

AGENDA GM #1

08-09-2021

18:00 START

MF-FG1

1. Opening 18:15

2. Announcements

- Sara isn't here and authorizes Iris to vote for her;
- Maryam isn't here
- Maarten will be later and authorizes Shannon to vote until he arrives;
- Kirsten will leave early;
- Gijs isn't here and authorizes Giovanni to vote;
- Alexander misses part of the meeting between 7 PM and 9 PM;
- Patrick has to leave early.

3. Approval of Transcript

- Martijn: Are there any remarks on the transcript of the last GM?
- There are no announcements.

4. Approval of Agenda

- Martijn: Are there any remarks on the agenda?
- There are no remarks on the agenda.

5. Evaluation Policy Plan 2020-2021

a. Committee development

→ Hybrid committee names

- Martijn: 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. We also think the hybrid nature of the name makes it easily understandable for external companies and people who are new to the association.

→ Streamlining committees

- Martijn: 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. Eventually we ended up with 6 borrels instead of our planned 5. This was due to the fact that right after the lockdown had ended, we received an unexpected opportunity to host a borrel at the terrace of the Heeren and we took that chance. We went to two parties throughout the year, one of those was the gala and one was a highly altered version of the introduction party. All other decreases have been made.

→ Optimizing committees

- Martijn: 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 made two productions up until now: one was a react video and the other was a blindfold challenge. We aim to make a podcast still and must say, we had a lot of fun with this committee.

- Martijn: We had also changed the former Liftcie (the Hitchhike Committee) 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: In the past there were manuals to ensure that a new chairman could learn all about the committee, however, due to a lack of information in 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 all the presentations finished and they are ready to be given to the new chairmen.

→ Convention

- Martijn: All leftover money from the LEX, Opcie and the Pedcie will, as stated in policy, will go to the Convention.

→ Questions

- Sjoerd: Does that mean that all the Pedcie, LEX, Opcie events are before the 5th of October?

- Martijn: This is the date of the convention. The answer is Yes

- Demi: The LEX is tomorrow, the Pedcie has been disbanded and the Opcie the 22nd of September

b. Involvement

→ Committee ten budget

- Martijn: Due to corona we postponed our initial deadline to

apply for this budget, but after that all committees applied for it! People did a lot of nice things like an escape room, wine tasting, bierfiets etc. Thanks to everyone who used this money, we hope you had fun!

→ Member initiative

- Martijn: We had one member initiative, Men's day, last academic year and we have one more planned for you guys, more information about it will follow soon. Keep those in the back of your head.

→ General Meetings

- Martijn: We had decreased the amount of planned GMs in the year to three, compared to four as it used to be in previous years. We also tried out the CoCo and added three small assignments to the singular large assignment of the BotC; one time we even had four small assignments. Like said in last GM, we noticed that three GMs is too few throughout the academic year, due to the amount of large budget changes that can be made. Luckily we had an emergency GM in March, otherwise we would have had to wait until June to make any changes of significant size. Also we were partly happy with the CoCo which we instated; we mainly enjoyed the bingo, but other factors were a little messy or not perfectly worked out. Everyone of 74 liked the small BotC assignments beside the large one.

→ Questions

- No questions.

c. **Accessibility**

→ Corona regulations

- Martijn: For our academic year we had made multiple corona documents, which were all uploaded on our website. Seeing the current situation, we see that most of the content will be redundant upcoming year. However, for our year we viewed the documents as needed and useful.

→ VSPVU room workplace

- Martijn: In our policy we stated we would facilitate an option for committees to work in the room on committee stuff. People would have the opportunity to sign up for a shift of two hours at a time. We didn't implement this due to the room being closed for a large part and after that being open for a limited amount of people. This was also not an idea that we saw into fruition therefore.

→ Questions

- No questions.

d. **Promotion**

→ **LinkedIn**

- Martijn: As per policy, we updated our LinkedIn twice per month. We also acquired a Canvas page for promotion and a new platform called DoJoKo. Of the latter we still need to see if it will really hit off, due to it being a really new platform.

→ **Lecture Talks**

- Martijn: We unfortunately have, throughout the whole year, not been able to do physical lecture talks thus we did online ones. The last online lecture talk, due in June, was due to a communication error on our part not done unfortunately. This could have been prevented with more initiative from our side. However, we had also noted that the effectiveness of online lecture talks was really low and disappointing. We highly recommend physical lecture talks once possible or using Canvas in some way.

→ **Monthly Agenda**

- Martijn: Stefan uploaded the monthly agenda on time each month up until now.

→ **Monthly Compilation**

- Martijn: Stefan uploaded the compilation in unison with the monthly agenda, thus it was also on time.

→ **Promotion in the Room**

- Martijn: We had the policy point that we would show a slideshow with pictures of past events in the room, if no one else would want to use the computer on the TV screen. At first, we were unable to do this due to the room being closed. But after that we were inconsistent with showing it, which is disappointing. In the end the frequency of the slideshow might have been our downfall, it might have been better to show it once a week.

→ **Merchandise**

- Throughout the year we presented two merchandise products to sell, namely: the VSP-Pen and VSPVU socks! You can still buy them from us and we highly recommend both!

→ **Questions**

- Sjoerd: The policy plan that states that you will actively sell old merchandise, will you?

- Martijn: yes, we have made promotion for it.

- Sjoerd: Did it work?

- Martijn: As far as I know, we sold a coffee cup to Robin

- Kirsten: I sold one too

- Boaz: Are there still coffee cups?

- Martijn: yes

- Liz: to Sjoerd's question: what's interesting to know, did you sell them at events or did it work for you guys to do it this way?
- Martijn: as far as I know we sold quite an amount of socks at events, so I think that it's good to bring a small amount of merch to events. We also had the idea to bring the VSP-Plu's to Borrels, but we had online ones of course, so we didn't really have the opportunity much. But we did see sales, yes.
- Kirsten: I remember in our year we made a deal with the coffee corner for the coffee cups. Maybe you can tell the new board that they can do that.

→ **Members**

- Martijn: We aimed to get 51% of all first year students to become a member of the VSPVU, this meant 275 bsc members. We also aimed to get 55 master members. In the end we were 8 bachelor members short and 3 master members, giving us a total of 267 new Bachelor members and 52 Master members.

→ **New members**

- Martijn: In our policy plan we stated that we wanted to host one welcome to Amsterdam in the first semester and one in the second semester, due to internationals maybe coming to the Netherlands in January due to Corona. We did not do the first Welcome to Amsterdam due to a lack of sign-ups, which we think was due to it being online. And we did not host a second WTA due to it having to be online on our initial planned date. After the initial date we hoped regulations would soften while we would still have a spot in the year schedule, which unfortunately never happened. We did however organise an Outro Day for the current second years, as a compensation for people missing their own introduction week. This was something with which we could welcome "our" first years with in a different way.
- Demi: we organised the Outro Day together with 75.

→ **Study sessions**

- Martijn: Throughout the whole year we have unfortunately not been able to host physical study sessions. Throughout the year we created study related content for on Instagram to help you all through the hard times of studying for exams. We hope you still enjoyed the content we created, we enjoyed the making of it!

→ **Questions**

- Andrew: Did you hear anything about the second-year students how they experiences the outro day?
- Shannon: Since we were at the outro day as well, I though I'd

answer his question. On the day itself we got some feedback. I was the one to receive people and most of them said they never met anyone physically and at the beginning they really sat down and socialised. They had been doing online lessons all year and they were happy to have something physically instead of on screen. During the games some of them thought it took a little too long. The Borrel at night, they really liked it.

- Pieter: About the study sessions as an alternative online rather than physical. Do you think it's more benefit doing it online rather than physical?

- Martijn: I think those two could take place at the same time. They are that different. It was an alternative that doesn't come close to the physical version of it. It was just intended as something to make studying easier for other people. I think it could be combined.

e. External

→ Neighbour Associations

- Martijn: In our policy plan we stated that we would join two borrels from our neighbour associations, however the VIB was not really hosting any activities for a large part of the year due to corona and MFVU only had educational activities. We also saw that both associations were not really open to internationals at their events since they are Dutch only. Thus, we have not forced ourselves to their borrels, but have thus also failed this point. We advised last GM for the future to not do this anymore.

→ Drinking events outside of Amsterdam

- Martijn: We have had one drinking event outside of Amsterdam where a car was present (mentor weekend) and one Board member with a driver's license stayed sober throughout the event, as per policy.

→ Variation in Promotion Borrel Venues

- Martijn: There is one promotion borrel coming up, however that is the only promotion borrel in our year. Thus, we have not been able to ensure variation in the venues of these events over multiple committees.

→ Questions

- No questions

f. Internal

→ Deadline stay a member

- Martijn: We promoted the deadline to stay a member via Instagram and Facebook to remind people that they needed to

do so. We changed the procedure regarding this so people now have to cancel their membership manually.

→ **Calamity Plan**

- Martijn: We have made a calamity plan for the association to ensure a ready response to variety of situations.

→ **Questions**

- Andrew: A compliment. I saw the deadline to stay a member like 5 or 6 times, so good job for promoting it, especially on Canvas.

- Demi: Without getting complaints!

- Martijn: I was happy we could use canvas for that too, it's a handy platform for that.

- Sjoerd: Did you add the calamity plan to the internal regulations already?

- Martijn: I think I have forgotten this actually.

- Sjoerd: I think so too.

- Martijn: it will be uploaded tomorrow morning, sorry about this.

g. Continuation

→ **Whatsapp among active members**

- Martijn: We made a group chat among active members and also a Facebook group for first years pedagogical sciences and psychology. These, however, were not well visited unfortunately.

→ **Birthday & Christmas Cards**

- Martijn: We unfortunately have forgotten quite a few birthday cards over the academic year and have thus failed this policy point. We have sent Christmas cards and Easter cards to all active members.

→ **Pubcrawl before a Borrel**

- Martijn: We unfortunately have not been able to do a pubcrawl before a borrel, due to the small amount of physical borrels we have had throughout the year. With the BBQ borrel we theoretically had an option to host one, but we found that too much when also combined with the BBQ.

→ **Chairman contact before the GBM**

- Martijn: We stated we would contact all chairmen before the GBM to ensure we are on somewhat the same page. We have done this and found it very useful.

→ **Debit Card**

- Martijn: Every time the debit card has been used by Demi it has been checked by the vice treasurer.

→ **Alumni & Welcome to Amsterdam**

- Martijn: Like said before, we cancelled the first WTA. We did host an alumni borrel at the Woody's which we really enjoyed!

→ **Idea Box**

- Martijn: We still have the physical idea box in the room, which has been used once up until now.

→ **Consultations**

- Martijn: Throughout the year we participated in the consultations SSPN, LOOP, G5, UVO & FSOGB. FSOGB changed somewhat however in our year due to low participation. We're curious to see what that will bring for 75. 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**

- Sjoerd: First of all, no stress about the birthday cards, it's not in the policy plan on the website. Also, I missed it but did you contact the chairmen before the Monday?

- Martijn: Not necessarily the Monday, but we did it before the GBM's.

- Sjoerd: Your policy plan says Monday

- Iris: That's outdated, then the wrong version is still on the website. It's supposed to state "before the GM".

- Liz: Do you have any tips how you can make sure to send birthday cards on time?

- Demi: I put them always in the board meeting agenda and I wrote them on the Monday itself. In your year the calendar in the room worked, right?

- Liz: Yeah, I was thinking if your system didn't work, really think of something else

- Kerem: The birthday cards are in the English Policy Plan, not in the Dutch one, so that explains everything

- Sjoerd: One question before we move on. Is there anything that you did outside of the policy plan that's noticeable

- Stefan: I tried to find out why the icons aren't corporate identity, and I figured out why, but I couldn't fix it. If someone wants to proceed with it: the icons are transparent. They are PNG files and aren't compatible with the CMYK format.

- Demi: Stefan made tutorial clips for 75 explaining everything

on the website and how to make posters and such. I think that's a great addition to trainings.

- Stefan: I also did it for committee members. I made tutorial videos about issues that usually show up when making posters. Hopefully it will be easier to make promotion for committee members from now on.

- Demi: I added Paypal to the website and it works pretty well.

- Liz: these things are very mentionable yes.

- Martijn: I was involved in making the alcohol policy at the vu and I really tried to fight for the things we normally do, such as Barcies.

- Liz: How did the year go in general. What were things that went really well or didn't go as well. Can you tell us a little more about how everything went? I think you did so much more than your policy plan and that's worth mentioning.

- Martijn: We had exam trainings, which had a mistake from our part, but they were still very well-visited and attracted a lot of members, so we really advise to do that again.

- Martijn: We always tried to come up with alternative events if something had to be cancelled, that happened a lot, and we still wanted to offer the students something if an event was cancelled or moved.

- Martijn: we had a Master market with SSPN, we made the Master Guide with LOOP, we had the Vsp-family to combat student loneliness, which had mixed success, but we felt that we should try to do what we can to help. We were involved in setting up the student well-being desk. Also, we had emergency meetings with UVO for well-being that was sometimes also with the executive board of the VU.

- Sjoerd: The member-wellbeing initiative, did you talk about it?

- Martijn: We gave active members a small well-being present if they had something going on

- Sjoerd: Also, will you advice 75 to continue with the VSP-Family.

- Martijn: if so, it would need to be highly altered. The way it is now, it loses its effect over time. Now that everything is opening up again, maybe it's not needed. It might be something that could be reinstated if everything does close down again.

- Boaz: Props for doing all this extra stuff. Especially the Master's market, it seemed really cool and I advise to do this next year as well.

- > Exam trainings: well-visited. Appealing to members
- > Always offering something in return if something is cancelled
- > Meet the committees Borrel
- > Master market SSPN
- > Mastergids LOOP
- > VSP-Family
- > Student well-being
- > Emergency meetings (extra UVO meetings met college van bestuur).

6. Financial Statement 2020-2021

a. Demi presents income

→ Questions

- Sjoerd: With the bank account interest, in case we get any good fortune and we become rich, the number would even be negative. How close to "rich boy association" are we?
- Demi: Ask again in January, then I'll know more. I hope Esther has paid the faculty declaration by then from the past 2 years.

b. Demi presents board activities

→ Questions

- Sjoerd: Is there still deposit money on mini-events?
- Demi: There is still some deposit money on there, but I think it's more than fair that 75 gets that money because they have to arrange it with Bavaria and we don't need that money anymore.

c. Demi presents committees

→ Questions

- Sjoerd: For the Illusie you end up at -€400 in the end or will that be 0?
- Demi: I have no clue where it will end up at this moment, sorry. I will know in January.
- Casper: Why is the flexible committee budget closed?
- Demi: Nobody made any amends on it, so it's closed now.

d. Demi presents board expenses

→ Questions

- Sjoerd: Sjoerd: For porto print board costs, they should all be 0.
- Demi: Yes.
- Sjoerd: For the board reimbursements, I was thinking that there would have been one more event, should it then be closed off?

- Demi: I want to reimburse either the convention and the reiscie, so there are still some events coming up we can reimburse it from. Also, if someone has some money left, they can reimburse it from something old.

- Liz: Why don't you reimburse anything from the whole past year and then close it off. I don't see the point in waiting until the Convention or the Reis and then reimburse it in January, I would just reimburse something else and just closing it off.

- Casper: I agree.

- Demi: Okay!

e. Demi presents investments

→ Questions

- Liz: About the transaction costs, you have it on 250 and you added PayPal. Now you didn't have as many events as normally would be, so is 250 enough money on transaction costs including paypal right now, or do you think it should be more?

- Demi: I have to look into that more. I will do that and give some advice to 75 on that. It gets used a lot

- Andrew: what would you recommend 75 to do with the website money? Double it up or?

- Demi: you did really well on the website, so we didn't need anything. If you want to do something with it, you will have to invest like a 1000 and then pay a higher amount of fixed costs a month. If you want to know what 75 is going to do with it, you have to wait for their budget. I'm not going to spoil it.

f. Demi presents active member rewards

→ Questions

- Liz: About the active member clothing. I was wondering how you experienced that people were requesting it after the deadline? Would you advise to do multiple deadlines or is it a hassle to do it in two times?

- Demi: it wasn't a hassle. The people who came after the deadline didn't get the discount. It was mostly the people that joined the committees later that still wanted to sweaters, so that's why I allowed for another order

- Sjoerd: For the member well-being. Do you recognize this will be something that will be useful for next year even though we hopefully won't be that troubled by the pandemic anymore?

- Demi: I think that it's something beneficial to have in your budget, it's of added value to the members. We did it and we gave some feelgood gifts to some people and I think that it's good as a board to acknowledge that you're there for your

members and we got really nice messages about it as well. So, if you have money left on your budget, then go for this.

g. Demi presents totals

→ Questions

- Liz: What are your unforeseen expenses?
- Demi: We only had 81 euros of unforeseen expenses, which was from the batch of PostNL. I forgot to ask where to put them.
- Liz: Yes, put them on unforeseen expenses.

7. KasCo 2020-2021

- Martijn: that was our financial statement, I want to give the word to our Kasco, so Liz and Sjoerd can come forward.
- Sjoerd: we were checking the finances and receipts and we did our semi-final check today and everything is pretty much done. We're going to give our advice on whether or not to give the 74th board discharge. I think there's some miscommunication about what it means. It means that they will no longer be financially responsible for the association anymore. Don't think that if you don't give them discharge, the board will not be gone, because they will. Overall, we didn't see any big things financially, so overall I advise for a discharge
- Liz: question for you guys, how did you like the online reimbursement forms? Normally you'd have to go to the room for that, but now that everything was closed, everything was online. I know Andrew filled in a lot of those. I was wondering how you experienced it
- Andrew: Remark about this. I think it was nice to at least have it online. If you were to do this permanently, I would make a website form for it. I don't know if that's useful when the room will be open again like normally.
- Revathi: I think it's really convenient to have it online, also if you order something online, it's easy to screenshot it and then just send it straight away.
- Juli: I think it was handy and that it should be useful
- Boaz: Keep it, it might be useful in the future
- Sjoerd: for next year, if you're an active member, reimburse your stuff within 2 weeks, please.

8. Voting

- Discharge of the 74th Board
In favor: 27
Neutral: 2
Against: 0
- Iris Doodeman: This means that the 74th Board has officially gotten their discharge. Thank you so much everyone!

9. Policy Plan 2021-2022

- Giovanni: Before we continue, I'd like to have a round of applause for the 74th Board.
- People applause.
- Selin starts with the presentation of the Policy Plan.
Mentions that there are Spelling mistakes and that these can be sent to the board mail.

a. Preface

- Selin reads out the preface.

→ Questions

- There are no questions.

b. Introduction

- Selin reads out the introduction.

→ Questions

- There are no questions.

c. Current State of Affairs

- Selin reads out the current state of affairs.

→ Questions

- Sjoerd van den Assem: How do you know it will be less members this year?
- Selin Elcheik: We just assume.
- Sjoerd van den Assem: In the part with Athena Summaries; change it to third parties and not explicitly say "Athena Summaries", since they might go bankrupt for example which will cause the cooperation to be distinguished.
- Selin Elcheik: Yes.
- Casper: In the first paragraph you mention the examples of drinks and snacks. I would edit this due to work space environment. In the third paragraph you mention "this will lead"; this might be better changed to "may lead". I would change "previous years" to "years prior to the numerus fiscus". In the last point in the second paragraph, you mentioned that you'd like to connect with members through social media platforms and you name a bunch. Mention a few names with "such as" in front of it, since now you are limiting yourself to using all and only these social media platforms and not more.
- Liz Masselink: I would change it to various social media platforms.
- Selin Elcheik: Thank you for your questions and comments.
- Liz Masselink: Maybe it is just in my head, but referring to the last paragraph: if you don't say that you don't want to be a member anymore, then you stay a member?

- Selin Elcheik: Yes.
- Iris Doodeman: Only for the people that signed up in the second half of the last year and later than that. It doesn't apply to all members.
- Demi Acquoy: The whole reason why it changed is on the website, so if people want to ask questions, they can refer to that.
- Selin repeats what has been discussed for the people online and summarizes what has been discussed.
- Demi Acquoy: Can you specify what has happened during Covid-19 since it was less than only the room being closed and less events? Can you also specify more about the membership? There are 3 different types of members now; the ones that signed up before the yearly contribution, some that have to pay yearly contribution and tick the box and some that have to say if they don't want to stay a member.
- Iris Doodeman: About the last paragraph, why did you choose October 25th? We already set a deadline for tonight. I was wondering about your choice on that.
- Selin Elcheik: Yeah, about that, that was my mistake.
- Revathi Renil: The deadline for today is staying a member and the 25th is for canceling your membership.
- Iris Doodeman: I am wondering why that late and on a different day than the other deadline.
- Selin Elcheik: We thought it would be better to have it later since people are usually late with stating that they'd want to stay a member.
- Iris Doodeman: It is more confusing for your secretary, but it is up to you what you do.
- Selin Elcheik: Thank you! We will consider this.
- Sjoerd van den Assem: Maybe write down the points so you don't have to read the whole transcript again.

d. **Policy Plan**

- Selin reads out the policy plan.
 - **Questions**
 - There are no questions.

e. **Committee Development**

- Selin reads out committee development.
 - **Streamlining of Committees**
 - **Optimizing Committees**
 - **Questions**
 - Thierry Witschge: The elephant in the room for me is the Bartscie and the OPEX. I am strongly against changing names

again this year. Last year when 74 was voted in, I asked if we can stop changing committee names. If we change them again this year, it will be the 4th year in which we are changing committees. I am not complaining, but I have some ideas. I think you can keep the name Lex and say that they will also be organizing excursions so that it does not lose its identity. And the Bartscie is a bit weird...why not make it a bar committee which will have parties or a party committee which organizes barcies. Next year we might have a full board again, so people might get confused. We are losing a big part of our identity already.

- Selin Elcheik: I get your point, we wanted to keep the names of both in a way and that's why we combined them e.g. Opcie and Lex is OPEX. I get your point, especially with regards to the Barcie and Feestcie. There it was again the same reason, wanting to give each committee their own chance to shine. I think this will definitely be reconsidered."

- Thierry Witsche: I think my main question is if it is necessary?

- Selin Elcheik: No, it isn't.

- Shannon Fredison: How would you guys feel if we said e.g. Party & Bar committee?

- Juliane Dylla: I like the idea of combining the committees. With the names I agree that I wouldn't go with Bartscie, but I like the approach on combining committees. I think it is nice if we keep both names. I am okay with e.g. Barcie & Feestcie.

- Selin Elcheik: Yes, the combinations will stay the same, but the names can be kept yeah.

- Juliane Dylla: Yeah, that the committees are kept and that they organize events for both sides.

- Selin Elcheik: Yeah, I think it might be difficult to have too long names.

- Liz Masselink: Because we are combining committees, the Wintersportcie is still there and is also combined, but the committee will still be called Wintersportcie, even though it is organizing a weekend away. Why would we then not call it the Wintersportcie + Weekend away?

- Selin Elcheik: The Wintersportcie is different because we did not specify the weekend away. It's not for example specifically a hitchhike weekend or the Rallycie where you with cars. But I guess you're right. With the Wintersportcie it is different though, because with the Bar and Feestcie it is the case that one organizes the bars and the other the parties and the gala. The weekend away, which will be organized by the Wintersportcie this year, doesn't have a theme or a concept related to the other trip committees. It

can be reconsidered definitely.

- Liz Masselink: I think one name would be fine.

- Selin Elcheik: Thank you, we will discuss this.

- Casper van Tongeren: I want to add to keep the names simple yet complete, so capture what the committee does. I would go for Party committee, since bars are always present at parties and I would go for Lex, since lectures and excursions are also included in the Lex.

- Selin Elcheik: The Opcie also organizes career days so I wasn't sure how it would fit in.

- Casper van Tongeren: They also organize lectures during career says.

- Selin Elcheik: Okay.

Selin Elcheik repeats and summarizes for the people online.

- Kirsten Koolhof: On the Dutch website it says 10 committees; there is one missing from the list. And why are you not just calling the Wintersportcie the Reiscie?

- Selin Elcheik: Since the main essence is still the Wintersport weekend and the weekend away is smaller. The theme and how the weekend away will be is still up to the committee. They could for example keep the theme of Wintersport, and we want to keep the Wintersportcie, since it is still the biggest event they are organizing.

- Demi Acquoy: They have been thinking about this for many weeks. Think about how you want to call the names of the events e.g., Feestcie organizes Feestcie #1 or Barcie #1.

- Sjoerd van den Assem: You can call it party by Party committee or borrel by Party Committee etc.

- Karlo Welch: I understand that combining committees is essential, but you can call it Borrelcie, since they both organize borrels. You can call the Wintersportcie the Tripcie, since they are also doing a weekend away; it is more general.

- Selin Elcheik: I don't know if it would make a lot of sense since the Feestcie also organizes the gala for example. With the Wintersportcie since up until March the focus is on the ski trip and after that will be a small weekend away, the main focus of the name is the Wintersport.

- Casper van Tongeren: That would also be changing names.

- Demi Acquoy: Maybe they can discuss this with the 3 of them and come back to it.

- Selin Elcheik: Yes, I think that makes sense.

- Boaz Emanuels: I agree with Casper, keep the names.

- Josefina Huth: I just realized that the career days are in that, now I am wondering if the workload is still the same or higher.

- Selin Elcheik: I think this should be discussed with your contact person. This is why we added 2 new members.
- Josefine Huth: It was not communicated to me.
- Liz Masselink: The career days are organized with a lot more people, it is really not that bad. The board will also help you with that, it will be fine. It is out of your budget so money wise will be fine.
- Sofia Mendez Quirós: Keep in mind that the Barcie and Wintersportcie have chairs as well.
- Selin Elcheik: Yes, all of the chairs that have committees have been contacted and we have done our best to accommodate the chairs. This has been done quite a while ago, since we know that this is not what the chairs signed up for. These points were written after consulting with the chairs. There were some miscommunications but the chairs are aware and mostly okay with this.
- Kirsten Koolhof: On the Opcie and Lex part; why did you also say that they have to do 5 events?
- Selin Elcheik: We discussed it this way since the career days will be the only big event, this is not binding but that the chairs can have an idea.
- Kirsten Koolhof: How many do you expect from them?
- Selin Elcheik: In total you mean?
- Kirsten Koolhof: Yes.
- Selin Elcheik: Including the Career days, 5 events. But this can be 4 so that the Lex can shine and to give an opportunity to the Opcie. This is how we thought would be best.
- Demi Acquoy: You cannot not do career days if Josie is not okay with it. Contact Esther, because the VSPVU has to help in the career days.
- Iris Doodeman: Also, about the Opcie, it says that one of them will be the career days for sure. Obviously, it is an initiative from the faculty, so if the faculty does not want to initiate it, you'd have to initiate it yourself since you stated here that you want to do it. So, rephrase it.
- Andrew de Ruiter: Maybe add "If the faculty wants to do it with the VSPVU" in the policy plan.
- Iris Doodeman: The first part of streamlining committees can be moved to policy continuation.
- Selin Elcheik: But didn't you organize 6 borrels and 4 parties? Oh yeah, you're right. I will be moving that then.
- Martijn van der Zee: In the paragraph after the one Iris mentioned, you say "...abolish the Reiscie", this is because you are with 3 people. I think you gave the wrong reason for abolishing

the Reiscie.

- Selin Elcheik: Okay, thank you for pointing that out.

- Martijn van der Zee: In the paragraph below that, you mention that the Webcie was successful; you mention that because of lack of members with you it will not be continued this year. It gives the idea that the board is naturally taking over this committee.

- Casper van Tongeren: In your 1st paragraph of streamlining committees, you mention destressing the year schedule. I had a look at the year schedule and I saw that it has 5 Lex events + 1 Opcie event which is a lot. The Barcie also has 6 events which is a lot.

- Selin Elcheik: The gala is not decided.

- Casper van Tongeren: Then I would remove the gala since now you're stating that there will be a gala.

- Boaz Emanuels: It says now opting for a gala and I think there should be a gala since we would be missing out since there isn't an event like this. The borrels are close to the parties. I would keep the gala since it is nice.

- Selin Elcheik: A lot of us feel like this as well, but the chair did not sign up for this so we don't want the chair to be forced to do the gala.

- Liz Masselink: It sounds like you guys already gave up on the gala right now. I would say do it one way or another. If it doesn't work out in the end, I get it. I would rather have one less Barcie and a gala. If they say they can't do another Barcie because they are it too busy with the gala, I would be okay with that.

- Lotta Heijnen: I did not sign up for the Feestcie.

- Liz Masselink: Oohw okay.

- Selin Elcheik: We just don't want to say that we will for sure have a gala and we are not sure if it will be manageable. It will be discussed further.

- Pieter Braak: Keep in mind that the committee is with 2 people extra so it possible to organize more stuff this year.

- Demi Acquoy: Maybe you can talk after your talk and edit in the policy plan if the chairs are also okay with that.

- Selin Elcheik: Yes, we don't want to move on with anything that the chairs are not comfortable with.

- Boaz Emanuels: "This committee will be organizing a weekend away", just edit the sentence.

- Maarten Gupffert: I read here that the ski trip committee will have 2 borrels instead of 3. How do I know this now?

- Selin Elcheik: Last time I discussed it with you, you okay'd it.

- Sjoerd van den Assem: Can we keep the personal conversations to a minimum? I wouldn't like to sit here till 3 in the morning. A

reunion borrel is not a promotion borrel since it is after the event. Why choose the Wintersportcie and what is the reasoning around it? Will you increase members?

- Selin Elcheik: There have been 2 members added because of the weekend away. We chose it because it already had a chair and already booked the trip. Meanwhile, the Reiscie didn't have anything yet. We thought this would be fair. The Wintersport Weekend is one of the most well-visited events of the year.

- Sjoerd van den Assem: It says 4 bar events; will those be at the VU or at a bar?

- Selin Elcheik: The VU doesn't allow for alcohol to be consumed on campus, we will have to see what will happen with the regulations. Right now, it looks like it will have to be at a bar.

- Sjoerd van den Assem: In the beginning, it says something about changing due to covid, in that regard change it. If you're going to include the Wintersportcie, put it in there as well.

- Selin Elcheik: Thank you, I will add it.

f. **Involvement**

- Selin reads out involvement.

→ **Questions**

- Martijn van der Zee: About the exception dates, what can I expect with this? Like how many days etc.?

- Selin Elcheik: The room is for sure open from 11 to 4 on weekdays. If there is a day that someone wants to do a longer shift, this will be communicated.

- Martijn van der Zee: As you phrase it now, it is a coincidental thing. One other thing, why only notify people on WhatsApp and Facebook? Why not Instagram?

- Selin Elcheik: Facebook might not be used as much. Mostly active members come into the room, but yes, Instagram can be added to this. I changed something with the exception dates, it might be rephrased because I made some last-minute adjustments.

- Demi Acquoy: Just say social media instead of Facebook. End of discussion.

- Amelia Beloeuvre: There is no 29th of February.

- Selin Elcheik: Thank you for pointing that out.

- Kirsten Koolhof: I would change active member weekend into active member activity.

- Robin van den Berg: How come the opening hours are now 11 till 4?

- Selin Elcheik: Because we are only 3 people, we don't want to have to implement longer times and not be able to fulfill those. Right now, it will usually be 2 people in the room. We want to

have set times and edit just in case we can have more people in the room.

- Robin van den Berg: Now in the new time slots' we have breaks at 10:30, so we could come in for breaks then.

- Selin Elcheik: We'll look into that.

- Stefan Canic: Speaking from experience, it is difficult to keep the room open. I get Robin's part as well though.

- Selin Elcheik: For example, if only one person is having a room shift, it will be very difficult.

- Demi Acquoy: When a committee hosts an event, the contact person has to be present, you don't have to put that in your policy plan.

- Selin Elcheik: We wanted to clarify that not the whole board has to be present.

- Demi Acquoy: The piece about member initiative; I would erase the first sentence of it.

- Iris Doodeman: About the contact person being present, even if it has to be moved, I would rephrase it to one of the board members has to be present, because one of you might become sick and not make it to an event as a contact person.

- Selin Elcheik: Yeah, that is how it was first, we changed it after some discussion and feedback.

- Sjoerd van den Assem: In the first paragraph, I would say maybe since you're with the 3 of you, an RVA member can open the room. Also mention that you guys are not open during holidays (also school holidays). Because now you're only putting national holidays.

- Amelia Beloeuvre: What if we don't have member initiatives? Like will you encourage people to put things in the idea box if you think it'll be something beneficial for the association.

- Selin Elcheik: It is stated in the promotion plan. We will get to your point soon.

→ **General Meetings**

- Selin Elcheik reads out general meetings.

→ **Questions**

- Shannon Fredison: The 3rd GM will be added to the year schedule.

- Sjoerd van den Assem: "COCO (Commitment Committee) will be discarded"; this sentence is redundant. Just put down 4 GM's. And the point about the GM's and committees, how will this add anything?

- Selin Elcheik: We feel it would be a good idea to give a bit of an overview so people know what's going on. It gives committees a chance to show what is going on. Gives people more info about the

committees for people coming to the GM's. Can also be helpful for recruiting new active members. It is a good way to keep people updated about what is going on in the association and committees.

- Sjoerd van den Assem: My only point with that is what more will you add without giving confidential information? E.g., the Lex will not be giving away their theme of their events. What more will they mention in the GM's?

- Revathi Renil: E.g., we can still say the Lex has a new member, that they have decided on a theme, speaker etc. without revealing the theme. We want to keep people who are not active, involved in it since this might want to be active in future years.

- Selin Elcheik summarizes and repeats for people on Zoom.

- Martijn van der Zee: In the first paragraph you say points will be appointed, clarify if you mean BOTC points. Why go for 2 instead of 3?

- Selin Elcheik: Since in my experience, the small assignments took quite some time as well and weren't really small. Generally, people found that it was a bit hard to complete everything since the small assign could be a bit intricate.

- Martijn van der Zee: Cool thanks, wanted to know.

- Iris Doodeman: Under the point of general meetings, you can rephrase it to 4 planned GM's, because otherwise you can't do more if needed. I wanted to comment on Sjoerd's part about committees mentioning information in the GM's, that I agree. It would be horrible for the chairmen because they hear the same information twice. I don't think it adds much and removes exclusivity to be in GBM's. You're making the GBM less attractive in that way.

- Selin Elcheik: It will be the contact persons giving a small overview about all their committees.

- Revathi Renil: It could also increase attraction of coming to a GM. Maybe it is a bit redundant that only chairs know all information. It is about recruiting more people, increasing transparency. In my own experience, getting to know the board more made me more attracted to the GM's.

- Boaz Emanuels: I think it increases willingness to attend GM's. I think if people attend more, people will want to be active if they get a glimpse of what committees are doing. I have been missing this for a few years now.

- Selin Elcheik repeats and summarizes for Zoom.

- Liz Masselink: I also think this is a good idea. I get that not everything can be mentioned in GM's. Is it also allowed for chairs if they struggle with things, that they can ask questions during GM's? Usually, they ask stuff like this in GBM's.

- Revathi Renil: As long as it respects confidentiality. If a chair is saying for example that they are struggling with a member, I think it is fine.
- Liz Masselink: I think it is also handy for a chair of the Feestcie to ask in the GM if people have ideas for locations.
- Demi Acquoy: 69 or 70 also had something like this in their policy, they also evaluated how many people joined events. Will you include that as well?
- Selin Elcheik: We had it in there first.
- Demi Acquoy: Check the transcript of their last GM.
- Revathi Renil: Previous years were not in a corona year. People were less involved, so it is also to increase transparency that has been lacking. People were not involved as before.
- Selin Elcheik repeats and summarizes for Zoom.
- Martijn van der Zee: There are things you do outside of the policy plan, will you add this in your GM's as well then to make the board sound more attractive?
- Shannon Fredison: That is a really good point.
- Selin Elcheik: Good point.
- Boaz Emanuels: I understand that chairs can ask advice etc., please be careful with that.
- Selin Elcheik: Yeah, we won't make it specific.
- Boaz Emanuels: Keep an eye out for that though.
- Selin Elcheik: I think that should be discussed with chairs beforehand.
- Revathi Renil: The committees will be presented by the contact people, so we will already be talking to the chairs.
- Iris Doodeman: Small remarks based on what Boaz said; leave the social part out of it and only talk about logistics. Make it a clear boundary.

g. **Promotion**

- Selin reads out the text under promotion.

→ **Questions**

- Sjoerd van den Assem: Skip the examples. You already mentioned before that you will not use corporate identity for Instagram stories.
- Demi Acquoy: Specify that the Summer is from 21st of June until the 21st of September. Don't do all member initiatives on canvas, sine canvas is for educational purposes only.
- Selin Elcheik: Here we meant promoting that there is the availability to do member initiatives. Demi said that upcoming one is a wine tasting by Sjoerd, which is an alcoholic event. This is not

done on Canvas since it is an alcoholic event. Just so that more people are aware that member initiatives are a thing.

→ **Lecture Talks**

- Selin reads out the lecture talks.

→ **Questions**

- Sjoerd van den Assem: This one sentence says absolutely nothing. It is very many ifs and hopes, make it concrete otherwise you cannot fail it or achieve it. Shorten for example the promotion in the room sentences. Keep it short and brief, it will then be much clearer.

- Selin Elcheik: Thank you for the suggestion, I think it could increase involvement.

- Selin Elcheik repeats and summarizes for people on Zoom.

→ **Monthly Compilation**

- Selin Elcheik reads out Monthly Compilation.

→ **Questions**

- A big elephant walks into the room.

- Martijn van der Zee: I love the highlights.

- Liz Masselink: I think you are stating to do a lot of things here. If you miss a day or some point your whole policy point is failed.

- Stefan Canic: Be aware that the monthly agenda should be posted in the beginning of the month really, since some events might be happening early.

→ **Promotion in room**

- Selin Elcheik reads out promotion in the room.

→ **Questions**

- Amelia Beloeuvre: You can put a sign on the blackboard e.g., about events that will come up that week and have their poster in the room. It is always fun when Instagram pages are interacting with their followers, look into that e.g., quizzes. Could be fun. The highlights are also nice. Are there any other places at the VU where you can put posters?

- Selin Elcheik: We can look into that.

- Amelia Beloeuvre: I know a lot of psychology students who would like to join events but just don't go to the room. Especially if you want non-members.

- Selin Elcheik: I agree.

- Juliane Dylla: There is an email address that you can mail and they will put it on their screens in the main building. You can definitely promote the VSPVU and educational events. We did it for the convention in my year and it really helped.

- Demi Acquoy: You can put posters in the room and on the bulletin board outside the room. But not in other locations.
- Stefan Canic: Why?
- Demi Acquoy: That is the rule.
- Revathi Renil: You have to ask permission for other locations. It is allowed but you have to ask permission.
- Martijn van der Zee: Me and Stefan had a meeting with the CM of the VU and they seemed really open to collaborating with us. It is recommended to set up a meeting with them early in the year.

h. Members

- Revathi Renil: There is a little mistake. 406 should be changed to 300 and 20 stays the same.

→ New members

- Selin Elcheik reads out members and new members.

→ Questions

- Demi Acquoy: New members: you already have 20 new master students; will you increase this amount? I am missing the amount of yearly contribution members you are expecting this year.
- Revathi Renil: it will be 400.
- Selin Elcheik: I will add that.

→ Study sessions

- Selin Elcheik reads out study sessions.

→ Questions

- Demi Acquoy: Study sessions why only left it for the week before exam week? If you do it during exam week it is nice if the VSPVU books a room where people can study, you don't have to bring snacks etc.
- Selin Elcheik: When we were writing this, we thought it might be a bit hectic.
- Revathi Renil: Are we the expected to be there?
- Demi Acquoy: No, you don't have to be in the room the whole time.

→ Active member of the month

- Selin Elcheik reads out member of the month.

→ Questions

- Demi Acquoy: Regarding active member of the month, you base this on chairs of the committees. They can't be active member of the month then?
- Selin Elcheik: It is so that other people in the association can also get some recognition.

- Demi Acquoy: Decide on active member of the month as a board. You don't need anyone to feedback.
- Selin Elcheik: Sometimes we don't see how much work is really being done in a committee, we thought chairs would know more.
- Demi Acquoy: You know a lot, you are there in the meetings.
- Selin Elcheik: Okay, then we can edit that.
- Sjoerd van den Assem: What will you do with the Easter cards?
- Selin Elcheik: We can do general holiday cards. We think that Christmas is really close to Hannukah so that is why.
- Sjoerd van den Assem: For the study sessions, it is very specific, why do you book the room only for 5 hours and not the whole day? Rephrase it cause now it looks like they are in the VSPVU room. How will you make sure people are not feeling left out when choosing member of the month?
- Selin Elcheik: The 5 hours thing is because we thought we'd have to be present at the study sessions and that is why we limited to 5 hours. We will revise this. With people feeling left out, I feel like people will more appreciated than left out because I feel like it is a good way to motivate people to do more and be more involved.
- Revathi Renil: A point to mention is that there is also still the BOTC. At the end of the day, we are all adults and there is a lot of appreciation for active members generally. It is the same idea as you had for member wellbeing, it is just a small token of appreciation, we will re-emphasize that.

→ **Active Member Participation Certificate**

- Selin Elcheik reads our participation certificate.

→ **Questions**

- Sjoerd van den Assem: The way it is phrased right now for active member certificate is that it will be given to the committee members by the contact person. What if the contact person is not present at the last GM?
- Selin Elcheik: The board will then hold onto it.
- Sjoerd van den Assem: And who will give it to RVA and KASCO?
- Selin Elcheik: We will.
- Casper van Tongeren: We were the last board that did member of the month. We didn't do active member of the month but also people who were not in committees but still very involved. Also implement member of the month. Be as vague as possible about who you will pick. There was quite a bit of jealousy regarding people who were picked. Be very careful in your selection process. To solve the last sentence of active member certificate, just say it

will be given in end of the academic year.

- Selin Elcheik: Yes, thank you.

- Thierry Witschge: Have you already told why this adds something to the association?

- Selin Elcheik: We think it will increase involvement and that people will want to do more in the association. We think that it will be good for encouragement, motivation and also there are a lot of people that do a lot for committees and do not get recognition.

- Thierry Witschge: This has been done before and not done later for reasons, what makes you think it is a good idea to bring it back? Since Casper just stated there was a lot of jealousy. Don't you think it will be a popularity vote?

- Selin Elcheik: We will be at all the events and will see who is doing what etc. That is why we don't make it a voting. I don't think it will be a popularity contest.

- Thierry Witschge: Don't you think it is for people that aren't that involved yet?

- Revathi Renil: Part of the reason that we want to bring this up again is due to the lack of involvement during the corona year. Also, a big reason is because we also feel like there are often people that are picked a lot. We want people to learn new people and names. We want to look for people that are more like wall flowers. Let's say you are never really noticed but you are there and trying, then we will try to bring more light and more people will get to know you.

- Kirsten Koolhof leaves the meeting and authorizes Liz Masselink to vote.

- Robin leaves the meeting.

- Shannon Fredison: We want to make sure that people are not chosen over and over again.

- Selin Elcheik: It is not people just being present, but also active during their presence.

- Casper van Tongeren: It does show creativity in choosing people who are diverse. I really like the point Shannon made. I think the weight of positive vs negative; member of the month does more good than it does bad is what we concluded in my year. We are all adults, it is not serious.

- Selin Elcheik: Yeah.

- Kerem Özel: I'm one of the few people Casper's year chose. I was not popular at the time. I think things like these create

commitment. I became chair and board and that made me want to work even harder.

- Thierry Witschge: Thank you Kerem, this influenced me.
- Pieter Braak: Try it, if it doesn't work then stop halfway.
- Juliane Dylla: I think it is a good idea. Also, if a popular person deserves it, go for it.
- Maarten Gupffert: I like it a lot, specify between you guys how you will choose.
- Amelia Beloeuvre: About active member participation; what do you mean by reference?
- Revathi Renil: When I was working for a company, I also completed my training and got a certification, which I could use when applying for jobs. It is basically a reference from someone saying that you did and experienced a lot.
- Selin: I'm not sure if we can give this as a legitimate reference for your cv.
- Amelia Beloeuvre: You say reference or token of appreciation. Is it an "or"?
- Selin Elcheik: No, it is not an "or".
- Revathi Renil: We can make it a bit more clear.
- Amelia Beloeuvre: You can do a 2 in one thing. So, a token of appreciation and a reference.

i. **Policy Continuation**

- Selin reads out policy continuation.

→ **Questions**

- Demi Acquoy: Paragraph 3 is not a policy point so remove it.
- Selin Elcheik: The reason why we put in the 4th paragraph "one working day" is because sometimes there are not a lot of meetings.
- Casper van Tongeren: That is also not a policy point, remove it.
- Martijn van der Zee: The point in paragraph 5 is not a policy continuation, since it was not in our policy plan.
- Demi Acquoy: It was.
- Amelia Beloeuvre: Why only Canvas and LinkedIn and not other places?
- Selin Elcheik: Because this is specific to educational events.
- Iris Doodeman: The way it is stated here is that the education events and monthly agenda are posted at the same time Do you mean that they will be put in at the same time?

- Selin Elcheik: It is supposed to be "as well as".
- Revathi Renil: So basically, educational events and the monthly agenda are posted on these platforms.
- Amelia Beloeuvre: Regarding paragraph 6; It is great that you have found a new and fun interactive way. I don't know if a PowerPoint will have enough information though.
- Selin Elcheik: The PowerPoints are much more informative. I was involved in creating the one of the Chronicles.
- Amelia Beloeuvre: Why change it then?
- Selin Elcheik: Because it is easier to explain slide by slide instead of giving you a block of text.
- Revathi Renil: It is also more interactive.
- Amelia Beloeuvre: When will this be?
- Selin Elcheik: This will be communicated to you by your contact person.
- Revathi Renil: It depends because we couldn't have all the chairs of all committees yet.
- Sjoerd van den Assem: Write down PowerPoint, there is way too much text again.
- Andrew de Ruiter: Regarding paragraph 7; based on what you said before, this can be shortened.
- Selin Elcheik: Okay.
- Demi Acquoy: Change September to June, I will give more information about this later.
- Iris Doodeman: It says that if a member has an idea etc., I would understand that this member would have to send in a budget, but I don't think they can have a script by then when applying for a member initiative.
- Selin Elcheik: I think script was the wrong word. We meant more an overview or plan of the event idea.
- Iris Doodeman: So, a concept?
- Selin Elcheik: Yes.
- Martijn van der Zee: Let's say I am a first year student and have never seen a budget in my life and don't know how to make one, then does this mean that I can't organize an event?
- Selin Elcheik: No, they can come to the board and we will help.
- Liz Masselink: Regarding paragraph 8; All the points will be discussed after policy plan or after budget?
- Revathi Renil: After the budget.

j. **Epilogue**

- Selin reads out the epilogue.

- Karlo Welch leaves the meeting and authorizes Selin Elcheik to vote.

→ **Questions**

- Juliane Dylla: Sorry for asking this, I am asking this as an external person who does not have all the info. You guys really needed a new member. A person applied, we want to know if there is a public reason as to why he was not accepted?

- Revathi Renil: This person has not authorized us to say anything, we have worked on our Policy plan tiredly, a lot had to be changed. I don't think it is appropriate for us to discuss anything on behalf of this person.

- Selin Elcheik: It has also been discussed with this person quite intensively. I don't want it to seem like someone is being put on blast. We have no problems. If people's behaviors towards them is not nice because of this, we will tell them. We take this seriously. We don't want people to feel left out etc. I don't want it to come off that way. There are certain things that at the end of the day will not be revealed.

- Pieter Braak: I have a question. Can we conclude that you are not looking for a 4th board member now?

- Selin Elcheik: Yes, we can. We are not looking for a 4th member. The thing is that we have been preparing for this for the past 4 weeks. A lot of changes have been made to adapt to this 3-person board. It is very impractical to have a 4th person now. Everything has been set and done for the year and how it will be with 3 persons.

10. Financial Statement 2021-2022

→ **Income**

- Revathi Renil presents the proposed budget's income.

- Revathi Renil: We are hoping to have more book sales this year since people will come to the VU in person. We are hoping to get 300 new members. We already have 20 master students. We hope that people will renew their membership. We are happy to say that Athena has offered us a new deal. We hope sales will go up again with in person sales. They will give 50 Euros to us when they are late and miss a deadline. We hope to get more kegs, which will mean more money from Bavaria. During mentor weekend, we were not allowed to use kegs. We are only with 3 people this year, which is why the amount for sponsorship is set at this for now.

→ **Questions**

- Casper van Tongeren: The Bank account interest is 0 all over,

why is this still on the budget then?

- Revathi Renil: Yeah, if they decide to reintroduce it then we have it on the budget just in case. The budget that has been uploaded 2 weeks ago, but it has been changed a bit. The Dutch one had a mistake in layout that still has to be fixed.

- Casper van Tongeren: Athena Summaries sounds really good.

- Iris Doodeman: Regarding membership; we experienced a little crisis yesterday. What do you do if you don't have enough members?

- Revathi Renil: We have no specific plans yet, but will have a meeting and talk about our options. We have talked about talking to active members to talk to people in their course. Hying people up to come, making it more interactive. I have discussed with KASCO and 300 is a reasonable amount.

- Pieter Braak: Last year it was already really high, the 74th Board had to lower their amount of new members expectation. It is higher now than it has been on the old budget. I think it should be lower.

- Revathi Renil: Thank you, I will take it into consideration.

- Giovanni Stickdorn: Who will be sponsors?

- Revathi Renil: Well, DressMe is one of them. We have a few and we do not have someone for external in the board. We have planned to on a weekly basis contact a few people. This includes advertising for vacancies.

- Giovanni Stickdorn: Have you talked to the previous board about this?

- Revathi Renil: We will learn what to do in our external training.

→ **Board Activities**

- Revathi Renil reads out board activities.

- Revathi Renil: We have put more money into AMD since it is an easy way to put more money into active members that help make the association what it is. We haven't been able to host a proper AMW in 2 years, we want to make it extra special this year since we have the money for it.

Constitution drinks budget is how it is supposed to be.

Regarding transition weekend; we are an international board and we cannot as our parents to use their place for example for a location to spend the weekend at. We would like to use the money to get a nice place. We put more money into mini events to make it extra fun and cheaper. We put more money into board drinks since we want to be able to give more drinks to people.

→ **Questions**

- Thierry Witschge: Have you thought about possibly having

less income with less active members and less committees?

- Revathi Renil: It will be the same amount of people.
- Thierry Witschge: Okay.

→ **Committees**

- Revathi Renil reads out committees.
- Revathi Renil: The Actie usually struggles to spend their money so I didn't add money there. The Chonicles gets more money since this year will be the Lustrum year and we want to create an extra special book. The Chronicles always needs extra money, it is a big educational event, so I put more money into that committee.

The first year students are our target audience. The Illusie deserves more money since they are our way of getting new members. This will benefit our organization in the long run. We can for example rent a bus for going and coming back from Illusie weekend.

The Lucie gets this much money because of money from previous years. The contribution that the 73rd board made is huge, so we gave 1000 euros to this Lustrum year and 600 to the 80th Lustrum year. If we give too much money to the Lucie, then they will barely have ticket prices. The 80th board will probably not have this much money.

The Opcie and Lex usually have trouble spending money, so we did not give them extra.

The Wintersportcie got more money for the extra weekend away.

I think people can be reminded more about the flexible committee budget. If the money of that is not used, then the money will be brought to other points where we think it is necessary.

→ **Questions**

- Sjoerd van den Assem: Only 500 euros extra for the Illusie is a small increase, so why would you still put it in?
- Revathi Renil: I think it can make the little change. This can be really beneficial for international students since they have no free public transport.
- Giovanni Stickdorn: In my WhatsApp group with my intro kids, it was discussed going there, but the 30 Euros on top of the ticket price was quite steep for them. Was money a limiting factor for your weekend?
- Revathi Renil: Yes. When I look at previous years, they had plenty of money to plan an event. We had some trouble planning and finding a location. The locations now are getting

more expensive. I think the Illusie can use more money, it is for the introduction kids and we are trying to have a more event for our target audience.

- Juliane Dylla: The convention always gets more money which is great, but it is difficult to plan money in for this committee, since its event comes later in the year. We have struggled in our year, so more money for them would be great.

- Revathi Renil: I will take into consideration putting more money for the Congressie.

- Sjoerd van den Assem: Keep in mind that it is 2 times as much money as when I started studying. Locations do get more expensive, but 2600 for the Convention is a lot so I would not increase their amount.

- Revathi Renil: I would really convince the committee to look more into sponsorship. It is a big educational event, so finding a sponsor should be easy.

- Juliane Dylla: Yeah, I just wanted to let you guys know that the Congressie gets the money usually later in the year and if the money doesn't go to the Congressie now, then the money will go there anyways.

- Demi Acquoy: Keep in mind that the faculty gives 800 Euros.

→ **Board expenses**

- Revathi Renil reads out board expenses.

→ **Questions**

- Demi Acquoy: 450 Euros for General Meetings is a lot. How many will you pay for?

- Revathi Renil: We are planning on also buying stuff for the first General Meeting of the 76th Board.

→ **Investments**

- Revathi Renil reads out investments.

- Revathi Renil: Transaction costs are stuff like Mollie and Paypal. We have some plans for the room and we would like to invest more money into nice things that will last and can be used by the coming years. We don't expect to have all our plans fulfilled, but we would like stuff like plants, less squeaky office chairs, a vacuum cleaner, a new couch, things for the wall. But I am not expecting to get all those things.

We want to invest in underwear this year, but this is a big and risky investment to make. If we have enough money, we might get this done.

Canva is a website and subscription to make things easier with promotion.

- Selin Elcheik: Canva is for PNG's, graphics, photos, etc. You

can buy a subscription and have all of the Pro options. We were thinking of promotion coordinators of committees to use this. E.g., when making the year book.

→ **Questions**

- Giovanni Stickdorn: What are PNG's?
- Selin Elcheik: It is a format for photo's. It can help make the life of promotion coordinators a whole lot easier.
- Martijn van der Zee: I see that you put in money for the website. Do you have any ideas for adjustments for the website?
- Revathi Renil: No not yet, we put it on there just in case.
- Giovanni Stickdorn: The last post on the first slide...mysterious investments, what is that?
- Revathi Renil: Miscellaneous? That is for extra random costs.
- Giovanni Stickdorn: Is the small well-being present included here?
- Revathi Renil: We will return to that later.
- Giovanni Stickdorn: So, do you have plans to get plants?
- Revathi Renil: Yes.
- Amelia Beloeuvre: Do we get to use PNG's?
- Revathi Renil: Yes.
- Amelia Beloeuvre: Do you do paid promotions?
- Revathi Renil: yes, not sure how it was used in 74 though.
- Demi Acquoy: Paid promotion used to be done via transaction, now it is via a credit card. We as the association don't have a credit card. It is up to 75 if they'd like to link their own credit card, but I would advise against that.
- Revathi Renil: I was not planning to do that.
- Iris Doodeman: Will there be an opportunity to talk about this later? Can be good for the policy plan.
- Revathi Renil: You can ask after I finish with the budget.
- Iris Doodeman: I have worked with Canva and even without a subscription, you can do a lot with it. So, why would you still go for a subscription?
- Revathi Renil: Selin says that since we have extra money, we decided to make instead of just adding it to promotion, to add a new post. All committees can use Canva for their promo since we will give them the login information. It is up to 76 if they deem this worthy to use.
- Selin Elcheik: There is a drastic difference between the free and paid version. E.g., it can be used for templates for Instagram stories, invitation cards, etc.

→ **Active Member Rewards**

- Revathi Renil reads out Active member rewards.
- Revathi Renil: There is not a lot to say about these posts. For active member clothing, we want to make it extra nice. We want something extra special for this Lustrum year. We want to make certificates so this would go to the extra rewards post. If we have left over money we can use it for little presents for people, like what Giovanni asked about.

→ **Questions**

There are no questions.

→ **Totals**

- Revathi Renil reads out the totals.

→ **Questions**

- Demi Acquoy: I just want to say that I am very proud of Revathi, she did great.
- Giovanni Stickdorn: I want to ask something but it is not budget related. I think last year in the policy plan, you guys talked about sustainability. Maybe you can add it to the policy plan.
- Revathi Renil: It is something we talked about. We want to keep recycling, but it is tricky. The VU wants to recycle, but Amsterdam doesn't. Thank you to 74 for reusable straws. We do want to reduce our paper trails.
- Selin Elcheik: We didn't add it to our policy plan due to those complications.
- Revathi Renil: It is very important to us still though.
- Giovanni Stickdorn: Add a point maybe that will say that you will try to keep recycling in mind.
- Demi Acquoy: It is too vague.
- Revathi Renil: The policy plan is about goals, so a vague statement can't be a policy point. It is great though that you bring it up, we want to make a big effort.
- Iris Doodeman: You said that you have space for 3 more accounts on Canva?
- Revathi Renil: 4.
- Iris Doodeman: Have you thought about which committees will have access?
- Revathi Renil: We would combine it a bit, so committees that are similar, can use the same account.
- Iris Doodeman: Okay so, it is not linked to Gmail?
- Revathi Renil: No.
- Iris Doodeman: Okay.
- Demi Acquoy: Add committee colors maybe.

- **Break**
- **Break ends**

Selin reads out the edits we will add to the policy plan.

11. Lustrum Logo

- Selin: To celebrate the 75th birthday of the VSPVU and make this year stand out, together with the Lucie a new logo for the VSPVU was created in order to be used this academic year. This logo will now be presented and later voted on. I would like to note that the logo included in the slide has a white background due to the overlapping of the green colours, so keep in mind that the logo that will be voted on will have a transparent background.

12. Voting

- Selin: Shannon will now be explaining the voting procedure. Voting sheets will be passed around by the RvA of the 74th Board.
 - **Voting results**
 - Policy Plan: In favour: 29, Neutral: 0, Against: 2
 - Financial Statement: In favour: 30, Neutral: 0, Against: 1
 - Lustrum Logo: In favour: 31, Neutral: 0, Against: 0

13. Advisory Board 2021-2022

- Selin: I am pleased to present our RvA for the upcoming year. It will consist of Andrew de Ruiter, Kerem Özel, and Martijn van der Zee. I will now be giving the stage to them, so that they can introduce themselves to you all.
- Andrew de Ruiter introduces himself.
- Kerem Özel introduces himself.
- Martijn van der Zee introduces himself.
 - **Questions**
 - Demi Acquoy: Andrew, what if the other RVA members are not meeting deadlines for expectations from 75? RVA members are experienced, we had RVA members ourselves. I hope and know that everyone understands the importance of doing their task. I would suggest having open conversations, try to cover each other, help 75 to have people to contact. From there see what is possible to get situations back on track. And a question to Martijn is how will you be with deadlines? I know you have good intentions.
 - Martijn van der Zee: I have made 48 hour deadlines in my week planning, I am planning to do this for every period that I have. I have the Friday afternoon for work, more free time than last year, and if I do not make what I say, I have learned accepting that. Honesty is the best way to implement ways to

fix problems.

- Demi Acquoy: How will you keep up with WhatsApp messages?
- Martijn van der Zee: I will pin the important messages up to the top.
- Demi Acquoy: We also had that in our year, how will you do it different this year?
- Martijn van der Zee: I will structure it and schedule it better.
- Demi Acquoy: What if there is an emergency coming up that you didn't schedule?
- Martijn van der Zee: That is why I pinned it up to the top.
- Demi Acquoy: Kerem, sometimes it is hard for you to be the bad guy and there comes a time that you will have to be strict and give constructive feedback.
- Kerem Özel: Actually, a similar question was asked by 75. I am not to be their best friend, but to give advice. I am not the bad guy, so I won't be mean. But I will say if I have something on my mind. I also did that when giving feedback to the policy plan. I was blunt and I will continue with that.
- Demi Acquoy: I want to hear from 75 individually what you expect from your RVA.
- Selin Elcheik: We will need them a bit more than usual this year. We discussed this with them as well that if they want this position, they should be a bit more involved than past RVA and that is all I can really say. We expect them to help us with their experience, guide us, be there when we need help etc.
- Shannon Fredison: Yes, I agree, we will need their help a lot more this year.
- Revathi Renil: I will just say this, but this doesn't mean that you guys haven't done this yet. I am a bit sensitive, I don't appreciate attitude or a tone, which is really important to me. It is important that we stick to our schedules and deadlines and take that seriously. Communication is super important, we will need support we are only 3 and are still in our lost phase.
- Iris Doodeman: I have 2 questions. I was wondering from 75 why you choose these people and how they can contribute to your board year.
- Selin Elcheik: The combination of Martijn, Andrew and Kerem is good. They are different in their own way and how they approach things. Martijn had a COVID year so he says himself that there are things he would have done differently. I can learn from his mistakes as well. I think that having differences in opinions, Martijn's strictness, Kerem's kindness and Andrew's

soft approach will make a good combination of people.

- Shannon Fredison: Also, Andrew being good at technical things is very handy.

- Pieter Braak: Martijn just left a board year, how would you deal with their different ideas?

- Martijn van der Zee: I'm happy my year is over and want to help them and give advice where needed.

- Pieter Braak: Kerem and Andrew, what are the main take-aways from your board year and how would you use that to help?

- Andrew de Ruiter: It cannot always go your way. There are always some special loops and hoops 20 minutes before something should happen. Don't want to say expect the unexpected, but expect change. When something critical happens, discuss it with each other.

- Kerem Özel: You will struggle, but in the end it will be fine. To be more specific, there was an event I was disagreeing with and anxious about but in the end, it was one of our most successful events. Relax, you will only have board for a year. Cherish the events.

- Pieter Braak: Thank you, one more question for all of you, sometimes it feels like doing the same task for 3 hours. How will you keep yourself motivated?

- Martijn van der Zee: The main thing I struggled with was keeping track of what happened when. I am switching subjects this year, have no courses in January, there will be some variation etc. Honesty will get some of the sting out of it.

- Andrew de Ruiter: To keep myself motivated; I love tasks that have repetition. I have done it before and know how to do it. For me, the thing that keeps me motivated is since most of the work is checking transcripts, etc, you are looking back at your own year and the positive and negatives. Every task brings up a different memory, which reminds me of my own board year and will motivate me.

- Kerem Özel: When looking back at my RVA, I just like when the group dynamic is nice with the people I work with. I would try to keep the group dynamic as high as possible. I don't think I'll experience motivation problems. I am starting my master's at the VU and will also do RVA. If I wasn't motivated, I wouldn't commit myself.

- Pieter Braak: Unwanted advice, but I set myself an early learning goal which helped me to motivate myself throughout the whole year.

- Casper van Tongeren: I wanted to focus on e.g., Revathi being sensitive about tough criticism. I'm looking at Martijn and Andrew and was wondering if you guys discussed this.
- Revathi Renil: I have no problem with criticism but it is the delivery. I have had issues with Martijn in our transition period, but what I appreciate is that I have the comfort to tell him that I don't appreciate his tone. I haven't experienced it with Andrew yet. He is super direct but I never sensed a tone. I feel really comfortable and I think I can mention it. I don't think it'll be an issue.
- Selin Elcheik: We discussed this in the interviews as well.
- Iris Doodeman: I want to ask a similar question to Martijn. Martijn says that he will be very strict. How do you think you can be strict if you have an opinion? How are you going to be consistent in that?
- Martijn van der Zee: I am a trainer and do that for 10 years already. If I am in a situation, I tend to move towards the situation and adapt. If I advise or train you, I don't have the tendency to act like I stand on a different field.

14. KasCo 2021-2022

- Selin: I am pleased to present our KasCo for the upcoming year. It will consist of Sjoerd van den Assem, and Liz Masselink. I will now be giving the stage to them, so that they can introduce themselves to you all.
- Sjoerd van den Assem introduces himself.
- Liz Masselink introduces himself.
 - **Questions**
 - Casper van Tongeren: When will you guys let go?
 - Liz Masselink: Never, I have signed up to be a member for life. Just kidding, I believe this will be my last year.
 - Andrew de Rooter: Were there any struggles you faced last year that will be different this year?
 - Liz Masselink: Internal things such as reimbursement forms months after the activity. This year we will be strict about it. If you don't do it within 2 weeks, you will not be paid your money.
 - Martijn van der Zee: Why another year straight after your previous one?
 - Sjoerd van den Assem: Active Member Weekend.
 - Liz Masselink: I want to be involved in the association still, but I don't have the commitment to do a committee for every week. Also, Active Member Weekend.

- Pieter Braak: Has someone else been given the opportunity to apply?
- Revathi Renil: We can't tell you who, the opportunity was given to anyone and not to just Liz and Sjoerd.

15. Voting

- Shannon will now be explaining the voting procedure. Voting sheets will be passed around by the RvA of the 74th Board.

→ Voting results

- > Kerem for RVA: In favour: 29, Neutral: 0, Against: 2.
- > Martijn for RVA: In favour: 22, Neutral: 3, Against: 6.
- > Andrew for RVA: In favour: 29, Neutral: 2, Against: 0.
- > Sjoerd van den Assem for KasCo: In favour: 30, Neutral: 0, Against: 1.
- > Liz Masselink for KasCo: In favour: 31, Neutral: 0, Against: 0.

16. Idea Box

- Selin Elcheik: As of now the box is empty as the room has only been open for three days as of now. You can always come by the room or on the website to give your ideas.
- Demi Acquoy: There was one in the online one.
- Selin Elcheik: There were some issues with the online one.

17. Important Dates

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| a. 15 th of September | GBM #1(Chairman Applications) |
| b. 6 th of October | GBM #2 (Reveal the Committees) |
| c. 29 th of October | Mini Event #1: Halloween |
| d. 3 rd of November | Active Member Day |

18.A.O.B.

19. Questions

- Selin asks every member one by one if they have any questions

20. Closing

- Selin closes the meeting at 02:45