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‘Onze nob’le discipline’

By Max Nederkoorn and Stijn van den Wijngaard

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

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

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

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

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

AGENDA

1. Opening
2. Choosing Voting Committee
3. Setting the Agenda
4. Announcement
5. Received documents
6. Evaluating the Minutes of the Changes of Boards GA, d.d. September 12th
7. Proposal Increase Contribution
8. Policy XLIVth board 'SPILventurous'
9. Nomination College of GA Chairs
10. Discharges and Installations
11. Any Other Businesses (W.v.t.t.k.)
12. Round of Questions
13. Discharge of Voting Committee
14. End of meeting

MINUTES CHANGE OF BOARDS GA, d.d. 12 september 2024

Opening

The Chair of the Ga, Mr. van Kampen opens the meeting at 18:55.

Those present at the GA are:

Sem van der Voort	Jessica Cressy-Jones	Emma Breed
Judith Hordijk	Bogdan Bodomoiu	Marvin Lamers
Janneke Pool	Thomas van Loon	Elena van der Klok
Ralph Otten	Hanna van Stekelenborg	Bas van der Tas
Jules Fockens	Lucille Saisse	Yesim Benli
Lilli Helin	Kathrin Brill	Sheno Djamshidi
Sozic Michotte van den Berck	Aiden Bennett	Luise Gabbert
Svea Drose	Inge van Hoek	Thomas Meijer
Noor Stuijt	Famke Akerboom	Milena Schmidt
Kasya Hilhorst	Summer Knegtmans	Pieter Mauritz
Frederika Togtema	Lara Akande	Nena Vermeiden
Ruchi van Zoelen	Margot Ammerlaan	Anna Easton
Gijs Verhoeff	Niels Bosman	Luuk Hoff
Marit van der Heide	Celia Hiver	Marijke Horan Alfames
Anna Idziak	Alfons Hooft	Hannah Dierke
Amany Arafa	Donna Dekker	Annabelle Jung
Cesar Serlie	Thirze Wiegiers	Sabine Silveira Vaucher
Mette Kamerlich	Patrick Daamen	Daan Bal
Sophia Campfens	Leon Jad El Haddad	Josephine van Os
Ruben Backx	Robin Buijs	Ottavia Rolla
Nika Verwoert	Daan de Vries	Haitske Pottinga
Christopher Conti		

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

The Chair of the GA explains what a GA is.

The current board members introduce themselves.

Mr. Buijs explains what a GA is.

Mr. Daamen explains that he has been to more GAs than he has eaten breakfast.

SPIL Anthem 19:01.

The Chair of the GA brings out his own gavel.

2. Voting Committee.

The Chair of the GA explains what the Voting Committee entails.

Mr. Meijer and Mr. Daamen are hammered in as Voting Committee.

3. Setting the agenda

No changes. The agenda is set.

4. Announcements

The Chair of the GA does his announcements. He explains to the GA to please state their full name before saying anything so that the Secretary can write down the name for the minutes.

The Chair of the GA explains to the GA that questions can be asked in both Dutch and English. Dutch questions and answers will be provided with a short translation by him.

The Chair of the GA explains to the GA that the Motion paper can be found in the back and on the SPIL website.

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

No further announcements.

5. Received documents

Vote transfer from Mr. Van Kampen to Mr. Lamers.

6. Proposal Honorary member

Mr. Verhoeff reads his part on Rudy Andeweg.

No objections

→ Rudy Andeweg is made an honorary member of the association.

7. Installing Minutes Change of Boards GA, d.d. September 12th 2024

Mr. Buijs is asking if the motions about buying a beer is meant for all the present CALVV members.

Ms. Stuijt explains that it is a question for the Treasurer.

Ms. Hilhorst explains that it is for all the CALVV members present, but that it is not on the SPIL budget.

There are no further questions. The minutes are set.

8. Final Report XLIIIrd board ‘SPILOcracy’

2.1

Ms. Akande is asking if we can evaluate the English-speaking policy.

Ms. Drose explains that the feedback was positive and Dutch people explained that it was a good opportunity to practise their English.

Ms. Van der Heide is asking about the busyness of the common rooms.

Ms. Drose explains that the common room in the Hague is less busy than the common room in Leiden. She mentions some incentives they have used to further the busyness of the common rooms, like the coffee and waffle hours.

2.3

Ms. Akande is asking how the Beehive Community was.

Ms. Drose explained that it was not really used because there was pushback from other boards.

Mr. Hooft is asking what the 'Ze' is referring to in the Dutch Booklet.

Ms. Drose explains that it is a typo.

Mr. Buijs is asking how the StOP alcohol and other intoxicating substances Protocol was used, and if she ever made use of the guidelines.

Ms. Drose explains that the guidelines were of good help in addition to their own policies. Most important thing they took from the guidelines was to ensure that during events someone with BHV is present at all times.

3.1.1

Ms. Akande gives a compliment to the board for finishing the board year with only six members and tells them they can be really proud of themselves.

3.1.2

Mr. Buijs is asking why Ms. Drose was so satisfied with the relationship with both the student member of the Institute Board and the former student member of the Faculty Board, and especially the student member of the Institute Board.

Ms. Drose explains that she has had a lot of contact points with both assessors and that they always were of great help.

Mr. Buijs is asking if Ms. Drose thinks applause would be in order if the former student member of the Institute Board is present.

Ms. Drose explains it is.

3.1.3

Ms. Van der Heide is asking how the NKWP will be used.

Ms. Drose explains what the NKWP is and how it will be in place. In the next year, she hopes to collaborate on events or get financial funds from the NKWP.

3.2

Mr. Buijs is asking if the President could tell more about the BRICS event, because Stairs Affairs in the past has only been organised regarding elections, and the success of the event.

Ms. Drose explains that it is relevant for political science and public administration students and that the committee does not want to be limited to only elections.

Mr. Hooft is asking if the President has advice for the board about the internal debate of the US election being during the Dies week.

Ms. Drose explains that this is up to the next Commissioner Stairs Affairs to choose. And if they want to organise an event around the US elections, she imagines that an event beforehand could be organised.

4.1.1

Mr. Daamen is asking to fill in the blanks.

Ms. Stuijt explains that SPIL has a total of 1074 members. 120 international politics students, 119 political science students, 488 international relations and organisations students, 33 master students and 433 members of which the programme is unknown.

And explains that the numbers will be more accurate during the next GA because of a mistake when adding the new members.

4.1.2

Ms. Stuijt is asking the 'Oude Rotten' to come forward.

Ms. Stuijt thanks the 'Oude Rotten' for their unique contribution to the SPIL newsletter, even though they never made the deadline.

Ms. Stuijt gives Mr. Daamen and Mr. Hooft a present to thank them for their hard work.

The Chair of the GA is asking Mr. Daamen and Mr. Hooft what their favourite newsletter of the past year was.

Mr. Daamen explains that it would be the Trouw.

Mr. Hooft explains the second to last one was his favourite.

4.1.3.

Ms. Akande is asking about the direct debit and if the Secretary discussed the issue with the Treasurer, because it is not possible with the contract SPIL has with the bank.

Ms. Stuijt explains she is aware of the issue.

Ms. Hilhorst explains the issue was in more detail in the interim policy. She explains the idea is to look into a new contract with the bank where the direct debit for reunionists is possible.

4.1.4

Mr. Bosman is asking if the Secretary can fill in the blanks for the reunionists and alumni.

Ms. Stuijt explains that SPIL has 66 reunionists and 294 registered alumni.

Mr. Backx is asking what the difference is between alumni and reunionists.

Ms. Stuijt explains that reunionists are paying members, who receive the DEBAT at home. They do not have voting rights during the GAs. Alumni are just registered alumni who were members of SPIL during their studies. They do not pay and also do not have voting rights during the GAs.

Mr. Buijs wants to give the Secretary a compliment on the hard work the Secretary put in the alumni portfolio. He also wants to know if the Secretary has any recommendations for the XLIVth board on how to get more alumni to register at SPIL, because the number is dropping.

Ms. Stuijt explains how the number has been increasing instead of dropping. She explains how the Secretary sent an email to all the members wanting to sign out, with the option to become a reunionist or an alumni. She also wants to stress the point that all political science alumni were invited for the alumni event through the Alumni Bureau, which reached over 10.000 alumni.

4.1.6

Mr. Bosman wants to thank the board for organising the former boards borrel and hopes the new board can make it as much as a success.

Ms. Ammerlaan is asking if the Secretary has advice for the XLIVth board on how the issue around some former board members not getting an invite, due to wrong email addresses or no contact details at all, can be resolved.

Ms. Stuijt explains that she emailed all the participants present with the request to send the right contact details of others who were not invited. But she did not get any responses. Additionally, Ms. Togtema put the invitation with the pictures on the SPIL LinkedIN, where more former board members would be reached. So she advises the next board to also put the invitation on the LinkedIN again.

4.2.1

Ms. Van der Heide is asking if somebody from the Introduction Committee could explain how it was being part of this committee.

Ms. Van Os explains she joined the Introduction Committee last February and found it very fun to be part of this committee, especially organising Freshmen Weekend.

4.2.3

Mw. Van der Klok vraagt of er “Zure jury” is gedaan tijdens het Eerstejaarsweekend.

Ms. Van der Klok is asking if they did “Zure jury” during Freshmen Weekend.

Ms. Stuijt explains they did not.

Mw. Van der Klok vraagt waarom niet.

Ms. Van der Klok is asking why not.

Ms. Stuijt answers that the Freshmen Weekend is about the first year students and not about the new board.

The Chair of the GA is asking Ms. Van der Klok to explain what “Zure jury” entails.

Ms. Van der Klok explains that it is such a long time ago for her. She explains that with “Zure jury” the h.t. board mocks the f.t. board during the Weekend.

Mw. Van der Klok vraagt of het nieuwe bestuur “Zure jury” zal doen tijdens het komende Eerstejaarsweekend.

Ms. Van der Klok is asking whether the new board is thinking about doing “Zure jury” during the upcoming Freshmen Weekend.

Mr. Van der Voort explains everyone needs to wait for the policy of the XLIVth board.

Ms. Akande is asking if the signups were full this year and whether the Secretary will be recommending a different place for the upcoming year, where there is space for more participants.

Ms. Stuijt explains the signups were full and she recommends the new Commissioner to definitely look into other options as well as the options in Delft and Poeldijk.

Ms. Ammerlaan is asking if there was enough salt this year.

Ms. Stuijt explains they brought plenty of salt.

Ms. Hilhorst explains they bought even more salt during the weekend.

Mr. Bosman is asking the new board whether they promised to include “Zure jury” in their policy.

Ms. Van der Voort clarifies that everyone can read their policy and then see whether “Zure jury” is included or not.

Mr. Daamen is asking who from the board was the Monopoly man and who was the thief during the “smuggling game”.

Ms. Stuijt explains that those were both committee members and not board members.

Mr. Daamen is asking if Mr. Verhoeff could reenact the thief from the game.

Mr. Verhoeff explains that he had a different task during the game.

Mr. Daamen is asking Mr. Verhoeff if he is the real Monopoly man.

Mr. Verhoeff explains he is not and that he was the bank.

5.1.2

Mr. Buijs compliments the Treasurer on how she handled the situation.

Ms. Hilhorst explains that she did not get scammed.

5.1.3

Ms. Van der Heide explains that she enjoyed being part of the Audit Committee.

Ms. Breed explains she completely agrees with Ms. Van der Heide.

5.2

Mr. Bosman is asking if the board asked committee members to say something about the year and how their committee went during this GA?

Ms. Stuijt explains they did not.

Ms. Hilhorst explains they did this during the Interim GA, but that there are committee members present if he wants to ask.

Mr. Bosman explains this is important to do during the Interim GA, but especially important during the Change of Boards GA.

Ms. Hilhorst explains that there are two Dies Committees present, one from last year's Dies and the new committee since February for the upcoming Dies.

Mr. Bosman explains if nobody prepared anything, it does not necessarily add much.

6.1

Ms. Van der Klok is asking if Ms. Togtema and Mr. Otten can show their socks.

The Chair of the GA is asking if Mr. Verhoeff brought the suit with him.

Mr. Verhoeff explains he forgot.

Mr. Buijs is asking if Mr. Verhoeff deems the opinion and everything that is said in the GAs not important.

Mr. Verhoeff explains he values everyone's opinions a lot, but he had a very busy day and he had to run to get to the GA on time. So he did not bring the Obi-Wan-Kenobi costume and he is very sorry.

Mr. Hooft is asking if Mr. Verhoeff thinks democracy should just end because Mr. Verhoeff is tired.

Mr. Verhoeff explains that democracy usually ends with thunderous applause.

Mr. Hooft explains he likes the answer, but maybe Mr. Verhoeff should just bring the costume.

Mr. Buijs explains that he thinks the GA is very serious about this matter and he thinks there is only one way Mr. Verhoeff can make up for this, and that is for Mr. Verhoeff to show up to the next GA in his Obi-Wan-Kenobi costume.

The Chair of the GA explains that motion paper can be found in the back of the room.

Mr. Buijs explains that this is about another motion and he would like to discuss it with Mr. Verhoeff.

Mr. Verhoeff explains if a motion moves him to do so, he will.

Mr. Buijs explains the motions will be for the next board and Mr. Verhoeff will not be in function anymore. So he will not be bound by the motion, there is nothing else they can do then just discuss it now.

Mr. Bosman is asking for a point of order, he explains that this is not the current point on the agenda and maybe move this discussion to later in the GA.

Mr. Buijs agrees to move the discussion to Any Other Business.

6.2

Ms. Van der Heide is asking which activities of the Education Committee were the best attended.

Ms. Togtema explains that the event on the Dutch elections in the beginning of the year was best attended. She would advise the next commissioner to organise events on current politics and the interest of students.

Ms. Akande asks if the money for the boat tour can be used somewhere else within the portfolio of Education & Politics, because it is a very big expenditure.

Ms. Togtema explains that the boat tour was for a very small group of people and she would advise for the next year to look into workshops or other events rather than the boat tour.

6.3

Mr. Backx is asking if there are recommendations for more informal events for the Masters Committee.

Ms. Togetema explains that there was a borrel with PhD students, where they could ask questions about the future and academia. The Masters Committee also helped the Secretary organise the Alumni event, but the next committee can look into what their interests are.

Ms. Van der Heide is asking how many members were in the committee.

Ms. Togtema explains that there were four members during the entire year.

Ms. Van der Heide is asking if Ms. Togtema has some tips on how she found master students interested in the committee, as this has been a problem in the last few years.

Ms. Togtema explains she was blessed as a HOP-week mentor with an only master students group and she was also present at all the masters welcome back ceremonies organised by the study advisors.

Mr. Bosman is asking if there was a cooperation with B.I.L. during the year.

Ms. Togtema explains they organised a pub crawl through The Hague together and it was very well attended.

Mr. Bosman is asking if Ms. Togtema would suggest the next board to keep the cooperation with B.I.L. up as well.

Ms. Togtema explains she would definitely do that.

Mr. Buijs is asking now that they are on the topic of the B.I.L., he is wondering if Ms. Togtema can react to the rumours in the hallway corridors that she is also a member of the B.I.L.

Ms. Togtema explains she is indeed also a member of the B.I.L.

Mr. Daamen is asking how Mr. Verhoeff reacts to the news that he is not the only traitor anymore.

Mr. Verhoeff explains he has no comment.

Mr. Hooft is asking whether Ms. Togtema is considering cutting her membership card.

Ms. Togtema is asking which one.

6.4

Ms. Akande is asking if the contract with Index is renewed.

Ms. Togtema explains the contract runs until December.

Ms. Van der Klok is highlighting that it is not in line with the contract with Index to sell summaries.

Ms. Togtema explains she is aware and that this is a recommendation to put in the new contract.

Ms. Jung explains to first talk to Joop van Holsteijn, because he is very against the summaries.

6.5

Mr. Buijs is asking if Ms. Togtema could reflect on her past on the Programme Committee and how she experienced it, especially because she is there on an elective basis and not necessarily for SPIL.

Ms. Togtema explains it was very helpful to get insights on the policy of the Institute Board. Eventually she could not attend a lot of meetings, because most of them overlapped with SPIL events. She would recommend her successor to still apply for the Programme Committee.

7.1

Ms. Akande is asking who of the board was the dress code manager and if he or she sometimes felt uncomfortable telling people their clothes were not in line with the dress code.

Ms. Stuijt explains she was the dress code manager last year, and of course it is not the most pleasant conversation to have. But by having the dress code manager introduced on the website, the readers etc, people are already aware who the dress code manager is. So that makes it less awkward.

Ms. Akande is asking if Ms. Stuijt has any feedback for the possible successor.

Ms. Stuijt explains she would make the dress code manager as visible as possible, maybe even show examples.

Ms. Buijs is asking, since they are touching upon the topic of the dress code manager, how Ms. Stuijt reflects on white sneakers at the gala.

Ms. Stuijt explains that everybody can wear whatever they feel comfortable in. And the ticket to the gala is already pretty expensive, so if the pressure of buying new shoes is too high, she really appreciates their attendance.

The Chair of the GA is asking if Mr. Buijs has an opinion about the white shoes at the gala because it has come to his attention that Mr. Buijs works at a shoe store.

Mr. Buijs explains he does not have an opinion about the shoes, but he does want to take this moment to compliment the Chair of the GA on his shoes.

The Chair of the GA thanks Mr. Buijs.

Mr. Hooft explains he wants to apologise, because at first he was critical of the concept of the dress code manager, but now he thinks it is a wonderful new development; also at the gala.

Ms. Campfens is asking how the dress code manager solved it when they were already on location and somebody was not dressed according to the dress code.

Ms. Stuijt explains that during the trips they would first meet up in the lobby, where you can immediately ask people to change if necessary. And for excursions, you would tell people to dress according to the dress code for the next event.

7.2

Mr. Buijs gives a compliment to the board.

7.3

Ms. Van der Klok is asking if there was SPILaria.

Ms. Hilhorst explains that some people got sick but nothing major.

Mr. Buijs is asking how the Taj Mahal was.

Ms. Stuijt explains it was very beautiful and she was very surprised how many Islamic phrases there were on the Taj Mahal, but it was also very warm.

Mr. Daamen is asking how politically relevant the board thinks India was.

Ms. Hilhorst explains that this was her fifth SPIL trip and she found India actually the most interesting, politics wise.

Mr. Daamen is asking how the political system in India works.

Ms. Hilhorst explains she will absolutely elaborate on that during the break.

Mr. Van der Tas is asking if in India the motion was fulfilled by having a karaoke night.

Mr. Verhoeff explains that they indeed had a karaoke night with water bottles as microphones.

Mr. Mauritz is asking what Mr. Verhoeff his favourite bollywood song is.

Mr. Verhoeff explains his favourite bollywood song is “Badtameez Dil”.

7.4

Ms. Van der Heide is asking if the board has any concrete advice on organising the congress in a different form.

Ms. Van Zoelen explains that there already was a letter in the Affirmation GA where the board explained why they changed the HR. But in short, they struggled to have enough people to fill all the committees and other organisations like StOP also organise congresses.

Mw. Van der Klok vraagt hoe het StOP Congress was.

Ms. Van der Klok is asking how the StOP Congress was?

Ms. Hilhorst explains this was cancelled.

Ms. Van der Klok is asking how that is possible.

Ms. Hilhorst explains Ms. Van der Klok can ask her in the break if she wants more details.

Ms. Van der Klok is asking whether it is together with SPIL.

Ms. Hilhorst explains that the StOP Congress is organised by StOP, in collaboration with the associations who are members of StOP, such as SPIL.

Ms. Jung is asking if the board would advise having a congress in the beginning of the academic year, if it is just because there are a lot of other congresses, or if they want in general less congresses.

Ms. Stuijt explains that the interest for congresses is not that high and also there is time needed to organise one. She stresses the focus should go towards the PiP-Congress.

Ms. Jung is asking if then Ms. Stuijt would not advise organising a congress with another committee.

Ms. Stuijt explains that if a committee wants to organise a congress, of course they can do that.

Ms. Van Stekelenborg is asking what a congress is.

Ms. Van Zoelen explains what a congress is.

Ms. Akande is asking how many people attended the congress.

Ms. Zoelen explains there were eight or ten people.

Mr. Van der Tas is asking if there were still enough options to choose from with Long Trip.

Ms. Hilhorst explains that options are limited, because everything is more expensive, due to inflation and budget being the same.

Mr. Van der Tas is asking if upping the budget would be necessary next year.

Ms. Hilhorst explains that SPIL in general is also dealing with the budget going down, so she would not recommend putting more budget into the trips.

The GA chair suspends the meeting at 20:21.

The Chair of GA reopens the meeting at 20: 33.

8.1.1

Mr. Lamers is asking if Ms. Van Zoelen thinks the amount of the sign-up list is enough.

Ms. Van Zoelen advises her successor to promote the pick up in the common room more.

Mr. Lamers is asking if she would recommend her successor to use the sign-up list again.

Ms. Van Zoelen explains she would recommend using it again.

Mr. Daamen is asking if the name of the publisher would have been better with an extra 'a'.

Ms. Van Zoelen explains that one 'a' is also sufficient.

Mr. Daamen is asking if it would not have been better.

Ms. Van Zoelen explains that she does not mind.

8.1.2

Ms. Van Zoelen announces that the DEBAT website is back in the air.

8.1.3

Mr. Lamers is asking if Ms. Helin considers continuing the podcasts.

Ms. Helin explains that she is considering it, but that she will come back to it during the Policy GA.

Mr. Daamen is asking what the topics on the podcast would be.

Ms. Van Zoelen explains that the committee can decide, and they have mostly discussed current topics like the Indian elections.

Mr. Van der Tas is asking if the Commissioner considers having a podcast with the members of the new SPIL soccer team.

Ms. Van Zoelen explains that it is up to the committee.

8.2.1

Ms. Breed is asking if somebody from the Festive Committee could elaborate on their experience.

Mr. Meijer explains he is a member of the Festive Committee but he does not want to elaborate.

Ms. Van Zoelen explains the Festive Committee has organised a lot of activities this year, including some parties. And the committee also organised the cantus for the first time. She is very proud of her committee.

Ms. Breed is asking about leaving the Café de Pakschuit in The Hague

Ms. Van Zoelen explains that throughout the year they got offered better deals, which is convenient for members. That is why she recommended her successor to also look into other options.

Mr. Buijs is asking if Ms. Van Zoelen can reflect on the deal with L'Espérance that is only for the snacks and if she is aware of the Café Roebels being in possession of a SPIL member.

Ms. Van Zoelen explains she asked for a discount on the drinks in the beginning of the year, but L'Espérance was only willing to do so with a bar budget of € 400, which is not possible. She explains that her successor can still look into other options for the regular bar in Leiden, so also into Café Roebels.

8.2.3

Mr. Lamers is asking if the GSA should be continued.

Ms. Van Zoelen explains that she does not recommend her successor to organise a GSA.

8.2.5

Mr. Lamers is asking Ms. Helin if she is considering doing something like the Oscars again at the gala.

Ms. Helin explains she will leave choosing the theme of the gala up to the committee.

Ms. Van der Heide is asking if Ms. Van Zoelen would recommend the time period of the last gala.

Ms. Van Zoelen explains that she did it a little bit later in the year and thinks that is a great time.

9.1.1

Ms. Akande is asking if Mr. Verhoeff reached out to other associations to discuss acquisitions.

Mr. Verhoeff explains he did at the beginning of the year. Especially the StOP Acquisitions training was a nice moment to talk to other associations.

Ms. Akande is asking for specific advice for his successor.

Mr. Verhoeff explains to just approach as many people as you can.

9.1.2

Mr. Hooft is asking if the sold merchandise in line is with the expectations of Mr. Verhoeff.

Mr. Verhoeff explains he does not know the numbers of other merchandise.

Mr. Daamen is asking Mr. Verhoeff what his favourite card game is.

Mr. Verhoeff explains that it is called shitheads.

Mr. Daamen asks if Mr. Verhoeff recommends buying the cards.

Mr. Verhoeff agrees.

Ms. Benli is asking if Mr. Verhoeff would recommend playing shitheads with the SPIL playing cards.

Mr. Verhoeff confirms.

Mr. Van der Tas is asking if Mr. Verhoeff can pitch the SPIL playing cards.

Mr. Verhoeff pitches the playing cards.

Mr. Daamen is asking what the SPIL playing cards have meant for Mr. Verhoeff's reputation as a womaniser.

Mr. Verhoeff explains that he is still single.

Mr. Buijs is wondering why Mr. Verhoeff is still single, because in the beginning of the year he mentioned he has much experience with women.

Mr. Verhoeff explains he has no comment

Mr. Conti is asking where the merch can be purchased.

Mr. Verhoeff explains you can buy the merch on the website

Mr. El Haddad is asking what the price of the SPIL playing cards is.

Mr. Verhoeff explains that the playing cards are € 5,91 euros.

9.1.3

Ms. Van der Heide is asking if it would be an idea to organise an event with the Acquisitions Committee, for example Emile's bingo event.

Mr. Verhoeff explains that this year's Acquisitions Committee organised the merch market, but he will definitely recommend his successor to look into other options as well.

9.1.4

Mr Buijs compliments Mr. Verhoeff on the reels he made.

Ms. Ammerlaan is asking what Mr. Verhoeff meant in his policy with formerly active SPIL members.

Ms. Akande is asking why LinkedIn was moved to the Commissioner Education & Politics.

Ms. Togtema explains that she used it to contact embassies and other professionals in the field.

Ms. Akande is asking if Ms. Togtema next to contacting people also wrote about the events for the posts.

Ms. Togtema explains that the committee wrote the pieces for LinkedIn.

Mr. Verhoeff explains that most of the activities on LinkedIn, which is a very different social media platform than the others, are for the Commissioner Education & Politics.

Ms. Akande is asking if Mr. Verhoeff proposes to have multiple board members in charge of LinkedIn or only Commissioner Education & Politics.

Ms. Togtema explains the move of LinkedIn worked really well for them.

Ms. Benli is asking if the LinkedIn now only will be for Education & Politics.

Ms. Togtema explains that LinkedIn is to promote educational activities, including the trips.

Ms. Benli is asking if Ms. Togtema thinks it will be an, not really necessarily, extra task for the Commissioner Education & Politics.

Ms. Van der Heide is proposing for the new board to try it out and then look back at it.

Ms. Easton is asking if the board has seen Mr. Buijs his videos.

Mr. Verhoeff explains that he liked the videos.

Ms. Benli gives Mr. Verhoeff a compliment on the Instagram posts.

9.1.4.2

Ms. Van der Heide is asking if the board was allowed to promote on the screens.

Mr. Verhoeff that only events that are open to everyone can be promoted on the screens. He did not experience any issues.

Ms. Van Stekelenborg is asking why the promotion of events does not go both ways with the university.

Mr. Verhoeff explains it indeed does not go both ways.

9.1.5.1

Mr. Bal is asking if all parts of the website could be up to date, especially the career part of the website.

Mr. Verhoeff explains that it is difficult to keep all the parts of the website up to date. He thinks his successor will do her best to keep every part up to date.

9.1.5.2

Ms. Easton is asking what the results of the survey are.

Mr. Verhoeff explains not a lot of people filled it out, even though he promoted it in a lot of places. But overall, positive results.

Mr. Hooft is asking if the present or not present function was useful.

Mr. Verhoeff explains that that function is unreliable.

Ms. Akande is asking if the subscription of € 600 euros would be once or every year.

Mr. Verhoeff explains that it is a membership, so every year.

Ms. Ammerlaan is asking if with the premium version it is possible to add advertisements.

Mr. Verhoeff explains that he thinks that this is one of the biggest reasons the premium version would be more valuable.

Mr. Daamen explains he first had his doubts regarding the app, but now he wants to compliment Mr. Verhoeff and thinks the app is a great contribution.

9.2

Ms. Akande wants to give Mr. Verhoeff a compliment that he kept up the tradition of the signups being full so quickly.

Mr Van der Tas is asking if Mr. Verhoeff is also considering swapping his kebab for Judith.

Mr. Verhoeff explains he is not, he likes his kebab too much.

Ms. Ammerlaan is asking if there is a solution for the upcoming year for the possible extra sign-ups.

Mr. Verhoeff explains that he recommends his successor to use Club Collect instead of the website.

Mr. Daamen is asking Mr. Verhoeff to sing the Friet-museum song.

9.2.2

Mr. El Haddad is asking about the sustainability policy of the weekend.

Mr. Verhoeff explains that last year there was a sustainability taskforce, and now this year he looked into trains instead of flights for the weekend.

Year Plan

Mr. Buijs is asking that there is a missing item on the year plan, the StOP Day.

Ms. Drose explains what the StOP Day entails.

Ms. Stuijt explains the StOP Day is only for boards and not the members.

Mr. Bosman is asking if the current board planned activities for the new board.

Ms. Togtema explains they organised the excursion to the Turkish Embassy.

Budget

Ms. Akande is asking about the withdrawal of the Committee Cup Reservations.

Ms. Hilhorst explains that that is a mistake and should be 77.

Ms. Akande is asking if Ms. Hilhorst could extend on why career night expenses were so low.

Ms. Hilhorst explains that that amount is lower due to compensations for other events.

Mr. Backx is asking how budgeting works.

Ms. Hilhorst explains how budgeting works at our association.

Mr. Backx is asking who agrees on the budget.

Mr. Hilhorst explains the Treasurer makes up the budget and the GA votes on it.

Mr. Buijs is asking about the withdrawal of reserve travel allowance international board members.

Mr. Hilhorst explains there is an existing earmarked reserve for this. The € 250 euros is deducted from the reserve and then will become income.

Mr. Buijs is asking if the international board member was Ms. Togtema or Ms. De Bona.

Ms. Hilhorst explains it was Ms. Drose.

Ms. Easton is asking how many boards contribute to 'Vrienden van de SPIL'

Ms. Hilhorst explains there is no board, except for the board who started 'Vrienden van de SPIL', that all donate.

Mr. Hooft is asking if Ms. Hilhorst can explain what "investments" mean.

Ms. Hilhorst explains that it is for things the board needs that has a higher expense, for example a computer.

Ms. Akande is asking why Ms. Hilhorst chose for a lower SPIL contribution instead of back to the members.

Ms. Hilhorst explains it was quite late after the trip and since it was a low number, she could not divide it in a good way amongst the members.

Mr. Van der Tas is asking what the pre-activity money was spent on.

Ms. Hilhorst explains the money was spent on kaassoufflés, curry and of course drinks.

Ms. Akande is asking if the wallet will be passed down to future Treasurers.

Ms. Hilhorst confirms.

Ms. Akande is asking if the wallet is yellow.

Ms. Hilhorst explains it is not yellow.

Mr. Bosman is asking if the lowering of the Lustrum reserves is necessary for all years.

Ms. Hilhorst confirms that it is for future boards as well.

Mr. Bosman agrees with the lowering.

Mr. Buijs is asking Ms. Hilhorst to fill in the blanks.

Ms. Hilhorst fills in the blanks.

Ms. Benli proposes to do a general committee shirt to lose less money.

Ms. Michotte van den Berck explains that she will take it into consideration and will come back to it during the Policy GA.

Ms. Ammerlaan is asking what the payment process was for the committee items.

Ms. Hilhorst explains they did not get to pick it up before they paid. But the committee shirts were already ordered, before members paid. So that caused people to have a choice not to pay.

Mr. Hooft is asking if the expenses of Freshmen Weekend have increased or decreased as a percentage of the total expenditure of SPIL.

Ms. Hilhorst explains the Freshmen Weekend is not paid for by SPIL, it is only participants' fee.

Mr. Bal is asking why Ms. Stuijt chose Scouting Poeldijk as the place to go, because it was not really accessible by public transport.

Ms. Stuijt explains finding a location for the Freshmen Weekend is very hard and she wishes the next commissioner good luck.

Mr. Daamen explains that the first years should be really happy with Poeldijk, because he had to go to Boxtel.

Report Audit Committee

Ms. Breed reads the Audit Report.

Mr. De Vries is asking why the paper is so tiny.

Ms. Stuijt explains that it is for sustainability reasons.

Mr. Lamers is asking if the Chair of the GA is aware he has been Straffe Hendriek.

The Chair of the GA explains he will do this in the break

→ The final report (including the year plan and budget) of the XLIIIrd board is set.

The GA chair suspends the meeting at 21:55

The Chair of GA reopens the meeting at 22:08.

Nomination Audit Committee

Ms. Akande gives a speech on why she wants to be a member of the Audit Committee.

Ms. Ammerlaan gives a speech on why she wants to be a member of the Audit Committee.

Mr. Hooft is asking if the previous members of the Audit Committee have to be hammered out first, before the new ones will be installed.

Ms. Stuijt explains the Audit Committee will now be installed as candidate Audit Committee.

Mr. Daamen is asking why the Chair of the GA did not drink his Straffe Hendrik in the break.

The Chair of the GA drinks his Straffe Hendrik.

Presentation Yearbook

Ms. Van Zoelen presents the yearbook.

Discharges and Installations

The Chair of the GA discharges from the Acquisitions Committee: B'Elanna van Damme, Sofiya Navasardyan, Stash Saldan and Diana Chaban.

The Chair of the GA discharges from the Audit Committee: Emma Breed and Marit van der Heide.

The Chair of the GA discharges from the Congress Committee: Eve Bailey, Shiori Tsukayama, Juliana Beunk, Maria Lozano and Aleksander Chmiel.

The Chair of the GA discharges from the DEBAT Committee: Thirze Wieggers, Livi van Overdam, Nina Joziasse, Julie Schrooyen, Deniz Terzi, Mariana Goldsmith Valdespino, Maija Nikolaevskaja, Anna Toggweiler, Nienke Uittenhout, Daria Aron, Juno Jahn, Anna Gruber, Anna-Elise Peerlings, Jokin de Carlos Sola, Anna Punselie, Josephine van Os, Finn van der

Scheer, Aleksander Chmiel, Stash Saldan, Carlotta Moscarella, Luise Gabbert, Sem van der Tang, Lyuba Nicheva, Jasmijn Schievink, Alexandra Drugescu-Radulescu, Colombe Cusset, Rik Manuel, Anna Slezack, Roos Busio, Hanna Kulesza, Jasmin Adam, Adèle Lang, Nathan de Jager, Teodora Matei and Erato Vaitsi.

The Chair of the GA discharges from the Dies Committee: Judith Hordijk and Janneke Pool.

The Chair of the GA discharges from the Education Committee: Pieter Mauritz, Ralph Otten, Jasmin Adam, Maija Nikolaevskaja and Roos Busio.

The Chair of the GA discharges from the Excursions Committee: Judith Hordijk, Agata Weremczuk, Anna Lola Zakonyi, Katarzyna Kroszka, Lilli Helin and Nika Verwoet.

The Chair of the GA discharges from the Festive Committee: Soizic Michotte van den Berck, Dante Renes, Luna van Tol, Camilla Franchy, Thomas Meijer, Jules Pailloux and Ana Gabelić.

The Chair of the GA discharges from the Introduction Committee: Sjors de Natris, Jyoti Verma, Dorka Belak and Celina Gonczol.

The Chair of the GA discharges from the Long Trip Committee: Emily Recke, Thomas van Loon, Janneke Pool, Sophie Peters, Ralph Otten and Soizic Michotte van den Berck.

The Chair of the GA discharges from the Masters Activities Committee: Florian Kuegerl, Jokin de Carlos Sola, Jyoti Verma and Yasmine Naami.

The Chair of the GA discharges from the PiP Committee: Maria Lozano and Lars Reinhofer.

The Chair of the GA discharges from the Promotion Committee: Marijke Alfarnes, Sofie Ketting, Sofiya Navasardyan and Diana Chaban.

The Chair of the GA discharges from the Short Trip Committee: Jules Fockens, Milena Schmidt, Janneke Pool, Ralph Otten, Sofia Ketting and Nora Schütz.

The Chair of the GA discharges from the Stairs Affairs Committee: Haitske Pottinga, Cesar Serlie and Lars Reinhofer.

The Chair of the GA discharges from the SPIL-Weekend Committee: Andreea Demian, Jules Fockens, Sem van der Voort, Judith Hordijk, Daan de Vries and Donna Dekker.

The Chair of the GA discharges from the Yearbook Committee: Lucille Sâisse, Luise Gabbert, Marijke Alfarnes, Jules Fockens and Stephan Krul.

The Chair of the GA discharges as Commissioner External Relations and Commissioner SPIL-Weekend Gijs Verhoeff.

The Chair of the GA discharges as Commissioner Internal Relations and Commissioner Festive Ruchi van Zoelen.

The Chair of the GA discharges as Commissioner Education and Politics Frederika Togetema.

The Chair of the GA discharges as Treasurer and Commissioner Dies Kasya Hilhorst.

The Chair of the GA discharges as Secretary and Commissioner Introduction Noor Stuijt.

The Chair of the GA discharges as President and Commissioner Stairs Affairs Svea Drose.

The Chair of the GA instals as President and Commissioner Introduction Sem van der Voort.

The Chair of the GA instals as Secretary and Commissioner SPIL-Weekend Judith Hordijk.

The Chair of the GA instals as Treasurer and Commissioner Dies Janneke Pool.

The Chair of the GA instals as Commissioner Education and Politics Ralph Otten.

The Chair of the GA instals as Commissioner Global Relations Jules Fockens.

The Chair of the GA instals as Commissioner Internal Relations and Commissioner Festive Lilli Helin.

The Chair of the GA instals as Commissioner External Relations and Commissioner Stairs Affairs Soizic Michotte van den Berck.

The Chair of the GA instals into the Acquisitions Committee: Minou Buiting, Jayesh Karnatac, Ginevra Benezoli, Tabea Zimmermann, Emiel Akkerman, Bogdan Bodomoiu and Kathrin Brill.

The Chair of the GA instals into the Audit Committee: Lara Akande and Margot Ammerlaan.

The Chair of the GA instals into the Brussels Committee: Lars Reinhofer, Jokin de Carlos Sola, Nina Verloove, Ana Valeria Santoyo Olveres, María Lozano, Roderick Ellens and Carmen Rico.

The Chair of the GA instals into the DEBAT Committee: Jessica Cressy-Jones, Hannah Schmitz, Maria Elisa Catharina Harmeling, Julie Schrooyen, Lena Zentai, Anna Idziak, Sem van der Tang, Sabina Katsaeva, Julius Jönson, Aiden Bennett, Maria Iercosan, Luise Gabbert, Aleksander Leon Chmiel, Noa-Lynn Gilliaert, Hanna van Stekelenborg, Nelli Danner, Carlotta Moscarella, Bartosz Bliski, Lana Kim Denkes, Cosmin Tanasa, Barbara Bolyós, Chloe Orr, Pola Michalek, Esmée Widdershoven, Celia Hiver, Rebecca Marcussen, Maria Monti, Casijn de Haas, Anna Vogt, Famke Akerboom, Lisa von Arx, Summer Knegtmans, Claudio Alvares del Castillo, Marie Spruit, Evy Verbrugge, Ceyda Beysel, Inge van Hoek, Rebecca Schiavo, Anouk Laurian and Mariana Goldsmith.

The Chair of the GA instals into the Dies Committee: Pieter Mauritz, Gabriel Reijans, Jip Röling, Inge van Hoek and Remy van Wetter.

The Chair of the GA instals into the Education Committee: Maria Monti, Nika Verwoert, Lisa von Arx, Jokin de Carlos Sola, Barbara Bolyós, Katerina Bilini, Vilija Jackeviciute and Amina Nursadik.

The Chair of the GA instals into the Excursions Committee: Sophia Campfens, Tabea Zimmermann, Nayéli Lechevalier, Venla Turunen, Gladys Barbara, Annamaría Hintošová and Sofia Ketting.

The Chair of the GA instals into the Festive Committee: Hannah Dierke, Sonia Ordoñez, Nena Vermeiden, Maximilian Balsom, Marijke Alfarnes, Erling Gjerde Førland, Summer Knegtmans and Mats Blokker.

The Chair of the GA instals into the Introduction Committee: Daan Bal, Defne Erkanar and Liz Borsboom.

The Chair of the GA instals into the Long Trip Committee: Dante Renes, Sophie Peters, Olivier Backx, Ziortza Gonzales, Serena Ferrari, Rebecca Vieyra Marcussen and Louise Malherbe.

The Chair of the GA instals into the Masters Activities Committee: Ruben Backx, Laurens van Irsel, Christopher Conti, Cosme Centis and Vilija Jackeviciute.

The Chair of the GA instals into the PiP Committee: Tapa Ennoila and Casijn de Haas

The Chair of the GA instals into the Promotions Committee: Marijke Alfarnes, Tapa Ennoila, Sophie Peters, Sonia Ordoñez, Noor Stuijt.

The Chair of the GA instals into the Short Trip Committee: Thirze Wiegiers, Lieke Gautier, Sarah He, Anastasia Pasok, Liz Borsboom, Roderick Ellens and Adele Bregeon.

The Chair of the GA instals into the Stairs Affairs Committee: Leon Jad El Haddad, Aleksander Leon Chmiel and Sabine Silveira Vaucher.

The Chair of the GA instals into the Yearbook Committee: Lucille Saisse, Thirze Wiegiers, Sarah He, Karin Kriššáková, Ainhoa Bejer.

Any Other Business

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

The general assembly, gathered here at Vergulde Kruik, Leiden:

The GA asks the board to fulfil a punishment, being to expel him as a member of SPIL, if he does not wear his Obi-Wan-Kenobi suit to the next GA he attends. And gaat over to the order van de dag.

Patrick Daamen, Marvin Lamers, Ottavia and four unknown submitters.

Mr. Daamen explains the expelling is not for his entire life but maybe until he is 65 years old.

Mr. Verhoeff explains he already made an agreement with Mr. Buijs that he will wear it, so he explains this motion is not needed.

Mr. Hooft explains that in that case the constitution does not mean anything.

Ms. Akande explains the GA is not able to expel a member.

Mr. Daamen is asking if Mr. Verhoeff can look him in the eye and give him his word.

Mr. Verhoeff explains he loves wearing the suit, so yes he will wear it to the next GA.

Mr. Daamen retracts his motion.

→ The first motion is retracted.

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

The general assembly, gathered here at Vergulde Kruiken, te Leiden:

Constaterende dat there is a 5e elftal van L.S.V.V. tevens eerste team van studievereniging SPIL en constaterende dat de studievereniging SPIL een enorm verlies leidt met het vertrek van de Oude Rotten Column stelt de ALV voor om een maandelijks 5e elftal van L.S.V.V. tevens eerste voetbalteam van studievereniging SPIL 'voetbalcolumn' te introduceren in de nieuwsbrief, met redacteuren uit het voetbalteam.

En gaat over tot de orde van de dag.

Emma Breed, Marvin Lamers, Cesar Serlie, and 9 unknown submitters.

[Noting that there is a 5th team of L.S.V.V. also first team of study association SPIL and noting that the study association SPIL suffers a huge loss with the departure of the Old Rotten Column

the GA proposes to introduce a monthly 5th team of L.S.V.V. also first football team of study association SPIL 'football column' in the newsletter; with editors from the football team.]

Ms. Ammerlaan is asking if we can make an amendment to have all SPIL'ers who play sports the option to contribute to the column.

Ms. Stuijt explains she has experienced that communication is sometimes difficult with columnists and we also already have experience of the member included in the newsletter.

Mr. Hooft explains he thinks we moved past the time of columns in this association.

The Chair of the GA explains they will first vote on the amendment.

→ Amendment is rejected with 16 favour, 15 against, 9 neutral and 9 abstentions.

→ The second motion is adopted 24 in favour, 10 against, 7 neutral and 7 abstentions.

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

The general assembly, gathered here at Vergulde Kruik, te Leiden:

Constaterende dat de Kasco zeer belangrijk werk levert. Constaterende dat het belangrijk is dat de Kasco brief juist wordt voorgelezen. Constaterende dat de brief opvallend klein is uitgeprint. Stelt de ALV voor dat vanaf het komende bestuur en met ingang van vandaag de Kasco brief in tenminste A3 formaat zal worden aangeleverd aan de Kasco.

En gaat verder tot de orde van de dag.

Marvin Lamers and 7 unknown submitters.

→ The third motion is rejected with 19 in favour, 16 against, 6 neutral and 8 abstentions.

Ms. Hordijk reads out the fourth motion. This is the following:

The general assembly, gathered here at Café de Vergulde Kruik, Leiden:

Seeing as it is his favourite Bollywood song,

Calls upon Mr. Verhoeff to perform 'Badtameez Dil' from the hit Bollywood marie Yeh Jawaani Hai Deewani.

8 unknown submitters.

→ The fourth motion is adopted with 22 in favour, 6 against, 7 neutral and 7 abstentions.

Ms. Hordijk reads out the fifth motion. This is the following:

The general assembly, gathered here at Vergulde Kruik, Leiden:

Constaterende dat de SPIL één van de belangrijkste leveranciers is voor spelers van het L.S.V.V. 5 voetbalteam.

Overwegende dat L.S.V.V. meer vreugde heeft gebracht bij SPIL-leden dan zeventien GSA's bij elkaar.

Constaterende dat met de huidige speelstijl (4-3-3 met de punt naar achteren) het team het niet gaat lukken om kampioen te worden.

Verzoekt het 44e bestuur een huldiging te organiseren bij een eventuele klassering in het linkerrijtje.

Marvin Lamers, Yesim Benli, Sheno Djamshidi, Robin Buijs and 6 unknown submitters.

[Noting that SPIL is one of the main suppliers for players of the L.S.V.V. 5 football team. Considering that L.S.V.V. has brought more joy to SPIL members than fifty-seven GSAs put together.

Noting that with the current style of play (4-3-3 with the point back) the team is not going to succeed in becoming champions.

Requests the 44th Board to organise a tribute in case of any ranking in the left row.]

Mr. Meijer explains the football team is an official part of SPIL and therefore he does not deem it necessary to organise an official celebration for them.

Ms. Hilhorst agrees with Mr. Meijer.

→ The fifth motion is rejected with 13 in favour, 11 against, 8 neutral, 9 abstentions.

Ms. Hordijk reads out the sixth motion. This is the following:

The general assembly, gathered here at De Vergulde Kruik, Leiden:

The ALV gehooft de beraadslaging.

Considering Mr. Verhoeff is known for his troublesome record with having to trek a bak at GA's.

Considering Mr. Verhoeff has 'one night only' (shoutout to Jennifer Hudson) left to trek a bak during GA's in his board suit.

Asks the GA to agree with Mr. Verhoeff having to trek a bak, this instance.

And goes over to the orde van de dag.

Patrick Daamen, Alfons Hooft, Robin Buijs and Marvin Lamers.

→ The sixth motion is adopted, without any objections.

Ms. Hordijk reads out the seventh motion. This is the following:

The general assembly, gathered here at Vergulde Kruik, te Leiden:

Constaterende dat SPIL een rijke traditie heeft waaronder het SPIL lied en constaterende dat er voor de vorige lustrum een opname is gemaakt van dit bovengenoemde lied, lijkt het ons een redelijk voorstel dat voor de aankomende 45e lustrum ook een professionele opname wordt gemaakt van het SPIL lied.

Indien het budget dat toelaat zal deze opname vergezeld worden door een hobo solo van Ms. Pool.

Het bestuur mag er ook voor kiezen om een SPIL-jubileumeditie van een ander al bestaand nummer op te nemen eveneens met hobo solo door Ms. Pool.

Er moet een videoclip bij worden opgenomen.

32 unknown submitters

[Noting that SPIL has a rich tradition including the SPIL song and noting that for the previous lustrum a recording was made of this aforementioned song, it seems a reasonable proposal to us that for the upcoming 45th lustrum a professional recording of the SPIL song should also be made.

If the budget allows, this recording will be accompanied by an oboe solo by Ms Pool.

The board may also choose to record a SPIL anniversary edition of another already existing song also with oboe solo by Ms. Pool.

It should be accompanied by a music video.]

→ The seventh motion is adopted with 26 in favour, 5 against, 4 neutral and 11 abstentions.

Ms. Stuijt announces that the Archive Taskforce has not enough signups to actually start working.

Ms. Ammerlaan announces they have a new member for the Taskforce, Ms. Pottinga.

Ms. Van Zoelen is asking Ms. Pottinga why she voted against the Taskforce motion at first but now wants to become a part of it.

Ms. Jung explains she wants to emphasise they support a change of heart.

Ms. Pottinga explains she is fit for the job, because she also studies History where she very thoroughly looks into archive work.

The Chair of the GA instals into the Archive Taskforce: Mr. Verhoeff, Ms. Ammerlaan and Ms. Pottinga.

Mr. Daamen is asking where the picture of Mr. Otten and his car is.

Mr. Otten explains it is still in his bag.

Round of Questions

Ms. Jung is asking if the CALVV, the GA, the XLIIIrd e.t. board and the XLIVth h.t. board are aware that she is very proud of the XLIIIrd board and very excited about the XLIVth board, and she is already proud of the XLIVth board.

Ms. Easton is asking the XLIVth board what their favourite line is of the SPIL song, including the second verse, and what it says about them as a person.

Mr. Van der Voort explains it is 'Rijk'lijk vloeit de alcohol', because he likes beer.

Ms. Hordijk explains it is 'De politieke borrelpraat!', because she loves to 'borrel' and to talk.

Ms. Pool explains it is 'Hoera, hoera, hoera', because it is very happy and she organises Dies.

Mr. Otten explains it is 'De glorie van de SPIL', because he loves the 'Glorie van de SPIL'

Mr. Fockens explains it is 'Die heerst en regeert deze stad', and that you should just wait and see.

Ms. Helin explains it is ‘Onze nob’le discipline’, because it describes her love for political science and her love for SPIL.

Ms. Michotte van den Berck explains it is ‘Drinken hoort bij ’t protocol’, because she is drinking a beer.

Mr. Mauritz is asking when Mr. Verhoeff is doing his performance.

Mr. Verhoeff performs his favourite Bollywood song ‘Badtameez Dil’.

Mr. El Haddad is asking what the XLIVth board’s favourite beer is.

Mr. Van der Voort explains it is Texels Skuumkoppe.

Ms. Hordijk explains it is Hertog Jan.

Ms. Pool explains it is appelsap.

Mr. Otten explains it is Tripel Karmeliet

Mr. Fockens explains it is La Chouffe.

Ms. Helin explains she really likes Austrian beer.

Ms. Michotte van den Berck explains it is the dark beer from Prague.

Mr. Van der Tas is asking if the XLIVth board is going to watch Notting Hill to get to know their President.

Ms. Hordijk explains she has already seen the movie, but they will watch it together as board bonding.

Mr. Lamers is asking Mr. Otten if he went to the fair in Roosendaal and if he is planning on taking the board there next year.

Mr. Otten explains he did not attend it this year but he will consider taking the board next year.

Ms. Breed is asking if the CALVV, the GA, and the XLIVth board know that she hopes her ‘koffertje’ (small suitcase) will be passed on to Ms. Pool and she hopes to see it at the next GA.

Mr. De Vries is asking if since and considering Ms. Dekker eats vegetarian, the snacks were not completely vegetarian.

Ms. Hilhorst explains the snacks were all vegetarian.

Mr. De Vries is asking if the new board is considering scratching the no-meat policy.

Mr. Van der Voort explains there will be no meat in the future as well.

Ms. Pottinga is asking if the XLIIIrd board knows they really appreciated their work in the past board year and if the XLIVth board knows she wishes them a lot of luck the upcoming year.

Mr. Buijs is asking if the CALVV, the GA, the XLIIIrd e.t. board and the XLIVth h.t. board know that he is very proud of the XLIIIrd board and that he is also incredibly proud of all the hard work the XLIVth board has already put into this association.

Mr. Daamen is asking if the CALVV, the GA, the XLIIIrd board and the XLIVth board know that he has a question for the President of the XLIVth board that he is just a member standing in front of the President, asking him to love him.

Mr. Van der Voort explains he also loves Mr. Daamen.

Ms. Wieggers is asking if the XLIIIrd board knows she is very proud of them and if the XLIVth board knows she is also very proud of them.

Mr. Hooft is asking if the new board knows that he is more than not available to help the Promotion Committee if they ever need help.

Mr. Bosman is asking if the GA, the CALVV, the XLIIIrd board and the XLIVth board know that Rudy Andeweg, who was made honorary member earlier tonight, was also a very important person in the development of SPIL. He personally financed the pennings of SPIL. And he is also asking if the CALVV, the GA, the XLIIIrd e.t. board and the XLIVth h.t. board know that he is very impressed by how well the XLIIIrd board managed their entire year and that he is very happy to be on the Advisory Board for the XLIVth board.

Ms. Ammerlaan is asking if the CALVV, the GA, the XLIIIrd e.t. board and the XLIVth h.t. board know that she is very proud of everything that the XLIIIrd board has done, especially her successor Mr. Verhoeff, and she is excited for what the XLIVth board will do next year. She is also very proud of the CALVV Mr. Van Kampen.

Mr. Bodomolu is asking what the XLIVth board's favourite movie is.

Mr. Van der Voort explains it is Notting Hill.

Ms. Hordijk explains it is Love Actually.

Ms. Pool explains she always agrees with her secretary, so it is also Love Actually.

Mr. Otten explains it is Smile.

Mr. Fockens explains it is Once Upon a Time in America

Ms. Helin explains it is Inception

Ms. Michotte van den Berck explains it is Harry Potter, the Philosopher's Stone.

Mr. Serlie wishes the XLIVth board to have a year full of fun and he wants to thank the XLIIIrd board for what they have done, especially Ms. Hilhorst.

Ms. Van der Heide is asking if everyone knows she is really happy that there are so many new members present at the GA, she is also very proud of the XLIIIrd board and is excited for the next board of SPIL.

Mr Verhoeff is asking if the CALVV, the GA, the XLIIIrd e.t. board and the XLIVth h.t. board know that he is very happy that had a board year with such amazing people and he is very excited about what the XLIVth board will do next year. He is also very happy that people from Tilburg and Sassenheim are represented on the board again. Lastly, he is asking what the name of the XLIVth board will be.

Mr. Van der Voort explains it will be SPILventurous.

Ms. Van Zoelen is asking if the CALVV, the GA, the XLIVth h.t. board and the XLIIIrd e.t. board know she is very proud of the XLIIIrd board and that she is looking forward to what the XLIVth board will be doing this year, especially the DEBAT and yearbook. She wishes the XLIVth board a lot of luck.

Ms. Hilhorst is asking if the CALVV, the GA, the XLIIIrd e.t. board and the XLIVth h.t. board know that she is both happy and sad her board year is over. She really enjoyed working with her friends. She is excited for the XLIVth board, but she is a bit worried about how much we will talk about L.S.V.V. 5 at the GA's the upcoming year.

Ms. Stuijt is asking if the CALVV, the GA, the XLIVth h.t. board and the XLIIIrd e.t. board know she is very thankful for all the members who are so involved in the association. She is also very proud of her board members and wishes the XLIVth board lots of luck.

Ms. Drose is asking if the CALVV, the GA, the XLIIIrd e.t. board and the XLIVth h.t. board know she wants to repeat all of what her fellow board members have already said. She is asking who will support the President as Vice-President.

Mr. Van der Voort explains this will be Ms. Helin.

Ms. Michotte van den Berck is asking if the CALVV, the GA, the XLIIIrd e.t. board and the XLIVth h.t. board know that she is very proud of all the work of the XLIIIrd board and that she is very excited of what the XLIVth board will accomplish in the future.

Ms. Helin is asking if the CALVV, the GA, the XLIIIrd e.t. board and the XLIVth h.t. board know that she is very grateful for the XLIIIrd board and that she is extremely excited for all things in the upcoming year, especially all the rounds of questions at every GA.

Mr. Fockens is asking if the CALVV, the GA, the XLIIIrd e.t. board and the XLIVth h.t. board know that he is very proud of the XLIIIrd board for taking up the role of Global Relations last year and that he is very excited for what the future will bring with the XLIVth board.

Mr. Otten is asking if the GA, the CALVV, the XLIIIrd e.t. board and the XLIVth h.t. board know that he is very proud of what the XLIIIrd e.t. board has done and that he is very excited to get officially working with the XLIVth board.

Ms. Pool is asking if the CALVV, the GA, the XLIIIrd e.t. board and the XLIVth h.t. board know that she is really grateful for all the memories of last year and that she is excited to do this board year with her six amazing fellow board members. She explains she has also decided to get her oboe out of the dust.

Ms. Hordijk is asking if the CALVV, the GA, the XLIIIrd e.t. board and the XLIVth h.t. board know that she is very thankful of last year and the XLIIIrd board and that she is very excited for the upcoming year.

Mr. Van der Voort is asking if the GA, the CALVV, the XLIIIrd e.t. board and the XLIVth h.t. board know he is very grateful for getting the opportunity to work together with six amazing people and that he is very proud of the XLIIIrd board and all that they accomplished last year. Also he is very excited to start the SPIL song in a bit.

Mr. Bal explains he thinks he is not on the list but he has two questions. Mr. Bal is asking if the Commissioner Introduction will allow him, as treasurer of the Introduction Committee, to save some money for marshmallows for the Freshmen Weekend.

Mr. Van der Voort explains he can not guarantee anything but they will look into it with the rest of the committee.

Mr. Bal is asking if the Secretary can explain which city is the most beautiful city in the Netherlands.

Ms. Hordijk explains that it would be Rotterdam.

Discharge of Voting Committee

The Chair of the GA thanks the Voting Committee for their services. The Voting Committee is discharged.

Closing

After the SPIL song has been sung, the Chair of the GA closes the assembly at 00.09.

JUSTIFICATION INCREASE CONTRIBUTION

Dear members of SPIL,

Through this letter, I would like to provide an explanation for the request for a membership fee increase of €2,00 bringing the total membership fee to €19,50.

The Treasurer's main goal is to keep the membership fee affordable while making sure the association stays financially stable allowing great activities to be organised this year and in all years coming. As a student herself, the Treasurer understands the necessity of keeping the association financially accessible. However at the same time, the Treasurer as a board member has the responsibility of ensuring that the association has enough income to continue its operations. Balancing these two aspects is demanding but pivotal for the association.

SPIL is a study association providing its members a wide range of activities. Many members of the association enjoy these events almost weekly. Unfortunately, the number of SPIL members has decreased significantly in the past years and this is one of the main reasons for the loss of income. In the past years the income from the membership fee has dropped in the following way:

- The XLIIInd board had an income of €22.775,86
- The XLIIIrd board had an income of €19.198,27
- The XLIVth board expects to have an income of €17.509,50¹

In the past two years, this resulted in an expected income drop of €5.330,36, representing a nearly 25% drop.

While the number of members is decreasing, SPIL is not losing active members as rapidly. This presents a challenge as the income loss comes from 'passive members'² while simultaneously the number of people taking part in committees and activities has stayed steady. This has led to a situation in which the demand for activities is high and there are a lot of participants, but the funds for organising events are decreasing.

The overall income loss is magnified by the constantly decreasing income from the book sale. Although more effort is being put in the book sale promotion, students simply are not buying books with the same enthusiasm as in previous years. Last year, the book sale only contributed €770,68 to the income of the association and this number is expected to decrease even further in the future. Furthermore, SPIL has received some one-time contributions in the last years helping to balance the loss of income from the membership fees and the book sale. These include the

¹ The contribution is calculated with a member base of 1074, of which 60 are reunionists, and a €17,50 fee. A percentage of 10% defaulters has been taken into account.

² Members that pay our annual contribution, for example to profit from the book sale, but do not regularly visit our activities.

NPO contribution and a one-time contribution to compensate for the loss of income through the bankruptcy of StudyStore received from the Institute. Unfortunately, these funds are not contributing to the income of the association anymore.

In addition, the XLIVth board wants to keep the association financially stable for the next boards to come. Unfortunately, the financial projection for the next year does not look brighter. The XXXIXth board was generous in creating a reserve of €750 for the upcoming boards. This reserve was of course not inexhaustible and next year, the XLVth board will not benefit from this reserve anymore.

One of the pillars of the association this year is ingenuity. The Treasurer together with the whole XLIVth board is trying to be ingenious and doing their utmost best to find other sources of income. As one of the new ideas, the board is introducing a new financial supporter initiative - 'Support Our SPIL'. This initiative gives members, alumni, reunionists and family members of the association as well as companies, organisations and private individuals the opportunity to donate money to the association and become a 'Supporter of Our SPIL'. There will be a more extensive explanation of 'Support Our SPIL' under point 5.1.3 of 'POLICY PLAN SPILventurous 2024-2025'. The Treasurer understands that this initiative might not result to large amounts of money in the beginning, but she hopes it will be a fruitful start for the future.

Furthermore, SPIL has struggled with reaching its acquisitions target in the past years. The Commissioner External Relations, together with the XLIVth board, will prioritise this part of her function and will aim to create extra income for the association. The focus of the partnerships will lay in long-term income enabling the association to enjoy the income in the upcoming years.

Despite all the efforts mentioned earlier, the XLIVth board is concerned that the loss of income cannot be fully recovered. Any additional funds from a potential membership fee increase will be used to keep activity fees as low as possible and to support the development of the association's activities. In addition, the Treasurer would like to highlight that this increase in income does not mean that the association does not have to look more carefully at their resources. To keep the association financially healthy, large expenses will have to be re-evaluated this year and in the years to come.

A final important note is that the Rules of Procedure, other provisions, article 2 states:

“Should a contribution increase take place during the association year following the year in which the first-year student became a member, this will not be passed on to the Member.”

This means that all current first-year students who became SPIL members before the 1st of September are entitled to a membership fee of €17,50. However, the membership file does not indicate who is a first-year student. To address this, the Secretary, together with the Treasurer,

will send an email to all new members. First-year students can identify themselves by replying to the email. The Treasurer will then ensure that the fee of €19.50 is not debited from their bank account. Instead, they will need to transfer the €17.50 fee to the SPIL bank account themselves.

The Treasurer hereby hopes to have sufficiently informed the GA of her reasoning for requesting a contribution increase, and is more than willing to answer any questions members may have.

With kind regards,

On behalf of the XLIVth board of the Study Association for Political Scientists In Leiden
'SPILventurous',

Janneke Pool
Treasurer XLIVth board of SPIL

POLICY PLAN ‘SPILVENTUROUS’ 2025-2025

1. LONG TERM POLICY GOALS

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

The association’s goal is to:

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

These are the foundations upon which the policy goals of the XLIVth board ‘SPILventurous’ are built.

2. ASSOCIATION WIDE POLICY GOALS

“To give purpose to life” - Jules Fockens, at the StOP Day answering the question why he joined SPIL.

2.1 Accessibility

Accessibility describes the characteristic of being easily approachable. In a more broad manner, it is creating an environment in which different kinds of people feel comfortable and appreciated. The XLIVth board aims to make the association an accessible environment for all students, regardless of their study, residence and nationality. The same accessibility applies to both locations of the association, Leiden and The Hague, as well as to both English and Dutch speaking members. In regards to the language division, the XLIVth board aims to enhance the bilingual character of the association to both directions.

To boost accessibility, the XLIVth board strives to have multiple board members present and visible at all activities and make all participants feel welcome. To enhance visibility the board has purchased blue board sweaters, featuring each role on the chest. The board strives to wear these during the first day of trips to ensure all SPIL’ers can easily recognise the board. Furthermore, all board members aim to be accessible for their committees as Commissioners and attend committee meetings to their best ability.

Additionally, the board will strive to have both the common rooms open on weekdays from 10:00 to 16:00 when there are no activities taking place. During the introduction weeks, El Cid and HOP-week, the board has made an effort to emphasise that visitors are always welcome to the common rooms and that they will be offered coffee, tea and snacks. The board acknowledges that the common rooms offer a great possibility to engage with members and possible new SPIL'ers and make them feel welcomed. Moreover, the board will strive to organise activities in the common room to further enhance accessibility. In addition, an effort will be made to inform visitors in advance when the common room is going to be closed.

One of the strengths of the association is its versatility of activities reinforcing accessibility for members with different interests. To further enhance this, the board wants to keep the range of events broad, ranging from educational activities and formal excursions to parties and borrels.

Furthermore, the XLIVth board wants to be accessible to external partners, the University and possible future collaborators in order to provide the members of the association the best benefits and deals possible. The board continues to maintain good relationships with other associations, such as the Leiden hallway associations, the treehouse associations in the Hague and sister associations in other cities, to be able to collaborate with them and learn from each other.

2.2 Ingenuity

Ingenuity refers to the ability to be creative and resourceful in a unique and innovative way. It involves introducing new ideas, approaches and methods. The XLIVth board finds ingenuity a fundamental value and aims to display it in the day-to-day functioning of the association. The board believes that new circumstances necessitate new approaches. For example, the association simply does not have the same income as it used to have. As a result of this, the board needs to be ingenious in finding new ways to create revenue and in being more cautious concerning its expenditures.

The XLIVth board wishes to introduce a handful of ways to implement ingenuity in its actions. Firstly, the board recognizes an untapped source of income in the sphere of private donations. Private donations have shown to be a successful way for other associations to gather revenue. Therefore, the board intends to establish a page on the website of the association where private donations could be made. This is to be implemented while remaining mindful of the politically neutral stance of the association. Secondly, a minor change that defines the characteristic of ingenuity well is the creation of a bottle deposit box. All the members, and even non-members, can drop off their deposit bottles or cans in the designated boxes in both the common room, one in Leiden and one in The Hague. This simple initiative will enhance the sustainability of the association while generating modest income.

Additionally, the XLIVth board does not only wish to foster ingenuity within itself but empower members to be ingenious in their own right. The board acknowledges that the members and committees are the integral parts of the association, and that without them, the association would not exist. The board encourages the committees to be ingenious and will provide the necessary support to facilitate that. One way of doing so is by creating an online ideabox on the website, allowing members to submit their ideas and feedback. These contributions can be made anonymously if preferred.

The board believes that these implementations will contribute to the association being more ingenious. While being ingenious, the board will respect the many long-standing traditions of the association.

2.3 Community

The XLIVth board wants to emphasise that SPIL is not merely an association but a community bridging people together. The multifacetedness of the association enables it to connect people whose paths might not otherwise cross. The board aims to implement a "Unity through diversity" mindset in its own work and in committees; everyone is encouraged to speak up about their ideas and opinions even if they differ from others. Moreover, the board wants to promote solidarity within the board and the whole association.

The XLIVth board believes that it is of vital importance to keep the board itself united. In order to have the association well-functioning, implementing solidarity within the board is vital. During board meetings, the board aims to collaborate and find common ground whilst considering and valuing all opinions presented. Once a decision is reached, it reflects the opinion of the entire board. To further enhance the unity of the board, regular board-bonding activities will be carried out. A board-bonding schedule has been made according to which every board member has been assigned a particular month. The first bonding activity has been organised by the Commissioner Global Relations.

Furthermore, the XLIVth board encourages community feeling not only within the board but comprehensively within the entire association. To promote this, the board aims to closely monitor the well-being of the committees and their members in multiple ways. The board thinks that attending committee meetings will enhance this effort, and therefore, Commissioners strive to be present at least at meetings they deem crucial to the functioning of the committee. The daily board of the association, the President, Secretary and Treasurer, will have individual or joint work-in sessions with the daily boards of the committees and in addition, there will be committee-specific evaluation meetings. The board is confident that these actions will contribute to the prosperity of the committees. Furthermore, the board believes that both common rooms are essential to the association and serve as daily gathering spaces for the members of the

association. To boost attendance in the common rooms, the board plans to organise more activities, including events like the Waffle Hour.

Moreover, the board will aim to organise a Committee Bonding Day and a Committee Thank You day open to all the committee members of the association. These events will further strengthen the sense of community within the association and its members. The board acknowledges the fact that non-committee members are also of utmost importance to the association. Thereby, the board aims to motivate every SPIL'er to attend activities by actively promoting them on multiple social media platforms and by continuing using the SPIL app launched last year.

The XLIVth board is confident that these actions will enhance the community feeling within the entirety of the association

3.1 PRESIDENT & COMMISSIONER INTRODUCTION

3.1 President

“The only way to do great work is to love what you do” - Steve Jobs

3.1.1 Internal Affairs

As stated in the general policy, it is of utmost importance that the internal dynamics of the board function well in order for the association to function properly. The President will ensure that everyone within the board can communicate and collaborate. This is very important during board meetings which are a place where everyone's opinions are listened to and respected. During these meetings, the President will not only coordinate but also actively ask for opinions. This open environment is not only vital during board meetings, but also outside of them. The President will frequently check in with the other board members to ensure their physical and mental well-being.

Besides regular check-ins, the President will also have personal talks after each block, or more when that is deemed necessary. These personal talks function as a safe place where board members can share anything they want. The President acknowledges that a board year can be intense, and therefore encourages all board members to not sit on things but openly share their thoughts and feelings with him or the group, ensuring everyone is aware of each other's feelings. Furthermore, the President will strive to be as accessible as possible. This entails being there to listen and to provide guidance and assistance. The President believes that with these actions, the internal wellbeing of the board is maintained.

In addition to the personal talks, the President believes that having sufficient leisure time together is crucial to the internal wellbeing of the board. This was successfully incorporated in the policy weekend in the picturesque Vriezenveen. The President ensured that the board had

productive meetings throughout the day and plenty of time for bonding in the evening. This led to a weekend that was both highly productive and incredibly enjoyable. To ensure bonding within the board outside of SPIL activities, the President created a board bonding schedule. Every board member has to come up with a bonding activity in their designated month.

The President recognises the Advisory Board/Raad van Advies (RvA) as an integral part of the association. Seven former board members are eager to assist the XLIVth board this year by offering their advice and support. The President therefore believes it is important the board maintains a strong relationship with the RvA. To accomplish this, the board had a first ‘meeting’ at the end of August to get to know each other and to share expectations. The board considered this a great success and looks forward to establishing a good connection in the upcoming year.

3.1.2 External Representation

One of the President’s tasks is to represent the association in several external bodies. First of all, he serves on the board of the Platform for Political Scientists (PvP). Secondly, the President participates in the Association Deliberations (Verenigenen Overleg - VerO) organised by the Faculty of Social Sciences in both Leiden and The Hague, in which associations from various faculties take part in. Thirdly, he is additionally part of the Big Association Deliberation (Grote Verenigenen Overleg - GroVer). Finally, the President will take part in the general meetings of the Study Association Deliberation Platform (Studieverenigenen Overleg Platform - StOP).

Besides formal meetings, it is the goal of the President to bond with other associations and student initiatives additionally in informal settings as he sees significant potential in working together. These associations in particular include the hallway associations in Leiden and the Hague, the sister associations and CIROS, an association with whom SPIL shares some of the same student body. Ultimately, all associations are run by students, and by being transparent and having open communication, we can learn a great deal from one another. The President is therefore pleased that collaborations with other associations and student initiatives have already taken place, such as the SPILxCIROS borrel, the HOP association evening and the SPILxLeidenMUN event. Additionally, informal drinks have been organised with the boards of associations to get to know each other better on a personal level.

Besides other associations and student initiatives, maintaining strong relationships with university personnel is essential. From the student service desk to the institute board, all university personnel can be helpful to the association in various ways. This open approach towards university personnel applies not only to the President, but to the entire XLIVth board. The President specifically emphasises the importance of maintaining good contact with the study advisors both in Leiden and in The Hague as they have the closest connection to the student body. To strengthen this relationship, the President aims to swing by their offices regularly to update them about the activities of the association and welcoming them to these events.

3.1.3 Platform for Political Scientists

Each year, the association is part of the Platform for Political Scientists (PvP). The PvP has a board, consisting of the four respective Presidents of four study associations of political science in the Netherlands. These include our association, EOS (Free University of Amsterdam - VU), Ismus (Radboud University), and Machiavelli (University of Amsterdam - UVA). The PvP oversees the PiP Committee, which is responsible for organising the annual one-day PiP Congress (Political Scientists in Perspective). This committee consists of eight members, two from each association. The PiP congress this year will be organised at Leiden University and because of this, the President will take on the role as PiP-coordinator, as advised by the previous PvP board.

The PvP board strives to close the PvP bank account and transfer financial responsibilities to one of the member associations, as banking fees have been consuming nearly half of the PvP membership contributions. Furthermore, because of the efforts of the previous PvP board, the current board is in contact with the Nederlandse Kring voor de Wetenschap der Politiek (NKWP). The NKWP organises a variety of activities for political scientists and is effective as a platform for academics as well as for experts in the world of politics.

The board of this association consists of political scientists from various Dutch universities. At the first PvP meeting, Denny van der Vlist, board member NKWP, attended and expressed willingness to collaborate with political science study associations. The NKWP offered to assist in establishing contact with field experts and potentially providing funding for events. The PvP strives to have good contact with the NKWP and explore what opportunities they may offer. The President will update his board about the PvP regularly.

3.1.4 Other Activities

The President aims to ensure that all committee chairs feel at ease in their roles and have a clear understanding of their responsibilities. To ensure this, he organised work-in sessions with all the chairs in the beginning of the academic year. Furthermore, the President will strive to organise a mid-year check-in session, to evaluate the first half year and to look forward to the remainder of the year. Additionally, the President will be accessible as possible, so that the chairs can easily reach out to him. By doing so, the President tries to stimulate open communication. To make sure all chairs feel more engaged in the association, the President will strive to organise a chair bonding activity, adding to the community feeling the board strives to maintain.

The XLIVth board acknowledges the importance of the committee members of association. The board therefore aims to organise a Committee Bonding Activity and a Committee Thank You Day. These activities serve both as an opportunity for committee members to build connections with members from other committees and as a means of expressing the board's gratitude to them.

StOP has many committees which organise activities for students from all study associations. The XLIVth aims to participate in additional committees organised by StOP. The board believes that this could be a nice contribution next to a board member's 'normal' work. The board prioritises their SPIL work over the StOP committees. The committees the board aims to take part in include InFaFe, InFaGa, InFaFo, Leidsch Debat and the Sports Tournament.

The XLIVth board will continue the policy of the XLIIIrd board of installing a dress-code manager. The dress code manager is responsible for making sure everyone is dressed appropriately according to the dress code. The board aims to upload pictures to the website in order to clarify the dress code. The board does not want to change the description of the dress code but instead believes that by uploading pictures of what to wear, new members will struggle less with successfully complying to the dress code.

Continuing the efforts of the XLIIIrd board, the XLIVth board will continue the Committee Cup System. The check-ins will remain online, to make sure the overall process runs as smoothly as possible. The board believes the Committee Cup is a great way of encouraging committee members to show up at activities.

For the professionalism and financial safety of the XLIVth board, as well as for all the future boards of the association, the board is looking into board-liability insurance. The board is exploring this possibility and will get back to it at the Interim GA.

3.1.5 Confidential Contact Persons

The President believes that the Confidential Contact Persons (CCPs) are an essential part of the association. The CCPs offer a listening ear to members who simply need to express themselves, those uncertain about how to handle a situation they have experienced, and members looking to actively address or change a situation that has affected them within the association. In general, the CCPs contribute to letting members feel safe within the association. The CCPs will always treat every topic with utmost confidentiality, anonymity (if this is wished for) and impartiality.

The XLIVth board would like to express its gratitude to Ms. Otten for her dedicated service as one of the CCPs in the previous year. This year, Ms. Otten will be stepping down from the role, and the board has selected a new candidate to take her place. The board would like to put Ms. van der Heide forward as a candidate for the role of CCP. Ms. van der Heide was part of the XL1st board of SPIL. She has already participated in training sessions essential for the role of a CCP. The board has confidence that Ms. van der Heide is highly qualified for the position and has trust that she would fulfil the role well.

3.2 Commissioner Introduction

“Every introduction is a chance to create a lasting impression, so make it count” - Oprah Winfrey

3.2.1 General

Being new at university can be challenging. New people, new places and new experiences. The Introduction Committee aims to help new students through their first year of university, both academically and socially. The committee will achieve this by organising both social activities, such as the Freshmen Weekend, and academic support events, like study groups to assist students with their course materials and exam preparation.

3.2.2 Study Groups

Study groups are an important part of the Introduction Committee. In the past years, the turnout was sometimes a bit lower than hoped for. Therefore, the committee and Commissioner are planning on boosting attendance this year. First of all, the committee is planning on promoting the study groups directly during lectures as it is believed that this is the most effective place to promote study-related events. Furthermore, the committee will strive to schedule the study groups immediately following lectures, allowing students to decide during the lecture to participate and attend the study group afterwards. Moreover, the Commissioner Introduction of the XLIIIrd board advised the current Commissioner to host study groups relating to a statistics assignment, as this resulted in a higher attendance in the last academic year. Finally, the study groups in The Hague will be organised together with CIROS. With these small alterations, the Commissioner hopes to create better attendance and support even more students.

3.2.3 Friends & Family Day

In previous years, the attendance on Friends & Family day was not always as expected. Therefore, the current Commissioner Introduction aims to change this event. While the Friends & Family days will continue, they will take on a new format. Instead of hosting two combined events, there will be separate events - one dedicated to friends and another to family. The Commissioner believes this approach will enable more customised activities, specifically designed to suit each audience. The Commissioner and the committee will work together to make the events as enjoyable as possible. The Friends Day will focus more on student life, while the Family Day will highlight the university and the city. The Commissioner believes that by implementing these changes, overall attendance will be increased.

3.2.4 Freshmen Weekend

Previous Freshmen Weekend was a great success. A lot of friendships were made and the attending first-years were eager to join committees. The Commissioner believes the date after EL CID and HOP, and before IROrientation day is the most fitting date, as it is nice to already get to

know fellow students before the classes actually start. It was pleasing to see people already knowing each other during IROrientation day and in the beginning of the academic year.

Last year, the Freshmen weekend took place in Poeldijk, where the venue owner expressed enthusiasm about collaborating with the association again this year. While the Commissioner considers this location a viable option, he will also explore alternative venues. The Commissioner will also look into a possible collaboration with a venue for the upcoming years, so that the future Introduction Committees do not have to put effort into renting a venue every year.

3.2.5 Committee

The Introduction Committee consists of five people this year. They are eager to make first years feel welcome in their first year of university. Two members of the Introduction Committee were already members during the second half of previous year. The Commissioner wants to thank these members for continuing the committee in which they did great work last year. The committee, consisting of both first-year and second-year students, benefits from having both the target audience and experienced members.

4. SECRETARY & COMMISSIONER SPIL WEEKEND

4.1. Secretary

“The real secret to success is enthusiasm” - Walter Chrysler

4.1.1 Membership Account

The Secretary remains committed to keeping the membership account up to date. She aims to update the membership account on Conscribo weekly, ensuring new members receive official communication shortly after signing up. All membership data will be treated with full confidentiality, adhering to the General Data Protection Regulation (Regulation (EU) 2016/679).

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

4.1.2. Newsletter

The Secretary will send out the online newsletter, through email, on the first Monday of each month, maintaining the ‘Dutch follows English’ principle. She will continue the changes introduced by her predecessors, like the banner and quote of the month, while also looking for new ways to innovate. The newsletter will feature member contributions with the new rubric SPIL’er Meal of the Month. Every month a member of the association will share their favourite recipe in the newsletter. Working closely with the Commissioner External Relations, the

Secretary will include event promotions in the newsletter. Additionally, there will be a new column in the newsletter. Since this year, there is a SPIL Football team. Every month, one of the players will write a piece for the newsletter.

4.1.3 Reunionists

The reunionists newsletter will be sent out three times a year. This will be in November, February, and May. The Secretary will collaborate with the Commissioner Internal Relations to provide updates on the current state of DEBAT and keep the reunionists informed.

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

4.1.4 Alumni

The Secretary aims to organise an alumni event and will be in close contact with the Alumni Coordinator of the Faculty. Additionally, the Secretary will follow the advice of her predecessor and will organise the event in Dutch and in Leiden. The Alumni newsletter will be sent out two times a year in January and June. In this newsletter, the Secretary will update the alumni on upcoming events.

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

4.1.5 General Assemblies

There are four General Assemblies held each year, where members have the opportunity to ask questions and make decisions on the association's policies. The Secretary considers these GAs to be among the most important events, and is therefore highly enthusiastic about organising them.

To boost participation for GAs, the Secretary believes that a better understanding of GAs and their procedures will help engage members, particularly first-year students or those new to the association. To achieve this, the board will explain the GA during the first meeting of all the committees. By ensuring that all members are informed, she hopes they will show up and remain engaged throughout the GA. In practice, the GA Chair (CALVV) will be stepping in when needed to clarify complex topics for newer members.

The Secretary aims to send the policy to the members two weeks prior. GAs will be held in both Leiden and in The Hague. The Secretary strives to organise the GAs in a pub or a café which allows for a borrel afterwards. The Secretary strives for this to be a location reachable by public transport. She also aims for a 50/50 balance between Leiden and The Hague.

Members are allowed to ask questions and comment in both English and Dutch. The Dutch statements will be put in the minutes in the original language as well as a translation. During the GA, the CALVV will translate Dutch comments. Due to sustainability and financial

considerations, physical GA booklets will not be provided. Instead, a QR code will be available for members to scan.

4.1.6 Former Boards Borrel

The Secretary values the dedication of former board members and sees the Former Boards Borrel as a great way to show appreciation. To ensure maximum attendance, it will be held on a Friday, with the date announced at least one month in advance.

4.2 Commissioner SPIL Weekend

“I think Judith is a very nice person but I really like my kebab.” - Gijs Verhoeff

This year, applications for the SPIL Weekend Committee will open at the end of October. The committee will be responsible for organising an informal weekend for SPIL members, which will take place in April 2025. The committee will consist of at least a chair, secretary and a treasurer, as well as general members. The primary goal of the committee is to organise a weekend that brings together members of the association in a relaxed and informal setting.

The location and format of the trip, whether a city getaway or a countryside adventure, will be entirely up to the committee's discretion. The Commissioner does not wish to impose any specific direction but will ensure the committee remains focused on the primary goal of the weekend of fostering connections and bonding between members. Regardless of the destination, the trip is meant to create a welcoming and enjoyable experience for SPIL members.

5. TREASURER & COMMISSIONER DIES

5.1 Treasurer

“I’m a girl in finance, SPIL fund, 6’5, blue eyes” - Janneke Pool

5.1.1 Budget

The Treasurer did her utmost best to distribute the money in a way that all board members have the fundings to organise their envisioned events. Due to a decrease in income the Treasurer unfortunately had to budget more cautiously. This decrease of income is mostly due to the decreasing number of members and the decreasing income from the booksale. The XLIVth board is grateful to have received a generous gift of €841.20 from the XLIIIrd board, which fortunately provided a bit more flexibility in creating the budget.

Due to inflation, the participant fee for the Brussels Trip was raised to € 65,- last year. However, the Commissioner Global Relations has encountered further budgeting challenges for the trip, mainly due to rising costs for accommodation and public transportation. In an effort to offset these increases, the Commissioner Global Relations therefore did his utmost best to find a more

affordable bus company, which helped reduce some of the costs but did not fully compensate for the overall rise. As a result, the participant fee has been raised again, now to € 69,50 per person. To avoid putting all expenses on participants, the association has contributed an additional € 100,- this year in comparison to last year, bringing the total contribution of the association to € 300,-.

5.1.2 Membership Fee

This year, the Treasurer will propose a € 2,00 increase in membership contribution to the General Assembly due to significant income decrease resulting from several causes. The Treasurer and the XLIVth board are prioritising the search for alternative income sources. However, these efforts will not fully cover the deficit. To provide a clear explanation for this proposal, the Treasurer has written an explanatory letter outlining the reasons behind it. The Treasurer hopes to have sufficiently informed the General Assembly through the letter, but wants to emphasise that members are welcome to ask any further questions they may have.

This year, the Treasurer aims to collect the membership fee by the end of November. The Treasurer and Secretary are working closely on the process and have already begun their preparations. They hope for a smooth collection with as few defaulters as possible.

5.1.3 “Support Our SPIL”

“Support Our SPIL” is a new initiative that offers the members, alumni, reunionists, family members and other individuals the chance to donate to our association and become a “Supporter of SPIL”. The Treasurer hopes that this initiative will generate extra income this year and in the future.

The initiative will be promoted on the website of the association and will have its own dedicated page. In addition, “Support Our SPIL” will also be promoted on our social media and at certain events, like Friends & Family Day. All supporters will receive a thank-you card. Moreover, the XLIVth board is looking into ways to show extra appreciation to supporters who donate larger amounts of money.

The Treasurer, along with the Commissioner External Relations, is looking into the best ways for people to make donations. The supporters are given the opportunity to make a one-time donation. Finally, the Treasurer is hoping that this new initiative will result in an income of €200,-.

5.1.4 Audit Committee

The Audit Committee plays a vital role in overseeing the activities of the Treasurer. This year, the committee will consist of Ms. Akande and Ms. Ammerlaan. Understanding the significance of the Audit Committee's function, the Treasurer acknowledges their shared responsibility in maintaining the financial health of the association. The Treasurer recognises that the purpose of

the committee extends beyond merely monitoring expenses, as they also provide valuable advice and assistance. Therefore, the Audit Committee and the Treasurer will meet at least three times this year. The Treasurer is committed to maintaining close contact and clear communication with the Audit Committee.

5.2 Commissioner Dies

“SPILlebration” - Jules Fockens

5.2.1 General

The association will celebrate its anniversary on the 8th of November. To mark this occasion, the association will offer its members a week full of activities. The Dies Committee is in charge of planning this week. They began their work in March and contacted potential guest speakers as early as possible. This early start paid off, as they found an interesting speaker before the summer. The Commissioner encourages the committee to plan a variety of events, giving them a lot of freedom in organising. As always, this year's week will feature the traditional Dies lecture. Thanks to the committees hard work, the Commissioner expects this Dies week to be unforgettable.

5.2.2 Activities

Due to the committees hard work and enthusiasm, there will be at least one activity on each day of the Dies week, featuring a mix of social and educational events. The committee is committed to evenly spread out the activities between Leiden and The Hague. On Thursday afternoon, the annual Dies lecture will take place. Additionally, at least one activity will be hosted in the common rooms during the week. The full schedule will be revealed by the committee at a later date.

Following the advice of the e.t. Commissioner, the committee, together with the Commissioner, have decided not to organise a party during the Dies week this year. Last year's Dies party had a lower turnout than expected, likely because of the popular Halloween party of the association taking place a week before Dies. Instead, the committee has opted to close the week with a karaoke evening.

5.2.3 Committee

The committee was formed in February and consisted of three members. Over the summer, new members joined the committee, which resulted in a total of six enthusiastic members. The committee includes a variety of different students. The Commissioner will encourage the committee to organise a bonding activity, to get to know each other in a more informal setting, before the Dies week takes place.

Due to next year being a Lustrum year, the sign-ups for the Dies Committee will not open up in February.

The Commissioner believes the committee will organise an unforgettable Dies week and is excited to continue working with them.

6. COMMISSIONER EDUCATION AND POLITICS

“Education is simply the soul of a society as it passes from one generation to another.” - G.K. Chesterton

6.1 Education Committee

The Education Committee is responsible for organising both formal and informal activities inside university. Additionally, the committee will help evaluate the bachelor programmes throughout the year. To prevent overlap with the Programme Committee, the committee will focus on low-key and continuous feedback, in comparison to the formal character of the Programme Committee.

Regarding the activities, the Commissioner aims to provide the members of the association with a diverse variety of educational events of different kinds. The strategy of basing the events on hot topics that are currently in the news has proven to be successful, so the Commissioner will continue this policy. Furthermore, to improve the attractiveness of events and activities, the Commissioner strives to organise them interactively, for example in the form of discussions, debates or Q&A sessions. Besides these formal activities, the Commissioner aims to organise workshops for members to improve their skills which they can employ in their studies or in their future careers. The first of these workshops has been planned for the 26th of September 2024 and will be on the topic of public speaking. The event is organised in collaboration with the Leiden MUN Foundation.

As for the traditional activities of the Education Committee, the Commissioner wants to organise the Career Night again in the upcoming academic year. The Commissioner sees this as a great opportunity for members to get to know future career options and to speak with people from the field. Regarding the Boat Lecture, the Commissioner wants to look into other possibilities for hosting a lecture in a relaxed environment, as the Boat Lecture has proven to be costly and not well attended. The Commissioner will discuss and design alternatives together with the Education Committee.

6.2 Excursions Committee

The Excursions Committee organises formal activities that take place outside of the university. For the upcoming academic year, the Commissioner strives to provide members with a diverse range of excursions to different kinds of institutions. The Commissioner aims to organise

excursions to institutions in the field of national politics, government, international organisations, non-governmental organisations, research and, additionally, public companies. This is to give members an impression of a wide range of fields that are suitable with a degree in political science. Additionally, the Commissioner wants to include current affairs into the organisation of the excursions. The Commissioner also wants to look into the possibilities of being present at the recordings of a politically relevant tv-show or talk show. This addition would provide a good opportunity to discuss journalism as a career field for participants.

6.3 Master Activities Committee

The task of the Master Activities Committee is to organise activities that are focused on master students. These activities should include both social and educational events. The events will be open for all members of SPIL, including bachelor students, but the focus for these activities will be on master students and their interests and year plan. The committee has seen sign-ups from enthusiastic and motivated master students. Therefore, the Commissioner is confident that the activities will be successfully organised this year. The Commissioner will also brainstorm with the committee on how to boost attendance at the activities. The Commissioner wants to continue organising the ‘SPIL the Drinks’ event, which is a borrel especially for master students. He sees it as a great opportunity for new students to get to know their fellow master students. Additionally, the Commissioner strives to host events with PhD candidates again, to give insight into the possibilities after completion of the master tracks. Besides this, the Commissioner strives to let the committee be as ingenious as they want to when organising their events, to boost the involvement of master students in SPIL and to offer the students valuable networking opportunities for their future career.

6.4 Book Sale

The current partner for the SPIL book sale is Index Books. The contract with the company will end in December of 2024, which means that the Commissioner will start the negotiations with Index Books about the continuation of the contract. Due to the satisfaction with the current partner, the Commissioner aims to continue the collaboration with Index.

The Commissioner is aware of the declining popularity of the book sale. As the book sale is of great importance for the association’s funding, the Commissioner has started to offer all the books for the first semester from the beginning of the year. This is a try-out to boost the sales in the beginning of the year, especially for first-year students. Students will still be able to buy the books for the first and second block separately. The book sale will also be promoted again before the start of the second block. The Commissioner however hopes that offering the books for the first two blocks together will encourage students to buy more books through the SPIL book sale.

6.5 Programme Committee

The Commissioner applied for a position in the Programme Committee (OLC) for this year. As the Commissioner was the only candidate for the specialisation “International Politics” he got automatically offered a spot in the Programme Committee.

As a member of the OLC, the Commissioner strives to be accessible for all students of the three political science programmes to share their thoughts and opinions about the courses. He will be open for all kinds of feedback regarding the programme and aims to organise feedback sessions throughout the year to gather valuable insights for the OLC meetings.

6.6 FLO

This year, SPIL will again be represented in the interfaculty committee of FLO. The FLO-Committee will consist of representatives from the study associations Labyrint, Emile and Itiwana, together with a representative from the Career Service FSW. The Commissioner aims to stay in contact with everyone involved with the FLO days, especially the SPIL-representative. The Commissioner also strives to be present during the actual FLO days with the rest of the board to help out with logistics.

6.7 LinkedIn

Due to the efforts of his predecessor, the Commissioner has a broad network of LinkedIn connections at his disposal for the organisation of events. Because of the formal and educational character of LinkedIn, this portfolio has been assigned to the Commissioner Education & Politics. Not only does the Commissioner strive to make more use of this network to find speakers and organisations, he also aims to promote SPIL in a professional way through LinkedIn. His goal is to post about the formal events SPIL is going to organise as well as about the educational and cultural part of the trips. Besides these posts, the Commissioner wants to interview SPIL members who have achieved something professionally through SPIL, and thus show other members what SPIL has to offer careerwise. The Commissioner hopes that this promotion through LinkedIn will also boost the willingness of professionals and organisations to accept invitations by SPIL to attend certain events. The SPIL LinkedIn can also be of great value for the rest of the board to help reach people for the Former Boards Borrel and the Alumni event. At the end of the year, the Commissioner hopes to have further broadened the SPIL-network and to have reached a significant number of people through the posts.

7. COMMISSIONER GLOBAL RELATIONS

“Jullie zijn toch een reisbureau?” - Cesar Serlie

The Commissioner Global Relations is responsible for the planning and execution of the Brussels Trip, Short Trip, and Long Trip. Furthermore, the Commissioner ensures that the trips will meet the association’s general policy set by the XLIVth Board.

The Commissioner will make it his priority to create a comfortable and safe environment for all participants during the trips. This can be achieved by upholding the buddy group system, but also by continuing the roles of trust persons during the trips. The Commissioner makes sure they are as accessible as possible by letting participants get familiar with them during pre-activities. The trust persons are aware of the importance of their task and will handle it with as much discretion as deemed necessary. To create a deeper feeling of community, the Commissioner strives to do multiple bonding activities with his committees, because he believes that a close committee is the key to an efficient collaboration. The committees will be given as much liberty as allowed to create an ingenious environment.

Furthermore, the Commissioner's personal objective is to plan at least one activity per trip involving local students in the field of political science. This coming together creates a feeling of community beyond borders and offers the association new networks and relationships. To improve future trips, the Commissioner will send feedback forms at the end of every trip and have an evaluation to reflect on the committee's journey.

In previous years, the dress code has been a polemic topic. The Commissioner will ensure that through clear communication beforehand, including pre-activities, about the purpose and circumstances of the dress code, people will respect the dress code more. Continuing on the previous board's policy, compliance with the dress code will be ensured by the Dress Code Manager.

It has been tradition that SPIL does not visit any countries that have been visited in the past 5 years. However, given the limited amount of financially feasible destinations, the Commissioner has decided to change this timeframe from 5 years to 3 years. With this change, he assures that future Commissioners Global Relations will have a broader range of financially feasible destinations to choose from.

7.1 Brussels Trip

The Brussels Committee was formed under the previous board. Over the summer, a chair, secretary, and treasurer have been appointed, next to four general members. Due to the hard work of the committee, the programme was in September, and the hostel and bus have been booked. The activities will consist of visits to European institutions and organisations.

The trip will take place from the 18th to the 19th of November 2024, as the university has scheduled a free day during these dates. The number of participants is 50, with 7 committee members, and 4 board members, meaning that 39 people will be able to join the trip. A first-come-first-serve policy will be maintained for the sign-ups on the 4th of October, as well as a final deadline for cancellation, to prevent unfortunate situations regarding payments. The cost of the trip will be €69,50 per person.

7.2 Short Trip

The annual one-week Short Trip to a destination in Europe will be organised by the Short Trip Committee, formed in September. The committee consists of 7 people, including a chair, secretary, and treasurer. The trip will be organised after the resits of the first semester and before the start of the second semester (January 25 - February 2). The exact dates will be announced later.

When choosing the destination, the following criteria must be met:

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

The Commissioner will oversee that the committee chooses a destination that meets these criteria. The selection procedure for participation in the trip will be the same as in previous years, respecting the Statutes & Rules of Procedure. This means that members will hand in their motivation letters in the common room. These will be anonymised and checked by a previous board member and an employee of the Institute of Political Science of Leiden University. The group will consist of 40 people, including 7 committee members and 7 board members, with 26 remaining spots for other members. The participant fee of the trip will be €250,- per person. Furthermore, the Commissioner will request a CASSA subsidy at LUF.

7.3 Long Trip

The annual two-week Long Trip to a destination outside of Europe will be organised by the Long Trip Committee, formed in September. The committee consists of 7 people, including a chair, secretary, and treasurer. The trip will be organised after the resits of the second semester and before the start of the introduction weeks (June 21 - July 18). The exact dates will be announced later.

When choosing the destination, the following criteria must be met:

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

The Commissioner will oversee that the committee chooses a destination that meets these criteria. The selection procedure for participation will be the same as in previous years, respecting the Statutes & Rules of Procedure. This means that members will hand in their motivation letters in the common room. These will be anonymised and checked by a previous board member and an employee of the Institute of Political Science of Leiden University. The

group will consist of 35 people, including 7 committee members and 7 board members, with 21 remaining spots for other members. Furthermore, the Commissioner will request a CASSA subsidy at LUF.

7.4 Committees

The Commissioner aims to ensure that all committee members have room for professional and personal development. The Commissioner will give as much freedom and responsibility to the committees as possible, while still overseeing and guiding them. The Commissioner will also try to make sure that during the trip committee members are responsible and approachable for participants. He believes that, besides the board, it is the task of the committee members to make sure participants respect the planning, are enthusiastic about the programme, and feel comfortable and safe during the trip.

8. COMMISSIONER INTERNAL RELATIONS & FESTIVE

8.1 Commissioner Internal Relations

“Creativity is intelligence having fun” - Albert Einstein

8.1.1 DEBAT

The DEBAT Committee offers students a platform to develop their journalistic skills in a professional environment. As in previous years, the committee aims to publish four print edition magazines in November, February, March and May. Furthermore, the committee aspires to publish one article a week on the DEBAT Online website in both English and Dutch. Additionally, the committee will make an effort from the beginning of the year to launch the DEBAT podcast.

8.1.1.1 Main Goal

The aim of the DEBAT Committee is to publish semi-scientific articles for as many SPIL members as possible and in general for the largest possible audience. The semi-scientific nature of DEBAT is best expressed through the use of academic and non-academic sources, as well as a diverse variety of articles ranging from opinion pieces to thoroughly researched essays. Students are encouraged to be ingenious in terms of topics and article types.

8.1.1.2 Committee

Like the past five years, the DEBAT Committee will be led by an appointed chair. The chair is the co-editor-in-chief of the magazine together with the Commissioner, and they will be in close contact throughout the year. Additionally, there will be an appointed vice-chair who assists the chair in their tasks and responsibilities. The secretary of the committee is responsible for taking minutes of committee meetings, managing the DEBAT online website and the social media

platforms of DEBAT, including Instagram, Facebook and LinkedIn. This year, an effort will be made to post on the social media platforms throughout the year in order to inform a larger audience about the DEBAT magazine and the website.

Similar to the past two years, the committee will have a head of design. It has been found beneficial to have one designated person in charge of the design process keeping the committee as a whole more organised. The head of design delegates the tasks within the design process and can help the designers with any technical issues they might be facing.

The large size and the individual nature of committee work have made the committee difficult to bond in past years. In order to work towards a community feeling, a new position of “Head of Social Activities” will be introduced. This change is done in order to lighten the workload of the vice-chair and to trial whether this would help the bonding of the committee. The head of social activities will be in charge of organising the social activities within the committee, such as bonding activities and joint writing sessions. The Commissioner and head of social activities will additionally work together to organise a writing workshop for the committee in the beginning of the year. The Commissioner hopes that social activities will lower the threshold to reach out to other committee members when for example struggling with a writing process.

In order to make DEBAT Committee members feel part of the SPIL community, the Commissioner strives to update the committee about upcoming events of the association and encourage them to attend some together. As done in the previous years, all issues of the printed magazine will be revealed during a borrel. The Commissioner has let all committee members know that they are expected to join and support their fellow committee members. This will provide the committee members a great opportunity to engage with other members of the association while for example sharing insights of their own writing process or the topic of their piece.

In total, the executive board of DEBAT consists of five people: the chair, the vice-chair, the secretary, the head of design and the head of social activities. In addition to the board, there is an editorial board of DEBAT consisting of the DEBAT board and 5 editors, totaling 10 people. The editorial board is a mix of three first-year students, two second-year students, two third-year students and three masters students. Moreover, four members of the editorial board are able to edit both Dutch and English pieces.

Each writer, including writers from both the printed magazine and the online team, will be paired with a member of the editorial board. This peer-reviewing process takes place in order to ensure every article is checked before publishing and to guarantee the quality of the articles. The editors provide writers with feedback related to language, structure and content and can help with

brainstorming if needed. The writers and editors can choose how they want to organise their cooperation and how often feedback will be given.

The DEBAT Committee will consist of 40 members in total. To ensure that both the printed magazine and the website have enough writers, the Commissioner and chair have made a division between the writers of the committee according to their expressed preferences. However, it is possible for writers to switch throughout the year when needed or wished after discussing it with the Commissioner or chair. Writers of the printed magazine have been informed about the possibility to write longer articles up to 3 500 words on the DEBAT website if they so wish.

8.1.1.3 Content and Design

The specifics of the content of printed issues are up to the committee. The Commissioner will not object to choices made by the committee without a good reason as long as everything published is scientifically and/or politically relevant and the pieces represent a wide variety of topics and views. This year, the overarching themes of the printed issues are to be decided democratically by the committee after every committee member has had the chance to suggest a theme. However, if the themes need to be broadened or adjusted, this is the task of the Commissioner and the DEBAT board.

The scientific columns of the magazine will largely stay the same this year as in the previous years. The columns will include Political Science Worldwide, Why Political Science Matters, Women in Thought, Research at Leiden and the Profile. It is important to keep the scientific part of the magazine as DEBAT is a Political Science magazine. The Commissioner has made an effort to introduce the columns to all committee members.

To enhance accessibility, the Commissioner will publish articles both in English and Dutch. Regarding the language division of the printed issues, the Commissioner aims to have 70 % English and 30 % Dutch pieces. There have been some difficulties in the past years in keeping the language division throughout the whole year. This year, all Dutch-speaking writers are asked to automatically translate their pieces into both languages in order to publish the piece in both languages on the DEBAT Online website. In addition to this, a small translation subcommittee translating articles from both languages has been established. As previously, the language requirements will remain British English for English articles and general Dutch standards apply for the Dutch articles.

In terms of graphic design and lay-out, the Commissioner is content with decisions made in the previous years. However, the Commissioner wishes to see a clear continuity in the design choices throughout the year. To achieve this, the Commissioner will set the designing team some general guidelines for all the printed issues but otherwise encourages them to be ingenious.

8.1.1.4 DEBAT sending and pick-up

For the last two years, members have had the possibility to sign up in order to get a DEBAT delivered to their house or to pick up a copy at the common rooms after the reveal of the new issue. The Commissioner will continue with this system the upcoming year. Members can register for the delivery sign-up list throughout the year and they will remain on the list until the end of the academic year unless they decide to sign off. The sign-up list will be promoted two weeks before the release of a new printed issue by the Commissioner External Relations. At the beginning of the new academic year, people on the sign-up list will receive an email to sign-up again to get DEBAT delivered to their house. All reunionists of the association and the predecessors of the Commissioner will automatically receive a physical issue of the magazine. Additionally, the Commissioner will make an effort to promote the possibility of picking up the magazine from the common rooms, especially keeping first-year students in mind.

Last year, 400 copies were printed out of each issue. The XLIVth board calculated the amount of remaining issues from the previous year, and there were in total over 700 copies. The board aims to distribute these during upcoming open days and other university events. As a consequence of this large amount of remaining copies and of financial reasons, the Commissioner has decided to reduce the amount of printed DEBATs to 350 copies per issue. This change will be re-evaluated in the Interim GA and changed if deemed necessary.

8.1.1.5 DEBAT Online

The DEBAT website is essential when it comes to reaching a larger audience and expanding the readership of DEBAT. Additionally, it gives writers more freedom in regards to topics of pieces as they are not bound to a specific theme. Last year, the website fell victim to malware and thus, the website could not be used as much as wished. This year, the Commissioner aims to work with the Commissioner External Relations throughout the year to prevent a similar situation. The aim is to publish one article a week on the website in both languages. The website, as well as DEBAT in general, will be promoted throughout the year on the social media platforms of DEBAT and in cooperation with the Commissioner External Relations on the social media platforms of SPIL. The most attention will be focused on Instagram and LinkedIn as they have proved to attract the most audience. The secretary of the committee is in charge of the social media accounts, and they will be assisted by the social media subcommittee consisting of three members.

The Commissioner thinks that DEBAT Online offers a great opportunity to engage people with the magazine. This year, the website will accept articles from guest writers quarterly. There will be a general call for guest writers on the Instagram account of DEBAT and on the website. Guest writers can expand the website and bring forward new topics and perspectives. As general committee members can request to write for the website throughout the year, they will continue

to have priority over guest writers. All articles from guest writers and committee members have to be peer-reviewed by the committee and approved by the Commissioner and the chair.

8.1.1.6 DEBAT Podcast

The DEBAT podcast has been in planning for a couple of years. Last year, the podcast idea was developed further, but no publications were yet made. Since the DEBAT Committee has a lot of members, namely 40, and multiple committee members have shown interest in the podcast, the Commissioner hopes to publish the podcast this year. The content of the podcast is still under consideration and will be decided by the podcast subcommittee.

The topic and content of the episodes need to be discussed with the Commissioner and the chair in advance. Furthermore, the episodes must first be edited and peer-reviewed before publication. The association has a Spotify account on which the podcast would be published. As the podcast is a new addition to the committee, the Commissioner will focus on the printed issues and the DEBAT website, but will provide the podcast subcommittee members support whenever needed.

8.1.2 Yearbook

The yearbook captures all amazing memories from the past year and allows members of the association to relive them. Continuing the efforts made in the previous years, the yearbook committee aims to be visible at activities and events throughout the year. The goal is to do more spontaneous interviews at events capturing members' reactions and thoughts. The committee strives to be ingenious and come up with new sections and ideas for the yearbook while respecting the long-standing traditions of the association. Similar to past years, the theme of the yearbook will be revealed during one of the monthly borrels in cooperation with the Festive Committee.

The 2023/2024 yearbook was revealed during the Change of Boards GA and will be additionally available at the common rooms. In order for it to be distributed similarly next year, the Commissioner and committee will work hard to finish it in time for the GA. In order to have the yearbook accessible to as many members as possible, the Commissioner has decided that it will be published in English again. As previously, some exceptions are to be made for quotes and submissions from other associations although they will be highly encouraged to write them in English.

In recent years, the committee has had a great experience working with the publishing company PerfectBooks and the Commissioner has decided to work with them again this year. Moreover, the committee will be visiting the company itself in Vught in the first semester to be able to get inspired by all designing possibilities.

8.1.2.1 Committee

This year, the committee will consist of five members. As noticed in previous years, making a yearbook requires a lot of work and thus, it is important to divide the tasks clearly among the committee members taking their personal preferences into account. The chair of the committee will be in charge of dividing the tasks. In addition, it is the chair's task to make sure the committee members stick to their deadlines and that pieces from external parties are received in time.

To guarantee that the committee has a fun time creating the yearbook and working together, the Commissioner will work closely with the chair to organise social activities from the beginning of the year. This is to be done by organising both bonding activities for the committee as well as encouraging committee members to actively participate in different kinds of activities organised within the association. This will contribute to the bonding of the committee and ensure everyone enjoys working together while at the same time guaranteeing moments from activities will be captured in the yearbook.

8.2 Commissioner Festivities

"A little party never killed nobody" - Fergie

8.2.1 Festive Committee

The Festive Committee is responsible for organising all sorts of social and informal activities. The committee is not only responsible for the parties and borrels, but also for the gala and social activities, such as laser gaming or a beach day. The activities organised by the Festive Committee offer the members of the association a chance to meet and get to know each other in a relaxed setting. The activities contribute crucially to the pillars of the association, accessibility and community, in bridging international and Dutch students and functioning as platforms for other committees to be able to bond with another during these activities.

The Commissioner is responsible for the oversight of the committee and making sure everything goes well at the events of the committee. This year, the committee consists of eight members, including four first-years, three second-years and one master student. The chair of the committee is responsible for planning and leading the committee meetings. In these meetings, the chair will set deadlines for the committee members and keep an eye out that they are met. In order for smooth functioning of the committee, the chair and the Commissioner will be in close contact throughout the year. In general, the Commissioner wants to emphasise the importance of communication within the committee in order to successfully organise some of the largest activities of the association. Additionally, it is of importance that the committee members are present at their own activities. The Commissioner has aimed to make this known for all the committee members from the beginning onwards. To succeed in this, the Commissioner will share the preliminary year plan with committee members.

8.2.2 Borrels

As in previous years, the committee aims to organise two monthly borrels, one of them being in Leiden and the other one in the Hague. Upon recommendation from her predecessor, the Commissioner reached out to “Café l’Espérance” to continue as the regular bar in Leiden. In the past year, the association had a successful relationship with the bar as communication worked well and the bar provided free vegetarian snacks at the borrels. The Commissioner will continue working with them the upcoming year. The regular bar in the Hague will this year be “De Corner” located close to The Hague Central Station and Plein. “De Corner” offered the association a good deal with discounts on drinks and free snacks. There is additionally a possibility to organise activities during the borrels. The decision to switch bars from ‘the Pakschuit’ was made as the association was approached with better deals.

In the past years, borrels in both cities have taken place on Thursdays. This year, the Commissioner wants to try out moving the borrels in The Hague to Tuesdays. The change allows members of the association to participate in at least one borrel per month even if they would not be available on Thursdays. Additionally, the student nightlife in the Hague is focused on Thursdays which reduces the attractiveness of the borrels of the association. This change will be re-evaluated in the Interim GA. The Commissioner aims to organise many great borrels this year during which new friendships can be made.

8.2.3 Parties and Galas

Parties are at the heart of the social life of the association. The Commissioner aims to have a balanced number of parties during the year, keeping the budget of the committee and the yearplan of the association in mind. Continuing the efforts of her predecessors, the Commissioner strives to organise parties in collaboration with other associations allowing members to meet people from other associations and making parties more financially accessible. The Commissioner will encourage the committee to organise a SPIL Halloween party as it has been a success in the past years. Additionally, the board will be participating in organising the FSW party organised together with the Leiden hallway associations Labyrinth, Itiwana and Emile as well as the InterFacultyParty (InFaFe).

Furthermore, the committee will organise the annual gala this year. The gala has been a great success in the past years, and the Commissioner wants to continue this. As the gala requires quite extensive planning, it will take place during the second semester. This allows the committee to get to know each other and work together before starting on the gala allowing the best possible result to be achieved. The Commissioner and the committee are looking forward to the gala with great excitement.

8.2.4 Social Activities

Besides the parties, gala and borrels, the committee is responsible for organising many of the social activities of the association. As in previous years, the committee will strive to organise one social activity per month with an exception of September as the committee was not yet formed. The activities can take place during the borrels or can be separate activities such as a movie night. In the past years, the trip to Efteling has been a great success and the Commissioner will pass this on to the committee. Having ingenuity in mind, the Commissioner would advise the committee additionally to look into the possibility of organising a fundraiser for a charity. This would be an opportunity for the members of the association to have fun while supporting a good cause. Otherwise, the Commissioner wants to leave it to the discretion of the committee to decide on which social activities will be taking place throughout the year.

The Commissioner will inform the committee about the tradition of organising the so-called Grand Social Activity (GSA) during which members of the association can get to know each other better. It will be up to the committee whether they want to execute the day and in which manner.

Since last year, the committee has been responsible for organising the Beer Cantus during which members sing and drink beer together. The Commissioner aims to organise an event in which everyone feels comfortable while honouring the tradition of the Cantus. It will be ensured that the cantus is organised in a safe way and enough water is available. The Commissioner and the committee look forward to organising a lot of activities in the upcoming year.

9. COMMISSIONER EXTERNAL RELATIONS & STAIRS AFFAIRS

9.1 Commissioner External Relations

“It's hard to find things that won't sell online.” – Jeff Bezos

9.1.1 Partnerships

The association at this time has a deal with Can't Dutch This, as well as a partnership with Joor It. The deal with Helprr needs to be revisited. The partnership with Joor It has been very beneficial, as the XLIVth board has already worked with them on multiple textile items, including but not limited to the committee item for this year. Additionally, the Commissioner will look into more deals to assure better prices on meals for members. For example, the Commissioner has negotiated a contract with Nocto, a partner from previous years. The Commissioner will, alongside these deals and partnerships, look to enter into more deals with companies and firms that pose opportunities for members to find career opportunities, both for their time during and after university.

9.1.2 Merchandise

The Commissioner's goal this year for the merchandise items is to continue to create items that are attractive to a broader audience, as well as able to be used more casually. In collaboration with the Acquisitions Committee she will look into items that fulfil these criteria, but will also leave room for the committee to come up with other ideas. The Commissioner will also continue her predecessor's policy of revealing the items during special borrels, as this was a great success last year. Furthermore, promotion of the already existing merchandise items is crucial, and the Commissioner will continue to do so periodically through all channels through which the association can promote them. For this year's committee item, the Commissioner wishes to try a single SPIL shirt for all committees in one colour, with different pins for different committees added to it. This is due to committee members who are in multiple committees being required to purchase multiple shirts, causing a significant expense to those dedicated members. The SPIL shirt would also heighten the overall community aspect of SPIL.

9.1.3 Acquisitions Committee

This year, the Acquisitions Committee consists of 7 members, including a chair and secretary. The goal of this committee remains to work on the new and existing partnerships and deals of the association, as well as promote the two new merchandise items of the year. The committee plans to meet regularly for brainstorming sessions about new partnerships, with the Commissioner encouraging bonding to motivate and build the committee's communication and ingenuity. The committee has been divided into different subsections working on internships, deals, and sponsors. Diversifying the SPIL income is the primary focus of the committee, and they are hard at work in ensuring the association's financial situation improves.

9.1.4 Promotion

This year, the Promotion Committee consists of 5 members, including a chair and secretary. The committee will be in charge of creating social media posts and physical promotion material surrounding the different activities of the association. Promotion will be done through the online channels of the associations, but also through informing members in person and through physical promotion material. The Commissioner is also looking into the possibility of making flyers and brochures about the association to place into the common room, and to distribute during Open Days and future introduction days.

9.1.4.1 Social Media

The Commissioner recognises the success of the Instagram account as the main platform for promotion of activities and events in previous years, and would like to continue to use the platform in such a fashion. She will discuss a design standard as well as a new colour palette with the Promotion Committee to ensure a uniform and appealing look. The Commissioner, following her predecessor's policy, wishes to expand the TikTok account's use with information that is not always evident to new members of the association, such as explanations on GAs. All

content from TikTok will be reposted on the Instagram account as well in Reels.

Additionally, the Commissioner plans to revive the SPIL YouTube, which was last used by the XLth board. She hopes to add new introductory material about SPIL which can then be promoted through the university's website, as well as add the TikTok videos in YouTube Shorts. The Commissioner believes a solid social media strategy will ensure all the association's platforms stay popular and well visited. Therefore, she plans to stick to the policy of no more than two Instagram posts per day and no limit on the amount of stories posted. Additionally, the new monthly calendar will be posted on Instagram on the first of the month, except January, so members can have a better overview of what will be happening in the future, heightening the accessibility of events. The monthly events calendar will be a collaboration with the Secretary's newsletter.

The promotion form will still be used, so that committees can request promotion material for their events from the Promotion Committee. A new addition will be a shared Calendar with all Secretaries added to it, who can then choose a preferred date for their post to be posted. The Commissioner will also promote DEBAT's social media as much as possible, to make sure as many members as possible are made aware of the association's amazing political science magazine.

9.1.4.2 External Promotion

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

9.1.5 Website

This year's goal for the website is to try out new features, as well as improve certain pages and layouts. For example, the Commissioner is working on an 'ideas box' form which can be filled in anonymously, giving feedback as well as ideas for new activities. The Commissioner, like her predecessor, also wishes to add more internships to the career page, and so will work together with the Acquisitions Committee to achieve this goal. Furthermore, as recommended by her predecessor, the Commissioner has looked into a solution for the slow loading times of the Photo Gallery page. The photos from the XLIIInd board year have been moved to a different subsection of the website, and those of the XLIIIrd board will be moved during the second half of the academic year as well.

9.2 Commissioner Stairs Affairs

“The elevator to success is out of order...you’ll have to use the stairs” - Joe Girard

The Stairs Affairs Committee is a collaboration with B.I.L., the public administration study association in The Hague. Hence, three members from each association will take the positions of chair, vice-chair, secretary, treasurer, and general members. The Commissioner External Relations organises this committee together with Ms. Boellaard, B.I.L’s Commissioner of External Affairs. Following her predecessor’s recommendation, the Commissioner has been in discussions about which events could be interesting for the committee to organise, and plans on organising a total of two events, one in each semester. The committee will be fully in English this year, and the Commissioner is enthusiastic about continuing to develop the partnership with B.I.L.

YEAR PLAN ‘SPILVENTUROUS’ 2024-2025

MONTH	WEEK	DATE	EVENT	
August	33	12/08/24 - 16/08/24	EL CID Week Leiden	
	34	19/08/24 - 23/08/24	HOP Week The Hague	
September	35	26/08/24 - 28/09/24	Freshmen Weekend	
		29/08/24	IRO Orientation Day The Hague	
	36	02/09/24	Start of the Academic Year 24/25	
		02/09/24	Committee Applications Close	
		03/09/24	Deadline Motivation Letters Committee Applications	
		05/09/24	Welcome Back Borrel Leiden	
	37	09/09/24	Excursion: Turkish Embassy 1	
		12/09/24	Change of Boards GA	
	38	16/09/24	Waffle Hour Common Rooms	
		16/09/24	Excursion: Turkish Embassy 2	
		17/09/24	SPILxCIROS Borrel The Hague	
	39	26/09/24	Education Event : Public Speaking Workshop SPILxMUN	
	October	40	01/10/24	Festive Borrel The Hague
			02/10/24 - 03/10/24	“Leidens Ontzet”
04/10/24			Brussels Applications Open	
41		08/10/24	Policy GA	
		09/10/24	SPIL the Drinks - Masters Event	
		10/10/24	Visit Talkshow Eva Jinek	

		11/10/24	Master Graduation Ceremony
	42		Study Groups Exam Week 1
		14/10/24	Committee Bonding Day
		17/10/24	Short Trip Destination Reveal Borrel Leiden
		18/10/24	Bachelor Graduation Ceremony
	43	21/10/24 - 25/10/24	Exam Week 1
November	44		Education Event
			Excursion Event
			Stairs Affairs Event
		28/10/24 - 01/11/24	Cover Letters Short Trip
		28/10/24 - 01/11/24	SPIL-Weekend Application Open
		28/10/24	Education Event : Crash Course Dutch Politics
		29/10/24	Halloween Party
	45	04/11/24 - 08/11/24	Dies Week SPIL
		07/11/24	Dies Lecture
		08/11/24	Dies Natalis SPIL
	46		Masters Event
		14/11/24	Festive Borrel Leiden
	47		Excursion Event
		18/11/24 - 19/11/24	Brussels Trip
December	48		Education Event
			Introduction Event

		26/11/24	CoBo SPIL
		28/11/24	DEBAT 1 Reveal Borrel Leiden
	49		Excursion Event
			Masters Event
			Pre-activity Short Trip
			Sinterklaas Event : “Schoentje zetten”
	50		Study Groups Exam Week 2
		10/12/24	Merch Reveal Borrel The Hague
		13/12/24	Purple Friday
	51	16/12/24 - 20/12/24	Exam Week 2
	52		
January	1		
	2		
	3		
	4	25/01/25 - 26/01/25	Short Trip
February	5	27/01/25 - 02/02/25	Short Trip
	6		Education Event
			Introduction Event
		03/02/25 - 07/02/25	Applications open for Masters, Brussels & Introduction Committee
		06/02/25	DEBAT 2 Reveal Borrel Leiden
	7		Excursions Event
			Masters Event
		13/02/25	Cantus

	8		Alumni Event
			Family Day
		18/02/25	Long Trip Destination Reveal Borrel The Hague
March	9		Education Event
			Excursions Event
		27/02/25	Interim GA
	10		Friends Day
			Masters Event
		06/03/25	Festive Borrel Leiden
	11		Excursion Event
		10/03/25 - 14/03/25	Cover Letters Long Trip
		10/03/25	Efteling
	12		Study Groups Exam Week 3
			DEBAT 3 Reveal Borrel The Hague
	13	24/03/25 - 28/03/25	Exam Week 3
April	14		Masters Event
		03/04/25	Festive Borrel Leiden
		04/04/25 - 06/04/25	SPIIL Weekend
	15		Excursion Event
		10/04/25	Board Interest Borrel Leiden
		11/04/25	Gala
	16		Education Event
15/04/25		Board Interest Borrel The Hague	

		16/04/25	Pre-activity Long Trip 1
	17		Pre-activity Long Trip 2
May	18		Excursions Event
			Introduction Event
		28/04/25	Board Applications Close
		01/05/25	Festive Borrel Leiden
		02/05/25	Former Boards Borrel
	19	06/05/25	Committee Thank You Day
		07/05/25	Last Common Room Shift
	20		Study Groups Exam Week 4
			DEBAT 4 Reveal Borrel The Hague
21	19/05/25 - 23/05/25	Exam Week 4	
June	22		End of the Year Party
		26/05/25	XLVth Board Reveal Borrel Leiden
	23	05/06/25	Affirmation GA
	24		
	25		
	26	23/06/25 - 29/06/25	Long Trip
July	27	30/06/25 - 06/07/25	Long Trip
	28	07/07/25 - 13/07/25	Long Trip
	29	14/07/25 - 18/07/25	Long Trip
	30		
August	31		

	32		
	33		
	34		
	35	25/08/25 - 27/08/25	Freshmen Weekend
September	36	01/09/25	Start of the Academic Year 25/26
	37	11/09/25	Change of Boards GA

BUDGET ‘SPILVENTUROUS’ 2024-2025

With a membership fee of € 17,50

Income			
	Budget 23-24	Realisation 23-24	Budget 24-25
Membership fee³	€ 19.550,93	€ 19.198,27	€ 17.509,50
Acquisitions committee	€ 2.000,00	€ 1.072,50	€ 2.000,00
General contribution Institute	€ 5.000,00	€ 5.000,00	€ 5.000,00
Interest	€ 4,78	€ 193,04	€ 150,00
Index books	€ 2.000,00	€ 770,68	€ 500,00
Contribution Institute Studystore⁴	€ 2.200,00	€ 2.200,00	€ -
Withdrawal Committee Cup reservation⁵	€ 177,04	€ 100,00	€ 77,04
‘Vrienden van de SPIL’	€ 130,00	€ 137,52	€ 140,00
‘Support Our SPIL’	€ -	€ -	€ 200,00
Other income⁶	€ 55,00	€ 29,70	€ 30,00
Gift XXXIXth board	€ 750,00	€ 750,00	€ 750,00
Gift XLIIIth board⁷	€ -	€ -	€ 841,20
Leids Alumni Platform (LAP)⁸	€ 500,00	€ -	€ -

³ The contribution is calculated with a member base of 1074, of which 66 are reunionists, and a €17,50 fee. A percentage of 10% defaulters has been taken into account.

⁴ This was a one-time contribution to compensate for the loss of income due to the bankruptcy of Studystore, so the money will not be granted again.

⁵ The XLIInd board has created a reserve of €177.04, to be used for the purpose of getting the Committee Cup back up and running. The XLIIIrd board did not fully withdraw this reserve, so the remaining part will be used by The XLIVth Board for the Committee Cup.

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

⁷ The XLIIIth board reserved a gift to be used by the XLIVth board. This money is not earmarked. The gift ended up being larger, because the expenses for the HOP Week and EL CID stands were lower than expected.

⁸ The Leidsch Alumni Platform was a fund that helped finance alumni activities. This fund has unfortunately been dissolved.

Withdrawal reserve travel allowance int. board member⁹	€ 250,00	€ 250,00	€ 250,00
Withdrawal reserve lens SPIL-camera¹⁰	€ -	€ -	€ 250,00
Withdrawal reserve FSW activity¹¹	€ -	€ -	€ 93,57
Open day compensation Faculty¹²	€ -	€ 750,00	€ 750,00
Profit Haagsch Studenten Feest	€ -	€ 429,08	€ -
Profit Interfaculty Party	€ -	€ 138,84	€ -
Total	€ 32.617,75	€ 31.019,63	€ 28.541,31

⁹ The XLIVth board includes one international board member who has a claim on coverage for travel expenses.

¹⁰ This reserve will be used to finance a new lens for the SPIL camera.

¹¹ This reserve will be used to organise an activity with other Faculty of Social Sciences (FSW) associations.

¹² The Faculty has granted each Social Sciences study association €750, as compensation for their presence at open days. The compensation must be spent on activities organised with at least one other Faculty of Social Sciences study association.

Expenses¹³

	Budget 23-24	Realisation 23-24	Budget 24-25
Board	€ 4.340,52	€ 4.117,40	€ 4.810,23
President	€ 100,00	€ 44,08	€ 350,00
<i>Introduction</i>	€ -	€ -	€ 350,00
<i>Stairs Affairs</i>	€ -	€ 40,98	€ -
<i>Interfaculty Gala</i>	€ 100,00	€ -	€ -
<i>PiP Congress</i>	€ -	€ 3,10	€ -
Secretary	€ 1.550,00	€ 1.301,77	€ 1.150,00
<i>General¹⁴</i>	€ 950,00	€ 682,58	€ 450,00
<i>SPIL-Weekend</i>	€ -	€ -	€ 700,00
<i>Introduction</i>	€ 600,00	€ 619,19	€ -
Treasurer	€ 480,00	€ 437,88	€ 375,00
<i>Dies</i>	€ 450,00	€ 437,88	€ 375,00
<i>Interfaculty Congress</i>	€ 30,00	€ -	€ -
Education & Politics	€ 820,00	€ 649,98	€ 555,00
<i>Education</i>	€ 300,00	€ 317,96	€ 225,00
<i>Master activities</i>	€ 250,00	€ 223,89	€ 200,00
<i>Excursions</i>	€ 150,00	€ 108,13	€ 130,00
<i>Interfaculty party</i>	€ 120,00	€ -	€ -
Global Relations	€ 8.466,80	€ 8.244,37	€ 8.066,80
<i>Long trip</i>	€ 4.900,00	€ 4.900,00	€ 4.900,00
<i>Short trip</i>	€ 2.666,80	€ 2.666,56	€ 2.666,80
<i>Pre-activities</i>	€ 200,00	€ 222,31	€ 200,00
<i>Congress</i>	€ 500,00	€ 198,29	€ -
<i>Brussels trip</i>	€ 200,00	€ 200,00	€ 300,00
<i>General</i>	€ -	€ 61,21	€ -
Internal Relations	€ 10.465,88	€ 9.467,59	€ 8.877,86
<i>DEBAT</i>	€ 3.935,88	€ 3.024,31	€ 3.390,86
<i>Yearbook</i>	€ 3.130,00	€ 3.020,50	€ 2.937,00
<i>Festive</i>	€ 3.400,00	€ 3.296,37	€ 2.450,00
External Relations	€ 2.966,01	€ 2.437,56	€ 1.850,18
<i>Acquisition</i>	€ 20,00	€ 21,00	€ -
<i>ICT</i>	€ 822,06	€ 875,18	€ 875,18
<i>Promotion</i>	€ 1.273,95	€ 687,94	€ 950,00
<i>Stairs Affairs</i>	€ -	€ -	€ 25,00
<i>SPIL-weekend</i>	€ 700,00	€ 728,44	€ -
<i>Leidsch Debat</i>	€ 150,00	€ -	€ -
<i>FSW party</i>	€ -	€ 125,00	€ -
PvP	€ 100,00	€ 100,00	€ 100,00
Investments	€ 150,00	€ 256,64	€ 150,00

¹³ Any additional comments about changes in the budget or realisation can be found under the specific tables of each post.

¹⁴ This includes the Former Boards Borrel and Alumni activities.

Reserves	€ 1.950,00	€ 2.543,77	€ 1.250,00
Travel allowance int. board member	€ 250,00	€ 250,00	€ 250,00
Contingencies	€ 978,53	€ 1.177,59	€ 856,24
Total	€ 32.617,74	€ 31.019,63	€ 28.541,31

Board	Budget 23-24	Realisation 23-24	Budget 24-25
Committee thank-you days ¹⁵	€ 500,00	€ 571,90	€ 300,00
ABN-AMRO Business Account			
Expenses	€ 800,00	€ 1.141,63	€ 1.150,00
Expenses General Assembly	€ 400,00	€ 400,00	€ 350,00
Van den Berg-Bachelor thesis award ¹⁶	€ 100,00	€ 94,98	€ 50,00
‘Constitutieborrel’ presents	€ 50,00	€ 46,20	€ 40,00
‘Constitutieborrel’ SPIL ¹⁷	€ 1.500,00	€ 1.167,07	€ 1.300,00
Office supplies	€ 150,00	€ 165,98	€ 120,00
StOP-Contribution	€ 15,00	€ 15,00	€ 15,00
Provisions of SPIL common rooms	€ 150,00	€ 103,62	€ 100,00
Free round of drinks after Change of			
Boards GA ¹⁸	€ 78,75	€ 78,75	€ 72,30
Staff lunch with the Institute	€ 80,00	€ -	€ 80,00
General Board Expenses ¹⁹	€ 350,00	€ 164,22	€ 227,04

¹⁵ The XLIVth Board will still organise both a committee-bonding day and a committee thank-you day, but there will be less budget available.

¹⁶ The XLIVth Board values the tradition of awarding the Van den Berg-Bachelor Thesis award, but in line with the decreasing income, the Treasurer decided to lower the budget.

¹⁷ Following the realisation of the XLIIIrd Board and the money not directly flowing back to members, the Treasurer decided to reduce the budget for SPILs 'Constitutieborrel'.

¹⁸ The free round of drinks was supplied after the Change of Boards GA on September 12.

¹⁹ The Committee Cup reserve will fall under General Board Expenses.

Applications board 2025-2026	€ 66,77	€ 59,50	€ 62,32
Board activities ²⁰	€ 100,00	€ 108,55	€ 100,00
Activities open day compensation			
Faculty ²¹	€ -	€ -	€ 843,57
Total	€ 4.340,52	€ 4.117,40	€ 4.810,23

President	Budget 23-24	Realisation 23-24	Budget 24-25
Introduction	€ -	€ -	€ 350,00
<i>General expenses²²</i>	€ -	€ -	€ 50,00
<i>Friends & Family Day (Leiden & The Hague)²³</i>	€ -	€ -	€ 300,00
Stairs Affairs	€ 0,00	€ 40,98	€ -
Contribution Interfaculty Gala ²⁴	€ 100,00	€ -	€ -
PiP-congress	€ -	€ 3,10	€ -
Total	€ 100,00	€ 44,08	€ 350,00

²⁰ Board activities include activities organised by the board, such as Waffle Hour and ‘Schoentje Zetten’.

²¹ This amount includes the open day compensation from the Faculty, consisting of €750, and the reserve made by the XLIIIrd board, consisting of €93,57.

²² General expenses cover the costs of study groups and other activities organised by the Introduction Committee. The Treasurer has allocated less funding, as the committee can still run these activities without the extra financial support.

²³ The Commissioner Introduction is planning on reshaping Friends & Family Day. Due to a decrease in income, less budget is available for this activity.

²⁴ StOP indicated that no membership contribution will be required from study associations for StOP committees this year.

Secretary	Budget 23-24	Realisation 23-24	Budget 24-25
Former boards borrel ²⁵	€ 450,00	€ 448,75	€ 350,00
Alumni activities ²⁶	€ 500,00	€ 233,83	€ 100,00
SPIL-Weekend	€ -	€ -	€ 700,00
Introduction	€ 600,00	€ 619,19	€ -
<i>General expenses</i>	<i>€ 200,00</i>	<i>€ 183,10</i>	<i>€ -</i>
<i>Friends & Family Day (Leiden & The Hague)</i>	<i>€ 400,00</i>	<i>€ 436,09</i>	<i>€ -</i>
Total	€ 1.550,00	€ 1.301,77	€ 1.150,00

Treasurer	Budget 23-24	Realisation 23-24	Budget 24-25
Dies ²⁷	€ 450,00	€ 437,88	€ 375,00
Contribution Interfaculty			
Congress	€ 30,00	€ -	€ -
Total	€ 480,00	€ 437,88	€ 375,00

²⁵ The Former boards borrel will still be organised this year. However, since the expenses do not directly flow back to the paying members, the Treasurer has decided to reduce the bar budget.

²⁶ The Treasurer decided less money would be available for the Alumni activity, due to the LAP fund falling through, and due to the low number of sign-ups last year.

²⁷ The Dies week will feature about the same number of activities as in previous years, but due to budget constraints, more activities will require a participation fee.

Education & Politics	Budget 23-24	Realisation 23-24	Budget 24-25
Education	€ 300,00	€ 317,96	€ 225,00
<i>Activities & workshops²⁸</i>	€ 200,00	€ 301,92	€ 175,00
<i>Career</i>	€ 100,00	€ 16,04	€ 50,00
Master activities	€ 250,00	€ 223,89	€ 200,00
<i>Activities & workshops</i>	€ 150,00	€ 207,85	€ 150,00
<i>Career</i>	€ 100,00	€ 16,04	€ 50,00
Excursions	€ 150,00	€ 108,13	€ 130,00
Contribution Interfaculty Party	€ 120,00	€ -	€ -
Total	€ 820,00	€ 649,98	€ 555,00

²⁸ Due to the boat lecture not being organised this year, the Treasurer budgeted less money

Global Relations	Budget 23-24	Realisation 23-24	Budget 24-25
Long Trip	€ 4.900,00	€ 4.900,00	€ 4.900,00
Short Trip	€ 2.666,80	€ 2.666,56	€ 2.666,80
Pre-activities	€ 200,00	€ 222,31	€ 200,00
Congress ²⁹	€ 500,00	€ 198,29	€ -
Brussels trip ³⁰	€ 200,00	€ 200,00	€ 300,00
General expenses	€ -	€ 61,21	€ -
Total	€ 8.466,80	€ 8.248,37	€ 8.066,80

²⁹ Because no SPIL Congress will be organised this year, the Treasurer did not budget any money.

³⁰ Due to increased expenses for the Brussels Trip, there will be an additional contribution of €100,00 from the association this year.

Internal Relations	Budget 23-24	Realisation 23-24	Budget 24-25
DEBAT	€ 3.935,88	€ 3.150,72	€ 3.390,86
<i>4x DEBAT³¹</i>	€ 3.800,00	€ 3.024,31	€ 3.300,00
<i>Workshops³²</i>	€ 100,00	€ 73,03	€ 20,00
<i>Digital DEBAT³³</i>	€ 35,88	€ 53,38	€ 70,86
Yearbook	€ 3.130,00	€ 3.020,50	€ 2.937,00
<i>Yearbook³⁴</i>	€ 3.000,00	€ 2.888,50	€ 2.800,00
<i>Indesign Licence³⁵</i>	€ 130,00	€ 132,00	€ 137,00
Festive	€ 3.400,00	€ 3.296,37	€ 2.450,00
<i>Borrels³⁶</i>	€ 200,00	€ 198,20	€ 150,00
<i>Parties³⁷</i>	€ 300,00	€ 271,92	€ 150,00
<i>Gala³⁸</i>	€ 1.700,00	€ 1.666,74	€ 1.500,00
<i>Social activities³⁹</i>	€ 900,00	€ 914,91	€ 400,00
<i>Beer Cantus</i>	€ 300,00	€ 244,60	€ 250,00
Total	€ 10.465,88	€ 9.467,59	€ 8.777,86

³¹ The number of printed DEBATs will be reduced to 350 copies, but due to inflation, printing costs have still increased.

³² Due to budget constraints, the gifts for the workshop presenter will be more modest.

³³ Due to inflation, the costs for hosting the website increased.

³⁴ This year, a yearbook will still be printed. But due to budget constraints, the Commissioner Internal Relations will look into possible ways to save money on this expenditure. This could for example be in the form of a less expensive cover or there will be less copies printed.

³⁵ Due to inflation, the costs of the licence increased.

³⁶ The same amount of Borrels will be organised, but due to reduced income, the budget has been decreased.

³⁷ The aim is to make the parties more financially independent from the SPIL budget, ensuring they cover their own costs.

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<i>Licence Snelstart</i>	€ 185,37	€ 213,44	€ 213,44
<i>Conscribo</i>	€ 333,23	€ 333,23	€ 333,23
<i>Hosting www.spilplaats.nl</i>	€ 256,37	€ 272,25	€ 272,25
<i>Licence Elementor</i>	€ 47,09	€ 56,26	€ 56,26
Promotion	€ 1.273,95	€ 687,94	€ 950,00
<i>General expenses⁴⁰</i>	€ 325,00	€ 434,35	€ 300,00
<i>Licence Socie</i>	€ 598,95	€ -	€ -
<i>EL CID and HOP Week stands</i>	€ 350,00	€ 154,85 ⁴³	€ 350,00
<i>EL CID activity⁴¹</i>	€ -	€ 99,31	€ -
<i>HOP Week activity⁴²</i>	€ -	€ -	€ 50,00
Lens SPIL-camera	€ -	€ -	€ 250,00
Stairs Affairs	€ -	€ -	€ 25,00
Contribution SPIL-weekend	€ 700,00	€ 728,44	€ -
Contribution Leidsch Debat	€ 150,00	€ -	€ -
Contribution FSW party	€ -	€ 125,00	€ -

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General expenses	€ 150,00	€ -	€ 150,00
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<i>SPIL banner</i>	€ -	€ 90,44	€ -
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Reserves	Budget 23-24	Realisation 23-24	Budget 24-25
9 th Lustrum of SPIL	€ 1.500,00	€ 1.000,00	€ 1.000,00
Lustrum DEBAT	€ 150,00	€ 150,00	€ 150,00
SPIL common room Leiden	€ 150,00	€ -	€ -
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SPIL common rooms	€ -	€ 100,00	€ 100,00
FSW activity	€ -	€ 93,57	€ -
Committee Cup prize XLIII rd board ⁴⁴	€ -	€ 100,00	€ -
Lens SPIL-camera	€ -	€ 250,00	€ -
Gift XLIII rd board	€ -	€ 841,20 ⁴⁵	€ -

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Travel allowance Int. Board mem	Budget 23-24	Realisation 23-24	Budget 24-25
Travel Reimbursement	€ 250,00	€ 250,00	€ 250,00
Total	€ 250,00	€ 250,00	€ 250,00

Contingencies	Budget 23-24	Realisation 23-24	Budget 24-25
Contingencies ⁴⁶	€ 978,53	€ -	€ 856,24
<i>Committee items</i>	€ -	€ 363,83	€ -
<i>Contingencies Long Trip</i>	€ -	€ 813,76	€ -
Total	€ 978,53	€ 1.177,59	€ 856,24

⁴⁶ Contingencies amount to 3% of the general expenditure

Balance sheet

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ABN-AMRO business account	€ ...	<i>Equity</i>	€ ...
ABN-AMRO savings account	€ ...	Lustrum reserve	€ 5.000,00
Ties (17)	€ 102,00	SPIL common rooms reserve	€ 1.700,00
Bows (10)	€ 76,00	Lustrum DEBAT	€ 1.700,00
Pair of braces (92)	€ 1.840,00	Reserve travel allowance int. board members	€ 1.500,00
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Former-board pin (36)	€ 73,80	Committee Cup prize XLIII rd board reserve	€ 100,00
Umbrellas (8)	€ 40,00	FSW activity reserve	€ -
Bike packages (25)	€ 250,00	Lens SPIL-camera reserve	€ -
Card holders (4)	€ 14,34	Gift XLIII rd board	€ -
Scarfs (9)	€ 45,00		
Socks (19)	€ 209,00		
Beer glass (9)	€ 67,50		
Shot glasses (94)	€ 470,00		
Playing cards (71)	€ 419,61		
Quarterzip sweaters (13)	€ 506,35		
Kas bestuur	€ 250,00		
Total	€ ...	Total	€ ...

Debtors		Creditors	
		Yearbook	
Total	€ -	Total	€ -

Budget Brussels Trip 2024-2025

Income			Expenses		
	<i>Estimated budget p.p.</i>	<i>Estimated budget</i>		<i>Estimated budget p.p.</i>	<i>Estimated budget</i>
Participant contribution	€ 69,50	€ 3.475,00	Accommodation		
			<i>Hostel Brxxl 5</i>	€ 31,00	€ 1.583,00
SPIL contribution	€ 6,00	€ 300,00	Transportation		
			Bus	€ 33,44	€ 1.672,00
			Public transport	€ 8,80	€ 440,00
			Unforeseen costs	€ 1,60	€ 80,00
Total	€75,50	€3.775,00	Total	€ 75,50	€ 3.775,00

BUDGET ‘SPILVENTUROUS’ 2024-2025

With a membership fee of € 19,50

Income			
	Budget 23-24	Realisation 23-24	Budget 24-25
Membership fee⁴⁷	€ 19.550,93	€ 19.198,27	€ 19.230,00
Acquisitions committee	€ 2.000,00	€ 1.072,50	€ 2.000,00
General contribution Institute	€ 5.000,00	€ 5.000,00	€ 5.000,00
Interest	€ 4,78	€ 193,04	€ 150,00
Index books	€ 2.000,00	€ 770,68	€ 500,00
Contribution Institute Studystore⁴⁸	€ 2.200,00	€ 2.200,00	€ -
Withdrawal Committee Cup reservation⁴⁹	€ 177,04	€ 100,00	€ 77,04
‘Vrienden van de SPIL’	€ 130,00	€ 137,52	€ 140,00
‘Support Our SPIL’	€ -	€ -	€ 200,00
Other income⁵⁰	€ 55,00	€ 29,70	€ 30,00
Gift XXXIXth board	€ 750,00	€ 750,00	€ 750,00
Gift XLIIIth board⁵¹	€ -	€ -	€ 841,20
Leids Alumni Platform (LAP)⁵²	€ 500,00	€ -	€ -

⁴⁷ The contribution is calculated with a total member base of 1074, of which approximately 118 members are first year students that are still entitled to pay a €17,50 fee. The other 956 members pay a fee of €19,50. There are 66 reunionists. A percentage of 10% defaulters has been taken into account.

⁴⁸ This was a one-time contribution to compensate for the loss of income due to the bankruptcy of Studystore, so the money will not be granted again.

⁴⁹ The XLIInd board has created a reserve of €177.04, to be used for the purpose of getting the Committee Cup back up and running. The XLIIIrd board did not fully withdraw this reserve, so the remaining part will be used by The XLIVth for the Committee Cup.

⁵⁰ Examples of other income are deposits for small bottles and cans or found cash money.

⁵¹ The XLIIIth board reserved a gift to be used by the XLIVth board. This money is not earmarked. The gift ended up being larger, because the expenses for the HOP Week and EL CID stands were lower than expected.

⁵² The Leidsch Alumni Platform was a fund that helped finance alumni activities. This fund has unfortunately been dissolved.

Withdrawal reserve travel allowance int. board member⁵³	€ 250,00	€ 250,00	€ 250,00
Withdrawal lens SPIL-camera⁵⁴	€ -	€ -	€ 250,00
Withdrawal FSW activity⁵⁵	€ -	€ -	€ 93,57
Open day compensation Faculty⁵⁶	€ -	€ 750,00	€ 750,00
Profit Haagsch Studenten Feest	€ -	€ 429,08	€ -
Profit Interfaculty Party	€ -	€ 138,84	€ -
Total	€ 32.617,75	€ 31.019,63	€ 30.185,07

⁵³ The XLIVth board includes one international board member who has a claim on coverage for travel expenses.

⁵⁴ This reserve will be used to finance a new lens for the SPIL camera.

⁵⁵ This reserve will be used to organise an activity with other Faculty of Social Sciences (FSW) associations.

⁵⁶ The Faculty has granted each Social Sciences study association €750, as compensation for their presence at open days. The compensation must be spent on activities organised with at least one other Faculty of Social Sciences study association.

Expenses⁵⁷

	Budget 23-24	Realisation 23-24	Budget 24-25
Board	€ 4.340,52	€ 4.117,40	€ 5.259,68
President	€ 100,00	€ 44,08	€ 475,00
<i>Introduction</i>	€ -	€ -	€ 475,00
<i>Stairs Affairs</i>	€ -	€ 40,98	€ -
<i>Interfaculty Gala</i>	€ 100,00	€ -	€ -
<i>PiP Congress</i>	€ -	€ 3,10	€ -
Secretary	€ 1.550,00	€ 1.301,77	€ 1.350,00
<i>General⁵⁸</i>	€ 950,00	€ 682,58	€ 600,00
<i>SPIL-Weekend</i>	€ -	€ -	€ 750,00
<i>Introduction</i>	€ 600,00	€ 619,19	€ -
Treasurer	€ 480,00	€ 437,88	€ 450,00
<i>Dies</i>	€ 450,00	€ 437,88	€ 450,00
<i>Interfaculty Congress</i>	€ 30,00	€ -	€ -
Education & Politics	€ 820,00	€ 649,98	€ 600,00
<i>Education</i>	€ 300,00	€ 317,96	€ 250,00
<i>Master activities</i>	€ 250,00	€ 223,89	€ 200,00
<i>Excursions</i>	€ 150,00	€ 108,13	€ 150,00
<i>Interfaculty party</i>	€ 120,00	€ -	€ -
Global Relations	€ 8.466,80	€ 8.244,37	€ 8.066,80
<i>Long trip</i>	€ 4.900,00	€ 4.900,00	€ 4.900,00
<i>Short trip</i>	€ 2.666,80	€ 2.666,56	€ 2.666,80
<i>Pre-activities</i>	€ 200,00	€ 222,31	€ 200,00
<i>Congress</i>	€ 500,00	€ 198,29	€ -
<i>Brussels trip</i>	€ 200,00	€ 200,00	€ 300,00
<i>General</i>	€ -	€ 61,21	€ -
Internal Relations	€ 10.465,88	€ 9.467,59	€ 9.357,86
<i>DEBAT</i>	€ 3.935,88	€ 3.024,31	€ 3.420,86
<i>Yearbook</i>	€ 3.130,00	€ 3.020,50	€ 3.137,00
<i>Festive</i>	€ 3.400,00	€ 3.296,37	€ 2.800,00
External Relations	€ 2.966,01	€ 2.633,28	€ 1.970,18
<i>Acquisition</i>	€ 20,00	€ 21,00	€ 20,00
<i>ICT</i>	€ 822,06	€ 875,18	€ 875,18
<i>Promotion</i>	€ 1.273,95	€ 687,94	€ 1.025,00
<i>Stairs Affairs</i>	€ -	€ -	€ 50,00
<i>SPIL-weekend</i>	€ 700,00	€ 728,44	€ -
<i>Leidsch Debat</i>	€ 150,00	€ -	€ -
<i>FSW party</i>	€ -	€ 125,00	€ -
PvP	€ 100,00	€ 100,00	€ 100,00
Investments	€ 150,00	€ 256,64	€ 150,00

⁵⁷ Any additional comments about changes in the budget or realisation can be found under the specific tables of each post.

⁵⁸ This includes the Former Boards Borrel and Alumni activities.

Reserves	€ 1.950,00	€ 2543,77	€ 1.250,00
Travel allowance int. board member	€ 250,00	€ 250,00	€ 250,00
Contingencies	€ 978,53	€ 1.177,59	€ 905,55
Total	€ 32.617,74	€ 31.019,63	€ 30.185,07

Board	Budget 23-24	Realisation 23-24	Budget 24-25
Committee thank-you days ⁵⁹	€ 500,00	€ 571,90	€ 400,00
ABN-AMRO Business Account			
Expenses	€ 800,00	€ 1.141,63	€ 1.200,00
Expenses General Assembly	€ 400,00	€ 400,00	€ 400,00
Van den Berg-Bachelor thesis award ⁶⁰	€ 100,00	€ 94,98	€ 75,00
‘Constitutieborrel’ presents	€ 50,00	€ 46,20	€ 40,00
‘Constitutieborrel’ SPIL ⁶¹	€ 1.500,00	€ 1.167,07	€ 1,400.00
Office supplies	€ 150,00	€ 165,98	€ 120,00
StOP-Contribution	€ 15,00	€ 15,00	€ 15,00
Provisions of SPIL common rooms	€ 150,00	€ 103,62	€ 150,00
Free round of drinks after Change of Boards GA ⁶²	€ 78,75	€ 78,75	€ 72,30
Staff lunch with the Institute	€ 80,00	€ -	€ 80,00
General Board Expenses ⁶³	€ 350,00	€ 164,22	€ 252,04

⁵⁹ The XLIVth Board will still organise both a committee-bonding day and a committee thank-you day, but there will be less budget available.

⁶⁰ The XLIVth Board values the tradition of awarding the Van den Berg-Bachelor Thesis award, but in line with the decreasing income, the Treasurer decided to lower the budget.

⁶¹ Following the realisation of the XLIIIrd Board and the money not directly flowing back to members, the Treasurer decided to reduce the budget for SPILs 'Constitutieborrel'.

⁶² The free round of drinks was supplied after the Change of Boards GA on September 12.

⁶³ The Committee Cup reserve will fall under General Board Expenses.

Applications board 2025-2026	€ 66,77	€ 59,50	€ 61,77
Board activities ⁶⁴	€ 100,00	€ 108,55	€ 150,00
Activities open day compensation			
Faculty ⁶⁵	€ -	€ -	€ 843,57
Total	€ 4.340,52	€ 4.117,40	€ 5.259,68

President	Budget 23-24	Realisation 23-24	Budget 24-25
Introduction	€ -	€ -	€ 475,00
<i>General expenses⁶⁶</i>	€ -	€ -	€ 75,00
<i>Friends & Family Day (Leiden & The Hague)</i>	€ -	€ -	€ 400,00
Stairs Affairs	€ 0,00	€ 40,98	€ -
Contribution Interfaculty Gala ⁶⁷	€ 100,00	€ -	€ -
PiP-congress	€ -	€ 3,10	€ -
Total	€ 100,00	€ 44,08	€ 475,00

⁶⁴ Board activities include activities organised by the board, such as Waffle Hour and ‘Schoentje Zetten’. The Treasurer increased this budget, because the XLIVth Board is planning on organising more Board activities.

⁶⁵ This amount includes the open day compensation from the Faculty, consisting of €750, and the reserve made by the XLIIIrd board, consisting of €93,57.

⁶⁶ General expenses cover the costs of study groups and other activities organised by the Introduction Committee. The Treasurer has allocated less funding, as the committee can still run these activities without the extra financial support.

⁶⁷ StOP indicated that no membership contribution will be required from study associations for StOP committees this year.

Secretary	Budget 23-24	Realisation 23-24	Budget 24-25
Former boards borrel ⁶⁸	€ 450,00	€ 448,75	€ 400,00
Alumni activities ⁶⁹	€ 500,00	€ 233,83	€ 200,00
SPIL-Weekend	€ -	€ -	€ 750,00
Introduction	€ 600,00	€ 619,19	€ -
<i>General expenses</i>	<i>€ 200,00</i>	<i>€ 183,10</i>	<i>€ -</i>
<i>Friends & Family Day (Leiden & The Hague)</i>	<i>€ 400,00</i>	<i>€ 436,09</i>	<i>€ -</i>
Total	€ 1.550,00	€ 1.301,77	€ 1.350,00

Treasurer	Budget 23-24	Realisation 23-24	Budget 24-25
Dies	€ 450,00	€ 437,88	€ 450,00
Contribution Interfaculty			
Congress	€ 30,00	€ -	€ -
Total	€ 480,00	€ 437,88	€ 450,00

⁶⁸ The Former boards borrel will still be organised this year. However, since the expenses do not directly flow back to the paying members, the Treasurer has decided to reduce the bar budget.

⁶⁹ The Treasurer decided less money would be made available for the Alumni activity, due to the LAP fund falling through, and due to the low number of sign-ups last year.

Education & Politics	Budget 23-24	Realisation 23-24	Budget 24-25
Education	€ 300,00	€ 317,96	€ 250,00
<i>Activities & workshops⁷⁰</i>	€ 200,00	€ 301,92	€ 200,00
<i>Career</i>	€ 100,00	€ 16,04	€ 50,00
Master activities	€ 250,00	€ 223,89	€ 200,00
<i>Activities & workshops</i>	€ 150,00	€ 207,85	€ 150,00
<i>Career</i>	€ 100,00	€ 16,04	€ 50,00
Excursions	€ 150,00	€ 108,13	€ 150,00
Contribution Interfaculty Party	€ 120,00	€ -	€ -
Total	€ 820,00	€ 649,98	€ 600,00

⁷⁰ Due to the boat lecture not being organised this year, the Treasurer budgeted less money

Global Relations	Budget 24-25	Realisation 24-25	Budget 24-25
Long Trip	€ 4.900,00	€ 4.900,00	€ 4.900,00
Short Trip	€ 2.666,80	€ 2.666,56	€ 2.666,80
Pre-activities	€ 200,00	€ 222,31	€ 200,00
Congress ⁷¹	€ 500,00	€ 198,29	€ -
Brussels trip ⁷²	€ 200,00	€ 200,00	€ 300,00
General expenses	€ -	€ 61,21	€ -
Total	€ 8.466,80	€ 8.248,37	€ 8.066,80

⁷¹ Because no SPIL Congress will be organised this year, the Treasurer did not budget any money.

⁷² Due to increased expenses for the Brussels Trip, there will be an additional contribution of €100,00 from the association this year.

Internal Relations	Budget 24-25	Realisation 24-25	Budget 24-25
DEBAT	€ 3.935,88	€ 3.150,72	€ 3.420,86
<i>4x DEBAT⁷³</i>	€ 3.800,00	€ 3.024,31	€ 3.300,00
<i>Workshops</i>	€ 100,00	€ 73,03	€ 50,00
<i>Digital DEBAT⁷⁴</i>	€ 35,88	€ 53,38	€ 70,86
Yearbook	€ 3.130,00	€ 3.020,50	€ 3.137,00
<i>Yearbook</i>	€ 3.000,00	€ 2.888,50	€ 3.000,00
<i>Indesign Licence⁷⁵</i>	€ 130,00	€ 132,00	€ 137,00
Festive	€ 3.400,00	€ 3.296,37	€ 2.800,00
<i>Borrels⁷⁶</i>	€ 200,00	€ 198,20	€ 150,00
<i>Parties⁷⁷</i>	€ 300,00	€ 271,92	€ 150,00
<i>Gala</i>	€ 1.700,00	€ 1.666,74	€ 1.650,00
<i>Social activities⁷⁸</i>	€ 900,00	€ 914,91	€ 600,00
<i>Beer Cantus</i>	€ 300,00	€ 244,60	€ 250,00
Total	€ 10.465,88	€ 9.467,59	€ 9.357,86

⁷³ The number of printed DEBATs will be reduced to 350 copies, but due to inflation, printing costs have still increased.

⁷⁴ Due to inflation, the costs for hosting the website increased.

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Former-board pin (36)	€ 73,80	Committee Cup prize XLIII rd board reserve	€ 100,00
Umbrellas (8)	€ 40,00	FSW activity reserve	€ -
Bike packages (25)	€ 250,00	Lens SPIL-camera reserve	€ -
Card holders (4)	€ 14,34	Gift XLIII rd board	€ -
Scarfs (9)	€ 45,00		
Socks (19)	€ 209,00		
Beer glass (9)	€ 67,50		
Shot glasses (94)	€ 470,00		
Playing cards (71)	€ 419,61		
Quarterzip sweaters (13)	€ 506,35		
Kas bestuur	€ 250,00		
Total	€ ...	Total	€ ...

Debtors		Creditors	
Total	€ -	Total	€ -

Budget Brussels Trip 2024-2025

Income			Expenses		
	<i>Estimated budget p.p.</i>	<i>Estimated budget</i>		<i>Estimated budget p.p.</i>	<i>Estimated budget</i>
Participant contribution	€ 69,50	€ 3.475,00	Accommodation		
			<i>Hostel Brxxl 5</i>	€ 31,00	€ 1.583,00
SPIL contribution	€ 6,00	€ 300,00	Transportation		
			Bus	€ 33,44	€ 1.672,00
			Public transport	€ 8,80	€ 440,00
			Unforeseen costs	€ 1,60	€ 80,00
Total	€75,50	€3.775,00	Total	€ 75,50	€ 3.775,00