

AGENDA GM #5

02-06-2021

18:00 START

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1. Opening: 18:15
2. Announcements
 - Juli Dylla will be later and authorizes Robin to vote until she arrives.
 - Gijs van der Pijl leaves before voting on the Adjusted Budget.
 - Michiel Smit cannot be present and authorizes Esmee Blankers to vote for him.
 - Maryam ElSoudany cannot make it and authorizes Iris Doodeman to vote.
 - Kirsten Koolhof has to leave after the Budget voting and votes online for the Calamity Plan.
 - Lea Kausch leaves after the Candidate Board voting and authorizes Esmee Blankers to vote for her after that.
 - Laura Altenburger leaves after the Candidate Board voting and authorizes Revathi Renil to vote for her after that.
 - Kerem Ozel leaves after the Candidate Board voting.
 - Isa Witteman leaves after the Candidate Board voting and joins the remainder of the meeting online, where she cast her remaining votes.
 - Questions:
 - o Sjoerd van den Assem: I don't see the budgets on the website.
 - o Demi Acquoy: I put them on, though.
 - o Sjoerd van den Assem: I don't see them.
 - o Demi Acquoy: I will check in the break.
 - Martijn van der Zee: I also have a special announcement from Sofia Mendez Quiros. For this, I'd like to call her forward.
 - Sofia Mendez Quiros: To put it in easy terms I have decided to step down for the next two months. I have been struggling with some stuff of my own and the environment was not right for me now to work well, so I decided to step down.
 - Martijn van der Zee: Thank you, we still love you, Sofia Mendez Quiros.
3. Approval of Transcript
4. Approval of Agenda
 - Martijn van der Zee: I added the Calamity Plan and the CoCo.
5. Explanation CoCo
 - Martijn van der Zee: This time we will be playing another round of the CoCo! All chairmen (or someone else from a committee) have received the bingo card. If you get a full card, raise your hand like you want to ask a question. Also, if you are online, also propose a question and then when it is your turn you can state you have bingo. This way we ensure that there will be no unnecessary interruptions. Furthermore, having your mascot with you will award you with another point. Other points can be earned by having more committee members in the GM. With 40% of your committee or less you get 1 point, 70% is 2 points, 90% is 3 points and 100% is 4 points. A full bingo

card is a whopping 5 points. If you get the most points, you can of course win a prize again, which we will announce at the end.

6. Introducing the Candidate Board

a. Question Round

- Martijn van der Zee: Before we start with our lovely candidates introducing themselves, we have a small announcement to make. Unfortunately Noa Junno, the fourth member of the CB, has decided not to join the Board next year due to personal reasons. We of course wish her the best next year. This however leaves us with a Candidate Board of three people. We strongly believe in their capabilities and a Board of three is the bare minimum, however this will mean that certain committees won't be able to exist; which of course means that some events won't happen. Due to Corona being at its end (according to the government) we expect a lot of interest in becoming active next year so we want to be able to offer as much as possible. If you still might be interested, now is the time to make next year extra special. And besides that, it is a lustrum year as well! All this however also lead us to the fact that we have not yet assigned them with functions, since a lot can still change if more people join. Are there any questions now, before I give the word to the CB?
- Questions:
 - Liz Masselink: Do you guys have any plans for promoting or getting a full Board? What are your plans for this?
 - Martijn van der Zee: Yes, there are, but maybe 75 can answer these questions as well.
 - Thierry Witschge: Is there a new sign-up deadline?
 - Martijn van der Zee: We have not decided on one.
 - Sjoerd van den Assem: Because the Candidate Board is going to introduce themselves, did you already think about ways to promote yourselves?
 - Selin Elcheik: Yes.
 - Kerem Ozel: Also for the new Board: Are you going to the Faculty Board to ask them if they can arrange more incentives for students to join, maybe they can provide this besides promotions?
 - Martijn van der Zee: I can address it to them. I have a meeting with them tomorrow, thank you.
- Martijn van der Zee: If there are no more questions, then I suggest we move onto our lovely three candidates!
- **CB introduces themselves**
 - Questions
 - Sjoerd van den Assem: Glad that you three are standing here. I'll start off easy. How are your studies going? What are your plans with regard to studying next year?
 - Revathi Renil: I'm going to be in my 4th year while in the Board. I have planned it so that I will only have one course per period, except for statistics 2 and 3 that will be at the same time.
 - Shannon Fredison: My studies are going quite okay, but I decided that I will do a 4th year. I will focus on Board and 2nd

year courses and some 3rd year courses. If it's possible, I mean. If not, then whatever. I want to take the courses that I failed this year.

- Selin Elcheik: I will do a 4th year for sure. I wasn't planning on graduating next year. I will not do my thesis but focus on my resits and do some courses that I think will be easy to pass.
- Thierry Witschge: Why did you apply for the Board? What is your motivation and what do you expect from it?
- Selin Elcheik: I applied for the Board because at the beginning of the year I didn't plan on being chair of the Chronicles and then I was and then I experienced the environment in the VSPVU and hung out with the Board and then I also found out that designing a yearbook was so much more fun than studying. It's something that really makes me happy and I like being around the people here. I feel like I have some good ideas for the Board.
- Revathi Renil: A few reasons: I wasn't considering it, but then the Board emailed me and I started thinking about it more. I really liked being active and I started thinking about why I didn't become active before and that gave me some things that I want to change. I'm hoping for social contacts and to expand on some more practical skills such as management and more professional skills.
- Shannon Fredison: I like to challenge myself and I like to be busy. I feel useless when I relax. Why this association? Because I am also an international student and in my first year, the VSPVU was making me feel like I had people to rely on, see at parties and also I felt appreciated and I wanted to give the same experience to other first-year associations: That there's an association that provides them with stuff. I want to help committees with doing their stuff and being a contact person. This is something I want to provide for them.
- Selin Elcheik: Kind of similar to what you said, this year with Corona, the Chronicles was most of my life. At the same time it kept me in a schedule and gave me the impression that I had something to do in my life. That's also why I think it's important for people to know about it.
- Revathi Renil: I also think it's really nice to have a community of people to work on the same things and have the same interests.
- Kirsten Koolhof: I was wondering what the main thing is that you hope to learn during a Board year?
- Selin Elcheik: To be a bit more up front and more confrontational, learning how to say no and not being scared of hurting people's feelings and being anxious. I hope to get over that.
- Revathi Renil: When I don't have as much going on, I feel like I tend to slack off and push everything away. I hope having

more things to do in the Board will help me with time management.

- Shannon Fredison: It's also time-management for me. I want to learn how to get more out of my day and plan. I want to really stick to it.
- Casper van Tongeren: Why do you think you fit in the Board? What makes you a Board member?
- Shannon Fredison: I'm pretty social if I want to be. I like to work in team spirit and all of my team works have been at stuff like Eureka. I have been in a committee for two years, so I know how things work and how to work with people and that's why I believe that I can do this Board year. Just make sure that the association stays alive for another year.
- Revathi Renil: I thrive on more busy days. I can see from this year's Board that days are really busy. I worked a lot with people and I can be very extraverted.
- Selin Elcheik: After this year I'm going to be very passionate about the association and I will be very passionate. I'm really passionate about learning new things about the association and I want to make people feel as good as I did when I came here from turkey. In general I'm someone who really has everything very structured, or otherwise I freak out. Even though this happens to me a lot still, I do think that it's a good quality.
- Giovanni Stickdorn: Selin Elcheik, you mention that you had changes in mind. What would be something that you'd like to do different from the current Board and do you have dreams for next year?
- Revathi Renil: I appreciate the current Board. Previous years, when I joined the VU and I was told about the association, I thought it was just discounts on the books and that the socialisation was minor and I didn't know about how this association helps in team morale. Also, TikTok is popping up, guys, and I think that the Board needs more TikTok. I have some ideas for it on my phone.
- Selin Elcheik: First of all, regarding international students some things can be improved. They do a good job with internationals, but at the same time I know that a lot of people who hang out in the room make me feel scared to approach them. I thought everyone was always Dutch and that made it seem a little scary. I think being an international Board, there are a lot of things to get more engagement from internationals, especially considering that a lot of internationals didn't even come to Amsterdam or to the VU this year.
- Shannon Fredison: Personally I have met 2 boards. I think doing everything online so far was tough. What I want to do differently is... I haven't pinpointed anything, but having a

bridge between internationals and Dutch students would be good. We try to make people feel as included as possible, I do still feel a division, which is not really nice. I'd like to overcome this in the best possible way. Let's make them feel confident that they are welcome and that we can make them feel as at home as possible.

- Selin Elcheik: other ideas that we have is with promotion, we'd like more members to join. This year, I feel like for the first years, a lot of people didn't know the VPSVU exists and it was hard to get them engaged and I think we can promote that more, but I'm not going to disclose details right now.
- Andrew de Ruiter: If I understand correctly, Shannon Fredison is the only dutch-speaking person? I know that the VU can be difficult with internationals. How do you think you'll manage if you have to face challenges like that?
- Selin Elcheik: It did scare me at first. Firstly, as far as I've heard, the faculty is making an effort to become more international in their documents and contacts. Hopefully, that's going to get better. Also I think we could manage with Shannon Fredison. Also there's going to be former Board members or friends that can help and then we also have Google Translate. I think that's something that can easily be covered
- Revathi Renil: To summarise, there's always going to be things that we can use help in and that we have people that we can ask. I think that's very manageable.
- Shannon Fredison: I can teach you guys Dutch, that'll be fun. I really think it'll be manageable because almost all documents are in English and I'll be there to translate and help them understand everything better. I think putting stickers on objects with their Dutch name to help them learn some Dutch words.
- Martijn van der Zee: I'm in touch with both USR and Faculty to translate things, so we've got that rolling.
- Thierry Witschge: For the last couple of years, we've become an international association and I heard you talking about making them feel more welcome. I was wondering about ideas that you have to make all people feel more welcome in general?
- Selin Elcheik: I feel like most important part of making that happen is having a friendly environment in the room, that's not too serious and proper. I think it's important to be cheerful, I think that can make it seem more welcome to newcomers. For me that was a big part of my interest in the Board, to see how all of the Board members work together and how they interact and work hard.
- Revathi Renil: My only impression of the association was formal things such as books besides the intro week. Talking more about it to people is super important, which makes it

good that we're extraverted. How I found out was because of Sofia Mendez Quiros and because she said that it helped her meet people. I think that's a nice way to make it more clear that it's not a scary thing and that it's fun.

- Shannon Fredison: As this is a democratic environment I think it's nice to just talk to people and ask them how they think things could be done differently. We have tosti Thursdays now, but maybe it would be nice to have cultural days some days, like 'today we're having baklava'. We don't want to take the association away from you, but want to make sure everyone feels welcome. Make sure how we can be how we can be what guys want.
- Revathi Renil: I want to clarify that this is about how we can reach both internationals and the Dutchies.
- Selin Elcheik; We think the Dutch part is already pretty easily reachable, but the internationals might need a little more initiative than the Dutch students. I was thinking that, if we were to have small things like Tosti Thursdays, we give people time to interact with people in the room, to get it back to the way it used to be.
- Thierry Witschge: I want to clarify one thing: in previous years we asked about what they want to improve and it was the welcoming part for years, that they feel there's a strong ingroup. If throughout the question round, by the way, something comes up that you haven't discussed yet then it's also fine to state that.
- Revathi Renil: It would be nice to get to know people and engage them to go to parties. It would be nice to not just hang out with the people we already know but with others. I personally don't think we should ask people to join the association, but smaller steps, such as "hey come to the party".
- Selin Elcheik: I really get the ingroup part, but for the three of us, we're from different groups, so I feel like a lot of different people will come. Even though I was a chair of the Chronicles, there were a lot of people that I didn't meet.
- Pieter Braak: What is something you have not achieved last year in your committee? What was your learning point from that?
- Shannon Fredison: I learned that I was a little lenient with my committee members. Try to push them as well and then I'd step in to do it myself. That's a thing that I'd work on this year, to make sure that people are doing what they're supposed to be doing. Be a bit more strict in that sense.
- Selin Elcheik: We started pretty late with things. There were a lot of problems. I felt like whenever something went wrong or had to be done, I would just step in and do it and get overwhelmed and not properly balance the tasks between

people. Something that we didn't get to achieve this year, there weren't as many events and photos and content to provide because of the lack of activities and such. We have a yearbook that's coming out this month, so I think we achieved something.

- Revathi Renil: I would be overinvolved sometimes. I needed to take more time to separate my feelings from my work, because it was hard sometimes to not be personally affected by it and be disappointed in myself and if someone else wasn't doing anything, I'd feel personal about it. This obviously wasn't the case of course. I'd like to work on separating my feelings from my work.
- Pieter Braak; That came across very honest, thank you.
- Sjoerd van den Assem: Partly a question to current Board and CB. We're having a numerus fixus studies. There's a max of 600 people for this studies. I don't know this year's numbers, but we won't know the exact ratio of the internationals and Dutchies. Have you thought about what that's going to do to your finances, filling of committees and the stream of first-years and to the association as a whole, or is this new information?
- Selin Elcheik: We haven't thought about this yet. We still have to discuss it.
- Sjoerd van den Assem: Of course. Does the current Board know anything from the numbers?
- Martijn van der Zee: A little more than 500 first-years. I have not heard any changes in the numerus fixus.
- Sjoerd van den Assem: Any ideas for the numbers of next year?
- Martijn van der Zee: No.
- Demi Acquoy: Can you ask Esther tomorrow?
- Martijn van der Zee: Yes.
- Casper van Tongeren: Have you already thought of a promotion plan for 4-6th members?
- Revathi Renil: Do we want to spoil everything?
- Selin Elcheik: Not the details.
- Revathi Renil: We'll meet on Friday to finish the promotion plan. We already brainstormed some ideas and which channels we want to use. We will have more formal ones on all channels and some more fun ones that will be on Facebook and Instagram posts and then we have some really fun ones for stories and TikTok.
- Selin Elcheik: On Friday, we're probably also going to put something on there. You'll see it appear pretty soon.
- Casper van Tongeren: Some small pieces of advice: Definitely try to involve the faculty as much as possible as Kerem Ozel stated before. Make sure this goes through every channel

possible. If you need any inspiration, scroll back through Facebook and other socials from previous years.

- Liz Masselink: Most of you didn't have a full year at VSPVU without Corona restrictions, what are your expectations for the Board when there's no Coronavirus anymore? With all the trips and all the weekends? What are your expectations for a normal Board year?
- Revathi Renil: I'm expecting it to be a bit more busy in that sense, but I also expect it to be more fun and interactive, so it will be worth it in that sense. I think it will be manageable to do one course per period so not stressed about it. I do feel comfortable in this group sharing if I'm too stressed and working together to figure this out. I don't really know where to set my expectations because I haven't experienced all of it yet.
- Selin Elcheik: After this year and with the regulations getting better, I feel like I'm just really hoping and I have really high expectations of it. We're of course always ready for disappointments, but us having to be there more in person will be even better, because it's hard to find motivation when you're not in working environment. Also because it's a lustrum year. I think it will be at least manageable.
- Shannon Fredison: The past year has been online and even as an active member I noticed that physical events make it much easier to make people come to events. That will help us to put more effort into promoting. We know people want this and will want to join in great numbers. I think that motivates and that we can do what people want.
- Liz Masselink: I also think people will be more motivated to come next year.
- Giovanni Stickdorn: How do you guys deal with stress?
- Revathi Renil: Cry a lot. I find it really helpful to talk about it to the people around me. I think it will be really helpful to be open about it and saying that it takes a toll on you. Even if people cannot help you out, it will help to talk about it. Now that everything is in person and people will be more excited to join things, I think that will be more worth it. Also I'm in therapy, so that helps.
- Shannon Fredison: I feel like I handle stress pretty well and perform under pressure. Dealing with it, I do meditation and I listen to vibrational sound videos on YouTube and I also have a mindset that if things are going the way they are going, then it is what it's supposed to be and they are here for a good purpose to teach me something.
- Selin Elcheik: Stress motivates me most times. Usually, how I deal with stress, is learning not to take everything in the association too seriously. It can be easy to get lost in the work that you're doing. You can remind yourself that it's okay to

make mistakes and think of the worst possible scenario and then thinking that your current situation isn't that bad and that you can rationalise it this way. Then you know all is okay.

- Kerem Ozel: I read that the energy of the Board is important to make people feel included. I think bonding from the Board plays a role in this. Have you bonded within yourselves and do you think about meeting up besides work-related stuff?
- Revathi Renil: I only hung out with them a few times, but so far it was really easy. We're really different in some aspect, but I think we're really compatible for each other. I think we'll see a lot more of each other and of course we have Friday planned together.
- Selin Elcheik: I was lucky enough to have met both of them already before. I hung out with Shannon Fredison once before and I liked her and now the time that we spent here together was really good. I think we're all on the same page and understand each other. We're looking forward to spending more time together and being besties.
- Kerem Ozel: It's great that you're having fun, but I also recommend to hang out without the work.
- Shannon Fredison: You notice that we have some similar things that we like, also we like each other's jokes a lot and even though we don't know each other, it seems really comfortable to share things with each other.
- Selin Elcheik: With Revathi Renil we've had the opportunity to hang out a bit. Now that exams are over, we can hang out with the three of us more. Especially with regulations getting down a little. Also Revathi Renil's dog requires a lot of attention and that will make us be together a lot.
- Damian Waij: What's the thing you're not looking forward to next year? What do you think will be challenging?
- Selin Elcheik: What I'm not super looking forward to is my sleeping schedule and my daily schedule times that I will have to adjust to, such as waking up super early, and also to have to leave my roommates alone a lot. There's a lot of responsibilities that I've been avoiding to do VSPVU stuff.
- Revathi Renil: Something I really have to manage is my dog, I'm a bit nervous about that. I already talked to the current Board about it.
- Shannon Fredison: I appreciate having days for myself. I will leave my job at the end of August and I have also thought about this and that would be to put all my effort into the week and into the Board and have the weekends to myself. It's really important to me.
- Sara Elfvengren: Two of you have been chairs. I believe there are 5 chairs for next year so there are a lot of committees still lacking. Have you got any idea of how to fill up these spots?

- Shannon Fredison: We haven't really talked about this, but if I'd have to think of something aside from promotion, it's approaching people you know personally and to tell them about the benefits. You'd meet a lot of people and tell them about it and hope that they will join.
- Selin Elcheik: I think this is part of what we're going to discuss on Friday. It's something that we mentioned to each other, but haven't properly discussed yet.
- Thierry Witschge: During your Board time, you'll have to bring bad news to people sometimes and you'll get into heavy discussions sometimes and have you thought of how you'll be dealing with those and how you can stay professional?
- Selin Elcheik: I can speak for myself, I'm someone who is hard to get on the nerves of, because my whole life has been a training on how to not get angry and lose your mind. I'm good at dealing with people like that at some point. As long as you make the people feel respected and not lower than you, it's fine. It's a distinction between personal and professional life and I think that people will understand that they have to listen to rules and that sometimes it's a duty of ours to bring bad news.
- Revathi Renil: I get upset pretty easily, which is something I'm working on, because of that I have a lot of experience with confrontation. I'd get really worked up about it. I really think I got it down, but I think that's one thing that I could see myself be good at and I'll get lots of practice with.
- Shannon Fredison: Explaining why something can happen is important. Negotiating about it is good and if it cannot be done differently, tell people that's the way things are and that there are no alternatives.
- Pieter Braak: Worst case scenario, you can't find an extra Board member. Do you think you'd be able to hand a Board year with 3 people?
- Shannon Fredison: Realistically, no, but personally speaking yes. We're motivated to do this. I know that I can and will go to lengths to make things happen, even if it means sacrificing sleep. I'm choosing this for a reason. With this comes some responsibility and I'm sticking to that. I will put my full effort into that. I think my Board members will also stick to it and if not then I will motivate them to make the year go as well as possible.
- Revathi Renil: I really don't know how realistic it is to expect to be able to take on the whole world. Let's keep our fingers crossed and please apply.
- Selin Elcheik: I feel like everyone wants the VPSVU to continue existing, I think it will still work.

- Pieter Braak: Are you aware that the three natural positions are to be filled? And are you seeing you three handle those positions?
- Selin Elcheik: Yes, we're aware of that. I think we can handle those.
- Pieter Braak: Are you going to make an emergency plan if you have to go on with three and how would you handle the year? Would you postpone the lustrum or take committees out?
- Selin Elcheik: Us being with three people happened in the last three days. We had time to think about it and discussed everything related to committees and that we'd have to cut some of those, even though we don't want this. I think we'll wait and see and discuss this more.
- Casper van Tongeren: You didn't introduce yourselves with a position. Is that because the positions aren't set as of right now?
- Martijn van der Zee: Yes.
- Selin Elcheik: Yes, because everything was so sudden, there hasn't been an official function division yet.
- Sjoerd van den Assem: How will you divide the functions? With the current Board or among yourselves? Also, you probably had an idea of which functions you like, what would you do if you didn't get them?
- Shannon Fredison: The best way to solve this is with the current Board with their advice, since we're new to this. If I would not get the function I didn't apply for, I'd stick to it. I'm willing to take the responsibility and it's important for the association to continue existing.
- Selin Elcheik: We're not just going to divide the functions among ourselves. I'm okay with any function at this point, except maybe something like external because that doesn't fit me. Still I feel like I would do any function at this point.
- Revathi Renil: I feel the same way. I'm hoping more people can apply and we can take everything and everyone into consideration. I also feel like there are functions that excite me more than others. There are always people that will help me and that we're not in it alone
- Sjoerd van den Assem: Did you already think of Borrel themes for next year?
- Selin Elcheik: I did, but I'm not going to tell you any of them. Also because I haven't discussed them with the rest. I don't want to give an idea of something that might not happen.
- Sjoerd van den Assem: Alright, I know enough.
- Liz Masselink: Upcoming year will be the lustrum year. Do you have ideas, expectations, anything about the lustrum?

- Selin Elcheik: Since I joined Uni, one of the only things I've been hearing about it and how amazing it is. After working more within the VSPVU and looking through all the yearbooks, it got me hyped up for the week and everything that happens there. I hope everything goes on. From what I see the Lucie is really excited about it and they have some great ideas.
- Shannon Fredison: The Lucie has been working really hard. In the GBMs I've heard them talk about their nice ideas. Do I have any idea what it's going to look like? No. But the video's I've seen about it give us some indications, even though it's not comparable to real life. We can always contact people who have been at previous lustrums to help us out or inform us.
- Revathi Renil: I hope it all goes well.
- Liz Masselink: We've been saving a lot of money for it, so it's going to be great.
- Amelia Beloeuvre: How do you guys plan to manage your time with Board life and personal life so that it doesn't get too overwhelming?
- Revathi Renil: I've given this a lot of thought because it's important to me with my dog and stuff. I feel like for social aspects, I'm used to having friends that I don't talk to that much. Since I get to fill that up with Board and committees and being in the room, I'm not stressed about not seeing them that much. Also if my friends watch Franklin, I'll see them too. A lot of the social things I want to do will be things that I'll have to do anyway, such as going to the store. Also I have a long-distance relationship so we have to plan a lot, but we're already doing that so will be fine.
- Shannon Fredison: I'm trying to keep it separate by doing Board during the week and the weekends to myself. Sometimes I'll have to make exceptions of course, but still.
- Selin Elcheik: I was worried about leaving the house and my roommates alone a lot. I do think she knows how important this is and how much work it is. She's getting used to it. When it comes to friends, those who are friends of mine know it can take a while to call and reply. Seeing people around here a lot, will make the balance a little better. I cannot make time to see people a lot of the time. I think people studying at uni again will help me seeing more friends. Also I have family in Turkey, not being able to be here for everything also scares me, but I think that will work out. I'm probably overthinking it
- Giovanni Stickdorn: What's your preference for position in the Board?
- Sjoerd van den Assem: Only if you want to share.
- Selin Elcheik: We abstain from answering this question.

- Casper van Tongeren: What was your favorite event from this year?
- Selin Elcheik: I didn't attend that many events this year, because there weren't that many physical ones. I'd say Active Member Day would be good. I think the Board did a nice job making it a one-day activity. I think it's nice to bond with other people. We were together with the LEX and that was a nice bonding experience and at times running into other committees was nice and running into other people.
- Revathi Renil: I thought mentor selections was really good. I'm really proud of that. The mentors in here know that it was a good event and that it wasn't boring even though it was online. It really brought our committee closer together.
- Shannon Fredison: The Active Member Party was really nice at the start of the year. For the online ones, I really liked the Incognito Borrel because I realised I can chug a whole beer.
- Thierry Witschge: After this we'll be voting right? At this point you've had questions about the fact that you'll be three. If you are voted in, you'll become the Board. Do you at this point have enough information and are you ready to commit to being the Board?
- Shannon Fredison: I feel like we're learning something new every day. I had a meeting with Iris Doodeman today to see some insights of the VSPVU and that was cool. I'm really excited to see how everything works and I feel like with every information that is added, it gets even better. I'm willing to do this, even if it's just us.
- Revathi Renil: I am having some struggles with the Danish government about student financing, so there's some issues with me doing an extra year. If I don't get the money back I have a problem. I'm talking to my doctor and the academic advisors. This means that there's a chance that I'll have to drop out. If there's only 2 people, the VSPVU will not function, so please apply. Besides that I feel really comfortable with these people.
- Liz Masselink: I believe Kerem Ozel had a similar issue?
- Kerem Ozel: Mine was different because I had to get credits as a non-EU student.
- Selin Elcheik: I at this point am pretty committed and that's all I can say. There's no reason for me to go back into my position and there's nothing risky in my educational and financial circumstances that complicates it.
- Sjoerd van den Assem: I want to thank you, you've been standing here for a long time and you've had a lot of questions. Well done and thank you for that.
- Gijs van der Pijl: There's a student emergency fund that you can talk to the Dean about.

- Revathi Renil: I have done that. It won't be enough. I do want to clarify that I'll be set for the rest of my education if I get past this hiccup. I have talked to my Danish doctor and he said he'd arrange things for me, so I don't think it will be a problem, but I wanted to be fully transparent.
- Damian Waij: How is the Board going to train this CB for a normal Board year considering you're back to normal in September and you have no experience with it?
- Martijn van der Zee: I'm quite an old guy and that gives me some experience. I think we can really rely on our RvA in this. I think we have enough channels that we can contact if we have questions.

b. Voting

- Iris Doodeman Doodeman explains voting procedure.
- Selin Elcheik Elcheik as member of the 75th Candidate Board:
 - In favor: 38
 - Against: 0
 - Neutral: 1
- Revathi Renil Renil as member of the 75th Candidate Board:
 - In favor: 34
 - Against: 1
 - Neutral: 4
- Shannon Fredison Fredison as member of the 75th Candidate Board:
 - In favor: 39
 - Against: 0
 - Neutral: 0

7. Update on Policy

- Committee Development:
 - Hybrid committee names
 - Martijn van der Zee: After all committee names being changed to English versions in the year 2018/2019, we changed them into hybrid names consisting of the Dutch name as used by the 71st Board and the written out version of the committee in the language of correspondence. This is for example: Illusie, the introduction committee. We think that this change has been successful since we aimed to undo the change in association identity that came with changing it to English names.
 - Streamlining committees
 - Martijn van der Zee: In our policy we stated that we would streamline some committees by going decreasing the amount of borrels throughout the year, opting for quality over quantity. We aimed for 5 Borrels instead of 6, 2 parties instead of 4, 4 Barcies instead of 5 and a maximum of two promotion borrels for the Reiscie, Rallycie and Wintersportcie.
 - Martijn van der Zee: This year we in the end still had 6 Borrels instead of 5, this was due to the fact that we had a unique

possibility to host a physical one the day after the online borrel. The online Borrel was, unfortunately, badly visited. We think this is due to the fact that things were opening up again after the lockdown. All other decreases have been made throughout the year.

- Optimizing committees
 - Martijn van der Zee: We changed the Online Committee into the Webcie, which makes online productions. We as Board have taken over for this year to ensure people can see the potential of this committee. We have had a lot of fun up until now with this committee and we think we have shown its potential throughout this year. Up until now we have made a react video and we have made a VSPVU Blindfolded. We still have two podcasts on our way with an expert from the workfield.
 - Martijn van der Zee: We had also changed the former Liftcie into the Rallycie for this year. This would be a committee that organized a weekend away where people would have to go with their own car to a location and to do certain games & challenges along the way. This committee however had not been filled this year so we have not seen our idea come into fruition.
- Committee Manuals
 - Martijn van der Zee: In the past there were manuals to ensure that a new chairman could learn all about the committee, however, due to an inconsistency in updating these manuals we decided to change this to a presentation that should be given by the contact person and the previous chairman to the new chairman. This will be coordinated by the Board. We have the general layout finished and will be, or have already met up with the current chairs to get the information in there. We have not yet given a training this way. We do have some manuals done, Stefan Canic did all of his. We will update all of these in this academic year, since we then ensure all new chairs will be able to get their updated training on time.
- Convention
 - Martijn van der Zee: All leftover money from the LEX, Opcie and the Pedcie will, as stated in policy, go to the Congresscie.
- Questions:
 - Sjoerd van den Assem: Is the manual made for the Webcie? It states that a manual will be set up for the Webcie?
 - Martijn van der Zee: We presented it in GM #3, it's also online
 - Sjoerd van den Assem: How are you sure that the Pedcie, LEX and Opcie will have money left? Do they have events after October 5th?
 - Demi Acquoy: No.
 - Sjoerd van den Assem: Then I have no questions.

- Casper van Tongeren: Would you advise the 75th Board to take the Rallycie up into their policy?
 - Martijn van der Zee: It will be communicated. I think a similar proposal has been done in the past. We have not yet discussed what we advise, but we will. This is also based on speculation in the past.
 - Juli Dylla: How is the Congressie going to budget with potential money? How will that work?
 - Demi Acquoy: We can make changes with the caterer up until 2 weeks on beforehand, so if we know that they will have money left, we can adjust things. It's just monitoring if it happens. We of course hope that everyone spends their money We're not counting on this money, but we can do something fun with it last-minute if there's money left from red committees.
 - Thierry Witschge: Some committees aren't filled or don't have members. Are you going to advise them to cut committees? What is the plan?
 - Martijn van der Zee: This will be something to be discussed and that we took into consideration. If a Board with just 3 arises, we have to do this anyway.
- Involvement
 - Committee ten budget
 - Martijn van der Zee: After postponing our initial deadline due to corona, all committees eventually applied for the committee ten budget! We thank you for taking this opportunity to do something fun together. People did nice things, some booked Duinrell, candle making, *bierfiets*, escape room, nice evening together for food and drinks, a wine tasting etc.
 - Member initiative
 - Martijn van der Zee: We had the first activity initiated by a member yesterday! Iris Doodeman is helping with the other member initiative and we will host that event in the new academic year!
 - General Meetings
 - Martijn van der Zee: The amount of planned GM's in the year has been decreased to three as stated in our policy. We have also initiated the CoCo and a minimum of three small BoTC assignments beside one large one. This time there were even four. Initially we thought the GM in March would be redundant, however we noticed that moving around in the budget in large amounts would have been made impossible, would it not for our emergency GM in March. We therefore recommend to reinstate it, perhaps in altered form (budget GM). About the CoCo the Board has somewhat mixed feelings. We like the Bingo part but do suggest towards 75 to reinstate BotC points in some form with regards to a GM.

Adding BotC points shouldn't necessarily mean the death of the CoCo. The whole of the Board really liked the small BotC assignments and recommend to go on with them.

- Questions
 - Andrew de Ruiter: On behalf of all men from the association, thanks for organising Men's Day, Sjoerd van den Assem.
 - Sjoerd van den Assem: Yesterday we made some profit, so who knows, maybe we'll do something over summer.
- Accessibility
 - Corona Regulations
 - Martijn van der Zee: We have multiple documents regarding Corona on our website, check those if you are in need of some information. Hopefully they won't be needed next year. That would be a blast.
 - VSPVU room workplace
 - Martijn van der Zee: We stated that we would facilitate committees working in the room on committee related stuff by opening up a system where people could reserve a spot in the room to work there. This system was not meant for studying and you could reserve spots for 2 hours at a time. Even though we opened up, we are still only allowed with 6 people in the VSPVU room. We said that if the room would open up again for 10 people or more we would initiate this plan. Thus we have not put this plan into action this year.
- Promotion
 - LinkedIn
 - Martijn van der Zee: We updated LinkedIn at least twice a month, as we had stated in our policy plan. Aside from LinkedIn we have also acquired a page on Canvas for promotion and a new platform Dojoko. Dojoko is a platform that aims to cover the gap between for example Instagram and Facebook. The creators of the platform have noticed that there is no platform where students can show their development, find likeminded people, etc. since LinkedIn is really focused on working life. This is an international platform where we as the VSPVU can also post activities where likeminded students can thus find each other. But also think of the implications this platform might have for exchanges, due to it being international. Canvas also shows real big promise. After we started promoting educational activities on Canvas we saw an increase in the non-member tickets sold; indicating that people who are normally not connected to the VSPVU got interested. Our reach is also really large on it. We recommend 75 to make the most of this platform now that we have it.
 - Lecture Talks
 - Martijn van der Zee: Unfortunately we have not been able to do physical lecture talks, but we have sent monthly online

lecture talks each month. We have evaluated how many course coordinators uploaded it, and that was either 1 or 2 courses per period. We recommend, if possible, to do physical lecture talks. Or use Canvas in some way.

- Monthly Agenda
 - Martijn van der Zee: Stefan Canic uploaded the monthly agenda on time each month up until now.
- Monthly Compilation
 - Martijn van der Zee: Stefan Canic uploaded the compilation in unison with the monthly agenda, thus it was also on time.
- Promotion in the Room
 - Martijn van der Zee: We stated that we would show a slideshow with pictures of past events on the TV in the room, if no one else would want to use it. After the room being closed for a very long time, we made a slideshow and in the end have not consistently shown it. This means we failed this policy point, which we are quite sad about. It was not part of our routine when opening up the room each day, which lead to it not being done.
- Questions:
 - Casper van Tongeren: I have 3 questions: do you use LinkedIn for more professional promotion than other social media?
 - Martijn van der Zee: Yes, we would never share borrels and party-related things on there.
 - Casper van Tongeren: Okay. You also mentioned Dojoko. How will you be able to reach people on there that we do not reach with our current platforms? What is the added value?
 - Martijn van der Zee: There's a student community on there. We will be part of it. For students individually, it's also beneficial to be on there. The added value is that we can reach people who have a like-minded way to develop ourselves in university life. Does this answer your question?
 - Casper van Tongeren: The point of promotion is reaching as many people as possible. I haven't heard of it and don't use it. Is the main use of this to get people to join this platform?
 - Martijn van der Zee: It's a mutual understanding. We hoped we'd grow with the platform and be a fixed partner in this platform. As one of the starters in there, we'd be a starter and we can reach a lot once the platform grows.
 - Casper van Tongeren: The promotion in the room didn't reach your own expectations. Do you have advice for 75 to make?
 - Martijn van der Zee: Make it as easy as possible. Make it so that you can just start up the computer, press a button and have it go, that's my personal advice.
 - Pieter Braak: Stefan Canic, what do you think of the lecture talks?

- Stefan Canic: I think it's more beneficial in real life compared to online, because the teachers were not that cooperative and weren't willing to show it in the lecture. Often they would just upload it to canvas which lead to not that many people watching the video. The benefits are that we can reach some courses that we normally don't reach, such as third-year minor courses. It's way better, though, to do a physical one.
- Pieter Braak: I do think that the effort you put in it hasn't been worth it for a long while. I would suggest the next C&M to not do this, because it has been a struggle for a long while.
- Thierry Witschge: On the promotion in general, we've been getting feedback. What is the reach of Facebook? Do people check the attendance box? Are the clips being watched?
- Stefan Canic: The reach on Facebook is pretty good, but the interaction is really poor. This has been different in the past. Instagram is taking over a lot, but we still reach a lot of people on Facebook.
- Sjoerd van den Assem: With the addition of Dojoko, you have Dojoko, LinkedIn, Snapchat, Facebook, Tiktok, Canvas. Do you think this workload is manageable? It is another platform that is added.
- Stefan Canic: It's quite a lot to be honest. Especially because of Canvas. We've discussed giving Canvas to the Commissioner Education. For Facebook and Instagram, you can plan posts, but for LinkedIn and Dojoko there's no such option, so the C&M has to upload things straight away, which is difficult because I have my own life.
- Shannon Fredison: Today I noticed the Unilife app. Did VSPVU look into using it, since it's literally in the bathroom on a poster?
- Martijn van der Zee: We have looked into it and there are less utilities than Dojoko has in our opinion. I was really saddened that the VU had not done a proper market analysis what the options were. In the UvO we have noticed that not a lot of people are signing up either, but it is something that we will discuss with you guys, since it might be successful.
- Juli Dylla: I want to disagree with what Pieter Braak says. Promotion goes to the same people for a lot of people. I think that Canvas is really good for promotion. I think it gets new people hooked on events. Any platform that gets people involved is good so get into that. For the next Board also, try to reach new people.
- Pieter Braak: Canvas is very good, but I think making a video every month is quite a lot of effort and hassle.
- Merchandise
 - We have two new merchandise products for sale in the room! You can buy the really handy VSP-Pen for 0.75 euros and you can also buy our lovely, comfortable socks in the room for

7,50! If the socks sell really well, we can also invest in VSPVU underwear, however that really depends on the sale of the socks since we don't want to take any financial risks.

- Question:
 - Gijs van der Pijl: How many socks do you still need to sell before you can sell underwear?
 - Martijn van der Zee: We have to be almost out of socks before we can start selling underwear.
 - Andrew de Ruiten: Did you guys already think of a catchy name for the underwear?
 - Martijn van der Zee: Ideas can be thrown on the idea box.
 - Casper van Tongeren: How big was the post for mech?
 - Demi Acquoy: 200.
 - Casper van Tongeren: Do you think it was worth investing in it, based on what you get back from it?
 - Demi Acquoy: I think it should be more, especially in a lustrum year it should be way more. Sometimes I get comments about my socks from people asking what my socks are from and then I explain what VSPVU is, so yeah.
- Members
 - Martijn van der Zee: Our goal regarding new Bachelor members this year was to get 51% of all first years to sign up. We are on 267 bachelor members and 52 master members. Our goal for Bachelor members was 275 and our goal for Master members was 55. This means we are 8 bachelor members short and 3 master members. After the upcoming GM (June onwards) all new members will be for 75.
- New Members
 - Martijn van der Zee: With some new updates to the regulations, there would be a theoretical option for a new Welcome to Amsterdam. However, there will not be any new people coming this late in the year and we have a packed year schedule. We are however involved in a sort of introduction week/ outro week for current first years. This is will come down to a day that will be organized in collaboration with the Faculty and it will take place in the new academic year. There were options to host it in this academic year, but we opted to go for a day without 1.5m and that seemed really unrealistic in this academic year.
- Study Sessions
 - Martijn van der Zee: Unfortunately we have not been able to host physical study sessions due to corona. We will go another round on Instagram to do something for people who are studying hard. We have noticed that the clips get quite some attention online, thus we recommend that if there

would be physical study sessions next year to still do some of those clips online.

- Questions:
 - Pieter Braak: The amount of members, do you think you passed policy on that?
 - Martijn van der Zee: Officially no. About the master members, we kept upping that, our initial goal was 15 and we kept upping our goal to strive for more. For the bachelors we hope for a second wave of people coming in January, but it didn't come.
 - Pieter Braak: is 51% a good call for the future?
 - Martijn van der Zee: I think it's a proper goal. We even went lower than previous years, but I find it hard to aim for this. This was because of Corona.
 - Sjoerd van den Assem: Outroday is going to be next academic year? That's a little late. I know you're not organizing it, but...
 - Martijn van der Zee: We know. The alternative now, would be to have 40 people out of 2 faculty and 3 studies, one of which was EOS which is just as large as us and would be even more disappointing.
- External
 - Neighbour Associations
 - Martijn van der Zee: Our neighbours have not been active in their activities in the recent months. VIB has not really had activities over the past few months and MFVU only has educational activities. We have also noticed that they were not really open to internationals at their events since they are only Dutch and the activities were online. Also, they were not really open to have unknown people at their events. We did go to the goodbye borrel of the MFVU though, so we went to one event. Officially not a point made.
 - Drinking events outside of Amsterdam
 - Martijn van der Zee: We have unfortunately not yet had a drinking event outside of Amsterdam. But if this would be the case and if there would be a car present, one person in possession of a driver's license will remain sober. We will implement this for mentor weekend and Illusie weekend since there will most likely be a car present over there.
 - Variation in Promotion Borrel Venues
 - Martijn van der Zee: We have not had a committee host a promotion Borrel. Thus we unfortunately have not been able to enforce the variation in these Borrels. However if it would be the case multiple will, we'll implement. (Illusie perhaps & Reiscie)
 - Questions:
 - Casper van Tongeren: About the neighbor associations, skip this point for the upcoming years. They don't want you there, it doesn't add anything. Should you want to do something

with them in the future, try to bring back the battle of the MF or do a collaboration event because that's easier to mingle.

- Martijn van der Zee: we have talked about the MF battle, but there was no space due to the MFVU having internships in June/July and the VIB having no room in September.
- Giovanni Stickdorn: so the neighbor associations are not interested in us because they're Dutch?
- Demi Acquoy: If it was a borrel in the Heeren, it was fine to come, because they are with more people then and you can mingle easier, but online the situation is a bit awkward already. Some people are really shy and don't feel comfortable in a zoom meeting and people won't come anymore if they have strangers in there who also speak another language.
- Giovanni Stickdorn: And also, they don't do anything anymore?
- Martijn van der Zee: They do have some things, but they don't have anything online anymore for now. We talked to them recently and they are so restricted that they didn't want it right now. The VIB had some unofficial events in the Amsterdamse Bos every now and then. They don't have something against international, but it wouldn't go smoothly if we would join.
- Pieter Braak: If the Policy of events outside of Amsterdam is that you should bring a car and at least one person with a license has to stay sober, state it differently, because otherwise you'd have to bring a car to Il Café, which is officially outside of Amsterdam.
- Iris Doodeman: That's not how it's stated in the Policy. It's in case there's a car present, someone would remain sober.
- Liz Masselink: I think for the neighbor associations it's really dependent on who is their Board. Some of the boards are really open to everybody and hang out a lot, but it depends on whether they're fun. Don't take it up in your policy but just hang out with them because it's fun, because it really is.
- Andrew de Ruiten: So if I understand correctly, the point is that if there's a car present, someone has to remain sober.
- Martijn van der Zee: Yes, we thought it logical, that if there's a car there already, that the sober person should have a driver's license. It would be useless if all the people sober.
- Andrew de Ruiten: Isn't that already logical reasoning, should it be in the policy?
- Casper van Tongeren: Think of Active Member Weekend. You go there by car, you don't have to drive the next day and you don't have to stay sober. Should something still happen, you should still be able to use the car.
- Juli Dylla: So for instance in AMW, someone with a driver's license is always sober?

- Martijn van der Zee: Yes.
- Internal
 - Deadline Stay a Member
 - Martijn van der Zee: The deadline to stay a member was promoted on Instagram and Facebook to remind people that they needed to. Like said before, we had changed the procedure regarding this. The first reminder email to renew or cancel membership should be sent at the end of the academic year.
 - Calamity Plan
 - Martijn van der Zee: In our policy we stated we would make a calamity plan that would prepare future Boards and/or committees (to some extent) on how to react to certain crisis situations. This plan is made to ensure that there will always be proper responsiveness and communication after a calamity. This plan will be presented after the Budget today and then we will have a voting about it. If voted in, it will be uploaded to the website in the Internal Regulations as well.
- Continuation
 - WhatsApp among active members
 - Martijn van der Zee: We have a group chat among active members. We have also made 1st year Facebook groups for Pedagogical Sciences and Psychology, however they not well visited. We advise 75 to maybe look into options for Canvas communities instead of Facebook groups. This can maybe be done by making groups on the “people” pages.
 - Birthday & Christmas Cards
 - Martijn van der Zee: We are still sending all birthday cards to people and have sent easter cards next to the Christmas cards we had already sent to our members. We’ll continue until December with the cards.
 - Pubcrawl before a Borrel
 - Martijn van der Zee: Unfortunately we only have the BBQ Borrel coming up. This means that, in line with what was stated before, we will not be able to host a pub crawl before a Borrel. If we would combine that with the BBQ Borrel that would, in our opinion, be too much.
 - Chairman contact before the GBM
 - Martijn van der Zee: To ensure Board and chairman would be somewhat on the same page during the GBMs throughout the year, we said we would contact all chairs for a chat beforehand. This we have done and found it very useful.
 - Debit Card
 - Martijn van der Zee: Every time the debit card has been used by Demi Acquoy it has been checked by the vice treasurer. We will be looking into ways to maybe change this procedure (perhaps a document that the treasurer should fill in of when he/she has used it, which then in turn can be checked). We

will look into options for this before next GM so we can advise 75.

- Alumni & Welcome to Amsterdam
 - We had to cancel the first WTA unfortunately and, like said before, we have no good opportunity to still host one aside from the outro week. We are planning an Alumni event though and that will most likely happen on the 25th of June!
- Idea Box
 - Martijn van der Zee: We still have the physical idea box in the room, however unused this year. Most likely due to Corona.
- Consultations
 - Martijn van der Zee: We still participate in consultations SSPN, LOOP, G5, UVO & FSOGB. However FSOGB has had a change of concept and will now be based more online instead of in personal meetings. This is also a pilot to test Microsoft teams instead and to see what that can offer the VU, it has been changed to an online community instead of meetings. We also participate(d) in core meetings and career week meetings.
- Questions:
 - Casper van Tongeren: Few things. For 75, this is a lot of points. I said this during the GBM and will say it again. Some of these points are no longer important to be in Policy. Some things are just the way things go and are not Policy anymore. Try to shorten this list for next year. You'll also continue to do birthday cards until December?
 - Martijn van der Zee: Yes, we will do that and stay in contact with 75 about it.
 - Casper van Tongeren: Then the idea box hasn't been used? I think something is in there?
 - Martijn van der Zee: I checked.
 - Stefan Canic: I think he did put something in.
 - Martijn van der Zee: I will check then.
 - Andrew de Ruiter: Was the online one used often?
 - Martijn van der Zee: 4-5 times. Good addition to the idea box anyways.
 - Amelia Beloeuvre: Did you promote the idea box? I don't think a lot of people know about it. I think it's a good idea.
 - Martijn van der Zee: We haven't. Maybe it's good to throw stories about it.
 - Iris Doodeman: One thing to add about the online idea box is that it gets filled in by bots a lot, which is pretty annoying. This is something that I advise 75 to look into or that I might look into myself if I find the opportunity for it.

8. Update on Financial Statement

- Demi Acquoy presents Income
 - Questions:

- Liz Masselink: First of all, for the posts that are closed, you can put the asterisk next to it.
 - Demi Acquoy: I was in doubt whether to do that already right now.
 - Liz Masselink: Yes, you can do that. I also have the membership thing that doesn't really added up. The sponsorship, good deal Iris Doodeman. I still see that you need 500 euros more. I think that's a really high aim for those 2 months. Is that doable?
 - Demi Acquoy: We talked about it today. We're getting 5,5% from all we do with DressMe clothing still. We're aiming to get around the 650 euros that 73 made. We also came onto something with the NVO: normally they pay 150 euros for the banner on our website, which we didn't do this year, but we contacted them. We also have something big that we might get. This is something that we might get rolling again in July and Augusts.
 - Liz Masselink: But for the big thing, isn't that useless for you guys to have and wouldn't that be better for 75, to start their year with a fresh sponsor?
 - Demi Acquoy: We tried to make this deal in March already and then they cancelled on us because of Corona, but said they would get back to us about it later. We already have a lot of time in this sponsor from Sofia Mendez Quiros so that's why we decided to keep it for ourselves.
 - Liz Masselink: Okay, makes sense. Good job.
- **Demi Acquoy presents Board Activities**
- Questions
 - Thierry Witschge: So Active member day, what's going to happen?
 - Demi Acquoy: Me and Martijn van der Zee will organize something. We won't make a new post for this but work with this post
 - Thierry Witschge: And if I understand correctly, you'll be spending 230 euros on the BBQ borrel?
 - Demi Acquoy: Yes.
 - Pieter Braak: The CoBo is cancelled. Are you going to spend 900 euros on the formed boards?
 - Demi Acquoy: For the former boards, the brothers and sisters and the people who helped out. We can rearrange the money, but thought it would be nice to give something back to you guys, because the former boards deserve 5 years of CoBo.
 - Pieter Braak: Do people think that's fair for 900 euros?
 - Sjoerd van den Assem: I think we can discuss that at the proposed budget. What are you going to spend all the money on for the BBQ borrel?

- Demi Acquoy: People won't have to bring as much own stuff and we thought we could make up for the low amount of physical borrels by giving you a good BBQ borrel.
 - Liz Masselink: You talked about welcome shorts for the Board drinks. I didn't get a welcome shot when I got there on May 6th?
 - Demi Acquoy: It was the first physical borrel where we had something. For the last borrel we couldn't get them because we had to buy them off the Heeren.
 - Pieter Braak: Why did you spend too much on AMW?
 - Demi Acquoy: Because the money isn't in from everybody.
- **Demi Acquoy presents Committees**
- Questions
 - Casper van Tongeren: For the Actie, spend your money. We just looked at indoor skydiving and it's super expensive. Have a look at it. Just out of curiosity, I've never seen a budget from a Lucie. What will the Lucie budget look like next year?
 - Demi Acquoy: 1000 from 71, 1000 from us, 73 had 550 at first, but they made a profit so they donated 3000 to the Lucie, so it should be about 7000, 8000 euros.
 - Casper van Tongeren: For the Flexible committee budget, will that all be used?
 - Demi Acquoy: There still are committees that organize something in September and we want to give them the option to get it. There are a lot of events still coming. If not, we will rearrange it.
 - Casper van Tongeren: To add to that: What usually happens with the Flexpot is that it's used once or twice and then the rest just gets given away. Maybe it's a good idea to re-evaluate the purpose of the flexible committee budget, because it's not really serving its purpose.
 - Giovanni Stickdorn: For the Flexible committee budget, I remember that the Barcie and Feestcie got a big part of it. It's really nice. I also think the potential of having it makes up for a lot. I also think that even though it's not used, it is good that it's there and can be reassuring.
 - Andrew de Ruiter: I think the Flexpot is great, because in our situations we thought we could improve events greatly as the Feestcie with this money. Then we could try to increase the incentive to apply for it. Get the right reasoning and the motivation and get the budget. I think the amount stated right now is also fine, but I think there should be more inspirational motivation.
 - Sjoerd van den Assem: Two remarks: Firstly for the Lucie, due to the website transition, these documents may have disappeared. I don't know where they might have gone, but look into that.

- Liz Masselink: for the committees that still have to do an activity: Try to think out of the box. You have the money, please spend it and look into the flexible committee budget. Also for 75 think about ways committees can spend all their money.
 - Thierry Witschge: Is it a good idea, efficiency-wise to discuss the future financial plans. Have the questions about future plans for the new proposed budget and the questions about the expenses in this budget
 - Casper van Tongeren: Some comments made on this can also be used for 75. I do think that those remarks are important.
 - Thierry Witschge: Yes, I just don't want to do things double, that's all.
 - Juli Dylla: How would it potentially work if a committee requests it?
 - Demi Acquoy: You can request a voting. Prepare everything as normally, then we can send it to everyone and people can look into it at home. We would have to look into how we do this online with Corona. People would have a week to vote and then in a week you know the results and whether you'll get it or not.
- **Demi Acquoy presents Board Expenses**
- Questions
 - Sjoerd van den Assem: Two points: Firstly for career days I agree that it should be on the budget, but not on this one yet, because it should be voted in first. For fixed costs you mentioned that it would be lower, so why are the virtual costs still this high?
 - Demi Acquoy: Good point. I will change everything.
 - Liz Masselink: I heard you talking about external relations, you know that this post is normally for an event and not for gifts? I don't think you should use it for gifts because you already have Board gifts. You already have the money for CoBo as a gift for the Boards. I would take this out.
 - Demi Acquoy: Yes. For LOOP we cannot do anything due to Corona and SSPN had an event.
 - Liz Masselink: Put that money down and spend it on something else, because this seems useless when you already have 2 posts for gifts.
 - Casper van Tongeren: GBM is closed?
 - Demi Acquoy: That was a mistake.
 - Casper van Tongeren: But it's also in the new budget?
 - Demi Acquoy: Yes.
 - Gijs van der Pijl: I really think the flowers as a gift is really nice, but they are not ever-lasting. If it takes 3 weeks to send, then get something else in the future.
 - Demi Acquoy: A lot went wrong, I want to apologize for that.

- Gijs van der Pijl: Also as a remark to 75, I think plants and flowers could really improve the room.
- Sjoerd van den Assem: You can think about the post of external relations for the new budget.
- **Demi Acquoy presents Investments**
 - Questions
 - Sjoerd van den Assem: Is the money not in a problem because of Mollie?
 - Demi Acquoy: Some payments were made recently. We get money from them every Friday, so not everything is in there yet.
 - Juli Dylla: Just to make sure. The merchandise, it's over 700 euros. Do you really think you're going to sell all that?
 - Demi Acquoy: Yes. We think that it's easier to fix this when everything opens up again. We did calculate some money that we might have left on merchandise.
 - Juli Dylla: So you think it's reasonable then?
 - Demi Acquoy: Yes, otherwise we wouldn't have made the investment. I think we'll make this.
- **Demi Acquoy presents Active member rewards**
 - Questions
 - Sjoerd van den Assem: With the budget on the side, it says 750 voted in for the committee ten that's voted in and here it says 740, which is it?
 - Demi Acquoy: It should be 750.
 - Andrew de Ruiten: You said that you need to order new wave active member clothing and that some people didn't pay yet. Is that non-payment for the first wave?
 - Demi Acquoy: Yes. This will be arranged though. For the new wave, something went wrong with one sweater because the authorization form didn't come in, so we had to re-order and then we gave other people the opportunity to also order for a second wave.
 - Juli Dylla: Can we still spend the CoCo money if Tonton opens after the academic year ends?
 - Demi Acquoy: Yes, the tokens are already in and paid for.
- **Demi Acquoy presents Totals**
 - Questions
 - Sjoerd van den Assem: If we're going to adjust the committee ten 750, you're going to end up in the minus for -5. Where are you going to get the 5 from?
 - Demi Acquoy: Something went wrong with the calculations, I'm very confused about this. With the committee ten, I really don't know.
 - Sjoerd van den Assem: I'm sure it will be fine.
 - Demi Acquoy: I calculated everything from the new budget by hand to prevent mistakes as well.

- Demi Acquoy presents new budget proposal
- Demi Acquoy presents Income
 - Questions
 - Liz Masselink: do you think 100 euros is enough to cover the missing numbers from Bavaria?
 - Demi Acquoy: It feels like giving up if we take the money away from it.
 - Liz Masselink: I really get that, but it's not realistic at this point. Really think about if a little bit lower is realistic.
 - Demi Acquoy: Maybe we can propose that we put external relations money on that?
 - Liz Masselink: Yes, look at it, talk about it and then get back to it.
- Demi Acquoy presents Board activities
 - Questions
 - Sjoerd van den Assem: How do you get from 1440 to 970 for mini-events?
 - Demi Acquoy: I'm so confused.
 - Sjoerd van den Assem: Let's not do that. Then where do you get the 100 euros for from the CoBo?
 - Demi Acquoy: We cut transaction costs and promotion.
 - Sjoerd van den Assem: Okay. On your financial statement your virtual result is 2450, how can you suddenly drop this with 950 euros on the proposal? And then for AMD, it's suddenly raised with 715, what's going on with the money and where did this come from?
 - Demi Acquoy: AMW should be 1500, but we had to make a deal with the location, so we paid 1500 for the location, so 1000 euros is for next year, for the rent of the location and we have a loss of 500 for the location. The current result is really high, but the money is going off of that. It's the first down payment of 250 and a 500 euro loss. We take that 500 euros into account.
 - Liz Masselink: The first budget you presented it was 2450 and you downed it to 1500. Then you said that you wanted to spend this money on AMD and you only increased the AMD with 750 so where did the remaining money go.
 - Demi Acquoy: Then that will be taken off mini-events for sure and the Constitution drink as well. That will all go to AMD.
 - Liz Masselink; Maybe discuss this.
 - Casper van Tongeren: You say that you owe people a lot of things, you don't owe people things. You're doing fine. Then we opened a discussion about what to do with the CoBo money just now. Let's revisit that for a while. I wanted to say that 1000 euros in goodiebags is not how we spend constitution drink posts. We would much rather have it spent in another way. I don't see this bringing the post justice.

- Pieter Braak: Invest it in more free alcohol for next year's CoBo
 - Andrew de Ruiter: Is the CoBo something individual or as the Board group together?
 - Demi Acquoy: We're aiming to let the Board meet up together, we want to do something so that the boards will meet up again and so that they can celebrate our CoBo on their own
 - Andrew de Ruiter: Okay, if it were something to be shipped to every individual I would like it, but if it's to a Board as a group I think it's too much
 - Shannon Fredison: VU Bookstore of income, what is this income exactly?
 - Demi Acquoy: we have a deal with the bookstore. We get a percentage of their sales. It's a percentage that we get from them. I don't know the exact numbers right now. A couple years ago it was a lot higher but it gets lower every year due to decreases in book sales as a result of PDFs circulating.
 - Thierry Witschge: about the CoBo I think it's nice to get something but I don't see why they should get 100 euros more. Unless you have nothing to spend it on, don't make it higher, because I don't see why.
- **Demi Acquoy presents Committees**
- Questions
 - Sjoerd van den Assem: I think 400 euros for the Illusie is quite a lot, especially since there's no Mentor Day either. I don't know how that usually costs but where would the 400 euros go?
 - Demi Acquoy: The difference between mentor day and the goodiebags was minimal, so that's fine.
 - Sjoerd van den Assem: Then I think the 400 euros is fine.
 - Juli Dylla: For the Chronicles I think it's good if they get money. Also I think money from the CoBo could go there. I think more money from CoBo could go to committees. Then the Congrescie, I think they always need more money. Why not for 75 give them more money from the start. It's great to have it earlier and plan with it right away?
 - Demi Acquoy: We tried that, but all the leftover money goes to the Convention right now already and we put them higher in the beginning of the year. This is something that's going to cost. I suggest to find a way to make it work. I think we should really look into that. I don't want to start a discussion about this. This has been an ongoing topic. It's up to 75.
 - Sjoerd van den Assem: For some reason, every year gets more expensive for the convention, so that's why they keep needing more money. They always get more money and then end up needing even more.

- Sara Elfvengren: Was the invoice from the Chronicles larger than they expected or what happened?
 - Demi Acquoy: No, normally you hand in a budget and that is approved. They didn't send a final invoice yet to us, there's no solution without them getting more money. The printing process has not started yet because the money is not sorted out.
 - Sara Elfvengren: Also about the Wintersportcie, was this discussed in the GBM?
 - Demi Acquoy: No, it happened the beginning of this week.
 - Liz Masselink: The Illusie is getting 400 euros from us. You do know that they have money left always?
 - Demi Acquoy: Mentor weekend is really expensive. It's 7200 they're getting from the Faculty.
 - Liz Masselink: I totally forgot about that. I would keep in mind for next year that it's not really usual to give money to the Illusie because they have Faculty money.
 - Demi Acquoy: We decided to do this because we looked into committees that needed money right now.
 - Liz Masselink: Okay I totally get it for this situation, just for in the future to take into account.
- **Demi Acquoy presents Board expenses**
- Questions
 - Sjoerd van den Assem: Shouldn't porto print be 900 income and 900 expenses?
 - Andrew de Ruiten: What part was the Google Drive in again?
 - Demi Acquoy: Fixed costs.
 - Andrew de Ruiten: You guys now have Google Drive. The higher one costs 100 a year I think. Is that in here already?
 - Demi Acquoy: No, you'd get 1 TB extra for 100 and we could get a hard drive with more capacity for less money, so we don't know yet what we're going for. Dropbox was 2 TB so we would go down on that then. It's way easier to use Drive.
 - Andrew de Ruiten: I would advise to use two Drives then.
 - Amelia Beloeuvre: I almost lost the yearbook due to how bad hard drives actually are. I want to stress that Google Drive is better, it's a good investment if you do something online.
 - Demi: Yes, we're looking into things but this came up last week so we haven't decided yet. Thanks for your remark.
 - Pieter Braak: I also suggest going for a cloud service because they are safer and very ongoing at the moment. Also with my eye on privacy.
 - Andrew de Ruiten: Check for sure, but I think VU accounts have unlimited capacity, maybe look into getting a VU account.
 - Demi Acquoy: Can you mention this in the meeting tomorrow, Martijn van der Zee?

- **Demi Acquoy presents Investments**
 - Questions
 - Liz Masselink: I saw that you're lowering the transaction costs, but you're also paying transaction costs for introduction week and assigning PayPal. Is that expensive?
 - Demi Acquoy: They have a delay with Mollie. We wanted to put it on because people cannot pay as internationals without PayPal.
 - Liz Masselink: It's great, but I don't think it's wise to decrease it because the iZettle during the introduction week will have a lot of transaction costs as well.
 - Demi Acquoy: It's very stable right now and there wasn't much increase. I think it's a waste of money if we keep it on 300.
 - Sara Elfvengren: Would it be good to spend money on a new chess Board for the VPSVU room? And plants are very nice also.
 - Sjoerd van den Assem: For the website, you mentioned doing well or doing not at all. Do you think it's a feasible post to leave there next year?
 - Demi Acquoy: We were granted a lot of money from the Faculty and I think that we should spend this on the website. It could be on there, but could also be in other posts, such as covering for the Chronicles.
 - Sjoerd van den Assem: I mean to keep the post or not. Do you think such an amount on such a post is enough or should we take it off?
 - Demi Acquoy: We put it on here in case you're in dire need of it. If you don't have any money on it you don't have options and now you have the option to do it. We also had nothing to change on the website after the big investments 73 made.
- **Demi Acquoy presents Active member rewards**
 - Questions
 - Sjoerd van den Assem: About committee ten, you get 777,66, but in the financial statement you had a virtual result of 740. Check your totals to see if that changes anything.
- **Demi Acquoy presents Totals**
- Demi Acquoy: We changed a few things in the break. Bavaria will be decreased to 750. We increased AMD to 1705 euros. Constitution drink will go to 800. We really want to do something with that money. I don't want to make any promises without discussing. AMD comes from Cobo and mini-events and we'll cut external relations. With the money for external relations we can cover up the money from Bavaria.
- **Demi Acquoy presents new totals.**
- Andrew de Ruiter: Great way of adjusting the budget in my opinion.
- Demi Acquoy: Thank you.

9. Voting

- Adjusted budget 2020-2021

- In favor: 32
- Against: 0
- Neutral: 2

- Iris Doodeman: That means that the adjusted budget is voted in. Thank you guys!

10. Calamity Plan

- Martijn van der Zee: In our policy plan we stated that we would make a calamity plan, which then can be used to react accordingly to any kind of crisis situations the VSPVU might come across. This plan should be seen as something you can fall back on if something should happen, to ensure there is somewhat of a quick and proper response. We have noticed this year that it can be quite hard to react to sudden situations and a lot of unexpected setbacks can arise. We of course know that, even with this plan, unexpected things can arise, but we believe that with a solid backbone (this Calamity Plan) a proper response is easier to achieve. We have made this plan for you, since a proper and timely actions in times of crisis are in your best interest, so please give us feedback if you should think of any. I will now go over all points of the Calamity Plan.
- **Martijn van der Zee presents article 8.1**
 - Questions
 - Sjoerd van den Assem: What level of calamity are you talking about.
 - Martijn van der Zee: It can be any kind. It can be a roof collapsing, a flood, an earthquake or a pandemic.
 - Pieter Braak: Is there any order of why you chose to put 8.2 where it is?
 - Martijn van der Zee: No.
 - Pieter Braak: Then I suggest working from less specific to more specific. An epidemic or pandemic would be very specific.
 - Martijn van der Zee: Yes, fair point.
- **Martijn van der Zee presents article 8.2**
 - Questions
 - Pieter Braak: I would add epidemic to pandemics as well. We can have epidemics with the same results in there. I would specify every communication channel with SMART formulation. And at 8.2.6 I would leave out the word 'maybe'.
 - Martijn van der Zee: Is it specific enough if we say use all communication channels that are used normally? Because Instagram might no longer exist in 10 years.
 - Casper van Tongeren: Maybe change it into "all active platforms".
 - Martijn van der Zee: Good addition.
- **Martijn van der Zee presents article 8.3**
 - Questions

- Giovanni Stickdorn: 8.3.2. Not all internationals have family here, so maybe change it into family members or roommates or friends.
- Amelia Beloeuvre: Do you guys have a form where people can put emergency contacts?
- Demi Acquoy: Every time you go somewhere out of Amsterdam, you have to fill this in.
- Amelia Beloeuvre: Maybe it's good if someone can fill in an emergency contact in their membership form that we can use.
- Andrew de Ruiter: I wanted to say this too. You can add an optional field to your information page. You can decide if it's mandatory.
- Sara Elfvengren: I agree that Giovanni Stickdorn's point is very good. It's good if someone in the Netherlands notifies them. If there's no-one in the Netherlands that can help, that would be the most useful point to have someone who can help. Calling my parents in Sweden wouldn't make any sense since they can't do anything and would take hours to get here.
- Iris Doodeman: Would you want your parents to also be notified? Just so that they know?
- Sara Elfvengren: Yes.
- Juli Dylla: I would make it up to that person if you want to contact anyone. This is why it would be good to voluntarily have people fill in the form.
- Demi Acquoy: So maybe it would be best to specify it as 'the provided emergency contact'?
- All: Yes.
- Casper van Tongeren: 8.3.3 mentions 8.3.4. and 8.3.6. which I think is weird because they should follow each other. 8.3.5. doesn't fit well into the section and it kind of floats in the middle, I suggest to put it before 8.3.3.
- Martijn van der Zee: That does seem logical to me.
- Sjoerd van den Assem: Maybe just a thought. Put in "if the Board doesn't decide differently", because if they decide that it doesn't fit the situation and they want to do differently, then they would be in the wrong, so I think that should be an option in this plan.
- Martijn van der Zee: Maybe make this a general point at 8.6.
- Sjoerd van den Assem: At 8.3.10, maybe add that the Board would have the final say or something. Should still be options to do things differently if the Board thinks it fits.
- Andrew de Ruiter: at 8.3.6, you say that committee members will be the search party. I can see the reasoning, but is this something that you should be willing to ask at that point from members?

- Martijn van der Zee: If a member is not capable of going, they should never go. Maybe we can add something like “if willing to do so”?
 - Andrew de Ruiter: Maybe add that it’s voluntary, because it could create pressure on people. I think that’s good to consider.
 - Sjoerd van den Assem: State it like “if able to perform said task”.
 - Damian Waij: Due to the way it’s worded, only the Board should call 112. If someone else does it, then you violate your own IR. Is that smart?
 - Martijn van der Zee: Does Sjoerds addition make this right, or would it be better to state it as “the Board ensures that 112 is called”?
 - Damian Waij: The last one.
 - Sara Elfvengren: At 8.3.9, would it be good to add that the person who does the headcount knows that you left.
 - Martijn van der Zee: This was intended for leave as a group. Maybe we should specify this.
 - Pieter Braak: I would make “call 112” a separate point, so not make it “get people to safety and call” but make it a separate point.
 - Sjoerd van den Assem: Yes, I agree.
 - Shannon Fredison: Sjoerd van den Assem said that maybe state that if the Board chooses to do so, but what if they have to follow rules from the VU, that would mean that the Board can deviate from the rules of the VU.
 - Sjoerd van den Assem: The way it’s stated is that the Board has final say in the actions. Of course the Board will follow the VU rules, that’s logical. They won’t deviate from that. If I were the Board and I didn’t want to follow these exact steps, then I wouldn’t be able to do anything differently without getting into trouble with the IR. If that option is stated, then the Board still has the option to choose what fits the situation best.
 - Karlo: I want to add to Sjoerd van den Assem. Because emergency situations are unpredictable, you shouldn’t be forced to stick to IR.
 - Martijn van der Zee: So maybe we can add that the Board has this final say due to the unpredictable side of calamities.
- **Martijn van der Zee presents article 8.4**
- Questions
 - Andrew de Ruiter: This might be a little too much the same, but I would specify “follow the steps of 8.3”. If it’s on location doesn’t specify what to do in this point. It can give clarity.
 - Martijn van der Zee: So “if on activity, see 8.3”. Shall I then also specify “if on event, see 8.3” and “if at an international event, see 8.5”.

- Andrew de Ruiter: Yes.
 - Pieter Braak: It says contact all members via social media, but I think that might be hard.
 - Martijn van der Zee: I think we should tactically scrap “all”
 - Selin Elcheik: Maybe change it to “all members involved”
 - Martijn van der Zee: The problem is that when you state “all” you have to go for all.
 - Pieter Braak: Just like in 8.1, it says guidelines and here it says that as well. I think you should include law somewhere too because it goes over guidelines
 - Martijn van der Zee: But the law is set baseline. Would including government in there cover your point?
 - Pieter Braak: I agree with you, I think.
 - Sjoerd van den Assem: What if the whole Board dies?
 - Giovanni Stickdorn: There’s no Board to follow regulations. I think that it’s out of our control then and then police should take over.
 - Sjoerd van den Assem: Add something like otherwise RvA will do it or former boards.
 - Martijn van der Zee: Shall I put at 8.6. “if no one at the Board is fit to take steps, then RvA or committee should take over if able to do said task”.
- **Martijn van der Zee presents article 8.5**
- Questions
 - Casper van Tongeren: 8.5.6. says “some Board members” , I would change that to “at least one”. Also I looked at a logical order of the main points. 8.1, then 8.4, then 8.3, then 8.5, then 8.2.
 - Amelia Beloeuvre: I wanted to ask if you guys have a training or practice for emergency situations or if that has to be set in place? Maybe this should be done for the future?
 - Martijn van der Zee: This might be organised by the VU in the future for all boards. This is a big might, though. This could be something to look into.
 - Amelia Beloeuvre; I think that would be good, if you can do it on the spot if necessary.
 - Andrew de Ruiter: 8.5.3 and 8.5.4 come back from previous segments. I would copy paste the content so that it’s the same exactly. To make it clear and comprehensive, please do this.
 - Martijn van der Zee: Yes. Good point.
 - Pieter Braak: There’s a lot of random full stops.
 - Martijn van der Zee: Maybe send them in an email along with spelling mistakes. It will be revised.
 - Amelia Beloeuvre: It’s just where you’re talking about people looking for missing people, maybe state that they need to get

back to the point where they started searching so that they don't end up getting lost too.

- Martijn van der Zee: Would Google Maps suffice?
- Amelia Beloeuvre: It would be anything that ensures them to actually come back. That could be something like find my phone or anything else that can be used to track. If you're in a new environment, you might not know how to get back.
- Andrew de Ruiter: I would suggest something like "and that the search party has a way of navigating back to the starting point" to the part where a search party goes out.
- Amelia Beloeuvre: 8.5.4. says that you want to give a safe radius when sending out a search party. Maybe it's nice to specify a distance?
- Martijn van der Zee: I think safe can be fixed by adding "never search through rubble". The distance I find hard.
- Thierry Witschge: Maybe you can specify it to that the perimeter will be specified on site.
- Sara Elfvengren: I like that.
- Casper van Tongeren: If we vote now, we'd be voting on the adjusted one, right?
- Martijn van der Zee: Yes.
- Damian Waij: The internal regulations overall already end with "a Board can make exceptions to the rules".
- Martijn van der Zee: I think stating it double is better than not stating it at all.
- Damian Waij: Good.

11. Voting

- Calamity Plan as article 8 of Internal Regulations
 - In favor: 28
 - Against: 2
 - Neutral: 2
- Iris Doodeman: This means that the Calamity Plan is voted in as Article 8 of the Internal Regulations.
- Giovanni Stickdorn: When would the voting be invalid or when would something be voted out?
- Martijn van der Zee: If against is higher than in favor, then it's voted out.

12. Corona update

- Martijn van der Zee: We finally have some proper news to share this time! The amount of people who get hospitalized is decreasing fast, the amount of vaccinations is strongly increasing; this leads to things opening up again. You can receive 4 guests at home, are allowed to be with 4 at pubs/restaurants etc. The VSPVU room has fortunately already been open for a while. We are allowed to have a total of 6 people inside, so come by if you're at the VU for class for example! Mandatory sign-up though when entering. But with these regulations we also hope all activities will be slowly going back to normal again.

13. Idea Box

- Martijn van der Zee: It says "pullenvullen/VSPVU pul" (Barcie?).
- Casper van Tongeren: In my year, we had a Borrel where we could buy your own pul with VSPVU printed on it. I want a new one.
- Martijn van der Zee: Thanks for the input.

14. Winner of the CoCo

- Martijn van der Zee: I will now announce the winner of the CoCo! The winner is the Wintersportcie, due to the fact that he had Bingo.
- Juli Dylla: Isn't it about presence as well?
- Martijn van der Zee: It is, but they just won over you.

15. Important Dates

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| a. 21 st of June – 2 nd of July: | Study Sessions |
| b. 1 st of July: | BBQ Borrel |
| c. 25 th – 31 st of August: | Introduction Week |
| d. 8 th of September: | General Meeting #1 |

16. A.O.B.

17. Questions

- Damian Waij: I want to compliment you for being optimistic throughout the year. Even though Corona was there, you kept organizing stuff.
- Martijn van der Zee: Thank you, Damian Waij!

18. Closing: 00:53