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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

1. Opening
2. Choosing Voting Committee
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6. Evaluating the Minutes of the Policy GA, d.d. October 9th 2025
7. Interim policy XLVth Board 'SPILtacular'
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11. Discharges and Installations
12. Any Other Businesses (W.v.t.t.k.)
13. Round of Questions
14. Discharge of the Voting Committee
15. End of the Meeting

Dear members,

due to technical difficulties the Secretary was not able to fully write out the minutes. For some parts of the General Assembly the Secretary was not able to hear the recordings because of a loud noise. Whenever this was the case the Secretary tried to make the minutes complete with the notes she made during the General Assembly or she marked red what is missing. Members are more than welcome to ask these questions again during the Interim GA. The Secretary will try everything she can to make the minutes for the upcoming General Assembly more clear. Thank you for understanding.

MINUTES POLICY GA, d.d. 9 OCTOBER 2025

1. Opening

The Chair of the Ga, Mr. Van Kampen opens the meeting at 18:57.

Those present at the GA are:

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| Pieter Mauritz | Kasya Hilhorst |
| Josephine van Os | Samyuktha Mahadevan |
| Nena Vermeiden | Laurens van Iersel |
| Evy Verbrugge | Robin Buijs |
| Casijn de Haas | Sem van der Voort |
| Eleana Cadet | Judith Hordijk |
| Jip Röling | Janneke Pool |
| Gijs Verhoeff | Ralph Otten |
| Ella Teague | Jules Fockens |
| Noor Stuijt | Lilli Helin |
| Martin de Haan | Soizic Michotte van den Berck |
| Celia Hiver | Jack Vuijk |
| Inge van Hoek | Hidde Heijerman |
| Ruchi van Zoelen | Rikus Doedens |
| Kathrin Brill | Anna Easton |
| Donna Dekker | Eva van Rheenen |
| Maj Jolij | Alfons Hooft |

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

2. Choosing Voting Committee

The Chair of the GA tells the GA it is his very last GA as Chair of the GA.

Ms. Pool asks the Chair of the GA what his favorite memory as Chair of the GA is.

The Chair of the GA explains it is the GA with 10 motions where he forgot to ask the Board for advice before voting on a motion.

The Chair of the GA explains what a GA is and asks who is at the GA for the first time.

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

Mr. Fockens is asking if wine is calling as a beverage and explains he wants red wine.

Ms. Vermeiden explains that red wine is calling as a beverage.

The Chair of the GA is asking if Mr. Fockens and Ms. Hordijk have any motivation to become the Voting Committee.

Ms. Hordijk explains it would be great to be on the Voting Committee.

Ms. Pool explains the motivation of the Voting Committee is really important.

Mr. Fockens explains his motivation is red wine.

Ms. Hordijk explains her motivation is beer and Mr. Fockens.

Ms. Hordijk and Mr. Fockens are hammered in as Voting Committee

3. Setting the agenda

No changes, the agenda is set.

4. Announcements

The Chair of the GA does his announcements. He explains to the GA that they can raise their hand if they want to speak. He also asks the GA to say last names so the Secretary can write them for the minutes.

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

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

The Chair of the GA is asking how many sheets of motion paper are printed.

Ms. Van Os explains more than fifteen sheets of motion paper are printed.

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

Ms. Van Os announces there is a free round of drinks for everybody who stays until the end of the GA.

Ms. Van Os announces borrelnootjes and zure matten are provided this GA due to the motion the Board received last GA.

The Chair of the GA is asking where Mr. Divendal is since he handed in the motion.

Ms. Van Os explains Mr. Divendal is salsa dancing.

5. Received documents

Ms. Van Os explains there are four vote transfers. One from Mr. Van Kampen tot Mr. Buijs, one from Mr. Divendal to Ms. Van Hoek, one from Mr. Hooft to Ms. Van Hoek and one from Ms. Stuijt to Ms. Hilhorst. She also explains she received the CALVV letter.

6. Installing minutes

No objections, minutes are set.

7. Policy plan

The Chair of the GA explains in the policy the Board wrote about their plans for the upcoming year. The policy will be discussed point by point and questions can be asked.

3.1.1

Mr. Verhoeff is asking what the board bonding activity was.

Mr. Mauritz explains the Board will go to Scally's to eat scones.

3.1.2

Mr. Van der Voort is asking if the Board already had a meeting with the study advisors in The Hague and how the meeting went.

Mr. Mauritz explains the Board had a meeting with the study advisors in The Hague. Together they had an one hour meeting with coffee and talked about what they can promote for each other and the plans for the year.

Ms. Hilhorst is asking how the drinks with other associations were.

Mr. Mauritz explains they were very gezellig and is happy to hear the other associations are open to collaborate on events.

3.1.3

Ms. Pool is asking about the current situation within the PvP.

Mr. Mauritz explains the PvP is the Platform for Political Scientists. This is a collaboration between study associations for Political Science. The PvP has their own bank account but has high banking costs. Since there were problems with the former Treasurer of the PvP, not a lot of progress has been made.

Ms. Pool asks who the Treasurer is.

Mr. Mauritz explains the current Treasurer is from three Boards ago.

Ms. Pool explains it is not Mr. Mauritz's fault.

Mr. Mauritz explains he is the Treasurer on this PvP Board.

Ms. Pool suggests setting a deadline to have everything finalised as soon as possible.

Mr. Mauritz explains he has contact with his predecessor.

Ms. Vermeiden explains banks can be slow and it therefore takes a lot of time.

Mr. Van der Voort explains it is just not functioning properly, this problem has been going on for a longer time.

3.1.4

Ms. Van Hoek is asking what the Internationalisation activity is.

Mr. Mauritz explains the Internationalisation activity itself if not certain since it is up to the committee, the goal of the activity is cross cultural exchange.

Mr. Van der Voort is asking how the contact with the NKPW is going.

Mr. Mauritz explains he met Mr. Van der Vlist and they have contact via email.

Ms. Helin is asking how the dresscode was adhered.

Mr. Mauritz explains people dressed according to the dresscode.

Ms. Stuijt is asking who the dresscode-manager is.

Mr. Mauritz explains it is Ms. Vermeiden

3.2.1

Mr. Fockens is asking if they will be meeting with Tristan in Brussels.

Mr. Mauritz explains he will be present.

Mr. Verhoeff is asking why Mr. Maurits decided to put more load on Board members to help within the Brussels Committee.

Mr. Mauritz explains this makes more sense. The Treasurer of the former Board already did a lot, so there will not be a lot of bookkeeping to do. Picking new members would take a lot of time.

Mr. Verhoeff is asking if he wants to keep this up in the future.

Mr. Mauritz explains he will see how the trip went and will report his ideas to his successor.

Ms. Pool explains not appointing a new Treasurer is a good choice.

3.3.1

Mr. van der Voort is asking how the new members are doing within the committee.

Mr. Mauritz explains the committee did some bonding and the committee members are doing well.

Mr. Van der Voort is asking what the roles of the new committee members are.

Mr. Verhoeff explains this is not definitive yet, they will have a meeting next week.

4.1.1

Ms. Van Os explains SPIL has a total of 903 members. The bachelor consists of 129 International Politics students, 133 Political Science students and 491 International Relations and Organisations students. There are 49 masters students and 102 members whose programme is unknown.

Ms. Pool compliments the Board.

Ms. Hilhorst is asking how many people will pay via direct debit.

Ms. Vermeiden explains about 400 persons.

4.1.2

Ms. Helin says she likes the new rubric.

Mr. Verhoeff is asking why the newsletters are not on the website.

Ms. Van Os explains she forgot but will work together with Ms. Cadet to get this done.

4.1.3

Ms. Pool is asking about the plan of signing out Reunionist members since there is an informal rule of not signing out Reunionists.

Ms. Vermeiden explains all Reunionist members will receive three reminder emails to pay their membership. If they do not pay they will get signed out.

Ms. Pool

Ms. Vermeiden something about second reminder email lot of effect.

Ms. Hordijk advises to first ask Reunionist members for direct debit mandates and sign them out after three reminder emails.

Ms. Vermeiden explains she is looking into the batches and if the costs of the batches will not be too high.

Ms. Stuijt is asking what the total number of Reunionist members is and how many paid last year.

Ms. Van Os explains SPIL has a total of 69 Reunionist members and about 30 members paid last year.

Ms. Stuijt is asking if the people who did not pay last year also did not pay the year before.

Ms. Vermeiden explains she does not know.

Ms. Pool advises to only sign out the people who did not pay last year and this year and send reminder emails. She also advises looking into a direct debit mandate.

Ms. Vermeiden explains she will take it into consideration.

Ms. Stuijt remarks the email is not up to date and does not know if it is worth the effort.

Ms. Vermeiden explains we will lose the members either way and the mandate is a good idea.

4.1.4

Ms. Hordijk is asking if the Secretary can fill in the blank.

Ms. Van Os explains SPIL has a total of 321 Alumni.

Ms. Hordijk is asking if Ms. Van Os already is in contact with the Alumni Coordinator of University.

Ms. Van Os explains she had contact with a study advisor and received contact information of the Alumni Coordinator.

4.1.5

Ms. Hilhorst is asking why the policy was sent only one week prior to the GA.

Ms. Van Os answers that in case of the Policy GA members always receive policy one week prior to the GA, for the other GA's members will receive the policy two weeks prior to the GA.

4.1.6

Mr. Verhoeff is asking if the Secretary already found a date for the Former Boards Borrel.

Ms. Van Os explains the date can be found in the yearplan, she is now planning the borrel on the 28th of November but is talking to former Board members to see if the date fits their schedules.

5.1.1

Mr. Van der Voort is asking why the halloween party is an exception on making profit.

Ms. Vermeiden explains the aim is not to make any profit on SPIL parties, with the exception of Halloween because this is a party that is capable of creating a lot of profit.

Mr. Verhoeff explains that due to the financial situation maybe small profit is advised.

Ms. Hilhorst explains the Treasurer is aware of this.

Ms. Pool remarks it is nice to make profit.

Ms. Hilhorst is asking if there is an agreement with the Institute Board on paper about their contribution to the association this year.

Ms. Vermeiden explains it is not on paper but she had a good meeting with the Institute Board.

Ms. Pool is asking if Ms. Vermeiden has more information about the travel compensation for International Board members.

Ms. Vermeiden explains the Institute Board is looking into it.

5.1.2

Mr. Van der Voort is asking why the Treasurer thinks it wouldn't be possible to reach the same amount of members.

Ms. Vermeiden explains it will take a long time before SPIL will reach this amount of members again and it is very uncertain.

Ms. Van Hoek is asking if the numerus fixus will influence the amount of members.

Ms. Vermeiden explains she doesn't know.

Ms. Hilhorst explains the members now will remain members and it is not realistic to get back to the amount of members SPIL had before.

Mr. De Haan is asking how big the effect is now that not everyone is paying.

Ms. Vermeiden explains there is probably a 60% loss on membership income but the association will get more money from the Institute Board.

5.1.3

Ms. Helin is asking if there are already people who donated to Support our SPIL.

Ms. Vermeiden explains no.

Ms. Michotte van den Berck is asking what kind of personal message people will receive.

Ms. Vermeiden explains the Board wants to be as creative as possible.

Ms. Michotte van den Berck requests

Ms. Pool is asking the Treasurer to promote Support our SPIL.

Ms. Vermeiden gives a speech.

5.1.4

Mr. Verhoeff says he understands the decision but wants to stress in every yearbook SPIL-weekend is considered the favorite memory of members therefore this is a big decision. He proposed a motion about this and explains the motion.

Ms. Pool explains she agrees with the proposal of the decision of the Board. Even though SPIL-weekend is the favorite activity of the members in yearbook it is biased since the survey had been taken right after SPIL-weekend. She is asking if the Treasurer knows other details about the survey.

Ms. Michotte van den Berck

Ms. Vermeiden gives information about the survey

Mr. Verhoeff explains he thinks it is a big decision and this must be discussed during a GA in the future.

Ms. Stuijt remarks at the Affirmation GA the GA agrees on trusting the Board and at the Policy GA the Board presents the policy. *Therefore*

Ms. Hilhorst explains during the Policy GA we vote on the policy and changes can still be made, so discussing ideas earlier would not make sense.

Mr. Van der Voort explains he agrees the decision *and tells*

The Chair of the GA explains the GA can have a lot of power and gives an example from the past.

Ms. Pool remarks if we are not talking about SPIL-weekend or the trip we should stop the discussion.

5.2

Ms. Pool explains she does not support fast fashion.

Ms. Helin is asking about how many spots the trip will have and when applications will open.

Ms. Vermeiden explains there will be 40 spots, 7 for the committee and 6 for the Board. She explains she does not know out of the top of her head when the applications will open and tells she will look it up.

Ms. Van Hoek is asking why people should hand in the motivation letters in the common room and not online.

Ms. Vermeiden explains that the motivation letters will be printed out either way because the letters need to be anonymous.

Ms. Van Hoek

Ms. Vermeiden explains she can take this into consideration.

Ms. Stuijt explains she saw the deadline for the motivation letters for winter trip is in week 44. Also she explains the letters are paper to show someone's dedication to take part in the trip but she understands it is inconvenient.

Ms. Helin explains the rules of procedure and also says the motivation letters should be on paper.

Ms. Vermeiden explains online motivation letters are then not happening.

Mr. Van der Voort is suggesting to look into online motivation letters for the Summer Trip applications.

Ms. Vermeiden explains she will look into it.

Ms. Pool explains it is a nice addition people need to come to the common room to hand in their letters because maybe they have never been to the common room before.

Ms. Helin explains the XLIV'th Board already changed the Rules of Procedure last year and suggests to not change the Rules of Procedure again for this year since this is such a small element.

6.1.1

Mr. Otten is asking if Ms. Verbrugge is in contact with the career coordinator from university.

Ms. Verbrugge explains she had a meeting with her today and will give an update on the next GA.

Ms. Hilhorst is asking if it is not an overload of work since there will be a Stairs Affairs event but no committee.

Ms. Verbrugge explains emailing potential speakers is not a lot of work. Both Board members and members of the Education Committees of both associations will be present.

Mr. Otten is asking who the collaboration of the Dutch politics event is going.

Ms. Verbrugge explains it is a good collaboration, University has a poster and speakers. The event will be a panel with multiple professors.

Ms. Helin advises to promote the event a lot but consider that the week before exams not a lot of people will show up.

Mr. Otten is asking when the event will take place.

Ms. Verbrugge explains the event will take place on the 15th of October and starts at 19:15.

6.1.2

Mr. Otten is asking how the excursion to the House of Europe went.

Ms. Verbrugge explains it was a nice excursion, a lot of first years joined the excursion, the talk was interesting and they talked about career options. The excursion was successful.

6.1.3

The Chair of the GA is asking the present members of the Masters Committee to state their names and give a speech about the Masters Committee.

Mr. Van Iersel and Ms. Mahadevan explain they are the chair and treasurer of the Masters Committee. They will provide fun activities open to all members. During their first event they met new people.

Mr. Otten is asking if the committee is planning on organising a pub quiz.

Mr. Van Iersel explains yes.

The Chair of the GA is asking if Mr. Otten has experience in creating a pub quiz.

Mr. Otten explains yes.

Mr. Otten is asking if he is invited.

Mr. Van Iersel explains yes.

Ms. Helin is asking if the committee is in contact with the university about promoting the events for masters students.

Ms. Verbrugge explains she will take it into consideration.

6.1.4

Ms. Hilhorst is asking for an explanation about offering books per semester and for separate blocks.

Ms. Verbrugge explains students are able to order all the books for one semester but could also buy the books per block, this is done to hopefully improve sales.

Ms. Hilhorst is asking what previously has been done.

Ms. Verbrugge explains it was the same last year.

Ms. Otten is asking if Ms. Verbrugge already had a meeting with Index Books.

Ms. Verbrugge explains they have contact and will have a meeting soon.

Mr. Van der Voort is asking if the contract is being continued or if looking for more possibilities is an option.

Ms. Verbrugge explains she will look into re-negotiating the contract.

Mr. Van der Voort explains he thinks it is possible to try to get more out of the contract.

Mr. Otten is asking if the book sale will include the list for the whole year.

Ms. Verbrugge explains that the book sale will include the list for the whole year.

6.1.5

Mr. Otten is asking if Ms. Verbrugge has a spot on the OLC.

Ms. Verbrugge explains yes.

Mr. Otten is asking if there are ideas to make the OLC more visible.

Ms. Verbrugge explains she is a peer mentor and she will be discussing with other members about the programme.

6.1.6

Ms. Michotte van den Berck is asking what the reason is to make a LinkedIn post for every event.

Ms. Verbrugge explains she could also combine posts if all events happened within the same period of time.

Mr. Van der Voort is asking if there already is a LinkedIn post of the previous excursion.

Ms. Verbrugge answers no.

Mr. Van der Voort is suggesting to post about the first education activity and the excursion.

Ms. Verbrugge explains she could combine activities in one post.

Ms. Michotte van den Berck is asking how often posts are planned and if non-academic activities will be posted.

Ms. Verbrugge explains she will discuss with the Board what to mention in a LinkedIn post, these events could also be non-academic.

Ms. Michotte van den Berck advises to not post non-academic activities on LinkedIn.

Ms. Helin is asking if events like parties and borrels will also be included in the LinkedIn posts.

Ms. Verbrugge explains no

Ms. Verhoeff suggests to keep some of the social activities on the LinkedIn, this is nice for former Board members to see since they are mostly active on LinkedIn. He also suggests to not post about all social activities.

Ms. Van Zoelen explains it might be nice to make one post with academic and non-academic activities.

Mr. Buijs is asking for clarification about the quote.

Mr. Verhoeff explains the quote was said during the Short Trip in Barcelona and a building won a prize.

Mr. Buijs explains the university is looking for a new name for the FSW building and you can send in a name.

6.2.2

Mr. Van der Voort is asking how the collaboration with CIROS is going.

Ms. Verbrugge explains the same person as last year is in charge of organising the study groups and the collaboration is going very well.

Mr. Van der Voort is asking if the format changed.

Ms. Verbrugge explains no.

6.2.3

Mr. Van der Voort is asking if Friends Day and Family Day in The Hague will be combined.

Ms. Verbrugge explains there will still be a friends day in The Hague and she is considering with her committee if they should combine both days. Since there are a lot of IRO students in her committee she thinks they can make a good decision.

Mr. Van der Voort explains he advises to combine both friends and family day in The Hague.

Mr. Van der Voort is asking if there are already plans for family day in The Hague.

Ms. Verbrugge explains there is no plan yet but she is talking with her committee.

Mr. Van der Voort advises to plan in advance since university buildings are closed in the weekends and family members might have to ask for a day off.

6.2.4

Mr. Van der Voort is asking if there is looked into other possibilities then Scouting Paulus.

Ms. Verbrugge explains she is looking into other options.

Mr. Van der Voort explains looking into other possibilities is smart.

Ms. Helin is asking if the drug game is still relevant to organise during Freshmen Weekend.

Ms. Verbrugge explains the game itself is nice but she will make it more interactive this year.

7.1.1.2

Ms. Helin is asking who will give the writing workshop.

Mr. De Haas explains it will be the same person as last year.

7.1.1.3

Ms. Van Zoelen is asking what the division is in the English and Dutch articles since there are no rules to it anymore.

Mr. De Haas explains there are more English articles written than the past issues.

Ms. Helin explains she experiences more people wanted to write in English as the year went on.

Mr. De Haas explains for now there is no problem.

Ms. Hilhorst compliments the idea to bring back ideas from previous issues.

Ms. Van Zoelen explains she likes the new types of articles.

Ms. Helin explains she agrees with Ms. Van Zoelen.

7.1.1.5

Ms. Helin is asking if DEBAT is planning on making TikTok.

Mr. De Haas explains there is a plan for a SPIL TikTok where DEBAT will also be promoted.

7.1.2

Ms. Van Hoek is asking if it is possible to post snippets on TikTok

Mr. De Haas explains this was the plan but filming is an issue so the committee is looking into it.

Ms. Helin is asking how the promotion of the podcast will happen.

Mr. De Haas explains the committee secretary in charge of the promotion and the podcast will have their own Instagram account.

7.1.3

Ms. Van Zoelen is asking which company will be printing the yearbooks since she read in the policy they do not work together with Perfect Books anymore.

Mr. De Haas explains they are looking to work with Orange Books, this is a printing company who also made yearbooks for other associations but Perfect Books is also still an option.

Ms. Van Zoelen explains the same printing company as SPIL uses for DEBAT also makes yearbooks.

Mr. Heijerman explains Orange Books also made B.I.L. yearbooks of last year and mentions they look good.

Mr. De Haas explains Mr. Heijerman is the chair of the Yearbook Committee and he likes the latest B.I.L. yearbook so he decided to contact Orange Books. Also the yearbooks will be cheaper.

Ms. Hilhorst is asking if members will be paying for the yearbook this year since other associations do this and it was also discussed last year.

Ms. Vermeiden answers they considered it but don't want to ask money for it also since SPIL uses the yearbook as promotion during open days and they would need to use a pre-order for the yearbooks.

Mr. De Haas explains he wants as many people as possible to read the yearbook, if people need to pay for the yearbook they are less likely to read it.

Ms. Helin is asking how Lustrum will collaborate with the yearbook.

Mr. De Haas explains the committee is considering a collaboration.

The GA Chair suspends the meeting at 19:41.

The GA Chair reopens the meeting at 20:50.

7.2.1

The Chair of the GA is asking if the secretary or treasurer of the Festive Committee is present.

Mr. Vuijk explains he is the treasurer of the Festive Committee and announces the Halloween party.

Mr. Vuijk is asking if the GA is coming to the Halloween party.

Mr. Van der Voort is asking when the party will be.

Mr. De Haas explains the party will be on November 3rd.

Mr. Van der Voort explains he has badminton training and is not able to come.

Mr. Heijerman is asking what the ticket prices are.

Mr. De Haas explains this is not announced yet.

Mr. Otten is asking why he should come.

Mr. Vuijk explains everyone needs to dress up in a costume and the best costume wins a price, which is awesome. Also the first 100 people who enter get a free shot.

Mr. Heijerman is asking what the theme will be.

Mr. Vuijk explains the theme is Halloween

Ms. Van Hoek is asking what Mr. Vuijk is going to wear at the Halloween party.

Mr. Vuijk answers he will dress up as a police officer.

Mr. Verhoeff explains he has an Obi-Wan Kenobi costume.

Mr. Van der Voort is asking if Mr. Verhoeff is going to the Halloween party.

Mr. Verhoeff explains he is going but is not going to dress up as Obi-Wan Kenobi.

Mr. Otten is asking if The Chair of the GA is coming to the Halloween party.

The Chair of the GA explains no.

7.2.2

Mr. Verhoeff is asking why Cafe L'Esperance is only described as 'adequate'.

Mr. De Haas explains this is a positive word.

7.2.3

Ms. Helin is asking how the communication with Picasso is going.

Mr. De Haas explains the collaboration is going well and the first party was a success. For the first collaboration party SPIL made a profit of € 339,74.

Ms. Van Zoelen is asking what Mr. De Haas his favorite karaoke song is.

Mr. De Haas explains it is Habiba by Boef.

Ms. Van Hoek is asking if Habiba is also his favorite song, and if so if Mr. De Haas can perform it.

Mr. De Haas explains Habiba is not his favorite song, his favorite Boef song is Range Sessie. And if the GA wants to hear him rapping Boef they have to hand in a motion.

Ms. Van Hoek explains she heard that on the podcast SD card are tapes of raps and is wondering if they can be played the next GA.

Mr. De Haas explains that the recordings of the trail session are strictly confidential records.

Mr. Verhoeff is asking what Mr. De Haas his least favorite karaoke song is.

Mr. De Haas explains he thinks this question is worded very negatively and since he tries to stay positive he is not going to mention a song.

Ms. Van Hoek is asking if Mr. De Haas could repeat the name of his favorite Boef song.

Mr. De Haas explains it is Range Sessie.

Mr. Verhoeff explains he had to sing the Barbie song every GA according to a motion.

Mr. Van der Voort explains the Barbie song can be incorporated in the same motion.

Mr. De Nijs is asking Mr. De Haas his opinion about Taylor Swift.

Mr. De Haas explains he hears Taylor Swift a lot in his house since his housemates love her music.

Mr. De Nijs is asking what Mr. De Haas his opinion is about jazz.

Mr. De Haas explains he likes every genre of music, this can also be heard in the common rooms.

Mr. Vuijk is asking what Mr. De Haas is planning on wearing during the Halloween party.

Mr. De Haas explains this is strictly confidential, but the Board will dress up in the same theme.

7.2.4

Ms. Helin remarks it is good that a lot of social activities are organised.

8.1.1

Mr. Van der Voort is asking if the focus is only deals for members or also money for the association.

Ms. Cadet explains for restaurants only a discount for our members is possible but beneficial, recently a new partnership with Frenchies burgers started.

Ms. Helin is asking how the contact with Poke Perfect is going and if they already made new plans.

Ms. Cadet explains they did a try-out in Leiden. All committee members have a specialisation, one committee member is focussed on food and beverage deals. This person is in contact with Poke Perfect.

Mr. Vuijk is asking for an elaboration on partnerships with ministries.

Ms. Cadet explains Ms. Vermeiden saw another study association has the Ministry of Foreign Affairs mentioned on their website, this would be good for the visibility of the association. In general it is good to have educational partnerships.

8.1.2

Mr. Verhoeff is asking if the merch market is organised this year.

Ms. Cadet explains yes.

Mr. De Haan is asking when the merch market will be.

Ms. Cadet explains this will be in the second semester during a borrel.

Mr. Heijerman is asking if the committees have a say in the designing of the committee pins.

Ms. Cadet explains no.

Ms. Helin is asking if the goal is to have deals or to earn money for the association.

Ms. Cadet explains the goal is to earn money for the association and the different committee members focus on different areas. Some focus on money for the association, others on deals.

8.1.4

Ms. Van Hoek is asking if the flyers of SPIL could be handed out in the central hall during the open day to make SPIL more visible during an open day.

Ms. Van Os explains the concept for study associations during the open day is revised and the study associations will be more visible, but handing out the SPIL flyers is a good idea if Mr. Van der Voort agrees.

Mr. Verhoeff explains he recommends the Board to approach the university or the Institute Board to let them know we want SPIL to be present during the open day, preferably at the main market in the central hall.

Mr. Verhoeff is asking if Ms. Cadet wants to renew the flyers and what her idea is.

Ms. Cadet explains she is renewing the flyers.

Mr. Verhoeff is asking what will be changed to the flyers due to sustainability reasons.

Ms. Cadet explains there are flyers left from the introduction days. Since a lot of flyers were bought they can also be used during open days.

Mr. Heijerman is asking if Ms. Cadet knows a lot of TikTok is bad for the attention span of members.

Ms. Cadet explains she wants to make more TikToks than last year, but not so many members will get addicted to TikTok. She sees TikTok as a popular promotion app and thinks it is an additional way to upload funny content for the association.

8.1.4.2

Ms. Hilhorst is asking if the Board has already approached the university to take down the video about SPIL on their website.

Ms. Cadet explains she does not have access to the YouTube channel since the password is unknown. If she cannot get access to the YouTube channel she will look into making a new channel and make a new video. The Promotion Committee will help with this since the committee has a video team.

Ms. Hilhorst is asking if the old video could be taken down in the meantime.

Ms. Cadet explains she rather wants to replace the video and not remove it and not have a video.

Mr. Van der Voort explains the video is on the website from Leiden University so the Board could request to take the video down.

Ms. Hilhorst explains she thought in a previous GA removing the video as soon as possible was discussed.

Ms. Cadet explains she will do research, she was not aware of this.

Mr. Vuijk is asking about an update for the website since some information is outdated.

Ms. Cadet explains she will update the website.

8.1.4.3

Mr. Verhoeff is asking how many members are currently making use of the app.

Ms. Cadet explains she does not know the number out of the top of her head.

Mr. Verhoeff remarks this is something the GA needs an update of every GA, it could also be nice to include in the policy.

8.1.5

Mr. Heijerman is asking why the name of the website is spilplaats.

Mr. Mauritz explains the website is a place where you can find SPIL.

Mr. Heijerman is asking if SPIL . nl wouldn't be a better name.

Mr. Maurits explains that name does not have the charm spilplaats has so the name will not be changed.

Mr. Fockens explains spilplaats is a very clever wordplay, spilplaats translates to playground. Also plaats means site which can be linked to website.

Mr. Vuijk explains there is a new news platform called SPIL.

Year Plan

Mr. Van der Voort is asking if VVV'tjes day will fall under friends day.

Ms. Van Os explains for now it does, she will wait for the ideas of Ms. Verbrugge and the Introduction Committee and will provide a more extensive year plan during the Interim GA.

Mr. Vuijk is asking who organises schoentje zetten.

Mr. Buijs explains Sinterklaas.

The Chair of the GA is asking if Mr. Buijs will be Sinterklaas this year.

Mr. Mauritz explains the Board organises schoentje zetten.

Mr. Otten is asking if there will be space for more excursions in the year.

Ms. Verbrugge explains the talkshow to Pauw & De Wit is not finalised yet and she is discussing this with the committee.

Mr. Otten is asking if the visit to the talkshow does not go though if it will be replaced with another type of institution.

Ms. Verbrugge explains yes.

Mr. Van der Voort is asking how many excursions were organised last year.

Mr. Otten explains nine or ten.

Ms. Van Os explains if Ms. Verbrugge and the Excursions Committee are willing to organise more excursions and if it fits the year plan they can organise more excursions.

Income

Ms. Easton is asking is asking if the university will cover travel costs for international Board members only for this year or also for upcoming years *and if there is a reserve.*

Ms. Vermeiden explains it is unclear how the university will cover the travel costs for international board members but she is planning on reaching out to the university and ask about this. She also explains there is a remaining € 1.500,-.

Ms. Pool explains for the travel costs of international Board members there is only a promise on voice memo. She is also asking if Ms. Vermeiden is going to abolish the reserve.

Ms. Vermeiden explains she will keep the reserve in case the university will not give the reimbursement.

Ms. Pool explains she thinks SPIL should pay for more travel costs of Board members in general.

Mr. Vuijk is asking how the income for parties is calculated.

Ms. Vermeiden explains last year there was an income of almost € 2000,- and now there is already a profit of € 340,- on the Picasso party and more Picasso parties will be organised this year. Also the Halloween party had an income last year of about € 800,-.

Mr. De Haan is asking if the Board is planning on an increase of the membership fee since the income of membership fee is lower than last year.

Ms. Vermeiden explains the membership fee got raised last year from €17,50 to €19,50. Therefore she was not planning on raising the membership fee this year but if it might happen in the future. Besides that SPIL is trying to get more members very actively but there is a limit on how much time the Board can spend on this and mostly happens during the introduction weeks, open days and the first week of September.

Mr. Van der Voort is asking why Vrienden van de SPIL will only rise in budget with €3,-.

Ms. Vermeiden explains she probably calculated this wrong.

Education and Politics

Ms. Pool is asking if the costs for the career night is only for the career night or can also be used for career events.

Ms. Vermeiden explains this money can be spent on any career related event.

Ms. Pool is asking if only one event is going to be organised under Stairs Affairs.

Ms. Verbrugge explains yes.

Ms. Pool is asking why they are planning to spend €100,- on this event.

Ms. Vermeiden explains she did not take the B.I.L. into account.

Ms. Verbrugge explains she forgot to communicate this and will have a talk with B.I.L. to make sure the contribution to the event is even.

Internal Relations

Ms. Helin is asking what the budget for money borrels will be spent on.

Ms. Vermeiden explains it is up to the Festive Committee, for the borrel with CIROS it was for example spent on drinks for the winning team of the quiz.

Ms. Van Zoelen is asking why the amount of DEBAT magazine per issue will not be lowered since this is a way to cut money.

Mr. De Haas explains if there will be less issues printed they will be more expensive per issue so it is not really worth it to lower the amount of printed issues.

Ms. Van Zoelen explains she had the same issue, but lowering it will make a bit of a difference.

Ms. Vermeiden explains they did not think the difference was big enough to change the budget.

Ms. Pool is asking how cuts in the cost of the yearbook will be made.

Mr. De Haas explains the change in printing company will result in a lower price and the elements in the yearbook will make a difference as well. If needed the amount of printed books can be made.

Ms. Vermeiden explains they thought about lowering the amount of yearbooks. Last year the yearbooks were € 30,- per book and still a lot of yearbooks from last year are over as well as a few from this year. There will be looked into lowering the amount from 100 to 75 yearbooks but they will first be in contact with the publishers to see if it is worth it.

Mr. De Haas explains he is in contact with the publishers but lowering will make the yearbooks per book more expensive.

Ms. Hilhorst explains it can save SPIL money, and people who are not willing to pay for a yearbook will not read the yearbook anyways. She explains she thinks taking sustainability into account is also important.

Mr. De Haas explains he is surprised how many yearbooks have been handed out so far and lowering the amount of yearbooks will result in people not being able to get a yearbook. For DEBAT he gets the point but he saw that during the introduction weeks DEBAT was very popular for new members.

Ms. Vermeiden explains DEBAT is one of the best things SPIL could give to new students because they really like it. Therefore she sees this as an added value to our income.

Mr. Heijerman is asking if the Yearbook committee could get access to the survey.

Ms. Vermeiden explains this will not give the committee an added value since there are things about all kinds of committees in this survey, not only yearbook.

Mr. Heijerman is asking if there could be a survey around this time of the year to see how interested members are in the yearbook so there can be made a decision about the amount of yearbooks that need to be printed.

Ms. Vermeiden explains this is possible but the information about the amount of yearbooks that are left of the last years is known and this gives an indication of how many people want a yearbook in the upcoming years. So it will be a lot of work for information that is already known.

Mr. Heijerman is asking if people take a yearbook because they are free and can take them without being interested in the content of the yearbook.

Ms. Vermeiden explains she thinks there will be people who do this but a lot of members who come by in the common rooms are hesitant if they know they are not in the yearbooks to still get a yearbook. People think they should not take a yearbook because their memories are not in the yearbook.

Ms. Hilhorst explains that people who are not in the yearbook will not take the yearbook and will not buy it and read it. Therefore she thinks asking a fee for the yearbook is something to think about. *Also she*

Ms. Vermeiden explains yearbooks are not handed out at open days and introduction weeks because people are not that interested in taking a yearbook. She explains that if there would be a fee for the yearbook it will become kind of a merchandise item and it will have value. So if someone takes a yearbook without the Board noticing this would be a problem.

Mr. De Haas explains not every member knows they can take the book for free and are therefore hesitant to take a book.

Ms. Hilhorst explains she understands the Board but she advises to think about it even though it can be complicated to set up a system but it can save a lot of money.

Mr. Vuijk is asking if the Board knows the numbers of yearbooks and DEBAT magazines that stay on the shelf.

Mr. De Haas explains they are not counted but about twenty yearbooks and more DEBAT magazines are left.

Ms. Pool is asking if the Chair of the GA would re-consider the first question she asked during this GA since something memorable happened during the discussion.

The Chair of the GA answers Mr. Hoofd entered the GA eight months after saying he attended his last GA and is asking for a round of applause for Mr. Hooft.

The Chair of the GA is asking Ms. Michotte van den Berck what is happening in de Vergulde Kruik.

Ms. Michotte van den Berck explains there is a CoBo, she had to represent StOP and they brassed the padel.

Ms. Pool is asking since this moment was very memorable if the Chair of the GA is reconsidering quitting the CALVV.

The Chair of the GA explains the letter has already been handed in and he will not reconsider.

Ms. Helin is asking if the budget for social activities will go to the Efteling contribution.

Ms. Vermeiden explains it will mostly be the same as last year and the money will be spent on Efteling as well as other social activities.

External Relations

Mr. Verhoeff is asking what the Acquisitions budget will be spent on.

Ms. Vermeiden explains the money will be spent on the merch market and coffee with possible partners.

Ms. Easton explains she supports Ms. Hilhorst point on the yearbook and urges the Board to consider a fee for the yearbook.

Mr. Van der Voort is asking why the budget for EICid and HOP week decreased.

Ms. Vermeiden explains she finds the introduction weeks important but she had to make budget cuts.

Balance sheet

Ms. Hilhorst is asking if the Treasurer can fill in the blanks.

Ms. Vermeiden announces she does not have access to the ABN AMRO bank account and mentions she is therefore using the most accurate information she has, which is from the 23rd of September.

Ms. Vermeiden fills in the blanks.

Ms. Easton is asking why the budget in the Dutch policy booklet is in English.

Ms. Vermeiden explains last GA a motion passed which said the budget does not need to be translated to Dutch anymore.

Budget Winter Trip

Ms. Vermeiden announces at the time of making the budget this was an estimate but the final costs of transportation were less than budgeted and is a total of € 3579,-. This leaves € 421,- for activities or public transport.

Ms. Pool is asking what the amount of CASSA is based on.

Ms. Vermeiden explains it is an estimate. Last year SPIL received € 45,- per person. This year the trip is shorter and also based on the location CASSA might give less money but the trip to Paris will be by train which is something CASSA might value.

Ms. Pool compliments both trips to Brussels and Paris with the train.

Mr. Fockens explains he agrees with Ms. Pool and it is great both trips are by train. He is asking when the public transport cards for Brussels will expire.

Ms. Vermeiden explains she does not remember the exact date but she does know they are not expired at the time of the Brussels trip. When making the budget she also took into account the trips that are left on the cards.

Mr. Fockens advises to look into it because it can lead to extra costs.

Ms. Vermeiden explains she based the public transport costs on what was spent last year.

Ms. Pool explains there are still trips on the card and because she thinks last year not all the trips went well because the system is hard it could be a bit more expensive.

Ms. Vermeiden explains she budgeted with the same amount of money but she will look into it.

8. Policy IXth Lustrum

Mr. Verhoeff explains what the Lustrum Committee did so far and he is excited to celebrate 45-years of SPIL.

Ms. Van Zoelen is asking where the vice-chair is

Ms. Verhoeff explains Ms. Togtema is the vice-chair but was not able to come to the GA. He wants to give Ms. Togtema some credit because besides doing an internship she attended all the Lustrum meetings and helped him while he was injured.

Mr. Van der Voort is asking if there will be SPIL beer.

Mr. Verhoeff explains the Lustrum SPIL beers were nice but not necessary this year due to financial reasons.

Ms. Hilhorst is asking if the Lustrum Committee is organising a Sine Regno.

Mr. Verhoeff explains this was not the plan but he likes the suggestion.

Ms. Easton is asking to vestje or not to vestje.

Ms. Verhoeff explains to vestje.

Ms. Easton is asking how the Board feels about the “vestje”.

Mr. Mauritz explains the Board discussed this and the vestjes are okay.

Mr. Heijerman is asking what “to vestje” means.

Mr. Mauritz explains what a vestje is.

Ms. Easton explains that two Lustrums ago the Lustrum Committee wanted to have their own vestje and the Board did not allow them because they thought the vestje was only for the Board.

Ms. Hilhorst is asking if the Lustrum Committee could perform the Lustrum song.

Mr. Verhoeff explains he does not know the Lustrum song but he promises there will be a new Lustrum song.

Mr. Van der Voort is asking if the Lustrum Committee is looking into merchandise and if information about that can already get revealed.

Mr. Verhoeff explains everything that has to do with acquisitions is up to the Board.

Mr. Fockens is asking if someone from the Lustrum Committee could sing a parody on the song “Stupid” related to SPIL.

Mr. Verhoeff explains he will not do that.

Ms. Pool explains she knows Mr. Fockens knows the Lustrum song so he needs to teach the GA.

Mr. Mauritz explains the Board supports Ms. Pool.

Ms. Pool is asking why there is no budget.

Ms. Vermeiden explains she does not know why the budget is not in the policy but she can tell the budget.

Mr. Verhoeff explains there is a Lustrum budget but it is not in the policy booklet.

The GA Chair suspends the meeting at 22:17.

The GA Chair reopens the meeting at 22:21.

Ms. Vermeiden explains the Lustrum budget.

Ms. Pool is asking if there will be a revised version sent to the members.

Ms. Van Os explains yes.

Ms. Pool explains she is excited for the Lustrum and thinks the gala will be amazing.

The Policy, Year Plan, Budget and Lustrum Policy of the XLV'th Board are installed by acclimation.

9. Nomination College of GA Chairs

Ms. Van Os tells she received a letter from Ms. Gautier regarding her CALVV application.

Mr. Otten gives a speech on why he wants to become a member of the CALVV.

Mr. Van der Voort gives a speech on why he wants to become a member of the CALVV.

Ms. Van Os reads the letter on behalf of Ms. Gautier on why she wants to become a member of the CALVV.

No objections, Mr. Otten, Mr. Van der Voort and Ms. Gautier are elected.

10. Discharges and Installations

The Chair of the GA discharges as members of the CALVV: Robin Buijs, Thomas Groenink and Fince van Kampen.

The Chair of the GA gives the letter to Mr. Otten and Mr. Van der Voort.

Mr. Otten and Mr. Van der Voort read the letter.

Ms. Pool when the CALVV-ontgroening will be and if the Secretary can send invites.

Mr. Otten explains he objects.

The Chair of the GA explains there will be a date set in a week.

Mr. Van der Voort is asking who will be invited and is suggesting to invite Wencke Appelman.

The Chair of the GA installes into the DEBAT committee: Carlinho Westerveld.

The Chair of the GA installes as CALVV: Lieke Gautier, Ralph Otten and Sem van der Voort.

11. Any Other Business

Ms. Van Os reads the first motion, this is the following:

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

Noting that:

- *SPIL Weekend an important trip for the association, was cancelled this year without a proper discussion at the GA*

Considering:

- *The composition of committees is an important part of the association it functioning*
- *No discussion on this topic currently exists*

Requests that:

- *Future boards inform the GA about which committees they will form no later than at the Change of Boards GA*

En gaat over tot de orde van de dag.

Robin Buijs, Gijs Verhoeff et al.

Mr. Mauritz explains it was clear there won't be a SPIL-Weekend Committee this year since nobody got hammered in for the SPIL-Weekend Committee at the Change of Boards GA. Also he explains the Board advises neutral on this motion.

Mr. Verhoeff explains this was not clear, he thinks it would be nicer if the Board could explicitly mention which committees will open that year. Therefore there will be more room for discussion.

Ms. Vermeiden explains people already made the connection because nobody on the Board has the title of Commissioner SPIL-Weekend. She also mentions that even though the Board did not tell it explicitly they also did not try to hide it.

Mr. Verhoeff explains the motion is asking for an explicit explanation of which committees the Board will be doing.

Ms. Hilhorst explains the purpose of the Policy GA is to explicitly discuss the plans of the Board so she thinks the motion does not make sense.

Ms. Easton explains she agrees with Ms. Hilhorst and if certain committees need to be there every year they need to become part of the HR which was decided not to do just a few months ago. She is also asking the people who wrote the motion what the difference is of seeing this at the Change of Boards GA instead of the Policy GA.

Mr. Verhoeff explains he agrees with giving the Board more leeway on committees but he thinks the GA should have a chance to speak about the decisions that were made by the Board. He understands this is part of the Policy GA but mentions there is no way of changing committees at the Policy GA because they are already hammered in.

Mr. Mauritz explains this decision was already made at the time of the Change of Boards GA and he does not think the decision of the Board would have changed if they would have mentioned it earlier to the GA.

Ms. Easton explains changes can be made during the Policy GA. She does not see how mentioning this a month earlier can make a big difference.

Mr. Verhoeff explains discussing the committees beforehand and hammering committee members in later would be better.

Mr. Mauritz explains the Board thinks it would not make sense to do this during the Change of Boards GA.

Mr. Fockens explains he understands that during a GA getting rid of a committee will disappoint committee members but the GA is the highest organ so they have the final say.

Ms. Pool explains she understands Mr. Verhoeff but when we want to know the committees earlier everything needs to be earlier and the whole Board year needs to be redistributed.

Ms. Van Zoelen explains she the GA placed trust in the Board, just like Ms. Stuijt mentioned earlier.

Ms. Easton explains she tries to understand the point and then hammering in of committee members must happen at the Policy GA. Discussing the committees without policy would be hard.

→ Motion 1 is rejected with 2 votes in favor, 14 against, 1 neutral and 11 abstentions

Ms. Van Os reads out the second motion, this is the following:

The general assembly, gathered here at The Vergulden Kruijk Leiden:

Constaterede dat it's the last GA of our much appreciated CALVV Fince van Kampen.

It's the last time Fince and Mr. Otten can do the Huize Associaal yell at the GA.

It's obvious that this is disastrous and we don't want to let this opportunity slide.

Of course we can't file motions about GA members.

That is why we ask our Treasurer Ms. Vermeiden to start the Huize Associaal yell, so that Mr. Van Kampen & Mr. Otten can proceed.

En gaat over op de orde van de dag

Three unknown submitters.

Mr. Mauritz explains the Board advises neutral on this motion.

→ No objections, motion 2 is adopted per acclimation.

Ms. Vermeiden starts the Huize Associaal yell.

Ms. Van Os reads the third motion, this is the following:

The general assembly, gathered here at Vergulde Kruijk:

Considering that it is in the SPIL's interest to involve as many masters students as possible and that many masters students are unaware of SPIL's offering.

We ask the Board to look into more options of reaching masters students especially at the upcoming Feb and Sep intakes including SPIL presence at the OWL week events.

Laurens van Iersel, Samyuktha Mahadevan et al.

Mr. Otten explains he was not involved in making this motion but he thinks the writer of this motion intended to ask the Board to be involved in the OWL week in February to get more masters in the Masters Committee.

Ms. Van Zoelen explains she thinks the Board tries to be at as many events as possible including OWL week and January and February is busy also with Winter Trip. She explains it is up to the Board but advises against this motion.

Ms. Hordijk explains last week OWL-week was in January and it was during Winter Trip. If it is in January she advises to vote against because the Board will be on Winter Trip.

Mr. Mauritz explains the Board will look into this.

Ms. Van Os explains OWL-week will be from the 27th until the 30th of January. At this time SPIL will be on Winter Trip.

Mr. Buijs suggests the Board can promise to try to be there and otherwise find someone else to help during OWL-week and advises to vote against this motion.

→ Motion 3 is rejected with 1 vote in favor, 14 against, 1 neutral and 7 abstentions.

Ms. Van Os reads the fourth motion, this is the following:

*The general assembly, gathered here at Vergulden Kruijk huiskamer,
and exit random peoples house.*

*Constaterende dat, Ralph organised amazing activities (Ralph for friends, honourable e.t.
Commissioner Education and Politics for the rest), he put a lot of time and effort in organising
(with success). The Masters Committee and Board should invite the honourable e.t.
Commissioner Education and Politics with a framed invitation, including a German poem about
the amazing activities organised.*

En gaat over tot de orde van de dag.

Janneke Pool, Robin Buijs, Hidde Heijerman, Gijs Verhoeff et al.

Mr. Mauritz explains the Board advises positive on this motion.

→ No objections, motion 4 is adopted per acclimation.

Ms. Van Os reads the fifth motion, this is the following:

The general assembly, gathered here at De Vergulde Kruik:

*Overwegende dat (rode) port ooit verenigingsdrank was van SPIL
Overwegende dat eerdere Lustrums een Lustrumdrank hadden zoals bijvoorbeeld maar niet
geliminteed tot: wijn en bier.
Stelt voor (rode) port Lustrumdrank van het IXe Lustrum te maken.*

En gaat over tot de orde van de dag.

Hidde Heijerman, Jack Vuijk, Chiury de Nijs et al.

[Red port should become the Lustrum drink]

Mr. Mauritz explains red port is still the association drink and it is more up to the Lustrum Committee to decide this.

Mr. Buijs proposes an amendment, members should also have the opportunity to taste the Lustrum drink.

Mr. Verhoeff explains he supports the motion and the amendment.

Mr. De Nijs proposes an amendment to have Fristi as a non-alcoholic alternative.

Mr. Heijerman explains he supports both amendments as the submitter of the motion.

→ No objections, the first amendment is adopted.

→ No objections, the second amendment is adopted.

→ No objections, motion 5 as amended is adopted per acclimation.

Ms. Van Os reads out the sixth motion, this is the following:

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

Gehoord de beraadslaging

Constaterende dat de muzieksmaak van de Commissaris Intern te wensen overlaat.

Constaterende dat de muzieksmaak niet bijdraagt aan het versterken van de sociale positie van de vereniging binnen de faculteit.

Constaterende dat de muzieksmaak van de Commissaris leden afschrikt gebruik te maken van de common room te Leiden.

Constaterende dat de Commissaris Interne zaken ener grote fan des rapper Boef is.

Beoordeeld het muziekbeleid van de Commissaris als ondemocratisch.

Verzoekt het Bestuur de Commissaris Interne zaken enkel democratisch muzikale keuzes te maken door middel van het starten ener "Jam".

En gaat over op de orde van de dag.

Chiury de Nijs, Rikus Doedens, Jack Vuijk, Hidde Heijerman et al.

[The Commissioner Internal Relations can only play music in the common room in Leiden if he starts a jam where members can join.]

Mr. Mauritz explains the Board advises neutral on this motion.

→ Motion 6 is rejected with 7 votes in favor, 10 against, 4 neutral and 6 abstentions.

Ms. Van Os reads out the seventh motion, this is the following:

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

Gehoord de beraadslaging

Betogende dat Volt Amsterdam een erg toonaangevende afdeling is.

Benadrukkend dat Mevr. Broersen, lijsttrekker Volt Amsterdam, een belangrijk persoon in het leven der SPILlers is.

Benadrukkend dat het democratische debat in het SPIL hoog in het vaandel staat.

Constaterende dat Dhr. Dassen op 8 oktober jl. heeft gesteld dat Volt niet in debat wilde met Forum voor Democratie.

Constaterende dat de SPIL een debat zou moeten organiseren tussen Volt Amsterdam en FvD Amsterdam.

Verzoekt het Bestuur de Commissaris Interne zaken de opdracht te geven dit samen zijn te organiseren.

En gaat over op de orde van de dag.

Rikus Doedens et al.

[The Commissioner Internal Relations should organise a debate between Volt Amsterdam and FvD Amsterdam.]

Mr. Mauritz explains the Board advises negative on this motion.

Mr. Van Kampen legt uit dat de motie onuitvoerbaar is.

Mr. Van Kampen explains this motion is unfeasible.

Mr. Verhoeff explains he thinks this motion is going against the political neutrality of SPIL.

Ms. Helin explains she wants to object to the motion because she does not want the Commissioner Internal Relations to get more work.

→ Motion 7 is rejected with 2 votes in favor, 19 against, 1 neutral and 8 abstentions.

Ms. Van Os reads out the eight motion, this is the following:

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

Gehoord de beraadslaging

Constaterende dat de Commissaris Interne zaken nodig naar de kapper moet.

Constaterende dat buzz-cuts in de mode zijn.

Constaterende dat politicologen in enkele jaren toch allemaal kalend zijn, hierbij wijzend op Louwerse, Van Willigen, Wester, Joop van Holstijn, Otjes en Scholte.

Constaterende dat een buzz-cut erg praktisch is.

Constaterende dat de Commissaris in de common room in Leiden op 9 oktober jl. heeft aangegeven open te staan voor de motie met een buzz-cut geen problemen te hebben.

Verzoekt het 45e Bestuur erop toe te zien dat de Commissaris Intern bij Fat-Kat in ChinaTown, Den Haag een buzz-cut haalt alvorens de SPIL naar Brussel vertrekt.

En gaat over tot de orde van de dag.

Rikus Doedens, Chiury de Nijs, Jack Vuijk, Hidde Heijerman et al.

[The Commissioner Internal Relations should get a buzz-cut before the Brussels trip.]

Mr. De Haas explains he got a buzz-cut before and it was not nice. Also he explains nobody would ask this to a woman.

Mr. De Nijs proposes an amendment that he will pay for the buzz-cut.

Mr. De Nijs proposes an amendment that after the buzz-cut Mr. De Haas will grow a ‘matje’.

Mr. De Haas explains the proposal of Mr. De Nijs paying seems like a ‘ridderlijk voorstel’ but he heard Mr. De Nijs explaining earlier this day that a haircut at Fat-Kat is really cheap.

Mr. Buijs explains Mr. De Haas made an important comment about sexism so he proposes that Ms. Vermeiden will take a buzz-cut as well.

Ms. Pool proposes an amendment to take an A3 framed picture every GA and hang the picture in the common room instead of getting a buzz-cut.

Mr. De Haas explains he is in favor of the amendment but when he tried to find a picture today he could not find it.

Mr. de Nijs explains he wants to change his second amendment from a ‘matje’ to a ‘potkapsel’.

Ms. Van Hoek explains she liked the haircut of Mr. De Haas better than the haircut of Mr. De Nijs.

→ No objections, the first amendment is adopted

→ No objections, the second amendment is adopted.

→ No objections, the third amendment is adopted.

→ No objections, motion 8 as amended is adopted per acclimation.

Ms. Van Os reads the ninth motion, this is the following:

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

Constaterende dat, Mr. De Haas really likes 'Boef', it would be appropriate to finish every GA with a verse from one of his songs, followed by an explanation of why this fits the few weeks before the GA.

En gaat over op de orde van de dag.

Inge van Hoek, Gijs Verhoeff, Robin Buijs, Chiury de Nijs et al.

Mr. Mauritz explains the Board advised neutral on this motion.

→ No objections, motion 9 is adopted per acclamation.

Ms. Van Os reads the tenth motion, this is the following:

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

Constaterende dat, Range Sessie is the favourite song of the Commissioner Internal Relations & Commissioner Festive.

Constaterende dat, SPIL organises several karaoke parties and GA's throughout the year:

Constaterende dat Range Sessie is not very known among non-Boef fans,

Can no other than to ask the Commissioner Internal Relations & Commissioner Festive to perform Range Sessies at every coming SPIL karaoke and SPIL GA, starting at the Policy GA dated 09/10/2025.

Robin Buijs, Gijs Verhoeff et al.

Mr. Mauritz explains the Board advises neutral on this motion.

→ Motion 10 is rejected with 3 votes in favor, 6 against, 6 neutral and 8 abstentions.

Ms. Van Os reads the eleventh motion, this is the following:

The general assembly, gathered here at Vergulden Kruijk:

Constaterende dat Jules (for friends) (honourable e.t. Commissioner Global Relations for the rest) did a great explanation about the amazing wordplay spilplaats the Board should explain an amazing wordplay or create one every GA.

And cannot forget to declare their appreciation to the honourable e.t. Commissioner Global Relations.

En gaat over op de orde van de dag.

Fince van Kampen, Gijs Verhoeff et al.

Mr. Mauritz explains the Board advises neutral on this motion.

→ Motion 11 is accepted with 11 votes in favor, 4 against, 4 neutral and 9 abstentions.

Ms. Van Os reads the twelfth motion, this is the following:

The general assembly, gathered here at vergulde kruik Leiden:

Constaterede dat the video on the university website which introduces SPIL is outdated;

Constaterende dat the 43rd Treasurer of SPIL did not join our beautiful association in part due to this video being her first introduction to SPIL;

Constaterende dat this video does not portray the gezellige, multi-language, casual and fun character of our association;

The GA asks the Board to request the university to take down the video so that it can stop scaring off new potential SPIL-members.

En gaat over tot de orde van de dag.

Kasya Hilhorst, Kathrin Brill, Fince van Kampen, Gijs Verhoeff et al.

Mr. Mauritz explains the Board advises positive on this motion.

Mr. Verhoeff proposes an amendment to remove the video from the university website and the SPIL website.

Ms. Michotte van den Berck explains getting rid of the video was already mentioned in the policy so she is in favor of the amendment.

Ms. Hilhorst explains the motion is about getting rid of the video as soon as possible and not waiting for a replacement.

→ No objections, the amendment is adopted.

→ No objections, motion 12 as adopted is accepted per acclimation.

Ms. Van Os reads the thirteenth motion, this is the following:

The general assembly, gathered here at Vergulde Kruik:

Constaterende dat the majority of the people (including 88.89% of the 44th Board) does not know the 8th Lustrums song, ..

It would be adequate for the current Lustrum Committee member (Gijs) to make the GA acquainted with the Lustrum song on the song “Stupid”.

En gaat over op de orde van de dag.

Jules Fockens, Martin de Haan et al.

→ Motion 13 is dismissed since it is about a member of the GA.

Ms. Van Os reads the fourteenth motion, this is the following:

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

Constaterende dat Ms. Wencke Appelman has been a vital part of SPIL.

Constaterende dat, de trap oplopen is absoluut niet grappig is.

Constaterende dat de trap in het HTO-gebouw aan de Rijswijkseweg 27 treden heeft.

Constaterende dat, Wencke Appelman een belangrijk onderdeel van SPIL is.

Kan de ALV niet anders dan het Bestuur te verzoeken de nieuw gekozen CALVV NIET de trap op te laten lopen naar de deur van Huize Associaal, maar nodigt hiervoor uiteraard wel Wencke Appelman uit.

Ralph Otten & Sem van der Voort.

[The new CALVV will not climb up the stairs but does invite Wencke Appelman to the hazing of the CALVV.]

Mr. Mauritz explains the Board advises negative on this motion.

→ Motion 14 is rejected with 2 votes in favor, 10 against, 3 neutral and 7 abstentions.

12. Round of Questions

Mr. Heijerman is asking if he can compliment the new CALVV?

Mr. Otten is asking what socks the Commissioner Education and Politics is wearing?

Ms. Verbrugge shows her socks and explains Mr. Otten gifted her the socks.

Ms. Michotte van den Berck is asking if the CALVV, the GA and the XLV'th Board know she is very proud, she is sorry that she left for half of the GA but she is happy, proud and congratulates the Board?

Ms. Helin is asking if the GA, the CALVV and the XLV'th Board know she is excited for the upcoming year and is asking if the Commissioner Internal Relations can show his tattoo and if the President can elaborate on the picture he brought to the GA?

Mr. De Haas shows his tattoo.

Mr. Mauritz explains the picture was taken during the policy weekend in Vleuten.

Mr. Fockens is asking if the CALVV, the GA and the XLV'th Board know he is proud of Ms. Hordijk and himself to be part of the Voting Committee and he is also proud of the policy that got voted in?

Mr. Otten is asking if the CALVV, the GA and the XLV'th Board know that he is happy to be CALVV and he is looking forward to another 27 steps of Huize Associaal and he is proud of the XLV'th Board?

Ms. Pool is asking if the CALVV, the GA and the XLV'th Board know she is proud of the Board and is especially proud of Ms. Vermeiden because she is doing great and she wants to thank Ms. Vermeiden for a delicious piece of cake?

Ms. Hordijk if the CALVV, the GA and the XLV'th Board know she is very proud of the Board sitting through the whole Policy GA and the policy that got voted in and she wished the Board good luck for the upcoming year?

Mr. Buijs is asking if the CALVV, the GA and the XLV'th Board know he wishes them a lot of luck and he is sure they will do great and he is looking forward to the 'get to know each other' session at 10:00 tomorrow and he is thankful Mr. Hooft made the best decision of his life to come to this GA?

Ms. Hilhorst is asking if the GA, the CALVV and the XLV'th Board know she did not think of a question but that does not mean she doesn't appreciate them?

Ms. Van Zoelen is asking if the CALVV, the GA and the XLV'th Board know that she is excited and she is already very proud of the Board and she wants to ask the Commissioner Internal Relations what his favorite font is?

Mr. De Haas explains it is Verdana.

Ms. Van Hoek explains she does not have a question but she wants to mention the designated survivor survived and she is honoured he is still here.

Mr. Verhoeff is asking if the CALVV, the GA and the XLV'th Board know even though they abolished the most amazing trip SPIL has to offer, even though the best destination SPIL ever went to is on the wall he appreciated the policy and wants to give a special compliment to the Commissioner External Relations because the promotion is looking really good and he wants to wish the Board the best in the upcoming year?

Ms. Cadet is asking if the CALVV, the GA and the XLV'th Board know she wants to congratulate the new CALVV, she wants to thank Mr. Verhoeff for the compliment, she wants to congratulate the Board with the work on the policy and she is excited for the upcoming year?

Mr. De Haas is asking if the CALVV, the GA and the XLV'th Board know he is grateful for everyone who is present but he is sad his music is not always appreciated?

Ms. Verbrugge is asking if the CALVV, the GA and the XLV'th Board know she is excited for the new CALVV and she is happy they got through this night with enough people left and she really appreciates everyone's presence?

Mr. Van Kampen is asking if Mr. Van der Voort, Mr. Otten and Ms. Gautier know he has full confidence in them and that they will receive their letter of invitation next Monday and that he expects they show up according to the day stated in the letter and he has full confidence in the Board?

Ms. Van Os is asking if the CALVV, the GA and the XLV'th Board know she is happy their policy got through, she is happy everyone is here tonight and made an effort to come to the GA and she is happy for the new three members of the CALVV and she hopes they are going to have a great time?

Ms. Vermeiden is asking if the CALVV, the GA and the XLV'th Board know she really wanted to give a bittergarnituutje but there was no time so next time there will definitely be bittergarnituur?

Mr. Hoofd is asking if the GA, the CALVV and the XLV'th Board know he really promises this will be the last time he will be at a SPIL GA?

Mr. Mauritz is asking if the CALVV, the GA and the XLV'th Board know he is really proud of his fellow Board members making it through tonight, especially Mr. De Haas after all the personal attacks and if everyone knows Brussels trip applications open tomorrow at 12:00?

13. Discharging Voting Committee

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

14. Closing of the General Assembly

After the SPIL song has been sung, the Chair of the GA closes the assembly at 23:56.

INTERIM POLICY PLAN ‘SPILTACULAR’ 2025-2026

1. LONG TERM POLICY GOALS

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

The association’s goal is to:

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

These are the foundations upon which the policy goals of the XLVth Board ‘SPILTacular’ are Built.

2. ASSOCIATION WIDE POLICY GOALS

“Aren’t we all Pieter’s children” - Josephine van Os

2.1 Integration

SPIL is an association located in two cities, with students coming from both Dutch and international backgrounds. This year, the Board has been pleased to notice a large group of active, new first year members in both spheres. Integration is one of the XLVth Board's long term policy goals, and making sure these two worlds stay connected is a top priority for the Board. This means continuing the efforts of previous Boards in maintaining a bilingual character.

All events so far have taken place in English, except for two events where it was not possible to do so: The association's visits to Eva Jinek and Café Kockelmann, two Dutch talk shows. The XLVth Board has made it standard practice to speak English whenever possible, including taking initiative in speaking English in situations when a group speaks mostly Dutch. This is something that has proved hard to stick to consistently, but it is something the Board is making an active effort in, and will aim to be better in. Furthermore, the Board has maintained the policy of rotating between Leiden and The Hague for recurring events, such as GAs, borrels, and committee meetings.

Besides language and geography, it has also been of importance for the XLVth Board to make efforts in cultural integration by organising at least one cross-cultural event. The associations’ members come from a diverse array of backgrounds, it would therefore be of great value to give members an opportunity to share parts of their culture with each other. To achieve this, the

Introduction Committee will be organising a karaoke event in which members will share music from their cultures with each other.

The XLVth Board has made an effort with integration within the university community, through collaborations with other associations, including collaborations with CIROS for study groups and borrels, with B.I.L. for an election event, and LeidenMUN for a debate simulation. The Board has as planned a workshop with Stichting ‘Door het Geluid’ as a collaboration with Labyrint. Stichting ‘Door het Geluid’ is a foundation that supports students’ mental health and promotes awareness around mental health through workshops, advice, and campaigns. They are led by a group of student volunteers working with experts.

2.2 Exploration

In recent years, the association has encountered financial challenges due to rising costs from inflation and reduced income. Together with the XLVth Board operating with one fewer member, this has prompted the Board to prioritise exploring ways to realise the association’s full potential in spite of these challenges.

The XLVth Board considers the new acquisitions strategy to be a successful expanded acquisition effort by maintaining existing partnerships, establishing new ones, and exploring alternative opportunities, including municipal funding for the Summer Trip. Several new partnerships were tried to assess member value, such as with Urban Café and Frenchies.

Secondly, the XLVth Board has taken measures to find new ways of carrying out events, specifically with regards to the trips. Previously, existing geographical and time constraints had been lifted by the XLIVth Board to make trips more feasible under a restricted budget. Both the Winter Trip and Summer Trip will take place in a manner similar to past Short and Long Trips, but with shorter durations. Furthermore, the XLVth Board initially decided to go on one trip fewer, but after careful consideration, SPIL-Weekend will return! The Secretary and Treasurer will co-commissioner this trip to balance the workload.

Finally, the XLVth Board has tried to explore how to increase the visibility of the common rooms. The Board has already successfully implemented this through the Toasty Friday and Waffle Hour held in the common rooms during the first weeks of university. The Board has also hosted “hokwarmings” for both common rooms as a way to celebrate the start of the semester. This was especially special for the new common room in The Hague, located in the new “association corridor” on the third floor of Wijnhaven.

2.3 Modernisation

The XLVth Board has been in the process of modernising the association's social media. So far the Board has made efforts to create more video content to promote events and create anticipation for parties. This has manifested through reels, in addition to the regular Instagram content. On top of social media content, the Board has established a Podcast Committee, which

has so far posted three episodes. Now that the Podcast Committee has gotten accustomed to podcast production, it aims to produce around ten more next semester.

Finally, one of the main projects undertaken by the XLVth Board in the first semester was to update the association policies surrounding social safety. From October to January, the President and the Commissioner Education and Politics attended four workgroups with two representatives from GGD Hollands Midden to carefully craft policies relating to alcohol and drugs, calamities, death in the association, and a code of conduct and a formalised reporting procedure. Eventually these policies will be presented in an interactive PDF, available on the website, outlining the roles and responsibilities of key members within the association and how to contact them. During these workgroups, the Board received input from former Board members, active members, study advisors, Leiden University's wellbeing office, and the Confidential Contact Persons (CCPs). In the coming months the board will be collecting feedback from former Boards, the Advisory Board (RvA), and our CCP's with the goal of finalising them before the Affirmation GA where members will be able to vote on the protocols that apply to them.

The Board, as part of its modernisation campaign, has meticulously studied the bookshelves in the Leiden common room to find books that no longer belong on the shelves. First of all, it found books that were present twice or more times. Second, there were some books that the Board considers inappropriate or out of date. The Board has compiled these redundant books and they are available for inspection by our members in the Leiden common room. The books will be given to willing members, brought to second hand stores, or thrown away two weeks after the Interim GA. If any member files a substantiated complaint about one or more books to the Board within these two weeks, those books will be kept. The deadline for this is March 17th 23:59.

3. PRESIDENT & COMMISSIONER BRUSSELS & COMMISSIONER LUSTRUM

3.1 President

“Brooo they overlapped the VerO and the GroVer” - Pieter Mauritz

3.1.1 Internal Affairs

It is of utmost importance that the internal dynamics of the Board function well in order for the association to function properly. The President is ensuring that everyone within the Board can communicate and collaborate clearly. In addition, the President is facilitating an environment in which Board members' expectations for each other are clear. Although the Christmas and January break was a period in which the Board did not meet often, the President ensured proper functioning through brief calls and regular texts throughout this period. The President is pleased to report that contact was still consistent during this time.

Besides regular check-ins, the President also had personal talks after each block. These personal talks function as a way for Board members to share anything they want. A Board year can be intense, especially in light of the smaller size of the Board this year, and therefore has

encouraged all Board members to openly share their thoughts and feelings with him or the whole Board, ensuring everyone is aware of each other's needs and expectations. Furthermore, the President has strived to be as accessible as possible. The President believes that with these actions, the internal well-being of the Board has been maintained.

The President also believes that having plenty of bonding time together is crucial to the internal well-being of the Board. To ensure bonding within the Board outside of SPIL activities, the President created a Board bonding schedule. So far, the Board has enjoyed scones and English breakfast together at the President's favorite cafe in The Hague, Scally's Lunchroom. The Board also enjoyed sushi together with games such as Boomit. While finding a date to organise a bonding has proved hard in the off months, the Board has also made sure to make up for this by enjoying each other's company during the trips!

The President recognises the Advisory Board (RvA) as a crucial part of the association. The RvA consists of Seven former Board members that have been eager to assist the XLVth Board this year by offering their advice, support, and feedback. The Board had a first meeting in the middle of September to get to know each other and to share expectations. The Board had a second meeting in February to discuss the transition of members of RvA. The Board is grateful to leaving RvA members for their incredible dedication and support. The Board is looking forward to working with a new group of experienced and passionate RvA members!

3.1.2 External Representation

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

Besides formal meetings, it has been the goal of the President to bond with other associations' Boards and student initiatives in informal settings as he sees significant potential in working together. These associations in particular include the hallway associations in Leiden and The Hague; Emile, Labyrinth, Itiwana, BASIS and B.I.L., and the sister associations; Machiavelli, EOS, and ismus. Additionally, the XLVth Board has gotten to know the Board of CIROS, an association with whom SPIL shares some of the same student body, very well. The President is happy to report that through informal Borrels, CoBos, but also working together during university open days, bonding with other boards has been facilitated. The association's common room in The Hague moved to the third floor of the Wijnhaven building at the start of February, in a new "association corridor," with more associations that the Board will definitely seek to get to know!

Besides other associations and student initiatives, maintaining strong relationships with university staff is essential. From the Student Service Desk to the Institute Board, all university personnel have been helpful to the association in various ways. This open approach towards university personnel applies not only to the President, but to the entire XLVth Board. The President specifically values the importance of maintaining good contact with the study advisors both in Leiden and in The Hague as they have the closest connection to the student body. The President has communicated with them to update them about the activities of the association and welcome them to these events. Furthermore, the Board has met with the study advisors at the beginning of the year for a very fruitful discussion about joint expectations and room for collaboration.

3.1.3 Platform for Political Scientists

The President is part of the Platform for Political Scientists (PvP). The PvP has a Board, consisting of the four respective representatives of four study associations of political science in the Netherlands. These include our association, EOS (Free University of Amsterdam - VU), ismus (Radboud University), and Machiavelli (University of Amsterdam - UVA). The PvP oversees the PiP Committee, which is responsible for organising the annual one-day PiP Congress (Political Scientists in Perspective). This committee consists of eight members, two from each association. The PiP congress this year will be organised in Amsterdam, hosted by Machiavelli.

At time of writing, a new PvP Board has been formed, on which the President of SPIL serves as treasurer. Due to a lack of initiative by previous PvP boards, there were many discrepancies in the KVK and UBO register that required some time to fix. The President can proudly announce that as of January this has been achieved, and the PvP Board has initiated the process of restructuring the PvP from its own association with an independent bank account, to a cooperation agreement between the associations, with financial responsibilities rotating between the member associations. Banking fees have been consuming nearly half of the PvP membership contributions, meaning this change will ease the financial situations of all the member associations.

3.1.4 Other Activities

The President aims to ensure that all committee chairs feel at ease in their roles and have a clear understanding of their responsibilities. To ensure this, he scheduled chair training sessions in the beginning of the academic year that all chairs were able to attend. Furthermore, the President is in the process of organising a chair training session in February for chairs for newly formed committees. Additionally, the President will be as accessible as possible, so that the chairs can easily reach out to him. By doing so, the President tries to stimulate open communication.

The XLVth Board acknowledges the importance of the committee members of the association. The Board has already organised a Committee Bonding Activity, where committee members had the opportunity to play games and enjoy pizza together. The Board intends to organise a

Committee Thank You Day as well. These activities serve both as an opportunity for committee members to build connections with members from other committees and as a means of expressing the Board's gratitude to them.

StOP has many committees which organise activities for students from all study associations. The XLVth Board aims to participate in additional committees organised by StOP. The Board believes that this could be a pleasant contribution next to a Board member's regular work. The Board prioritises their SPIL work over the StOP committees. The committees that the Board has taken part in are InFaFe, Internationalisation and the Sports Tournament. The association is also taking part in a separate committee organising Haagsch Studenten Feest (HSF).

The XLVth Board has continued the policy of the previous two Boards of having a dress code manager, which is currently the Treasurer. The dress code manager is responsible for making sure everyone is dressed appropriately according to the dress code at specific activities. Events for which a formal dress code have been applied include excursions to institutions such as the House of Europe, the Indonesian Embassy, as well as the Dutch Permanent Representation during the Brussels Trip. The Board is very proud of the association's members who have largely adhered to the dress code and looked sharp at activities this year.

Continuing the efforts of the previous Boards, the XLVth Board has implemented the Committee Cup System. Check-ins are online, to make sure the overall process runs as smoothly as possible. The Board believes the Committee Cup is a great way of encouraging committee members to show up at activities. The Board does acknowledge, however, that there were discrepancies with its enforcement during the beginning of the year, but remains committed to keeping a clear check-in procedure through, present at all events.

3.2 Commissioner Brussels

"Ga naar de vijfde verdieping en jank die kar in dat net" - Tristan Schyns

"Go to the fifth floor and throw that cart into the net" - Tristan Schyns

3.2.1 General

The Brussels Trip took place on the 17th and 18th of November 2025. The final group consisted of 47 people, including 8 committee members and 6 Board members. The Commissioner considers the Brussels Trip to have been a major success with this year's trip offering participants a good balance of institutions as well as enough free time to properly take in the city. Due to the hard work of the Brussels Committee, the programme consisted of visits to four institutions; the European Parliament, the Dutch Permanent Representation in Brussels, the European Committee of the Regions, and the DG International Partnerships of the European Commission. One of the highlights of the program was the visit to the Dutch Permanent Representation in which the associations' members were greeted by a former Board member, Tristan Schyns, during an insightful talk about lobbying and negotiations within the EU. All aspects of the trip itself went as smoothly as possible, as well as according to the plan set out by the committee. Everything

from the train departing on time, to the accommodation receiving our luggage before the first institution, and metro tickets being bought on time resulted in a smooth trip. The XLVth Board followed the advice of the XLIVth board to travel with all members, which made the trip not only less stressful for the Commissioner, but also allowed the Board to bond and have fun exploring the city!

3.2.2 Committee

The Brussels Committee was formed under the XLIVth Board, as a committee consisting of 7 members. Due to the chair of the committee choosing to step down from the position, and the treasurer of the committee leaving the committee to join the XLVth Board, the President of the Board served as chair, and the Treasurer of the Board served as treasurer of the committee. This was also decided with the aim of preventing an overlap in responsibilities and facilitating communication. A secretary has also been appointed as well as general members.

A new Brussels committee has been formed consisting of 4 members; a chair, secretary, treasurer, and one general member. These members will look into travel options and hostels, as well as start reaching out to institutions. The Commissioner wants to give as much room as possible to his successor to form the rest of the committee.

3.3 Commissioner Lustrum

During escape room bonding

“Where is the baby monitor?” - Gijs Verhoeff

“Here you go daddy” - Anastasia Pasok

3.3.1 General

This year the association will celebrate its IXth Lustrum. The Lustrum Committee is an independent committee that will organise the celebration of the XLVth birthday of the association this year. The committee was formed under the XLIVth Board and has ever since been working on ideas. Under the XLVth Board, the committee has gained two new members who have added additional insightful contributions. The President has regular contact with the chair of the Lustrum Committee. The committee consists of six members. The President is very excited about the plans that the committee has already made and is confident that they are well prepared for a successful Lustrum. The Lustrum Committee will present its own interim policy.

4. SECRETARY & COMMISSIONER DIES & COMMISSIONER SPIL-WEEKEND

4.1 Secretary

“Joos are you writing this down?” - Evy Verbrugge

“Yes, that is my job!” - Josephine van Os

4.1.1 Membership account

The Secretary keeps the membership account up-to-date with weekly updates. In this way members receive official communication soon after the start of their membership. All membership data will be treated with full confidentiality, adhering to the General Data Protection Regulation (Regulation (EU) 2016/679).

At present, SPIL has a total of ... members. The bachelor consists of ... International Politics students, ... Political Science students and ... International Relations and Organisations students. There are ... Masters students and ... members whose programme is unknown.

4.1.2 Newsletter

The Secretary sends the newsletter to the members on the first Monday of each month. Members receive the newsletter by email. In the newsletter the 'Dutch follows English' principle is followed. The banner and quote of the month were ideas started by the Secretary's predecessors, the Secretary continues these traditions with joy. The rubric '*SPIL's Spots*' is something the Secretary started this year and is very pleased about. In this rubric members share their favorite spots in Leiden and The Hague. They also answer some personal questions regarding the theme 'spots'. The Secretary is thankful for all the members who contributed to the rubric and is looking forward to all the other spots members are going to write about. The football team LSVV'81 also contributes to the newsletter by writing a column every month. The Secretary enjoys reading their columns and is happy with their contribution. Together with the Commissioner External Relations the Secretary promotes events in the newsletter.

4.1.3 Reunionists

Due to looking into a direct debit mandate for reunionist members the membership fee for reunionists has not taken place yet. The Secretary and Treasurer are planning on collecting this membership fee in February. This postponement gave the Secretary and Treasurer a bit more time to plan the direct debit.

All reunionist members will receive three emails regarding their membership fee and a direct debit contract. If reunionists do not take action after sending three emails they will be signed out as reunionist members.

The reunionist newsletter will be sent three times a year. In November the reunionists received their first newsletter. They will receive the other newsletters in February and May. Together with the Commissioner Internal Relations, the Secretary informs the reunionists about the current state of DEBAT magazine and updates the reunionists about the association.

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

4.1.4 Alumni

This year the Secretary is eager to organise an Alumni activity. The Institute of Political Science organised an Alumni activity in January and offered to promote SPIL's Alumni activity. The

activity will be a political pub quiz hosted in Leiden. The Secretary had contact with the Alumni coordinator of the Institute of Political Science; they plan to potentially collaborate for an alumni event in the next academic year. The format of this event will be up to the Secretary's successor and the university.

The Secretary also planned the Former Boards Borrel earlier than the Alumni activity and hopes she can make people enthusiastic for a night full of fun with other Political Science alumni.

Alumni will receive a newsletter twice a year, in January and in June. The Secretary is planning on promoting the event in the newsletter while she hopes more alumni would be interested in an alumni event.

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

4.1.5 General Assemblies

The Secretary sees the importance of the General Assemblies and is therefore planning on promoting them more. The Secretary regrets organising three General Assemblies in Leiden consecutively. She looked into locations in The Hague to host the General Assembly but this is a struggle. The Secretary asked other study associations in The Hague about their General Assemblies, those associations either have their General Assemblies in a university building or pay a high rental fee for the room. She does acknowledge this is not aligning with her policy to organise General Assemblies in both The Hague and Leiden that offers students from both locations the opportunity to attend a General Assembly easily. This might affect the turnout of this General Assembly which is something the Secretary is concerned about but is something she is not able to change right now. The Secretary is looking into different options in The Hague and is open to ideas from members. She will continue to strive for a General Assembly in The Hague. To still accommodate different schedules and to reach as big an audience as possible the General Assembly is planned on a Tuesday instead of a Thursday.

Besides an Instagram post and mentioning the General Assembly in the newsletter the Secretary asked all Commissioners to promote the General Assembly to their committees. In the common rooms the Secretary also told members about the importance of their feedback during the General Assemblies.

4.1.6 Former Boards Borrel

In January the Secretary contacted former Board members to invite them to the annual Former Boards Borrel. The borrel took place on February 13th and was a success. About thirty former and current Board members were present. The Secretary was pleased with the attendance and enjoyed seeing everyone having a good time.

4.2 Commissioner Dies

"I am not going to drink alcohol" - Josephine van Os

"Ohh boehoeeee you will drink my drinks" - Nena Vermeiden

4.2.1 General

In January the applications for the Dies committee opened. Due to a lack of applications the committee only has a Chair and a Treasurer. The Commissioner Dies will step in as Secretary and will continue looking for members to join the committee throughout the rest of the academic year. The Commissioner Dies is very enthusiastic to start bonding within the committee as well as looking for a Dies speaker. She will allow the committee to come up with ideas for the Dies week, but encourages the f.t. Commissioner to make a schedule together with the committee.

4.3 Commissioner SPIL-Weekend

“I don't kak in” - Casijn de Haas

4.3.1 General

The XLVth Board made the choice to organise SPIL-Weekend this year. They have reflected on their schedules with a Board member less and have decided that after careful consideration they are able to organise SPIL-Weekend. The Secretary and the Treasurer are going to be co-commissioners for the trip. They have decided to do it together to lighten the work load and to be able to step in when the other cannot. They believe this will work out well as the Secretary is only starting the Dies committee and the Treasurer is finishing up with the Winter Trip committee. They are motivated to organise it because of the big appreciation from members.

The trip will not have any budget. This means that the trip will finance itself, but this will not have a big impact on the trip. Last year there was only a contribution of € 25,- per person from the association, so no contribution will not make a big difference. SPIL-Weekend is also a well sought after trip, so the Secretary and Treasurer are not worried about applications.

The applications for the committee opened in January. The committee will consist of a chair, secretary, treasurer as well as three general members. Both Commissioners are very excited to start working with the committee.

5. TREASURER & COMMISSIONER WINTER TRIP

5.1 Treasurer

“It's giving SPIL from wish” - Soizic Michotte van den Berck

5.1.1 Re-Budget

The income of the budget was more than the Treasurer estimated at the beginning of the year. The membership fee is the biggest contributor to this increase, the book sale also went really great in the first semester and resulted in a larger sum to be collected than expected. With this extra income there are two main things the Treasurer wants to do with it.

Firstly, the Treasurer has decided to start a reserve for a new website. It has been recommended by former Board members to look into switching website provider. Moreover, the association is one of few that still have their General Assembly booklets and pictures available to the public. Most associations have log-ins for their members to access this. That is why the Treasurer wants to start with saving for this investment. Associations similar to SPIL use Genkgo and are satisfied with it. The company offers a more modern and effective website. Modifications and personal packages can be made based on personal needs. They offer webhosting, declaration forms, password-protected quick-loading photo gallery, tied-in magazine page, and log-in options for all members are various other benefits that could come from it. GA booklets and pictures would also be available only to members, enhancing the privacy of the association. Adding these packages would cancel many separate fees with other companies that the association currently has. It is possible on the website of Genkgo to calculate the estimated costs of a new website with preferred packages. When filling this out based on the needs the Board thinks are needed, they calculate a one-time fee of € 4.500,- and yearly costs of € 780,-. The annual costs would be a little more than the current website, but this is outweighed by the benefits. The Treasurer has now budgeted € 2.000,- for the reserve. She hopes with this that the total needed fee will be collected in two years.

Secondly, the Treasurer wants to set aside savings for the upcoming Boards. Something that every upcoming Board will struggle with is the declining income of the association. Income of the association has not grown with inflation and costs. Moreover, there is an added struggle of the re-registration of members last year. Hopefully members of the association will continue to grow every year until it is back to the amount of last year and maybe even more, but this growth might not be linear and might not be the reality. This is why the Treasurer finds it important to set this money aside for upcoming Boards instead of spending it all this year. Additionally, this financial year has had the luck of being a Lustrum year. It has given the XLVth Board more options with regards to CASSA subsidies, as they will now receive money from CASSA for the Lustrum and for the Lustrum yearbook. It has also lifted a large part of the financial burden for the gala and cantus, and a part of the Lustrum reserve is reserved for the trips this year. This will not be the case for upcoming Boards.

The Treasurer wants to reserve € 570,- for the XLVIth Board and € 1.750,- for the XLVIIth Board. The XLVIth Board will expectedly have less members than the XLVIIth Board, but they will receive an additional € 5.000,- from the Institute Board, which the XLVIIth Board will not. This year the Institute Board has promised an additional € 5.000,- for SPIL for two years. The XLVIth Board will also be able to raise the membership fee, as this has not been done this year. It is wise to not raise the membership fee every year, but every two years is better advised. The Treasurer advises that they do, even with this year's higher income than expected the general income-expenses ratio of the association is still declining. Moreover, the XLVIth Board will also receive money from the XLIVth Board, which will make their total reserve € 1.460,73. In 5.1.2 Membership she will elaborate more on her expectations of the future of the membership.

5.1.2 Membership

The membership fee was collected on the 26th of November 2025. The total fee collected is € 12.236,29¹. This is more than € 4.000,- more than the Treasurer initially calculated. The Treasurer had not expected that so many members would pay via a manual transfer. € 8.170,50 is collected from members with a direct debit with only a handful of defaulters². The Secretary and Treasurer are very proud of the small number of defaulters and lack of errors, because it took much effort to organise the direct debit batch with the new administration of members. This would have not been possible without the detailed whitebook the Secretary and Treasurer received from their predecessors. Additionally, many members that were late with paying their membership fee paid the late fee of € 5,-. As planned the Secretary and Treasurer sent three reminder e-mails. They set up a new system of emailing members who failed to pay, this was necessary because of the large number of members who did not sign a direct debit. It was very successful and managed to email more than 500 members via Conscribo. The Treasurer has also been in contact with the company that manages the mandates and has been informed that they are hoping to have digital mandates ready for international bank accounts by March 2026.

This year many members have paid via a manual transfer but this gives an uncertain view of the sustainability of these paying members. The Treasurer expects around 200 members to sign out for the upcoming year. This would mean that after the deadline the association would have around 450 members. The Treasurer assumes that the usual amount of new members will still be around 250. This would mean that the XLVIth Board will have more members than the XLVth Board has and she hopes that this number will grow every year. Nevertheless, this might not be the reality so it might not develop the way she expects.

On a different note, the reunionist membership fee has not yet been collected. The Secretary and Treasurer are planning to offer reunionists the option to sign a direct debit mandate, this is why it took them longer to collect. This will hopefully make the membership fee easier to collect and will be less effort for reunionists to pay. The Secretary and Treasurer are planning on collecting the membership at the end February.

5.1.3 Merchandise stock

The association has a large stock of merchandise laying in the closet that has not been selling for a few years. The association currently has a total value of € 5.537,82 in merchandise. Half of this amount consists of merchandise that is still being sold regularly on the website and the other half has not. Some items have been off of the website since the beginning of the year because of some technical difficulties with the website, but most of these items did not sell much before that. Think of items like braces and bike packages that have been around for years. That means the value of the merchandise has diminished, since part of the merchandise is now worthless.

¹ A total of 625 members paid, of which 419 who were in the direct debit batch.

² 3,3% of the 419 members in the direct debit batch did not pay.

Merchandise is not sold to generate a profit, but should only cover the costs that the association made by buying it (break-even). When every item will sell, it should cover all the costs made, but now almost none of these costs/losses are getting smaller. This is why the Treasurer proposes to devalue some items to hopefully start selling again. However, this is not so easily done. When items get devalued they would still create a partial loss for the association. Merchandise is purchased with the money in the savings account, because it is sold in multiple Board years and so it is not specific to one book year. If a Board decides to devalue an item, they would have to make up for the loss of income by taking it as an expense on their budget and transferring this money to the savings account. This is something no Board is excited to do, because it would mean that this is money they cannot spend in their year. Consequently, the merchandise stock has never been changed, because it is easier to leave it as it is than buying it. This is why the Treasurer proposes to change the value of the merchandise drastically and take that loss of income as a loss for the savings and not for the book year. Other options would be to either leave it as it is, but that would make it an even greater loss for the association. Or to devalue in very small steps, but that would take a very long time so it will not make any difference.

The Treasurer proposes this exactly: At this moment six items are sold on the website: ties, bows, socks, shot glasses, playing cards and Doppers. Former boards pins are sold offline, exclusively to former Board members. These items are still regularly bought and have a reasonable price so will stay the way they are, except for the Doppers. In the table below, items can be found that have not been on the website that the Treasurer proposes will be added with a devalued price. Additionally, items like the braces and bowties will be promoted extra during Lustrum in the hopes of members wanting it for their Lustrum gala outfits. The Treasurer wants to first try to sell some items for low prices, before taking them off of the balance as a whole. With doing this it would not change the recommended equity of 25%-50%.

| Item | Original price | Proposed new price |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| <i>Umbrellas</i> | € 5,00 | € 3,00 |
| <i>Bowties</i> | € 6,00 | € 4,00 |
| <i>Quarter zip sweaters</i> | € 38,95 | € 15,00 |
| <i>Bike packages</i> | € 10,00 | € 5,50 |
| <i>Suit braces</i> | € 20,00 | € 3,00 |
| <i>Card holders</i> | € 3,59 | € 0,00 |

These changes would not affect the policy that is currently in effect for merchandise items. The XLVth Board will still only make one merchandise item a year and it will still be sold with a break-even price and be on pre-order. The Treasurer does not believe that profit should be made on merchandise, as the items should be easily accessible for members. Nevertheless, she does not believe that it should make too great of a loss for the association.

5.1.4 Audit Committee

The Treasurer and the Audit Committee agreed to conduct three audits this year. The first audit took place on December 8th. The second audit took place on February 16th. The Audit Committee's report will be presented by the Audit Committee or, in their absence, by the Treasurer at the Interim General Assembly. The third audit is scheduled to occur before the Change of Board General Assembly. The Treasurer is highly satisfied with the Audit Committee and appreciates their advice and support. She is confident that this relationship will continue throughout the remainder of the year.

5.2 Commissioner Winter Trip

“Are you happy to be in Paris?”

“Oui.” - Nicki Minaj

5.2.1 Winter Trip

The association went on the Winter Trip to Paris from the 26th to the 30th of January with 38 members (consisting of 6 Board members and 6 committee members). The organisation went very well. The Committee was committed to the process and made sure that the trip was filled with activities. The collaboration between the Treasurer and the Commissioner External Relations went really smoothly. They were able to step in when the other could not, with the Treasurer focusing on the booking of the transport, hostel and the applications and the Commissioner External on the committee and activities. Later in the process they combined their efforts to finalise the whole trip. There were some difficulties with the applications, that is why only 38 members went on the trip instead of 40.

The committee put together a programme with eight political activities, three cultural activities and five social activities, while still leaving free time for the participants. Prior to the trip there was a pre-activity organised to the Alliance Française where the participants could get to know everyone, learn about French culture and the French language!

The trip started out great with everyone being on time to catch the train to Gare du Nord. The trip got kicked off with a crazy 45, which was competitively completed in one and a half hours and resulted in many fun pictures and videos. In the afternoon, a quick visit was payed to the army museum before going to the Assemblée. The visit contained a detailed tour and even a small peek into the debate that was going on about France's rules and regulations for minors on social media. The next day the participants went on a very rainy, but informative city tour guided by committee members. Afterwards, was a visit to the Paris Peace Forum. Wednesday started with a lecture in UNESCO about their youth connection programme. Followed by a tour of the Ministry of Foreign affairs and Europe, where they gave an exclusive sneak peak of the rooms that are used for formal business by the Minister and her colleagues. After this, there was a debate scheduled with Model United Nations students at Sorbonne University, but this was sadly cancelled because of some technical issues on their side. Luckily, the day was happily completed with an amazing karaoke session, per SPIL's tradition. The following day was started with a visit

to the French Institute of International Relations, where members of the study committee on Franco-German Relations (Cerfa) gave a detailed presentation on their research. The day ended with a very cold but beautiful boat cruise on the Seine and a final dinner was held at the Bouillon Chartier. The last day, started with a visit to the OECD, continued with a grand tour of the Paris Opera and ended with participants visiting either the Louvre or the l'Orangerie.

The Commissioner is very proud of the trip. The committee did amazing work on making the schedule great and the trip smooth. Additionally, the group of participants all attended the activities eagerly and made the trip all round amazing!

6. COMMISSIONER EDUCATION AND POLITICS & COMMISSIONER INTRODUCTION

6.1 Commissioner Education & Politics

"I found out yesterday that CDA is a Christian party" - Lex Stap (one month before the elections)

6.1.1. Education Committee

The Education Committee has organised four activities so far. The first activity was a Crash Course lecture about Dutch politics organised together with Leiden University, Dutch Politics 101, inspired by the success of the event in the past two years. The activity started with a small lecture from Dr. Simon Otjes, Dr. Sarah de Lange and Dr. Tom Louwerse and ended with a Q&A moderated by Denny van der Vlist. Due to the closeness with the Dutch elections the lecture also focused on a campaign aspect, which made it interesting for students with more knowledge about Dutch politics. The Commissioner considers this a successful event, with a high turnout and interested students.

The second event organised by the Education Committee was the Stairs Affairs event in collaboration with the B.I.L.. The event started with a lecture from Dr. Tom Louwerse and Dr. Saskia Bonjour, after which a panel discussion took place with the audience and the first exit polls were watched together with a first analysis from our speakers. The attendance for the event was amazing, with about 80 students present on the Spanish steps.

The career day, Meet the Employer, was the third activity and was organised in collaboration with Leiden University and the study associations Custodia and Basis. Due to the collaboration the scale of the event was able to be bigger. Students also had the opportunity to do CV checks. Several members of the committee and the Commissioner herself helped during the day to ensure that everything ran smoothly, by taking pictures, guiding speakers to their rooms and checking attendance of participants. Although the event was bigger than the committee could have organised by itself, the added value for members was less than expected. This was due to the fact that participants needed to pay and students from other studies could also join, which removed the added value of being a member of our association for this event.

The second career day organised by Leiden University will take place during Lustrum, because this period is already packed with activities this career day will not be promoted. To honor the commitment made to the university to collaborate this year the Commissioner and several committee members will help out during the event.

The Commissioner has decided that for these reasons there will be a career event organised this year for only members of our association. The President will help the Commissioner and the Education Committee with organising this career event.

A workshop on debating was the fourth activity that was organised in collaboration with LeidenMUN. To make the attendance higher this event was designed to be more interactive with a small introduction by LeidenMUN and a debate after between two teams about whether the EU should have a collective army. Students debated very enthusiastically during this event.

The fifth event took place in the first week of the second semester. This event was a lecture with a Q&A about UN Peacekeeping, with a focus on what problems the present peacekeeping missions face and what lessons have been learned from past missions. Ideas for a fun lecture are still being worked out, but the Education Committee is looking into different options such as a pub lecture or a mock-up parliament debate.

6.1.2. Excursions Committee

The Excursions Committee has organised three excursions in the first semester. The first excursion was a visit to the House of Europe. The visit to the Indonesian embassy was a success after the first date was cancelled by the embassy. To make the sign-ups fair for this excursion the committee decided to give members who were on the list for the cancelled date earlier access to the sign-ups for the new date. The third excursion was a visit to the talk-show Eva Jinek with a tour around the editorial office. There was an additional excursion organised by the Commissioner Internal Relations to the talkshow Café Kockelmann who invited the association to come last minute.

One more excursion will take place before the Interim GA with five more to be planned until the end of the year. One of these excursions will be a visit to the talkshow Pauw & de Wit, because this excursion will be in Dutch, an additional English spoken excursion was added to the year plan. The Commissioner is excited for the upcoming excursions. The Commissioner and the Excursion Committee will also try to organise an excursion in September.

6.1.3. Masters Committee

The Master Committee has had a successful first semester with two activities that were organised. A borrel in October was the first activity, which was well attended. The second activity of the year was the Board Game Night in November, which had a good turnout. A pub quiz was organised in February to welcome back the master students and give new master

students that just started an opportunity to meet their fellow students. After the Interim GA, there will be four more activities that take place. An activity to inform master students about doing a PhD will take place as well as a second pub quiz and a yet to be decided activity. The last masters activity to celebrate the final deadline for the thesis and the end of the exams will be a final borrel that will be organised after the deadline.

6.1.4. Book sale

The contract with Index Books has been continued for another year. The Commissioners had two meetings with Index Books to learn about the company and to discuss how the sales can improve. This year the association received a higher percentage of the variable commission for the first time. The Commissioner will continue to make sure that the complete list is ready before the official start of the summer break as well as requesting that the book sale will be promoted in the communication from the study advisors to the first years students. The Commissioner is looking into providing a book sale for the master specialisations of Political Science.

6.1.5 Programme Committee

The Commissioner is a student member of the Programme Committee, which evaluates courses for the Bachelor courses and discusses the concerns of students. The Programme Committee had two meetings at the time of writing in which The Commissioner participated actively. The Programme Committee will evaluate the courses of the first semester. Students have shared their concerns with the Programme Committee in the first semester about accessibility, certain courses and moved exams dates. The Commissioner hopes that students will continue to do this in the second semester.

6.1.6 Student Sounding Board

The Student Sounding Board (SKG) had one meeting in the first semester and will have had a second meeting before the Interim GA takes place. During the first meeting the SKG discussed what role A.I. plays in student lives, what is acceptable use of A.I. and different ways of A.I. proof testing.

6.1.7 LinkedIn

The Commissioner has used LinkedIn to keep connections from the association updated about the activities our members have participated in. The LinkedIn has also been used to promote the Former Boards Borrel and the Alumni Event.

6.2 Commissioner Introduction

"You come to the common room for free coffee and tea and you stay for the gezelligheid"-
Chiury de Nijs

6.2.1 General

The Introduction Committee organises events with the purpose to help students connect with each other. In the first semester, the committee organised a movie night. The committee is

preparing for the Friends and Family Days this semester as well as a cultural themed activity. The workshop that was planned in collaboration with Stichting 'Door het Geluid' will be rescheduled to take place again. To ensure that there will be enough sign-ups for the event the workshop will be in collaboration with the study association for psychology, Labyrint.

6.2.2 Study Groups

An important activity by the committee is organising the study groups, which are currently held twice in each block, one in Leiden and the other one in The Hague. The study groups have been generally well attended, with a higher demand for the sessions in The Hague. The study groups provide students with presentations about the course and practice questions. The study groups in Leiden had good attendance in block 1, but a disappointing amount in block 2 with no members showing up. The Commissioner will evaluate whether the need for the study groups in Leiden is still there and look into ways to promote the study group better.

The association has a new partnership with 'Urban Café' which is located close to the university in The Hague. Due to this new partnership the study groups will be held in the café itself, which provides a good study environment as well as free drinks. The study groups for Leiden will remain to be held in the Faculty of Social Sciences. The Commissioner is planning to try out special study sessions so students can study together in a nice environment. These study sessions will take place in the middle of the blocks, so students can catch up on their coursework and before resits. The successful collaboration with CIROS will continue for the study groups at the end of a block and will be held at the 'Urban Café'.

6.2.3 Friends & Family Day

The Friends & Family Day will have a different format this year in comparison to last year. Instead of having three separate events with one for friends and two for family, there will be three separate events as well this year, but with a different distribution. The Friends and Family days will take place together in The Hague and a separate Friends Day and Family Day will take place in Leiden.

The VVV'tjes Day, which stands for friends from the past, is the Friends Day that will take place in Leiden. The Introduction Committee hopes that this will result in a nice experience for our members' family and friends.

6.2.4 Freshmen Weekend

The Commissioner is still working on finding a great location for Freshmen Weekend. The Commissioner and the committee are looking into other places besides the location in Delft, Scouting Paulus, that has been used in previous years. The preference for a different location than previous years is due to communication and paying difficulties that arose last year.

The date for Freshmen Weekend is scheduled for after the EI-CID and HOP week to maximise the attendance for both Dutch and international students. In this period a lot of students will be in the Netherlands, because the introduction weeks have already taken place.

6.2.5 Committee

The applications for the Introduction Committee were opened again in the beginning of February. The Commissioner decided that the re-opening of the committee was necessary, because one member is leaving the committee. The Commissioner is delighted with the work of the committee and is looking forward to working together for the rest of the year.

7. COMMISSIONER INTERNAL RELATIONS & COMMISSIONER FESTIVE

7.1 Commissioner Internal Relations

“What does bonjour mean again?” - Pieter Mauritz

7.1.1.1 DEBAT

The committee has published two print editions of DEBAT so far: the first in November and the second in February. These issues were home-delivered to 106 members and the Commissioner’s predecessors, and distributed in both common rooms as well as to University staff. All members on last year’s sign-up list were contacted by email and asked whether they wanted to revoke their subscription. Together with the Treasurer the Commissioner Internal Relations decided to reduce the number of printed copies by 25 to keep it within budget, now totalling 325 per issue. The printing is handled by DamenDrukkers, and the collaboration has been smooth so far.

The Commissioner has not set aims for the Dutch/English division. Ultimately, the Dutch/English division has been comparable to previous editions which is satisfactory. The Commissioner has urged the committee to be creative in terms of article types. This has already resulted in a duo article and an interview in the first issue, and another duo article in the second article. Apart from those however, the Commissioner does not see a lot of enthusiasm in the committee for other types of articles. The Commissioner will keep encouraging writers to be creative in terms of article types, but will not oblige anyone to do so. The Commissioner regards the revealed magazines as a strong reflection of the committee’s efforts and looks ahead with enthusiasm to the future magazines.

7.1.1.2 Committee

The DEBAT committee has put in a lot of work in physical issues as well as the online articles. The DEBAT board has worked with great enthusiasm and operates autonomously and proactively. The DEBAT board has been meeting regularly and has been acting on their own initiative when issues arrived. This year we started the pilot of only giving the final deadlines to editors, allowing them to set their own deadlines. This has worked extremely well, resulting in a low number of overdue articles. The first plenary meeting took place in the Beehive common room, which was a surprisingly comfortable venue, which allowed the committee to get to know each other.

At the start of the year writers gave up their preferences for writing online or in physical magazines. No hard divisions were set up, and this turned out fine. For both the physical as well

as the online articles there was enough interest to fill up the online article schedule as well as the magazines.

The designing team, under supervision of the Head of Design, has been operating as desired with the designs being uniform and finished on schedule. Translation of the online articles has been done by the Commissioner, since he is already checking the content of the articles. The Instagram has been maintained by the secretary of the committee. After the first semester a LinkedIn post was made recapitulating on what has been achieved in the first. However, the Commissioner thinks this is an area to improve upon and thus aims to post more often.

The internal bonding of the committee has also been an ongoing process. Especially the activities organised by the head of social activities have helped with this. Both the lecture by Mark Lievisse Adriaanse and the potluck afternoon were well attended. Unfortunately, the first joint writing session did not attract enough committee members, which meant that those would be discontinued until there is a reason to believe they will be better attended in the future. The reveal borrels have been incredibly well attended, with around 50 members present at the first reveal borrel in Café L'Esperance.

7.1.1.3 DEBAT online

The Commissioner expresses satisfaction with the DEBAT Online articles that have appeared. As in prior years, a new article was released weekly in both Dutch and English. Collaboration with the committee's secretary has been efficient, and close to all articles were posted on schedule. As mentioned before, the Commissioner has been translating the online articles. The Commissioner sees no reason to change this since this could add to more delay in the chain.

7.1.2.1 Podcast Committee

The chair and secretary together with the rest of the committee members have worked hard in making sure every task in the production chain gets taken up. However, the committee has proven to be slightly difficult to manage, mainly because of its size. The boundaries between the teams working on "student life" episodes and "political science" episodes have been blurry which on the one hand results in larger freedom in the committee, but on the other hand makes the production less clear-cut as tasks had to be divided per episode. The Commissioner is working together with the committee to find a good way to manage this. Overall, the Commissioner is extremely proud of the committee members for navigating their way in this new committee.

7.1.2.2 Episodes

In the first semester three podcast episodes were produced maintaining a nice balance between "student life" and "political science". It has taken some time to get into the right workflow for making a podcast episode, but by now this has been dialed in fairly well. The committee aims to be even more productive in the second semester. Since the SPILcast has now firmly established itself, the committee aims to work towards including more esteemed guests. Podcast formats so

far have mostly revolved around interviews, both with students and experts from the field. Multiple episodes have also featured “voxpops”, interviews with students on the streets/campus. The Commissioner is greatly pleased with this innovation from the committee members. To facilitate podcast recordings outside of university recording studios the Commissioner is looking into buying microphones that can be transported to other locations. The Commissioner believes the goal of the podcast has been stuck to adequately.

7.1.3.1 Yearbook

The Yearbook Committee decided to work with publishing company OrangeBooks this year. The main reason behind this were yearbooks from other associations the committee liked, that were printed by OrangeBooks. The communication has been very smooth so far. At the end of November, the committee visited the company’s offices in Breda to explore potential materials, designs, and paper options. When going through old yearbooks the Commissioner found out some Lustrum yearbooks in the past had received subsidy from the *Leids Universitair Fonds*. Correspondence with *LUF* employees revealed that it was still possible to receive funding for a Lustrum yearbook. The Commissioner worked together with the President and the Treasurer to integrate this request into the general lustrum CASSA application. The Commissioner is thankful to CASSA for granting the requested 500 euros for the Lustrum yearbook, which has raised the yearbook budget by around 20%. This will enable the committee to create a yearbook worthy of a Lustrum year. After close examination of leftover yearbooks of previous years it has been decided to reduce the number of printed yearbooks to 70, instead of the 100 that have been printed in previous years. Remaining copies from last year are available in the common rooms and can be used to promote the association at various events. The Commissioner, together with the board, considered utilising a sign-up list for the yearbook, and basing the amount of printed copies on the amount of sign-ups. However, the Commissioner decided against this for the following reasons. First of all, as said before, the amount of printed books is already being diminished, based on the amount of yearbooks leftover from previous years. Further lowering the amount of books would make the prices per copy unnecessarily high. Additionally, it would mean yearbooks could no longer be given away to for example other associations nor displayed at Open Days. This problem could be solved by ordering a set amount of books on top of the amount of sign-ups. However, the point of the sign-up list is subsequently lost, because the amount of books that are ordered is then not solely based on the data from the sign-up list, but also on our own estimates, which is already what we are doing now. Another option to increase the financial feasibility of the yearbook would be to ask a fee from members who (were on the sign-up list and) receive a book. However, the Commissioner believes this second barrier, the first barrier being the sign-up list, would drastically decrease the demand for yearbooks. As reducing the number of copies increases the price per copy, it is not very beneficial to greatly lower the number of printed books. The result would be that the financial gains for the association would be marginal, while way less members get a copy of the yearbook. The Commissioner believes this is not the way to go. If budget cuts on the yearbook would have to be made at some point in the future, the Commissioner advises to start off by cutting in the

options chosen at the press company. Ultimately, it will be up to succeeding Treasurers and Commissioners Internal Relations to decide how they will make the yearbook work in their year.

7.1.3.2 Committee

The Commissioner is very pleased with the committee's efforts. The committee chair organises the schedule effectively, setting clear timelines and distributing responsibilities efficiently. The majority of the committee's tasks will take place over the next few months, and the Commissioner is eager to see the yearbook take shape in the spring. The bonding within the committee has been outstanding, so the Commissioner expects the rest of the ride to run smoothly. The yearbook's theme will be announced at a borrel in week 18.

7.2 Commissioner Festive

"Can't we make the 'Eeuwige Student' SPIL's purveyor to the royal household?" - Rikus Doedens

7.2.1 General

The Commissioner is very pleased with the progress of the Festive Committee to date. Throughout the first semester, the committee has held regular meetings and enjoys a positive, engaging atmosphere. Members have participated actively in all activities and have also strengthened their connections outside of festive activities. The Commissioner looks forward with enthusiasm to continuing collaboration with the committee.

7.2.2 Borrels

At the start of the year, the Commissioner contacted Café L'Espérance in Leiden and De Corner in The Hague to serve as the association's regular venues for borrels. Both locations usually offer members complimentary snacks. The Commissioner has been pleased to see strong attendance at borrels in both cities, especially at the DEBAT reveal borrels. The Commissioner has noticed that some members find the drinks at Café L'esperance to be too expensive. He understands their concerns, as well as the bar being relatively far away from the train station which makes it harder to reach for students from the Hague. Therefore, the Commissioner plans to explore other bars in the second semester. The Commissioner has done some field research in Leiden and has found some bars to be cheaper, and closer to train station Leiden Centraal than Café L'Espérance. So far, no themed borrels have taken place as the Commissioner and the committee believe this might add a barrier to attending the borrel. Keeping the borrels in the Hague on Tuesday has worked out satisfactory, and thus will be kept.

7.2.3 Parties

This year the collaboration with Picasso has been intensified which has been satisfactory. Collaborations thus far have been the Valentine's Party at Paard, Flashback Thursday at PiP, and the Semester Opening Party also at PiP. The Commissioner's predecessor organised the greatly successful Kick-Off party. The other SPIL-only party in the first semester was the Halloween party. At the time of writing the Commissioner is working together with Emile and Itiwana to

organise the FSW party. In the second semester the Picasso collaboration parties will continue, while keeping in mind HSF, InFaFe and the rest of the yearplan. After this year's successful party in September, the Commissioner strives to organise one again this year to welcome new students.

7.2.4 Social Activities

The committee aims to host at least one social activity per month. Last semester, they organised a pool night and an outside escape. In addition to the regular social activities special attention will be given to the Grand Social Activity (GSA). The Efteling trip will once again take place, this time in March.

8. COMMISSIONER EXTERNAL RELATIONS & COMMISSIONER SUMMER TRIP

8.1 Commissioner External Relations

"I don't trust words. I trust pictures" - Gilles Peress

8.1.1 Partnerships

Currently, the association has active partnerships with Can't Dutch This, Helprr, GENTS, Nocto, and Joor It. The collaboration with Joor It has been particularly beneficial, as both the XLIVth and XLVth Boards have successfully worked with them on several textile items, including this year's committee item. In addition to the existing partnerships, the association has established several new collaborations. A new partnership was concluded with Flitz Events, through which members receive discounts on escape room activities, specifically the UNLOCK escape room. Furthermore, a collaboration was initiated with Urban Café, whereby the association receives coffee and food in exchange for visibility during study sessions and study groups. A first trial of this partnership took place during the January resit period, allowing the association to assess its feasibility and added value for members.

Alongside partnership development, the committee has been actively involved in exploring alternative funding opportunities for the Summer Trip. Their efforts have significantly contributed to expanding the scope of funding research, including applications to funding opportunities offered by the Municipality of The Hague. These initiatives reflect the committee's proactive role in supporting the financial sustainability of the association's major activities.

Regarding food-related partnerships, a collaboration was established during the first exam period with Frenchies Burger in The Hague, offering discounts to SPIL members. However, it became apparent that similar agreements were also granted to other associations, including CIROS. This experience has highlighted the importance of increased vigilance when negotiating partnerships, particularly to ensure exclusivity or added value for SPIL members where possible. As a result, greater attention will be paid to distinguishing future agreements from those offered to other student associations.

8.1.2 Merchandise

The Acquisitions Committee is currently working on the development of the merch item, which has been in preparation over the past months. As in previous years, a pre-order sign-up will be opened in advance to assess demand and determine the production quantity of the merch item. Based on the number of pre-orders, an additional 10–20% reserve will be produced to accommodate late interest, first-year students, and future introduction weeks.

The official merchandise reveal and start of sales is planned to take place in early March, during a Merch Market combined with a DEBAT reveal borrel. This format allows members to view the merchandise in person, place or collect their orders, and engage with the association in an informal setting.

The DEBAT reveal borrel organised at the end of November, proved to be highly successful in terms of attendance and member engagement. Building on this experience, the Commissioner expects that combining both reveals can contribute to greater visibility for the Merch Market as well as for newly developed merchandise items.

8.1.3 Acquisitions Committee

The Acquisitions Committee meets regularly to monitor its progress and ensure steady coordination throughout the year. The committee has shown a high level of engagement and commitment, working actively and diligently on the development of the current merchandise item. The Commissioner and the committee look forward to welcoming members at the upcoming Merch Market. In addition, the Acquisitions Committee remains highly motivated to further expand partnerships across the different domains, with the aim of strengthening the association's external relations and member benefits.

8.1.4.1 Promotion

The Promotion Committee has demonstrated a high level of motivation and engagement throughout the year. The committee successfully managed to reach a shared agreement on a recognisable and coherent design, contributing to a clear and consistent visual identity for the association. In addition, several committee members showed strong commitment to the creation of promotional videos, which proved to be a significant success in terms of visibility and engagement. The Commissioner is very satisfied with the quality and consistency of the content produced by the committee and looks forward to exploring further improvements and developments together in the future. The Commissioner has continued the use of flyers as a promotional tool for the association. Flyers have been designed and distributed for the common rooms, Open Days, and future university introduction events, ensuring continuity in physical promotional material alongside the association's digital outreach.

8.1.4.2 Social Media

Instagram remains the primary promotional channel for the association and continues to be the most effective platform for reaching members and promoting activities. The Commissioner

proposes to discontinuing the association's Facebook account following a fine received as a result of a copyrighted image published on the platform.

During this process, the Commissioner became aware that managing or deleting content from the Facebook account has proven to be highly problematic. Direct access to the account has been lost over the years, and despite extensive efforts, the email address originally linked to the account could not be retrieved. It was subsequently established that the account is not linked to any official association email address, which poses an additional risk. The majority of the images in question were published prior to 2021, further complicating content management.

Currently, the only remaining access to the Facebook account is through Meta Business Suite, due to its connection with the association's Instagram account. However, this interface does not allow for bulk deletion of posts. Each individual image must be located by manually scrolling through the timeline, and deleting a single post automatically redirects the user back to the most recent post. As a result, the deletion of one image takes approximately 30 minutes. Given that there are more than fifty images concerned, all dating from before 2021, the total workload required to manually remove the content is considered disproportionately time-consuming and inefficient.

Given that the association has received a fine related to this account, and considering the lack of secure ownership, control, and the excessive time required for manual content removal, the Commissioner, in consultation with the Board, proposes to fully delete the Facebook account on 13 March. This timeline allows all members sufficient time to download and archive any photos or content they wish to keep, while ensuring the association can prevent further legal and financial risks.

8.1.4.3 Photos

With significant support from her predecessor, the Commissioner was able, after encountering several technical difficulties, to ensure that the association's photo albums are now displayed correctly and load quickly without any issues. All photo albums are also available within the app. The Commissioner looks forward to capturing and sharing even more photos at upcoming events, further contributing to the visibility and archival quality of the association's activities.

8.1.4.4 ICT

Throughout the year, the Commissioner encountered several challenges related to the website, as website management does not fall within her primary area of expertise. As a result, certain issues required more time to resolve than initially anticipated. The Commissioner is therefore very grateful for the support and guidance of her predecessor, whose assistance proved essential in addressing these technical difficulties.

Over time, the Commissioner has gradually become more familiar with managing and updating the website. During the current semester, she aims to become more confident in this role and to

place a stronger focus on the website, particularly with regard to regularly updating content such as the Committee Cup.

Regarding the SPIL App, all functionalities have continued to operate smoothly. The app clearly displays the common room schedules, alongside the activity calendar and DEBAT publications, ensuring that members can easily stay informed. It is also actively used by our active members, which shows its usefulness in daily communication and organisation.

8.2 Commissioner Summer trip

“I haven’t been everywhere, but it’s on my list.” - Susan Sontag

8.2.1 General

The Commissioner, together with the Summer Trip Committee, has chosen Thailand as the destination of the Summer Trip. Although Thailand was previously visited by the association four years ago, maintaining a destination outside of Europe remained a key priority. Reaching this decision required a long and careful process, given the financial constraints and the increasing difficulty of organising long-distance trips within budget. The Commissioner would like to express sincere gratitude to the committee for their support, particularly in gathering information on accommodation and local transportation options for each potential destination, while the Commissioner focused primarily on flight research and comparison.

After extensive research and comparison of multiple destinations, Thailand was ultimately selected due to the exceptionally affordable flight options available. The selection process involved continuous monitoring of airline prices, flexibility in payment options, and comparisons across different dates and airlines. Unlike other cost categories, flight prices proved to be the most decisive factor in determining both the destination and the duration of the trip.

- Political relevance

Domestic: Thailand presents an interesting case study for political science students due to its complex political system, which combines elements of constitutional monarchy, military influence, and electoral politics. The country has experienced multiple political transitions, coups, and constitutional reforms over recent decades. This makes Thailand a relevant example for analysing civil–military relations, democratic resilience, and the role of institutions in Southeast Asia.

International: On the international level, Thailand plays a significant role in Southeast Asia as a regional hub for diplomacy, trade, and tourism. As a member of ASEAN, Thailand is actively involved in regional cooperation and multilateral diplomacy. Its strategic position, relations with major powers, and engagement in regional economic and security frameworks offer students valuable insights into international relations beyond the European context.

- Cultural relevance

Thailand offers a rich cultural landscape shaped by Buddhism, monarchy, and regional diversity. Cities such as Bangkok provide opportunities to explore religious practices, historical sites, and urban development, while also allowing students to engage with questions of cultural identity, tourism, and modernisation. The cultural relevance of Thailand contributes significantly to the educational value of the trip, particularly for students interested in non-Western political and cultural systems.

- *Scientific relevance*

From an academic perspective, Thailand allows participants to compare political systems and societal structures outside Europe. The interaction between traditional values, political authority, and globalisation offers a valuable contrast to European democracies. Observing Thailand's political and social dynamics provides students with broader comparative insights relevant to political science and international relations.

- *Financial Feasibility*

Despite Thailand being a long-haul destination, the trip remains financially feasible primarily due to the affordability of the selected flights. After extensive and continuous research, the Commissioner identified a suitable offer with Oman Air. Due to the strong impact of specific travel dates on flight prices, the duration of the trip had to be shortened by two days. The trip will therefore take place between 20 June and 2 July 2026.

The duration of the trip was therefore determined not by preference, but by budgetary constraints linked to flight availability and price fluctuations. Flight costs varied significantly depending on the exact dates, airline conditions, and payment flexibility, making the search process particularly lengthy. The objective was to secure a stay of approximately 10 to 14 days, while ensuring that the trip remained financially accessible to participants.

- a. Accommodation: accommodation and local transportation costs in Thailand remain relatively affordable, further supporting the overall feasibility of the destination. The committee contributed by researching hostels and transport options, while the Commissioner focused on flight booking.
- b. Transport: Due to the high temperatures expected and following recommendations to ensure everyone's comfort, we will travel by private bus during the trip. This arrangement will allow the group to move between locations in more comfortable conditions and to keep the schedule running smoothly.
- c. Food: In general, a full meal in Thailand costs around 80–120 THB (€ 2–€ 3) for lunch, while dinner is slightly more expensive, averaging 120–200 THB (€3–€5).

8.2.2 Selection Procedure

Members who intend to join the trip will be able to hand their motivation in from the 23rd of February to the 2nd of March in the common rooms both in Leiden and the Hague. The cover

letters are required to be handed in physically in a printed format. The cover letters must include the participant's motivation to join the journey, their contribution to improve the trip and their justification on why they think the destination is politically relevant, as well as a suggested political or cultural activity. The word count must not exceed 400 words.

The letters will be anonymised by the Commissioner. Further, the letters will be checked by a neutral committee consisting of a combination of three members, who are either former Board members or academic staff members affiliated with Leiden University.

The total number of participants for the Summer Trip is 35, consisting of 6 Board members and 7 committee members. This allocation allows for 22 members to participate in the trip.

8.2.3 Conclusion

In order to avoid being constrained by a single option, the Commissioner and the committee jointly selected several politically and culturally relevant destinations outside Europe. Following extensive research, comparison, and coordination, Thailand emerged as the most suitable choice, balancing academic relevance, cultural value, and financial feasibility. This process illustrates the complexity of organising long-distance educational trips under current economic conditions and highlights the collaborative effort behind the final decision.

Based on this experience, the Commissioner considers it likely that organising a summer trip will become increasingly challenging in the coming years, particularly due to rising flight prices, inflation, and reduced affordability of long-haul travel during peak season. For this reason, maintaining flexibility in travel dates is considered essential. In this case, such flexibility proved to be the decisive factor in securing flights within budget and ultimately made the trip feasible.

The Commissioner therefore strongly recommends successors to prioritise flexibility when planning summer travel, as even minor changes in departure or return dates can have a significant impact on overall costs. Rather than focusing primarily on the length of the trip, greater emphasis should be placed on identifying flight options that balance duration, affordability, and feasibility.

Year Plan 'SPILtacular' 2025-2026

| Month | Week | Date | Event | |
|-------------------------|---------|-------------------------|--|---------------------------------|
| August | 33 | 11/08/2025 - 15/08/2025 | ElCid | |
| | 34 | 18/08/2025 - 22/08/2025 | HOP week | |
| | 35 | 25/08/2025 - 27/08/2025 | Freshmen Weekend | |
| | | 20/08/2025 | IROrientation Day The Hague | |
| September | 36 | 01/09/2025 | Start of the academic year 25/26 | |
| | | 01/09/2025 | Committee applications close | |
| | | 01/09/2025 | Glitter party The Hague | |
| | | 01/09/2025 | Committee motivation letters deadline | |
| | | 04/09/2025 | Welcome back borrel Leiden | |
| | | 05/09/2025 | Toasty friday common room | |
| | 37 | 11/09/2025 | Change of Boards GA | |
| | | 12/09/2025 | Picasso party: Glow in the dark | |
| | 38 | 15/09/2025 | Waffle hour common room | |
| | | 16/09/2025 | SPIL x CIROS Prinsjesdagborrel The Hague | |
| | | 19/09/2025 | Picasso football tournament | |
| | 39 | 22/09/2025 | Committee bonding day | |
| | | 24/09/2025 | Excursion: Indonesian Embassy | |
| | | 25/09/2025 | Lustrum theme reveal borrel | |
| | October | 40 | 30/09/2025 | Excursion: House of Europe |
| | | | 01/10/2025 | Introduction event: movie night |
| 02/10/2025 - 03/10/2025 | | | Leidens ontzet | |
| 41 | | 06/10/2025 | Masters borrel Leiden | |

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| | | 09/10/2025 | Policy GA |
| | 42 | 13/10/2025 | Study group block 1 The Hague |
| | | 14/10/2025 | Winter trip reveal borrel The Hague |
| | | 14/10/2025 | Study group block 1 Leiden |
| | | 15/10/2025 | Education event: Dutch politics 101 |
| | 43 | 20/10/2025 - 24/10/2025 | Exam week 1 |
| November | 44 | 27/10/2025 | Talkshow visit: Eva Jinek |
| | | 29/10/2025 | SPIL x BIL Election event |
| | | 30/10/2025 | Festive event: pooling |
| | 45 | 03/11/2025 | Halloween party |
| | | 04/11/2025 | Introduction event: Stichting 'Door het Geluid' |
| | | 05/11/2025 | SPIL CoBo |
| | | 06/11/2025 | Dies Borrel Leiden |
| | | 07/11/2025 | Deadline cover letters Winter Trip |
| | | 08/11/2025 | Dies Natalis SPIL |
| | 46 | 11/11/2025 | Borrel The Hague |
| | | 12/11/2025 | Excursions event: Indonesian embassy |
| | 47 | 17/11/2025 - 18/11/2025 | Brussels trip |
| | | 20/11/2025 | Masters event: board game night |
| | 48 | 24/11/2025 | Education event: public speaking with LeidenMUN |
| | | 27/11/2025 | DEBAT 1 reveal borrel Leiden |
| | | 28/11/2025 | Picasso party: Flashback Friday |
| December | 49 | 01/12/2025 - 05/12/2025 | Schoenzetten common room |
| | | 03/12/2025 | Festive event: Leiden escape |

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| | 50 | 08/12/2025 | Study group block 2 Leiden |
| | | 09/12/2025 | Study group block 2 The Hague |
| | | 12/12/2025 | Purple Friday event: friendship bracelets |
| | 51 | 15/12/2025 - 19/12/2025 | Exam week 2 |
| | 52 | | |
| January | 1 | | |
| | 2 | 08/01/2026 | Applications open for Brussels, Dies, Festive, Introduction, SPIL weekend and Summer Trip committee. |
| | 3 | 18/01/2026 | Study session at Urban Cafe The Hague |
| | 4 | 22/01/2026 | Pre activity Winter Trip |
| February | 5 | 26/01/2026 - 30/01/2026 | Winter Trip |
| | | 01/02/2026 | Committee applications close for Brussels, Dies, Festive, Introduction, SPIL weekend and Summer Trip committee. |
| | 6 | 03/02/2026 | DEBAT 2 reveal borrel The Hague |
| | | 05/02/2026 | Education event: UN peacekeeping |
| | 7 | 11/02/2026 | Masters event: pub quiz |
| | | 10/02/2026 | Summer Trip destination reveal borrel The Hague |
| | | 12/02/2026 | Picasso Party: Project Valentine |
| | | 13/02/2026 | Former boards borrel |
| | 8 | 19/02/2026 | Festive event: board game night |
| | | 20/02/2026 | VVV'tjes day Leiden |
| | March | 9 | 24/02/2026 |
| 27/02/2026 | | | Family day Leiden |
| 10 | | 02/03/2026 | Deadline cover letters Summer Trip |

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| | | 03/03/2026 | Interim GA |
| | | 06/03/2026 | Friends and Family day The Hague |
| | 11 | 10/03/2026 | Borrel The Hague |
| | | | Masters event |
| | | | Festive event: Efteling |
| | 12 | | Study groups block 3 |
| | | 17/03/2026 | DEBAT 3 reveal borrel & Merch market The Hague |
| | | | Talkshow visit: Pauw en de Wit |
| | 13 | 23/03/2026 - 27/03/2026 | Exam week 3 |
| April | 14 | 30/03/2026 | SPIL X Labyrint: Stichting 'Door het Geluid' |
| | | 31/03/2026 | PiP congres |
| | | 31/03/2026 | Board Interest borrel The Hague |
| | | | Introduction event |
| | | 02/04/2026 | Haagsch Studenten Feest |
| | 15 | | Masters event |
| | | | Excursion event |
| | | 09/04/2026 | Board Interest borrel Leiden |
| | 16 | 13/04/2026 - 19/04/2026 | Lustrum |
| | 17 | 20/04/2026 - 24/04/2026 | Lustrum |
| May | 18 | | Education event |
| | | | Committee thank you day |
| | | 30/04/2026 | InFaFe |
| | | | Yearbook theme reveal borrel |
| | 19 | | Excursion event |

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| | | | Masters event |
| | | 04/05/2026 | Board applications close |
| | | 07/05/2026 | DEBAT 4 reveal borrel |
| | | 08/05/2026 - 10/05/2026 | SPIL-Weekend |
| | 20 | | Study groups block 4 |
| | | | GSA |
| | | 11/05/2026 | Alumni activiteit |
| | 21 | 18/05/2026 - 22/05/2026 | Exam week 4 |
| | 22 | 26/05/2026 | Board reveal borrel |
| | | | End of year party |
| | | 29/05/2026 | StOP Internationalisation activity |
| June | 23 | 03/06/2026 | Affirmation GA |
| | 24 | 09/06/2026 | Masters end of year borrel |
| | | 12/06/2026 | StOP Football tournament |
| | 25 | 20/06/2026 - 21/06/2026 | Summer trip |
| | 26 | 22/06/2026 - 28/06/2026 | Summer trip |
| July | 27 | 29/06/2026 - 02/07/2026 | Summer trip |
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| August | 31 | | |
| | 32 | | |
| | 33 | 10/08/2026 - 14/08/2026 | ElCid |
| | 34 | 17/08/2026 - 21/08/2026 | HOP week |

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| | 35 | 24/08/2026 - 26/08/2026 | Freshmen weekend |
| September | 36 | 31/08/2026 | Start of the academic year 26/27 |
| | 37 | 10/09/2026 | Change of Boards GA |

INTERIM BUDGET 'SPILtacular' 2025-2026

| Income | | | |
|---|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| | Budget 25-26 | Realisation 25-26 | Re-Budget 25-26 |
| Membership fee³ | € 7.914,80 | € 12.236,29 | € 12.616,29 |
| Acquisitions committee | € 1.500,00 | € 845,00 | € 1.500,00 |
| General contribution Institute | € 10.000,00 | € - | € 10.000,00 |
| Interest⁴ | € 150,00 | € 288,28 | € 288,28 |
| Index books | € 1,000,00 | € 1.152,30 | € 1,300,00 |
| 'Vrienden van de SPIL' | € 177,29 | € 66,97 | € 177,29 |
| 'Support Our SPIL' | € 250,00 | € 59,84 | € 100,00 |
| Other income⁵ | € 30,00 | € 5,72 | € 30,00 |
| Gift XLIVth board | € 1.400,00 | € 1.400,00 | € 1.400,00 |
| Open day compensation Faculty⁶ | € 750,00 | € - | € 750,00 |
| Withdrawal Lustrum reservation | € 6.700,00 | € - | € 6.700,00 |
| Withdrawal Committee Cup reservation⁷ | € 80,22 | € - | € 80,22 |
| Income parties⁸ | € 1.300,00 | € 612,83 | € 1.000,00 |
| Total | € 31.252,31 | € 16,667,23 | € 35,942,08 |

³ The total amount of membership fee collected from general members was €12.236,29. The Treasurer expects an additional €380 from reunionists membership fee.

⁴ The Lustrum reserve will be taken out of SPIL's savings, this is why the Treasurer expects to receive less interest. Additionally, the Rabobank account did not generate any interest yet.

⁵ Examples of other income are deposits for plastic bottles and cans, or found cash money.

⁶ The Faculty will compensate each Social Sciences study association for being present at open days.

⁷ The XLIVth board did not fully withdraw the reserve for the Committee Cup last year, so the XLVth Board will take out the remaining money and use it for the Committee Cup Prize.

⁸ This will consist of money made from parties like the Halloween Party, HSF and deals with Picasso Events.

| Expenses⁹ | | | |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| | Budget 25-26 | Realisation 25-26 | Re-Budget 25-26 |
| Board | € 4.901,70 | € 3.040,24 | € 4.892,36 |
| President | € 6.395,00 | € 140,01 | € 6.395,00 |
| <i>Lustrum</i> | € 6.395,00 | € 140,01 | € 6.395,00 |
| Secretary | € 350,00 | € 184,00 | € 384,00 |
| <i>General¹⁰</i> | € 350,00 | € 184,00 | € 384,00 |
| Treasurer | € 2.000,00 | € 2.000,00 | € 2.000,00 |
| <i>Winter Trip</i> | € 2.000,00 | € 2.000,00 | € 2.000,00 |
| Education & Politics | € 1.150,00 | € 95,41 | € 1.077,07 |
| <i>Education</i> | € 200,00 | € 20,00 | € 150,00 |
| <i>Master activities</i> | € 200,00 | € 23,77 | € 200,00 |
| <i>Excursions</i> | € 150,00 | € 10,89 | € 100,00 |
| <i>Stairs Affairs</i> | € 50,00 | € 27,07 | € 27,07 |
| <i>Introduction</i> | € 550,00 | € 13,68 | € 600,00 |
| Internal Relations | € 6.715,00 | € 1.782,57 | € 6.775,99 |
| <i>DEBAT</i> | € 3.125,00 | € 1.608,83 | € 3.138,99 |
| <i>Podcast</i> | € 50,00 | € 12,50 | € 110,00 |
| <i>Yearbook</i> | € 2.490,00 | € 137,00 | € 2.487,00 |
| <i>Festive</i> | € 1.050,00 | € 24,24 | € 1.040,00 |
| External Relations | € 7.602,95 | € 3.763,35 | € 7.694,40 |
| <i>Acquisitions</i> | € 100,00 | € - | € 50,00 |
| <i>ICT</i> | € 1.397,95 | € 531,59 | € 1.439,40 |
| <i>Promotion</i> | € 1.100,00 | € 231,76 | € 1.200,00 |
| <i>Summer Trip</i> | € 5.005,00 | € 3.000,00 | € 5.005,00 |
| PvP ¹¹ | € 100,00 | € - | € 100,00 |
| Investments | € 100,00 | € 57,34 | € 225,00 |
| Reserves | € 1.000,00 | € 5.320,00 | € 5.320,00 |
| Contingencies | € 937,66 | € 353,93 | € 1.078,26 |
| Total | € 31.252,31 | € 16.736,85 | € 35.942,08 |

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

¹⁰ The General Expenses include an Alumni event and a Former boards borrel.

¹¹ The costs for the PvP are still unsure, but the Treasurer rather has unexpected income than unexpected expenses so she has still budgeted the usual amount.

| Board | Budget 25-26 | Realisation 25-26 | Re-Budget 25-26 |
|---|-------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Expenses General Assembly | € 400,00 | € 118,37 | € 400,00 |
| Free round of drinks after Change of Boards GA | € 109,40 | € 109,40 | € 109,40 |
| ‘Constitutieborrel’ SPIL | € 1.400,00 | € 1.344,68 | € 1.344,68 |
| ‘Constitutieborrel’ presents | € 35,00 | € 26,32 | € 26,32 |
| General Board Expenses ¹² | € 284,12 | € 134,69 | € 270,47 |
| Office supplies | € 200,00 | € 55,40 | € 200,00 |
| Provisions of SPIL common rooms ¹³ | € 200,00 | € 88,29 | € 200,00 |
| Applications board 2026-2027 | € 70,00 | € - | € 80,00 |
| Board activities ¹⁴ | € 423,18 | € 224,47 | € 450,00 |
| Committee thank-you days ¹⁵ | € 450,00 | € 191,19 | € 500,00 |
| StOP-Contribution | € 15,00 | € 15,00 | € 15,00 |
| Business Account Expenses | € 1.200,00 | € 650,95 | € 1.200,00 |
| General expenses for trips ¹⁶ | € 40,00 | € 4,99 | € 40,00 |
| Van den Berg-Bachelor thesis award | € 75,00 | € 76,49 | € 76,49 |
| Total | €4.878,52 | € 3.040,24 | €4.892,36 |

¹² The General Board Expenses include the Committee Cup, Board pictures and the Christmas cards.

¹³ This is spent on cookies, coffee, thee and more for the common rooms.

¹⁴ Board activities will include the expenses for Tosti Friday, Waffle Hour, Schoentje zetten, and more activities that will promote the common rooms.

¹⁵ This budget is for a Committee Bonding Day and a Committee Thank-you Day.

¹⁶ Because there is no Commissioner Global Relations, the general expenses for the trips will be included into the board budget. This mostly includes the cost to replenish the medical kit.

| President | Budget 25-26 | Realisation 25-26 | Re-Budget 25-26 |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Lustrum ¹⁷ | € 6.395,00 | € 140,01 | € 6.395,00 |
| Total | € 6.395,00 | € 140,01 | € 6.395,00 |

| Secretary | Budget 25-26 | Realisation 25-26 | Re-Budget 25-26 |
|----------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Former boards borrel | € 250,00 | € 184,00 | € 184,00 |
| Alumni activities | € 100,00 | € - | € 200,00 |
| Total | € 350,00 | € 184,00 | € 384,00 |

| Treasurer | Budget 25-26 | Realisation 25-26 | Re-Budget 25-26 |
|---------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Winter Trip | € 2.000,00 | € 2.000,00 | € 2.000,00 |
| <i>Winter Trip</i> | <i>€ 1.900,00</i> | <i>€ 1.890,00</i> | <i>€ 1.890,00</i> |
| <i>Pre-activity</i> | <i>€ 100,00</i> | <i>€ 110,00</i> | <i>€ 110,00</i> |
| Total | € 2.000,00 | € 2.000,00 | € 2.000,00 |

¹⁷ The budget consists of € 5.695,- from the lustrum reserve and € 700,- contribution from the XLVth Board. 15% (€ 1.005,-) of the total Lustrum reserve (€ 6.700,-) will go to the Trips. For more information, see Lustrum Budget.

| Education & Politics | Budget 25-26 | Realisation 25-26 | Re-Budget 25-26 |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Education | € 200,00 | € 20,00 | € 150,00 |
| <i>Activities & workshops</i> | € 150,00 | € 20,00 | € 100,00 |
| <i>Career night</i> | € 50,00 | € - | € 50,00 |
| Master activities | € 200,00 | € 23,77 | € 200,00 |
| <i>Activities & workshops</i> | € 150,00 | € 23,77 | € 150,00 |
| <i>Career night</i> | € 50,00 | € - | € 50,00 |
| Excursions | € 150,00 | € 10,89 | € 100,00 |
| Stairs Affairs | € 50,00 | € 27,07 | € 27,07 |
| Introduction | € 550,00 | € 13,68 | € 600,00 |
| <i>General expenses¹⁸</i> | € 100,00 | € 13,68 | € 100,00 |
| <i>Friends Day¹⁹</i> | € 300,00 | € - | € 350,00 |
| <i>Family Day</i> | € 150,00 | € - | € 150,00 |
| Total | € 1.150,00 | € 95,41 | € 1.077,07 |

| Internal Relations | Budget 25-26 | Realisation 25-26 | Re-Budget 25-26 |
|------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| DEBAT | € 3.125,00 | € 1.608,83 | € 3.138,99 |
| <i>4x DEBAT²⁰</i> | € 3.000,00 | € 1.499,84 | € 3.000,00 |
| <i>Workshops</i> | € 30,00 | € - | € 30,00 |
| <i>Digital DEBAT</i> | € 95,00 | € 108,99 | € 108,99 |

¹⁸ General expenses will cover the costs of study groups and other activities organised by the Introduction Committee.

¹⁹ This budget is to be spent on the Friends Day in both Leiden (Vvv'tjes dag) and the one in The Hague.

²⁰ Of every issue of DEBAT 325 copies will be printed.

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| Podcast ²¹ | € 50,00 | € 12,50 | € 110,00 |
| Yearbook | € 2.490,00 | € 137,00 | € 2.487,00 |
| <i>Yearbook</i> | € 2.350,00 | € - | € 2.350,00 |
| <i>Indesign Licence</i> | € 140,00 | € 137,00 | € 137,00 |
| Festive | € 1.050,00 | € 24,24 | € 1.040,00 |
| <i>Borrels</i> | € 50,00 | € 11,25 | € 40,00 |
| <i>Parties</i> | € 150,00 | € - | € 150,00 |
| <i>Social activities</i> ²² | € 850,00 | € 12,99 | € 850,00 |
| Total | € 6.715,00 | € 1.782,57 | € 6.775,99 |

| External Relations | Budget 25-26 | Realisation 25-26 | Re-Budget 25-26 |
|---|-------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Acquisition | € 100,00 | € - | € 50,00 |
| ICT | € 1.397,96 | € 531,59 | € 1.439,40 |
| <i>Licence Snelstart</i> | € 266,00 | € - | € 266,00 |
| <i>Conscribo</i> | € 371,95 | € - | € 371,95 |
| <i>Hosting www.spilplaats.nl</i> | € 305,00 | € 296,45 | € 305,00 |
| <i>Licence Elementor</i> | € 75,00 | € - | € 75,00 |
| <i>Bluem</i> ²³ | € 380,00 | € 235,14 | € 430,00 |
| Promotion | € 1.100,00 | € 231,76 | € 1.200,00 |
| <i>General expenses</i> ²⁴ | € 450,00 | € 231,76 | € 550,00 |
| <i>EL CID and HOP Week stands</i> | € 250,00 | € - | € 250,00 |

²¹ The Podcast Committee will use this money on three microphones to record podcasts in different locations than the FSW building. Moreover, the money will be spent on gifts for speakers.

²² This money will be spent on activities such as Efteling, sports tournaments, and more.

²³ Bluem is a software company used for collecting digital direct debit mandates from our members. The starting fee has already been paid; going forward, only the monthly fee and the fee per mandate will be charged.

²⁴ General expenses consist of costs for flyers, SPIL stickers and tote bags that can be given to students at Open days, introduction weeks and at other activities.

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|--------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| <i>EL CID activity and HOP</i> | | | |
| <i>Week activity</i> | € 400,00 | € - | € 400,00 |
| Summer Trip ²⁵ | € 5.005,00 | € 3.000,00 | € 5.005,00 |
| <i>Summer Trip</i> | € 4.905,00 | € 3.000,00 | € 4.905,00 |
| <i>Pre-activities</i> | € 100,00 | € - | € 100,00 |
| Total | € 7.602,95 | € 3.763,35 | € 7.694,40 |

| Investments | Budget 25-26 | Realisation 25-26 | Re-Budget 25-26 |
|--|-------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Investments common rooms ²⁶ | € 100,00 | € 57,34 | € 225,00 |
| Total | € 100,00 | € 57,34 | € 225,00 |

| Reserves | Budget 25-26 | Realisation 25-26 | Re-Budget 25-26 |
|--|-------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| New website | € - | € 2.000,00 | € 2.000,00 |
| 10th Lustrum of SPIL | € 1.000,00 | € 1.000,00 | € 1.000,00 |
| Gift XLVth Board | € - | € 2.130,00 | € 2.130,00 |
| <i>For the XLVIth Board²⁷</i> | € - | € 570,00 | € 570,00 |
| <i>For the XLVIIth Board</i> | € - | € 1.750,00 | € 1.750,00 |
| Total | € 1.000,00 | € 5.320,00 | € 5.320,00 |

| Contingencies | Budget 25-26 | Realisation 25-26 | Re-Budget 25-26 |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Contingencies ²⁸ | € 936,94 | € - | € 724,33 |

²⁵ The budget consists of € 1.005,- from the lustrum reserve and € 4.200,- from general contribution.

²⁶ There is more money allocated to the common rooms, because the common room in Wijkaven has been moved to a new location and will need new decorations to make it feel more homey.

²⁷ The XLVIth Board will receive additional funding from the XLIVth Board of € 890,73 (see balance sheet).

²⁸ Contingencies amount to 3% of the general expenditure.

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|---------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| Settlement photo Facebook | € - | € 353,93 | € 353,93 |
| Total | € 936,94 | € 353,93 | € 1.078,26 |

Balance sheet before devalue of merch

| Debit | | Credit | |
|----------------------------------|------------|---|-------------|
| ABN-AMRO business account | € ... | <i>Equity</i> | € ... |
| Rabobank business account | € ... | Remaining equity | € ... |
| Rabobank savings account | € ... | General reserve | € 12.013,35 |
| Ties (83) | € 727,08 | Lustrum reserve | € 1.000,00 |
| Bows (86) | € 649,30 | Reserve travel allowance int. board members | € 1.500,00 |
| Pair of braces (93) | € 1.860,00 | Website reserve | € 2.000,00 |
| Bowties (87) | € 522,00 | Gift XLVIth Board | € 1.460,73 |
| Doppers (23) | € 230,00 | Gift XLVIIth Board | € 1.750,00 |
| Former-board pin (21) | € 43,05 | | |
| Umbrellas (7) | € 35,00 | | |
| Bike packages (24) | € 240,00 | | |
| Card holders (4) | € 14,34 | | |
| Socks (16) | € 176,00 | | |
| Shot glasses (79) | € 395,00 | | |
| Playing cards (50) | € 295,50 | | |
| Quarterzip sweaters (9) | € 350,55 | | |
| Kas bestuur | € 250,00 | | |
| Total | € ... | Total | € ... |

Balance sheet after devalue of merch

| Debit | | Credit | |
|----------------------------------|----------|---|-------------|
| ABN-AMRO business account | € ... | Equity | € ... |
| Rabobank business account | € ... | Remaining equity | € ... |
| Rabobank savings account | € ... | General reserve | € 12.013,35 |
| Ties (83) | € 727,08 | Lustrum reserve | € 1.000,00 |
| Bows (86) | € 649,30 | Reserve travel allowance int. board members | € 1.500,00 |
| Pair of braces (93) | € 372,00 | Website reserve | € 2.000,00 |
| Bowties (87) | € 348,00 | Gift XLVIth Board | € 1.460,73 |
| Doppers (23) | € 230,00 | Gift XLVIIth Board | € 1.750,00 |
| Former-board pin (21) | € 43,05 | | |
| Umbrellas (7) | € 21,00 | | |
| Bike packages (24) | € 120,00 | | |
| Card holders (4) | € 0,00 | | |
| Socks (16) | € 176,00 | | |
| Shot glasses (79) | € 395,00 | | |
| Playing cards (50) | € 289,59 | | |
| Quarterzip sweaters (9) | € 135,00 | | |
| Kas bestuur | € 250,00 | | |
| Total | € ... | Total | € ... |

Realisation Brussels trip 2025-2026

| Income | | | | Expenses | | | |
|--|------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|---|------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| | <i>Estimated budget p.p.</i> | <i>Estimated budget</i> | <i>Realised budget</i> | | <i>Estimated budget p.p.</i> | <i>Estimated budget</i> | <i>Realised budget</i> |
| Participant contribution²⁹ | € 70,00 | € 3.500,00 | € 3.500,00 | Accommodation <i>Hostel Meininger</i> | € 26,52 | € 1.325,88 | € 1.313,99 |
| | | | | Transportation <i>Train</i> | € 33,54 | € 1.677,00 | € 1.677,00 |
| | | | | Public transport | € 8,34 | € 417,12 | € 321,30 |
| | | | | Unforeseen costs | € 1,60 | € 80,00 | € - |
| | | | | Restitution | | | € 187,50 |
| | | | | Non-restituted money | | | € 0,21 |
| Total | € 70,00 | € 3.500,00 | € 3.500,00 | Total | € 70,00 | € 3.500,00 | € 3.500,00 |

Realisation Winter trip 2025-2026

| Income | | | | Expenses | | | |
|--|-------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|---|-------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| | <i>Estimate d budget p.p.</i> | <i>Estimated budget</i> | <i>Realised budget</i> | | <i>Estimate d budget p.p.</i> | <i>Estimated budget</i> | <i>Realised budget</i> |
| Participant contribution³⁰ | € 215,00 | € 8.500,00 | € 8.170,00 | Accommodation <i>St. Christophers Inn</i> | € 155,00 | € 6.200,00 | € 5.131,80 |
| SPIL contribution | € 50,00 | € 2.000,00 | € 2.000,00 | Transportation <i>Train</i> | € 100,00 | € 4.000,00 | € 3.579,00 |
| CASSA³¹ | € 40,00 | € 1.600,00 | € 1.520,00 | Public transport | € 20,00 | € 800,00 | € 1.421,20 |
| | | | | Activities | € 18,75 | € 750,00 | € 1.192,75 |
| | | | | Pre-activity | € 2,63 | € 100,00 | € 110,00 |
| | | | | Unforeseen costs³² | € 8,75 | € 350,00 | € 34,50 |
| | | | | Restitution | | | € 222,75 |
| Total | € 302,50 | € 12.100,00 | € 11.690,00 | Total | € 302,50 | € 12.100,00 | € 11.690,00 |

²⁹ There were 50 spots available. Only 47 participants attended the trip, but all 50 participants payed contribution.

³⁰ There were 40 spots available, of which 38 were filled.

³¹ The original application for CASSA was for 40 people this was later corrected to 38 people.

³² This money was spent on a late check-out and an extra room for the check-out date for a sick participant.

Budget Summer trip 2025-2026

| Income | | | Expenses | | |
|--|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| | <i>Estimated budget p.p.</i> | <i>Estimated budget</i> | | <i>Estimated budget p.p.</i> | <i>Estimated budget</i> |
| Participant contribution³³ | € 780,00 | € 27.300,00 | Accommodation | € 76,09 | € 2.663,00 |
| SPIL contribution | € 111,43 | € 3.900,00 | Transportation | € 717,49 | € 25.112,15 |
| Lustrum reserve | € 28,71 | € 1.005,00 | Public transport | € 48,17 | € 1.686,00 |
| CASSA | € 100,00 | € 3.500,00 | Activities | € 152,68 | € 5.343,85 |
| | | | Pre-activity | € 2,86 | € 100,00 |
| | | | Unforeseen costs | € 25,71 | € 900,00 |
| Total | € 1.023,00 | €35.805,00 | Total | € 1.023,00 | €35.805,00 |

³³ There will be 35 spots available.

Interim Lustrum Policy

In continuation of the Lustrum Committee's previous policy, the committee would like to bring an update on its progress in the past months. More activities are set, money has been granted, and new members have integrated, meaning the committee has seen a lot of change.

In the beginning of this academic year two new members joined the committee. They have been a great addition and it has resulted in the workload becoming more manageable. The atmosphere within the committee is pleasant and they try to do things together for bonding on a regular basis. For example, the committee went to an escape room in Scheveningen and had dinner together.

The committee has been very busy planning all the activities, and is glad to mention that they booked a great gala location and two museums; het Mauritshuis in The Hague and de Lakenhal in Leiden. They are also busy with planning an excursion and a charity event, amongst other activities. In November there was a Dies event in the form of a borrel with cake. During this event the committee was able to promote the lustrum weeks while sharing a drink. The overall vibes were cozy and the event was successful.

The committee has been working hard to find a speaker for the annual lecture. Unfortunately, there had been a number of setbacks and the committee had to switch scales. The committee is happy to announce however that a speaker has been arranged at this time, and will share further details at a later time.

The preliminary schedule includes twelve activities spread out over nine days. Three of these activities are educational, one is for charity and the others are social events. All of them are divided equally between Leiden and The Hague.

The committee is glad to let the GA know that it has received the full funding it requested from LUF. This results in the fact that, except for the gala and the cantus, all the activities should be free for participants to join.

The committee tries to remain active on Instagram through two formats: 'Member Monday' and a countdown. The aim is to remind members of when the Lustrum weeks will take place and to get them excited. So far, Member Monday has mainly featured older members, but the committee plans to focus on new members in the future.

All in all, the committee is happy with the progress regarding the different activities. It is also very content with the current financial situation of the lustrum weeks, and is very glad the application with LUF went well. The committee is also happy the situation with the speaker has finally seen progress, and remains excited to reveal more about the lustrum weeks soon.

Lustrum budget 2025-2026

| Income | | Expenses | |
|----------------------------|------------|-------------------------------|------------|
| 9th Lustrum Reserve | € 6.700,00 | Educational activities | € 1.025,00 |
| SPIL Contribution | € 700,00 | Social activities | € 1.720,00 |
| CASSA | € 900,00 | Gala | € 3.710,00 |
| | | Cantus | € 300,00 |
| | | Pre-activities | € 40,00 |
| | | Lustrum contribution | |
| | | SPIL trips | € 1.005,00 |
| | | Contingencies | € 500,00 |
| Total | € 8.300,00 | Total | € 8.300,00 |

INTERIM REPORT AUDIT COMMITTEE

Dear members of the GA, the CALVV, and the 45th board,

On the 8th of December and the 16th of February, two audits were carried out. As usual, they took place in the Leiden common room, which was warmly decorated and filled with members. After enjoying a delicious homemade carrot cake and tea provided by the Treasurer, the audit could begin.

During the first audit, the merchandise was counted and its inventory was updated. The Audit Committee suggested a system for keeping track of sales and pick-ups. They were happy to see that, by their second visit, such a system was implemented by the Board. Moreover, the Audit Committee was pleased to see that the bookkeeping of the Treasurer, for the largest part, was in order: expenses were neatly organised in the folders. The income and expenses made through the newly in use ticket sale platform 'WeTicket' were unfortunately not entirely in order. The Treasurer has planned to meet with her predecessor to figure out this admittedly difficult system.

The Treasurer is dedicated and hard-working. However, the Audit Committee believes that due to the current distribution of responsibilities within the Board and misaligned priorities, the Treasurer has limited capacity to focus on the core tasks of her position. The Audit Committee believes the association's finances and its long-term financial stability would benefit from a shift in which the Treasurer is better able to focus on her primary responsibilities.

Furthermore, the Audit Committee is satisfied with the honest and transparent communication and conversations they have had with the Treasurer. However, the Audit Committee does think that the communication could be more frequent. The Treasurer is encouraged to make more use of the knowledge, experience and expertise of advisory institutions of the association, such as the Board of Advisors, her predecessors, and of course, the Audit Committee, to help lighten and support her position. The Audit Committee acknowledges that asking for help is difficult, but necessary to get the most out of the year. The Audit Committee is positive that the frequency of communication will improve in the coming semester.

The Audit Committee trusts that the above mentioned worries will be taken into consideration. Overall, the Audit Committee believes the finances of the association are in good hands, as the Treasurer is capable of fulfilling the position of treasurer and is eager to learn more about the past and future of the associations' financial affairs.

Kind regards,

Kasya Hilhorst and Noor Stuijt
2025-2026 Audit Committee "*Geen Cent VerSPILd*"

