

## AGENDA GM #3 -17TH OF JANUARY 2018

OPENING: 18.00H

### 1. Opening

- 18:05

### 2. Announcements

- Ellen Klerkx is GM-chair
- Mensen die later zijn en eerder weg moeten via aanwezigheidslijst van lara doen
- Naomi: to the people who are new. Oh, hey bram. If you want to ask a question raise your hand and look ellens way. Shes the one without a trasavia tie. Do not leave until the break is there. We hope you guys will enjoy this. There are no stupid questions, ask away.

### 3. Approval of Agenda

- Honorary members has been added

### 4. Final financial statement 70th Board

- Damian: good evening after our last GM there was a presented statement, but it was too unsure so we have to present it again. I will do that now. What I will do is read out the numbers per heading and after that I will explain what there is to explain and after that we can ask questions. Estimated has been what the idea was. Current is what it is at now and virtual is what we hope it ends at.
- Damian reads income
- Damian: booksales is 5000 euro lower than presented last. This is how it is. This is the result and they credited the money to us. Contribution same. Athena the contract says 1000 and we still need to get that. Sponsorship had a high estimate and we think the money will not come in anymore. We will not chase the missing money, we don't have the money. The beer sponsorship will still come in later. I didn't know how to calculate it so the result can become higher. Interest is unchanged
- Mike: you didn't have the time and energy for sponsorship, ask a boardmember to take 2 hours a week and at least try. I think you should at least try
- Damian: we will ask bart
- Esther: I understand mike but it not their responsibility, that is a lot of money and takes a lot of time. It is not their responsibility right now
- Damian: these aren't our finances. This is from last year. We will do our own thing
- Margot: I have a question is the cents for contribution ideal costs
- Damian: the conscribo input is very weird, this is how it is in the program
- Damian reads board activities
- Damian: AMD and AMW are closed and the weekend the last payment was done a few weeks ago. The rest is how it is, no comments
- Damian reads committees
- Damian: Actie had money left after tikibad, balie no comment, congrescie is a lot in the plus but we still need an invoice for the location and catering. Can take some time. I calculated it and it should end like this. This is with the 400 euros form the 69<sup>th</sup> into account. Illusive is in minus and will end there because a double bus, double Bavaria payment. Mentor day wasn't payed yet. Faculty decleration hasn't come in/ people need to still pay illusieweekend, cant reach them. Bart still needs to pay 88 euros to us. Invoice has been

sent. Liftcie big weekend wasn't fill so a little los. Reiscie is an invoice of bags that should have been payed by club 129, but we payed it because we got the reminders. We tried to reah 129 but to no success. We recommend not using them for sponsorship, we did what we could to fix it. It is how it is. Tranz faculty decleration and the rest is how it is

- Damian reads board expenses
- Damian: only porto print and board costs are faculty decleration, they wrnt over budget so it's a little in minus. The rest is how it is
- Damian reads investments
- Damian: nothing different from last time
- Sjoerd: can people please be quiet, thanks
- Damian reads active member rewards
- Damian: most of this was frozen
- Damian reads totals
- Damian: how does this work. It is safe to say that the result is minus. We don't know how many. It depends on Bavaria if they want to pay us back what we ordered double. I have an appointment with them
- Mathanja: shoutout to you for doing this after it was thrown at you in the last one
- Applaus

#### 5. State of affairs

- Naomi: in the first GM where we were voted in we presented the plan with what we wanted to achieve. Now we will look how far weve gotten. For those who didn't read the policy plan I will tell what we were going to do.
- Naomi reads internal involvement
- Naomi: we have done 2 out of 4 first year breaks so far. One in September and one in November. We did not get a lot of people come up to us, not sure why. We want to promote it a little more. A few people came up to us, one became an active member, others asked questions and we feel like its useful in the questionnaire people said they see our faces and recognize us
- Naomi: we have members of the month. We had Chiara, patty, myrte and Patrick so far. We still have to do this for the other months
- Naomi: as some of you may have noticed if it was your birthday since November you could've gotten a birthday card with our picture on it. Some were late because of the holidays or because of postNL. One went to Germany, whoops. People are really happy with the cards.
- Naomi reads external involvement
- Naomi: friends of the VSPVU, the form is there. We will start promoting it soon
- Naomi: the ex-boards file is up on the association site. We went back to 1997 because our information only goes back till there
- Naomi: we found out that our alumni file is pretty small so we came up with a solution. For child studie we will do an event together with LOOP, alle the child studies associations of the Netherlands. People can make use of that nicely. For psychology there will be a career day this year where we hope all the alumni will show up. Because our file is pretty small we also asked the faculty alumni file.

- Naomi: as of now I meet every month with the other association of the faculty VIB and the faculty student council. I also meet with her personally every week or so. She is really happy with how things are going and she supports us very well which we are happy with
- Naomi reads image
- Naomi: you probably saw us in your lecture with cheese sandwiches. In the end 239 people filled in the questionnaires spread out over the 3 years of psychology and child studies and university PABO and the pre-masters. We got a lot of answers. We will talk about that later.
- Naomi: the committee plans have all been made, even though we told them it was not obligated. It was presented in the last GBM and the results were really nice. We asked how people found it and the results were really positive. People like falling back on certain appointments so that was nice.
- Naomi: we have an English button on the website as of now, if you click it you can see the whole site in English. It is hard to maintain so we are sorry to update it at all times. We also made an English mail address which was not in the policy but it was nice. This makes it easier for international students to reach us. We also had an activity for firstyear students called welcome to Amsterdam. We focused on internationals but dutch first year students were also welcome. We transformed the VSPVU room into a fries shop where we served dutch snacks and cookies. We had a pub quiz on Amsterdam and then we went to the city where we did a pub crawl. We feel like everyone enjoyed it. We had 60 places. 61 people signed up because one of the board members gave them their share of dinner. We liked the activity and we feel like the people bonded well. Thanks to the barcie for tapping that day
- Eline: about the website, I am glad that the dutch site is almost finished. Every committee took a lot of photos an
- Pieter: tomorrow
- Sjoerd: ther was welcome to Amsterdam for the first years. Can the second and third years get one as well
- Naomi: we got a lot of feedback about that so we will think about it as well
- Liz: about the English site, the committee part I sent in does not match what I sent in for the website
- Pieter: I will look into it
- Naomi reads career
- Naomi: there has not been an opcie activity yet, but they are busy on working on that. The committee was formed quite late. There weren't too many people interested in the committee so it was filled a little later and it was a little unstable. So that's why that didn't work till now. We hope it will work out before September.
- Naomi: The pedcie is still recommended to do a workfield related activity
- Naomi: the teacher-student document has been made, consists of 10 people, and is updated at al times. Committees have already made used of it. We chose not to put it ou tin the public for privacy reasons but they committees can ask for the document
- Naomi: the student teacher activity will be later in the year. We have a week planned. The idea is to have the teacher awards to vote for your teachers and we want to have some ted talks. We felt like that was a nice way of getting to know these people.
- Naomi: the vacancies have a poster made and every month we have a summary of the monthly vacancies. We try to have the variety as big as possible. So when the air alarm goes

on the first Monday of the month they are up. January was a little late because the first was during new years day and we felt like it wouldn't reach to many people

- Naomi: committee certificates are at the end of the year
- Naomi reads promotion
- Naomi: we use instagram more intensively. We try to post every other day or 2. We don't only use it for promotion but also for announcements. We sometimes even use the instastories. We also did some sponsored posts on instagram. We made the account into a business account. We mainly did it for the monthly calander. The stats I will do later.
- Naomi: we have a snapchat account, we gave out grilled cheese sandwiches for free. About 100 people watch our stories as of now. We use it more for fun but you can also promote on that if the committee asks us. On facebook we have 1744 likes, we reach about 1400 people per post. That has been going very high because some tricks we use. We have 219 followers on instagram. About 1000 people see our pictures. We feel like instagram is used more by people who don't use facebook. Snapchat is about 100 people a story. If you want to be promoted on social media ask us
- Naomi: LinkedIn is harder than we thought. We called linkedin and they cant give us the taken account so we will make a new page with English. We will call it study association VSPVU and we will be there soon.
- Naomi: there aren't that many videos on youtube yet, we hope to increase this number with our own and committee related videos. We feel like it is fun to put everything we have on there, not just promotion
- Naomi: as of now all social media pictures include the logo. Yay.
- Naomi: The hoodies have been given out. We hope you like them and fit them well. We are now busy with new merch. First up, coffee mugs with names.
- Jetty: when you had linkedin on the phone, did you ask if the other account can be deleted
- Damian: someone in the past made the account, this person is unreachable, we cant ask who it is because of privacy. They cant give it to us because they are the owner of us. I said we have an official subscription but they didn't want to accept it. We tried all we could so a new page is recommended and then we will promote it as best as we can.
- Inger: what are your goals for the linkedIn page?
- Naomi: we want to have it to make connections there and maintain them
- Damian: that way we can also write recommendations on others' pages! We hope it works out
- Amelie: your website does not have the ex-board file yet on the dutch site I think. Also pieters own page on the dutch site isn't there yet. Also las year we have a person page of linkedIn
- Naomi: thanks!
- Eline: you don't want a person page, you want people to say it was a business. About the mugs, are they going to be different than the old ones
- Damian: this is an issue of money, the ones we have is a standard model. Those are the cheapest and we want to make the economic decision.
- Amelie: there are multiple bestuur VSPVU accounts, maybe delete those
- Naomi: we will look into that, thanks
- Mike: when is the break, I need to pee
- Naomi reads members

- Naomi: we almost have the required amount, some people signed up but they still need to pay. Damian is hunting them down.
- Esther: are those people in the 279?
- Damian: no, only paid members are in that number.
- Naomi: we do other things outside of the policy plan. We want to do a career day on april 25. It will be about your future. It will include courses and workshops from both sides. We want to have them in English as well. We already have a confirmation from media and psychology. There will be workshops and a business market. We feel like thatll be nice, you will hear more about that later. We also are busy with involving master students. We don't have a lot of active member students, we feel like there are more nternational master students who wish to join the association. We are talking to them on how they can join the association as well. More on that later. We had diversity in the old plan but not a lot of people liked that idea. But were talking to other associations in the vu G5 to et a plan for diversity. We will probably have a music related diversity day in the concert hall of Amsterdam. Also the study association for Turkish and Islamic people are joiing in on this. We would love to see people from big associations in this way
- Jetty: about the career day, some organisations come from the market. Who is available to join?
- Naomi: everyone who wants!

#### 6. Results questionnaires

- Naomi: we got back some really nice results. We don't have a premaster psychology, so it is named premaster students in the graphs.
- Naomi shows graphs for why did you become a member
- Naomi: we added summaries into book discount
- Naomi: as dascha knows, in order to be an active member you need to first be a member.
- Naomi: Other reasons why people joined: introduction week. Parties. Some for the study related events.
- Naomi reads why did you not become a member
- Naomi: we can learn from this if those who don't want to join, it is not up to us to force them and waste energy on them.
- Naomi: other reasons are if they are not sure if they will finish their first year and others said that they will just buy activity tickets separately
- Yamal: I wanted to know is this just active membership or general membership
- Naomi: general membership
- Naomi reads to what extend do activities do our activities match interests
- Naomi: pretty positive reactions we think. Why: a lot of people say they really enjoy the activities. A lot of people also like the study related activities. It is fun to see that a lot of people like the study related events, which is more than the borrels/parties. Other than that mostly social reasons
- Naomi: a lot of people said they don't like parties/borrels. This is very important to us because we also have study related events. But we have a lot of borrels and parties, so we should probably look into this because we want to have a better balance between the social and the study related events. A lot of people said they don't have the time, mostly educational sciences. So maybe we could look into their schedule a little more and see

what we can offer. Others also said they do things with their own friends, it is too far and not their thing

- Liz: I noticed in one month we only had borrels and parties. Other was just study related. Maybe mix it up a little more. I don't mind but for other it could be a thing
- Naomi: we noticed this as well. We thought this had to do with the committees starting up but we also want to advice the next board to organize something study related somehow at the start of the year. Because we did the questionnaire in November this could be an aspect
- Famke: asesome that you have the info, do you know what you will do with the results
- Naomi: that is what we are thinking about now. First we want to show the result and after that we will take this into action
- Damian: these questionnaires took a lot of time to put into graphs so we had little time to discuss it
- Mike: were there mostly closed questions?
- Naomi: it differest, we had closed, multiple choice and open questions. We catogorised the answers accordingly
- Esther: damian said it was on paper and it took a lot of time to analyse it. Is this the better option
- Naomi: we chose to do it on paper because it forces people more to actually fill it in. it took some forcing but I think this helped a loot. We are not sure if digital would have worked better but this is worth the work
- Esther: compared to previous years you have a lot more responses
- Famke: to get back to what I said, I understand the results just got back but maybe people have advices on how to act on them which we can discuss.
- Naomi: thanks, bart and famke.
- Eline: have you linked the specific reasons to the different studies. Is that a lot of work to look at? Some things you cannot do much about. E.g. child studies who don't like parties
- Naomi: I did that per year and study. It did not matter a lot, a lot was the same. There were some things that stood out
- Jetty: also what doesn't show but what happens a lot is that people who don't join at the start of the year you feel very out-group and it feels like it is hard to get into the in-group
- Naomi: we will get back into that later
- Maya: general membership doesn't have to take time, maybe we can change that perspective so that people could join in more
- Naomi: that's a very good tip! Thanks
- Liz: I think its important to look at the mentors, have some mentors who are participated in the VSPVU, they can roll their own group into the association easier.
- Naomi: this will also come back later
- Mathanja: I agree with liz, because if you choose active members for mentors you got back to the tight club you cant get in. try to get a very hard to reach balance there. Equal chances but balanced with active people
- Naomi: we will get to that later
- Famke: I think its good to focus on this in the introduction week. But the first two weeks of the year are super important
- Naomi: wait I forgot to answer, yeah that is really important!

- Naomi: we will finish the questionnaire and then do all questions/tips at the end
- Naomi reads remaining of questionnaire
- Naomi: it would be good to work more on networking, a lot of people miss this
- Naomi: maybe vacancies can be promoted more.
- Naomi: we should also look further than Amsterdam for vacancies, that is a good one.
- Eline: the networking thing, I think in past years we did a lot of alumni borrels and we did a speed dating thing with professors. With networking not active people just don't want to show up. Maybe its not that recommended because in the past it hasn't really worked out.
- Naomi: what we try for the career day is have the faculty promote it. That way you reach more and different people
- Liz: I agree with eline, people who complain usually don't show up but what I do miss is a little more interaction with other study associations. Maybe a fun idea to work with them on maybe a networking workshop/borrel.
- Mike: there are 2 associations for child studies for every association in the Netherlands. We have events with them already, it doesn't work or doesn't sell out. People just don't show up.
- Maya: Eline said something about people not showing up in the past but I feel like the new internationals are more interested so I think it will be a bigger success
- Esther: I will do this in dutch because I love you translating stuff. I wanted to react to liz and eline, it has not worked in the past but at that time the promotion was shit. So if you want it to work promote like crazy or don't bother.
- Amelie: you don't know if these people follow the VSPVU on facebook and instagram. Maybe that has an impact
- Naomi: a positive point is that we now have a page on canvas, we still have to edit the page. There we can put our study related events, which would make it easier to reach people. But yeah also the questionnaires also told us that reaching people is difficult.
- Famke: question from bart, do you know what these people are missing. Are the vacancies not what people want or is the problem with promotion
- Naomi: we are not sure, we can look into that more. 63% says they don't know that we are doing it.
- Yamal: I saw on facebook you have the member groups associated to the VSPVU, maybe invite new students to there and promote the VSPVU there more
- Naomi: we tried that but we should do it more
- Demi: my old association emailed us almost weekly, maybe send out a monthly e-mail with what your plans are for the month
- Naomi: we will get to that later on
- Naomi: we feel like it is hard to fix the problem of people not feeling welcome through the active members being too tight. We are not too sure what to do about this.
- Amelie: a lot of things. For the monthly mail, did you add the first years
- Pieter: yes, I tried but mailchimp only provides 2000 people for free so I could only add 100 new people and then I had to start deleting people by hand. I deleted the older members who were the oldest and didn't open the mails too often and added the new people.
- Amelie: what I noticed is that it ends up in my spam box. Maybe ask people on facebook if they can turn that off. Also last time you mailed people for the GM. Maybe do that more. Also you said something about facebook promotion. Some events are early like the study

trip, others are short. Maybe bring that to a balance. Also if you invite too many people they can block you from doing that

- Inger: why is it expensive to send the letter to so many people
- Pieter: mailchimp is a free software for up to 2000 people, after that it becomes 35 euros a month just to have the account. Our website provider is working hard to provide a better service so we can add the member file there. This year I can make it with mailchimp but I will find a solution with my follow up for next year. For now mailchimp provides a better software
- Inger: maybe have people subscribe for specific types of activities to receive notification mails
- Pieter: I will look into that
- Famke: by bart, the international whatsapp group works, maybe make year groups to overcome spam.
- Naomi: I know that sounds scary, but the international app works really well. It is not mandatory and our promotion there works well. Good tip
- Mike: in my year they started a dropbox account where they shared summaries. Maybe make a shared dropbox with everyone and promote in there.
- Liz: I understand the idea of drunk pictures on the site. Those are just able to see by the members and it is your responsibility to get on pictures drunk. Also if you want a picture removed, send Pieter a message and he will remove it gladly.
- Naomi: of course you can always ask us to do that, on the other hand I do understand because people can screenshot and leak the pictures that way.
- Liz: I feel like our pictures are not even that bad yet. No puking pictures yet.
- Mike: your first negative point was not a lot of child studies activities, this is not surprising because the peddie did not have an activity when these questionnaires were held. The LEX and opcie were also low on activities at the point. So maybe focus on more things like that around that time of the year
- Eline: on the accessibility of people, if you come to a party you don't have to expect people come up to you to talk, it is up to your own effort in my opinion. Plus we don't know who falls in this group and who doesn't. this is hard for us active members to solve. I don't think more effort from us is needed
- Famke: I kinda agree but I also feel like we should be a little more open. Not have too closed of groups.
- Yamal: I disagree, most people know each other already. It is their responsibility of a new person to step into this
- Damian I don't think this is a discussion worth continuing
- Kieran: maybe the committees could organize side activities to socialize more. Or combine for example an actie and a party on the same day so people can socialize more
- Naomi: good idea!
- Famke AKA bart: how about yearly membership fees, that way the fee can go down
- Naomi: On the other hand you loose a lot of members, now you get 35 euros per year. This way you would loose a lot of higher year students. This would cost us thousands and thousands of money to get the system working. We calculated and it was too expensive.
- Amelie: about feeling welcome in the room, maybe promote it more throughout the year. Maybe also use other social media



- Naomi: good one
- Jetty: it is very hard to change something about the room. There are people in a conversation, you don't want to bump in. this is something that is hard to change. Inviting people to the room may be better for a drinking thing. We can try to change it but it might not work out.
- Margot: if you're interested in asking a yearly fee, maybe there could be a transition period where we would use the savings account to realize that
- Naomi: we will think about that
- Liz: how much time until the break
- Famke: AOB on the yearly fee please.
- Amelie: about the website, you can look up the statistics and not a lot of people look at it. I get that, there is not a lot to do there. Also, check if you want to work on all these things if people do not look at the site that much
- Naomi: maybe people will look more at the site if it becomes more organized and clear. We can look into these statistics
- Famke falls off her chair
- Inger: maybe organize tournaments with game nights. That could be fun and can connect people
- Naomi: good one, it worked well with the actie.
- Famke: tip by bart, an idee box which we can bring to activities and borrels
- Damian: good one
- Eline: maybe for the first years, what I experienced because I didn't attend the introduction. I didn't understand what the VSPVU was. Maybe for the general members we need a better explanation of what we are and what we do. Maybe a really clear talk about what we are and exactly what it means to be a member.
- Naomi: the difference between a student and a study association is on the website, along with a lot of other useful information
- Jetty: When I was in highschool I already checked the VSPVU site, maybe add a sub piece for people orienting on your website before they start studying.
- Thy: I heard that a lot of people think that the activities are just for active members. I heard someone who did not get into a committee and she thought she couldn't come to the activity. I would tell them on the lecture talks that it is for everyone!

## 7. Financial statement

- Damian: important to note, the virtual result and the estimate budget are switched around with the 70<sup>th</sup> board, this works for me. The current balance is now, virtual is what we expect, estimate is what we want
- Damian reads income
- Damian: book sales is so high but it will go back to the vu bookstore. Contribution is 279 payments that are in out of the 292 that we want to reach. That means we still need 13 ones. There are 3 bounced payments right now, and there are forms filled in at the vu bookstore for them to join the VSPVU. We are reaching them. We think we will reach the amount. Friends of the VSPVU has not been promoted yet. Athena summary is the income but not yet the invoice. Bank account interest is what it is. Julia will explain sponsors
- Julia: the endorsement is my thing. First we have Bavaria for 500 each year and we get around 80 for the beer we sell. Beside that we get 200l free beer each year. We used 100l for

AMD. The woodys gives us 750 a year. Athena studies gives us 800 euros. Aiesec is 15 euro per person who signs up. Inzowijs is 220 euros. Bluestone is 200, NVO is 150, lex duvekot is 15 euro per participant is 45, aethon is 125 samhealth is 20 euros 2890. The estimate says 300 but we still need to send some invoices

- Damian reads board activities.
- Damian: AMD we had a higher turnout and lower costs, money is left. The remainder we want to put into mini events because we are broke there. But because it's less than 500 euros no vote is needed. AMW we didn't spend anything yet. We made a loss on Christmas dinner for mini-events. That's why our budget has run out. Constitution drink is closed, was fun. Board drinks is the welcome shots we buy for you at the woody's. the receipt for the second borrel is missing. We still have a BBQ borrel at the end of the year which costs a lot of money. We will manage. Board weekend has not been yet.
- Mike: how come you didn't spend 360 euros on active members day
- Damian: if I remember, more participants. Also Bavaria we get 200€ for free. They credited one fuck too many of more than 100 euro's. we have not told Bavaria this yet. Even with this money back we have a profit
- Jetty: I would tell them, just to keep the relationship strong
- Mike: it works both ways, we have a double payment from them. One for the other
- Damian: we will figure it out with them
- Damian reads committees
- Damian: Actie is only income of the first activity. Balie has no money, barcie is income and expenses of the first drink. They had a little bit of profit and 120 euro of stationary money will go back to them. They made a lot of profit. Chronicles and congressie nothing yet. Feestcie made a lot of profit on the first party. Illusie is only print costs and a payment for the mentorweekend location. Lex is the first location. Liftcie no costs. Lucie is reserved. Opcie didn't have anything yet. Ouderdagcie as well. Pedcie is income first activity. Reiscie is payment for flight and hotel. Tranz nothing, wintersport is the borrel and posters. Flexpot is there not yet asked for
- Mathanja: please do not be afraid to spend money, just take a chance and go all out at some point.
- Damian: also some people lose their receipt, so the money does not go back to their committee
- Amelie: where is the first tranz?
- Inger: we are working on it, we will have it done by the month. Didn't account for the board feedback, my mistake
- Damian reads board expenses
- Damian: GBM is beer and snacks for the GBM, same for GM. Board gifts has almost run out, it is for constitution drinks of other boards. We only have 3 left so we can spend the rest. We enjoyed having a lot to spend on this. HOG is this low because people forget to reimburse. I hope they will, from now on. PPBC are our shirts with names on it, printer ink and the print costs for meeting like this. External relations is SSPN and LOOP it has been used for the SSPN meeting that we had and it will be used for the LOOP activity and the SSPN congress. Lara reimbursed welcome to Amsterdam. Fixed costs is going pretty well. If you want a specification feel free to ask
- Amelie: don't forget to save money for the constitution for the 72<sup>nd</sup> board

- Damian: we know
- Damian reads investments
- Damian: transaction fee I downsized the virtual result. We thought there would be more at the beginning of the year. We used it for ideal and izettle fees. We currently use that to sell tickets on the izettle without the transaction fee. The rest will be put into the career day. Promotion we bought an SD card for the camera. We use it for posters. We just started to use that instead of PPBC. VSPVU room is the new TV, coffee machine, speakers and we have an electrical cooking pit. VSPVU website is for the website. They haven't sent the invoice yet. Misc has been a USB drive for the lecture talks. The other money will be used for things that come throughout the year and the career day. Image was welcome to Amsterdam activity, we had some money left over. Involvement is the printing of the questionnaires and the cheese sandwiches. Birthday cards, cookies and drinks for study sessions and flowers for a funeral. Initiative member has not been requested yet
- Amelie: you mentioned the career day, how much money will go there, it sounds like a lot
- Damian: we want to attract around 200 people and the FSR invests 250 euros, which is not enough. So we are not sure how much we have to use exactly but it is nice to have the money in case we want to do drinks afterwards
- Naomi: its mostly for the traveling expenses and to keep the ticket prices as low as we can. Also we want to serve drinks and snacks on the information market afterwards
- Amelie: make sure you don't spend too much money on that, ask around the GBM. Also another thing, there is a lot of money left on promotion and PPBC, maybe give that to committees if they want to.
- Damian: we will vote on the budget for the career day in the GBM
- Esther: are you going to spend the money on misc and image
- Damian: I hope so. There is a lot of time left.
- Yamal: what is the member initiative budget for?
- Damian: every year we have some money that every member can request to organize an activity. If they have a plan, poster and budget we can approve to give you that money.
- Sjoerd: Non active members probably don't know the budget is there, maybe promote it
- Damian: we will look into that
- Damian reads active member rewards
- Damian: GBM activity has not been yet, same for BOTC, committee ten has not been used by everyone yet, the deadline is the start of February. If there is any money left we will use it ourselves.. Active member hoodies have all been ordered and handed out. One person got theirs for free and one other person still has to pay. I also charged one cent too little. Extra rewards is at the end of the year
- Sjoerd: if it's a committee ten why does it end on a 5
- Damian: one activity had more money than the activity costed.
- Damian reads totals
- Damian: comment on the totals, the 400 euros will be used for the career day and mini events.
- Thy: what are mini-events?
- Damian: for example we had meet the committees, the Christmas dinner and the new years drink. We also have minimini events like the cake and beer after we got voted in.
- Dascha: at unforeseen its suddenly a plus, is that a typo or a calculation mistake

- Damian: is a typo, it does add up to 400 in the plus.

#### 8. AthenaSummary

- Naomi: next point is Athena summary. Before I ask the person who asked for this point to come up, Lara is coming up here. Margot why did you want this on the agenda?
- Margot: we have been working together for 1.5 year now and I want to evaluate how we think of the prices and quality and such
- Lara: bring it on
- Thy: who is writing it? And you have been working for 1.5 years, who translates it
- Lara: Athena hires people to translate the summaries, they are students from the faculty.
- Annette: im Annette, im the faculty manager for Athena. I can answer questions about Athena, also contact me if you have an opinion let me know. I don't know if its worth to discuss everything here, you an always contact me outside of the GM. Who translates is just as how they are made the students who study here. We are aware that the English is not great. We are working on that with team
- Thy: are the dutch students writng the summaries?
- Annette: some are, others are written by upper class students. Translated by master students. We are always looking for new people, so if you are interested let us know.
- Noa: I bought every summary so far. They are pretty bad for psychology. Especially this year. I submitted a complaint without a respons. For philosophy it was not understandable for students. The wording was odd. For neuro it did not add up to the lecture topics
- Annette: the summary is from the book, not the lecture
- Noa: the course manual specified what we should know, that was not in there
- Sjoerd: agree with noa, last year I noticed a variety in quality. This year they weren't that good. I once translated stuff for Athena. They gave me about 3 days and a poor payment. Because of the short deadline I did not know any of the terms I had to look up, google translate does not help well with that. If I had the time to look up the right terms it would have been better. If you are going to translate more, take the terms into account.
- Liz: agree with the rest. For child studies they are better, the summaries psych and child studies have are not that bad. I wrote one for child studies as well and a dutch student has to check it, when I sent it in they did not put in the effort that I wanted to see. I told Athena this as well but it is a problem. Last years summaries aren't that great. For the psych courses they do not live up to the standards for the price
- Eline: added to sjoerd, I had to translate one for statistics, copying all the figures was diifcult. This time I have 6 days to translate stuff. I would like to have more time because it is a job that requires a lot of time. Maybe start earlier and give us more time
- Annette: making a summary takes time, we want to be on time. That way we have short deadlines. A lot changes are with the courses and we want to improve each year.
- Ellen: maybe just comments on the summaries themselves here
- Mike: concluded: the thing we are promised are good and checked summaries. All while checked on spelling. Most are not. Are we getting out of this collaboration what we want, at this moment in my opinion it is a no. maybe just remove the idea of summaries altogether
- Naomi: I also spoke with other associations about summaries, there are not that many providers. We have three options, we can go to slim,, go to Athena or stop. There are no other options.

- Pieter: bart and me had an appointment with someone who owns student wiki. It is a new online summery platform. A low price platform and on that platform you can suggest changes to the summaries and it will be checked by studetnts. It sounded very interesting to the association. You can use it to promote your activities there as well. We had at the time the contract with Athena so we could not work with them. Maybe we can look into it in the future
- Amelie: you cannot file a complaint anonymously, maybe look into that
- Annette: I will let them know
- Amelie: I feel the price/quality balance is off. I feel like we can get better summaries online for less money
- Tabita: I don't know where the problem is with the English ones, but a lot of international students do not know that they can contribute. They can often help out, so get in touch
- Annette: we are on that!
- Jetty: margot asked for this topic, we need to check if we want to go along with the company. As of right now I would rather have no alternative compared to this when your name is associated with poor quality. Look at a shared summary dropbox. If people pay 7 euro for a bad summary that's bad for the VSPVU.
- Margot: there are also good things. Summaries on paper are helpful and in the questionnaires they became members for the summaries. Not to be missed
- Rebecca: the main problem with the quality is that older summaries are often very bad. All you need is one good check and it can go on for a few years.
- Thy: What I hear internationals saying is that there are random dutch words in an English summary. That is a big problem. Sometimes because it is a google translate thing it can cut off the scentence halfway through. This made it so people stopped buying the summaries
- Amelie: are there people who are very happy with Athena?
- Noa: im still happy buying the summaries because I sont vouy the books. We should stay at Athena but they really need to start working on it. Maybe start providing them online as well. I like it but we need improvement.
- Mathanja: I think that you can look at this from two sides. Quality and sales numbers. Money wise it cannot be that all those people are not happy and still buy it. As off right now this is the best way we have had summaries in the past.
- Damian: some perspective: even tho there is room for improvement, some are bad but other summaries are good. It is a good service to have. There are people who sell you these summaries with a discount in the break. I think you would miss it if it wasn't there. The sales numbers are good, people line up to get their
- Naomi: maybe we can give Athena some more time for improvement
- Jetty: maybe have a year contract instead of 2 years and maybe have a focus group from Athena/VSPVU to work on the platform. It is a good service but we do need some more improvement
- Annette: I would love that.
- Jetty: if the sellings are great and there are few complaints I understand it feels like they're doing well
- Lara: if you want to do that anonymously, talk to me and I will let them know.
- Yamal: Naomi spoke about giving time to improve. You have half a year on the contract left. What happens if you sign a new 2 year contract

- Annette: it is a year contract
- Famke: also Athena has the transition from dutch to English, just like us. It is difficult. I would like to know if there is anything known about the new contract. What would change and how would it be structured.
- Lar: im not sure how much I can tell you but officially we are breaking the contract. There had to be a minimum price of 6,95. Right now we have one of 4 euro. It is a short one and it would not be worth 6,95. Also a free one is provided online because it is super short
- Pieter: thank you Annette for being so responsive and not taking things personally.

#### 9. honorary members

- Naomi: bart wants to be an honorary member so the point was added on the agenda by amelie
- Amelie: this is not only because he wants to be, a lot of people think he needs to be. Over 15 people signed a paper who want him to be an honorary member. Also sent an email upon why he should be a member. We wanted to have people vote for an honorary member in the GM. As an honorary member you can also join on active member weekend and we want to have bart there.
- Naomi: first: it is not a rule that honorary members have to go on AMW, it does not state that in the HR and statutes. There is nothing said about honorary members at all. We feel like the honorary membership is membership and the board decides upon that it says in the statutes the board wants to assign our honorary members in june
- Amelie: so if people want to vote on this can we make it a thing
- Mathanja: I agree with Naomi that the board decides on all membership. They decide committee, board and general so why not honorary. I understand that if you want people to be a honorary member, that should be sent to the board not the GM. In the GM people just vote yes. Which is a shame to become an honorary member. The AMW argument is not an argument to become an active member
- Sjoerd: I don't know where I read it but I read that after 5 years of active membership you become one, it apparently is not true. Even is there is no such rule we could implement it
- Naomi: if im not wrong has been a member for 4 years, not 5.
- Casper: he is not active now, so that would be 3
- Esther: I understand you want to nominate someone but I wouldn't do that here, contact the board about this. Say we think this and this person fits the role
- Amelie: I sent an email. We also had signatures on why we wanted him to receive this title.
- Naomi: it is not that we don't want him to be an honorary member, we want to do it in june
- Amelie: maybe do it in multiple meetings
- EstherL I think the board can judge on this better than the GM, because they know the people. As opposed to the people in the GM who do not know him at all. There are a lot of people who are not mentioned now, who also meet the requirements.
- Naomi: about that, an idea could be to talk about the board to change about the honorary membership so we can nominate people. But right now we are only talking about bart when there are people who meet the requirements.
- Amelie: then they can be nominated. I feel like the board plays a big role in this as well. If there are others who did a lot for the association they should be able to be nominated. Especially if there is a signature.
- Ellen: if you have something that has been said or is like what has been said, quiet down

- Jetty: I agree with esther about talking about it now, nominate people to the board. About the 5 years rule. I don't care if it exists, it just has to depend on how much effort and time you put into the VSPVU
- Annette: The board wants to do it in june, that should be enough to end this discussion for now. We could continue this in june.
- Mike: Our srudy association is there to uphold the needs of the members, with 15 signatures that means that there is a need for this to happen
- Damian: It is weird that we said that we dismiss it, we want to do it in june. That is all we are saying right now. We want to have some time to properly look into it.
- Jetty: responding to mike, especially with signatures you can ask people to discuss a topic but not one specific person. Keep it to a topic, not a person.
- Chiara: What are the rules for honorary membership and what they receive and how many we can assign in a year
- Naomi: there are no rules about that
- Chiara: maybe make rules about it
- Eline: this is why you get argument, because there are no rules
- Damian: maybe it is a good one that we make up rules and add them to the home rules and vote on that in a GM
- Margot: I think that making rules can harm exceptions. I think it needs to be a decision that the board decides who they think contributed a lot to the associations
- Naomi: maybe just make rules on how to apply, so that these kinds of discussions get avoided
- Noa: also try not to make it a popularity thing. Getting signatures is so much easier than contributing a lot to the association.
- Amelie: we wanted to nominate someone, so that we can vote on the person here
- Liz: if you are an honorary member you can join on AMW, so why not announce them in September of next year so that you've had the whole year
- Naomi: that is also a good idea, but that is also we can discuss. But we cannot decide upon that now
- Dascha: I agree that this is not the time to discuss it, but it should be a discussion. Right now it seems like a yearly election. It does not mean they do a lot but it needs to be special effort. They have to stand out. Right now it's a lot of pointing at who has already done a lot.
- Naomi: I think we as the board should decide upon that
- Thy: I just wanted to say that at the borrel someone put the list in front of me and asked me to sign it. I have no idea who bart is and I was not sober so I almost signed it. I think the board decides. You can recommend people, not nominate them.
- Naomi: the signatures were recovered when people had already had some drinks, it could devalue the signatures
- Marscha: a vote for one honorary member per year otherwise shit gets out of control with long meetings. Outside the idea of honorary member I think that 10 signatures could induce a vote, on top of inducing a GM.
- Naomi: there is only one meeting to discuss honorary members. It takes long and we discuss people which is odd for an association meeting
- Naomi: there are no rules for inducing a vote based on signatures. 15 out of 1600 members is not a lot. There is a long process to induce a voting and have people vote on things

- Esther: what are we voting on now, people are getting annoyed at each other and there is no direction. What are we actually talking about. Is it okay to do it in June?
- Lara: reacting to Bart and Marscha to ask for a voting. The home rules say that the board has the right to assign honorary members. If you vote you take that away which is odd
- Ellen: please only new comments
- Sjoerd: the 5 rule is on the website but I agree with Jetty her point so try to scrap that rule. I'd say don't make rules on honorary members, but make guidelines. Do that together with maybe an old and maybe the upcoming board.
- Naomi: good one!
- Mathanja: a few things, the 5 year rule was never voted on. I don't know why it is on the website. It was a concept so not an official rule. Take that down from the site. In the whole VSPVU history 6 people have been made honorary members with a reason. There have no rules been made about what they get and do. We have some guidelines but nothing specific. We can vote for voting for Bart, for which we need half of the people to vote yes.
- Amelie: I feel like we are not heard, because you did not reply to our email, that would have saved a lot of time
- Casper: sorry, I missed it. My mistake
- Edmond: we voted for this board, so if people want to vote for an honorary member we have already placed our vote and trust in the board when we voted them in.
- Ellen: a good place to end this discussion.

#### 10. Ideas

- Liz: I want a pubcrawl again, I love that!
- Naomi: we are looking into that
- Bart: an idea with Athena, have people fill in forms with a grading system.
- Annette: great idea, thanks!
- Naomi: if you have any other ideas, send them to our idea box on the website

#### 11. Important dates:

18th of January Borrel #3 - Nerds & Cool Kids

24<sup>th</sup> of January: information evening of candidate board

25<sup>th</sup> of February: SSPN congress

- Margot: dutch or English?
- Naomi: english

13th of June: ALV #4 11. A.O.B. 12. Questions

- Liz: 4-11 May is the study trip

#### 12. A.O.B.

Famke: yearly fee

- Famke: you said you calculated it and how and what was the result of that
- Damian: first of all I did that calculation a while ago, the first option to flatout change the contribution. The easiest option in terms of numbers. That would cost us about  $20 \times 300 = 6000$  euros. The second option is to gradually lower the money per year. Not sure about those numbers but we still can't cover that with our savings account. We are on the limit of existing with our savings. I know it is something that is demanded by some but we cannot take that financial blow.



- Naomi: also added, you have been busy with this as well the alternative approach, I finished that and put my signature on that paper. So we have already signed the paper being against a yearly fee. It would be weird to suddenly switch sides
- Famke: I see those as separate things
- Naomi: the vu wants associations to ask yearly fee, because it would talk of active members instead of sleeping members. They want us to do that. Last year when I was not on the board Famke talked to other associations about the fact that we are against that fee. We came up with a different rule. That way you can keep your own system. For me it would seem weird if we throw away a year of effort to suddenly switch to a yearly fee. This has already been set and signed.
- Famke: if we had yearly contribution we would lose members. That I would not want. But even if we had yearly contribution we can still be against this rule.
- Naomi: I understand that you could not have known this but in the letter it exactly states that we are against a yearly fee. If I sign this and then we switch the system that would weaken the statement.
- Jetty: maybe have this discussion in private
- Dascha: right now it becomes a principle thing. You can change your mind, focus on the heart of the association, even if it goes against what we had worked up
- Mathanja: if I heard correctly famke had a question about how thoroughly you looked at other options. The discussion that came out of it that went a different direction.
- Famke: I am shocked you signed something you did not look into properly yet. I know a few options you could have worked out more
- Damian: so you had more options, but you did not tell us about these?
- Ellen: lets keep this discussion between people, not in the GM
- Amelie: is there is a conclusion from the rule
- Naomi: this Friday
- Amelie: maybe check next GBM or GM what was concluded from this and evaluate this
- Esther: im not against asking yearly contribution, but you have so many sleeping members that it becomes difficult to make a budget. People drop out of the membership and that way you can lose out on a lot of money.
- Famke: one idea was a yearly contribution of like 5 euros and then a sign up fee of 30 euros or something like that
- Thy: I like ellen as a GM-chair. It is way better than last GM.
- Mathanja: at the last GM we had the discussion about the GM I proposed we evaluated it, do you want to do that and if so how
- Naomi: we can discuss it in the board meeting
- Casper: but first we want to discuss this in our own board
- Esther: because I think that the GM should be able to give their opinion

### 13. Questions

- Sjoerd: Thy said that she appreciated allen, how did ellen enjoy it
- Ellen: I enjoyed it most of the time, but I don't know all the names which was difficult at times.

### 13. Closing

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