>

<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Budget 22-23</b>	<b>Realisation 22-23</b>	<b>Budget 23-24</b>
Former boards borrel	€ 450,21	€ 450,50	€ 450,00
Alumni activities	€ 820,79	€ -	€ 500,00
Conscribo workshop <sup>19</sup>	€ 75,00	€ 75,00	€ -
Introduction	€ -	€ -	€ 600,00
<i>General expenses</i>	€ -	€ -	€ 200,00
<i>Parents Day (Leiden &amp; The Hague)</i>	€ -	€ -	€ 400,00
<b>Total</b>	<b>€ 1.346,00</b>	<b>€ 525,50</b>	<b>€ 1.550,00</b>

<sup>16</sup> Board activities include activities organised by the board, such as Waffle Hour and ‘Schoentje zetten’.

<sup>17</sup> The Commissioner Dies will be the Treasurer this year. Therefore, the 23-24 budget for Dies can be found under the Treasurer table. This logic follows for all other posts where either the 22-23 budget and realisation or the 23-24 budget are marked by a dash.

<sup>18</sup> As of this year, a new StOP committee will be organising an Interfaculty Gala.

<sup>19</sup> Upon recommendation from the XLII<sup>nd</sup> board, the Secretary will not be attending a course on the use of Conscribo this year. The Secretary of the XLII<sup>nd</sup> board will pass on all necessary knowledge about Conscribo.

<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Realisation</b>	<b>Budget</b>
	<b>22-23</b>	<b>22-23</b>	<b>23-24</b>
Dies	€ -	€ -	€ 450,00
Contribution SPIL-weekend	€ 700,00	€ 700,00	€ -
Contribution Interfaculty Congress	€ 50,00	€ 5,61	€ 30,00
<b>Total</b>	<b>€ 750,00</b>	<b>€ 705,61</b>	<b>€ 480,00</b>

<b>Education &amp; Politics</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Realisation</b>	<b>Budget</b>
	<b>22-23</b>	<b>22-23</b>	<b>23-24</b>
Education	€ 300,00	€ 264,49	€ 300,00
<i>Activities &amp; workshops</i>	€ 200,00	€ 178,64	€ 200,00
<i>Career</i>	€ 100,00	€ 85,85	€ 100,00
Master activities	€ 150,00	€ 59,08	€ 250,00
<i>Activities &amp; workshops</i>	€ 50,00	€ 17,08	€ 150,00
<i>Career</i>	€ 100,00	€ 42,00	€ 100,00
Excursions	€ 200,00	€ 98,85	€ 150,00
Contribution Interfaculty Party	€ 100,00	€ 121,00	€ 120,00
<b>Total</b>	<b>€ 750,00</b>	<b>€ 543,42</b>	<b>€ 820,00</b>

<b>Global Relations</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Realisation</b>	<b>Budget</b>
	<b>22-23</b>	<b>22-23</b>	<b>23-24</b>
Long Trip	€ 4.900,00	€ 4.900,00	€ 4.900,00
Short Trip	€ 2.666,80	€ 2.666,80	€ 2.666,80
Pre-activities	€ 200,00	€ 144,83	€ 200,00

Congress	€ 500,00	€ 330,83	€ 500,00
Brussels trip <sup>20</sup>	€ -	€ -	€ 200,00
<b>Total</b>	<b>€ 8.266,80</b>	<b>€ 8.042,46</b>	<b>€ 8.466,80</b>

<b>Internal Relations</b>	<b>Budget 22-23</b>	<b>Realisation 22-23</b>	<b>Budget 23-24</b>
DEBAT	€ 5.200,00	€ 2.841,33	€ 3.935,88
<i>4x DEBAT<sup>21</sup></i>	<i>€ 5.000,00</i>	<i>€ 2.725,63</i>	<i>€ 3.800,00</i>
<i>Workshops<sup>22</sup></i>	<i>€ 50,00</i>	<i>€ 37,26</i>	<i>€ 100,00</i>
<i>Digital DEBAT</i>	<i>€ 150,00</i>	<i>€ 78,44</i>	<i>€ 35,88</i>
Yearbook	€ 2.630,00	€ 2.992,05	€ 3.130,00
<i>Yearbook</i>	<i>€ 2.500,00</i>	<i>€ 2.992,05</i>	<i>€ 3.000,00</i>
<i>Indesign Licence</i>	<i>€ 130,00</i>	<i>€ -</i>	<i>€ 130,00</i>
Festive	€ 3.400,00	€ 2.992,26	€ 3.400,00
<i>Borrels</i>	<i>€ 600,00</i>	<i>€ 129,74</i>	<i>€ 200,00</i>
<i>Parties</i>	<i>€ 500,00</i>	<i>€ 250,09</i>	<i>€ 300,00</i>
<i>Gala</i>	<i>€ 1.500,00</i>	<i>€ 1.910,23</i>	<i>€ 1.700,00</i>
<i>Social activities</i>	<i>€ 800,00</i>	<i>€ 706,23</i>	<i>€ 900,00</i>
<i>Beer Cantus<sup>23</sup></i>	<i>€ -</i>	<i>€ -</i>	<i>€ 300,00</i>

<sup>20</sup> Due to increased expenses for the Brussels Trip, there will this year be a contribution of €200,00 from the association.

<sup>21</sup> This year 400, as opposed to 500, DEBATs will be printed per edition. The expenses are based on the costs of printing and the estimated costs of shipping through the university. The shipping costs were estimated in the same way as last year.

<sup>22</sup> The Commissioner Internal Relations intends for the DEBAT Committee to follow more workshops this year, for social and professional development purposes.

<sup>23</sup> The expenses for the Beer Cantus were estimated based on the costs of the Beer Cantus during the 2022 Dies Week.



SPIL Contribution Leidsch			
Debat	€ 150,00	€ 83,08	€ -
<b>Total</b>	<b>€ 11.380,00</b>	<b>€ 8.912,72</b>	<b>€ 10.465,88</b>

<b>External Relations</b>	<b>Budget 22-23</b>	<b>Realisation 22-23</b>	<b>Budget 23-24</b>
Acquisition <sup>24</sup>	€ 70,00	€ 9,07	€ 20,00
ICT	€ 782,47	€ 822,06	€ 822,06
<i>Licence Snelstart</i>	€ 180,00	€ 185,37	€ 185,37
<i>Conscribo</i>	€ 289,67	€ 333,23	€ 333,23
<i>Hosting <a href="http://www.spilplaats.nl">www.spilplaats.nl</a></i>	€ 217,80	€ 256,37	€ 256,37
<i>Licence Elementor</i>	€ 95,00	€ 47,09	€ 47,09
Promotion	€ 800,00	€ 698,34	€ 1.273,95
<i>General expenses<sup>25</sup></i>	€ 500,00	€ 348,34	€ 325,00
<i>Licence Socie<sup>26</sup></i>	€ -	€ -	€ 598,95
<i>ELCID and HOP Week stands</i>	€ 300,00	€ 350,00	€ 350,00
Contribution SPIL-weekend	€ 700,00	€ 700,00	€ 700,00
Introduction	€ 700,00	€ 161,47	€ -
<i>General expenses</i>	€ 300,00	€ 112,50	€ -
<i>Parents day (Leiden &amp; The Hague)</i>	€ 400,00	€ 48,97	€ -
Contribution Leidsch Debat	€ -	€ -	€ 150,00
<b>Total</b>	<b>€ 2.352,47</b>	<b>€ 1.690,94</b>	<b>€ 2.966,01</b>

<sup>24</sup> The Acquisitions Committee intends to attend a StOP training activity, which will be free of costs. The expenses are meant to be made toward the merchandise market.

<sup>25</sup> General expenses for promotion include the costs for the printing of stickers and the licence for the use of Canva, among other things.

<sup>26</sup> Socie is the platform through which the app is created.

<b>Reserves</b>	<b>Budget 22-23</b>	<b>Realisation 22-23</b>	<b>Budget 23-24</b>
9 <sup>th</sup> Lustrum of SPIL	€ 1.500,00	€ 1.500,00	€ 1.500,00
Lustrum DEBAT	€ 150,00	€ 150,00	€ 150,00
SPIL common room Leiden	€ 150,00	€ 150,00	€ 150,00
SPIL common room The Hague	€ -	€ 150,00	€ 150,00
Committee Cup reserve	€ -	€ 177,04	€ -
Replenishment reserve for travel allowance int. board member	€ -	€ 250,00	€ -
<b>Total</b>	<b>€ 1.800,00</b>	<b>€ 2.377,04</b>	<b>€ 1.950,00</b>

<b>Travel allowance Int. board member</b>	<b>Budget 22-23</b>	<b>Realisation 22-23</b>	<b>Budget 23-24</b>
Travel reimbursement	€ 250,00	€ 250,00	€ 250,00
<b>Total</b>	<b>€ 250,00</b>	<b>€ 250,00</b>	<b>€ 250,00</b>

<b>Contingencies</b>	<b>Budget 22-23</b>	<b>Realisatie 22-23</b>	<b>Budget 23-24</b>
General expenses <sup>27</sup>	€ 961,96	€ 45,62	€ 978,53
<b>Total</b>	<b>€ 961,96</b>	<b>€ 45,62</b>	<b>€ 978,53</b>

<sup>27</sup> Contingencies amount to 3% of the general expenditure

### Balance sheet

Debit		Credit	
ABN business account	€ ...	<i>Equity</i>	€ ...
ABN savings account	€ ...	Lustrum reserve	€ 4.500,00
Ties (68)	€ 408,00	SPIL common room Leiden reserve	€ 1.650,00
Bows (48)	€ 364,80	Lustrum DEBAT	€ 1.550,00
Pair of braces (94)	€ 1.880,00	Reservation travel allowance int. board members	€ 1.750,00
Bowties (89)	€ 534,00	Gift XXXIX <sup>th</sup> board	€ 750,00
Doppers (33)	€ 330,00	SPIL common room The Hague reserve	€ 300,00
Former-board pin (41)	€ 84,05	Committee cup reserve	€ -
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		
<b>Total</b>	<b>€ ...</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>€ ...</b>

Debtors		Creditors	
Basis	€ 5,61	HOP Week stand	€ 232,63
<b>Total</b>	<b>€ 5,61</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>€ 232,63</b>

## Budget Brussels Trip 2023-2024

Income			Expenses		
	<i>Estimated budget p.p.</i>	<i>Estimated budget</i>		<i>Estimated budget p.p.</i>	<i>Estimated budget</i>
<b>Participant contribution</b>	€ 65,00	€ 3.250,00	<b>Accommodation</b>		
<b>SPIIL contribution</b>	€ 4,00	€ 200,00	<i>Hostel Meiniger</i>	€ 23,52	€ 1.175,88
			<b>Transportation</b>	€ 37,63	€ 1.881,29
			<b>Public transport</b>	€ 6,24	€ 312,00
			<b>Unforeseen costs</b>	€ 1,61	€ 80,83
<b>Total</b>	€69,00	€3.450,00	<b>Total</b>	€ 69,00	€ 3.450,00