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THE SPIL ANTHEM

‘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

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3. Setting the agenda
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5. Received documents
6. Proposal Honorary Member
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8. Final Report XLIIIrd board 'SPILocracy'
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10. Nomination of Audit Committee
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13. Any other Businesses (W.v.t.t.k.)
14. Round of questions
15. Discharge of the Voting Committee
16. End of meeting

MINUTES OF THE AFFIRMATION GA, dated June 6th 2024

1. Opening

The Chair of the GA, Fince van Kampen opens the GA at 18:37

Those present at the GA are:

Svea Drose	Ralph Otten	Dante Renes
Noor Stuijt	Jules Fockens	Haitske Pottinga
Kasya Hilhorst	Lilli Helin	Jokin de Carlos Sola
Frederika Togtema	Soizic Michotte	Cesar Serlie
Ruchi van Zoelen	Margot Ammerlaan	Ottavia Rolla
Gijs Verhoeff	Patrick Daamen	Sjors de Natris
Sem van der Voort	Mette Kamerich	Thirze Wiegers
Judith Hordijk	Josephine van Os	Nina Verloove
Janneke Pool	Sophie Peters	Itna Valerie Santeije

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

2. Voting Committee

The GA Chair instals Patrick Daamen and Sjors de Natris into the Voting Committee.

3. Setting the agenda

Ms. Stuijt explains the changes to the agenda. Due to time constraints, the Affirmation of the 44th board will be moved to right after the introduction of the new board.

4. Announcements

The Chair of the GA asks when the borrelhaps will be served.

Ms. Hilhorst announces that there will be a round of drinks after the GA together with borrelhapjes.

The GA Chair asks those who are present to write their name on the attendance list at the door and if they leave to cross out their name. The GA booklet and motion paper can be found online. The booklet is both in Dutch and English. He asks the attendants to state their full names before they speak for the minutes. The GA Chair announces that spelling or grammar mistakes can be emailed to the Secretary.

The Chair of the GA asks the Secretary if there are any further announcements.

Ms. Stuijt asks the GA to be mindful of the time when asking questions since there are just enough members present to hold the GA.

There are no further announcements.

5. Received documents

Ms. Stuijt explains that there is a vote transfer from Mr. Hooft to Mr. Daamen.

The Chair of the GA asks Mr. Daamen where Mr. Hooft is.

Mr. Daamen explains that Mr. Hooft is having lunch in Washington D.C.

There are no further received documents.

6. Installing the minutes

There are no questions. The minutes are set.

7. Amendment to the Rules of the Procedure

Ms. Drose explains the proposed change in the Rules of Procedure, which is taking the Congress Committee out of the HR so it is no longer mandatory to form a Congress Committee.

There are no questions on the change in the Rules of Procedure.

➤ *The change to the Rules of Procedure is accepted per acclamation.*

8. Budgets and Realisation

There are no questions.

➤ *The budgets and Realisations are installed per acclamation.*

9. Affirmation 44th ft. board of SPIL

Ms. Michotte van den Berck introduces herself as the next Commissioner External Relations and says that she is excited to take over the Instagram next year.

Ms. Ammerlaan asks if Ms. Michotte van den Berck has a vision for the Instagram.

Ms. Michotte van den Berck explains that she has a vision, but that it is too lengthy to explain right now.

Ms. Ammerlaan asks if Ms. Michotte van den Berck also has a vision for LinkedIn.

Ms. Michotte van den Berck explains that LinkedIn does not fall under her portfolio next year. But she does have an image for the TikTok and Youtube.

Mr. Daamen asks if there will be videos just as beautiful as this year's.

Ms. Michotte van den Berck explains that there will be videos but she does not know if they will be as beautiful.

The Chair of the GA asks if the GA can confirm that there will be Instagram Reels.

Ms. Michotte van den Berck confirms.

Mr. De Carlos Sola asks if the visions for Instagram are very different than this year's image.

Ms. Michotte van den Berck explains that the discussion this summer will determine the concrete image of Instagram, most likely it will be different from this year's.

Ms. Helin introduces herself as the next Commissioner Internal Relations and explains that she is from Finland.

The Chair of the GA comments that he knows Fince.

Mr. Daamen asks if Ms. Helin knows the song 'Pictures of Lily'.

Ms. Helin explains that she does not know the song. But that she will familiarise herself with the song.

The Chair of the Ga suggests including it in the board training days.

Mr. Daamen humms the song.

Mr. De Calos Sola asks if Ms. Helin thinks the association is finished with her on the board.

Ms. Helin explains that she does not think so but that she will teach the board some Finnish.

Ms. Ammerlaan asks if there will be any Finnish snacks at the GAs.

Ms. Helin explains that she did not think about that yet, but that it is a really nice idea.

Mr. De Carlos Sola asks if there will be a short trip to the village of Santa Claus.

Ms. Helin answers that that is up to the Commissioner Global Relations.

Mr. Daamen asks if she thinks SPIL should join NATO.

Ms. Helin answers that the SPIL should keep its neutrality.

Mr. Fockens introduces himself as the new Commissioner Global Relations and is open to answering questions.

The Chair of the GA asks if Mr. Fockens has a Favorite hobby.

Mr. Fockens answers SPIL.

Mr. De Natris asks if Mr. Fockens has heard the Quote “SPIL is not a hobby, it is a lifestyle”.

Mr. Fockens explains that he is aware of the quote.

Ms. Pottinga asks if there is a higher chance the SPIL-Weekend will be in Brabant with Mr. Fockens on the board.

Mr. Fockens explains that he is not the Commissioner of that committee. He explains that that committee belongs to the Treasurer.

Mr. Fockens apologizes, he is mistaken. The committee belongs to the Secretary.

Mr. Daamen asks if Mr. Fockens knows where he is right now.

Mr. Fockens explains that he can only see sparkles.

Mr. De Natris asks if Mr. Fockens will have an active memory this year and will not forget everything.

Mr. Fockens confirms.

Ms. Wiegers asks if Mr. Fockens will make sure the the Brabant Carnaval days are respected in the SPIL calendar.

Mr. Fockens answers that he will fight for it.

The Chair of the GA asks the Commissioner of Education and Politics to show her socks.

Ms. Togtema explains that she is wearing birthday-themed socks.

The Chair of the GA points out that Mr. Verhoeff brought his Obi-Wan Kenobi costume.

Mr. Verhoeff points out that this part usually takes place at the round of questions.

The Chair of the GA explains that he was not made aware by the Secretary.

Ms. Ammerlaan asks what Mr. Fockens favourite sustainable way of travel is.

Mr. Fockens explains that he loves to walk.

Mr. De Carlos Sola asks if he can get a confirmation that the trip will be Fockens great.

Mr. Fockens confirms.

Mr. Daamen asks if Mr. Fockens can explain the joke to the Secretary.

Mr. Fockens explains that his last name is Fockens and that it sounds like fucking.

Ms. Stuijs thanks Mr. Fockens for the explanation.

Mr. Otten introduces himself as the new Commissioner of Education and Politics.

Ms. Ammerlaan asks what Mr. Otten his favorite car is.

Mr. Otten answers that that is a difficult question, but that his favourite car is a BMW 3-series 2007 because he owns one.

The Chair of the asks if Ms. Ammerlaan has a favourite car.

Ms. Ammerlaan explains that her parents have Citroen c7, with seven seats.

Ms. Ammerlaan asks if Mr. Otten can imitate the sound of his car.

Mr. Otten explains that it depends on the weather, but it sounds something like vroom vroom vroom.

Mr. Daamen asks what the ideas for LinkedIn are.

Mr. Otten explains that he will increase the number of posts to reach more people, and hopefully also reach people in the field.

Mr. De Carlos Sola if Mr. Otten would do something different with the Masters Committee.

Mr. Otten explains that he mostly wants to continue the policy of his predecessor, but will also look into new things.

Mr. Daamen asks about the cufflinks of Mr. Otten.

Mr. Otten explains that they belonged to his grandfather.

Ms. Pool introduces herself as the next Treasurer. She is a first-year IRO.

The Chair of the GA asks Ms. Pool to tell a little bit more about herself.

Ms. Pool explains that she is from Vriezenveen and plays the oboe.

Mr. Daamen asks to interpret the sound of the hobo.

Ms. Pool says that she will not do that. She explains that it is a very out-of-tune instrument.

The Chair of the GA does not know what the instrument is.

Ms. Pool explains that there are different sizes and that it is a mouth instrument.

Chaos about what a oboe is and what it does.

Ms. Ammerlaan asks what Ms. Pool her GPA was for math.

Ms. Pool explains that it was a mediocre grade. She was just great.

Ms. Ammerlaan asks what Ms. Pool her grade was for statistics.

Ms. Pool answers that she does not have her grade yet.

Mr. Daamen asks what Ms. Pool her favourite amount of money is.

Ms. Pool explains that she does not have an amount, but that it is winning the lottery. This is also her vision her SPIL.

Ms. Hordijk introduces herself as the next Secretary. She is excited to write the newsletter and organise the GAs.

Mr. Daamen asks if Ms. Hordijk could imitate the sound of an oboe.

Ms. Hordijk explains that she has never heard an oboe. She will ask Ms. Pool to play for her.

Ms. Pottinga asks where Ms. Hordijk is from and if we can do it there for SPIL-Weekend.

Ms. Hordijk explains that she is from Rotterdam, which is not a good SPIL-Weekend location.

The Chair of the GA asks Ms. Hordijk if she plays an instrument.

Ms. Hordijk explains that she does not, but she does play water polo.

Ms. Ammerlaan asks if Ms. Hordijk could imitate water polo, and she can use someday from her board as a prop.

Ms. Hordijk chooses Mr. Fockens as a prop.

Mr. Fockens asks if he is the ball or a player.

Ms. Hordijk explains that he can have the ball and throw it.

Mr. Van der Voort introduces himself as the next President of SPIL. He is from Sassenheim, but the SPIL-Weekend will not go there.

Mr. Daamen asks if Mr. Van der Voort if he can stop being a pussy and join the Football team.

The Chair of the GA asks Mr. Daamen if he can elaborate on the question.

Mr. Daamen explains that there is a SPIL Football team, which Mr. Van der Voort was supposed to join.

Mr. Van der Voort explains that he wants to focus on his board year and thus will have little time to play football.

Ms. Ammerlaan asks why Mr. Van der Voort moved from Sassenheim to Leiden

Mr. Van der Voort explains that Sassenheim is a nice place but he does not really like his brother. And now he gets to live with Ms. Pool.

The Chair of the GA asks who lived in the house first.

Ms. Pool explains that she was the one living there first and Mr. Van der Voort joined later.

Mr. Daamen asks if that means that Mr. Van der Voort heard Ms. Pool play the oboe.

Mr. Van der Voort explains that that is correct, but will not go into further details.

Ms. Ammerlaan asks if there could be SPIL pet.

Mr. Van der Voort explains that there are already mice in the common room. They are the SPIL pets.

Ms. Ammerlaan suggests getting cat.

Mr. Van der Voort will take it into consideration.

10. Discharges and Installations

The GA Chair affirms and installs Sem van der Voort as ft. President per acclimation.

The GA Chair affirms and installs Judith Hordijk as ft. Secretary per acclimation.

The GA Chair affirms and installs Janneke Pool as ft. Treasurer per acclimation.

The GA Chair affirms and installs Ralph Otten as ft. Commissioner Education & Politics per acclimation.

The GA Chair affirms and installs Jules Fockens as ft. Commissioner Global Relations per acclimation.

The GA Chair affirms and installs Lilli Helin as ft. Commissioner Internal Relations per acclimation.

The GA Chair affirms and installs Soizic Michotte van den Berck as ft. Commissioner External Relations per acclimation.

11. Archive motion

Ms. Stuijt explains the board's perspective and advises the GA to organise a taskforce instead of a committee.

Mr. De Natris explains and restates the Archive Taskforce motion handed in at the Interim GA.

Mr Daamen asks Mr. De Natris if he has a respons to the advice of the board.

Mr. de Natris feels like there should be more focus on the motion file. It should be a taskforce. He still has concerns about whether future Secretaries will be able to keep up with the work in future years.

Ms. Stuijt states that there are two closets in the common rooms as well as 12 moving boxes full of archival documents as well as twelve boxes full of books. Therefore, she expects a task force of two to three people to take multiple years to organize everything. Everything should be eventually digitalized and publicized, including the motions. For organising the motions, there should be multiple board members of different years involved.

Mr. Daamen states that he is concerned with personal information contained in GA booklets when published on the website.

Ms. Stuijt states that they can look into the current laws and restrictions.

Mr. Daamen explains that the rules are currently very strict and that even names could cause problems.

Mr. De Natris states that there are already booklets published on the website. He thinks that we might also have to ask everyone present at the GA for their consent to be recorded at the GA.

Ms. Ammerlaan explains that when signing up to SPIL members you agree to the privacy laws, so it should be alright.

Ms. Stuijt thanks everybody for their comments and will look into it.

Ms. Ammerlaan asks what the task distribution will look like for the motion file.

Ms. Stuijt explains that the issue lies within the lack of overview and organization of the motion file in general and its categorization.

Mr. Daamen rescinds his question about having a board member on the task force.

Mr. De Natris asks whether the task force should be a committee instead of a task force if it is already going to take multiple years.

Ms. Stuijt explains that with a committee a current board member is heavily involved and that a task force can work more independently. If a the GA decides that over multiple years members can join and leave the task force, it should be fine.

Mr. de Natris asks about the contact person within the board.

Ms. Stuijt explains that the task force reports what their progress is every GA. So that they will be in contact with the current board.

Mr. de Natris asks if it would be less work if the board would report to the GA instead of the committee.

Ms. Stuijt explains that this would mean more work for the Secretary to check in every two weeks.

Ms. Ammerlaan agrees with the board that making it a task force is a better idea than making it a committee for multiple reasons. It is more flexible to ask different board members to join a meeting if the task force needs their help. The written report to the GA can simply be a short text on the progress.

Mr. de Natris is asking the 44th ft board and ft Secretary on this issue.

Ms. Hordijk believes that it is a great idea to create this task force.

Mr. de Natris asks the former board member present whether they see this project as a success.

Ms. Ammerlaan states that former board members have the time. Having an old member there would make sense and would be a benefit.

Mr. Verhoeff states that he has been working on archival tasks such as the former boards page and he expresses his sincere motivation to help along in the process.

Ms. Stuijt adds to the explanation she has given at the beginning, saying that the board advises that there should be at least one former board member in the task force and also present when sorting through the documents.

The Chair of the GA asks if there are any final questions to voting for the task force.

Mr. de Natris asks if he could have the idea in writing.

Ms. Stuijt explains that that is possible, but that also means that the idea cannot be hammered in today.

Mr. de Natris asks for a 10 minutes break.

Ms. Stuijt explains that the board does not have the advice in writing at the moment.

The Chair of the GA asks Mr. De Natris what he wants to do.

Mr. de Natris does not know what he wants to do.

Mr. Verhoeff suggests to Mr. de Natris to hand in a motion at this GA himself to then be amended and hammered in today.

Mr. de Natris agrees and asks of the time to write it.

The Chair of the GA suggests to continue the discussion at the motions part.

Ms. Ammerlaan suggests that you would need a current board member present to sort through document that are in the common room.

Ms. Stuijt explains that most of the documents are outside of the common room.

12. Committee Cup

Mr. Verhoeff explains that the winner of the Committee Cup will be announced at the borrel.

13. Any Other Business

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

The general assembly gathered here at Vergulde Kruik, Leiden:

GA gehoorde blabla,

CALVV hoort gewoon een biertje te krijgen tijdens de GA.

Patrick Daamen

[The Chair of the GA should get a beer during the GA]

- *Motion 1 was accepted per acclimation.*

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

The general assembly gathered here at Vergulde Kruik, Leiden:

Instead of Mr. Verhoeff's Obi Wan Kenobi suit, Mr. Otten should bring his BMW 3-Series next year.

Patrick Daamen

Ms. Drose explains that it would be difficult to bring an entire car to the GA. She suggests bringing a picture.

- *The amendment of bringing a picture instead of the actual car is accepted per acclimation.*
- *Motion 2 including the amendment is accepted per acclimation.*

The Chair of the GA adjourns the GA at 19:50.

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

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

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

During the open mic/karaoke of Dies next year the 44th board has to give a performance (including a oboe solo).

Patrick Daamen, Margot Ammerlaan, Ottavia Rolla et al.

Ms. Drose asks the creators of the motion about the spelling of hobo.

Ms. Wiegers explains that it is hobo in Dutch and oboe in English.

Ms. Pool explains that she is against this motion because the GA does not wish to hear the sound of an oboe.

Mr. Van der Voort agrees with Ms. Pool.

➤ *Motion 3 is accepted per acclimation.*

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

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

Establishes the Archive Taskforce, which:

- 1. Is tasked with the sorting, storing and digitalising of all archiving material;*
 - a. In rule with the relevant privacy laws*
 - b. Including but not limited to the motion file, pictures, budgets, GA materials, and all other files which should reasonably be archived in the broadest sense,*
- 2. Will at least consist of three members;*
 - a. Including one former board member,*
 - b. At least three taskforce members, have to be present when handling archive materials at all times,*
 - c. Will start their work at the installation of the 44th board of SPIL.*

And proceeds to the orders of the day.

Patrick Daamen, Margot Ammerlaan, Sjors de Natris et al.

Ms. Stuijt suggests to not specifically mentioning the motion file and the pictures due to the complexity.

Ms. Stuijt also suggests amending the motion by mentioning that one former board member should be present when handling the documents.

Mr. De Natris asks if the motion file and sorting through the pictures belong to the archive taskforce.

Ms. Stuijt agrees, but she thinks that the motion file is an inherently different task and that other documents have priority.

Mr. Daamen asks if the Secretary proposes a different task force for the motion file and the picture.

Mr. De Natris explains that the motion in itself would be contradicting if it would not include the motion file and pictures.

Ms. Stuijt explains that the motions will be made public through organising the document, sorting through the motions and deciding on a category is a different task though.

Mr. De Natris explains that the reason for the motion is the motion file. To him, it does not make sense to have them separate into a different task force.

Ms. Stuijt explains again that the motion will be available to the members through this motion and that the board thinks that the other documents have priority over the pictures which is why they are proposing this amendment.

Ms. Hilhorst further explains that this motion would collect all the motions from the documents. But sorting through the motions themselves is a different task for a different committee.

Ms. Ammerlaan thinks that the other task about the sorting of motions can be decided on later and that the motion at it is now, is complete.

Mr. De Natris explains that there is nothing about deleting motions in the motions. It is just about digitalising.

Ms. Stuijt thinks that they are talking about the same things.

➤ *The first amendment is revoked.*

Mr. De Natris asks the Secretary to repeat the second amendment.

Ms. Stuijt explains that the second amendment entails the inclusion of a former board member when going through the documents.

Mr. De Natris agrees with the amendment.

➤ *The second amendment is accepted per acclimation.*

➤ *Motion 4 is accepted per acclimation.*

The Chair of the GA congratulates Mr. De Natris on what will become his life work.

14. Round of Questions

Mr. Serlie asks if the 44th ft. board knows that he has high expectations for them and that they will do a very good job.

Ms. Pottinga asks if the 43rd board knows that they did an amazing job choosing the next board and wishes the 44th board a lot of luck.

Mr. Daamen asks if the ft. president of the 44th board knows what his vision will be.

Mr. Van der Voort explains that his vision is going voortward.

The Chair of the GA asks on behalf of Mr. Hooft where the Policy Weekend will take place.

Mr. Daamen adds that Mr. Hooft would like to know if they will go to a 'hutje op de hei'.

Mr. Van der Voort explains that they will go to a 'hutje op de hei' in Vriezenveen.

Ms. Pool explains that it is not a 'hutje op de hei'.

Mr. Daamen asks if the 44th knows that he has great trust in them and that the 43rd board did a fantastic job last year.

Mr. Daamen asks a question on behalf of Mr. Hooft. Does the 44th board know that he has great trust in them, but the 43rd board ehm not so much.

Ms. Hilhorst reponds that the board will have to talk to Mr. Hooft himself about this statement.

Ms. Ammerlaan asks if the GA, the CALVV, the 43rd board and the ft. 44th board that she is very board op de 43rd board and wishes them a nice trip to India and wishes the 44th a lot of fun in their board year.

The Chair of the GA asks if there is a teaser for the India trip.

Mr. Verhoeff promised last GA to not post anything with FOMO in it so he will not do so.

Ms. Hilhorst explains that they will visit the Taj Mahal among other institutions.

Ms. Michotte van den Berck asks if the Chair of the GA knows that he did a great GA and that she had a fun time.

Mr. Fockens asks if the 43rd board know that he is very thankful and proud of them and that the Chair of the GA did a great job.

Mr. Otten asks if the ft. 44th board knows that he is proud of them and does the 43rd board know that he is excited for tomorrow.

Ms. Pool asks if the GA, the CALVV, the 43rd board and the ft. 44th board know that she is excited fro next year and wants to correct all the questions asked by her fellow board members.

Ms. Hordijk asks if the GA, the CALVV, the 43rd board and the ft. 44th board know that she had a lovely year last year and is excited for the next year with her board members.

Mr. Van der Voort asks if the GA, the CALVV, the 43rd board and the ft. 44th board know that he is really excited for next year.

Mr. Verhoeff asks if the GA, the CALVV, the 43rd board and the ft. 44th board know that he is happy that the ft. 44th board got affirmed and that he is excited for next year.

Ms. Van Zoelen asks if the GA, the CALVV, the 43rd board and the ft. 44th board know that she is happy that the ft. 44th board got affirmed and that she is excited for the Dies next year.

Ms. Togtema asks if the GA, the CALVV, the 43rd board and the ft. 44th board know that she is proud what the board has accomplished and is looking forward to next year.

Ms. Hilhorst asks if the GA, the CALVV, the 43rd board and the ft. 44th board know that she is happy with what the board did this year and that she hopes SPIL indeed wins the lottery.

Ms. Stuijt asks if the GA, the CALVV, the 43rd board and the ft. 44th board know that she is very happy and grateful to all the members that came to the GA and that the 44th board is affirmed.

Ms. Drose asks if the GA, the CALVV, the 43rd board and the ft. 44th board know that she is proud of the GA today and that she thinks it was the most fun and chaotic GA she has ever been to.

15. Discharge of Voting Committee

The GA Chair thanks the Voting Committee for their service and discharges Patrick Daamen and Sjors de Natris as members of the Voting Committee.

16. Closing

After the SPIL anthem has been sung, the GA Chair closes the meeting at 20:18.

1. LONG-TERM POLICY GOALS

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

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

These are the foundations upon which the policy goals of the XLIIIRD board ‘SPILocracy’ are built.

2. ASSOCIATION WIDE POLICY GOALS

“We do not need members, we keep each other company” - Noor Stuijt

2.1 Proximity

Proximity describes a nearness within aspects such as relationships and space. However, proximity stands for so much more within the association. The association’s unique identity of containing both Dutch and English studies and being present in two different cities, Leiden and The Hague, opens up space for a lot of opportunities and advantages, but also poses potential challenges. The XLIIIRD board continuedly strived to connect students from all studies and both cities, as well as students from both international and Dutch backgrounds. This nurtured and further strengthened the sense of community amongst members within the association as well as the university’s student body.

Reflecting on what the XLIIIRD board had set itself out to accomplish and focus on during its board year under this pillar, it is to be concluded that this ongoing process has been a full success! The board’s presence at the introduction weeks, open days, and orientation days, as well as welcoming potential new students, deepened their early engagement within the association and having the common rooms open daily gave students a place to take a break from classes and meet their friends, although an expected discrepancy of use was visible between days and locations.

In addition, the board’s implemented English policy to ensure an inclusive environment has been successful. With the majority of the events having been organised also being accessible for non-Dutch-speaking students this furthered their integration into the association as well as the bridging between studies and cities. It is to be noted that the inclusion of Dutch students is equally important with events being hosted in Dutch should this be more fitting in regards to their contexts. The board’s continuous goal has been to create a fully inclusive environment.

Further, the XLIIIRD board wants to underline the importance of creating external proximity. This has been realised by meeting other associations, also in representative bodies, collaborating on a multitude of events and coming together to support each other. This also extends to fostering a good relationship with the Political

Science Institute Board, as well as the Social Science Faculty Board. Therefore, the XLIIIrd board advises future boards to not leave this aspect out of sight but rather view it as an outside extension of the association's internal community.

2.2 Creativity

The board has strived to let creativity flow freely within the association. The board consistently emphasised the creativity of committees by giving them complete freedom in designing and organising activities. For example, committee members could let their creativity loose in designing the yearbook and DEBAT, making the reader for trips and working on promotion. Furthermore, workshops were offered in creative writing and Indesign.

Not only did creativity come into play in the design process, but also in organising activities. Creative freedom has resulted in more unique activities, such as the gingerbread decorating gameshow and the trip pre-activities. The board also had its share in creative thinking. The Commissioner External Relations focussed on making explainer reels for Instagram, while the Commissioner Education and Politics worked on collaborations with new organisations and associations, for example, Leiden United.

The XLIIIrd board continues to emphasise the importance of creativity within the association in order to keep innovating and keep committee work interesting. The board is proud of the creative space they could create for members and the work the members produced in the past year.

2.3 Development

Development is a crucial part of the association and also something the XLIIIrd board wishes to provide for each individual member. This year, development was enhanced with hosting and attending training, workshops and feedback sessions.

At the start of the year, chairs, secretaries and treasurers were given a work-in session by the respective board members. This was repeated with the newly formed committees in the second semester. At the end of the year, feedback sessions took place within committees to reflect on the year and pass on tips to the next board and committee members.

Furthermore, the board attended multiple training sessions, some organised by StOP. Half of the board has done the BHV training and the Commissioner External Relation also joined the Acquisitions training, sharing these insights and ideas with his committee. For members, there are of course educational events which they can attend to develop themselves in the practical field of political science. For committee members, there was also a workshop given by former SPIL board member Josette Daamen, about professional writing.

For the association we have developed and implemented a couple of new ideas this year. The board introduced the concept of the Dress Code Manager for the trips and other educational events and excursions which required a dress code. This person was available to members to ask questions about the dress code and make sure members would adhere to it. This has worked out very well, as it was clear and transparent to members what they could and could not wear.

Another area where the association has developed is in terms of sustainability. The board continued last year's policy of only offering vegetarian food when it was offered for free by the association. Furthermore, the Committee Cup system was fully digitalised and fewer posters were printed when the university screens could be used. The board also asked members to bring their own reusable cup to events in the common room and

the Long Trip pre-activity. The board made sure food waste was reduced to a minimum by sharing it in the common room or dividing it amongst participants.

In order to raise awareness and guarantee safety at events, SPIL co-signed a guideline protocol on the use of alcohol and other intoxicating substances through StOP. With this collaboration, the association hopes to demonstrate its commitment to ensuring and keep developing a safe and enjoyable environment.

In light of this, the board has reevaluated the sober duty shifts. Not only is the appointed committee or board member sober during the activity, they will also actively keep an eye on members to make sure they are okay and offer help when necessary. Furthermore, a responsibility duty which includes sober duty was introduced during the trip. A more extensive explanation about this can be found under point 7 Commissioner Global Relations.

3. PRESIDENT AND COMMISSIONER STAIRS AFFAIRS

3.1 President

“SPIL Yellow gives McDonald's vibes.” - Ruchi van Zoelen

3.1.1 Internal Affairs

The President is incredibly proud of all board members, having seen them thrive this past year on both a board and association level, as well as within their own personal lives. From the beginning of the board year - and even before - they have been dedicated to their roles within the association and the responsibility that comes with it. She greatly appreciates the trust her fellow board members have put into her in leading the board and representing the association.

The restructuring and taking up of board tasks after the departure of the board's Commissioner Global Relations took a lot of time and energy. Despite this, all board members readjusted within their additional positions and new workload, allowing for a smooth transition. The board made sure to divide the workload as evenly as possible. Still, due to the importance of the committees within the portfolio of Global Relations to the association, it continued to remain particularly high this year. Changing up common room shifts and re-evaluating a full-board's attendance at the association's events have helped during this time. The central aim of the President and the rest of the board was to prioritise and keep in mind the board's well-being throughout the entirety of the year. Therefore, everyone was encouraged to be open with one another. This worked out greatly, having created a safe environment within board meetings as well as the quarter-yearly internal personal talks. The President is happy to see that over this past year, the board has grown together as a unity, consistently supporting and furthering each other.

The Board of Advisors (RvA) has been of great help to the XLIIIrd board in regard to internal questions throughout the entire year as well as going over the policy pre-assemblies. The President advises her successor to keep in regular contact with the RvA and to not hesitate in reaching out to them should unclear situations arise or if support is needed.

3.1.2 External Representation

During her board year the President actively represented the association within different platforms and organisations. On a faculty level she regularly met with the chairs of the Faculty of Social Sciences study associations - Labyrinth, Emile and Itiwana -, as well as its Assessor, within the Associations Deliberation (Verenigingen Overleg - VerO) in Leiden. This has been the most effective platform for the association, serving as the main contact point to the university and faculty, allowing for discussions on relevant issues and

providing updates on various university business. Conversely, the Association Deliberation in The Hague (VerO DH) has taken place thrice during the year, offering insight into Leiden University's second campus and giving space to connect with relevant personnel to raise issues.

Additionally, the President participated in the Big Association Deliberation (GroVer) organised by the Study Association Deliberation Platform (StOP). This involvement allowed the board to gain valuable insight into the common challenges faced by larger associations and allowed the board to raise some of their own. It also provided updates on events and workshop opportunities. Furthermore, the board participated in all StOP committees this past year leading to fantastic events such as the International Food Festival and the famous Interfaculty Party. StOP, as an umbrella association for study associations, has proven to be immensely valuable, facilitating connections among associations and advocating for their interests in various forums.

Lastly, the President also joined the newly formed Beehive Community, under initiation of the so-called Beekeepers, which aimed to unite the groups working in and using the Beehive building in The Hague. This partnership initially involved a few meetings and bonding activities, but it eventually became inactive due to the low enthusiasm for the project from the associations. There is potential for this initiative to be retried or restructured in the coming year by the university, with the goal of fostering more collaborations and a feeling of community. Therefore, the XLIVth board should rejoin the Beehive Community should it be taken up again.

3.1.3 Platform for Political Scientists

The President has been regularly meeting with her three fellow members of the PvP-board (Platform voor Politicologen) from the study associations EOS (Free University of Amsterdam), ismus (Radboud University) and Machiavelli (University of Amsterdam). Within the board the President held the position of Treasurer which she greatly enjoyed. All expenses remained within budget and multiple funds were granted supporting the PiP-Congress. This was the main activity the board organised this year with the PiP-Congress taking place on April 22nd having been organised by the PiP-Coordinator and the PiP-Congress committee. The congress, held under the topic of the future of the European Union, was hosted at the Free University of Amsterdam. With a very diverse array of topics shaping the day, the attendees enjoyed the day. In 2024/25 the PiP-Congress will be either hosted in Leiden or The Hague. Therefore, the President advises her successor to take on the position of PiP-Coordinator making the congress' organisation much easier due to good knowledge of Leiden University and shorter connections to relevant staff. Further, she recommends the 2024/25 PvP-board to look into eliminating the PvP bank account and transferring the financial affairs to one of the member associations, since the banking costs have been taking up about half of the membership contributions.

The PvP-board has taken up contact with the Dutch board of Political Scientists (NKWP) again and has prepared the future board to work closer together by attending each other's meetings. By collaborating on events or activities, the NKWP gets political science students more involved, while the associations gain both knowledge-based and potential financial support. Such could be students' attendance of the annual Political Science Congress 'Politicologenetmaal' or a collaborative essay competition with sponsored prize pots.

3.1.4 Other activities

In line with the policy the President set out in the beginning of the year regarding the committees' chairs, a chair evaluation session was hosted towards the end of the second semester. It was well attended and appreciated due to the chairs being able to get into discourse with one another reflecting back on their role during this past year. Due to time restraints an eventual chair bonding activity could not take place and was instead combined with the association's Committee Thank You Day. Therefore, the President advises her

successor to continue keeping in contact with the chairs throughout the year and to possibly host more formal as well as informal chair get-togethers, depending on the need they see as well as what the chairs express.

To show appreciation to its committee members the board hosted a Committee Thank You Day in June. The event featured a catered dinner and concluded with a fun karaoke session at the Gekke Geit in The Hague. It has been incredible seeing so many new and returning members join committees this year, witnessing their growth and dedication to their work, as well as the enthusiasm for the association's other events and trips. Their involvement has created a wonderful community over the past year. Without them, the year would not have been the same.

Another thing the XLIIIrd board took on this year was the reworking of the Committee Cup system. The check-in at events was digitised, which made the process overall smoother and faster, leading to more accurate results. The past year has shown that committee members are more encouraged to attend other committees' activities through this incentive. This year the Stairs Affairs committee ultimately topped the leaderboard with a total of three SPIL committee members. The XLIIIrd board is excited to see how its f.t. board will implement such a system in the coming year.

This summer the Faculty Board has granted the Social Science study associations a financial compensation for their efforts and presence regarding the university's Open Days going forward. This sum of 750 euros per association may be used for collaborative events of formal or informal nature between two or more study associations of the Faculty of Social Sciences. The President is looking forward to seeing how this is realised by the associations' boards in the upcoming years. In light of continued collaboration between the Social Science study associations, Labyrinth, Emile, Itiwana and SPIL, a party with free admission was hosted at the Next in Leiden in the second academic semester.

3.2 Commissioner Stairs Affairs

"If I fail my thesis, at least I won the Committee Cup." - Haitske Pottinga, chair of Stairs Affairs, who has indeed successfully finished her studies

The committee, composed of three members from SPIL and three members of BIL, Leiden University's study association for Public Administration, had worked very well together over the past year.

Following the success of the committee's first event surrounding the Dutch election night in November, a second one was hosted on February 27th surrounding the theme of the BRICS. With a large panel and a lot of interested attendees this event was also a full success. At the beginning of the year the committee had set itself out to host a total of up to three events. In the end two of those were realised due to time restrictions towards the end of the academic year. Therefore, the Commissioner advises her successor to set up an early planning timeline at the beginning of the year as well as discuss expectations regarding the division of languages between events within the committee.

Lastly, the Commissioner is immensely proud of her committee to have won the Committee Cup this year through their involvement in the association and enthusiastic commitment to the committee.

4. SECRETARY AND COMMISSIONER INTRODUCTION

4.1 Secretary

"You are fired!" - Gijs Verhoeff to Noor Stuijt

4.1.1 Membership account

The Secretary has updated the membership file on a regular basis, as promised in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation (Regulation (EU)2016/679). She has disqualified everyone who, after several reminders, did not pay this year's membership fee and has subsequently deregistered them. The membership file is completely up to date. The Secretary feels that the inclusion of the deregistration deadline to the newsletter and sign-up form on the website, which were added last year, has helped with the awareness among members.

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

4.1.2 Newsletter

The Secretary received positive feedback about the newsletter. This was mostly related to the addition of the 'Old Hands' column, which members looked forward to every month. The Secretary advised her successor to keep on experimenting with the newsletter to make it more appealing to members and to look into the addition of a new column.

4.1.3 Reunionists

The reunionists received three newsletters this year in November, February and June. The newsletter included an update on the activities of the association and the current standing of DEBAT. The Secretary noticed that many reunionists members did not pay their membership fee this year. This has most likely to do with out-of-use email addresses and the absence of a direct debit. Therefore, a sentence was added to the registration form to not sign up with an email address provided by the university. The Secretary also advised the next board to look into a direct debit for the reunionist membership.

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

4.1.4 Alumni

The Secretary organised an alumni event this year in collaboration with the Masters Committee. The event involved a panel discussion about the 'New Scramble for Africa' with a Leiden University professor and the Nigerian ambassador. Afterwards, there was a borrel. The event was promoted to master students, former board members, and alumni through email, the association's LinkedIn, and the University's Alumni LinkedIn with support from the Alumni Bureau. Although not many alumni showed up, the Secretary would still call it a success. This was the first time in five years that an alumni event was organised, and she is content that one finally could take place.

During the organising, the Secretary ran into the problem of budgeting. After a long search the Secretary concluded that there is no external budget available anymore for alumni activities. Through discussions with old board members, the Secretary found out that the Leids Alumni Platform's (LAP) contribution that is visible on the association's budget is unattainable because the LAP dissolved a few years ago. The Secretary reached out to the Institute for funding, since they would be taking over the funding after LAP. Regrettably, the Institute no longer has budget available for alumni activities since raising the general contribution for the association. Fortunately, due to a budget surplus, the Secretary was still able to make the necessary costs for the event. As described in the policy of the Treasurer, the event ended up being covered retroactively by the Faculty. This funding is however an exception this year, and the Secretary thus hopes that her successor can

find support from members of the Institute for next year's event, such as the study advisers or the alumni officer. Furthermore, She advised her successor to organise an event in Dutch next year.

Alumni received three newsletters this year. One was sent in October, November, and June, which included updates on the associations and requests for participation in events like the FLO days.

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

4.1.5 General Assemblies

The Secretary is of the opinion that General Assemblies are very important to the association. Despite, the efforts of last and this year, the attendance of GAs remains an issue. For example, the GA explanatory reel and making it semi-mandatory for members to attend the GA did not lead to a significant increase in attendance. The board talked to members after every GA to discuss what their thoughts were. The board concluded that the length of the GA, together with the understanding of the discussed topics are the main reasons members do not want to attend the GAs. The Secretary tried to increase the understanding by asking the Chair of the GA to explain during the GA what is being discussed and making the threshold to ask a question lower. The Secretary concluded that the Chair of the GA does not always have the time to explain everything properly. She advised her successor to look into different options to make the GA more understandable for new members.

Furthermore, while the Secretary found no trouble finding a GA location in Leiden, she really struggled to find one in The Hague. Thursday nights are busy and most places are booked or too expensive for the association. She advised her successor to look into having the GA on a different day than Thursday to hopefully have more options in The Hague.

4.1.6 Former Boards Borrel

This year's Former Boards Borrel was a big success. Around 50 old board members from all generations came together in Leiden. It was a nice opportunity to learn more about the history of the association. As advised by the GA, the Secretary sent out the invitation two months before the borrel and organised the borrel on a Friday.

4.2 Commissioner Introduction

"Bonding is indoctrination" - Ralph Otten

4.2.1 General

The Introduction Committee organised three extra activities alongside the Friends and Family Days, which were the Back to School Lunch, Gingerbread Decorating Competition and Politics in a Park Lunch. The committee was given the complete freedom to organise whatever they wanted. When organising activities, the committee kept in mind the small number of people that might attend to ensure the success of the events. The Commissioner noticed good promotion is key to increasing attendance. Including food also helps.

4.2.2 Study Groups

The committee organised a total of eight study groups this year, which were of varying success. The ones in The Hague were more popular than in Leiden, there were even questions if we could organise them for all courses. Furthermore, the committee noticed that organising a study group right after the corresponding lecture together with promotion during the lecture increased attendance. Study groups surrounding a statistics assignment also were popular. Snacks were provided for all study groups. The Commissioner advised her

successor to continue organising study groups since there is demand, but to carefully choose the courses and timing of the study groups.

4.2.3 Freshmen Weekend

The Freshmen Weekend took place from August 26th to August 28th at a scouting camp in Poeldijk. The Commissioner concluded that organising the Freshmen Weekend after EL CID and HOP Week remains the best timing since both Dutch and international students have the opportunity to join and all the board and committee members are available. In total, there were 55 spots available of which 16 were for SPIL crew and 39 for participants. All 6 h.t. and 7 f.t. board members joined together with 3 committee members. The participation fee was 36.50 euros. Due to last minute cancellations, 9 participants were not present at Freshmen Weekend, bringing the total number of participants for the weekend to 30.

The Freshmen Weekend focussed on getting to know fellow students and the association. The weekend revolved around the theme of Monopoly, with buddy groups being assigned a playing piece from the game, as well as Monopoly-themed decorations and committee members being dressed up as the ‘Monopoly man’ and the thief for the ‘smuggling game’. Other activities included a beach day and a bonfire night with drinks and snacks. To provide participants a further introduction to the association, each h.t. and f.t. board member prepared a short pitch about each SPIL-committee. Considering feedback on the meals at Freshmen Weekend the previous year, hot meals were served for both lunch and dinner, from a variety of cuisines. The committee received very positive feedback on these meals from participants. Furthermore, this year Freshmen Weekend was hosted at Scouting Poeldijk for the first year. The location proved to be very suitable for the weekend, and the Commissioner recommends her successor to consider this location as an option for the following year.

Overall, the Commissioner is pleased that the Freshmen Weekend was reported a success among participants and thanks her committee and the boards for their hard work during the weekend.

4.2.4 Committee

Halfway through the year, the Commissioner reopened the committee on the advice of her predecessor. This was good timing since two committee members left and two new members could join. Reopening the committee gives members the opportunity to join a committee after settling into their university life. The Commissioner advised her successor to reopen the committee again in the middle of the year.

Furthermore, the Commissioner is very proud of the work of the Introduction Committee. Their creativity resulted in successful and unique events. She looks back on a good year.

5. TREASURER AND COMMISSIONER DIES

5.1 Treasurer

“We solved it by crying” - Kasya Hilhorst

5.1.1 Realisation

This financial year is closed off with a budget surplus of nearly 1100 euros. Throughout the first semester it became clear that income from the book sale and acquisitions would be significantly lower than expected. The income from the book sale is especially worrying for the future, bringing in a mere 770 euros, despite the efforts of the Commissioner Education and Politics to also cater towards master’s students in the book sale. This budgetary trajectory encouraged the Treasurer to keep a closer eye on spendings. In addition to the dissatisfying income, unforeseen costs were made for the Long Trip to India, as described in 7.3 Long Trip:

India. However, the second semester brought with it some financial breaks. First, both the InFaFe and HSF parties made a profit. Second, some events in the fourth block were cancelled or required less budget than expected due to low sign-ups, such as the SPIL Congress and the Alumni event. Third, after a proposal from the Leiden Hallway associations, the Faculty agreed at the end of the year to retroactively compensate each association for their presence at open days. This compensation amounts to 750 euros and must be spent on activities organised by at least two FSW associations. Part of this compensation was put toward the FSW party, and an event hosted during the EL CID week. However, due to this grant coming so late in the year, there were no further opportunities for organising activities with the hallway associations. Therefore, the Faculty agreed to make an exception for this year and allow associations to propose other educational activities to fund using this compensation. Thus, the Alumni event and the SPIL Congress were retroactively funded by the Faculty, resulting in an additional budget surplus. A combination of late financial breaks in the second semester, and conservative spending in the first semester, thus led to a substantial budget surplus.

As the budget surplus arose quite late in the year, there were not many events left that could have been given more funding, nor was there space in the year plan for additional events. Therefore, the additional budget has been largely reserved. At the Interim GA, the Treasurer implemented a review of the yearly reserves. The Lustrum reserve was lowered from 1.500 euros to 1.000 euros, and the common room reserve was lowered to 100 euros. Despite the budget surplus this year, the fact that SPIL's income is declining remains, and the Treasurer thus stands by this amendment. The remainder of the Open Day compensation from the Faculty has been reserved for organising an activity with other FSW associations next year. In addition, the Board has invested in a new SPIL banner. Furthermore, 250 euro has been reserved for the purchase of a new lens for the SPIL camera. Lastly, the remaining budget has been reserved in the form of a gift to the XLIVth Board. This amount is not earmarked and can serve as general income for the coming academic year.

The Treasurer is happy to have completed the year on such a note. It is unfortunately still a reality that the main income sources of SPIL are declining, as prices are rising. The Treasurer highly recommends that her successor and the XLIVth Board look into strengthening these income sources, or investigate alternatives, and she is confident that the association's finances are in safe hands.

5.1.2 Studystore

At the Interim GA, the Treasurer informed the GA that Studystore had reached out through their attorneys to claim that SPIL owed Studystore reimbursement for unjustly claimed income. A senior legal advisor of the university concluded at the time that Studystore had no proof for their claims. The Treasurer has not been contacted any further by Studystore and does not expect this issue to arise again in the coming year.

5.1.3 Audit Committee

The last audit of the year took place on the 29th of August. The Treasurer was joined by her successor, as is custom in the training process of the succeeding treasurer. The final report of the Audit Committee can be found in the reminder invitation received for the GA and will be presented to the GA by the Audit Committee. The Treasurer looks back on a successful relationship with the Audit Committee and is very thankful for all the support they have offered her throughout the year. The Treasurer encourages her successor to maintain good relations with her Audit Committee as well, and make full use of their valuable insights and experience.

5.2 Commissioner Dies

“Willen we Sander Schimmelpenninck sowieso afwijzen?” - Nika Verwoert

This year the Dies Committee was opened for applications in January instead of May. The Commissioner was glad to see that this indeed led to more sign ups, as the Committee consisted of three members during the second semester. Opening the committee earlier also proved to greatly broaden the options for guest speakers, as potential lecturers could be contacted before their agendas for November had filled up. The Commissioner thus highly advises her successor to again open the committee in January next year.

Together with the committee, the h.t. Commissioner started the search for a Dies Lecturer and brainstormed about the upcoming Dies Week. The committee was then taken over by the f.t. Commissioner in June. The f.t. Commissioner had until that time served as the chair of the Committee, which allowed for an easy transition. Over the summer, a new chair has been selected, and multiple new members have joined the committee.

As stated in the Interim report, the Commissioner encourages her successor to expand on the concept of a Dies theme, and recommends her to rethink the closing party. The Commissioner is most of all excited to see what new ideas her successor and her committee will bring to the Dies Week.

6. COMMISSIONER EDUCATION AND POLITICS

“Embassy day!! It’s like Christmas!” - Sophie Peters

6.1. Education Committee

This year’s Education Committee organised a total of four activities, out of the six that were originally planned. Unfortunately, due to a busy agenda the Education Committee could not organise as many activities as it had initially set itself up to. However, most activities were very well attended and both the committee and the Commissioner were very happy with the result. Besides the “Crash Course on Dutch Politics” directed at international students, the committee organised a world-café with French students from the French Political Institute of Fontainebleau on current topics, like the use of AI and migration; the traditional Career Night, which counted with the presence of institutions like the ICC, Ministry of Justice and Save the Children; and lastly, the Boat Lecture, on the topic of violence against women.

The Commissioner advises her successors to reevaluate the Boat Lecture tradition, as it represents a cost that SPIL can no longer support and has been poorly attended in previous years. Renting a boat has become increasingly expensive and this year it represented a big percentage of the Education Committee’s budget. Besides board and committee members, this year’s boat lecture counted three participants, four in the year before and also four the year before that. The Commissioner thinks that the money that is yearly spent on this event could better be used for other activities, like workshops that could equip members with a new skill. Informal lectures can still take place, but the Commissioner would suggest another setting other than a boat, like a pub or a park.

6.2. Excursions Committee

This year’s Excursions Committee was a very efficient and independent committee, which allowed for the smooth running organisation of many different excursions. This year, SPIL visited the National Congress against Discrimination and Racism, the Portuguese Embassy, the Polish Embassy, Save the Children, International Commission on Missing Persons, the Taipei Representative Office, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Tweede Kamer.

The committee has also already arranged a visit to the Turkish Embassy at the beginning of the next academic year.

This year, the Dress Code Manager was also implemented during excursions. Participants could reach out to the manager before the excursion if they had any questions about the dress code and on the day itself the manager made sure everyone was dressed appropriately. Feedback from participants was very positive and the Commissioner recommends her successor to keep making use of the dress code manager during excursions.

6.3. Masters Activities Committee

The Masters Activities Committee remained unchanged, with the same four members throughout the entire year. Activities organised included two informal borrels, a presentation at the “Welcome (back) Reception” organised by the Study Advisers, formal drinks with PhD candidates and a collaboration with the Secretary in organising the Alumni Event.

All events were generally well attended, but the Commissioner noticed that the informal borrels specifically for master students were the most popular. Master students appreciated having an informal activity tailored for them where they had the chance to connect with people from their studies.

6.4. Book sale

The partnership with INDEX books remains successful and the book sale throughout the year went smoothly. Over the past few years there has been a general decrease in book sales, and this year is no exception. The Commissioner advises her successors to look into other options to run next to a book sale in the future, like a deal with a summary provider. This is not possible according to the current contract with INDEX, but can be looked into once the contract runs out. However, should a deal with a summary provider be considered, it should be discussed with the Institute Board.

6.5. Programme Committee

Like many of her predecessors, the Commissioner took a seat at the OLC this year. She regards this as highly valuable for both SPIL and students. For SPIL, the OLC is yet another very important university organ where it can be represented. For students, because the Commissioner is an easily accessible contact for reaching the OLC.

Throughout the second semester, more “OLC Coffee Hours” took place. Unfortunately, student participation remains very low, despite a lot of advertising and personally reaching out to students. To try to minimise this issue, the Commissioner has met with the Study Advisers and suggested the OLC be presented to new students during the peer mentoring sessions. This suggestion was well accepted and the Commissioner hopes that students will be more aware of the OLC next year.

6.6. FLO

The FLO days took place on the 7th and 8th of February. This year, the same structure as last year was used. SPIL was represented in the FLO committee by a member chosen by the Commissioner, while she had no direct involvement in the organisation of the FLO days.

This structure means that SPIL’s involvement in the organisation of this event is significantly smaller than when the committee was originally created. SPIL’s involvement basically amounts to promoting the event, helping with logistics and providing contacts from its (alumni) network. This last aspect proved to be the hardest to fulfil as, due to privacy reasons, the association is not allowed to individually contact alumni since they did not consent to it upon signing up as alumni. At the time, two alumni newsletters were sent asking whether anyone would be interested in participating, but there were no reactions.

To circumvent this issue, the Commissioner has invested a lot of time in bringing SPIL's LinkedIn network up to date and expanding it to other interesting contacts, so that future SPIL representatives on the FLO committee have a network to reach out to. Since then, the Secretary has also added an optional field to the alumni membership sign-up form, where alumni can consent to be individually contacted by the association.

6.7. Student Sounding Board

Due to time constraints, the Commissioner could only attend one SKG meeting this year and another one was attended by the President. Despite the very few attended meetings, there were very insightful discussions about the different support systems available in the Faculty and visibility issues.

The Commissioner appreciates being given the opportunity to take a seat at the SKG, as it is a great way of connecting several separate organisations that would otherwise not communicate as easily. This allows for a better overview of the student-faculty-association relationships, and helps understand possibly existing gaps where SPIL can step in.

7. COMMISSIONER GLOBAL RELATIONS

"There are three things you need in India: good breaks, a good honk and good luck!" - Indian tour guide in Delhi

The board looks back on the trips with fulfilment and happiness, to have been able to successfully organise these activities and contribute to memories for participants.

This year the board introduced the concept of Dress Code Manager. The Dress Code Manager was introduced to clear up any confusion surrounding the dress code by having one central contact person for the dress code. The Dress Code Manager was one board member for the entire year, and was available for trips, as well as other educational events and excursions which required a dress code. The manager was available for questions before and during the trip, and was in charge of approaching members about the dress code during trips. To ensure visibility, the Dress Code Manager was mentioned in the reader, and introduced at pre-activities and in the trips groupchat. The manager could be contacted via whatsapp or email. This offered an accessible way for members to ask about any confusion they might feel about the dress code as stated on the website and in the reader. Members could even send photos of specific clothing items to the Dress Code Manager. This also allowed for any weather-specific adjustments to be made to the dress code when needed.

This year the Secretary was appointed as the Dress Code Manager. Her experience has been positive. She felt that she was visible to the members and of great help before the trip by answering the participant's questions. The many questions before the trip resulted in fewer questions during the trips and most participants followed the dress code properly. The board has received positive feedback about the Dress Code Manager in the surveys sent to participants after the Short and Long Trip. Participants were glad to know who to reach out to with their questions and appreciated the help of the Dress Code Manager. The board advised their successors to keep the Dress Code Manager.

Furthermore, the board tried out the concept of Responsibility Duty during the trip to India. Responsibility Duty is an extension of sobriety duty. The Trust Persons remain on trips, in addition to Responsibility Duty. Every day, two board members were on Responsibility Duty on a rotation schedule. They were reachable 24/7 if a participant needed any help. In addition, they were in charge of any participants who were not feeling well, and of accompanying them at the hostel and to any medical help they may need. The board members on

Responsibility Duty were announced each day and evening in the groupchat, and the concept was explained in the reader and during the second pre-activity. The goal of responsibility duty is to make participants feel safer in an unknown country/situation. In a survey sent to participants after the trip, the board received positive feedback on Responsibility Duty, with participants saying they felt it contributed to them feeling comfortable and well looked after by the board. The board advised their successor to consider reintroducing the concept of Responsibility Duty, especially in countries where there is a higher safety concern.

7.1 Brussels Trip

This part was written by the Commissioner External Relations who took on the Brussels Committee together with the Commissioner of Education and Politics.

The Brussels Committee for the year 2024/2025 was formed in April of 2024. The Committee currently consists of 7 members, with a Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer already having been chosen.

In regards to the transition from the XLIIIrd to the XLIVth, the f.t. Commissioner Global Relations was placed in charge of the Committee - under supervision of the Commissioners Education and Politics and the Commissioner External Relations - after they had been affirmed at the Affirmation GA. The Commissioners External Relations and Education and Politics specifically chose to wait with appointing the daily board of the committee until their successor had been affirmed, as the f.t. Commissioner would be dealing with most of the work of the committee in the near future. Before this time, the tasks of the chair and secretary were taken up by the two commissioners during meetings.

The committee is working hard to finalise most aspects of the trip, with confirmations from multiple institutions already having come in, and accommodation and transport being arranged at this time.

7.2 Short Trip: Prague

This part was written by the Commissioner Education and Politics who took on the Short Trip Committee.

From January 27th to February 3rd, 38 SPIL members (including 6 committee members and 6 board members) joined the trip to Prague, Czech Republic. The Short Trip Committee organised a programme with five cultural events, eight political events, one community activity, one sustainable activity and many social elements. The trip started on Saturday evening with a Crazy 43. On Sunday activities included a city tour through the Old Town and the Jewish Quarter of Prague and a visit to the Prague Castle. Political activities were meant to start with a visit to the Ministry of Justice on Monday, but this was cancelled on the day of. The day progressed with a visit to Amnesty International by fifteen participants while the remainder engaged in the trip's community activity, an afternoon helping at a community farm. The programme also included a lecture at the Faculty of Social Sciences of Charles University; meetings at the Ministry of Industry and Trade, Dutch Embassy, Organisation for Aid to Refugees and Europeum; and a visit to the Chamber of Deputies and Parliament. Further cultural activities took place on Wednesday and Thursday, with visits to the National Museum, Mucha Museum, Kafka Museum and Communism Museum and an evening boat tour on the Vltava River.

The participation fee was set at 250 euros, and an additional 1098 euros was granted to fund the trip as part of the LUF subsidy. With the participation fee, SPIL contribution and the grant all the activities, public transport, accommodation, and a final dinner were covered.

7.3 Long Trip: India

This part was written by the Secretary and Treasurer who took on the Long Trip Committee.

The Long Trip to India took place between the 25th of June to the 11th of July. The trip was, despite its difficulties and unforeseen circumstances, a great success. The participation fee totalled 750 euros and included transportation, accommodation for 10 days in Delhi, as well as 5 days in Jaipur together with a day trip to Agra to visit the Taj Mahal and several other activities. Learning from the experiences of last year, the decision was made to rent a private bus for the whole duration of the Long Trip. This made the heat and busy schedule more bearable for participants and allowed for more free time.

The trip unfortunately led to an unforeseen extra SPIL contribution. This occurred due to an unexpected increase in the costs of flights, and a lower-than-expected LUF subsidy. In the Interim report, The GA was informed of an increase in expenses for the flights. This would be balanced in the budget by an increased contribution from the association. In addition, the association did not receive the 3.500 euro LUF subsidy that had been applied for, and instead received 3.000 euros. As this was announced merely one month prior to the trip, the Commissioners did not want this deficit to impact the plans of the committee at the last minute. It was thus decided that the money reserved for the final dinner and the karaoke night would be scrapped from the Long Trip budget. The association would cover the remainder of the deficit. These amounts could be partially covered by leftover budget for unforeseen costs during the trip. The remainder amounts to an extra SPIL contribution of nearly 820 euros.

The programme of the trip included many political visits and excursions to cultural sights. Unfortunately, multiple political activities were cancelled last minute due to unforeseen circumstances. The visits to the International Solar Alliance and the Clothes Box Foundation were cancelled due to an unexpected early onset of monsoon rain, which led to floodings across Delhi, making travel impossible for the day. A meeting with NRC's foreign correspondent for India, Lisa Dupuy, was cancelled due to a family emergency.

Nonetheless, the remainder of the political activities proved to once again be highly interesting and enjoyable. The committee organised visits to the think tanks ORF and CSEP. Further, the group visited multiple NGOs, including Bal Raksha Bharat (Save the Children India), Naya Sawera, an organisation committed to helping victims of child labour, and Clean Air Asia, an organisation striving toward better air quality. Additionally, we engaged in discussion with research fellows and students at the Women's University of Jaipur, and spoke about the rise of India with representatives at the BRICS Chamber of Commerce & Industry. We also enjoyed an embassy day, visiting the Dutch embassy, and speaking to a diplomat from the United States embassy at the American Centre in Delhi.

The cultural activities included a visit to the Akshardham Temple, including a watershow, and a guided city tour of Delhi during which we visited multiple historical sites such as Qutub Minar and Humayun's Tomb. A few of the cultural highlights were the Red Fort and its surroundings and, of course, the Taj Mahal. Furthermore, participants could choose between a visit to the National Museum or National Crafts Museum on the museum day.

The Commissioners would like to thank all the participants for their enthusiasm and flexibility during the trip. Furthermore, the Commissioners would like to thank all the committee members for their hard and dedicated work which made this trip a great success. The committee showed flexibility and dedication throughout changes in Commissioners and committee members, and worked as an amazing team both before and during the trip. The Commissioners are grateful for this amazing committee.

7.4 Congress: Privacy and Power

This part was written by the Commissioner Internal Relations who took care of the Congress Committee during the second semester.

On the 12th of April the SPIL Congress took place at Wijnhaven. The congress was very interesting with a diverse range of speakers, including professors, politicians, and government officials. Attendees were provided with a goody bag, drinks, and snacks. The congress was organised in a way so people could walk in and out during the different blocks. In that way people could still go to class in between, hoping the attendance rate would increase. However, attendance turned out to be lower than expected. Nevertheless, the Commissioner is very proud of the committee for organising the congress. The committee changed Commissioners two times, but amongst the chaos still managed to put together an amazing event.

The congress started with a reception where attendees were provided with drinks and pastries. The first speakers were Tommy van Steen about fake news and Sofia Romansky about military and artificial intelligence. After that they held a panel discussion with Marc de Vries and attendees were given the opportunity to ask questions. In the break there was time to network with the speakers. Then we continued with a lecture from Kim van Sparrentak, a politician in the European Parliament, about artificial intelligence in politics. Furthermore, Max van Duijn spoke about generative artificial intelligence. The congress was closed with a discussion and q&a session with Max van Duijn and Reimond Went.

The Commissioner is very satisfied with the organised congress. However, as stated in the previous general assembly, would recommend organising the congress in a different form next year or focus on the other congresses the association already organises like the PiP-Congress or Leidsch Debat.

8. COMMISSIONER INTERNAL RELATIONS & FESTIVE

8.1 Commissioner Internal Relations

"But no one reads that, right?" - Noor Stuijt

8.1.1 DEBAT

This year the DEBAT Committee released four printed magazines. They were printed by Damen Drukkers, the printing company that took over the previous company. Besides prices going up halfway through the year, working with them went very smoothly. The printed DEBATs were displayed in the common rooms, and sent to 62 reunionists and 48 people on the sign-up list.

The Commissioner is very proud of the committee's work this year. Especially since most of the members were new to DEBAT. In the first semester, the meetings were well attended, however, in the second semester, there was some struggle to fill all the pages. For next year the Commissioner would advise their successor to make sure there is closer contact between editors and writers to keep everyone motivated and feel like part of the committee. This would include regular physical meetings between editors and writers during which they discuss their articles, help each other and ask questions. At the same time, deadlines were frequently met and the Commissioner is very satisfied with the work done in terms of content and design.

Similar to last year, members could sign up to get the magazine delivered at home. The link to sign up was available on the website, in newsletters and was promoted on Instagram multiple times during the year. This system worked really well, so it would be recommendable to continue this next year as well. This year 400 copies of each edition were printed. These were also used during open days, experience days and as presents

for speakers. Unfortunately, it is not allowed to distribute the magazine in other faculties. The Commissioner noticed that especially the first edition did very well, but throughout the year more copies were left over. Also because there are less events during which the magazines are distributed. This could be something to take into account for the next Commissioner Internal Relations.

This year another attempt was made to bond the DEBAT Committee and get them involved in SPIL. Previous years have shown that it is hard to connect such a large committee. This year there were four borrels during which every new edition was released, two workshops, a separate DEBAT borrel and a writing room. The borrels in the first semester did manage to attract some committee members to SPIL. The rest of the activities were unfortunately only attended by a few members. The Commissioner evaluated this with the DEBAT board and will pass on the evaluation to their successor. As mentioned before, small physical meetings between editors and writers might get members more involved, as well as having the workshop right at the start of the year.

8.1.2. DEBAT Online

This year the DEBAT website unfortunately fell victim to malware. The committee started out strong, uploading one article every week, however, the website was unavailable many times. The secretary of DEBAT managed to fix the website manually for some time until it became clear what the actual problem was. The Commissioner got help from former board members and the Commissioner External Relations for which she is very grateful. Fixing the website would also mean having to rebuild the whole layout. At the time of writing the Commissioner External Relations is working hard to try and get the site back into the air, so that next year the committee can start fresh again. Once the website works again, the unpublished online articles, translations and pdf files of the physical magazine will be uploaded there.

At the start of the year, Dutch writers were asked to write their articles in both Dutch and English. Furthermore, the rest of the articles have been translated by a group of Dutch committee members towards the end of the year. These will be uploaded on the website when the site is working again. For next year the Commissioner would advise to appoint translators at the beginning of the year, so the workload can be spread more evenly over the year.

8.1.3 DEBAT Podcast

This year enthusiastic committee members and general members were given the chance to join in setting up the DEBAT podcast. Several brainstorming sessions have taken place during the year. Unfortunately in the end there were not enough people available to make an actual episode. However, a beginning has been made and the members involved are enthusiastic to continue this project next year. The Commissioner has brought them in contact with her successor to discuss the plans for the following year.

8.1.4 Yearbook

The process of making the yearbook went very smoothly. After the trip to the printer in Vught the committee had a clear idea of what they wanted and what the yearbook should look like. Written pieces were collected early in the year, and the InDesign process was also started straight away. In this way the workload was spread throughout the year, making it easier for the committee. There was a clear division of tasks and deadlines were met in time. The communication with the printing company also went smoothly. The theme of the yearbook was revealed during a borrel. The committee made a very fun quiz, containing hints which eventually lead to the theme: Perspectives.

The Commissioner is very proud of the committee and the final product they have made. She and the committee look forward to presenting the yearbook at the end of the General Assembly.

8.2 Commissioner Festive

“Is the beach day at the beach?” - Jules Pailloux

8.2.1 Borrels

This year the Festive Committee held their borrels at the Pakschuit in The Hague and at l’Espérance in Leiden on the first and third Thursday of every month. For next year the Commissioner would advise her successor to take into account the exam weeks for the first and second year bachelor students a bit better to increase attendance.

This year the borrels in Leiden took place at café l’Espérance. The Commissioner is very satisfied with the location as the drinks are not too expensive and members receive free vegetarian snacks during every borrel. Activities that were held during the borrels in Leiden were the short trip reveal, secret *sinterklaas* and the yearbook theme reveal with a quiz. The Commissioner would recommend their successor to continue the borrels at l’Espérance next year as well.

The Pakschuit in The Hague has been a nice pub for its location and it is never too busy. Nevertheless, for next the Commissioner would recommend looking for other opportunities. The Corner has already reached out this year with a better deal than we have right now, and other associations also recommend Van Beek. Activities that were held during the borrel in the Hague were the DEBAT reveals, Christmas sweater borrel and the pub quiz.

8.2.3 Social Activities

This year one social activity per month was organised. Some took place during a borrel, like the secret *sinterklaas* and the pub quiz. Other activities include the day trip to the Efteling, laser gaming, the GSA beach day and the cantus.

The Efteling was again a great success this year, so the Commissioner would definitely recommend organising something like this again next year. The Grand Social Activity unfortunately had a lower turnout. It was a relaxing beach day with free food and drinks and fortunately, the weather was really nice. New this year for the Festive Committee was the Cantus. It was a nice evening and everything went rather smoothly. The turnout was higher than expected with more than 50 attendees who all seemed to have a lot of fun. The Commissioner is happy with the social activities that were organised this year.

8.2.4 Parties

This year three parties were organised by the Festive Committee: the Halloween party, the Throwback Thursday party and the End of the Year Party. The Halloween party took place in The Hague and attracted a lot of members and non-members. It was a great way for people to get to know the association in a social way. The Throwback Thursday party took place at PIP in The Hague. It was a collaboration with Picasso. They organised the party and SPIL bought tickets at a discount to sell to members. It was a big success and in the future the association might even be able to purchase more tickets. The End of the Year party took place in May in Leiden. It was a great way to end the academic year with a lot of karaoke.

8.2.5. Gala

The SPIL gala took place at Leidse Lente in Leiden. It was a very nice party with an open bar, snacks, a dj and a photographer. The theme of the gala was ‘Oscars’, which included a red carpet at the entrance. Furthermore, members could vote for people to win actual Oscars in different categories. The Commissioner is very proud of the committee for organising such a nice gala with their own twist, making it a memorable evening for everyone.

9. COMMISSIONER EXTERNAL RELATIONS & SPIL WEEKEND

9.1 Commissioner External Relations

“I don’t know about you, but I think it’s nice to just be with the girls” - Svea Drose

9.1.1 Partnerships

As stated in the Interim GA policy, the Commissioner and the Acquisitions Committee faced challenges this year with getting new partners. Current deals have been upheld with Can’t Dutch This and Helprr, with the latter hopefully developing into a more solid partnership under the Commissioner’s successor. The addition of Joor It to the list of partners has been very productive, and with this the Commissioner hopes to have set up future boards with a constructive partner in regards to any future textile items the association might need. Getting new partners remains a struggle - as elaborated on in earlier policies - as potential partners want to promote through the association, but do not necessarily value it enough to pay for it. A great emphasis must therefore be placed on making the potential deal as attractive as possible.

The f.t. XLIVth board and the current Commissioner’s successor have been instructed on the importance of not only the Acquisitions portfolio itself, but also of the importance of working together on this subject to use the different board’s positions and contacts to their fullest advantage. The Commissioner has also instructed his successor to attend the StOP training and to lobby for it to take place earlier in the year with the StOP board, feedback which he had already communicated after his own attendance at the workshop.

9.1.2 Merchandise

The two new merchandise items have been a relative success, with the Commissioner reaching his goals of creating items that appeal to a larger base of SPIL members. The SPIL playing cards have sold a total of 12 items, and the quarter-zip sweater a total of 8. Both items are still in stock, and the Commissioner highly recommends their successor to keep promoting these items, along with the rest of the merchandise.

The Merchandise Market - which was organised as part of the Merch Reveal Borrel - was also a great success, selling a total of 14 merchandise items. The Commissioner recommends organising these markets alongside existing events more in the future, as they can be a great way to sell items and attract people to said events.

9.1.3 Acquisitions Committee

The Acquisitions Committee has done a great deal of work together with the Commissioner to fulfil its different tasks, and has managed to not only bring out two merchandise items but also bring in a new partner and organise a Merch Market.

9.1.4 Promotion

“I enjoyed working with Gijs. It went great, got fired twice.” - Noor Stuijt about recording a video for the Instagram

9.1.4.1 Social Media

As stated before, Instagram remains the main channel through which the association reaches its members. The Reels/TikToks that the Commissioner has introduced this year have been well received among both active and formerly active members, and he recommends his successor to continue using this medium. He would also like to restate parts of his Interim Policy, with regards to a more formalised internal posting schedule, to help with reaching the goal of posting promotion on time for members.

LinkedIn has now been moved to the Commissioner of Education and Politics' portfolio, and the Commissioner recommends his successor(s) to keep it this way in the future. This decision was made to allow the Commissioner Education and Politics more direct control over this social media account, as it is one they make the most use of.

9.1.4.2 Posters

The emphasis for physical promotion of the association's activities has remained with the screens present in both faculties, although posters have still been used whenever relevant and useful. The Commissioner has already passed on the different channels through which this promotion can be sent to the faculties to his successor, and he highly recommends making use of them as much as possible, in spite of their limitations.

9.1.4.3 Photos

The gallery page of the website has benefited greatly from its new framework, and the Commissioner has made sure to pass on his knowledge on this field to his successor. The Commissioner does however recommend looking into making separate gallery pages per academic year, to prevent earlier performance issues from showing up again.

In regards to the SPIL camera, the Commissioner also recommends looking into acquiring a new, more versatile, lens. The Commissioner often ran into issues of framing pictures correctly during events and trips, such as during parties or for group photos at institution visits. This was an issue to such an extent that the Commissioner sometimes chose to bring his own personal camera to events and trips. An amount of 250 euros has been reserved for this purpose.

9.1.5 ICT

"I am struggling with this Portuguese laptop" - Noor Stuijt

9.1.5.1 Website

The Commissioner has continued to try and improve the website during the second semester. Among the small changes made are the addition of a calendar with upcoming events on the homepage, as well as creating new pages for the association's Honorary Members, and overall visual updates to the user interface to make it more user-friendly. The website now also features GA booklets going as far back as the XXXIXth board, which were still (partially) available in digital form.

9.1.5.2 Socie app

The Socie app for SPIL was rolled out after the Interim GA, and has since proven itself a useful tool to the Commissioner External Relations as well as to the members. Members can easily check to see upcoming events through the built-in calendar, and the board can remind active members about important updates or news through the notifications and news-posts features. Members can also more easily access the photo gallery on their mobile devices using the app, something which is not always easy on the website.

During previous GAs where the app was discussed, members raised concerns regarding the additional workload the system might put on the Commissioner. However, the Commissioner is happy to report that the amount of extra work is very minimal, as the Socie system has proven itself very straightforward and easy to use once set up correctly.

To better gauge the experience of the members with the new app system, the Commissioner ran a survey among the members from the 29th of August until the 11th of September. These results will be presented during the Change of Boards GA on the 12th of September.

The Commissioner External Relations still thinks it worthwhile to invest in a paid licence for the Socie system whenever a multi-year commitment to the subscription service is feasible. This for the same reasons he has mentioned in previous policy. Certain functionalities would greatly benefit the association, but are currently locked away because of the Start licence. The Commissioner expects the greatest bottleneck in this area to be the amount of storage space Socie allows, as this will fill up within a few years if all the pictures from events keep being added. Other examples of locked away features that could prove themselves useful include sharing documents for GAs and DEBAT, interactive groups (and being able to send them specific notifications), and giving sponsors/partners within the app a space to advertise goods and services. This last option is, in the Commissioner's view, a big opportunity for acquisitions in the future.

9.2 Commissioner SPIL Weekend

"The only thing I want is a kebab-Judith, I would trade in my kebab for Judith" - Random guy from Amersfoort in a very shady kebab place in Brugge

9.2.1 The weekend

The Commissioner and the committee see the weekend as a success, with 32 participants joining on the weekend trip to Brugge from the 19th of April until the 21st. The participation fee was set at 87,50-. Signups filled within less than a minute of them opening, which caused issues with the signup form of the website, allowing in more people than was initially the plan - hence why 32 and not 30 people joined on the trip. During the weekend the members could visit museums like the Fries Museum and the Torture Museum, discover local bars and pubs with the pubcrawl, and learn more about the city through an interactive Escape the City game.

The Commissioner would like to thank the hard work of the committee in organising the weekend, and is very pleased with the final result they were able to put together. The size and composition - meaning a good balance between newer members and more established members who are aware of the concept of the weekend - of the committee were also ideal, which is something he passed on to his successor.

9.2.2 Destination and Transportation

The Commissioner recognises that the destination of Brugge now becomes the third Belgian city in a row to host SPIL Weekend, but would like to emphasise that all possible formats - both a city trip and a scouting/camping trip - of SPIL Weekend were explored beforehand. For other formats, either the travel time was too long or the option was not financially feasible.

This year, members once again travelled by train. The Commissioner would highly recommend this option, as it is not only convenient but also falls in line with the sustainability goals of the association.

Yearplan SPILOCRAZY 2023-2024

Month	Week	Date	Event
August	Week 33	14/08/23 – 18/08/23	EL CID Week Leiden
	Week 34	21/08/23 – 25/08/23	HOP Week The Hague
September	Week 35	28/08/23 – 30/08/23	Freshmen Weekend
		28/08/23 - 01/09/23	Summer OWL
		31/08/23	IRO Orientation Day The Hague
	Week 36	04/09/23	Start of the Academic Year
		05/09/23	Committee Applications Deadline
		07/09/23	Welcome Back Borrel Leiden
	Week 37	12/09/23	Excursion: Ministry of Health
		14/09/23	Change of Boards GA
		15/09/23	Waffle Hour
	Week 38	19/09/23	SPIlxCiROS: Prinsjesdag Borrel The Hague
		22/09/23	Excursion: Portuguese Embassy Visit
	Week 39	28/09/23	Excursion: Discrimination and Racism Congress, NCDR
October	Week 40	05/10/23	Short Trip Reveal Borrel Leiden
		05/10/23	Introduction: Back to School Lunch
		06/10/23	Master's Borrel SPIL the Drinks
		07/10/23	Brussels Trip applications open
	Week 41	10/10/23	Excursion: Polish Embassy
		12/10/23	Policy GA
	Week 42	19/10/23	Festive Borrel The Hague
		20/10/23	Study Groups Block 1
	Week 43	23/10/23 – 27/10/23	Exam Week Block 1
November	Week 44		Education Event
		30/10/23	Halloween Party
		30/10/23	Alumni Newsletter
		02/11/23	Festive Borrel Leiden
		30/10/23 - 10/11/23	Short Trip Cover Letters
	Week 45	06/11/23 – 10/11/23	Dies Week
		06/11/23	Dies Hot Chocolate in the Common Rooms
		06/11/23	Dies World Cafe
		07/11/23	Dies Karaoke

		08/11/23	Dies Bowling
		09/11/23	Dies Breakfast and Elections Crash Course
		09/11/23	Dies Lecture
		10/11/23	Dies Party
		11/11/23	Master's Borrel
		06/11/23 - 17/11/23	SPIL-Weekend Committee applications
	Week 46	16/11/23	SPIL CoBo
		15/11/23	Leidsch Debat PJO Borrel (StOP)
		17/11/23	Education: Dutch Politics Crash Course
	Week 47	20/11/23	Reunionist Newsletter
		20/11/23 – 21/11/23	Brussels Trip
		22/11/23	Stairs Affairs Election Night
		23/11/23	DEBAT 1 Reveal and Social Activity (Christmas sweater) Borrel The Hague
December	Week 48	27/11/23	Alumni Newsletter
		27/11/23	Excursion: Save the Children
		28/11/23	Introduction: Gingerbread Decorating Gameshow
		01/12/23	Committee Bonding Day: Game Night
		27/11/23 - 01/12/23	Sinterklaas Activity: ' Schoenzetten'
	Week 49	07/12/23	Festive and Social Activity (Gift Exchange) Borrel Leiden
		08/12/23	Purple Friday: Quiz
	Week 50	11/12/23	Study Groups Block 2
		12/12/23	Long Trip Reveal Activity
		13/12/23	Short Trip Pre-Activity
		15/12/23	Master's PhD Borrel
	Week 51	18/12/23 – 22/22/23	Exam Week Block 2
	Week 52		
January	Week 1		
	Week 2		
	Week 3		
	Week 4	27/01/24 - 04/02/24	Short Trip
February	Week 5	27/01/24 - 04/02/24	Short Trip
		30/01/24 - 02/02/24	Winter OWL

		29/01/24 - 09/02/24	Masters Activities, Dies, Brussels and Introduction Committees applications
	Week 6	29/01/24 - 09/02/24	Masters Activities, Dies, Brussels and Introduction Committees applications
		06/02/24	Master's Borrel SPIL the Drinks
		07/02/24 - 08/02/24	FLO Career Event
		08/02/24	Picasso Party The Hague
	Week 7	12/02/24	Reunionist Newsletter
		13/02/24	Excursion: ICMP
	Week 8	22/02/24	DEBAT 2 Reveal Borrel The Hague
		23/02/24	Friends and Family Day Leiden
March	Week 9	27/02/24	Stairs Affairs Event: BRICS
		29/02/24	Cantus
	Week 10	06/03/24	Interfaculty Party (StOP)
		07/03/24	Excursion: Parliament
		07/03/24	Festive Borrel Leiden
		08/03/24	Education: Guest Students
		09/03/24	Friends and Family Day The Hague
	Week 11	11/03/24	Efteling
		12/03/24 - 18/03/24	Long Trip Cover Letters
		14/03/24	Interim GA
		15/03/24	Interfaculty Food Festival (StOP)
	Week 12	21/03/24	Study Group Block 3 Leiden
		21/03/24	Festive Borrel The Hague: Pub Quiz
		22/03/24	Study Group Block 3 The Hague
	Week 13	25/03/24 – 28/03/24	Exam Week Block 3
		28/03/24	Haagsch Studenten Feest
April	Week 14	04/04/24	Board Interest Borrel Leiden
		05/04/24	SPIL Gala
	Week 15	09/04/24	Board Interest Borrel The Hague
		11/04/24	Excursion: Taipei Office
		12/04/24	Sports Tournament (StOP)
		12/04/24	SPIL Congress
	Week 16	16/04/24	FSW Party
		17/04/24	Festive: Lasergaming

		18/04/24	DEBAT 3 Reveal Borrel The Hague
		19/04/24 – 21/04/24	SPIL-Weekend
	Week 17	22/04/24	PiP-Congress
		23/04/24	Master's SPILxBIL Pub Crawl
		24/04/24	Long Trip Pre-activity
May	Week 18	29/04/24	Excursion: Ministry of Foreign Affairs
		30/04/24	Career Night
		01/05/24	Introduction Picnic
		02/05/24	Study Groups Leiden and The Hague
		02/05/24	Festive Borrel Leiden
		03/05/24	Board Applications close
	Week 19	06/05/24 - 03/05/24	Board interviews
		06/05/24	Committee Thank You Day
		09/05/24	Great Social Activity (GSA)
	Week 20	13/05/24 - 17/05/24	Board interviews
		13/05/24	Boat Lecture
		16/05/24	Merch Reveal and DEBAT 4 Borrel The Hague
	Week 21	21/05/24 - 24/05/24	Exam Week Block 4
		22/05/24	Alumni Event
	Week 22	27/05/24	Board Reveal Borrel
		29/05/24	End-of-Year Party
		31/05/23	Former Boards Borrel
June	Week 23	06/06/24	Affirmation GA
	Week 24	10/06/24	Reunionist Newsletter
		10/06/24	Alumni Newsletter
	Week 25	19/06/24	Long Trip Pre-Activity
	Week 26	25/06/24 - 11/07/24	Long Trip
July	Week 27	25/06/24 - 11/07/24	Long Trip
	Week 28	25/06/24 - 11/07/24	Long Trip
	Week 29		
	Week 30		
August	Week 31		
	Week 32		
	Week 33	12/08/24 - 16/08/24	ELCID Week Leiden
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		26/08/24 - 28/08/24	Freshmen Weekend
		29/08/24	IROrientation Day
	Week 36	02/09/24	Start of the Academic Year
		09/09/24	Excursion: Turkish Embassy
	Week 37	12/09/24	Change of Boards GA
	Week 38		
	Week 39		

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Income			
	Budget 23-24	Re-budget 23-24	Realisation 23-24
Membership fee¹	€ 19.550,93	€ 19.093,27	€ 19.198,27
Acquisitions committee²	€ 2.000,00	€ 1.400,00	€ 1.072,50
General contribution Institute	€ 5.000,00	€ 5.000,00	€ 5.000,00
Interest	€ 4,78	€ 4,78	€ 193,04
Index books³	€ 2.000,00	€ 1.000,00	€ 770,68
Contribution Institute Studystore⁴	€ 2.200,00	€ 2.200,00	€ 2.200,00
Withdrawal Committee Cup reservation⁵	€ 177,04	€ 177,04	€ 100,00
'Vrienden van de SPIL'	€ 130,00	€ 130,00	€ 137,52
Other income⁶	€ 55,00	€ 55,00	€ 29,70
Gift XXXIXth board	€ 750,00	€ 750,00	€ 750,00
Leids Alumni Platform (LAP)⁷	€ 500,00	€ 500,00	€ -
Withdrawal reserve travel allowance int. board member⁸	€ 250,00	€ 250,00	€ 250,00
Open day compensation Faculty⁹	€ -	€ -	€ 750,00
Profit Haagsch Studenten Feest¹⁰	€ -	€ -	€ 429,08
Profit Interfaculty Party¹¹	€ -	€ -	€ 138,84
Total	€ 32.617,75	€ 30.560,09	€ 31.019,63

¹ The membership fee was collected at the end of November, with a total share of 8,7% defaulters.

² The income from acquisitions was unfortunately lower than expected.

³ Additional details on the book sale can be found in the policy.

⁴ The XLIInd board negotiated a one-time €2.200 contribution from the Institute, to compensate for the loss of income due to the bankruptcy of Studystore.

⁵ The XLIIIrd board withdrew €100 from the Committee Cup reserve, to spend on a prize for the winning committee, in the form of their choice of activity within a given budget. As the committee has not yet had the ability to meet up together to claim this prize, the amount will be reserved for this until the end of block 1 of the 24/25 academic year. If by this time the prize has not been claimed, it will be up to the XLIVth board to decide how to spend the reserve, provided it is spent on the Committee Cup. The remainder of the original Committee Cup reserve will remain reserved.

⁶ This income consists of deposits on cans and bottles from the common rooms.

⁷ The Leidsch Alumni Platform was a fund that helped finance alumni activities. This fund has unfortunately been dissolved and therefore no income was realised.

⁸ The XLIIIrd board includes one international board member who has a claim on coverage for travel expenses.

⁹ The Faculty has granted each Social Sciences study association €750, as compensation for their presence at open days. With the exception of this year, the compensation must be spent on activities organised with at least one other Faculty of Social Sciences study association. This will be a yearly compensation.

¹⁰ The Haagsch Studenten Feest (HSF) made a profit, due to realising a higher than expected ticket sale.

¹¹ The Interfaculty Party made a profit, due to realising a higher than expected ticket sale.

Expenses¹²

	Budget 23-24	Re-budget 23-24	Realisation 23-24
Board	€ 4.340,52	€ 4.243,56	€ 4.117,40
President	€ 100,00	€ 100,00	€ 44,08
<i>Stairs Affairs</i>	€ -	€ 100,00	€ 40,98
<i>Interfaculty Gala</i>	€ 100,00	€ -	€ -
<i>PiP Congress</i>	€ -	€ -	€ 3,10
Secretary	€ 1.550,00	€ 1.550,00	€ 1.301,77
<i>General¹³</i>	€ 950,00	€ 950,00	€ 682,58
<i>Introduction</i>	€ 600,00	€ 600,00	€ 619,19
Treasurer	€ 480,00	€ 437,88	€ 437,88
<i>Dies</i>	€ 450,00	€ 437,88	€ 437,88
<i>Interfaculty Congress</i>	€ 30,00	€ -	€ -
Education & Politics	€ 820,00	€ 840,00	€ 649,98
<i>Education</i>	€ 300,00	€ 300,00	€ 317,96
<i>Master activities</i>	€ 250,00	€ 300,00	€ 223,89
<i>Excursions</i>	€ 150,00	€ 120,00	€ 108,13
<i>Interfaculty party</i>	€ 120,00	€ 120,00	€ -
Global Relations	€ 8.466,80	€ 8.466,80	€ 8.244,37
<i>Long trip</i>	€ 4.900,00	€ 4.900,00	€ 4.900,00
<i>Short trip</i>	€ 2.666,80	€ 2.666,80	€ 2.666,56
<i>Pre-activities</i>	€ 200,00	€ 200,00	€ 222,31
<i>Congress</i>	€ 500,00	€ 500,00	€ 198,29
<i>Brussels trip</i>	€ 200,00	€ 200,00	€ 200,00
<i>General</i>	€ -	€ -	€ 61,21
Internal Relations	€ 10.465,88	€ 9.685,38	€ 9.467,59
<i>DEBAT</i>	€ 3.935,88	€ 3.153,38	€ 3.024,31
<i>Yearbook</i>	€ 3.130,00	€ 3.132,00	€ 3.020,50
<i>Festive</i>	€ 3.400,00	€ 3.400,00	€ 3.296,37
External Relations	€ 2.966,01	€ 2.507,94	€ 2.633,28
<i>Acquisition</i>	€ 20,00	€ 20,00	€ 21,00
<i>ICT</i>	€ 822,06	€ 837,94	€ 875,18
<i>Promotion</i>	€ 1.273,95	€ 800,00	€ 883,66
<i>SPIL-weekend</i>	€ 700,00	€ 700,00	€ 728,44
<i>Leidsch Debat</i>	€ 150,00	€ 150,00	€ -
<i>FSW party</i>	€ -	€ -	€ 125,00
PvP	€ 100,00	€ 100,00	€ 100,00
Investments	€ 150,00	€ 150,00	€ 256,64
Reserves	€ 1.950,00	€ 1.250,00	€ 2.339,05
Travel allowance int. board member	€ 250,00	€ 250,00	€ 250,00
Contingencies	€ 978,53	€ 978,53	€ 1.177,59
Total	€ 32.617,74	€ 30.560,09	€ 31.019,63

¹² Any additional comments about the realisation can be found under the specific tables of each post.

¹³ This includes the Former Boards Borrel and Alumni activities.

Board	Budget	Re-budget	Realisation
	23-24	23-24	23-24
Committee thank-you days ¹⁴	€ 500,00	€ 400,00	€ 571,90
ABN-AMRO Business Account			
Expenses	€ 800,00	€ 1.200,00	€ 1.141,63
Expenses General Assembly ¹⁵	€ 400,00	€ 400,00	€ 400,00
Van den Berg-Bachelor thesis award	€ 100,00	€ 94,98	€ 94,98
‘Constitutieborrel’ presents	€ 50,00	€ 50,00	€ 46,20
‘Constitutieborrel’ SPIL ¹⁶	€ 1.500,00	€ 1.167,07	€ 1.167,07
Office supplies	€ 150,00	€ 150,00	€ 165,98
StOP-Contribution	€ 15,00	€ 15,00	€ 15,00
Provisions of SPIL common rooms	€ 150,00	€ 100,00	€ 103,62
Free round of drinks after Change of Boards GA	€ 78,75	€ 78,75	€ 78,75
Staff lunch with the Institute ¹⁷	€ 80,00	€ 80,00	€ -
General Board Expenses ¹⁸	€ 350,00	€ 350,00	€ 164,22
Applications board 2024-2025 ¹⁹	€ 66,77	€ 57,76	€ 59,50
Board activities ²⁰	€ 100,00	€ 100,00	€ 108,55
Total	€ 4.340,52	€ 4.243,56	€ 4.117,40

¹⁴ Due to a budget surplus, the board was able to spend more on the Committee thank-you day in May.

¹⁵ At time of writing, only €237,61 has been realised. The remainder is an estimate of what will be spent during the Change of Boards GA.

¹⁶ The expenses for the SPIL ‘Constitutieborrel’ were lower than expected, due to less guests being present than expected

¹⁷ The board was unfortunately not able to organise a staff lunch with the Institute, due to conflicting agendas.

¹⁸ The realisation is lower than expected, as the Committee Cup reserve was not spent this year.

¹⁹ This was spent on the printing of information booklets.

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

President	Budget 23-24	Re-budget 23-24	Realisation 23-24
Stairs Affairs ²¹	€ -	€ 100,00	€ 40,98
Interfaculty Gala ²²	€ 100,00	€ -	€ -
PiP Congress ²³	€ -	€ -	€ 3,10
Total	€ 100,00	€ 100,00	€ 44,08

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

Treasurer	Budget 23-24	Re-budget 23-24	Realisation 23-24
Dies	€ 450,00	€ 437,88	€ 437,88
Contribution Interfaculty Congress ²⁶	€ 30,00	€ -	€ -
Total	€ 480,00	€ 437,88	€ 437,88

²¹ The realised expenses are lower than expected, in part due to only two instead of three activities being organised.

²² The Interfaculty Gala was unfortunately cancelled.

²³ Expenses consist of transaction costs for the use of Clubcollect to sell tickets for the PiP Congress to SPIL members.

²⁴ The Treasurer decided less would be spent on the Alumni activity, due to the LAP fund falling through, and due to the low number of sign-ups. The event was retroactively funded by the Faculty through the open day compensation.

²⁵ The realisation of the Freshmen Weekend can be found at the end of the budget.

²⁶ The Interfaculty Congress was unfortunately cancelled.

Education & Politics	Budget	Re-budget	Realisation
	23-24	23-24	23-24
Education	€ 300,00	€ 300,00	€ 317,96
<i>Activities & workshops</i> ²⁷	€ 200,00	€ 200,00	€ 301,92
<i>Career</i> ²⁸	€ 100,00	€ 100,00	€ 16,04
Master activities	€ 250,00	€ 300,00	€ 223,89
<i>Activities & workshops</i>	€ 150,00	€ 200,00	€ 207,85
<i>Career</i> ²⁹	€ 100,00	€ 100,00	€ 16,04
Excursions	€ 150,00	€ 120,00	€ 108,13
Contribution Interfaculty Party ³⁰	€ 120,00	€ 120,00	€ -
Total	€ 820,00	€ 840,00	€ 649,98

Global Relations	Budget	Re-budget	Realisation
	23-24	23-24	23-24
Long Trip ³¹	€ 4.900,00	€ 4.900,00	€ 4.900,00
Short Trip ³²	€ 2.666,80	€ 2.666,80	€ 2.666,56
Pre-activities	€ 200,00	€ 200,00	€ 222,31
Congress ³³	€ 500,00	€ 500,00	€ 198,29
Brussels trip	€ 200,00	€ 200,00	€ 200,00

²⁷ The realised expenses are high, due to a lower than expected ticket sale for the Boat Lecture.

²⁸ The Career Night was organised together with the Master's Committee. The combined budget for *Career* was largely not spent, as the event did not come with many costs. The expenses are divided among the two committees.

²⁹ See: footnote 28

³⁰ The Interfaculty Party made a profit. The association which acted as treasurer therefore did not invoice the organising associations, deducting their contribution from their share of the profits instead.

³¹ Due to unforeseen expenses leading up to the trip, a €813,76 extra SPIL contribution was realised. These additional expenses can be found under *Contingencies*. The realisation of the Long Trip can be found at the end of the budget.

³² CASSA rounds up every amount to the next euro, meaning the granted subsidy was calculated based on expenses that are higher than they were in reality. This led to a slightly lower SPIL contribution.

³³ The Treasurer decided less would be spent on the SPIL Congress, due to the small scale of the event. The event was retroactively funded by the Faculty through the open day compensation.

General expenses ³⁴	€ -	€ -	€ 61,21
Total	€ 8.466,80	€ 8.466,80	€ 8.244,37

Internal Relations	Budget 23-24	Re-budget 23-24	Realisation 23-24
DEBAT	€ 3.935,88	€ 3.153,38	€ 3.150,72
<i>4x DEBAT</i>	<i>€ 3.800,00</i>	<i>€ 3.000,00</i>	<i>€ 3.024,31</i>
<i>Workshops</i>	<i>€ 100,00</i>	<i>€ 100,00</i>	<i>€ 73,03</i>
<i>Digital DEBAT</i>	<i>€ 35,88</i>	<i>€ 53,38</i>	<i>€ 53,38</i>
Yearbook	€ 3.130,00	€ 3.132,00	€ 3.020,50
<i>Yearbook³⁵</i>	<i>€ 3.000,00</i>	<i>€ 3.000,00</i>	<i>€ 2.888,50</i>
<i>Indesign Licence</i>	<i>€ 130,00</i>	<i>€ 132,00</i>	<i>€ 132,00</i>
Festive	€ 3.400,00	€ 3.400,00	€ 3.296,37
<i>Borrels</i>	<i>€ 200,00</i>	<i>€ 200,00</i>	<i>€ 198,20</i>
<i>Parties</i>	<i>€ 300,00</i>	<i>€ 300,00</i>	<i>€ 271,92</i>
<i>Gala</i>	<i>€ 1.700,00</i>	<i>€ 1.700,00</i>	<i>€ 1.666,74</i>
<i>Social activities</i>	<i>€ 900,00</i>	<i>€ 900,00</i>	<i>€ 914,91</i>
<i>Beer Cantus</i>	<i>€ 300,00</i>	<i>€ 300,00</i>	<i>€ 244,60</i>
Total	€ 10.465,88	€ 9.685,38	€ 9.467,59

External Relations	Budget 23-24	Re-budget 23-24	Realisation 23-24
Acquisition ³⁶	€ 20,00	€ 20,00	€ 21,00
ICT ³⁷	€ 822,06	€ 837,94	€ 875,18
<i>Licence Snelstart</i>	<i>€ 185,37</i>	<i>€ 185,37</i>	<i>€ 213,44</i>
<i>Conscribo</i>	<i>€ 333,23</i>	<i>€ 333,23</i>	<i>€ 333,23</i>

³⁴ This includes expenses made for the trips in general, such as a wallet for the use of cash abroad and the expansion of the medical kit.

³⁵ The expenses for the yearbook were lower due to the cover design requiring less expensive materials than the previous years.

³⁶ This was spent on buying off the remaining SPIL bottle openers, to give away for free with each purchase at the merchandise market.

³⁷ The costs of some licences have increased.

<i>Hosting www.spilplaats.nl</i>	€ 256,37	€ 272,25	€ 272,25
<i>Licence Elementor</i>	€ 47,09	€ 47,09	€ 56,26
Promotion	€ 1.273,95	€ 800,00	€ 883,66
<i>General expenses</i> ³⁸	€ 325,00	€ 450,00	€ 434,35
<i>Licence Socie</i>	€ 598,95	€ -	€ -
<i>EL CID and HOP Week stands</i> ³⁹	€ 350,00	€ 350,00	€ 350,00
<i>EL CID activity</i> ⁴⁰	€ -	€ -	€ 99,31
Contribution SPIL-weekend ⁴¹	€ 700,00	€ 700,00	€ 728,44
Contribution Leidsch Debat ⁴²	€ 150,00	€ 150,00	€ -
Contribution FSW party ⁴³	€ -	€ -	€ 125,00
Total	€ 2.966,01	€ 2.507,94	€ 2.633,28

Investments	Budget 23-24	Re-budget 23-24	Realisation 23-24
General expenses	€ 150,00	€ 150,00	€ -
<i>SPIL tote bags</i>	€ -	€ -	€ 166,20
<i>SPIL banner</i>	€ -	€ -	€ 90,44
Total	€ 150,00	€ 150,00	€ 256,64

³⁸ General expenses include the costs of promotion materials, such as SPIL stickers, as well as the Canva Pro licence.

³⁹ The invoices for the EL CID and HOP Week stands have not yet been received. The budgeted amount is based on an estimate received by the Treasurer.

⁴⁰ Part of the open day compensation from the Faculty was spent on an activity during EL CID, organised together with Labyrint and Emile.

⁴¹ Due to a technical error, two extra participants were able to sign up for SPIL-weekend. The Commissioner and Treasurer decided to let these participants join the weekend, leading to a slightly higher SPIL contribution for additional expenses made.

⁴² Leidsch Debat was unfortunately cancelled.

⁴³ Part of the open day compensation from the Faculty was put toward the FSW party.

Reserves	Budget 23-24	Re-budget 23-24	Realisation 23-24
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	€ -	€ -
SPIL common room The Hague	€ 150,00	€ -	€ -
SPIL common rooms ⁴⁴	€ -	€ 100,00	€ 100,00
FSW activity ⁴⁵	€ -	€ -	€ 93,57
Committee Cup prize XLIII rd board ⁴⁶	€ -	€ -	€ 100,00
Lens SPIL-camera ⁴⁷	€ -	€ -	€ 250,00
Gift XLIII rd board ⁴⁸	€ -	€ -	€ 645,48
Total	€ 1.950,00	€ 1.250,00	€ 2.339,05

Contingencies	Budget 23-24	Re-budget 23-24	Realisation 23-24
Contingencies	€ 978,53	€ 978,53	€ -
<i>Committee items</i> ⁴⁹	€ -	€ -	€ 363,83
<i>Contingencies Long Trip</i> ⁵⁰	€ -	€ -	€ 813,76
Total	€ 978,53	€ 978,53	€ 1.177,59

⁴⁴ In the Interim budget, the SPIL common room reserves for Leiden and The Hague were merged into a single reserve. This is also reflected in the balance sheet.

⁴⁵ The remainder of the open day compensation from the Faculty is reserved for an activity organised with other Faculty of Social Sciences (FSW) associations.

⁴⁶ The XLIIIrd board withdrew €100 from the Committee Cup reserve, to spend on a prize for the winning committee, in the form of their choice of activity within a given budget. As the committee has not yet had the ability to meet up together to claim this prize, the amount will be reserved for this until the end of block 1 of the 24/25 academic year. If by this time the prize has not been claimed, it will be up to the XLIVth board to decide how to spend the reserve, provided it is spent on the Committee Cup. The remainder of the original Committee Cup reserve will remain reserved.

⁴⁷ This reserve may be used to finance a new lens for the SPIL camera, or to otherwise improve the camera.

⁴⁸ The remainder of the budget surplus is reserved in the form of a gift to the XLIXth board. The reserve is not earmarked and may serve as general income.

⁴⁹ These costs arose due to eighteen committee members not picking up their committee item. Seven of these items belonged to members of the Dies and Brussels Committees. Due to the committee items being delivered to members after their committees had concluded, the Treasurer decided that members of these committees who no longer wanted their committee item could choose not to buy their item.

⁵⁰ Details can be found in the Long Trip realisation at the end of the budget, or in the Global Relations policy.

Balance sheet

Debit		Credit	
ABN-AMRO business account	€ ...	<i>Equity</i>	€ ...
ABN-AMRO savings account	€ ...	Lustrum reserve	€ 4.000,00
Ties (17)	€ 102,00	SPIL common rooms reserve	€ 1.600,00
Bows (10)	€ 76,00	Lustrum DEBAT	€ 1.550,00
Pair of braces (92)	€ 1.840,00	Reserve travel allowance int. board members	€ 1.750,00
Bowties (88)	€ 528,00	Gift XXXIX th board	€ 750,00
Doppers (29)	€ 290,00	Committee Cup reserve	€ 77,04
Former-board pin (36)	€ 73,80	Committee Cup prize XLIII rd board reserve	€ 100,00
Umbrellas (8)	€ 40,00	FSW activity reserve	€ 93,57
Bike packages (25)	€ 250,00	Lens SPIL-camera reserve	€ 250,00
Card holders (4)	€ 14,34	Gift XLIII rd board	€ 645,48
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	
Index books	€ 174,66	EL CID & HOP Week	€ 350,00
Faculty of Social Sciences	€ 750,00		
Total	€ 924,66	Total	€ 350,00

Realisation Long Trip 2024⁵¹

Income				Expenses			
	<i>Estimated budget p.p.</i>	<i>Estimated budget</i>	<i>Realisation</i>		<i>Estimated budget p.p.</i>	<i>Estimated budget</i>	<i>Realisation</i>
Participant Contribution⁵²	€ 750,00	€ 26.250,00	€ 26.250,00	Accommodation			
				Moustache Hostel Delhi	€ 84,70	€ 2.964,35	€ 2.964,35
SPIL contribution	€ 167,78	€ 5.871,95	€ 5.713,76	Moustache Hostel Jaipur	€ 38,21	€ 1.337,18	€ 1.337,18
				Flights	€ 719,00	€ 25.165,00	€ 25.165,00
CASSA contribution	€ 100,00	€ 3.500,00	€ 3.000,00	Transport			
				Private bus	€ 98,57	€ 3.450,00	€ 3.450,00
				Tour Guide	€ 3,43	€ 120,00	€ 120,00
				Activities Delhi⁵³			
				Akshardham Temple	€ 0,99	€ 34,65	€ 36,24
				Humayun's Tomb	€ 5,53	€ 193,55	€ 228,91
				Qutub Minar	€ 5,53	€ 193,55	€ 222,90
				Red Fort	€ 5,53	€ 193,55	€ 228,91
				National or Craft Museum ⁵⁴	€ 7,19	€ 251,65	€ 173,32
				Activities Agra			
				Taj Mahal	€ 13,80	€ 483,00	€ 495,98
				Agra Fort	€ 6,07	€ 212,45	-
				Akbar's Tomb ⁵⁵	-	-	€ 107,92
				Karaoke Night⁵⁶	€ 1,48	€ 51,77	-
				Final dinner	€ 3,00	€ 105,00	-
				Unforeseen costs	€ 24,75	€ 866,25	€ 392,63
				<i>New visas⁵⁷</i>	-	-	€ 316,44
				<i>Leftover cash⁵⁸</i>	-	-	€ 4,09
				<i>Withdrawal costs credit card</i>	-	-	€ 22,70
				<i>Withdrawal costs debit card</i>	-	-	€ 89,82
Total	€ 1.017,78	€ 35.621,95	€ 34.963,76	Total	€ 1.017,78	€ 35.621,95	€ 34.963,76

⁵¹ Details about discrepancies between the budget and the realisation for Long Trip can be found in the policy of the Treasurer.

⁵² The maximum of 35 participants joined the Long Trip.

⁵³ All cultural sites visited in Delhi and Agra, besides the museums, are managed by the *Archaeological Survey of India*. Upon arrival, it became apparent that the Archaeological Survey shows outdated prices on their website, leading to higher realised expenses for these activities.

⁵⁴ Participants could choose to visit the National Museum or the National Craft Museum. Less participants than expected chose the more expensive of the two, leading to lower realised expenses.

⁵⁵ To compensate for the additional expenses for cultural sites, as well as the high costs for withdrawing cash, the committee and the Commissioners decided to visit Akbar's Tomb instead of Agra Fort during the day trip to Agra.

⁵⁶ As explained in the policy, there was no budget left for the Karaoke night and the Final dinner due to unforeseen costs leading up to the trip.

⁵⁷ Due to an incorrect deadline communicated by the Commissioners, nine participants had a visa of which the validity was off by one day. These participants needed to apply for a new visa, for which the costs were covered by SPIL.

⁵⁸ An amount of 375 rupees of unspent cash was left over at the end of the trip.

Realisation Freshmen Weekend 2024

Income				Expenses			
	<i>Estimated budget p.p.</i>	<i>Estimated budget</i>	<i>Realisation</i>		<i>Estimated budget p.p.</i>	<i>Estimated budget</i>	<i>Realisation</i>
Participant contribution⁵⁹	€ 36,50	€ 1.460,00	€ 1.423,50	Accommodation			
Contribution committee and boards⁶⁰	€ 36,50	€ 547,50	€ 584,00	<i>Scouting Poeldijk</i>	€ 13,00	€ 715,00	€ 715,00
				Food and drinks⁶¹	€ 15,50	€ 852,50	€ 888,62
				Activities⁶²	€ 6,72	€ 369,81	€ 342,38
				<i>Firewood</i>	€ -	€ -	€ 15,00
				<i>Bus to the beach</i>	€ -	€ -	€ 256,00
				<i>Supplies 'smuggling game'</i>	€ -	€ -	€ 43,93
				<i>Name tags</i>	€ -	€ -	€ 27,45
				Cleaning fee⁶³	€ -	€ 20,00	€ 40,00
				Unforeseen costs⁶⁴	€ -	€ 50,19	€ 21,50
Total		€ 2.007,50	€ 2.007,50	Total		€ 2.007,50	€ 2.007,50

⁵⁹ The realisation is lower, due to only 39 spots being available for participants, instead of the expected 40. This discrepancy occurred due to more members from the Introduction Committee, the XLIIIrd Board and the XLIVth f.t. Board being present.

⁶⁰ This realisation is higher due to 16 instead of the expected 15 members from the Introduction Committee, the XLIIIrd board and the XLIVth f.t. board being present.

⁶¹ The realisation is higher because additional groceries had to be purchased during the weekend.

⁶² The realisation is lower due to the expenses for the bus being lower than expected.

⁶³ The cleaning fee was originally budgeted lower, due to a misunderstanding by the Treasurer.

⁶⁴ This includes bank costs made for receiving payments from participants from abroad.

FINAL REPORT AUDIT COMMITTEE 2023-2024

03-09-2024, Maastricht and Leiden

Dear members of the ALVV, CALVV, 43rd board and 44th candidate board,

Here it is, the latest column from Audit Committee *Geld is Leiden(d)*. This was of course preceded by an audit check about which we will report in this letter.

Our audit check was the extension of the programme for some participants of the Freshmen Weekend. Not only treasurer Hilhorst but also ft. treasurer Pool were the lucky ones to join us in the chilly basement of the Pieter de la Court.

After our last audit check in February, there was a lot of work waiting for the Audit Committee. While we could indulge in the wild stories of the glorious Freshmen Weekend, the Audit Committee quickly got to work. All income and expenses of SPIL were closely reviewed. The treasurer had her bookkeeping in good order. Coffee was well-stocked this year by the Commissioner External Relations, who had so firmly established his coffee reputation that even his other expenses were classified under 'coffee' by the treasurer. This coffee receipt was missing, but so this eventually turned out to be just a mix-up.

The treasurer provided the Audit Committee with a nice overview of the expenses of the long trip with corresponding currency differences. Although the Audit Committee got a slightly chaotic picture of this trip after hearing the stories, the finances turned out to be anything but chaotic.

After all the receipts were reviewed, it was time to count the merchandise. After the previous audit check, all merchandise now appeared to be on-hand in Leiden. Therefore, all items were counted neatly under our supervision. Again, there were no complications.

In conclusion, the Audit Committee is glad to have been able to support the 43rd board. As members of the 41st board, with some nostalgia we were able to share our experiences in the form of advice. The Audit Committee would like to advise the ft. Audit Committee and ft. treasurer to schedule one more audit check before the long trip, so that the final audit check can focus more on the long trip without being particularly time-consuming.

We enjoyed being the Audit Committee *Geld is Leiden(d)*, over cake and a sandwich.

We have spoken and it was our pleasure,

Audit Committee *Geld is Leiden(d)*