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**Study Association for Political Scientists in Leiden**



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# ‘Onze nob’le discipline’

Door Max Nederkoorn en Stijn van den Wijngaard

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

Onze nob’le discipline,  
De politieke wetenschap!  
Het debat is voor ons routine,  
Trots op ’t studieus broederschap,  
Dit Leidsch superieur instituut,  
Eren wij de vereniging,  
Die heerst en regeert deze stad:  
Sedert ’t jaar één-en-tachtig  
Is de SPIL oppermachtig!  
Maak plaats, hier is de SPIL!  
De SPIL maakt ’t verschil!  
Chapeau, chapeau:  
Wij prijzen hoog De glorie van de SPIL  
[[Rijk’lijk 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!  
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## **AGENDA**

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## **FINAL REPORT XXXVIIIth BOARD OF SPIL, ‘SERIAL SPIL’ER’**

### **1. LONG TERM GOALS STUDY ASSOCIATION FOR POLITICAL SCIENCE STUDENTS**

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

The association’s goal is to:

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

These are the foundations upon which the policy goals of the 38th board Serial SPIL’er are built.

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

*“It’s like working together at Albert Heijn and then quitting at the same time.”* - Frits talking about the change of boards.

The 38th SPIL board knows the following association wide policy goals for the upcoming year.

#### **2.1. Member bonding**

Last year, the 38th board set member bonding as a general goal. An association can of course not exist without its members, so it is of the utmost importance that they are involved in the association. The board has kept the SPIL room open in both Leiden and The Hague from 10 am to 5 pm last year. By aligning the opening times, the room in The Hague was visited better. During the exam period, the room opening hours were adjusted to the exams that took place in the city in question. This gave students the opportunity to always stop by the room before or after their exam. During the year, the board adopted an open and active attitude in the room to make students feel welcome. In addition, the board has done its best to make the room cozy, for example by purchasing Christmas lights. Furthermore, the board has organized a room activity in The Hague so that members would become more familiar with the room and visit it more often. The board believes that this has contributed positively. The 38th board advises the next board to organize this type of activity again.

Last year, the 38th board did its best to involve members more in the SPIL by actively approaching them on activities. In addition, activities were organized that were of interest to different types of members, to ensure that not only new members became active at the SPIL, but also to keep the old guard active. An example of this is the SPIL Weekend, where many senior students attended. In addition, the SPIL drinks in Leiden are still well attended, but it is certainly a good addition to also hold drinks in The Hague after every exam period. The 38th board advises the 39th board to look into organising these drinks in The Hague more often. Finally, a Master drinks was organized this year in the hope of involving master students in the associations. The SPIL board hopes that with the

formation of a master committee, these students will become more active at the SPIL in the coming years and will be able to organise more master student related activities.

Looking back at this year, the 38th board feels that they have done what they could to make the SPIL approachable for both new and older students. By organising a wide variety of activities for different types of students, the board believes that those students that were interested in these activities felt welcome and would return more often, thus creating a lot of Serial SPIL'ers.

## **2.2. Growth**

With the arrival of the Bachelor of Political Science: International Relations and Organizations, there has been a huge increase in the number of students at the Institute of Political Science. In order to benefit as much as possible from this growth, the 38th board has set the goal of following this growth by developing the association. In this regard, the board has placed emphasis last year on progressiveness with respect for existing traditions.

For example, the board has implemented a committee structure reform plan that has created more committee places than before. From this year, the SPIL has nineteen committees instead of twelve. This growth in the number of committees means that more SPIL members have the opportunity to develop personally within the SPIL. Positions such as chairman, secretary and treasurer will also occur within the committees. This gives committee members the opportunity to develop other types of skills and thus grow personally again. The committees have now been composed according to the new committee structure. A few of these committees, such as the Long Trip committee and the SPIL Weekend committee, will be assembled later this year. The 38th board is confident that its successors will ensure that the new committee structure is put into effect in a good manner.

In addition, the association will grow through the acquisition of LAP. This alumni association for political scientists has dissolved itself and the 38th board has decided together with them that the SPIL will take over the alumni account from LAP. As a result, the association is not only growing in terms of people, but there is also more chance for personal growth of SPIL'ers as these alumni can be invited to career events.

## **2.3. Balance**

The SPIL has not only been present in Leiden but also in The Hague for the past two years, and this will be no different in the coming years. The 38th board has set itself the goal this year to be present in both Leiden and The Hague and to represent members from both cities as well as possible. For example, opening hours for the common rooms in both cities have been equal this year, a balance between different studies, freshmen and upper classmen has been found within committees, and activities have been organized in both cities. The 38th board advises its successors to continue to look for the balance between the two cities and also see for each activity where this can best take place. The 38th board also advises its successors to investigate whether more drinks can take place in The Hague.

The yearplanner indicates for each activity whether it took place in The Hague or in Leiden. The 38th board has organized 47% of its activities in Leiden and 53% in The Hague. This also includes Long- and Short Trip activities. Board interviews were held in both Leiden and The Hague and certain activities were repeated for different groups of students. For example, an English and Dutch-language

excursion to the House of Representatives has been organized.

### **3. PRESIDENT AND COMMISSIONER OF ACQUISITIONS**

#### **3.1 President**

*“Everything the light touches is our kingdom.” - Mufasa*

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

The primary task of the president during the past year was making sure that internal affairs within the board went well. The president made sure to constantly be aware of how SPIL-related business was going, but to also focus on how the board was doing on personal level. By holding evaluations with each board member after each block, every board member got the chance to have an open and honest conversation with the president. Besides this, the board has held weekly board meetings where all board members could discuss upcoming activities and tasks that had to be divided. During these board meetings, there was always room for discussing problems or things that board members bumped into. The president is convinced that this open attitude within the board has caused a better work attitude.

##### **3.1.2. External Representation**

In addition to the internal representation, the president represents the board and the SPIL externally. When necessary, this is done towards Leiden University and also within the association consultations (VerO's) of the Faculty of Social Sciences and the Faculty of Governance and Global Affairs in which the president is seated. Furthermore, the president represents the SPIL at the Study Association Consultation Platform (StOP), of which she attends the General Assembly's. Finally, the SPIL is represented within the Platform for Political Scientists (PvP). The president is convinced that these forms of representation are important for the association. Within these different platforms, knowledge is gathered about the state of affairs within other associations and the president remains well informed. The president notes that the exchange of information between different associations, certainly in the form of a VerO, works well and that the associations can provide each other with advice and help where necessary. It is always important to learn how things work at other associations and the VerO is ideal for this. The president must point out that the VerO of the Faculty of Governance and Global Affairs took place considerably less than the VerO of the Faculty of Social Sciences, since this first consultation was a so-called campus consultation that took place alongside the regular faculty VerO, in which the SPIL did not participate. During the VerO's of the FSW, issues such as the spacial occupation of the FSW, organizing a day in honour of Pieter de la Court and internationalization were discussed. During the VerOs of the Campus The Hague ideas were put forward to organize a joint party, however, this idea was not executed. The president believes that the campus The Hague VerO remains relevant and should continue to exist, however, it would be more useful if it was organized more often. Finally, the president maintained contact with the advisory board (RvA) last year. Prior to sending the GA-documents to their members, the board first send them to the RvA to have them checked by them. This went very well and the president recommends the next board to do this again. In addition, the board has organized a 'borrel' with the RvA to introduce them to the new board.

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

Within the PvP, the various study associations for political scientists in the Netherlands consult. These

are EOS (Vrije Universiteit), Ismus (Radboud University) and Machiavelli (University of Amsterdam). The role of the president within the PVP this year was being the PiP Congress Coordinator. This task initially consisted only of coordinating and controlling the PiP committee. Unfortunately, the president of this committee dropped out halfway through the year. The president of the SPIL then took on the duties of chair of the PiP committee. The president noticed that this was sometimes difficult to combine with her other duties. Although there were many motivated committee members who have reduced the workload, chairing this committee remained difficult as committee members were sometimes hard to reach. Because committee members were not members of the same association, their motivation for committee work sometimes seemed lower. In addition, by the recommendation of last year, a location was sought for the PiP Congress in Utrecht. The committee noticed that locations here were considerably more expensive than in one of the cities where the associations are based. On the recommendation of the Supervisory Board of the PVP, the PVP and the committee had decided to relocate the congress to Leiden. This was the right decision, but it meant that the search for a location would have to be conducted a second time and the promotion could only start later. The president advised her successor within the PVP not to divert to a city other than Amsterdam, Leiden or Nijmegen next year. In addition, from next year a vice-president will be appointed within the PiP committee and the focus will have to be more on informal engagement within the committee, in order to make committee members more motivated. Outside of the PiP Congress, the president experienced the contact and the exchange of knowledge within the PVP as very pleasant and of great added value, thanks to the tips that could be exchanged on, for example, internationalization.

#### **3.1.4. SPIL Weekend**

The responsibility for the SPIL Weekend committee fell under the president this year. The SPIL Weekend took place from 10-12 May in the village of Terblijt, near Maastricht. During this weekend, the "hut on the heath" idea was combined with a city trip. The committee and the board had expected that by fulfilling this long-held wish of the GA, there would be more than enough applications for the weekend. Unfortunately this turned out not to be the case and the SPIL eventually left for Limburg with 29 SPIL'ers. Within this group, the distribution of first-year and senior-year students was well spread. In addition, two international members (apart from the international committee members) also joined the weekend. Fortunately, the reduced number of participants was no problem for the budget and certainly not for the fun on the weekend. Despite the fact that a smaller delegation was present, the weekend was very successful and it is certainly advisable to continue to look into the possibility of a "hut on the heath" in the coming years instead of directly opting for a city trip. The president maintained contact with the committee during the year by being present at a number of meetings and maintaining contact with the chair of the committee. This way she was constantly informed of what was going on within the committee.

#### **3.1.5. CIROS**

The Community for International Relations and Organizations Students (CIROS) was established last year. CIROS organizes partly the same and partly additional activities as the SPIL. This prompted the institute to come up with a solution for the existence of this community alongside our association. As discussed at previous GAs, this led to the plan to make CIROS a dispute of the SPIL. Unfortunately, CIROS has withdrawn from these negotiations, as a result of which this plan could not go ahead. CIROS has recently officially become a student organization, but SPIL is, and remains, the only recognized association for Political Science students, including IRO students. The board is aware, however, that CIROS can organize additional activities that are also in demand. The line between the



CIROS and SPIL board is short, so that overlap can be avoided as much as possible. For example, CIROS and SPIL also cooperated in organizing the "IROC month" (International Relations and Organizations Community Month). In the month of September, many activities are organized by both CIROS and the SPIL in the context of member loyalty and getting to know the city of The Hague. Because CIROS and SPIL have communicated well about this and both have announced in good time which activities they want to organize and when, there is no overlap in this month.

### **3.1.6. Committee Structure Reform**

Last year the plan to reform the commission structure was approved by the GA. Since that time, the board has been busy preparing for the establishment of a new board. Since the announcement of the 39th board, they have been well trained by their predecessors for the various tasks that they will receive in the coming year. In these introductory sessions, the emphasis has been on differences compared to last year's positions. In addition, some board members are instructed by different board members for their board duties, but this is not experienced as unpleasant. A new management manual has been made, to which the board can always fall back. The board has instructed them to evaluate the new system in the coming year, both among themselves and with the Advisory Board and former boards. During these evaluations, consideration should be given to the time that board members spend on their duties, how committee members experience the new system and whether there is more opportunity for personal growth for committee members. The 38th board of SPIL is convinced that the new system will work better and that the 39th board will get this going.

### **3.1.7. Other Activities**

Last year the chairman organized the Active Members' Day in collaboration with the commissioner of DEBAT. This day was very successful and received many positive responses. In addition, the board succeeded in keeping both SPIL rooms open. The board adopted an open and active attitude in the SPIL room. This same attitude was adopted by the board on activities and travel. The board has tried to make the SPIL members present feel as welcome as possible and believes that it has succeeded in its task.

## **3.2. Commissioner of Acquisitions**

*"GRATIS. G, R, A, T, I, S."* - Kettingroker Joke bij Lingo.

### **3.2.1. Finances**

In the past year, the commissioner of Acquisitions, together with her committee, worked to achieve the target amount. Unfortunately, a number of revenues, such as from Athena studies, have been disappointing and some former partners have indicated that they no longer want to cooperate with the SPIL, such as the Promise hair salon. Partly because of this and the fact that book sales turned out to be surprisingly high, the board decided to stick to lower acquisition income, so that the budget surplus would not be too big. The commissioner is satisfied with this decision and believes that her committee has done a good job anyway. The Dutch lessons from TCE have started well this year, which is promising for the new year. In addition, the contracts with Eazie and Joorit have been extended and Geld.nl has been recruited as the new financial partner of the SPIL. Furthermore, a number of non-financial partnerships have been concluded, such as with Nocto. The commissioner advises her successor to focus primarily on new partners in The Hague.

### **3.2.2. Collaboration**

In addition to cooperation with companies, the commissioner has focused on cooperations with other associations this year. There has been close contact with the hall associations, both inside and outside the VerO, and tips and information have been exchanged. In addition, the commissioner attended the acquisition consultation meeting of StOP, in order to gather more information about how acquisitions is arranged within other associations. Finally, the commissioner arranged the committee vests for all committees.

### **3.2.3. Merchandise**

In the first semester, the committee put their first merchandise item on the market: the SPIL Bicycle Package. The committee was very enthusiastic about this item because it combines different, smaller, merchandise items and has therefore been given complete freedom to design this item. The sale of this merchandise item went well, the commissioner expects that it can and will be sold this year and the coming years. The second item was the SPIL card holder. Due to the small size of this item and the low price, this has been sold extensively. The commissioner would therefore advise the prospective commissioner and her committee to look for these types of articles again. In addition, the commissioner has actively promoted the sale of the bow ties for the gala and many bow ties and ties have been purchased for the trips and activities.

### **3.2.4. Committee**

This year, the Acquisition Committee consisted of five members, one of whom was an international member and members from different year layers. The commissioner notes that this was the right balance and that there was a pleasant atmosphere within the committee. Compared to other committees, the committee is relatively small. The commissioner noticed that a larger committee would not be necessary. The committee has written to companies independently, but has always kept in touch with the commissioner and the rest of the committee. Furthermore, the committee was also involved in the contacts that the commissioner maintains, for example by going along with an appointment or by thinking about agreements that can be made. The support from the committee helps and supports the commissioner in her work. In addition, the commissioner sees that the committee members develop personally and learn from their committee work. The commissioner thinks it is a good development that next year the committee will focus on recruiting discount promotions and free products for SPIL members, instead of raising money. In this way, the committee will be able to work much more independently and the commissioner can focus entirely on raising money.

## **4. SECRETARY & COMMISSIONER OF PROMOTION**

### **4.1 Secretary**

*““Ga je weg?”, zegt ze, ik zeg, “Dat is wat ik je zeg”.” – LU BACH in ‘Beter in Bed’*

#### **4.1.1 Member account**

The SPIL currently has (...) members. Of these, (...) study IRO and (...) are international students. (...) study Politicologie: Algemeen, (...) study IP and (...) study IBO. The member account has been

kept in order as well as possible in the past year. Backups were made frequently in PCLeden. Backups are also copied to the hard disk. At the time of writing, PCLeden is still having problems uploading members from the Dutch internet page. Work is being done on this together with the IT department of the faculty.

#### **4.1.2 Newsletter**

The newsletter is sent every first Monday of the month. Considering the international students who are members of our association, the newsletter was written in two languages. The agenda for the month in question was displayed in English in the newsletter. This so that everyone could easily find a brief overview of our program. After adopting a motion against our English follows Dutch policy, a Dutch follows English policy has been used for the general text in the newsletter.

#### **4.1.3 Reunionists**

The SPIL currently has (...) reunionists. These reunionists received the DEBAT magazine four times this year, and the reunionists newsletter three times this year. The first reunionists newsletter was sent in December. The idea came from the General Assembly to include the sending of the reunionists newsletter in the yearplanner. However, the secretary has not experienced this as advantageous and will therefore not recommend this to her successor. Writing and sending the reunionists newsletter is something the secretary can do in a somewhat quieter period, as long as there is about the same amount of time between the letters. To prevent unnecessary changes in the yearplanner, the secretary recommends that the sending of the reunionists newsletters to no longer be included in the yearplanner.

#### **4.1.4 Alumni**

The secretary has tried maintaining good contact with our alumni. This, among other things, by promoting the Mentor Network from the Institute of Political Science. The secretary together with the Commissioner of Education also entered into discussions with the board of LAP, the Association for Political Science Alumni at Leiden University. The LAP will dissolve itself as an association and the SPIL will take over the alumni account from them. The SPIL will also organize a number of activities for the alumni. This will be done by the secretary and the Commissioner for Education & Politics, possibly in combination with a few motivated alumni. The secretary advises the next board to think about an Alumni committee in the future.

#### **4.1.5 General Assemblies**

For the General Assemblies last year, the advice of the Working Group on Reform of General Assemblies (the WHALV) was followed as closely as possible. For example, meals were served during the Policy-GA and the Committee Structure Reform-GA, and during the Interim-GA and Affirmation of the Board-GA drinks and snacks were present. Attempts have been made to have the General Assemblies at least after the first-year lectures, but with the arrival of IRO in The Hague this has sometimes proved difficult. Committee members were supposed to be present at the General Assemblies and had to contact their commissioner with reason why they could not be present. The secretary advises to the next board to apply this rule again in their committees.

International students who do not have free public transport and who should come to the General Assemblies in Leiden from The Hague have been taken into account by the 38th board. For them there

is an Information Meeting organized in The Hague a couple days before the General Assemblies. During the General Assemblies, the secretary then summarized what was said by the members during the relevant Information Meeting. Although attendance at these meetings was not always great, the board advises its successors to continue to organise these Information Meetings as long as General Assemblies are organised in Leiden.

During the General Assemblies, both Dutch and English was spoken. This means that the GA-chair told his/her announcements in both languages. GA booklets were available in English and Dutch and policy was fully translated. Members were allowed to ask their questions in English or Dutch and were then given an answer in the same language. Minutes were written in the language spoken during the General Assembly. The secretary advises the following board to keep this bilingualism. There has been a tendency in the past year where the GA-chair only presented his/her announcements in English because of the time. This went well with both the board and the General Assembly. The secretary therefore advises her successor to discuss this with the GA-chairs in the coming year and to advise them to suggest this to the General Assembly every time.

#### **4.1.6 Old boards borrel**

The secretary organized the old boards borrel in March of this year. It was a beautiful evening where memories were made and looked back on, and the new board members introduced themselves. The secretary advises her successor to have the old boards borrel again on a Friday.

### **4.2 Commissioner of Promotion**

*“Leoooo....”* – a boardmember before a supplication to take a picture off the internet.

#### **4.2.1 Committee**

The Promotion committee had five members this year. Of these, four committee members were upper classmen and one committee member was a first-year student. One of the committee members studied IRO in The Hague, the rest studied in Leiden. The number of committee members was certainly not experienced as too little. The successor is therefore advised to form a committee of four or five committee members.

The work was distributed in the committee by means of a schedule. Here the committee members could register themselves for which activity they would like to make a poster or take photos. Both the committee members and the commissioner experienced the schedule as pleasant because it always made clear who took care of which activity. Particularly in busier periods with many activities, this was a good way of sharing work. The use of this scheme is therefore recommended to the successor.

In the future, each committee will have a member that takes care of promotion in the role of the secretary. The committee secretaries will communicate to the Promotion committee which activities need to be promoted and in what way. As a result, the committee will probably experience better communication regarding activities. This went well this year, but by appointing such a person, the ideas of the relevant committee about promoting their activities can be better conveyed.

#### **4.2.2 SPIL common room**

During Information Meetings this year it was found that the SPIL common room in The Hague is not visible enough for the IRO students. The common room is in a somewhat hidden location and IRO students often do not understand what they should do in the common room and how they should spend their time there. The Commissioner of Promotion has therefore taken responsibility for bringing the common room to the attention of IRO students.

In the past year, the Promotion committee has made efforts to dress up the SPIL common room in The Hague more. As this common room has only been there for two years, there is still a lot of room to fill up with posters and photos. The Commissioner is happy to report that the common room is already a lot more filled with posters of activities from the past year and advises her successor to continue with this.

The Promotion committee organised an activity for the first time this year. This was the International Food Tasting. Every committee member brought snacks from different countries around the world. This activity was organised in both the common room in Leiden and The Hague. The activity was also intended to bring more freshmen to the common room. The activity was a success, both common rooms were full, so the commissioner advises her successor to organize an activity like this again in the coming year.

#### **4.2.3 Social Media**

During the year, efforts have been made to use our social media channels as much as possible during activities. Reports were made of activities on InstaStories, Facebook-live connections and Twitter. As a result, as many SPIL'ers as possible were able to enjoy both formal and informal activities, trips and trip announcements. The reports are viewed well and it therefore seems to have been successful.

For the Facebook promotion, the policy has been maintained to promote no more than two activities per day. An activity was also promoted no later than two weeks in advance. The latter sometimes did not go optimally, so the next board will be advised to always be aware of its own activities well before the two-week deadline. The Dutch follows English policy has been applied to the Facebook promotion. Monthly overviews of all activities of that month were posted on Facebook and Instagram. This will be advised to the successor to do again next year.

Instagram has been used to post photos of activities and also to promote activities. This year too, the use of Instagram has become more important for promoting activities and displaying photos. This is likely to become even more important in the coming years.

The Snapchat has been reintroduced this year. The committee would use Snapchat to report SPIL activities in an informal way. However, this was not very satisfactory, since the Snapchat is used relatively little. This is probably mainly due to the similarities between Snapchat and InstaStories.

The commissioner has also kept up with the LinkedIn page, taking professionalism into account. The successor is advised to place internship offers here as well, the combination of the successor's position with IT will be useful here.

#### **4.2.4 Innovations**

The committee has renewed the SPIL stickers this year. The budget allowed us to order 6000 stickers, so there will be enough for the coming years to make the SPIL visible in a very literal way at all destinations the SPIL will be. This was not a complete renewal, but this year the committee

reintroduced the aftermovies of SPIL trips. An aftermovie was made of both the Brussels excursion and the Short Trip to London. These have also been shown in both common rooms and have been well received by both the participants of the trips and other SPIL'ers. The aftermovies have been placed on the SPIL Facebook page to also give SPIL members who have not been on a trip an idea of what such a trip is like and to maybe convince them to go along on a next trip.

## **5. TREASURER & COMMISSIONER OF IAPSS**

### **5.1. Treasurer**

*"Well, this is just prosperity" - The treasurer rubbing his stomach.*

#### **5.1.1 Audit committee**

The report of the Audit committee will be attached to the GA-booklet.

#### **5.1.2 Membership fee**

Experience from the predecessors of the treasurer has shown that collecting the annual membership fee can sometimes cause some problems. This year too, collecting the annual membership fee was a challenge. In the current contract with the ABN Amro bank, the treasurer may submit four payment batches of a maximum of 1000 collections per calendar year. Because the SPIL now has more than 1000 members for two years, the total collection could not take place in one payment batch. That is why the treasurer has searched for solutions to be able to divide the 1500 payment batches over two payment batches. After some phone calls and searching, we managed to successfully collect the annual contribution of 16 euros (members) and 10 euros (reunists). The treasurer and the secretary are satisfied with this. The (now) h.t. treasurer and secretary give the f.t. treasurer and secretary detailed instructions on how the collection can be as smooth as possible. A separate training session will be devoted to this.

The current treasurer was told by his predecessor Ms. Bennami that she recommended a defaulters policy of 7%. In the end it can be concluded that this year the SPIL has known 8% defaulters after the membership fee collection. The actual budget on the policy GA is based on 10% defaulters, as a result of which the income from the contribution turned out to be higher than expected. Defaulters include members who have actively reversed their membership fees, members who had an insufficient balance in their checking account, members who in the meantime had a different account number or other reasons related to this. A defaulter immediately received an e-mail from the treasurer to the effect that the collection of this member's contribution had not been successful. Attached to the email was a link with which members and reunists could still easily pay their contribution. Any defaulter who has finally complied with this link is no longer a defaulter at that time and may use the facilities of the SPIL. Defaulters who have not complied with the link have received a total of three warning e-mails and have been removed from the membership file after the deadline has expired. The business use of the links costs € 0.25 per successful transaction. The SPIL ultimately didn't have to pay these costs because the trial package was used this year.

The treasurer has investigated the possibility of a new collection contract to facilitate the annual collection. After negotiations, the result was that the current contract (a batch with 1000 direct debits four times a year) was the most favorable. The collection contract has remained unchanged.

### **5.1.3. Budget**

During the interim GA it was already clear that the SPIL received more income than expected. This is partly due to the higher contribution income and the higher income from Studystore. During this GA, it must be concluded that more income has been offered from studystore than was thought at the time of the previous GA. Fortunately, this was partly offset by the lower income from acquisition. The revenues from Athena studies are announced every year at the end of the academic year, are lower. The higher income from a study shop therefore partially compensates for the lower income from acquisition. The treasurer advises his successor to discuss with Athena studies how a similar situation can be prevented. In order to ensure that the money from the surplus of money does not disappear into the savings account, it has been decided to donate part of the surplus to the 39th board. The advice of the 38th board is to spend this money on improving the website. The 38th is happy to leave the further interpretation of this to the 39th.

### **5.1.4 Invoices**

This year the treasurer has given the template for SPIL invoices a makeover. The template (inspired by the new DEBAT) has become tighter and more trendy. The treasurer has even received a compliment from a fellow treasurer.

### **5.1.5. iZettle**

The treasurer has purchased a second iZettle this year. For example, there is currently one iZettle in The Hague and one iZettle in Leiden. This suits the entire board well. As was also reflected in the policy on the policy GA, each transaction costs 2.75 percent of the amount paid. These costs are recovered directly from the payer (the member). Experience has shown that this was not an obstacle and many merchandise has been settled with the pinkastje.

This year the treasurer mainly used the iZettle for merchandise. The main reason for this was that the treasurer was able to keep a better overview of his accounting in this way. Activities such as the gala are settled by bank transfer or Tikkie. In addition, the treasurer experienced it as more pleasant to be able to settle merchandise directly with the iZettle.

## **5.2 Commissioner of IAPSS**

*“All right, let’s have a drink!” - an individual right before the borrel.*

### **5.2.1 IAPSS**

As can be read in the policy of the interim GA, this year the SPIL did not travel to the World Congress organized by IAPSS. The congress was planned during the exam week of block 4 of all political science students. When the date of the congress was announced, the Commissioner of IAPSS contacted the IAPSS board directly in the hope that the date could still be changed. Unfortunately this was no longer possible.

The SPIL remains a member of IAPSS, but has not received an invoice for the contribution for many years. The treasurer is still waiting for this.

**5.2.2 Symposium**

As an alternative of not attending the World Congress, the IAPSS committee has organized a Symposium on The Future of Defense. Participation in the symposium was free of charge for the participants. Defense could be discussed at a broad understanding in this symposium, both cyber security and conventional security. The symposium was kicked off by the former MIVD director and was well received by the participants. After lunch, a debate was organized in which the matter discussed was discussed. Two committee members were debate leaders. The last formal part of the program was a replay of a think tank in which participants could formulate their ideal safety policy in groups. The IAPSS committee also asked Colonel Bouwmeester to talk about his work and safety, but unfortunately the Colonel canceled because of personal circumstances. As the Commissioner of IAPSS would like to see it, the day ended with a real borrel at the university. Approximately 30 participants took part in the symposium.

The commissioner of IAPSS looks back positively on this alternative and also gives his successor a good look at what his needs are within the SPIL in his conference committee. The main thing is that the World Congress should be considered as the first option.

**6. COMMISSIONER OF DOMESTIC AFFAIRS AND YEARBOOK**

**6.1 Commissioner of Domestic Affairs**

*“By now, I’ve heard the word ‘bilateral’ more often than my own name” – Nicola Otten*

The commissioner of Domestic Affairs has organised the following activities together with her committee in the past months:

	<b>Date</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Number of available spots</b>	<b>Number of participants (that showed up)</b>
1	26-09-2018	Student Debate	40	20
2	09-10-2018	ICC Excursion	35	30
3	08-11-2018	Dies-Lecture: Kajsa Ollongren	150	70



4	20-11-2018	ICJ visit: Judge presentation	120	93
5	03-12-2018	ROOD/JOVD Debat: Midden Oosten	100	70
6	05-12-2018	Speed dating with diplomats of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs	50	50
7	07-02-2019	Austrian Embassy	20	20
8	08-02-2019	Indonesian Embassy	25	25
9		Brazilian Embassy	35	35
10		Mexican Embassy	30	30
	14-02-2019			
	15-02-2019			
-	<del>19-02-2019</del>	<del>NRC Podcast</del>		
11	19-02-2018	Theme Night on Dutch Politics	350	30
-	<del>25-02-2019</del>	<del>Krokusklaslezing</del>	-	
12	07-03-2019	Excursie Tweede Kamer NL	30	30
13	11-03-2019	Provinciale Staten Debat	80	70
14	13-03-2019	Excursion Senate ENG	25	20

15	14-03-2019	Excursion House of Representatives ENG	30	25
16	10-04-2019	Theme Night on Korea	50	25
17	16-04-2019	Amnesty International	60	55
18	30-04-2019	Theme Night: European Elections	350	40
19	01-05-2019	Workshop: speech writing	30	20
20	09-05-2019	Theme Night on Migration	80	25
21	15-05-2019	Leidsch Debat	400-500	200
22	05-09-2019	Lobbying in Brussels	35	
-	<del>06-09-2019</del>	<del>Oxfam Novib</del>		
-	<del>11-09-2019</del>	<del>American Politics Event</del>		

From September onwards, the committee of Domestic Affairs has tried their best to bring the academic life of their fellow students to life by organising several activities. The range of activities consisted among others for a large part of well-known Domestic Affairs activities, such as visiting the Senate, the House of Representatives, the ICJ and the ICC, and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. These activities were well-received among our members and the commissioner of Domestic Affairs would like to advise her successor to have these activities organised by her committees again in the upcoming year. Furthermore, the committee has tried to organise activities that the SPIL has been familiar with for years, such as embassy visits and theme nights, but whilst giving them a new, original twist. This happened for example by organising the Embassy Hop or by picking a theme for a theme night that in our current curriculum – in which we, as political science students, find ourselves – is not being paid much attention to, like Central Africa.

The commissioner of Domestic Affairs has moreover worked together with both political youth organisations, for the debate with JOVD and Rood, and with other Leidsche associations, such as with B.I.L., Code, Elsa, HSVL, Grotius and StOP for the Leidsch Debat, and CIROS and EUSA for the Theme Night: European Elections. The collaborations have worked out well and have resulted in events that have – hopefully – been able to contribute to the knowledge and opinion-forming of our members. The commissioner of Domestic Affairs thus advises her successor to continue these kinds of collaborations, since it has proven that SPIL can achieve even greater things when working together with the right organisations for the right events. Especially with the risk of overlapping activities with student association CIROS, it might be the right decision to work together for relevant events, to guarantee high quality events for a greater audience. Moreover, it is always interesting for our SPIL members to have the opportunity to meet members from other Leidsche- or Haagsche associations during formal activities.

The fact that most activities have taken place in English has ensured that our international members have – almost always – had the possibility to visit the events. Especially the excursions were popular among the international students. The fact that some Dutch speakers were asked to talk in English has thus far not caused the quality of the event to decrease.

Sadly, four events had to be cancelled during the year. The commissioner of Domestic Affairs has tried multiple times to reschedule the NRC event, but she did not manage to reach NRC, which made it impossible for her to organise the NRC event whilst she was in function. As mentioned in the interim General Assembly, the Krokusklas lecture could not take place. Due to miscommunication, which resulted in lack of time, the commissioner of Domestic Affairs did not manage to find a suitable speaker for the event. The event on American Politics and on Oxfam Novib sadly also had to be cancelled. The organisation of both events took place mostly during the summer recess, which made contact via e-mail and internally more difficult, resulting in a shortage of time. The commissioner has decided not to go through with the events because she could not guarantee the quality of the event and neither could she guarantee an audience of a worthy size.

The commissioner of Domestic Affairs has reached her goal of organising a number of twenty activities, together with her lovely committee. In September, one final activity will take place that the committee of Domestic Affairs has organised (almost) completely by themselves. The commissioner was sadly unable to attend the so-called Lobbying in Brussels event herself, due to her temporarily relocation to the Nordics.

### **6.1.1 Committee**

The commissioner of Domestic Affairs can call herself lucky with her committee members, who have always participated to the organisation of all activities. From receiving the speakers, checking the list of participants, and taking care of the location, to calming down a very stressed out commissioner: they have visibly alleviated the work of the commissioner during this year. Even when the commissioner did not find herself to be in the Netherlands, the committee members have managed to set up an event. Something that the commissioner of Domestic Affairs appreciates enormously and which only has confirmed that she chose the right committee members at the beginning of the year. At the time of writing the policy, the final evaluation has not taken place yet, but it is planned already, so that the commissioner of Domestic Affairs can advise her successor sufficiently.

### **6.1.2 Dies-committee**

In May, the first Dies committee was formed. This committee consists of a chairman, a vice-chairman, a secretary, a treasurer and one general committee member. The committee has already put forward a lot of good work before and after the summer holidays, and the members have formed a well-constructed programme for the Diesweek, that will take place in November. Next to the traditional Dies-lecture, additional formal as well as informal activities will be organised to celebrate the 38th birthday of the SPIL. The committee functions as an independent committee and are thus free in shaping the programme and content of the celebratory week. De commissioner of Domestic Affairs has thus far guided them mostly with policy-related matters, such as the location of an event, the invitations of guest-speakers and the balance between formal and informal activities. The commissioner has had training sessions with both the chairman and the secretary before the first meeting took place. At the moment, she is still regularly updated by both of the committee members, if she is unable to attend the committee meetings herself. De commissioner is happy to announce that she observes growth in chairmanship, input and coaction within the committee! Since the GA where the new board was announced, the commissioner has worked together with the f.t. commissioner of Internal Relations on guiding the committee. This to make sure that the transfer of responsibility will go smoothly after the changing of the boards. The commissioner is thrilled for the Diesweek and she therefore hopes that she will see all those present at the GA back during the activities.

### **6.1.3 Excursions**

At the time of writing the interim policy, the commissioner of Domestic Affairs has discussed approaching those participants who sign up for an excursion but eventually fail to show up at the day of the event differently to lower the amount of no-shows at these activities. Again, this year it appeared to be useful to add an extra box that participants have to tick when signing up, stating that they understand that with registration, presence is expected. After excursions, the commissioner has also e-mailed no-shows that did not give notice about their absence. It is unclear whether this has affected the decrease in the number of no-shows. The commissioner, however, does believe in the relevance of e-mailing these people, to prevent a similar situation in the future.

During excursions the dress code was followed well. Especially at the beginning of the year, it became clear that many international students did not enjoy the fact that they were expected to dress formally and to purchase a SPIL-bow or -tie. At the time, the commissioner of Domestic Affairs decided to add an extra sentence in the information e-mails that she sent out, with more explanation on why we expect participants to dress accordingly. This sentence explained that the SPIL operates such a dress code to leave a professional, representative impression and to furthermore continue our well-established relationships with the organisations that we visit. This has appeared very effective: participants understood why they were being asked to dress formally and they showed up properly dressed to events. The commissioner advises her successor to continue using this sentence in her information e-mails.

### **6.1.4 Freshmen Weekend**

Looking back on the Freshmen Weekend, the commissioner of Domestic Affairs is extremely satisfied with the way it turned out. The Weekend took place in Boxtel this year, which proved itself once more to be a suitable location for a Freshmen Weekend, in spite of the distance from Leiden and The Hague. There was enough space to offer sleeping spots to 83 participants and the surroundings of the buildings proved to be very suitable for the programme of the Weekend. The city of Boxtel offered a great location for the Crazy 88 and for going out with a large group. The theme of this year was 'Going Nuclear' and the committee has successfully incorporated this in the games. Amongst the 83

participants, there were twenty international students, which matches the upward trend that we have witnessed for the past three years and that will hopefully continue in the upcoming years. The committee has worked very hard and has succeeded to organise a fantastic Freshmen Weekend on their own. The commissioner of Domestic Affairs is very proud of them!

## **6.2 Commissioner of the Yearbook**

*“Wat een hulde voor die amice” – Commissaris DEBAT over Cardi B*

At the time of writing this policy, the commissioner of the Yearbook can proudly announce that the yearbook has been sent to the printing company according to the planning, and she therefore hopes to present the holy grail, also known as the yearbook 2018-2019, to the General Assembly tonight.

### **6.2.1 Printing Company**

This year, the second year of the contract with printing company *Perfectbook* took place. The commissioner of the Yearbook has been extremely satisfied with working together with the company and moreover has appreciated the communicational skills and helpfulness of the company. Therefore, she has decided, together with the commissioner of Acquisitions, to prolong the contract for another two years. This happened after approaching multiple alternative printing companies. Yet, *Perfectbook* turned out to still be the best fit for the SPIL to print her yearbook. With the prolonging of the contract, SPIL can enjoy a discount of 10% per year, saving almost 400,00 euros per year, which could result in even better quality yearbooks for her members. Another reason for the decision to prolong the contract is to ensure that the successor of the commissioner of the Yearbook does not have to spend time at the beginning of the year, looking for a printing company: a task that has proven to be very time-consuming in the past years.

### **6.2.2 Committee**

The committee of the Yearbook has delivered incredible work. All committee members have contributed to both the content and the design of the yearbook, something that turned out to be very helpful when it came to task division in our planning. The committee has contributed to the quality and uniqueness of the yearbook through their creative inputs.

The committee knew a secretary this year, who has done a very good job, and who has saved the commissioner some time during meetings. This year, the committee of the Yearbook knew three international members and five Dutch members, which has worked out nicely for the bilingualism of the yearbook. Furthermore, the committee members also managed to work together in an impressive way. The commissioner of the Yearbook advises her successor to take into account the availability of the chairman of the committee of the Yearbook during the summer holidays, whilst forming his committee, to ensure that the yearbook will get sent to the printing company in time.

## **7. COMMISSIONER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS & ICT**

### **7.1 Commissioner of Foreign Affairs**

*‘Actually, I’m kind of a tour guide’ - Marjolein on the Long Trip*

The commissioner looks back on a very nice year, with three very successful trips and a committee that has done a fantastic job.

### **7.1.1 Brussels-excursion**

We started the year with the two-day Brussels-excursion, on the 29th and 30th of November. A group of 47 SPIL'ers traveled to Brussels by bus early in the morning. Traveling by bus is not only fun, but also easy for the committee and beneficial for international students, who do not have to pay for the travel costs of public transport within the Netherlands. After meetings were canceled or rescheduled last minute, the committee made a very interesting program. We started with a visit to the "House of European History" and later that day we visited "Bruegel", an economic think tank where we talked to the Secretary General. The next morning we had a meeting with Hiddo Houben, "Head of Division" at the European Commission. We ended the day with a lecture by Eric Povel, a NATO employee. The trip went very smoothly, thanks to good preparation and good cooperation of the commission during the trip. The one thing the commissioner has told her successor is that it might be useful to set a deadline by which people can cancel their participation and find a replacement participant in order to prevent last-minute stress.

### **7.1.2 Short Trip**

From January 29th to February 2nd, a group of 39 SPIL'ers traveled to London by bus and by train. Despite the chaos that came with the soon approaching Brexit, the committee set up a fun and interesting program. We started the week with a "museum hop" where the Victoria and Albert Museum, Natural History Museum and the Science Museum were visited. The program also included a visit to the Speakers' Corner - which unfortunately was under construction -, Heidi Maurer and Nick Wright at University College London, Patrick van IJzendoorn, Liberal Democrats MP Tom Brake, the Dutch Embassy, a pub crawl and a visit to the European Banking Authority. We ended the trip with a joint dinner. Before the trip, the committee also organized two pre-activities and the pre-dinner, to get to know each other a little better and to learn more about the Brexit. The group atmosphere was good, thanks to a very successful pub crawl. The only thing the commissioner would tell her successor, that if it is financially possible, make the Short Trip a day longer. Some people in the groups stated that they certainly wouldn't mind if the trip would have been a day longer.

### **7.1.3 Long Trip**

From the 25th of June to the 8th of July, 35 SPIL members traveled to Jerusalem & Tel Aviv to learn more about Israeli politics and the Israel-Palestine conflict. We have had meetings with the Minister of Regional Cooperation, visited the Hebrew University, B'tselem, Yad Vashem, did a walking tour through the center of Jerusalem, visited the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of Strategic Affairs, the Independence Hall, Haaretz Newspaper, the Dutch Embassy, Peace Now, the German Embassy, human rights lawyer Omri Sender, Zazim and for many the highlight of the excursion to Masada, Ein Gedi and the Dead Sea. The commissioner is very happy with a diverse and interesting program, where as far as possible, different perspectives on the conflict were shown. Prior to the trip, the committee organized three pre-activities and the pre-dinner, two of which were serious and informative, and one sports activity. The commissioner heard from the participants that they were very pleased with the stay in two cities. By staying in two cities, you get to see just a little more of the country, and it also contributed positively to the diversity and amount of meetings. Because one of the

participants flew to Tel Aviv on his own, his return ticket was automatically canceled and the SPIL purchased a replacing ticket for him to the Netherlands.

Although there was a 'yellow' travel advice from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, there were no problems fortunately. Extra attention was paid to this topic in advance in a "safety briefing" during one of the pre-activities and a part in the reader dedicated to safety instructions. The commissioner had also contacted the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Dutch Embassy in Tel Aviv prior to the trip.

The costs for the participants were realized at € ... per person. In addition, a CASSA subsidy of € 50 per person was awarded, of which only € .. per person was needed. The commissioner thinks that the relatively low price has contributed to the great popularity of the trip.

The commissioner and the board are both very pleased with the number of 35 participants. It turned out to be a good number of participants, and the atmosphere in the group was very good. The board has come to the conclusion that 35 participants for this trip was the "maximum" number, but this will vary greatly per trip, participants and commissioner. The commissioner therefore advises the 39th board to look carefully at the number of participants in the Long Trip next year, and to include the experiences of the former commissioners in this decision.

Three participants had to leave the trip earlier during the trip. The three participants stated to the board that they would like to travel to Jordan during the trip. The board answered that this was not allowed because it overlapped with part of the meetings, and therefore part of the program would be missed. Moreover, the board felt that they could no longer guarantee the safety of the participants in another country. The board then decided that if they wanted to continue this plan, further participation in the trip would be denied. This was then presented to them in a conversation between the relevant participants and some board members, and they indicated that if these were the consequences, they would accept them. Upon the return, the board decided to suspend them for the remainder of the board year, ie until the GA on September 12th.

#### **7.1.4 Committee**

The commissioner is very happy with her committee members. The committee was always very enthusiastic, worked hard and was able to work well with each other and with the commissioner. Thanks to her eight committee members, the commissioner can look back on three fun and successful trips. The committee had a great amount of freedom in the work they did, choice in the destination of the trips and making and writing to the possible meetings. The commissioner had a supporting, leading role in this. Whereas in the Short Trip we still worked with four subcommittees: logistics, academic and journalistic, cultural and political, a different approach was chosen for the Long Trip. This approach was chosen with the help of the committee members. The academic and journalistic, cultural and political subcommittees remained, but the logistics subcommittee became a shared responsibility of the entire committee. All committee members were divided among the three remaining subcommittees, so that everyone was involved in writing to people and planning meetings. The commissioner herself made a division for the logistical part of the trip. Every day, the two people who were walking in front on that day were responsible for creating that day's mapbook and schedule. The commissioner was ultimately responsible and ensured that the final schedule and mapbook became a whole. The new approach to the subcommittee was perceived as very positive by the committee

members and the commissioner and this is something that the commissioner will certainly pass on to her successor.

### **7.1.5 Forming of the Brussels Excursion Committee**

In May the commissioner started to form the Brussels Excursion Committee. The committee has a chair, secretary, treasurer and a general member. The committee is set to work independently on organizing a two-day excursion to Brussels in November. As soon as the f.t. commissioner of Global Relations was announced, he was also involved in guiding the committee. The committee, in consultation with the h.t. and f.t. Commissioner decided to travel to Brussels by bus with 49 participants on 25 and 26 November. While the commissioner is writing this policy, the latest options are being considered for a hostel and a bus company that will arrange transportation. The first people were also contacted for potential meetings.

Due to personal circumstances, the secretary of the committee must stop her work as a committee member. A suitable replacement has been found by the committee.

## **7.2 Commissioner of ICT**

*'Personal data, I'm going to destroy it'* - Marjolein to Rex who asks what she has in her hands

The main goal that the commissioner has conducted over the past year is to maintain the website. This by posting reports, photos, internships and articles and other study-related things on the English and Dutch website as well as possible. The website is also a place where members can register for the many activities of the SPIL and where they can find the agenda.

### **7.2.1 Improvements**

Another purpose of the commissioner, besides maintaining the website, was to improve the website. This was partly successful. For example, the website has been converted to the new commission structure, some errors have been removed from the English website and the merchandise page has been updated. A thing that the commissioner has started working on, but has not been able to successfully complete, is the photos. The commissioner was unable to place photos on the website because the server is full with a mess off very old photo's. As a temporary solution, a Flickr account has now been created where SPIL members can view photos. The 38th board wants to advise the 39th board to invest part the given amount of € ... in cleaning up the server.

### **7.2.2 GDPR**

The commissioner has spent a lot of time with GDPR in the past year, and he has to be 'GDPR proof' with the website as consciously as possible. This means securing the website, removing registration lists after use and attending a meeting of the StOP about the GDPR.

## **8. COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION & FACILITIES**

### **8.1 Commissioner of Education**

*'I want to die.'* - Aline de la Croix

*'No don't, we have not had the training session yet!'* - Catrin Böcher



### 8.1.1. Booksale

Last block, too, the commissioner, in collaboration with the commissioner of Promotion, facilitated SPIL book sales. Due to a mistake on our part, the wrong edition of the literature was offered for the course Political Philosophy at IBO year two. After consultation with the professor in question, the damage was fortunately minimal and there was no difference in content between the two editions. Apart from that, there was a clear improvement in book sales; emails about books delivered too late were minimal and the students were mainly satisfied.

As stated in the current contract with StudyStore, the commissioner has made an appointment for the next year's deadline for the July 1, 2019 deadline. In its current state, it has been agreed that the commission and discount that applies to our book sales will together amount to a percentage of 21.5 percent of sales. In consultation, it was decided to keep the same distribution for next year. The commissioner finds the communication with StudyStore pleasant and has been able to defend the interests of the SPIL with the help of the Service Level Agreement (SLA). For example, there was consultation on the determination of the book prognoses for each block, so that miscommunication could be prevented.

### 8.1.2. Committee

The committee worked hard throughout the year and delivered good results. They have been concerned with the professional development of their fellow students through the organization of workshops focused on academic skills, have been busy with organizing career support activities - from which the new Take Your Kid to Work Day was born. And have also experienced the somewhat more informal side during the preparations for the college boat. The Commissioner has gladly given her committee the freedom to develop themselves wherever possible, but has also worked with them over time to come up with solutions to problems that have arisen. In which case she has taken the lead a little more. At the beginning of this year, the Education Commissioner has indicated that she will conduct evaluations with her committees at the end of each block. Over time, these evaluation moments have become somewhat more informal and a conversation at the borrels, before a meeting or while passing through the corridors was enough. The commissioner would like to inform her successor to continue this in order to follow the opinion within the committee and to be kept informed of the personal well-being of her committee members.

### 8.1.3. Activities

Activity	Language	Participants	Location	Remarks
Speeddating with second year IRO students	ENG	30	The Hague, Wijnhaven	
Workshop Essay Writing	ENG	10	Leiden, Faculty of Social Sciences	
Career night	ENG/NL	30	The Hague, Wijnhaven	

'Take Your Kid to Work Day'	ENG	30	The Hague	
Workshop Personal Branding	NL	10	The Hague, Schouwburgstraat	
Lecture Boat	ENG	30	Leiden	
Open Air Lecture	ENG	10	The Hague, Wijnhaven	
Career Night	ENG/NL	20	The Hague, Wijnhaven	
Helsinki Minorities Evenement	ENG	150	The Hague, Wijnhaven	Organised by the Helsinki Committee together with the SPIL
Master Borrel	ENG/NL	5	Leiden	

The above overview shows the activities organised this year by the Education Committee. The Commissioner has tried to find a suitable balance in the distribution of activities between Leidsche and Haagsche. She has noticed that certain activities "do better" in one city compared to others and has therefore acted specifically on this. She advises her successor to keep an eye on the distribution in the new year layer and to start from the demand for certain activities in both cities.

The main language of the activities was mainly English, because in many cases the participants as well as the speakers were of international origin.

The collaboration with Career Time has remained somewhat in the background this year. Activities of the University service remained the least visited in the first part of the year and therefore the Commissioner decided to take a different approach to cooperation. The promotion of the activities they organized went through the SPIL and the Education Commissioner, in collaboration with the Promotion Commissioner, made a selection of events, based on value and functionality.

#### **8.1.5. Master students**

This year, the committee has seen a number of Masters students looking back on activities. As a SPIL, the Institute of Political Science has asked to be more closely involved with the Masters courses in Political Science, in order to connect these students more with the University and with each other. The Commissioner has anticipated this by setting up a Master Committee that will facilitate activities for this target group. This development was started with the taking place of the Master drink where students could get acquainted with the Association. Unfortunately, the turnout was zero and this was not a successful event.

For the future, the Commissioner is working with her successor on a plan for this new committee. From the f.t. Commissioner for Education & Politics, the SPIL also came up with the idea of facilitating book sales for Master students in order to bind them to the association. This process is now in full swing and will be completed by the f.t. be continued.

### 8.1.6. Info booklet

Just like in previous years, the commissioner has put together an info booklet that provides information about the complex digital services of Leiden University. This will be handed out to international students at different moments in the upcoming introduction weeks to help them become familiar with their new student life. The booklet not only contains information about the registration of courses and exams, but also shines light on the student life of Leiden and the SPIL as an association. The booklet contains both Dutch and English information about the above issues.

## 8.2. Commissioner of Facilities

*'Bizzey and a slutdrop, well yeah, then it ripped!'* - Aline

### 8.2.1. Committee

The committee of Facilities has worked hard this year on many kinds of informal activities for the members of our associations. They have shown their ability to work by themselves and to approach their tasks with a lot of enthusiasm. The commissioner is extremely satisfied with their achievements and enjoys observing the progress they have made in their own personal development over the past year. The members of the committee gave notice fairly quickly that they could handle more responsibility and the commissioner has only had to help every now and then if unexpected crises appeared. Furthermore, the committee has indicated that they would like to be more involved in the development of promotional material of the activities they organise. Because of this, agreements were made with the committee of Promotion to enlarge their influence in this area.

### 8.2.2. Activities

Activity	Participants	Location
Freshmen Borrel	20	The Hague
Borrel [8x]	20/50	Leiden
After-exam Borrel [2x]	10/30	The Hague
After-exam Friday Borrel [2x]	10/30	The Hague
Waffel hour	20	The Hague
Wafel Uurtje	10	Leiden
'Tired on Tuesday' Pyjama Party [Block 1]	50	The Hague
PAUW on air	30	Amsterdam
Dutch Day	20	The Hague
Neon Party [Block 1]	50	Leiden
Pubcrawl	30	The Hague

Madurodam	10	The Hague
Schaatsen	10	Leiden
DSP Borrel	60	The Hague
Ouderdag	30	Leiden
Hallway Association Party [block 2]	200	Leiden
Krokusklas Party[block 3]	120	Leiden
Parents Day	30	The Hague
DSP Pubquiz	100	The Hague
Band night	50	Leiden
Karaoke night	10	The Hague
Gala	100	Leiden
Extra borrel [2x]	10/30	The Hague
Pubquiz	30	The Hague
Kings Day	70	Amsterdam
Film night	10	Leiden
SPIL-BIL party[Block 4]	50	The Hague
Field Trip to Efteling	30	Tilburg
GSA	20	Leiden

## 9. COMMISSIONER OF DEBAT

*“It is better to fail in originality than to succeed in imitation.”* – Herman Melville

This year the DEBAT committee, under the leadership of the statutory auditor, has issued a new volume of the renewed DEBAT. All issues included a thematic section, the November edition about China, the February edition about populism, the April edition about the Netherlands and the June edition about Africa. Although the goal of a web-only article per week has not been achieved, a total of about 30 unique articles have been placed on the new website.

This year, the printed edition was amongst others filled with an interview with the Rwandan ambassador, in-depth analysis of an emerging China and extensive background articles about statesman Thorbecke and the Netherlands in the context of European integration. By appointing a diverse committee, the commissioner has been able to guarantee that the objective of tackling different issues in each edition was properly guaranteed. Regarding the interaction between Dutch and English,

the commissioner is not dissatisfied, the current ratio is currently 70-30 in favour of the English language. For DEBAT Online goes, every article has been placed in both languages. The quality of the articles of both DEBAT Online and the printed version have been kept high by having both the editorial board checking on grammar and facts, as well as having a final check just before the finalised file was sent to the publisher.

Since 2008, the association's magazine has been included in the archives of the Royal Library of the Netherlands, which has set itself the goal of preserving the written heritage of our country as well as possible. In recent years, the national library has been busy digitising its archive. At the beginning of September, the commissioner took the first step towards making the magazine accessible online (via the Royal Library's website) with the vision that this could be continued and expanded in the coming years.

### **9.1 DEBAT Online**

In March of this year, the new website was launched - thanks to major contributions by Lisa Walen, Jan Frensen, and the f.t. commissioner Niels Bosman. Thanks to their dedication and motivation, our association's semi-scientific political science magazine is ready for the future. The goal of having the largest possible number of people reading DEBAT is of course never fulfilled, and despite the fact that an upward trend is visible, more focus on the online part is needed. The commissioner, therefore advises his successor to include in his committee a larger number of people who want to make a specific effort to increase the online presence of our semi-scientific journal.

The money that was reserved for the promotion of DEBAT was used during the last weeks before the start of the academic year - that has by now started - to advertise with the Facebook page and the Instagram account of the magazine. As a result, the number of likes on Facebook is currently at ... and the number of followers on Instagram is at ....

This year again, finding suitable images proved to be a challenge. Although the sources of for photos with practically no copyrights have multiplied, the commissioner can only urge his successor to keep a close eye on this, and to be aware that under no circumstances photos of organizations as the ANP are to used, in order to prevent copyright violations.

At the time of writing, there is an ongoing conversation with the Algemeen Nederlands Persbureau about a photo posted with the article "Polarising identity policy hurt us all," although this photo offered for publication by the press department of the National Police Corps.

### **9.2 Committee**

Last year, the committee of DEBAT was divided into general members, those responsible for DEBAT Online, and the editorial board. It was possible for everyone to get articles published on both platforms. In the course of the year, shortly after the start, another group was also made responsible for building a website. In principle, the commissioner liked this subdivision, but it seems that committee members could appreciate clearer dividing lines. The commissioner also considers it to important - if the f.t. Commissioner wants to maintain the current language policy - that some committee members explicitly take on the task of translating articles. The commissioner therefore strongly advises his successor to look into this.

From now on, all duties of the commissioner have been transferred to the f.t. Commissioner Internal Relations Niels Bosman. The commissioner put his faith in him and believes that he is able to grow

DEBAT even further on the worldwide web and dares to pass on our association magazine to the next committee without hesitation.

## YEARPLANNER XXXVIIIth BOARD OF SPIL, 'SERIAL SPIL'ER'

Week	Date	Activity
<u>August 2018</u>		
Week 32	9th – 11th of August	Freshmen weekend
Week 33	13th of August	EL CID information market (L)
	14th of August	EL CID faculty block (L)
Week 34	21st of August	HOP information market (TH) HOP faculty block (TH) Start book sale block 1
Week 35	30th of August	IRO Orientation Day (TH)
<u>September 2018</u>		
Week 36	4th of September	Lecture by the Commander of the Naval Forces (TH)
	5th of September	Freshmen Borrel FSW (L) SPIL-drinks (TH)
	6th of September	Waffle hour (TH/L) SPIL-drinks (L)
Week 37	10th of September	Lecture by Pete Hoekstra (TH)
	13th of September	GA: Change of the Boards (L)
Week 38	18th of September	SPIL-party: Tired on Tuesday (TH)
Week 39	26th of September	Student Debate (TH) PAUW excursion
	27th of September	Dutch Day (TH)
<u>October 2018</u>		
Week 40	2nd of October	#NORETAKES Speed date (TH)
	4th of October	SPIL-drinks + reveal Short Trip destination (L) <del>Start book sale block 2</del>
Week 41	9th of October	International Criminal Court
	10th of October	SPIL-party: Neon Night (L)
Week 42	15th of October	Start book sale block 2
Week 43	25th of October	After Exam Drinks (TH)
Week 44	29th of October	Information Meeting (TH)
	31st of October	Policy-GA (L) Deadline motivation letter Short Trip
<u>November 2018</u>		
Week 44	1st of November	Career Market (L) SPIL-drinks (L)
Week 45	8th of November	Dies lecture (L)
Week 46	12th of November	Registration Freshmen weekend/SPIL weekend committee
	13th of November	Constitutieborrel (L)
	15th of November	Career evening (TH)
Week 47	20th of November	International Court of Justice

Week 48	22nd of November 28th of November 29th – 30th of November	Pub crawl (TH) Madurodam Brussels excursion Publication DEBAT 1st edition
<u>December 2018</u>		
Week 48	1st of December	Reunionists newsletter sent
Week 49	3rd of December 4th of December 5th of December 6th of December	JOVD x ROOD Debate (L) Career Time (L) Ministry of Foreign Affairs SPIL-drinks (L)
Week 50	12th of December	Workshop Essay writing (L)
Week 51	20th of December	After Exam Drinks + reveal Long Trip destination (TH)
<u>January 2019</u>		
Week 1	3rd of January 4th of January	SPIL-drinks (L) Ice-skating (L)
(in de periode van)	7th – 18th of January	<del>Short Trip activity</del>
Week 3	16th of January	Start book sale block 3
Week 4	21st of January 25th of January	Short Trip activity (TH) Short Trip activity (TH) Short Trip dinner (TH)
Week 5	29th of January – 2nd of February	Short Trip: London
<u>February 2019</u>		
Week 6	6th of February 7th of February	International Food Tasting (TH) Austrian embassy SPIL-drinks (L)
	8th of February 9th of February	Indonesian embassy Parents Day (L)
Week 7	11th of February  12th of February 13th of February	Take Your Kid To Work Day (TH) Information Meeting (TH) Committee Structure Reform-GA (L) Faculty Associations party (L) Deadline motivation letter Long Trip
	14th of February 15th of February	Brazilian embassy Mexican embassy
Week 8	19th of February 20th of February	Theme night on Dutch Politics (TH) <del>Committee Structure Reform-GA</del>
Week 9	25th – 27th February 26th of February	Krokusklas Krokusklas party: SPIL Sorority Standoff (L) Publication DEBAT 2nd edition
<u>March 2019</u>		
Week 9	2nd of March	Parents Day (TH)
Week 10	5th of March 7th of March	<del>Domestic Affairs activity</del> House of Representatives (NL)



		SPIL-drinks: Borrel of the Bands (L)
	8th of March	<del>PvP activity</del>
Week 11	11th of March	Start book sale block 4 Information Meeting (TH) Debate Provincial Elections (TH)
	12th of March	<del>Domestic Affairs activity</del>
	13th of March	Senate (ENG) Interim-GA (L)
	14th of March	<del>Domestic Affairs activity: Provincial Elections</del> House of Representatives (ENG) Extra drinks (TH)
	15th of March	Old boards borrel (L)
Week 12	18th of March	PvP activity <del>Reunionists newsletter sent</del>
Week 13	29th of March	After Exam Drinks (TH)
<u>April 2019</u>		
Week 14	1st – 6th of April	<del>IAPSS</del>
	2nd of April	Long Trip activity (TH)
	4th of April	SPIL-drinks (L)
Week 15	8th of April	<del>Information Meeting</del> Career evening (TH)
	10th of April	<del>Interim-GA</del> Theme night on Korea
	12th of April	Gala (L)
Week 16	15th of April	PiP Congress (L)
	16th of April	Amnesty International
	17th of April	<del>Lecture boat</del>
	18th of April	Become a Board Member Borrel (TH)
Week 17	24th of April	Open Air Lecture (TH)
	25th of April	Pubquiz (TH)
	29th of April	Publication DEBAT 3rd edition
Week 18	30th of April	Theme night on Korea (TH) Theme night on EU elections (TH) Reunionists newsletter sent
<u>May 2019</u>		
Week 18	1st of May	<del>SPIL – B.I.L. party</del> Speechwriting workshop (TH) Movie night (L)
	2nd of May	Workshop Decathlon (TH) SPIL-drinks + reveal yearbook (L)
	3rd of May	Lecture boat (L) Master-drinks (L)
Week 19	7th of May	Symposium (IAPSS replacement) (TH)
	8th of May	<del>Movie night</del> SPIL – B.I.L. party (TH)
	9th of May	Theme night on Central Africa (TH)

Week 20	10th – 12th of May	SPIIL weekend
	13th of May	<del>Long Trip activity</del>
	15th of May	Deadline application for the board Leidsch Debat (L)
Week 21	17th of May	Long Trip activity (TH)
	23rd of May	After Exam Drinks (TH)
	24th of May	Field trip
Week 22	27th – 31st of May	Board interviews (TH/L)
	28th of May	<del>Active members day</del>
	30th of May	Active members day (TH)
<u>June 2019</u>		
Week 23	6th of June	SPIIL-drinks + reveal candidate board (L)
Week 24	7th of June	Terrace hop (L)
		<del>Long Trip activity</del>
Week 25	21st of June	Long Trip activity (L) Long Trip dinner (L)
Week 26	24th of June	Publication DEBAT 4th edition GA: Affirmation of the Board (L)
		<del>Publication DEBAT 4th edition</del>
<u>July 2019</u>		
	25th of June – 8th of July	Long Trip: Jerusalem & Tel Aviv <del>Reünistennieuwsbrief verstuurd</del>
<u>August 2019</u>		
Week 32	7th – 9th of August	Freshmen weekend
Week 33	12th of August	EL CID information market (L)
	13th of August	EL CID faculty block (L)
Week 34	20th of August	HOP information market (TH)
		HOP faculty block (TH)
		HOP pub crawl (TH)
Week 35	29th of August	IRO Orientation Day (TH)
<u>September 2019</u>		
Week 36	4th of September	Introduction-activity followed by SPIIL-drinks (TH)
	5th of September	Lobbying in Brussels (TH) SPIIL-drinks (L)
Week 37	12th of September	SPIIL common room activity (TH) GA: Change of the Boards + presentation yearbook (L)

FINAL FINANCIAL REPORT XXXVIIIth BOARD OF SPIL, 'SERIAL SPIL'ER

REALIZATION 2018-2019

<b>Income</b>			
	<b>Estimated budget 18/19</b>	<b>Re-estimated budget 18/19</b>	<b>Realization 18/19</b>
Membership fee <sup>1</sup>	€ 20.160,00	€ 20.384,00	€ 20.110,00
Interest safe <sup>2</sup>	€ -	€ 0,50	€ 0,23
General contribution Department	€ 1.600,00	€ 1.600,00	€ 1.600,00
Alumni contribution Department	€ 200,00	€ 200,00	€ 200,00
StudyStore	€ 9.990,00	€ 10.295,00	€ 11.686,03
Committee of Acquisitions <sup>3</sup>	€ 2.080,00	€ 2.080,00	€ 1.466,77
Contribution Equity	€ -	€ -	€ -
'Vrienden van de SPIL'	€ 100,00	€ 100,00	€ 137,62
Other income	€ 50,00	€ 50,00	€ 60,00
Donation 37 <sup>th</sup> board <sup>4</sup>	€ 780,00	€ 780,00	€ 780,00
<b>Totaal</b>	<b>€ 34.960,00</b>	<b>€ 35.489,50</b>	<b>€ 36.040,65</b>

**Explanation:**

- 1 The calculation of the membership fee is based on 8% defaulters.
2. In contrast to earlier reports, interest has nevertheless been received.
3. The board lowered the acquisitions target as a result of the higher incomes from Studystore.
4. The 38th board has received a donation from the 37th board. This donation was used to continue community building. For example, this extra income has led to more activities being organized in The Hague this year, and in the case of activities not taking place in The Hague, the SPIL has in some cases paid the travel costs. For example, a free bus was used at the gala for participants that drove from The Hague to Leiden, and drove back after the gala.

<b>Expenses</b>			
	<b>Estimated budget 18/19</b>	<b>Re-estimated budget 18/19</b>	<b>Realization 18/19</b>
Board	€ 5.486,77	€ 5.457,08	€ 5.280,89
Secreraty	€ 800,00	€ 800,00	€ 495,84
Foreign Affairs	€ 7.866,80	€ 6.816,80	€ 6.771,08
<i>Long Trip</i>	€ 4.900,00	€ 3.850,00	€ 3.850,00
<i>Short Trip</i>	€ 2.666,80	€ 2.666,80	€ 2.666,80
Facilities	€ 3.537,33	€ 5.530,30	€ 5.641,35
DEBAT	€ 4.500,00	€ 4.500,00	€ 4.497,49
Yearbook	€ 3.700,00	€ 3.700,00	€ 3.698,37
Reserves	€ 1.800,00	€ 1.950,00	€ 3.228,00
Promotion	€ 700,00	€ 950,00	€ 1.093,01
ICT	€ 719,83	€ 852,58	€ 747,12
Education	€ 950,00	€ 800,00	€ 800,37
SPIL weekend	€ 500,00	€ 750,00	€ 750,00
Domestic affairs	€ 850,00	€ 651,09	€ 556,98
Investments	€ 234,67	€ 584,67	€ 773,49
IAPSS	€ 1.620,00	€ 500,00	€ 508,37
Depreciation	€ 350,00	€ 350,00	€ 350,00
PvP	€ 150,00	€ 150,00	€ 175,00
Acquisitions	€ 80,00	€ 80,00	€ -
Contingencies	€ 1.048,81	€ 1.064,69	€ 672,90

<b>Totaal</b>	<b>€ 34.894,21</b>	<b>€ 35.487,21</b>	<b>€ 36.040,26</b>
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### Expenses by post

<b>Board</b>	<b>Estimated budget 18/19</b>	<b>Re-estimated budget 18/19</b>	<b>Realization 18/19</b>
Active Members day	€ 1.000,00	€ 1.200,00	€ 1.147,59
ABN-Amro expense business account	€ 500,00	€ 540,00	€ 486,27
Expenses General Assembly	€ 800,00	€ 800,00	€ 800,04
Van den Berg-Bachelorscriptieprijs	€ 100,00	€ 100,00	€ 100,00
Constitutieborrel presents <sup>1</sup>	€ 80,00	€ 75,00	€ 88,33
Constitutionborrel SPIL <sup>2</sup>	€ 1.350,00	€ 1.201,61	€ 1.201,61
Office supplies <sup>3</sup>	€ 650,00	€ 550,00	€ 606,55
StOP membership fee	€ 10,00	€ 10,00	€ 10,00
Expenses SPIL-common room	€ 440,00	€ 440,00	€ 380,06
Free drink: Change of Boards GA	€ 112,10	€ 112,10	€ 112,10
Staff-lunch with institute <sup>4</sup>	€ 80,00	€ 63,70	€ 63,70
General Management Expenses <sup>5</sup>	€ 300,00	€ 300,00	€ 265,69
Applications board 2018-2019	€ 50,00	€ 50,00	€ 4,28
First-years Introduction drinks	€ 14,67	€ 14,67	€ 14,67
<b>Total</b>	<b>€ 5.486,77</b>	<b>€ 5.457,08</b>	<b>€ 5.280,89</b>

### Explanation:

1. The constitution drink turned out to be considerably cheaper than previously thought. This was partly because less import had to be paid than previously thought. In addition, unforeseen was also not used
2. Of this budget, the workplaces in The Hague in particular have been refurbished. For example, a printer for the loft in The Hague was purchased. In addition, this item turned out to be slightly higher, partly because the board has purchased two paper shredders for in both common rooms in order to properly destroy sensitive information.
3. The staff lunch costs will again be shared with the institute this year.
4. General board expenses include the Chamber of Commerce deregistration of former board members, the Christmas cards, board interest booklets and board training.

<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Estimated budget 18/19</b>	<b>Re-estimated budget 18/19</b>	<b>Realization 18/19</b>
Former-board drinks	€ 500,00	€ 500,00	€ 495,84
Alumni drinks	€ 300,00	€ 300,00	€ -

<b>Total</b>	<b>€ 800,00</b>	<b>€ 800,00</b>	<b>€ 495,84</b>
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<b>Foreign Affairs</b>	<b>Estimated budget 18/19</b>	<b>Re-estimated budget 18/19</b>	<b>Realization 18/19</b>
Short Trip	€ 2.666,80	€ 2.666,80	€ 2.666,80
Long Trip <sup>1</sup>	€ 4.900,00	€ 3.850,00	€ 3.850,00
Pre- en Postactivities	€ 300,00	€ 300,00	€ 254,28
<b>Total</b>	<b>€7.866,80</b>	<b>€ 6.816,80</b>	<b>€ 6.771,08</b>

**Explanation :**

1. The SPIL contribution for the Long Trip is lower because the participant contribution also turned out lower.

<b>DEBAT</b>	<b>Estimated budget 18/19</b>	<b>Re-estimated budget 18/19</b>	<b>Realization 18/19</b>
4x DEBAT	€ 4.200,00	€ 4.200,00	€ 4.208,76
Workshops	€ 100,00	€ 100,00	€ 90,00
Digital DEBAT	€ 200,00	€ 200,00	€ 198,73
<b>Total</b>	<b>€ 4.500,00</b>	<b>€ 4.500,00</b>	<b>€ 4.497,49</b>

<b>Yearbook</b>	<b>Estimated budget 18/19</b>	<b>Re-estimated budget 18/19</b>	<b>Realization 18/19</b>
Yearbook	€ 3.700,00	€ 3.700,00	€ 3.368,37
Committee expenses	€ -	€ -	€ 16,49
<b>Total</b>	<b>€ 3.700,00</b>	<b>€ 3.700,00</b>	<b>€ 3.714,86</b>

<b>Facilities</b>	<b>Estimated budget 18/19</b>	<b>Re-estimated budget 18/19</b>	<b>Realization 18/19</b>
Pubquiz	€ 70,00	€ 100,00	€ 49,90
Borrels (14) <sup>1</sup>	€ 560,00	€ 840,00	€ 940,26
Movie night	€ 200,00	€ 250,00	€ 67,96
Karaoke night	€ 100,00	€ 200,00	€ 160,75
Parties (5)	€ 810,00	€ 712,47	€ 785,19
Parent's day Leiden <sup>2</sup>	€ 400,00	€ 400,00	€ 885,74
Excursion Efteling <sup>3</sup>	€ -	€ 100,00	€ 194,00
Band night <sup>4</sup>	€ 170,00	€ 400,00	€ 231,20
Gala	€ 1.200,00	€ 1.500,00	€1.617,13
Wafel hour	€ 11,06	€ 11,06	€ 11,06
Dutch Day	€ 16,27	€ 16,27	€ 16,27
Parent's Day The Hague <sup>5</sup>	€ -	€ 150,00	€ 56,44
Madurodam <sup>6</sup>	€ -	€ 33,00	€ 33,00
GSA <sup>7</sup>	€ -	€ 400,00	€ 394,95
Ice skating <sup>8</sup>	€ -	€ 67,50	€ 67,50
Introductory activity The Hague <sup>9</sup>	€ -	€ 350,00	€ 100,00
Pubcrawl <sup>10</sup>	€ -	€ -	€ 30,00
<b>Total</b>	<b>€ 3.537,33</b>	<b>€ 5.530,30</b>	<b>€ 5.641,35</b>

**Explanation:**

1. Because the treasurer ALV had to conclude at the previous GA that there was a budget surplus, the budget for the drinks was increased. Subsequently, the treasurer noted in block 4 that StudyStore would generate even more income, so it was decided to be able to give something back to SPIL members immediately with this extra income.

2. Because keeping the FSW open has turned out to be more expensive than expected, the Leiden parent day post also turned out to be higher. In addition, other costs for the parent's day were not taken into account. Fortunately, the high parenting day could be absorbed within the Facilities budget, because other posts within Facilities were cheaper.

3. The excursion to Efteling turned out slightly higher because the SPIL contributed to the train tickets for members without weekly public transport.

4. On the recommendation of the GA, in principle more money had been budgeted for the Band night. In the end, renting equipment turned out cheaper than expected.

5. Initially, no money had been budgeted for the parent's day in The Hague. In order to spend the donation of the 37th board, it was decided to also budget and realize money for this parent's day.
6. This activity will cover an introductory activity after the summer for the new class of international students. This afternoon activity will be organized for international students who have not been able to visit the EJW. The purpose of this activity is community building where the 38th board of SPIL has also received money from the 37th board.
7. This activity is planned later in the year and was originally not budgeted for. This money has been used to provide participants in the pub crawl a welcome shot.

<b>Reservers</b>	<b>Estimated budget 18/19</b>	<b>Re-estimated budget 18/19</b>	<b>Realization 18/19</b>
8 <sup>th</sup> Lustrum of the SPIL <sup>1</sup>	€ 1.500,00	€ 1.750,00	€ 2.000,00
SPIL common room Leiden	€ 150,00	€ 150,00	€ 150,00
Lustrum DEBAT	€ 150,00	€ 150,00	€ 300,00
Donation 39 <sup>th</sup> board <sup>2</sup>	€ -	€ -	€ 778,00
<b>Total</b>	<b>€ 1.800,00</b>	<b>€ 2.050,00</b>	<b>€ 3.228,00</b>

**Explanation:**

1. Because there is a lot more money to spend in the re-budget, it has been decided to budget more money for the Lustrum.
2. The 38th board advises the 39th board to use this donation to get the SPIL website in order. The board member responsible for the website can use this to hire an expert or to attend courses themselves.

<b>Promotion</b>	<b>Estimated budget 18/19</b>	<b>Re-estimated budget 18/19</b>	<b>Realization 18/19</b>
Promotion committee <sup>1</sup>	€ 400,00	€ 600,00	€ 743,01
EL-CID stand	€ 150,00	€ 150,00	€ 150,00
HOP-week stand <sup>2</sup>	€ 150,00	€ 200,00	€ 200,00
<b>Total</b>	<b>€ 700,00</b>	<b>€ 950,00</b>	<b>€ 950,00</b>

**Explanation:**

1. The university has abolished the SAP, which means that printing posters and other things will be more expensive. As a result, the SPIL is forced to have posters printed at the print shop in FSW itself and also settles the bill there on a monthly basis. As a result, the SPIL must now pay VAT on the printed material.

<b>ICT</b>	<b>Estimated budget 18/19</b>	<b>Re-estimated budget 18/19</b>	<b>Realization 18/19</b>
License Snelstart	€ 140,00	€ 140,00	€ 140,00
Subscription PC Leden	€ 75,00	€ 75,00	€ 71,39
Hosting 'www.spilplaats.nl'	€ 325,54	€ 325,54	€ 325,54
Domain name registration Argeweb	€ 20,00	€ 20,00	€ 18,15
Website <sup>1</sup>	€ 59,29	€ 59,29	€ 59,29

Advice expert <sup>2</sup>	€ 100,00	€ 100,00	€ -
DEBAT software <sup>3</sup>	€ -	€ 132,75	€ 132,75
<b>Total</b>	<b>€ 719,83</b>	<b>€ 852,58</b>	<b>€ 852,58</b>

**Explanation:**

1. Costs incurred for the annual update of the website.
2. As a precaution, an amount was budgeted if the ICT Commissioner cannot solve a problem on his own and needs help. The ICT Commissioner did not need this help.
3. These costs are incurred to preserve the current template of the DEBAT commissioner that has been made with care.

<b>Education</b>	<b>Estimated budget 18/19</b>	<b>Re-estimated budget 18/19</b>	<b>Realization 18/19</b>
Education Evaluations <sup>1</sup>	€ 50,00	€ 50,00	€ -
Activities & Workshops <sup>2</sup>	€ 500,00	€ 500,00	€ 612,40
Carreer	€ 400,00	€ 250,00	€ 187,97
<b>Total</b>	<b>€ 950,00</b>	<b>€ 800,00</b>	<b>€ 800,37</b>

**Explanation:**

1. The educational evaluations were performed free of charge.
2. This item turned out to be slightly higher than budgeted, but is taken into account within the education budget because education evaluations and careers have been realized lower.

<b>SPIL weekend</b>	<b>Estimated budget 18/19</b>	<b>Re-estimated budget 18/19</b>	<b>Realization 18/19</b>
SPIL contribution	€ 500,00	€ 750,00	€ 750,00
<b>Total</b>	<b>€ 500,00</b>	<b>€ 750,00</b>	<b>€ 750,00</b>

<b>Domestic Affairs</b>	<b>Estimated budget 18/19</b>	<b>Re-estimated budget 18/19</b>	<b>Realization 18/19</b>
Excursions, Lectures & Debates <sup>1</sup>	€ 300,00	€ 250,00	€ 305,89
Dies Lecture	€ 300,00	€ 151,09	€ 151,09
Leidsch Debat	€ 200,00	€ 200,00	€ 100,00
StOP interfaculty activities	€ 50,00	€ 50,00	€ -
<b>Total</b>	<b>€ 850,00</b>	<b>€ 651,09</b>	<b>€ 556,98</b>

**Explanation:**

1. Each participating association in the Leidsch Debat has had to contribute 100 euros. This is lower than expected in advance.

<b>Investments</b>	<b>Estimated budget 18/19</b>	<b>Re-estimated budget 18/19</b>	<b>Realization 18/19</b>
Stereo Leiden	€ 37,50	€ 37,50	€ 37,50
Second iZettle	€ 97,17	€ 97,17	€ 97,17



investment for promotional purposes (SPIL stickers) <sup>1</sup>	€ 100,00	€ 200,00	€ 186,28
SPIL pens <sup>2</sup>	€ -	€ 250,00	€ 242,00
SPIL bags <sup>3</sup>	€	€ -	€ 210,54
<b>Total</b>	<b>€ 234,67</b>	<b>€ 584,67</b>	<b>€ 773,49</b>

**Toelichting:**

1. At the previous GA it was not yet clear which interpretation was found for promotional purposes. In the end these became the beautiful SPIL stickers.
2. Of this amount, 1000 SPIL yellow pens were purchased with print.
3. New SPIL linen bags have been ordered from this amount to be able to take on Long Journey. Due to a distribution problem, the bags did not arrive on time and so not many bags were used yet. That is why these bags will mainly be used by the 39th, but this edition will still fall in the 38th financial year.

<b>IAPSS (International Association for Political Science Students)</b>	<b>Estimated budget 18/19</b>	<b>Re-estimated budget 18/19</b>	<b>Realization 18/19</b>
IAPSS membership fee	€ 100,00	€ 100,00	€ 100,00
Pre IAPSS activity	€ 20,00	€ -	€ -
SPIL contribution	€ 1.500,00	€ -	€ -
Symposium <sup>1</sup>	€ -	€ 400,00	€ 408,37
<b>Totaal</b>	<b>€ 1.620,00</b>	<b>€ 500,00</b>	<b>€ 508,37</b>

**Explanation**

1. A wonderful symposium has been organized with this money.

<b>Depreciation</b>	<b>Estimated budget 18/19</b>	<b>Re-estimated budget 18/19</b>	<b>Realization 18/19</b>
SPIL common room The Hague <sup>1</sup>	€ 250,00	€ 250,00	€ 250,00
Depreciation camera	€ 100,00	€ 100,00	€ 100,00
<b>Totaal</b>	<b>€ 350,00</b>	<b>€ 350,00</b>	<b>€ 350,00</b>

**Explanation:**

1. The treasurer has a complete list of assets. Depreciation includes: furniture; the bank, and all devices; refrigerator, coffee maker, kettle, sandwich irons, music boxes, and other products.

<b>Platform voor Politicologen</b>	<b>Estimated budget 18/19</b>	<b>Re-estimated budget 18/19</b>	<b>Realization 18/19</b>
Membership fee <sup>1</sup>	€ 150,00	€ 150,00	€ 175,00
<b>Total</b>	<b>€ 150,00</b>	<b>€ 150,00</b>	<b>€ 175,00</b>

**Explanation:**

1. Because the PvP had a budget deficit in financial year 17/18, each member association was asked to contribute an additional 25 euros. Because the financial year had already been closed and in order to keep the administration manageable, it was decided to include this extra contribution in financial year 18/19. That is why ultimately 175 euros was realized.

<b>Acquisitie</b>	<b>Estimated budget 18/19</b>	<b>Re-estimated budget 18/19</b>	<b>Realization 18/19</b>
Acquisitie training <sup>1</sup>	€ 80,00	€ -	€ -
<b>Total</b>	<b>€ 80,00</b>	<b>€ -</b>	<b>€ -</b>

**Explanation:**

1. The Commissioner of Acquisitions has finally decided not to follow acquisition training with her committee.

<b>Contingencies</b>	<b>Estimated budget 18/19</b>	<b>Re-estimated budget 18/19</b>	<b>Realization 18/19</b>
General expenses	€ 1.048,81	€ 1.014,25	€ -
SPIL banner <sup>1</sup>	€ -	€ 50,44	€ 131,45
New printer common room Leiden <sup>2</sup>	€ -	€ -	€ 201,45
ANP <sup>3</sup>	€ -	€ -	€ 340,00
<b>Totaal</b>	<b>€ 1.048,81</b>	<b>€ 1.091,69</b>	<b>€ 672,90</b>

**Toelichting:**

1. The first banner was purchased by the board without a frame to save costs. In the end it turned out that the board couldn't place this in the frame of the old banner. This forced the board to purchase a new frame. Now the SPIL simply has another banner that works.
2. In mid-April the printer from the common room in Leiden gave up after four years of loyal service. Because these costs were not foreseen, the treasurer has placed this issue under unexpected circumstances on the advice of the Cash Commission.
3. At the time of writing, it is not yet clear whether the SPIL should actually pay this fine.

## Balance

<b>Balance</b>			
<b>Debet</b>		<b>Credit</b>	
ABN business account	€ 1.355,41	<i>Eigen vermogen</i>	€ 35.774,59
ABN savings account	€ 26.200,23	Lustrum reservations	€ 5.500,00
Ties (187)	€ 1.122,00	DEBAT reservations	€ 500,00
Bows (118)	€ 708,00	Reserver: SPIL common room Leiden	€ 300,00
Pair of braced (95)	€ 2.090,00	Depreciation	€ 1.546,00
Bowties (107)	€ 1.070,20	SPIL items	€ 1.825,29
Doppers (56)	€ 557,20	Buffer contributie	€ 12.080,00
Previous board pin (72)	€ 148,86	Extra buffer	€ 14.570,55
Umbrella (17)	€ 102,00		
Bike essentials (36)	€ 350,36		
Card holder (15)	€ 53,72		
Cash	€ 727,16		
<b>Debtors</b>	<b>€ 1.836,70</b>		
<b>Total</b>	<b>€ 36.321,84</b>		<b>€ 36.321,84</b>

<b>Debtors</b>		<b>Creditors</b>	
Staff-lunch with institute	€63,70		
The institute of Political Science	€1.800,00		
<b>Totaal</b>	<b>€ 2.163,70</b>		<b>€</b>

## Realization Long Trip

Income	Budget		Realization	
	p.p.	Budget	p.p.	realization
SPIL contribution	€ 110,00	€ 3.850,00	€ 110,00	€ 3.850,00
Participation contribution	€ 550,00	€ 19.250,00	€ 550,00	€ 19.250,00
CASSA subsidy	€ 45,20	€ 1.582,00	€ 40,80	€ 1.428,00
Massada contribution <sup>1</sup>	€ -	€ -	€ 63,29	€ 1.835,29
<b>Total</b>	<b>€ 705,20</b>	<b>€ 24.682,00</b>	<b>€ 764,09</b>	<b>€ 26.363,29</b>

	Expenses			
	Budget		Realization	
	p.p.	Budget	p.p.	Realization
<b>Accommodation</b>				
Abraham hostels	€ 285,43	€ 9.990,00	€ 301,33	€ 10.546,64
<b>Travel</b>				
Airplane tickets	€ 269,92	€ 9.177,28	€ 269,92	€ 9.177,28
Transport <sup>2</sup>	€ 37,14	€ 1.300,00	€ 35,56	€ 1.244,73
<b>OV Tel Aviv &amp; Jeruzalem</b>				
Ov-kaart	€ 34,86	€ 1.220,00	€ 39,18	€ 1.371,22
<b>Cultural activities</b>				
Yad Vashem (museum)	€ 4,37	€ 153,00	€ 4,50	€ 157,55
City tour Jerusalem	€ 7,43	€ 260,00	€ 8,11	€ 283,71
Massada excursion (29 p.) <sup>1</sup>	€ -	€ -	€ 63,29	€ 1.835,30
<b>Others</b>				
Rental meeting rooms <sup>3</sup>	€ 8,00	€ 280,00	€ 5,93	€ 207,43
Phone costs	€ 0,29	€ 10,00	€ 0,29	€ 9,99
Presents speaker	€ 0,29	€ 10,00	€ 0,64	€ 22,50
Costs money transfer	€ 0,57	€ 20,00	€ 0,51	€ 18,00
Contingencies <sup>4</sup>	€ 21,16	€ 740,46	€ 4,58	€ 160,37
Restitution 1 participant <sup>5</sup>	€ -	€ 269,00	€ -	€ 269,00
Restitution all participants	-	-	€ 30,27	€ 1.059,58
<b>Total</b>		<b>€ 23.429,74</b>	<b>€ 764,11</b>	<b>€ 26.363,30</b>

### Explanation:

1. The excursion to the Massada was optional and all participants of the Long Trip could participate. In the end 29 of the 35 participants registered. Participants fully paid for the excursion to the

Massada as an extra option for the trip. That is why the income from the participants of Massada (29 people) is equal to the expenses on the Massada.

2. This transport includes a rented bus from the airport to Jerusalem, a rented bus from Jerusalem to Tel Aviv and a rented bus from Tel Aviv to the airport. This means a total of three bus trips with our own bus.

3. When an organization was unable to welcome the group at its own location, meeting rooms were sometimes rented in the hostel.

4. One of the participants had discussed with the board that he would not travel to the destination. The participant would travel with the return flight. Now it became clear at the airport on the return trip that the return flight is automatically canceled if one does not show up for the outward journey. That is why this person no longer had a plane ticket for the return journey. It has been decided that the costs of the return journey of this person within the Long Trip budget fall under contingencies.

5. One participant of the Long Trip is living in Tel Aviv in the summer, and therefore this participant did not have to use the transport organized by the SPIL. This participant has paid its participant contribution minus the costs of the airline ticket. For this participant, it was not necessary to purchase a plane ticket.

## Realization freshmen weekend

Income	Estimated			Realization		
	Amount	p.p.	estimated	Aantal	p.p.	Realization
Participants	70	€ 35,00	€ 2.625,00	73	€ 35,00	€ 2.555,00
Current board	7	€ 25,00	€ 175,00	7	€ 25,00	€ 175,00
Upcoming board	4	€ 25,00	€ 125,00	4	€ 25,00	€ 100,00
Committee	7	€ 25,00	€ 175,00	7	€ 25,00	€ 175,00
Deposit scouting		€ 3,72	€ 350,00		€ 3,72	€ 350,00
Deposit bottles		€ 1,17	€ 110,00		€ 1,17	€ 110,00
	<b>88</b>		<b>€ 3.560,00</b>	<b>91</b>		<b>€ 3.355,00</b>

	Expenses					
	estimated			realization		
	Amount	p.p.	estimated	amount	p.p.	realization
<b>Accommodation</b>						
Scouting	94	€ 11,70	€ 1.100,00	91	€ 10,97	€ 999,00
Services <sup>1</sup>	94	€ 4,26	€ 400,00	91	€ 0,49	€ 45,00
<b>Groceries</b>						
Breakfast & Lunch	94	€ 2,13	€ 200,00	91	€ 2,22	€ 202,39
Diner day 1 & 2	94	€ 2,98	€ 280,00	91	€ 3,42	€ 311,50
Snacks	94	€ 1,06	€ 100,00	91	€ 1,34	€ 121,59
Non-alcoholic Beveridge	94	€ 1,60	€ 150,00	91	€ 16,93	€ 203,12
Alcoholic Beveridge	94	€ 3,40	€ 320,00	91	€ 4,57	€ 416,27
<b>General Expenses</b>						
Decoration	94	€ 0,32	€ 30,00	91	€ 0,40	€ 36,09
Participant's booklet	75	€ 1,33	€ 100,00	73	€ 2,35	€ 171,82
Karaoke set	94	€ 1,70	€ 160,00	91	€ 2,03	€ 185,13
<b>Others</b>						
Fuel car	94	€ 1,32	€ 125,00	91	€ 2,03	€ 184,58
Gift speaker	94	€ 0,11	€ 10,00	91	€ 0,05	€ 4,10
Expenses reimbursement speaker				91	€ -	€ -
94		€ 0,42	€ 40,00			
Cleaning supplies	94	€ 0,27	€ 25,00	91	€ 0,04	€ 3,69
Deposit scouting	94	€ 3,72	€ 350,00	91	€ 9,85	€ 350,00
Contengencies	94	€ 1,14	€ 106,80	91	€ -	€ -
Restitution	-	€ -	€ -	91	€ 1,33	€ 120,75
<b>Total</b>	<b>94</b>		<b>€ 3.496,80</b>			<b>€ 3.355,00</b>

### Clarification:

1. Services include costs such as gas, water and electricity.