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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 vloei’ de alcohol,
De politieke borrelpraat!
Drinken hoort bij ’t protocol,
Zoveel dat het nergens meer op slaat.
Dit Leidsch superieur instituut,
Eren wij de vereniging,
Die heerst en regeert deze stad:
Wie ons ziet heeft direct
een Minderwaardigheidscomplex!
Maak plaats, hier is de SPIL!
De SPIL maakt ’t verschil!
Chapeau, chapeau:
Wij prijzen hoog
De glorie van de SPIL]

AGENDA

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2. Choosing Voting Committee
3. Setting the Agenda
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6. Evaluating the Minutes of the Affirmation GA, d.d. June 2nd 2026
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9. End report Audit Committee
10. Nomination of the Audit Committee
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15. Any Other Businesses (W.v.t.t.k.)
16. Round of Questions
17. Discharge of the Voting Committee
18. End of the Meeting

MINUTES AFFIRMATION GA, d.d. 2 JUNE 2026

1. Opening

The Chair of the Ga, Mr. Van der Voort opens the meeting at 19:04

Those present at the GA are:

Pieter Mauritz	Owen Schouten	Lilli Helin
Josephine van Os	Leo Gebauer	Chiury de Nijs
Nena Vermeiden	Noor Stuijt	Ralph Otten
Casijn de Haas	Soizic Michotte van den Berck	Inge van Hoek
Eleana Cadet	Cosmin Tanasa	Annabelle Jung
Hidde Heijerman	Nathan Langendoen	Rodrigo Moura
Belle van Ineveld	Jakob Scharfe	Djen Veenendaal
Rikus Doedens	Moos Stokkers	Freek van Lierop
Olivia Pappas	Ruchi van Zoelen	
Gabriel Reijans	Kasya Hilhorst	
Jagoda Pluskwa-Dabrowska	Judith Hordijk	

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

2. Choosing Voting Committee

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

The Chair of the GA is asking Mr. Gebauer why he wants to be on the Voting Committee.

Mr. Gebauer explains he wants to be on the Voting Committee because he wants to represent others.

The Chair of the GA is asking Ms. Michotte van den Berck why she wants to be on the Voting Committee.

Ms. Michotte van den Berck explains there is no explanation.

Mr. Gabauer and Ms. Michotte van den Berck are hammered in as Voting Committee.

3. Setting the agenda

Ms. Van Os explains there is a change in the agenda. Agenda point 8 and 9 will be combined as agenda point 8. In the end there will be 16 agenda points instead of 17.

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.

Ms. Van Os announces there will be a free round of drinks for everyone who stays until the end.

Mr. Mauritz announced that during the Policy GA the Board promised to have all GGD documents regarding social safety ready by the Affirmation GA. Unfortunately, the trajectory is not finished yet, due to a Board member leaving the Board. During the summer the President will have more time to finalise everything. The GGD social safety policies will be presented at the Change of Boards GA.

5. Received documents

Ms. Van Os explains there are four vote transfers. One from Mr. Van der Voort to Mr. Otten, one from Ms. Pool to Ms. Hordijk, one from Mr. Hooft to Ms. Van Hoek, and one from Ms. Basarab to Mr. Heijerman.

6. Installing minutes

No objections, minutes are installed.

7. Financial Update and Re-Evaluation

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Ms. Jung is asking for how long the Institute Board will provide more money.

Ms. Vermeiden explains it is for 2 years. There has not been a discussion yet, so she advises the XLVI'th Board to talk with them.

3.1.2

Ms. Van Zoelen is asking if there is a cap on the amount of the membership fee.

Ms. Vermeiden explains there is no formal cap ,but the Audit Committee has a say in if there is a cap or not or if the membership fee is too much. She explains she thinks the cap comes natural, you know people will not apply if the membership fee is too high. A formal cap does not exist.

Ms. Van Zoelen is asking if Ms. Vermeiden thought about a cap.

Ms. Vermeiden explains she thinks it is not needed.

3.2

Ms. Jung is asking if stopping sending Debat home will cut costs for the association.

Ms. Vermeiden explains there are no costs for sending the magazines home.

Mr. De Haas explains someone can stop the delivery of Debat at home by sending an email to the Secretary.

Ms. Jung explains it might be nice to ask people on the list if they still want to receive Debat at home.

Mr. De Haas explains only a small number of members sign off each year.

Ms. Van Zoelen explains that in the past, when the new academic year starts, the Commissioner sent an email to everyone asking if they still wanted to receive Debat.

Mr. De Haas explains he also did it this year, but did not get a lot of responses.

Ms. Helin is asking if additional saving measures are needed now there is a new printing company.

Mr. De Haas explains there was a chance this year to make the yearbook more lavish, due to additional funding. Therefore it is hard to compare. But it seems cheaper than the previous printing company. But in the end some saving measures need to be made, especially compared to this year because of the Lustrum yearbook.

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Ms. Hilhorst is asking since SPIL tries to make a profit out of parties as an income, if this is something that can continue.

Ms. Vermeiden explains Picasso is a nice benefit, it is a big company and the association gets a commission for sold tickets via our link. It's a good source of income without risks. The

tickets are cheap and people are eager to buy them. For parties organised by the association, it is tried non-profit but sadly made a loss.

Ms. Hilhorst is asking if there was experience with tickets being too expensive.

Ms. Vermeiden explains no.

Ms. Hilhorst is asking if there is an update about Support our SPIL.

Ms. Vermeiden explains it is not going as well as last year, she hopes next year it will be better but she is happy it started last year.

Mr. Otten is asking how the future of the book sale is looking since there will be a lot more new students in Leiden next year.

Ms. Vermeiden explains she estimates it will stay the same or a little rise. There is in general a decline, less students want to buy the books. She thinks in the end there will be a decline, but there will be a small rise next year.

The Financial Update and Proposals are installed per acclimation.

8. Merchandise Amendment and Interim Budget

Merchandise Amendment

Ms. Jung is asking how many umbrellas there are left.

Ms. Vermeiden explains seven.

Ms. Jung is suggesting to give it as a present for a speaker.

Ms. Vermeiden explains this is a great idea.

Income

Ms. Michotte van den Berck is asking if the interest for Lustrum was for this year or for upcoming years.

Ms. Vermeiden explains it is for the next Board, there is no interest this year.

The Merchandise Amendment and Interim Budget are installed per acclimation.

9. Budgets and Realisations

Ms. Hilhorst is asking if there is a limit to the clause for extra taxes.

Ms. Vermeiden explains no limit. By adding this clause it would still ask the Treasurer to still fit the budget before tax. This year it was a surprise, there were more taxes than expected. The Audit Committee and the Board can see what will fit, but it should not be too much. Ms. Hilhorst is asking if taking extra unforeseen costs before members pay or adding the clause would help with this.

Ms. Vermeiden explains both, the clause should be added in case something unusual happens, but the budget should be good as it is, even with taxes.

Ms. Helin is asking if there was ever a response by Cassa why they did not grant the full amount.

Ms. Cadet explains in the beginning Cassa said activities were not academic enough, but when she asked which activities they responded they were not able to give the full amount to everyone. They never gave a full explanation.

Ms. Vermeiden explains Cassa was not clear and they were hesitant to give structural feedback.

Ms. Cadet explains they also provided the full agenda of the trip, but Cassa seemed happy when they saw the agenda. Therefore she was surprised Cassa did not give the full amount.

Ms. Helin is asking if Lustrum was mentioned.

Ms. Vermeiden explains Cassa did not, but she thinks it might have an effect. She asked multiple times if Lustrum would affect the funding for the trips. Cassa kept mentioning the activities for the Summer Trip would not fit the curriculum.

Ms. Jung advises the next Board to ask Cassa for specifics during the meetings.

Ms. Hilhorst explains she had similar experience with the trip to India. Everything was perfect, but SPIL got less money because of the Cassa budget. She knows Ms. Vermeiden did her best.

Ms. Helin explains Cassa is looking for new members.

Mr. De Nijs is asking if there are free bitterballen on the trip to Thailand.

Ms. Vermeiden explains no.

Mr. Stokkers is asking if there will be spring rolls provided by SPIL.

Ms. Vermeiden explains no.

Updated budget Summer Trip

Ms. Vermeiden explains the Updated budget of the Summer Trip.

Budget Freshmen Weekend

Ms. Vermeiden explains there is an extra activity, so the participation fee will be higher. The total participation fee will rise by one euro.

The Chair of the GA is asking what the activity entails.

Ms. Vermeiden explains lasergaming.

Ms. Michotte van den Berck is asking where the Freshmen Weekend will take place.

Ms. Vermeiden explains Woerden, near Utrecht.

Ms. Stuijt is asking if travel costs for International students will get compensated.

Ms. Vermeiden explains no.

Ms. Stuijt is asking if this will have an effect on who is coming.

Ms. Vermeiden explains no, Woerden is not very far.

The Budget of Summer Trip and Freshmen Weekend are installed by acclamation.

The Chair of the GA suspends the meeting at 19:37.

The Chair of the GA reopens the meeting at 19:52.

10. Affirmation 46th Board of SPIL

Mr. Heijerman introduces himself. He explains he is the candidate President for SPIL. He is 19 years old and a 1st year IP student. This year he was a member of the Yearbook Committee and Debat Committee. He explains his Board gave each other Polish fruit names, and he is a truskawka (strawberry).

Mr. Schouten is asking if Mr. Heijerman can elaborate on his connection with the VVD.

Mr. Heijerman explains he is politically neutral.

Mr. Schouten is asking what Mr. Heijerman vote.

Mr. Heijerman explains he does not want to say what he vote, just like every Dutch voter.

Ms Hordijk is asking what his favorite sentence of the second verse of the SPIL anthem is.

Mr. Heijerman explains he cannot start singing the SPIL anthem. But it is the borrelpraat.

Mr. Mauritz starts singing the second verse of the SPIL anthem.

Ms. Van Hoek is asking how Mr. Heijerman is going to lead an association when he cannot make his own sandwich.

Mr. Heijerman explains he can make a sandwich, his girlfriend once made his sandwich.

Ms. Van Hoek explains the only thing in his fridge is halvarine.

Mr. Heijerman explains he uses it to make a sandwich.

Mr. De Nijs is asking if he wants to be the 6 to the 7.

Mr. Heijerman explains he has to go above and beyond to answer this question. Although the association is on cloud 9, because of the Lustrum. He will not be the 6 to Mr. De Nijs 7, because he is the 6 to his 9.

Mr. Schouten is asking what Mr. Heijerman's future plans and visions are.

Mr. Heijerman explains preserving SPIL's culture and for all the members to be happy.

Mr. Schouten is asking how SPIL's culture is defined.

Mr. Heijerman explains the culture is defined by its members.

Mr. Schouten is asking if Mr. Heijerman is a politician.

Mr. Heijerman explains no. He is the candidate President of the 46th Board of SPIL.

Mr. Stokkers is asking if Mr. Heijerman will be there for all members or only the hard working members.

Mr. Heijerman explains he will be there for all members.

Ms. Veenendaal is asking if Mr. Heijerman is employed.

Mr. Heijerman explains he is employed by SPIL and DUWO.

Ms. Veenendaal is asking if he also has other jobs.

Mr. Heijerman explains no.

Mr. Stokkers is asking why and since when Mr. Heijermans favorite movie is the Wolf of Wall Street.

Mr. Heijerman explains his favorite movie is Cars. He thinks the elements of friendship and family in this movie are beautiful.

Mr. Schouten is asking if Mr. Heijerman is part of SPIL because of the money or because of the culture.

Mr. Heijerman explains he loves the culture of SPIL.

Mr. Otten is asking what his favorite Cars character is.

Mr. Heijerman explains Lightning McQueen and the old design of Mater in the blue design.

Mr. Otten is asking what his favorite song is.

Mr. Heijerman explains he is a fan of the 80's and he likes the song Pocket Steam. Also he loves Life is a Highway from the Cars movie.

Mr. Otten is asking if he likes white girl music.

Mr. Heijerman explains Fife is a Highway is white girl music. He explains he owns co-parented socks with Mr. Otten which are Lush Life socks.

The Chair of the GA is asking if Mr. Heijerman can do the Lush Life dance.

Mr. De Nijs is asking if Mr. Hijerman is a member of the CCP.

Mr. Heijerman explains he is politically neutral.

Ms. van Ineveld introduces herself. She is a 2nd year IP student, and she hopes to become the f.t. Secretary. This year she was Treasurer for the Excursions Committee. Her Polish fruit is a winogrona (grape).

Ms. Michotte van den Berck is asking why she is a grape.

Ms. Van Ineveld explains vino is nice.

Ms. Helin is asking what her least favorite excursion of the year was.

Ms. Van Ineveld explains she did not attend all of them, but all excursions were great.

Ms. Jung is asking what her favorite vino is.

Ms. Van Ineveld explains red port.

Mr. Otten is asking what her vision on the future of the CALVV is.

Ms. Van Ineveld explains in one year the CALVV is doing great as always.

Mr. Doedens introduces himself, he is a 1st year Politicologie student. This year he is Secretary of the Podcast Committee and Chair of the SPIL weekend Committee. His Polish fruit name is jabłko (apple).

Mr. Van Lierop is asking why he is an apple.

Mr. Doedens explains everyone decided on him becoming an apple.

Mr. Gebauer is asking who decided this.

Mr. Doedens explains his whole Board.

Mr. Stokkers is asking if it is a green or red apple.

Mr. Doedens explains he needs to elaborate with his Board.

Ms. Hilhorst is asking what his top 5 favorite numbers are.

Mr. Doedens explains 81, 85, 89, 45 and 46.

Ms. Hilhorst is asking if he can count to five.

Mr. Doedens explains yes.

Mr. Langendoen is asking what his grade for the Dutch high school final math exam was.

Mr. Doedens explains he passed.

Mr. Langendoen explains that's not a grade.

Mr. Doedens explains he will tell after the GA .

Ms. Veenendaal is asking if he signed up for a computer course.

Mr. Doedens explains he will think about it.

Ms. Veenendaal explains he should consider because he cannot turn on his PC at home.

Mr Doedens explains his PC doesn't know how to turn himself on.

Mr. Schouten is asking what his favorite white girl music artist is.

Mr. Doedens explains Roxy Dekker.

Mr. De Nijs is asking what the root of 49 is.

Mr. Doedens explains it is 7.

Ms. Jung is asking what is favorite podcast is.

Mr. Doedens explains a lot of beautiful podcasts have been made, but his favorite is the one with Ruben Terlou. He is a China expert.

Ms. Jung is asking what his favorite non SPIL podcast is.

Mr. Doedens explains 'De Stemming'.

Mr. Scharfe is asking who his favorite 1D member is.

Mr. Doedens explains Harry Styles.

Mr. Stokkers is asking if there will be a 5 year plan for SPIL's budget.

Mr. Doedens explains no policy is discussed with the Board yet.

Ms. Helin is asking what his favorite Roxy Dekker song is.

Mr. Doedens explains Anne-Fleur vakantie.

Mr. Schouten is asking what he thinks about Joe Rogan.

Mr. Doedens explains he is politically neutral.

Ms. Basarab introduces herself, she is excited to be the Commissioner Education and Politics of the 46th Board. She is a 1st year IRO student, 19 years old and is Polish.

Ms. Michotte van den Berck is asking what fruit she is.

Ms. Basarab explains her Polish fruit is brzoskwinia (peach).

Mr. De Nijs is asking what her favorite Polish dish is.

Ms. Basarab explains pierogi.

Ms. Jung is asking where she is.

Ms. Basarab explains she is in Greece.

Mr. Otten is asking what her favourite book is.

Ms. Basarab explains it is 1984.

Ms. Hilhorst is asking what socks she is wearing.

Ms. Basarab shows her socks.

Mr. Schouten is asking if 1984 will influence the policy.

Ms. Basarab explains no.

Mr. Otten is asking what the weather in Greece is.

Ms. Basarab explains its perfect.

Ms. Pappas introduces herself, she will be hopefully be Commissioner Global Relations. She is a 1st year IRO student and lives with Ms. Pluskwa-Dabrowska.

Ms. Michotte van den Berck is asking which fruit she is.

Ms. Pappas explains olika (olive).

Mr. Otten is asking if there will be a trip to Poland this year.

Ms. Pappas explains 3/7.

Mr. Schouten if there is a Polish invasion within SPIL.

Ms. Pappas explains she is politically neutral.

Ms. Stuijt is asking what her favorite SPIL trip was.

Ms. Pappas explains she went to Brussels, will go to Thailand but chooses Paris since she helped organise the trip.

Mr. Scharfe is asking if she can sing the SPIL anthem in Polish.

Ms. Pappas explains yes and also in Greek.

Mr. De Nijs is asking what the best Polish beer and Greek wine is.

Ms. Pappas explains the beer is Lech and the wine is Imiglikos.

Mr. Reijans introduces himself. He is a 3rd year IRO student and went on the trip to India and fell in love with SPIL. He was part of the Dies, Yearbook, Spil weekend Committees.

Ms. Jung is asking what his opinion is on organising Freshmen Weekend in Woerden.

Mr. Reijans explains he is in favor, but there is no other heig hutje.

Mr. Otten is asking what his favorite Debat is.

Mr. Reijans explains all of them.

Mr. Tanasa is asking what his favorite SPIL trip was.

Mr. Reijans explains Barcelona, Paris and India.

Ms. Veenendaal is asking what his favorite SPILcast episode is.

Mr. Reijans explains the episode with Ruben Terlouw.

Ms. Helin is asking how he is going to tackle the age gap between new students and himself.

Mr. Reijans explains there is no issue, there are a lot of age differences in IRO.

Ms. Van Zoelen is asking how the combination of Board and football will work out.

Mr. Reijans explains LSVV'81 needs to make room for SPIL, but he will continue playing.

Ms. Jung is asking if he experiences ageism.

Mr. Reijans explains not yet.

Ms. Pluskwa-Dabrowska introduces herself. She is a 1st year IRO student, she is 19 years old and is secretary on the Summer Trip Committee and hopes to become Commissioner External Relations.

Mr. Otten is asking what her favorite Instagram post is.

Ms. Pluskwa-Dabrowska explains on general Instagram there is a Polish rapper who makes a traditional Polish dish every year around Christmas time. For the SPIL Instagram it is the reel with the Brussels trip recap.

Ms. Jung is asking with which influencer she identifies herself the most.

Ms. Pluskwa-Dąbrowska explains she is neutral.

Ms. Jung is asking if all influencers are political.

Ms. Pluskwa-Dąbrowska explains neutral.

Ms. Schouten is asking what her favorite SPIL Committee is.

Ms. Pluskwa-Dąbrowska explains the Summer Trip committee.

Ms. Helin is asking what her favorite Dutch word is.

Ms. Pluskwa-Dąbrowska explains lekker.

Mr. Otten is asking what her favorite Polish dish is.

Ms. Pluskwa-Dabrowska explains pickled cucumbers made by her grandma.

Ms. Hilhorst is asking which acquisitions deal she would like to make in The Hague.

Ms. Pluskwa-Dabrowska explains free beer in The Fiddler.

Mr. Otten is asking what her favorite Polish beer is.

Ms. Pluskwa-Dąbrowska explains Warka Strong.

The Chair of the GA is asking why it is better than Lech.

Ms. Pluskwa-Dąbrowska explains the taste is better and it is strong.

11. Committee Cup

Ms. Cadet announces the Yearbook Committee won the Committee Cup.

Ms. Vermeiden explains the winners receive a free activity.

12. Discharges and Installations

Mr. Mauritz reads a letter on behalf of Ms. Verbrugge.

The Chair of the GA discharges Ms. Verbrugge as Commissioner Education and Politics and Commissioner Introduction.

The Chair of the GA affirms and installs Mr. Heijerman as f.t. President per acclamation.

The Chair of the GA affirms and installs Ms. Van Ineveld as f.t. Secretary per acclamation.

The Chair of the GA affirms and installs Mr. Doedens as f.t. Treasurer per acclamation.

The Chair of the GA affirms and installs Ms. Basarab as f.t. Commissioner Education and Politics per acclamation.

The Chair of the GA affirms and installs Ms. Pappas as f.t. Commissioner Global Relations per acclamation.

The Chair of the GA affirms and installs Mr. Reijans as f.t. Commissioner Internal Relations per acclamation.

The Chair of the GA affirms and installs Ms. Pluskwa-Dąbrowska as f.t. Commissioner External Relations per acclamation.

The Chair of the GA suspends the meeting at 20:38.

The Chair of the GA reopens the meeting at 20:59.

13. Any Other Business

Ms. Van Os reads out the first motion. This is the following:

The General Assembly, gathered here at Fiddler, The Hague:

Due to financial windy years and the workload of the Board.

The Advisory Board wants to initiate a taskforce to discuss issues, such as work division amongst Board members.

- *The taskforce will consist of only former Board members*
- *For the duration of at least one year*
- *And will report to the GA and the Board during every GA*
- *The mandate of the taskforce will be discussed with the f.t. 46th Board, with advice of the h.t. 45th Board after the Affirmation GA.*

6 unknown submitters.

Mr Mauritz explains the Board advices in favor.

Ms. Jung explains the Advisory Board consists of 7 former Board members. They see sometimes long-term issues are difficult to tackle in one Board year. Therefore they want to create a taskforce to help the Board think about this. Everything is an advice, the Board decides how they want to implement this advice.

→ No objections, the first motion is adopted per acclamation.

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

The general assembly, gathered here at De Fiddler, 'S-Gravenhage:

De ALV gehoord de beraadslaging:

Constaterende dat de SPIL een Studievereniging is van traditie

Verzoekt het Bestuur dat het "Port uurtje" een maandelijks fenomeen moet worden op de eerste woensdag van de maand vanaf september 2026

En gaat over op de orde van de dag

[The general assembly, gathered here at De Fiddler, The Hague:

The General Assembly, having heard the deliberations:

Noting that SPIL is a Study Association of tradition

Requests the Board that the "Port Hour" become a monthly event on the first Wednesday of the month starting in September 2026

And proceeds to the order of the day]

Moos Stokkers et al.

Mr. Mauritz explains the Board advises neutral. Only under the condition that no SPIL budget will be used for this.

Ms. Stuijt is asking who wrote the motion and if this person will provide the port.

Mr. Stokkers explains he discussed this idea with some people, and they are willing to bring their own port to find out if it is socially acceptable to drink alcohol in the common room.

Ms. Van Hoek is asking why this needs to be a motion with an obligation for the exact date in a month.

Mr. Stokkers explains he will not force anyone to drink, but he wants to start a tradition, and to make consuming alcohol socially acceptable.

Ms. Van Hoek explains there is no motion needed.

Ms. Hilhorst explains University will take people responsible and is asking who would be responsible in this case.

Mr. Stokkers explains the people drinking alcohol.

Ms. Hilhorst explains the Board is responsible, and therefore it is not a good idea.

Mr. Schouten explains he saw people consuming alcohol in the common room.

Ms. Hilhorst explains the common room is gezellig but no motion is needed.

→ Motion 2 is rejected with 4 votes in favor, 12 against, 1 neutral and 13 abstentions.

Ms. Van Os reads out the third motion. This is the following:

The general assembly, gathered here at The Fidder, The Hague:

De ALV gehoord de beraadslaging

*Constaterende dat het overgrote deel van de aanwezigen heeft moeten reizen voor deze ALV
Verzoekt het Board om de ALV's voortaan in de gemeente Leiden te houden*

En gaat over op de orde van de dag

[The General Assembly, gathered here at The Fidder, The Hague:

The General Assembly, having heard the deliberations

Noting that the vast majority of those present had to travel for this General Assembly

Requests the Board to hold the General Assemblies in the municipality of Leiden from now on

And proceeds to the order of the day]

Nathan Langendoen, Moos Stokkers et al.

Mr. Mauritz explains the Board advises negative on this motion, this goes also against the policy of the Board.

→ Motion 3 is rejected with 3 votes in favor, 14 against, 0 neutral and 13 abstentions.

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

The general assembly, gathered here at De Fiddler, 'S-Gravenhage:

De ALV gehoord de beraadslaging

Constaterende dat er gebrek is aan bitterballen en traditionele Oost-Aziatische versnaperingen. Verzoekt het Board te voorzien in gratis loempia's en bitterballen tijdens de zomer expeditie.

En gaat over op de orde van de dag

[The General Meeting, having heard the deliberations

Noting that there is a shortage of bitterballen and traditional East Asian snacks. Requests the Board to provide free spring rolls and bitterballen during the summer expedition.

And proceeds to the order of the day]

Moos Stokkers et al.

Mr. Mauritz explains the Board advises negative.

Ms. Hilhorst explains no meat is allowed, only vegetarian snacks.

→ Motion 4 is rejected with 3 votes in favor, 13 against, 1 neutral and 13 abstentions.

Ms. Van Os reads out the fifth motion. This is the following:

The general assembly, gathered here at De Fiddler, 'S-Gravenhage:

Considering the multicultural nature of SPIL and the Board that represents it, we request the following Board during sessions of the general assembly to wear traditional folk dress.

Moos Stokkers et al.

Mr. Mauritz explains the Board advises neutral.

Mr. Schouten explains SPIL should raise culture and this would be a great exploration of culture.

Mr. Gebauer is asking which dress they should wear.

Mr. Schouten explains a dress from your own country.

Ms. Hilhorst explains the Board will buy an expensive Board suit. She is asking if he is willing to cover the costs of the Board suits.

Mr. Schouten explains they should not buy expensive clothing.

→ Motion 5 is rejected with 3 votes in favor, 14 against, 1 neutral and 12 abstentions.

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

The general assembly, gathered here at De Fiddler, 'S-Gravenhage:

De ALV gehoord de beraadslaging

Constaterende dat het toekomstige Bestuur praktische ervaring mist in het behandelen van serieuze moties van kritisch belang, vraagt de ALV het toekomstige Bestuur de moties van de huidige ALV te laten behandelen door des genoemde toekomstige Bestuur.

En gaat over op de orde van de dag.

[The General Assembly, gathered here at De Fiddler, The Hague:

The General Assembly, having heard the deliberations

Noting that the future Board lacks practical experience in handling serious motions of critical importance, the General Assembly requests the future Board to have the motions of the current General Assembly handled by the said future Board.

And proceeds to the order of the day.]

Moos Stokkers et al.

Mr. Mauritz explains the Board advises negative. The 46th f.t. Board is not legally in charge.

→ Motion six is dismissed.

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

The general assembly, gathered here at De Fiddler, 'S-Gravenhage:

Shall of on a certain matter, that concerns every true SPIL'er!

Hidde, the President of the Board 46th of SPIL, shall translate the SPIL anthem into a new language every SPIL General Assembly.

4 unknown submitters.

Mr. Mauritz explains the Board advises neutral.

Ms. Hordijk explains a GA has a full program. Bars close. Therefore it's better to not make these things obligated, so the Secretary does not need to organise an additional GA.

Ms. Michotte van den Berck suggests an amendment to only implement the motion if the time allows.

Ms. Stuijt explains she agrees with Ms. Hordijk. It is a lot of extra work.

→ The amendment passed with 9 votes in favor, 8 against, 0 neutral and 12 abstentions.

→ Motion 7 as amended is rejected with 8 votes in favor, 10 against, 0 neutral and 12 abstentions.

Ms. Van Os reads out the eighth motion. This is the following:

The general assembly, gathered here at De Fiddler, Den Haag:

De ALV gehoord de beraadslaging.

Constaterende dat de ... bij feestjes op een laag niveau ligt.

Verzoekt het Board dat er alcoholische middelen verstrekt worden door de Board. Inhoudende dat alle drankjes hoger moeten zijn dan 5%.

En gaat over op de orde van de dag.

[The General Assembly, gathered here at De Fiddler, The Hague:

The General Assembly, having heard the deliberations.

Noting that the ... at parties is at a low level.

Requests the Board to provide alcoholic beverages. Implying that all drinks must be higher than 5%.

And proceeds to the order of the day.]

4 unknown submitters.

Mr. Mauritz explains the Board advises negative.

Mr. Schouten explains at social events the Board should provide drinks which should contain at least 5% alcohol.

→ Motion 8 is rejected with 1 vote in favor, 17 against, 0 neutral and 12 abstentions.

Ms. Van Os reads out the ninth motion. This is the following:

The general assembly, gathered here at The Fiddler, The Hague:

Considering that 3/7th of the Board is Polish, it should be required that every GA one of the non-Polish members should give a short speech in Polish to demonstrate their internationalisation.

Nathan Langendoen et al.

Mr. Mauritz explains the Board advises neutral.

Mr. Van Lierop proposes an amendment, only if the times allows.

→ No objections, the amendment is adopted per acclimation.

→ Motion 9 is rejected with 4 votes in favor, 11 against, 3 neutral and 12 abstentions.

Ms. Van Os reads out the tenth motion. This is the following:

The general assembly, gathered here at The Fiddler, The Hague:

Considering the cultural significance and impact of the Cars musical collection and the statement made by the aspiring President. We request the Board for all future and current meetings to play Life is a Highway for everyone to enjoy and for the President to dance to.

Nathan Langendoen, Moos Stokkers et al.

Mr. Mauritz explains the Board advises neutral.

Ms. Stuijt is asking if this person means the Board meetings.

Mr. Schouten explains he means the GA's.

Ms. Hilhorst is asking if he is aware of other SPIL activities besides GA's.

Mr. Schouten explains yes.

Mr. Schouten makes an amendment to play the song during GA's.

→ No objections, the amendment is adopted per acclimation.

→ Motion 10 is rejected with 5 votes in favor, 9 against, 3 neutral and 12 abstentions

Ms. Van Os reads out the eleventh motion. This is the following:

The general assembly, gathered here at The Fiddler, The Hague:

The Board has presented themselves as the 'FruitBoard' and as such the General Assembly believes that the members of the Board elect should bring their P.P.F., Polish Personality Fruit, to every General Assembly they partake in and place it in front of themselves for identification sake.

Jakob Scharfe et al.

Mr. Scharfe explains the motion.

Mr. Mauritz explains the Board advises neutral.

→ Motion 11 is adopted with 10 votes in favor, 6 against, 0 neutral and 13 abstentions.

14. Round of questions

Ms. Veenendaal is congratulating the 46th f.t. Board.

Ms. Helin is asking of the 45th Board, the 46th f.t. Board, her fellow Advisory Board members, the e.t. 44th Board members know she is happy to have a new f.t. Board and she is excited for all they will do, and thanks the 45th Board for all that they have done so far.

Mr. Otten is asking if the CALVV, the GA, the 45th h.t. Board and the 46th f.t. Board know he is proud of Mr. Van der Voort on his first time of being CALVV, and he is proud of the 45th Board and excited for the 46th Board.

Ms. Van Hoek explains go Hidde.

Ms. Hordijk is asking if the CALVV, the GA, the 45th h.t. Board and the 46th f.t. Board know she is very proud of the 45th Board and she wishes the 46th fun on policy weekend.

Ms. Hilhorst is asking if the GA, the CALVV, the 45th h.t. Board and the 46th f.t. Board know she wishes the 45th Board good luck this summer and in Thailand and wishes the 46th Board good luck and a lot of fun next year.

Ms. Van Zoelen is asking if the GA, the CALVV, the 45th Board and the 46th f.t. Board know she is proud of 45th wishes the 46th good luck and a fun summer.

Mr. Stokkers wishes good luck to everyone.

Mr. Scharfe wishes good luck.

Ms. Michotte van den Berck is asking if the CALVV, the GA, the 45th h.t. Board and the 46th f.t. Board know she is proud of the 45th and all they have done this year and is looking forward to the 46th.

Ms. Stuijt is asking if the CALVV, the GA, the 45th Board and the 46th f.t. Board know she enjoyed all the good work of the 45th and is looking forward to next year.

Mr. Schouten congratulates the new Board.

Ms. Pluskwa-Dąbrowska is asking if the CALVV, the GA, the 45th h.t. Board and the 46th f.t. Board know she is very thankful for the 45th Board, she joined Freshmen Weekend and now she is an f.t. Board member. Also she wants to thank the GA and her Board, she is excited for the upcoming year.

Mr. Reijans is asking if the CALVV, the GA, the 45th h.t. Board and the 46th f.t. Board know he is impressed with what the 45th has been done and he is very excited for his year with the 46th Board and he has a tattoo on his hand.

Ms. Pappas is asking if the CALVV, the GA, the 45th h.t. Board and the 46th f.t. Board know she is very proud of the Board, super happy she is on the new Board and she cannot wait for next year.

Mr. Doedens is asking if the CALVV, the GA, the 45th h.t. Board and the 46th f.t. Board know he is incredibly proud of the 45th Board, they made his year and also for a lot of first year, he will continue the welcoming spirit of the 45th Board and is looking forward to next year.

Ms. Van Ineveld is asking if the CALVV, the GA, the 45th h.t. Board and the 46th f.t. Board know she thinks the 45th Board did an amazing job and she is proud to be on the f.t. Board.

Mr. Heijerman is asking if the CALVV, the GA, the 45th h.t. Board and the 46th f.t. Board know he thinks the CALVV did an excellent job, he is thankful for the GA, he is thankful for the example of the 45th Board and he could not imagine a better group to do a Board year with.

Ms. Cadet is asking if the CALVV, the GA, the 45th h.t. Board and the 46th f.t. Board know she want to congratulate the f.t. Board, she is very proud of the 45th Board and she is really excited to go to Thailand.

Mr. De Haas is asking if the CALVV, the GA, the 45th h.t. Board and the 46th f.t. Board know he is proud of his Board and is very looking forward to what the 46th Board will do next year and he has a tattoo on his hand.

Ms. Vermeiden is asking if the CALVV, the GA, the 45th h.t. Board and the 46th f.t. Board know she is very happy the f.t. Board got affirmed and she is excited to see what they will do and she is deeply proud of her Board.

Ms. van Os is asking if the CALVV, the GA, the 45th h.t. Board and the 46th f.t. Board know she wants to congratulate the 46th Board on getting affirmed and she is proud of her own Board.

Mr. Mauritz is asking if the CALVV, the GA, the 45th h.t. Board and the 46th f.t. Board know he is thankful for everyone attending, he is proud of the 46th for surviving their first GA and he is proud of the 45th Board for everything that is accomplished, and he is excited for the round of drinks.

15. Discharging of the Voting Committee

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

16. Closing of the General Assembly

After the SPIL song has been sung, the Chair of the GA closes the assembly at 21:50.

END REPORT '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

"Cas, we still need to discuss!" - 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 from both cities. The Board has also been able to continue the efforts of previous Boards in maintaining a bilingual character.

All events have taken place in English, with the exception of a few Dutch language talk show excursions, a wellbeing workshop given by Stichting 'Door het Geluid,' and the lecture by Henri Bontebal, which could not be given in English. 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. Furthermore, the Board has maintained the policy of rotating between Leiden and The Hague for recurring events, such as GAs, borrels, and committee meetings, whenever possible.

Besides language and geography, one of the goals of the XLVth Board was to make efforts in cultural integration by organising at least one cross-cultural event. The Introduction Committee was planning on organising a karaoke event in which members could share music from their cultures with each other. Unfortunately, this activity couldn't happen in the end.

The XLVth Board would still recommend the f.t. Board to organize an activity to honour the associations' members who from a diverse array of backgrounds.

The XLVth Board has continued to make efforts in integration within the university community, through collaborations with other associations in the second semester. These included multiple StOP activities, Haagsch Studenten Feest (HSF), and many Picasso events.

2.2 Exploration

Exploration has been an important value in light of challenges ranging from a smaller Board size to continued financial challenges.

Firstly, the Board has explored new partnerships and new types of partnerships through a new acquisition strategy that has continued to be successful through the second semester. A Partnership with V-Kings bar in Leiden has resulted in an advertisement during the fourth edition of DEBAT this year. A Partnership with Flitz events has also resulted in an opportunity to do lasergaming during freshman weekend.

Secondly, the XLVth Board explored new ways of carrying out the trips. While increased costs continue to make the organisation of trips a challenge, the XLVth Board was still able to organise a full slate of SPIL trips. This was helped by the fact that rail travel has become more accessible in recent years, as well as the fact that demand for a summer trip outside of Europe remains high despite an increased participation fee.

Finally, the XLVth Board looks positively on how visibility of the common rooms was explored. The organisation of activities, such as the Lustrum brunch and committee thank you day, in the association hallway has also made the new common room in The Hague more visible. The h.t. Board recommends for the f.t. Board to continue to organise easily accessible, and easy to organise common room activities such as Toasty Friday and Waffle Hour. There is also a lot that can be done in the association hallway in The Hague, such as brunch activities.

2.3 Modernisation

The XLVth Board is especially pleased with how far social media has come. The Board has made efforts to create video content to promote events and create anticipation for parties and borrels. This was especially done through more regular Instagram reel content. On top of social media content, the Board has established a Podcast Committee, which after getting accustomed to operating, has managed to produce over ten episodes, surpassing its initial goal. These episodes range from conversation about student life, to interviews with ambassadors and professors, to even an election debate.

An important cornerstone in modernisation has been creating new social safety policies. Between October and January, the President and the Commissioner Education and Politics attended a number of workgroups with representatives from the GGD to create policies, such as a code of conduct, alcohol and drugs policy, a sanctions protocol, as well as other guiding

protocols for the Board in case of serious situations. These policies were also created in consultation with relevant stakeholders from the university, such as the study advisors, and social safety department. These policies have now been drafted and the XLVth Board has collected feedback to hear the opinions of the Board of Advisors (RvA), and Confidential Contact Persons (CCPs). Once complete, these will be presented at this GA so that members can vote on them.

The Board, as part of its modernisation campaign, has also successfully cleared the bookshelves in the Leiden common room of books that no longer belong on the bookshelves (such as inappropriate titles, and double copies).

3. PRESIDENT & COMMISSIONER BRUSSELS & COMMISSIONER LUSTRUM

3.1 President

“Pieter, the former President” - Mikail Unal

3.1.1 Internal Affairs

The President looks upon this year with pride in his fellow XLVth Board members. It has been a year of tremendous growth for everyone, not just in professional skills, but also personally. The President looks especially gladly upon how the Board bonded, maintained open communication, and created a constructive working environment. Board members have been very supportive of one another throughout what they can definitely look back at as a successful Board year.

The President reflects positively on the way the Board has bonded. Through the second semester, the board enjoyed each other's company during day trips to Utrecht and Rotterdam, as well as during meals during the Summer Trip. This bonding created a positive and trusting environment that contributed to a conducive working environment.

The President would like to thank the Advisory Board (RvA) for its crucial role within the association. The RvA has been of incredible help this year, always giving insightful feedback on policy, and supporting us through crucial moments. The President encourages his successor to maintain open communication with the RvA, and to not hesitate to reach out to them as they will always show a willingness to help out.

3.1.2 External Representation

The President represented the association in various bodies throughout the year. First of all, he took part in the Association Deliberations (Verenigingen Overleg - VerO) organised by the Faculty of Social Sciences in both Leiden and The Hague. These meetings served as an opportunity to discuss important university-related matters, but also to create connections with hallway associations in Leiden and The Hague. Secondly, he attended meetings of the Big Association Deliberation (Grote Verenigingen Overleg - GroVer), of which the association is a member. The President has also taken part in the general meetings of the Study Association Deliberation Platform (Studieverenigingen Overleg Platform - StOP). Both

of these served as opportunities for connection with associations from different faculties in Leiden.

Besides formal meetings, it has been the goal of the President to bond with other associations' Boards and student initiatives in informal settings. This has continued throughout the second semester, through attendance at StOP activities, as well as informal contact in the new "association corridor," in The Hague.

Besides contact with other associations, which the f.t. President has already become accustomed to, the President would also like to emphasise the importance of contact with the Assessor of the Faculty Board, Student member of the Institute Board, and study advisors. The President advises the f.t. President to schedule meetings with all of these people at the start of the academic year, as they can all support the associations' board in various ways throughout the year.

3.1.3 Platform for Political Scientists

The President has also been a part of the board of the Platform for Political Scientists (PvP). The board consists of four respective representatives of four study associations of political science in the Netherlands; SPIL, EOS (Free University of Amsterdam - VU), ismus (Radboud University), and Machiavelli (University of Amsterdam - UVA). The PvP oversees the PiP Committee, which was responsible for organising the annual PiP Congress (Political Scientists in Perspective). This year, the congress was organised in Amsterdam (hosted by Machiavelli), with a focus on international law enforcement. The congress featured speakers from different practitioners of international law, as well as a borrel to end the day.

Due to the fact that in recent years the PvP has only organised the PiP Congress, which has not been expensive to organise, and that the largest costs has actually been banking costs, it was decided by the PvP board to disband itself as an official association. This entailed dissolving the bank account, and signing out of the KVK, and therefore easing the financial situation of member associations. At time of writing, all of the steps have been completed, and the PvP board is waiting for approval by the KVK. The PvP will still continue through a contract between the participating associations. The new PvP 'board' has also been advised to organise the PiP Congress with just board members, as the tasks of the PvP have been reduced.

3.1.4 Other Activities

To show appreciation for all the committee members who have put in hard work this year, the XLVth Board organised a Committee Thank You Day on the 22nd of May. The Board organised a dinner in the tradition of a traditional Dutch Friettafel. The Board was pleased to see members from various committees show up and share memories.

The XLVth Board participated in many interfaculty activities through StOP, which allowed members to interact with students from all study associations. The XLVth Board participated in InFaFe, the internationalisation activity, an around-the-world pub quiz, and the Sports

Tournament. The association also took part in a separate committee organising Haagsch Studenten Feest (HSF). While the Board looks back happily upon these activities, losses were also made at InFaFe and HSF, which seem to be part of a trend of non-Picasso parties becoming less profitable.

The XLVth Board has continued the policy of the previous two Boards of having a dress code manager, a role filled by the Treasurer. The Board continues to be proud of the association's members who have largely adhered to the dress code and looked sharp at activities this year. This was especially the case during the Summer Trip, where participants managed to adhere to the dress code through the hot weather.

Continuing the efforts of the previous Boards, the XLVth Board has continued to use the Committee Cup System. The Board believes the Committee Cup is a great way of encouraging committee members to show up at activities, and encourages the f.t. Board to continue with the system. Additionally, The XLVth Board continued the previous Board's policy of a reusable committee item this year. The Board made general SPIL-shirts for every committee.

3.2 Commissioner Brussels

"Belgium is a country invented by the English to annoy the French." - Charles de Gaulle

3.2.1 General

The Brussels Committee for the 2026 Brussels trip was formed in February with four members, including a Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer. The Committee is working hard to organise an exciting two-day excursion to the capital of the EU in the middle of November. The committee has already decided to, once again, travel by train to Brussels. With the hostel and trains booked, the committee now can focus on which institutions it would like to visit under the leadership of the f.t. Commissioner Global Relations.

3.3 Commissioner Lustrum

"I'm still relevant" - Gijs Verhoeff, Chair of the Lustrum Committee

3.3.1 General

This year the association celebrated its IXth Lustrum. The President looks warmly upon the Lustrum celebrations and is proud of the work of the Lustrum Committee. The Commissioner Lustrum is particularly pleased with the organisation of the Gala and the Lustrum Lecture, which were both well attended by older and newer SPIL members. The Lustrum Committee is an independent committee that organised the celebration of the XLVth birthday of the association this year, and as such the Lustrum Committee will present its own policy. As the upcoming year is a Dies year, the Lustrum Committee was not reopened. To maintain continuity, the Lustrum Committee has prepared internal feedback for future Lustrum Committees to look back at.

4. SECRETARY & COMMISSIONER DIES & COMMISSIONER SPIL-WEEKEND

4.1 Secretary

“Wow Secretary is not Secretarying today” - Eleana Cadet

4.1.1 Membership account

The Secretary updated the membership file regularly. She did this in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulations (Regulation (EU)2016/679). Everyone who did not pay their membership fee after several reminders is disqualified and deregistered. The membership file is up to date.

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

4.1.2 Newsletter

The Secretary enjoyed writing the newsletter. This year's rubric *“SPIL Spots”* was received well among members. She would like to thank everyone who contributed to this rubric. Although this rubric was a nice addition to the newsletter, she would like to encourage her successor to explore more themes for the rubric. The column in collaboration with LSVV'81 was very successful; the Secretary enjoyed reading the columns.

4.1.3 Reunionists

Reunionists received three newsletters this year. Together with the Treasurer the Secretary collected the membership fee of Reunionist members. First they asked Reunionists to sign up for a direct debit mandate, 15 members made use of this and 25 members transferred the membership fee manually.

The Secretary and Treasurer made the decision to deregister all Reunionist members who did not pay their membership fee. This leads to a more clear overview of the amount of Reunionist members the association has and allows the successor of the Treasurer to estimate the Reunionist membership fee better.

Because the total amount of Reunionist members decreased, the Secretary advises her successor to look into more promotion for the Reunionist membership.

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

4.1.4 Alumni

This year Alumni received two newsletters.

Unfortunately, the Alumni event did not take place this year. Halfway through the academic year, the Secretary had contact with the Alumni coordinator of the Institute of Political Science, and they are open to organising an event with the association in the future. The

Secretary advises her successor to contact the Alumni coordinator soon to plan a collaborative event. The Secretary advises to organise this event for all people who want to come, also alumni who are not a SPIL alumni yet. She sees this as an opportunity for the association to broaden its Alumni network and have more successful Alumni events in the upcoming years.

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

4.1.5 General Assemblies

The Secretary is very thankful to all members who took part in the General Assemblies last year. They are a vital part of the association, and therefore very important. Even though the turnout during the General Assemblies reached the quorum, it was sometimes lower than she wished for. The free round of drinks in the end encouraged people to stay until the end.

As her predecessor advised her the General Assemblies were hosted twice on a Tuesday and twice on a Thursday. Unfortunately, the Secretary struggled to find a fitting location for the General Assemblies in The Hague. Therefore, three General Assemblies were organised in Leiden and only one in The Hague. In Leiden, the General Assemblies took place in De Vergulde Kruik which is a nice location which allows members to get drinks during the breaks. The Secretary looked into multiple options for The Hague and got The Fiddler advised by her predecessor. One General Assembly was hosted there, but the communication with the bar wasn't always smooth, and often football matches were screened at the bar. She encourages her successor to look into options for hosting two General Assemblies in The Hague next year, to her best ability.

4.1.6 Former Boards Borrel

This year, the Former Boards Borrel took place in February. Café L'Esperance was the location where about 25 Former Board members chatted and enjoyed drinks. Although the Secretary was very happy with the borrel, it got to her attention that in previous years more Former Board members attended the Former Boards Borrel. Therefore, she advises her successor to organise the borrel in May in like has been done in previous years. She also advises to send the invitation two months in advance and organise the borrel on a Friday.

4.2 Commissioner Dies

"My PC doesn't know how to turn me on" - Rikus Doedens

4.2.1 General

The Dies Committee opened in February. Unfortunately the committee only consisted of three members, with one leaving. The Commissioner encouraged the f.t. Commissioner Dies to actively start looking for more members and reopen the applications for the committee in September.

The committee started working on ideas for activities during the Dies week as well as looking for a speaker. During the summer the Commissioner and f.t. Commissioner oversaw the committee. The Commissioner is convinced the Dies week will be unforgettable.

4.3 Commissioner SPIL Weekend

“Liege is beautiful if you have your eyes closed” - Freek van Lierop

4.3.1 The weekend

This year's SPIL Weekend took place in Liege from the 8th until the 10th of May. To lower the workload the committee was co-commissioned by the Secretary and Treasurer. A total of 26 people joined the trip which was prepared by the committee. The trip was not completely filled, but no additional costs have been made since cancellations could be made. Activities such as a city tour, bowling and pub crawl were organised. Between activities, there was a chance to sit on the sunny terrace and explore the city. The Commissioners are looking back at an amazing weekend and had a lot of fun with the Committee while organising this trip.

4.3.2 The Committee

Even though the Committee had less time to organise the weekend compared to previous years, the organisation went smoothly. All members were motivated to contribute to the organisation. During the very first meeting of the committee, they already decided on a destination and divided tasks to continue the planning of the weekend. The Commissioners do advise to start the planning of the weekend earlier to have more options in the destinations.

5. TREASURER & COMMISSIONER WINTER TRIP

5.1. Treasurer

“Are you scared to handle the money?” - f.t. Commissioner Education and Politics Antonina Basarab to f.t. Treasurer Rikus Doedens

5.1.1. Realisation

The association ended the year with a budget surplus. This was mainly due to higher income than expected, mostly because of the membership and reunionist fee exceeding their initial budget. At the same time, less expenses were made due to the lustrum weeks. As fewer weeks had to be filled with activities (compared to other years) less expenses were made in the second semester. Additionally, the Treasurer concludes that the expenses were also affected by the Board having less members and having less time to organise activities. The remaining budget will mostly be allocated to the reserve for the XLVIth Board and a part will be added to the reserve of the XLVIIth Board.

The Summer Trip was financially uncertain when the budget was presented at the Affirmation GA. The budget was met with higher costs than previously anticipated, due to higher fuel costs. Additionally, CASSA granted only half of the requested subsidy. This resulted in raising the participation fee and the association's contribution. In the end, the total costs were lower than expected, leaving a surplus. This surplus will lower the total that the association originally contributed to the trip and it will equally lower the total that participants contributed.

The lustrum ended with € 1.000,- surplus. Rather than adding these funds back to the lustrum reserve, the Treasurer believes it would be more appropriate to transfer them to the website reserve, where the money is more needed. A lustrum reserve of nearly € 7.000,- is too high considering the number of members who participated in this lustrum. Around € 6.000,- was spent and € 900,- subsidy was initially granted. This would mean that the lustrum reserve for the 10th lustrum will still come to the planned total of € 5.000,-.

Overall, the Treasurer looks back on a positive financial year considering the initially expected membership at the start of the year. The final budget will have added almost € 8.000,- in savings towards future Boards and a new website. Additionally, the Treasurer sees opportunities for future Boards to sell more merchandise with the new devalued prices. The XLVth Board has not had the opportunity to see a difference in sales of the new prices of the merchandise.

5.1.2. Reserves

The Treasurer has allocated almost € 9.000,- into reserves. This includes € 1.000,- to the lustrum reserve. Additionally, € 2.044,75,- has been set aside for the XLVIth Board and € 2.500,- has been set aside for the XLVIIth Board. Lastly, the Treasurer has started a new reserve to invest in a new website. This now consists of € 3.500,- and the Treasurer expects that a new website will cost between € 4.500,- and € 5.000,-. She hopes that the new website can be finalized in two years, but this will depend on her successor's budget.

5.1.3. Parties

This year the Treasurer had the goal to make profit on parties. This was successful for the Picasso parties which earned revenue for the association, but other parties resulted in significant losses. HSF and InFaFe made a total loss of more than € 600,-. A partial reason for the loss on HSF was due to a similar event from Picasso being organised the same night. Nevertheless, both parties did not sell enough tickets to be able to cover the bar budget from the location resulting in substantially higher costs than initially budgeted. It became clear that ticket sales for parties cannot be based on sales of previous years. There seems to be a decline in members' willingness to go to parties organised by the association. This is not to say that organising parties is not possible anymore. The Treasurer advises her successor to be more cautious of the risk of loss when budgeting or planning for parties. Nonetheless, the Treasurer looks back positively on her general policy goal as there was still a profit generated in general and encourages her successor to do the same.

5.1.4. 'Support Our SPIL'

Support Our SPIL was not a big source of income this year. There were three donations in total, two of which were under € 10,- and one of € 50,- to whom a personal video was sent by the Board. Support our SPIL was promoted on Instagram and was printed on the last page of each DEBAT edition. The Treasurer encourages her successor to continue this initiative and to try to find more ways to promote it to generate more income.

5.1.5. Committee items

Moreover, the Treasurer had to add remaining committee t-shirts to the balance as they have not been sold yet. There are 20 committee t-shirts remaining which can be used by the next Board as they are universal and neutral committee t-shirts. The reasons for so many shirts not having been bought, is due to the t-shirts being ordered later than usual, some members in DEBAT not being easily reachable and not paying and the Masters Committee not having received their t-shirts before the end of the year and them being refunded. The Treasurer wishes to have not seen this happen, but is glad that the design of the t-shirts ensures that the association does not suffer a financial loss because of this.

5.1.6. Audit committee

The last audit of the year took place on the 2nd of September. During this audit the current Treasurer brought along her successor, per tradition, to prepare him for his own audits.

The Audit Committee will present their findings of the last audit in a letter submitted to theGA about the functioning of the Treasurer this year. The Treasurer looks back on a successful relationship with the Audit Committee and is very thankful for all the support they have offered her throughout the year. The Treasurer encourages her successor to maintain good relations with his Audit Committee as well, and make full use of their valuable insights and experience.

5.2. Commissioner Winter Trip

“Is everybody ready to sleep at the OCDC?” - Rikus Doedens

5.2.1. Winter Trip

The Winter Trip to Paris took place from 26th to the 30th of January with 38 members, including 6 Board members and 6 committee members.

The programme consisted of eight political institutions, four cultural activities and four social activities. The political institutions included; the Assemblée, the Paris Peace Forum, UNESCO, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Europe, the French Institute of International Relations and the OECD. The cultural activities were to visit the Army museum, a city tour, a tour of the Paris Opera, a visit to either the Louvre or the l’Orangerie. The social activities included a crazy 45, karaoke session per SPIL’s tradition, a boat cruise and a final dinner.

Participation in this trip was possible through the selection procedure used in accordance with the rules of procedure. The participant fee was € 215,-. In addition, the LUF contributed € 1.520,- to the overall budget of the trip. The Commissioner looks back on a very successful trip and once again thanks her Committee for its efforts and achievements and her co-commissioner.

6. COMMISSIONER EDUCATION AND POLITICS & COMMISSIONER INTRODUCTION

6.1 Commissioner Education and Politics

“Okay, OWL go” - Josephine van Os

6.1.1 Education Committee

Throughout the second semester, the Education Committee organised an additional two events, bringing the total of activities organised by the committee to seven. After the resignation of the Commissioner Education and Politics, these activities were overseen by the President.

The Career Night was organised at the start of April. As done in previous years, it was organised in the style of an info market, where participants were given the opportunity to speak to multiple prospective employers for political science students, and employers had the opportunity to distribute promotional material. The invited employers included representatives from an international law firm, the ministry of defence and a marketing firm. Additionally, student organisations that provide job market-oriented experience were also invited. These included LeidenMUN and the UNICEF student team. Despite the hard work of the committee, attendance of the event, as in past years, remained low. The XLVth Board would therefore strongly advise the f.t. Board to instead stick to organising career oriented events with the university, as already advised by the XLIVth Board, so that promotion is widespread.

The Education Committee also organised a debate night in the style of Prime Minister Questions for the last block. This event would have featured students debating each other in the style of the British Parliament at a bar in Leiden. Unfortunately, due to a low number of signups this event had to be cancelled. The Board still believes that this, or a similar type of, activity could be a good idea to organise in the first semester of next academic year.

6.1.2 Excursions Committee

The Excursions Committee organised a total of ten excursions in the past year. The first excursion was held in the House of Europe followed by attending the Eva Jinek talk show. The next visits were to the Indonesian Embassy and the Café Kockelmann talk show. The second embassy visit was to the Portuguese Embassy. Next, another talk show was visited: Pauw & De Wit. The ICC visit was up next, succeeded by the two Tweede Kamer visits; one held in Dutch, the other held in English. The academic year concluded with our visit to the Apostolic Nunciature. At the time of writing, two excursions for the upcoming academic year are in preparation.

The Commissioner is very content with the amount and quality of visits organised this year. He has advised his successor, however, to reduce the number of Dutch-language talk shows. The Commissioner has recommended to keep the Tweede Kamer visit in Dutch, as in this instance the usage of Dutch ameliorates the theoretical depth of the excursion.

The Commissioner is very appreciative of the Excursions Committee's dedication throughout the year, even with a change of Commissioner during the year.

6.1.3 Masters Committee

The Masters Committee has an active year to look back on. In the first semester, the committee organised a Meet & Sip borrel at Café L'Espérance. The second activity was a Board Game Night in November in FSW, which was well attended and well played and snacked at. In the second semester, a welcome back Valentine's-themed pub quiz was organised at Vergulde Kruik, with a high level quiz that even had the Commissioner Internal Relations struggling. This borrel was organised to receive new masters students to connect with their fellow students. After the first success, The committee and Treasurer organised a second world-themed pub quiz was at the same location, which was just as actively attended while enjoying some drinks. To end the year, the committee organised a career event where students were able to ask personal questions to speakers about their experience and knowledge. The speakers included a prosecutor of the ICC and a program manager from the Ministry of Economic affairs. This activity was organised in The Hague and was highly successful due to a more informal setting where the speakers and students were able to talk easily to each other. The Masters Committee has done a great job to organise all these well received activities!

6.1.4 Book Sale

The President has made sure that the complete book list was 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 President would recommend for his successor to look into providing a book sale for the master specialisations of Political Science. Due to a lack of time the President did not have time to look into this.

6.1.5 Programme Committee

The Programme Committee met with each other four times this academic year. They evaluated courses, spoke about students' complaints and worked on the internal functioning of the committee.

6.1.6 Student Sounding Board

The Secretary attended the last Student Sounding Board (SKG) meeting of the academic year. During this meeting, the topic of selling summaries was covered. All other SKG meetings were attended by the Commissioner Education and Politics.

6.1.7 LinkedIn

LinkedIn was used this year primarily to promote institutional and political visits organised by SPIL. It also served as a point of contact for reaching out to institutions and other organisations when arranging visits. Unfortunately, due to a lack of time, the Commissioner was unable to post as frequently as originally intended.

The Commissioner therefore recommends that her successor use LinkedIn more consistently and publish updates shortly after relevant visits have taken place. The platform can also

continue to be used to establish and maintain contact with institutions, alumni, former Board members, and other professional connections.

The Commissioner External Relations further recommends that responsibility for LinkedIn remain with the Commissioner of Education and Politics. As this position is responsible for organising institutional and political visits, keeping LinkedIn within the same portfolio would make it easier and faster to contact organisations and publish relevant content. It would also allow the Commissioner of External Relations, who is already responsible for a considerable amount of promotion, to dedicate more time to acquisitions, partnerships, and other external responsibilities.

6.2 Commissioner Introduction

“First come, first surf” - Nena Vermeiden

6.2.1 General

Alongside the Freshmen Weekend, several activities were organised by the Committee this year. These were the Movie Night, Friends and Family day in the Hague, VVV’tjes dag in Leiden, and Family day in Leiden. These events saw mixed attendance, with the Family day in Leiden being the most successful. VVV’tjes dag in Leiden unfortunately saw a low turnout. The same holds for Family day in The Hague, however both events were enjoyed either way. The Commissioner believes that the choice to split the Leiden activities into a Friends day and Family day has been successful because the programme was catered towards both audiences. However, more could be done to improve the attendance at Friends day. As it is usually harder to find participants for Friends and Family day in the Hague, the Commissioner believes it to be wise to keep the two groups combined.

6.2.2 Study Groups

Study groups have been organised in every block of the academic year. In block 1, the Leiden and the Hague study groups were both well attended. Unfortunately, no one showed up for the study group in Leiden in block 2, while the study group in the Hague was again well attended. The study groups in block 3 were accompanied by a study session at Urban Café. In block 4, multiple study groups were organised in collaboration with Leiden Study Groups, a student run organisation. The attendance was great. The Commissioner advises his successor to continue this fruitful collaboration. The Commissioner noticed that the timing of the study groups is crucial for ensuring a good attendance. Hence, the Committee always strived for organising the study groups right before or after lectures or workgroups.

6.2.3 Freshmen Weekend

This year’s edition of Freshmen Weekend was organised in Woerden at Scouting Woerden from the 24th to the 26th of August by the President and Commissioner Internal Relations. In total, 66 people participated, of which 5 were h.t. Board members, 7 f.t. Board members, and 3 committee members leaving 51 spots for upcoming first years. The participant fee was 44 euros. The Freshmen Weekend has the goal to facilitate upcoming first years getting to know each other and the association. The theme this year was “Travel the Decades”. This was

interwoven in the decorations and activities. Activities this year included the smuggling game, lasergaming, a Crazy 45 and a pub quiz. The staff of the scouting were very welcoming and effective in communication.

6.2.4 Committee

The committee consisted of five dedicated members. The Commissioners would like to express their gratitude to all of them for their hard work during the whole year.

7. COMMISSIONER INTERNAL RELATIONS & COMMISSIONER FESTIVE

7.1 Commissioner Internal Relations

“Louboutins broer dat terwijl ik nooit rood sta” - Boef

“Louboutins brother, even though im never in the red” - Boef

7.1.1.1 DEBAT

The DEBAT committee has produced four physical magazines this year. They were published at Reveal Borrels in November, February, March and May. The themes for these issues were Divisions, Sovereignty, Turning Points and Back to the 80's, the last one being a Lustrum themed edition. The committee showed great creativity in deciding the themes as well as the topics of their own article. The Commissioner finds all articles to be of high quality and compliments the design team on their consistently outstanding designs throughout the year.

This year, the strived for English/Dutch division of 70/30 was let go of. The Commissioner has found this to have worked well, as everyone had total liberty over which language they wanted to write in. Additionally, this approach did not lead to a complete disappearance of Dutch articles, keeping the magazine's bilingual character. Once, Dutch writers were asked to write in Dutch instead of English.

The Commissioner has found that having no vice-chair of the committee has worked well, making the communication between the Commissioner and chair very smooth. The head of social activities position has also grown this year. Multiple bonding activities were organised as well as a writing workshop, with another workshop unfortunately falling through in the end. The Commissioner recommends keeping this role in the upcoming year, to ensure a nice atmosphere within the committee.

7.1.1.2 Printing of DEBATs

As in the last years, the printing of the physical issue was done at Damen Drukkers. This collaboration has proven to be very valuable. Communication with them was always clear and efficient, and the magazines were always delivered on time. Members were able to get DEBAT delivered at home. The possibility of this was promoted on Instagram and the newsletter. The amounts fluctuated by little throughout the year, ending on 112 magazines delivered for the last issue to members, reunionists, and the founder of DEBAT.

A total of 325 copies were printed of every issue. A share of those was distributed at the Reveal Borrels, another part was sent to members. The study advisers also received copies. Additionally, DEBATs have been given away at introduction days and weeks as well as to speakers at events, and guests on the podcast.

7.1.1.3 DEBAT Online

Throughout the year articles have been published on the DEBAT magazine website. Although the goal of an article per week has not always been met, the Commissioner believes it has been sufficient as the committee members were regularly invited to contribute to the website. The website itself works fine, but does not look the most welcoming for readers. The Commissioner advises future Commissioners Internal Relations to look into updating the website, or perhaps integrating the DEBAT website into a newly established general SPIL website.

7.1.1.4 DEBAT Social Media

All online articles were primarily promoted on Instagram with a smaller role reserved for LinkedIn. The Commissioner believes reposting the DEBAT stories on the general SPIL Instagram has worked well, and has attracted many new readers to the website. In the second semester, the Commissioner aimed to make the LinkedIn page more active, however due to a lack of time this has not happened. He hopes LinkedIn can get reinvigorated next year.

7.1.2 Podcast

This year the Podcast Committee had been set up. In the past years, podcast episodes had been made, but they never got off the ground consistently and permanently. This year the committee has produced a staggering amount of 16 episodes, with the contents ranging from elections to data security, diplomacy and volunteering abroad. One episode was even recorded in Brussels. The Commissioner is incredibly proud of the committee for being this productive, while ensuring a very high quality. The Commissioner is pleased by the development of the productions throughout the year. In the latter half of the academic year, all episodes were recorded on audio as well as video. This even culminated in a live recording with an audience of around 15 students. The Commissioner advises to expand on this concept in the upcoming year.

At the start of the year, the committee was divided into a political science and a student life cluster, intended to produce episodes in their respective categories. After a while, it became clear this was not helpful for the creative process. The clusters were abolished, and since then all committee members had the chance to work on their own projects. This change improved the productivity, and made committee members more free in the range of topics they could produce an episode about. The Commissioner has recommended the second approach to his successor.

The Commissioner hopes that the podcast episodes have a good influence on potential new members, with it giving the association a modern face.

7.1.3 Yearbook

The yearbook has turned out wonderfully. The yearbook theme was revealed at a borrel in May. After the members present at the borrel solved the puzzle made by the committee, the theme revealed itself: Above and Beyond, a nod to the Lustrum theme. The committee has worked incredibly hard throughout the year, and especially during the summer until the deadline. The task divisions were always clear, which made the whole process smooth, and made everyone feel responsible for the end product. The Commissioners underline the importance of bonding throughout the year, as most work is only performed later in the year.

In the beginning of the year, the Commissioner searched for printing companies to replace PerfectBook. In the end, this resulted in choosing for Orangebook as the new printing company. After the introductory meeting with the company went well, the committee got to work with all the options we had to make this yearbook Lustrum worthy. Unfortunately, communication with Orangebook was often unsatisfactory and inefficient. This combined with a low level of clarity about prices and price raises throughout the year has not made this collaboration very valuable. The Commissioner has recommended his successor to, again, look for another printing company for next year.

This of course does not alter the fact that the Committee has worked incredibly hard on the yearbook throughout the year, and all of the contributions being greatly valued. The committee and Commissioner are very eager to reveal the yearbook at the end of the General Assembly.

7.2 Commissioner Festive

“Wou een penthouse omdat blauw onderzocht” - Boef

“Wanted a penthouse because the police was tracking us down” - Boef

7.2.1 Borrels

Borrels happened twice a month throughout the year and took place at De Corner in The Hague and at Café l’Espérance and Bierlokaal de Veste in Leiden. The borrels in Leiden were organised on Thursdays while the ones in The Hague took place on Tuesdays. The change of borrel locations in Leiden halfway through the year has played out well. The Commissioner recommends staying at Bierlokaal de Veste next year, and keep the borrels in The Hague at De Corner.

7.2.2 Parties

This year, the Festive Committee has organized and co-hosted a total of 10 parties throughout the year. Three parties were self-hosted: the Halloween Party, the 2016 party together with BIL, and the Kick-Off party that is being worked on at the time of writing. These parties were hosted at Club Gewoon and De Overkant, both owned by the same person with whom we maintain good contact. The other 7 parties were co-hosted with Picasso; a collaboration that has proven to be valuable to our members and financially valuable to the association. These parties entailed, in order, Flashback Friday, Project Valentine, Latin Party, International Party, 2 Sunkissed Beach Parties, and a Semester Opening Party. Communication with Picasso is

sometimes a little difficult, but they are always happy to fix something that is incorrect, for example. Of course, the Picasso parties saw a way higher attendance in total. But, also when only considering SPIL members there was less eagerness for the self-hosted parties.

8. COMMISSIONER EXTERNAL RELATIONS & COMMISSIONER STAIRS AFFAIRS

8.1 Commissioner External Relations

“We are the Board of SPIL” - Nena Vermeiden

“Insta?” - Random girl

8.1.1. Partnerships

At the beginning of the academic year, the association’s existing partners included Joor It, Can’t Dutch This, Helprr, Nocto, Studied, and Gents. These partnerships provided different forms of support, including member discounts, promotional collaborations, and services for the association.

During this academic year, SPIL established new collaborations with Flitz Events, V-Kings, Urban Café, and Frenchies. Although these new partnerships provided benefits to the association and its members, they did not generate a significant amount of additional income. In general, companies appeared to be primarily interested in short-term collaborations. As many businesses already offer standard student discounts, they are often less inclined to provide fixed financial contributions or commit to long-term partnerships.

The partnership with Flitz Events was used during FMW and by the Festive committees when organising a laser-tag activity. Through this collaboration, SPIL members could also benefit from discounts for Unlock Escape Rooms. As Flitz Events expressed an interest in exploring further opportunities, the Commissioner recommends that her successor remains in contact with the company and investigate additional deals or forms of collaboration.

The association also entered into a promotional agreement with V-Kings, which placed a half-page advertisement in DEBAT in exchange for a payment of € 25,-.

A partnership was also established with Urban Café. However, this agreement still needs to be renegotiated with the manager. Due to practical considerations and a lack of time, the Commissioner decided not to pursue the renegotiation during Block 4. As the original initiative was positively received by many members, the Commissioner recommends reconsidering and developing this concept in the coming academic year.

The association also collaborated with Frenchies for a short period, during which members were offered discounts. As this was only a temporary arrangement, the successor is advised to assess whether there is an opportunity to renew or further develop the partnership.

Despite considerable effort and several meetings with different poke-bowl restaurants, no partnership in this area was successfully established. Other potential partnerships, including a collaboration with Soups & Salads, are under negotiation at the time of writing. The successor is advised to follow up on these discussions and determine whether a mutually beneficial agreement can be reached.

Several existing agreements should also be reviewed. In particular, the contract with Can't Dutch This may need to be renegotiated, as the Commissioner is responsible for a considerable amount of additional administrative work. This includes booking lessons for all participating associations and submitting guest lists to security. The agreement should therefore better reflect the time and effort required from the Commissioner.

The partnership with Studied should also be evaluated. Although promotional support was discussed and promised in February, the agreed promotional materials had still not been provided at the time of writing, despite several reminders.

Unfortunately, due to a lack of time, the Commissioner was unable to attend the acquisition training sessions by STOP this year. Nevertheless, the successor is strongly advised to attend such sessions and, where possible, bring another future Board member or committee member. Discussing acquisition strategies with other associations and learning more about their existing agreements may also provide useful inspiration and lead to potential new partners.

Finally, the Commissioner recommends reviewing funding opportunities offered by the municipality early in the academic year. Many of these funds have application deadlines in October, which meant that the association was unable to make use of them this year. Starting this process earlier would increase the likelihood of securing additional funding in the future.

The Commissioner will work closely with her successor to consider how the association can become more attractive to prospective partners and how future partnerships can provide greater financial or practical value to the association and its members.

8.1.2 Merchandise

This year's merchandise item was a SPIL hoodie, available in black and grey. The back of the hoodie featured the SPIL logo surrounded by several symbols representing the association, including DEBAT, port, and other recognisable elements connected to SPIL.

A total of 17 hoodies were pre-ordered, two of which were won through a raffle. The raffle was very successful and also gave members the opportunity to win other merchandise items. The hoodie was revealed during the Merch Market, which was organised as part of a dual borrel with DEBAT in early May. The event was very successful, with members purchasing merchandise and raffle tickets for the chance to win other merchandise items.

Members were given two weeks to pre-order the hoodie. Although this period was sufficient for several members, the Commissioner recommends keeping future pre-orders open for

approximately one month. The merchandise should also be promoted more consistently, ideally once a week, to ensure that members have enough time to see the item, decide whether they would like to purchase it, and complete their order.

The Commissioner also recommends organising the reveal borrel earlier in the academic year. This would allow more time for production and distribution and would increase the likelihood that members receive their merchandise well before the summer holidays. Nevertheless, almost all hoodies were successfully collected before the end of the academic year.

The Commissioner strongly recommends keeping the dual-borrel format with DEBAT for future Merch Markets, as it attracted many members and contributed significantly to the success of the event. Combining the merchandise reveal with a DEBAT borrel created a lively atmosphere and encouraged greater participation.

The Commissioner is very pleased with the success of the Acquisitions Committee's merchandise item and the Merch Market. She recommends that her successor continue using pre-order forms, as this limits financial risk and provides a clear indication of demand.

8.1.3 Acquisitions Committee

The Commissioner is satisfied with the Committee's work, dedication, and the consistency of its meetings.

The Commissioner further recommends keeping the Acquisitions Committee at approximately five members, as this would help the Committee remain active, efficient, and dynamic. The Commissioner also recommends holding meetings on a regular basis. Some of these meetings could be dedicated to research sessions, during which Committee members identify and reach out to potential partners and collaboration opportunities.

During this academic year, the Commissioner also introduced a division of the different potential areas of partnership, with the aim of structuring the Committee's outreach and encouraging greater diversification of partnerships. The Commissioner recommends that their successor retain and further develop this approach, as it can help ensure that the Committee explores a broader range of sectors and opportunities rather than concentrating its efforts on a limited number of partnership types.

8.1.4.1 Promotion

The Commissioner is satisfied with the work of the Promotion Committee, particularly the quality of several of the promotional videos produced throughout the year. The Commissioner also commends the Committee for consistently completing its tasks on time and for always being willing to assist with last-minute promotional needs.

However, if the goal is to produce a greater number of videos in the future, the Commissioner recommends establishing dedicated subcommittees within the Promotions Committee. This

was the original plan at the beginning of the year, but due to the limited number of members interested in video editing and production, it was ultimately decided not to create separate subcommittees. Instead, video projects were carried out with volunteers from within the Committee.

For future years, the Commissioner recommends slightly increasing the size of the Promotions Committee to approximately eight members. This would allow the Committee to be divided into two balanced subcommittees of four members each, making it easier to distribute responsibilities while increasing the Committee's capacity to produce promotional content.

The Commissioner also recommends paying particular attention during recruitment to candidates who have an interest in, or experience with, video editing and audiovisual content creation. Having members with these skills would help diversify the Committee's promotional output and strengthen its ability to produce more engaging and dynamic content.

8.1.4.2 Social Media

As stated in the Interim Policy, Instagram remained the association's main social media channel throughout the year. The number of followers continued to grow steadily, reaching approximately 2497 followers at the time of writing.

Although TikTok could still benefit from greater attention, more video content was posted on Instagram this year than in previous years. These videos generally generated more views and likes, showing that video content can be particularly effective in increasing engagement on the association's main social media platform.

The monthly promotional calendar and the internal posting schedule proved useful in ensuring that activities and announcements were promoted on time and in an efficient and organised manner. The Commissioner recommends continuing to use both systems in the coming academic year.

As mentioned during the Interim GA, the association has not had full access to its Facebook account for a considerable period of time. The Commissioner initially believed that it would be possible to make the account private through the Meta Business Suite application, which is currently the only available way to access the account. Unfortunately, this was not possible. The Commissioner therefore intends to delete the existing Facebook account one week after the Change of Boards GA.

The successor is advised to consider whether creating a new Facebook account would be beneficial. Although Facebook is no longer SPIL's main communication platform, a new and fully accessible account could still be useful for maintaining an online presence, reaching alumni, and promoting selected activities.

8.1.4.3 Photos

The Commissioner aimed to upload photographs within a few days after larger activities or at the end of each month and recommends that her successor follow a similar schedule. However, some albums were uploaded later than intended, particularly during the months surrounding the Winter Trip and the Summer Trip, when the Commissioner was overloaded with other responsibilities.

Unfortunately, the photographs taken between the end of March and April were lost because of a defective SD card. The Commissioner explored several possible recovery methods together with her predecessor but was unable to retrieve the files. She also attempted to use data-recovery software. However, the card was too severely damaged for the software to access the photographs.

Professional recovery by a specialised data-recovery laboratory, such as Ontrack, can start at approximately € 400 depending on the damage and complexity of the recovery. After considering the cost and the uncertain likelihood of successfully retrieving the photographs, the Commissioner and the Board concluded that professional recovery would not be proportionate to the value of the lost files.

During the summer, the Commissioner attempted to reconstruct the missing collection by gathering as many photographs as possible from members' phones, other association's other cameras, and external partners.

The Commissioner sincerely apologises for the loss of the photographs and for any inconvenience or disappointment this may have caused.

8.1.4.4 ICT

Small changes continued to be made throughout the second semester to keep the website and app up to date.

The Travel Diary page was also updated. Pictures from the association's trips were added and linked to the travel videos created by the Commissioner and her predecessor, making the page more complete and allowing members to revisit the trips through both photographs and videos.

As recommended during the Interim GA, the Commissioner also made more frequent use of the app's notification function, particularly for important announcements and when registrations or ticket sales were about to open. Active members appeared to notice these notifications to a significant extent.

The app currently has approximately 1,750 registered users and is used mainly to view photographs from SPIL activities. It also functions as an additional communication channel alongside Instagram, particularly through its notification feature. The Commissioner recommends continuing to use both platforms as consistently as possible. The app is

especially useful for sharing photographs and directly notifying active members, while Instagram continues to provide greater visibility and broader reach.

The Commissioner also strengthened the app's privacy and security settings after discovering that users could find the email addresses of other members. A solution was implemented to anonymise users and prevent personal email addresses from being visible to others.

Furthermore, as mentioned by both the Treasurer and the Commissioner during the Interim GA, and previously recommended by the Commissioner's predecessor, the association is continuing to save towards a new and improved website. The current website is becoming increasingly outdated and does not always provide the most accessible or efficient experience for members.

Although purchasing a new website would require a considerable one-time investment, the expense could be depreciated over several years. This would provide greater flexibility within the annual budget while allowing the association to gradually invest in a more modern and sustainable digital platform.

8.2 Commissioner Summer Trip

"Is someone supervising Cosmin" - Helena Schellhammer

8.2.1 Summer Trip Committee

This year, the Summer Trip took place from 20 June to 2 July. A total of 34 participants joined the trip, including five Board members and eight Committee members. The group stayed primarily in Bangkok, with a day trip to Pattaya and a weekend trip to Kanchanaburi.

The participation fee was € 830,- per person and included accommodation, transport by private bus, and the programme of activities. The association applied for a subsidy from the Leiden University Fund, with an expected contribution of € 3.000,-. Unfortunately, the association received only € 1.750,-. Following several exchanges with the Fund, the Commissioner concluded that the lower contribution was most likely caused by limited funds being available on their side. As a result, the participation fee and the association contribution had to be increased.

Despite this financial setback, the trip was successful due to its strong organisation and varied programme. The Commissioner recommends using a private bus for longer journeys in larger countries, provided that the budget allows it. This was particularly valuable in Thailand because of the hot and humid climate and made travelling between activities and destinations more comfortable and efficient.

The Commissioner also recommends comparing travel agencies instead of relying exclusively on Groupflights, as other providers may offer more affordable options. Particular attention should be paid to possible additional costs and price fluctuations. This year, fuel prices increased considerably due to the conflict in the Middle East, resulting in higher

additional travel costs than originally anticipated. Future Committees should therefore include a sufficient financial buffer in the budget.

The cultural programme included city tours and visits to the Grand Palace, the Sanctuary of Truth, Wat Phra Pathom Chedi, the Damnoen Saduak Floating Market, a coconut sugar farm, the Death Railway Museum, the Death Railway train route, and the Erawan Waterfalls.

The political programme was equally varied and included visits to the ASEAN Cultural Center, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Embassy of the Netherlands, the Thai Parliament, Amnesty International, Prachatai Newspaper, the Administrative Court of Thailand, the Delegation of the European Union, and the 101 Public Policy Think Tank.

Through this broad combination of political, institutional, historical, and cultural activities, participants gained a deeper understanding of Thailand, its society, and its position within the wider region.

Overall, the Commissioner is very satisfied with the outcome of the Summer Trip. Despite several financial and organisational challenges, the Committee remained flexible and committed throughout the preparation process and during the trip itself. Their ability to adapt to unexpected situations, support one another, and maintain good communication contributed significantly to the success of the programme. The Commissioner would therefore like to thank the Committee for its dedication and for helping create a memorable and enjoyable experience for all participants.

YEAR PLAN 'SPILTACULAR' 25-26

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 event: Indonesian Embassy
		25/09/2025	Lustrum theme reveal borrel
October	40	30/09/2025	Excursion event: 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
		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 in Common Rooms
		03/12/2025	Festive event: Leiden escape
		05/12/2025	Talkshow visit: Cafe Kockelmann
	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
	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	02/02/2026	Welcome back cake in the Leiden Common Room
		03/02/2026	DEBAT 2 reveal borrel The Hague
		04/02/2026	Welcome back cake in the The Hague Common Room
		05/02/2026	Education event: UN peacekeeping
	7	10/02/2026	Summer Trip destination reveal borrel The Hague
		11/02/2026	Masters event: pub quiz valentines edition
		12/02/2026	Picasso Party: Project Valentine
		13/02/2026	Former boards borrel
	8	16/02/2026-20/02/2026	Valentines Day rose surprise
		19/02/2026	Festive event: board game night
		20/02/2026	VVV'tjes day Leiden

March	9	24/02/2026	Excursion event: Portugese embassy
		27/02/2026	Family day Leiden
	10	02/03/2026	Deadline cover letters Summer Trip
		02/03/2026	Study session at Urban Cafe
		03/03/2026	Interim GA
		04/03/2026	SPIL x Emile x Labyrint FSW borrel
		05/03/2026	Picasso party: Latin party
		06/03/2026	Friends and Family day The Hague
	11	09/03/2026	Efteling trip
		11/03/2026	Excursion event: Tweede Kamer (English)
		12/02/2026	SPIL x BIL 2016 party
	12	16/03/2026	Study groups block 3 Leiden
		16/03/2026	Study groups block 3 The Hague
		16/03/2026	Excursion event: talkshow Pauw & De Wit
		17/03/2026	DEBAT 3 reveal borrel The Hague
		18/03/2026	SPIL x Pelargos Rowing activity
	13	23/03/2026 - 27/03/2026	Exam week 3
		27/03/2026	Podcast: live recording with Ruben Terlouw
April	14	30/03/2026	SPIL X Labyrint: Stichting 'Door het Geluid'
		31/03/2026	PiP congres
		01/04/2026	Board Interest borrel The Hague
		01/04/2026	Excursion event: ICC
		02/04/2026	Haagsch Studenten Feest
	15	07/04/2026	Festive event: outdoor lasergaming
		08/04/2026	Excursion event: Tweede Kamer (Dutch)

		08/04/2026	Career night The Hague
		09/04/2026	Board Interest borrel Leiden
	16	13/04/2026 - 19/04/2026	Lustrum
		13/04/2026	Lustrum: Boat tour with cake
		14/04/2026	Lustrum: Museum visits in Leiden and The Hague
		14/04/2026	Lustrum: Pub crawl
		16/04/2026	Lustrum: Movie screening
		16/04/2026	Lustrum: Karaoke
		17/04/2026	Lustrum: Charity run
	17	20/04/2026 - 24/04/2026	Lustrum
		20/04/2026	Lustrum: Lecture Henri Bontenbal
		20/04/2026	Summer Trip: Bake sale Amnesty International
		21/04/2026	Lustrum: Cantus
		22/04/2026	Lustrum: Trampoline park
		23/04/2026	Lustrum: Mimosa brunch
		24/04/2026	Lustrum: Gala
May	18	28/04/2026	Festive event: Sip and Paint
		29/04/2026	Education event: PMQs Pub Night
		30/04/2026	StOP: InFaFe
	19	04/05/2026	Study group block 4 The Hague
		04/05/2026	Board applications close
		06/05/2026	Study groups block 4 The Hague
		06/05/2026	Pre activity Summer Trip
		07/05/2026	Study group block 4 The Hague
		07/05/2026	Excursion event: Vatican Embassy

		07/05/2026	DEBAT 4 reveal and Merch Market borrel
		07/05/2026	Picasso Party: International party
		08/05/2026 - 10/05/2026	SPIL-Weekend
	20	12/05/2026	Yearbook theme reveal borrel
		12/05/2026	Summer Trip: Bake sale Amnesty International
		13/05/2026	Masters event: Pubquiz
	21	18/05/2026 - 22/05/2026	Exam week 4
		22/05/2026	Committee thank you day
	22	26/05/2026	XLVIth Board reveal borrel
		27/05/2026	GSA: bowling
		28/05/2026	Masters PhD event
		29/05/2026	StOP Internationalisation activity: Around the world Pubquiz
June	23	03/06/2026	Affirmation GA
		04/06/2026	Picasso party: Beach party
	24	12/06/2026	StOP Football Tournament
	25	18/06/2026	Pre activity Summer Trip: Embassy visit
		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
	28		
	29		
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August	31		
	32		
	33	10/08/2026 - 14/08/2026	ElCid

		12/08/2026	FSW Brunch
	34	17/08/2026 - 21/08/2026	HOP Week
		18/08/2026	Waffle evening
	35	24/08/2026 - 26/08/2026	Freshmen Weekend
		27/08/2026	IROrientation Day
		27/08/2026	Picasso Party: Beach party
September	36	31/08/2026	Start of the Academic Year 26/27
		31/08/2026	Welcome back party The Hague
		03/09/2026	NIP Introduction Day
		03/09/2026	Picasso party: Semester opening party
	37	10/09/2026	Change of Boards GA

Realisation 'SPILtacular' 2025-2026

Income			
	Budget 25-26	Re-Budget 25-26	Realisation 25-26
Membership fee¹	€ 7.914,80	€ 12.616,29	€ 12.807,79
Acquisitions committee	€ 1.500,00	€ 1.500,00	€ 870,00
General contribution Institute	€ 10.000,00	€ 10.000,00	€ 10.000,00
Interest	€ 150,00	€ 288,28	€ 288,30
Index books	€ 1.000,00	€ 1.300,00	€ 1.645,11
'Vrienden van de SPIL'	€ 145,73	€ 145,73	€ 124,08
'Support Our SPIL'	€ 250,00	€ 100,00	€ 59,24
Other income²	€ 30,00	€ 30,00	€ 23,35
Gift XLIVth board	€ 1.400,00	€ 1.400,00	€ 1.400,00
Open day compensation Faculty³	€ 750,00	€ 750,00	€ 750,00
Withdrawal Lustrum reservation	€ 6.700,00	€ 6.700,00	€ 6.700,00
Withdrawal Committee Cup reservation⁴	€ 80,22	€ 80,22	€ 80,22
Income parties⁵	€ 1.300,00	€ 1.000,00	€ 1.787,19
Withdrawal Merchandise stock devaluation	€ -	€ -	€ 2.166,75
Total	€ 31.220,75	€ 35.942,08	€ 38.702,03

Expenses ⁶			
	Budget 25-26	Re-Budget 25-26	Re-Budget 25-26

¹ The total amount membership fee collected from general members was €12.407,79 and from reunionists was € 400,-. Both sources of income turned out higher than expected at the Interim GA.

² This mostly consists of deposits for plastic bottles and cans from the common room.

³ The Faculty has compensated each Social Sciences study association for being present at open days.

⁴ The total budget for the Committee cup is € 100,- and will be spent by the Yearbook Committee

⁵ This consists of profit from the Halloween Party and from five Picasso Events parties.

⁶ Any additional comments about changes in the budget or realisation can be found under the specific tables of each post.

Board	€ 4.871,08	€ 4.892,36	€ 4.283,56
President	€ 6.395,00	€ 6.395,00	€ 4.695,00
<i>Lustrum</i>	€ 6.395,00	€ 6.395,00	€ 4.695,00
Secretary	€ 350,00	€ 384,00	€ 184,00
<i>General</i>	€ 350,00	€ 384,00	€ 184,00
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	€ 1.077,07	€ 645,63
<i>Education</i>	€ 200,00	€ 150,00	€ 49,33
<i>Master activities</i>	€ 200,00	€ 200,00	€ 130,65
<i>Excursions</i>	€ 150,00	€ 100,00	€ 60,68
<i>Stairs Affairs</i>	€ 50,00	€ 27,07	€ 27,07
<i>Introduction</i>	€ 550,00	€ 600,00	€ 377,90
Internal Relations	€ 6.715,00	€ 6.775,99	€ 6.591,67
<i>DEBAT</i>	€ 3.125,00	€ 3.138,99	€ 3.108,67
<i>Podcast</i>	€ 50,00	€ 110,00	€ 91,40
<i>Yearbook</i>	€ 2.490,00	€ 2.487,00	€ 2.571,00
<i>Festive</i>	€ 1.050,00	€ 1.040,00	€ 820,60
External Relations	€ 7.602,95	€ 7.694,40	€ 7.780,03
<i>Acquisitions</i>	€ 100,00	€ 50,00	€ 15,94
<i>ICT</i>	€ 1.397,95	€ 1.439,40	€ 1.529,14
<i>Promotion</i>	€ 1.100,00	€ 1.200,00	€ 829,95
<i>Summer Trip</i>	€ 5.005,00	€ 5.005,00	€ 5.405,00
PvP ⁷	€ 100,00	€ 100,00	€ -
Investments	€ 100,00	€ 225,00	€ 124,32
Reserves	€ 1.000,00	€ 5.320,00	€ 8.044,75
Contingencies	€ 937,66	€ 1.078,26	€ 1.186,32
Merchandise stock devaluation	€ -	€ -	€ 2.166,75
Total	€ 31.220,75	€ 35.942,08	€ 38.702,03

Board	Budget 25-26	Re-Budget 25-26	Realisation 25-26
Expenses General Assembly	€ 400,00	€ 400,00	€ 341,53
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	€ 276,68	€ 270,47	€ 212,25

⁷ All the money spent on the last PiP-congress was taken off of the remaining balance on the PvP bank account, which is now closed. So no money was spent.

Office supplies ⁸	€ 200,00	€ 200,00	€ 76,78
Provisions of SPIL common rooms ⁹	€ 200,00	€ 200,00	€ 110,60
Applications board 2026-2027	€ 70,00	€ 80,00	€ 82,02
Board activities ¹⁰	€ 400,00	€ 450,00	€ 224,47
Committee thank-you days ¹¹	€ 450,00	€ 500,00	€ 374,22
StOP-Contribution	€ 15,00	€ 15,00	€ 15,00
Business Account Expenses	€ 1.200,00	€ 1.200,00	€ 1.277,82
General expenses for trips ¹²	€ 40,00	€ 40,00	€ 11,98
Van den Berg-Bachelor thesis award	€ 75,00	€ 76,49	€ 76,49
Total	€4.871,08	€4.828,44	€ 4.283,56

President	Budget 25-26	Re-Budget 25-26	Realisation 25-26
Lustrum	€ 6.395,00	€ 6.395,00	€ 4.695,00
<i>Lustrum reserve¹³</i>	<i>€ 5.695,00</i>	<i>€ 5.695,00</i>	<i>€ 4.695,00</i>
<i>SPIL-contribution¹⁴</i>	<i>€ 700,00</i>	<i>€ 700,00</i>	<i>€ -</i>
Total	€ 6.395,00	€ 6.395,00	€ 4.695,00

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

⁸ A considerable amount was not spent, because of lower printer costs than expected.

⁹ This is spent on cookies, coffee, tea and more for the common rooms.

¹⁰ Board activities include the expenses for Tosti Friday, Waffle Hour, Schoentje zetten, and more activities that promoted the common rooms.

¹¹ This budget is spent on Committee Bonding Day and Committee Thank-you Day. There were less participants than expected so less budget spent.

¹² This money was spent on replenishing the medical kit.

¹³ 15% (€ 1.005,-) of the total Lustrum reserve (€ 6.700,-) went to the Summer Trip. The remaining € 1.000,- was not spent.

¹⁴ No extra money was needed.

Total	€ 350,00	€ 384,00	€ 184,00
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Treasurer	Budget 25-26	Re-Budget 25-26	Realisation 25-26
Winter Trip	€ 2.000,00	€ 2.000,00	€ 2.000,00
<i>Winter Trip</i>	<i>€ 1.900</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

Education & Politics	Budget 25-26	Re-Budget 25-26	Realisation 25-26
Education	€ 200,00	€ 150,00	€ 49,33
<i>Activities & workshops</i>	<i>€ 150,00</i>	<i>€ 100,00</i>	<i>€ 20,00</i>
<i>Career night</i>	<i>€ 50,00</i>	<i>€ 50,00</i>	<i>€ 29,33</i>
Master activities	€ 200,00	€ 200,00	€ 130,65
<i>Activities & workshops</i>	<i>€ 150,00</i>	<i>€ 150,00</i>	<i>€ 84,08</i>
<i>Career night</i>	<i>€ 50,00</i>	<i>€ 50,00</i>	<i>€ 46,57</i>
Excursions	€ 150,00	€ 100,00	€ 60,68
Stairs Affairs	€ 50,00	€ 27,07	€ 27,07
Introduction	€ 550,00	€ 600,00	€ 377,90
<i>General expenses¹⁵</i>	<i>€ 100,00</i>	<i>€ 100,00</i>	<i>€ 25,88</i>
<i>Friends Day¹⁶</i>	<i>€ 300,00</i>	<i>€ 350,00</i>	<i>€ 38,90</i>
<i>Family Day¹⁷</i>	<i>€ 150,00</i>	<i>€ 150,00</i>	<i>€ 313,12</i>
Total	€ 1.150,00	€ 1.127,07	€ 645,63

Internal Relations	Budget 25-26	Re-Budget 25-26	Realisation 25-26
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¹⁵ General expenses were spent on the costs of study groups and other activities organised by the Introduction Committee.

¹⁶ This budget is spent on the Friends Day in both Leiden (Vvv'tjes dag) and the Friendsday in The Hague.

¹⁷ This was spent on drinks and snacks for the participating family and a gift for the speaker.

DEBAT	€ 3.125,00	€ 3.138,99	€ 3.108,67
<i>4x DEBAT¹⁸</i>	€ 3.000,00	€ 3.000,00	€ 2.999,68
<i>Workshops</i>	€ 30,00	€ 30,00	€ -
<i>Digital DEBAT</i>	€ 95,00	€ 108,99	€ 108,99
Podcast	€ 50,00	€ 110,00	€ 91,40
Yearbook	€ 2.490,00	€ 2.487,00	€ 2.571,00
<i>Yearbook</i>	€ 2.350,00	€ 2.350,00	€ 2.434,00
<i>Indesign Licence</i>	€ 140,00	€ 137,00	€ 137,00
Festive	€ 1.050,00	€ 1.190,00	€ 820,60
<i>Borrels</i>	€ 50,00	€ 40,00	€ 72,31
<i>Parties</i>	€ 150,00	€ 150,00	€ -
<i>Social activities¹⁹</i>	€ 850,00	€ 850,00	€ 748,29
Total	€ 6.715,00	€ 6.925,99	€ 6.591,67

External Relations	Budget 25-26	Re-Budget 25-26	Realisation 25-26
Acquisition ²⁰	€ 100,00	€ 50,00	€ 15,94
ICT	€ 1.397,96	€ 1.439,40	€ 1.529,14
<i>Licence Snelstart</i>	€ 266,00	€ 266,00	€ 263,32
<i>Conscribo</i>	€ 371,95	€ 371,95	€ 391,31
<i>Hosting www.spilplaats.nl</i>	€ 305,00	€ 296,45	€ 296,45
<i>Licence Elementor</i>	€ 75,00	€ 75,00	€ 72,45
<i>Bluem²¹</i>	€ 380,00	€ 430,00	€ 481,41
<i>Clubcollect</i>	€ -	€ -	€ 24,20

¹⁸ Of every issue of DEBAT 325 copies have been printed.

¹⁹ This money was spent on activities such as Efteling, sip and paint, lasergaming, the GSA and more.

²⁰ This was only spent on the merch market.

²¹ 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.

Promotion	€ 1.100,00	€ 1.200,00	€ 1.068,08
<i>General expenses²²</i>	€ 450,00	€ 550,00	€ 463,08
<i>EL CID and HOP Week stands</i>	€ 250,00	€ 250,00	€ 191,00
<i>EL CID activity and HOP Week activity</i>	€ 400,00	€ 400,00	€ 175,87
Summer Trip	€ 5.005,00	€ 5.305,00	€ 5.405,00
<i>Lustrum reserve</i>	€ 1.005,00	€ 1.005,00	€ 1.005,00
<i>SPIL-Contribution</i>	€ 3.900,00	€ 4.200,00	€ 4.356,35
<i>Pre-activities</i>	€ 100,00	€ 100,00	€ 43,65
Total	€ 7.602,95	€ 7.894,40	€ 7.780,03

Investments	Budget 25-26	Re-Budget 25-26	Realisation 25-26
Investments common rooms ²³	€ 100,00	€ 225,00	€ 124,32
Total	€ 100,00	€ 255,00	€ 124,32

Reserves	Budget 25-26	Re-Budget 25-26	Realisation 25-26
10th Lustrum of SPIL	€ 1.000,00	€ 1.000,00	€ 1.000,00
New website reserve ²⁴	€ -	€ 2.000,00	€ 3.500,00
Gift XLVth Board	€ -	€ 2.130,00	€ 4.544,75
<i>For the XLVIth Board²⁵</i>	€ -	€ 570,00	€ 2.044,75
<i>For the XLVIIth Board</i>	€ -	€ 1.750,00	€ 2.500,00
Total	€ 1.000,00	€ 5.320,00	€ 9.044,75

²² 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.

²³ This money was mostly invested in the new common room in the Hague.

²⁴ A € 1.000,- was added from the 9th Lustrum reserve.

²⁵ The XLVIth Board will also receive an additional funding from the XLIVth Board of € 890,73.

Contingencies	Budget 25-26	Re-Budget 25-26	Realisation 25-26
Contingencies ²⁶	€ 936,94	€ 701,97	€ -
Settlement photo Facebook ²⁷	€ -	€ 353,93	€ 353,93
Loss Committee pins	€ -	€ -	€ 192,55
Loss parties	€ -	€ -	€ 639,84
<i>HSF</i>	€ -	€ -	€ 436,57
<i>InFaFe</i>	€ -	€ -	€ 203,27
Total	€ 936,94	€ 1.055,90	€ 1.186,32

Merchandise devaluation²⁸	stock	Budget 25-26	Realisation 25-26	Re-Budget 25-26
Pair of braces		€ -	€ -	€ 1.581,00
Bowties		€ -	€ -	€ 174,00
Doppers		€ -	€ -	€ 47,84
Umbrellas		€ -	€ -	€ 14,00
Bike packages		€ -	€ -	€ 120,00
Card holders		€ -	€ -	€ 14,36
Quarter Zip sweaters		€ -	€ -	€ 215,55
Total		€ -	€ -	€ 2.166,75

²⁶ Contingencies amount to 3% of the general expenditure.

²⁷ A fine was incurred due to the unauthorized use of a picture on Facebook.

²⁸ The amount mentioned per item, is the amount the item is devalued with. This is not the new total amount.

Balance sheet			
Debit		Credit	
Rabobank business account	€ ...	Equity	€ ...
Rabobank savings account	€ ...	Remaining equity	€ ...
Ties (77)	€ 674,52	General reserve	€ 12.013,35
Bows (71)	€ 536,05	Lustrum reserve	€ 1.000,00
Pair of braces (93)	€279,00	Reserve travel allowance int. board members	€ 1.500,00
Bowties (84)	€336,00	Website reserve	€ 3.500,00
Doppers (20)	€150,00	Gift XLVIth Board	€ 2.835,48
Former-board pin (21)	€ 43,05	Gift XLVIIth Board	€ 2.500,00
Umbrellas (7)	€ 35,00	Creditors	
Bike packages (23)	€115,00	- Hop week stand	€ 121,00
Socks (12)	€ 132,00	- El Cid stand	€ 70,00
Shot glasses (77)	€ 385,00	- Dj Kick off party	€ 100,00
Playing cards (48)	€ 283,68		
Quarterzip sweaters (9)	€ 135,00		
Committee T-shirts (21)	€ 305,13		
Kas bestuur	€ 250,00		
Total	€ ...	Total	€ ...

Realisation Summer Trip 2025-2026

Income				Expenses			
	<i>Estimated budget p.p.</i>	<i>Estimated budget</i>	<i>Realisation</i>		<i>Estimated budget p.p.</i>	<i>Estimated budget</i>	<i>Realisation</i>
Participant contribution²⁹	€ 830,00	€ 29.050,00	€ 28.315,91	Accommodation			
				<i>Greens Boutique Hotel Bangkok</i>	€ 74,01	€ 2.590,29	€ 2.684,07
SPIL contribution	€ 144,31	€ 5.050,76	€ 4.400,00	Transportation	€ 757,00	€ 26.495,00	€ 26.495,00
				<i>Kerosine taxes</i>	€ 30,00	€ 1.050,00	€ -
Lustrum reserve	€ 28,71	€ 1.005,00	€ 1.005,00	Transport	€ 43,33	€ 1.516,56	€ 1.395,98
CASSA	€ 50,00	€ 1.750,00	€ 1.750,00	Activities	€ 118,68	€ 4.153,70	€ 4.889,49
				Pre-activity	€ 1,14	€ 40,00	€ 43,65
				Unforeseen costs	€ 30,29	€ 1.060,20	€ 62,75
Total	€ 1.055,88	€ 36.955,76	€ 35.570,91	Total	€ 1.055,88	€ 36.955,76	€ 35.570,91

Realisation Freshmen Weekend 2025-2026

Income				Expenses			
	<i>Estimated budget p.p.</i>	<i>Estimated budget</i>	<i>Realisation</i>		<i>Estimated budget p.p.</i>	<i>Estimated budget</i>	<i>Realisation</i>
Participant contribution³⁰	€ 43,00	€ 2.193,00	€ 1.940,55	Accommodation			
				<i>Scouting Woerden</i>	€ 14,27	€ 942,00	€ 942,00
Introduction Committee and Boards³¹	€ 43,00	€ 645,00	€ 570,93	Food and drinks	€ 15,15	€ 1.000,00	€ 902,09
				Activities	€ 11,91	€ 786,00	€ 667,39
				Unforeseen costs	€ 1,06	€ 70,00	€ -
Total		€ 2.860,00	€ 2.511,48	Total	€ 43,00	€ 2.580,00	€ 2.511,48

²⁹ There were 35 spots available.

³⁰ There were 51 spots available.

³¹ This totaled 15 people.

END REPORT LUSTRUM COMMITTEE

This past year, the IXth Lustrum Committee was given the task of organising the 45th anniversary of SPIL. This evaluation aims to discuss the policy goals and general course of events of the Lustrum.

The goal of the Lustrum was clear from the start: to celebrate the 45th birthday of SPIL while implicating active members, alumni, and other interested students as much as possible. The committee set out to do so during two weeks of Lustrum celebrations, looking for a balance between educational, formal, and informal activities.

This goal was achieved without further issue. The two weeks consisted of 11 activities in total, with a healthy balance in the different categorisations mentioned above.

In short, the first week featured a boat tour through Leiden, museum visits in both cities, a pub crawl through Leiden, a film screening and karaoke in The Hague, and a Charity Run in Leiden. The second week saw members attend the Lecture in The Hague, followed by the Cantus in Leiden, a visit to a trampoline park in Zoetermeer, a brunch in The Hague, and finally the Gala in Leiden.

The three main activities associated with a Lustrum were successfully held; the Lustrum lecture featured a prominent speaker, the Gala was held at a location befitting the bigger budget, and the Cantus was held as well. Overall, the two weeks of festivities ran smoothly, supported by an active and visible committee and board and a comprehensive social media plan.

The committee believes a good balance between Leiden and The Hague was found, allowing members to choose to either attend activities in their city of residence, but also leaving opportunities for more engaged members to be present at activities in both cities.

The committee, however, does hold some recommendations for their successors. One of the main problems the committee encountered - similar to Dies committees in previous years - was the struggle in finding a notable speaker for the lecture. Due to this taking longer than expected, the rest of the schedule could not be finalised until relatively shortly before the beginning of the festivities, effectively nullifying the advantages of the early formation of the committee. The main recommendation of this committee is to attach less importance to the lecture in future years. The focus should be on organising one, but the name recognition of the speaker should not be a big inhibitor in the general scheduling of activities.

Additionally, although the committee believes the two weeks to have been successful, it also believes a serious consideration should be made before committing to such a schedule in the future. Activity-fatigue and other scheduling conflicts are seen as the main reason for some of the activities being less visited than others.

Regarding the other activities, the committee believes there could be some improvements as well. The charity event turned out to be a success in the end, but did cause some worries within the committee and the board. A more comprehensive plan regarding the activity beforehand could have prevented this. This plan should not only include good preparations, but also agreements and clear deadlines regarding expected attendance and potential causes for cancellation. Due to these agreements not being set beforehand, miscommunication and differences in expectations caused confusion and frustration between the different organising parties.

The committee found communication with both their commissioners and the rest of the XLVth and XLIVth Board to be highly productive and very easy. This was mostly facilitated by early talks regarding expectations and responsibilities, and so the committee recommends to hold these again in the future and to make clear agreements regarding these. When it comes to the size of the committee, six to seven members is ideal, as this strikes a balance between a manageable size and productivity. The IXth Lustrum Committee never exceeded six, and sometimes found that one more member could have been useful. However, future boards should seek out experienced and/or motivated members above all, as this was a big part of the success of this committee.

The committee was very glad to receive the entirety of the requested funding from LUF, which helped greatly in reducing strain on the budget and keeping ticket prices low, or even free. This is why the committee highly recommends the next committees to make sure to make full use of this possibility by approaching CASSA as early and diligently as possible.

The committee, the Board, but above all the members were all instrumental in making this Lustrum possible, and we want to thank everyone for their enthusiasm in partaking in the festivities of this Lustrum.

Gijs Verhoeff,
Chair of the IXth Lustrum Committee

Lustrum Realisation 2025-2026

Income			Expenses		
	<i>Estimated budget</i>	<i>Realisation</i>		<i>Estimated budget</i>	<i>Realisation</i>
9th Lustrum Reserve	€ 6.700,00	€ 5.700,00	Educational activities	€ 1.112,00	€ 731,04
			<i>Lecture</i>	€ 110,00	€ 49,38
			<i>Excursion</i> ³²	€ 510,00	€ 479,16
			<i>Museum</i> ³³	€ 500,00	€ 202,50
SPIL Contribution	€ 700,00	€ -	Social activities ³⁴	€ 1.720,00	€ 896,89
			<i>Pub quiz</i>	€ 60,00	€ -
			<i>Boat tour</i>	€ 430,00	€ 329,55
			<i>Karaoke</i>	€ 260,00	€ 182,00
			<i>Pub crawl</i>	€ 335,00	€ 176,05
			<i>Brunch</i>	€ 200,00	€ 145,01
			<i>Social activity</i>	€ 260,00	€ 84,64
CASSA	€ 900,00	€ 518,44	Charity run ³⁵	€ 140,00	€ 114,54
			Gala	€ 3.710,00	€ 3.028,26
			Cantus	€ 300,00	€ 413,13
			Pre-activities	€ 40,00	€ 29,58
			Lustrum contribution SPIL trips	€ 1.005,00	€ 1.005,00
			Contingencies	€ 500,00	€ -
Total	€ 8.300,00	€ 6.218,44	Total	€ 8.300,00	€ 6.218,44

³² To Filmhuis in The Hague.

³³ Visited the Mauritzhuis and Lakenhal, but due to the tourguide being sick for our visit at Lakenhal they made the visit free.

³⁴ At most activities less people showed up than what was budgeted which resulted in less money being spent.

³⁵ A total of € 449,20 was raised.

END REPORT AUDIT COMMITTEE

The Audit Committee end report will be added in the later edition of the Change of Boards booklet.

NOMINATION OF THE CONFIDENTIAL CONTACT PERSON

The XLV'th Board of SPIL proposes Anna Easton as a candidate as Confidential Contact Person.