

AGENDA GENERAL MEETING #2

19-01-2021

18:00 START

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1. Opening

Selin Elcheik opens the meeting at 18:25.

2. Announcements

- Liz Masselink will not be joining. She authorizes Sjoerd van den Assem to vote for her.
- Sjoerd van den Assem is going to be late to the meeting.
- Hugo Kaper has to leave early due to personal reasons.
- Romkje van Thuijl has to leave early.

3. Approval of Transcript

4. Approval of Agenda

- Selin Elcheik: After point 7, point 8 is supposed to be new budget proposal from our year, and then there is the voting.

5. Update Financial Statement 74th Board

- Revathi Renil: I will explain first what the columns mean. Current result is what we spent. Virtual result is what is expected to be spent. Budgeted result is how much VSPVU money was put aside. An asterisk means the post is closed so no more expenses on that post.

➔ **Income**

- Revathi Renil presents the income.
- Revathi Renil: The actual money is not in the bank account yet, but will be soon. VU Bookstore's 3771,20 is the money we expect to get but it is less than 74 expected in regards to the VU book store. For membership nothing changed. The invoice to Athena was sent today, but the amount of money that 74 got from them was less than expected; there was a miscommunication with the contract. 74 Thought that they would get 1000 Euros and sponsorship money on top of it, but it was a guaranteed 1000 Euros, so now we are getting 1274,38 from Athena. There were a lot of issues with getting money from Athena. Bavaria is only the annual sponsorship money; the invoice for the beer keg sponsorship is in but the amount of money is not in the bank account yet. Demi and I will be looking at this later. 74 Lost a sponsorship of 200 Euros in the summer break by sending the invoice too late. They had in total 10 vacancy posts. For the bank account interest nothing has changed.

→ **Questions and Comments**

There are no questions and comments.

→ **Board Activities**

- Revathi Renil: 74 did goodie bags last year and helped with Active Member Day this year. There is nothing new to add since the last General Meeting regarding Active Member Weekend. They organized a former board dinner before our COBO. For transition weekend there is also nothing new to add. For mini events also nothing new to add. Board drinks also nothing new to add.

→ **Questions and Comments**

There are no questions and comments.

→ **Committees**

- Revathi Renil: There are still some books left from the Chronicles from last year. The actual loss of the Congrescie is because a couple of sponsors did not respond last minute or did not agree to pay. Contracts were not right; it was more expensive to cancel than go through. Faculty pays an amount and we pay an amount. For Feestcie this is the money for the gala and introduction party. For the Illusie, the association itself did not lose money, all the costs are for mentor selections, goodie bags etc. The financial situation was better to cancel Illusie weekend because then we did not have to pay for drinks and food, which is why the amount is in the plus. Lex did everything they could to spend their money but still had 50 euros left after 5 events. Lucie will use the money on their [Lucie's post] this year. Opcie organized 3 events and the career week. The money was only for the events. Pedcie quit before last academic year ended. The last invoice was paid during summer break. This is the money they spent on their 3 events. Reiscie cancelled their weekend away due to low sign ups. Money spent was on the hostel, bus etc. They decided to pull the plug before getting more financial loss. The Webcie had not a lot of initiative to do anything new so ended with the reaction video blindfolded. For the Wintersportcie there is nothing new, it didn't happen so 0. Flexible committee budget was for the Barcie cocktail trail and Feestcie tables and chairs.

→ **Questions and Comments**

- Iris Doodeman: At the current result of the Barcie, it states a positive number, not sure if it will mess up results.

- Revathi Renil: I think that is a mistake.

- Demi Acquoy: It is already adjusted in my document.

- Martijn van der Zee: Constitution drinks is also a closed post, the

asterisk is missing.

- Revathi Renil: Yes, there is supposed to be, it is a closed post.

→ **Board expenses**

- Revathi Renil: For the GMs, 74 provided food for their GM in June and ours in September. All the other ones were online. They paid less than expected because people did not want beer anymore since the voting was too late. Nothing new since last time for GBM. For external relations, they bought a gift for their contact person from Bavaria. SSPN didn't need money and LOOP didn't organize anything. For board gifts, they didn't go to any of the last COBOs, so they gave a round of shots during their dinner with the previous boards. Since not everyone handed receipts in time, they didn't get their money which is why not everything was used. For porto print board costs, the left-over money that 74 had, they used to buy us printing paper. For home office general, they bought us a gift, the plants in our room. The folders and such as well and glasses, tea and cookies. Career days this is all the investment they made for career days which were mainly gifts.

→ **Investments**

- Revathi Renil: Transaction costs during intro week were online so the increase of transaction costs were minimal. There was no new promo from 74 after September. For the VSPVU room they bought straws, a label maker, a vacuum cleaner, a chess board and a coffee machine. For the website nothing new. For merchandise nothing was sold after the break, so they made the wrong risk in their investments, and hope more merchandise can be sold during the Lustrum week or other events, but no regrets on this merch. Miscellaneous investments; the room needed more wine glasses so Demi ordered them through Bavaria, but we noticed they weren't delivered, we saw that Bavaria is only sending them with drinks (if we would have ordered those) or a large order, so they were bought from another location, but there is left over money. Demi would like us to invest in pitchers, trays or glasses. This post is now open because the money was already allocated elsewhere.

Member initiative budget; for Sjoerd's wine tasting there were more tickets sold than expected, and the event had very minimal investments. The other planned one was cancelled.

→ **Questions and Comments**

There are no questions and Comments.

→ **Active member rewards**

- Revathi Renil: 74 organized a nice GBM outing at Kanarieclub and the food halls. Thank you for the gift, they really appreciate it. There was an

escape room for Barcie as a reward for the BOTC. For the committee 10 nothing new, active member clothing nothing new had happened. For the commitment committee, the Barcie got coins for tonton and the Wintersportcie got their mascot and with leftover money the former Illusie got an escape room to give them some extra appreciation, since the workload was so high and COVID made it even more difficult than usual. Member wellbeing; 74 gave some members something special on their own initiative or when this was brought to their attention.

→ **Totals**

- Revathi Renil: Unforeseen expenses is when they sent Christmas cards, they got an additional bill from PostNL.

→ **Questions and Comments**

- Demi Acquoy: I know that it is the financial statement which is not interesting to new people, but really be grateful and get questions for Rev's financial update. We overspent on some posts and getting away with it really easily. Overspending on posts is not okay and if there is something of which you are not sure what is happening, ask it because people can explain it. So really help Rev out with her budget. Your input is valuable.

6. Update on Policy

- Selin Elcheik: I will be going over the main headers of our PowerPoint to say what is and is not being done. We mentioned that in this academic year, we would continue with the summary provider for discounts. We are continuing with this and summaries are being sold at the Balie. There were a few issues due to miscommunications. Other than that, we may move on to committee development.

→ **Committee development**

- Selin Elcheik: The board is now consisting of 3 members so we would abolish some committees, we are now with 10 committees. For a while, we had some troubles with the Pedcie, but now it has members. We decided to move forward with only one trip committee this year, the Wintersportcie, which is moving forward with their trip.

→ **Streamlining of committees**

- Selin Elcheik: We mentioned we would not be continuing with the Webcie.

→ **Questions and Comments**

- Quinten MacDonald: What is the Webcie?

- Selin Elcheik: It was a committee last year that focused on making short videos and online content, but due to members dropping, the board took it over last year. But we have quite a big workload so we didn't.

→ **Optimizing Committees**

- Selin Elcheik: Feestcie would host 4 borrels and an intro week party and maybe a gala, they will be hosting the gala. The updated year schedule has all the new dates. 74 organized one VSPVU borrel, but we are aiming for them to get all of them. I will get into more detail later.

→ **Questions and Comments**

- Demi Acquoy: I was wondering how you think combining Barcie & Feestcie and Opcie & Lex is going for you.

- Selin Elcheik: About the Barcie/Feestcie, the combo is going good as of now. Regular barcies don't require that much effort, parties much more. Adding 2 more members made it much lighter. Lex/Opcie seemed a lot at first, but it is manageable, there is a member working on the career days and also Shannon. I think what helps is that both committees are full and the workload can be distributed.

- Iris Doodeman: The final paragraph still says OPEX.

- Selin Elcheik: Yes, I noticed, I uploaded the wrong document, but it is a mistake so I would ask you guys to scratch over the part that says OPEX. The committee's name is Lex/Opcie officially.

- Demi Acquoy: Does Shannon want to elaborate on her view? And Lotta and Josie.

- Shannon Fredison: I think it is working, I am helping the committee out. What does Josie think?

- Josie is on the phone right now.

- Lotta Heijnen: I am the chair of the Barcie/Feestcie. The combining is going really well. It was a bit of a mess in the beginning, but until now we organized a nice Barcie and are now organizing the gala. All is going good because we are with 8.

- Selin Elcheik summarizes for zoom.

- Martijn van der Zee: Can you really stress that this is not how it is supposed to be. No phone calls during the meeting.

- Revathi Renil: It is an important phone call.

- Selin Elcheik: Please pay attention since these are important things we are discussing. It is encouraged to turn your camera on, I don't like forcing people, but if you are there, you can please turn on your camera.

- Andrew de Ruiter: The policy plan from what I remember was based on a physical year, but with big events coming up, like gala and lustrum week.

- Selin Elcheik: I think we can get back to that on the points of committees. We are planning on large-scale events still happening.

- Martijn van der Zee: Policy states there will be 2 Opcie events with

the Lex/Opcie. Up until now I hear only career days. Will there be another Opcie events?

- Selin Elcheik: As of now, the Lex/Opcie is focusing only the career days.

- Martijn van der Zee: Will there be another Opcie event?

- Shannon Fredison: Yes, it is also in the year schedule.

- Veerle Delis: Yes 2.

- Daria Kwiecińska: Yes, we have 2 planned.

- Martijn van der Zee: Okay, then if it will or will not happen, please re-evaluate the Opcie. Really evaluate, because if there is no other Opcie event, rethink the whole thing.

- Demi Acquoy: We actually evaluated the Opcie already last year, but we already figured out that Opcie and Lex are the same and Opcie should only do the career days, I thought that was our conclusion last year.

- Iris and Martijn agree.

- Selin Elcheik: Maybe it wasn't as clear, but since we are combining it this year, this year to give the committee more shine, they will proceed. But we will let 76 know at the end of the year and compare it to 74 to see what they think.

→ **Involvement**

- Selin Elcheik: The first paragraph says that we will keep room open from 11:00 till 16:00, except on Monday from 12:45 till 16:00. So far this has been going to plan, but we have been having 1 person room shifts, now we are trying to implement 2 person ones. When there is only one person in the room working, we noticed that it is not as sustainable.

→ **Committee 10 budget**

- Selin Elcheik: The deadline is the 28th of February, so we encourage all committees to use their committee 10 budgets. We will be sending more reminders since the deadline is approaching. One board person would be present at events, that is happening.

→ **Questions and Comments**

- Iris Doodeman: In the past in my personal experience, multiple times when I walked in the room the atmosphere was not as pleasant, the lights were out and board member there was working really hard. Sometimes, I walked into the room, was not greeted, lights were off. I know it is not something that happens consciously, but maybe it is something you can think about.

- Selin Elcheik: We have been receiving this comment and discussed it, especially since we did 1 person room shifts, we didn't know what would happen on other people their shifts. We are working on it, and

we are sorry you experienced that and I hope not a lot of people experienced this.

- Iris Doodeman: Yes, there are also fun times, but some bad ones as well, it is a shame if it happens.

- Selin Elcheik: I think it helps by having 2 people rooms shifts. Because in the beginning I would say hi and talk to people while not getting work done. But I think we are now getting a better balance, but in 2 people room shifts, one person can work and the other can greet people.

- Amelia Beloeuvre: I was wondering; you said that the committee 10 deadline is 28 of February. I don't know if it is possible, but a lot of hospitality and stuff is closed, so if we want to do something like mini-golf or escape room, we probably won't be able to do it before 28 February. I was wondering if it could be extended.

- Selin Elcheik: They had the same last year, Demi pushed committees to buy stuff that could be used later. For example, in my year I got the 30 euros and got a gift card which we still have to use. Things like gift cards for e.g., drinks, meeting up with your committee drinking, etc. I suggest keeping gift cards in mind.

- Shannon Fredison: With my committee we got Albert Heijn gift cards and planned a picknick. Right now, I don't have much more that comes to mind, but next to drinks and supermarkets there are a lot of things that could be done.

- Martijn van der Zee: Do you think you are ready enough to react to situations if just one board member is present at an event. Has it already happened and how do you think it went?

- Selin Elcheik: repeats and summarizes for zoom. The pole dancing event was with one board member being present. Maybe Shannon wants to give her experience on that. But with other events I don't think there was a situation with only one board member present.

- Revathi Renil: To emphasize, we don't just have one member, but at least one. Usually we have at least 2.

- Selin Elcheik: In the case of pole dancing, since there were only 20 tickets, I gave my ticket to someone else, and Revathi had a last minute personal situation.

- Shannon Fredison: It was okay and I think manageable.

- Demi Acquoy: Seeming sometimes that the sliding glass was closed between one and two, don't do that, it is written down by rule.

- Revathi: I did go through the statutes and internal regulations with Sjoerd, I do agree that we avoid it and think the only times this happened was very briefly, we usually check the time when it happens

and if it is in the time we open it. In the statutes it says the board member should be present and that there should be no meetings during that time. So, nothing about the glass door. But we do agree that we don't like it.

- Demi Acquoy: It did happen for long periods and shorter periods. I don't know why every board is doing it, weird that it is not in the statutes.

- Selin Elcheik: Revathi went through the statutes with Sjoerd, to translate it to English is a lot of money, so now we have a bit of a better understanding and this is what It said. I think the rule just integrated at some point. We do want the glass room to be open.

- Andrew de Ruiter: Good thing that you are working on 2 people room shifts.

- Selin Elcheik: Maybe Josie can talk now about Opcie.

- Josefine Huth: I think generally it is going quite well, I did notice that the committee is really big for what we are trying to do, so 7 people is too much, I notice that I am really stretching tasks over people. I think if it will be 1 committee, I feel like it should be smaller so everyone feels like they have a proper role. I think it is really nice that the career days is supported, up until now, we are not too much involved in career days. One of our members is part of that group as well which is nice. I think that is about it.

→ **Involvement/general meetings**

Selin Elcheik: We stated that the BOTC would be 1 large and 2 small assignments. Up until now, 2 BOTC's have been done, we continue with this. We made a small mistake and have been sending the assignments to the chair chat instead of active member chat but will change it after the next GBM. It makes more sense and makes it easier. Last year 4 GM's took place and 7 GBM's. As 2 of the 5 were emergency, we will only do 4. The point committee would be added to the GM's in which the contact person will say what is going on in the comm since GBM's are only exclusive to RVA, board and chairs. We thought that other members could get more info.

→ **Questions and Comments**

- Martijn van der Zee: I have noticed that the text in the chair chat was sometimes a little late in my opinion. How will you make sure it will be shared sooner?

- Selin Elcheik: We noticed it as well, but I think I will make a document with all BOTC stuff in the drive. There were issues in the PowerPoint, so sometimes things couldn't be copied and sent in time.

- Demi Acquoy: Do I hear correctly only in the chair and not in the

active member chat?

- Selin Elcheik: No, we made a mistake with that.

- Demi Acquoy: I would do both. My point was that we as 74 had complaints that the small assignments are pretty big. I feel like the ones we are getting from you are also pretty big. There is a lot of things we do aside.

- Selin Elcheik: We changed it to 2 small instead of 3, because it was too much. In our opinion, cutting it down while still keeping it interesting, in our opinion it seemed fine. But if committee members think differently, we would love to hear that. We also don't want small assignments to be too small.

- Malte Maehlmann: I think they are good and fun.

- Ramona Plato: I personally think the small ones are fine, you can make them as big as you are with your committees. I think the assignments are already good. I think it is how big you want to go with your committee, but I think it is fine like how they are right now. With my committee we like to go big and put a lot of effort into our small assignments.

- Selin Elcheik summarizes for zoom

- Iris Doodeman: I think I agree with Demi as well, I thought some of the small ones were as big as the big ones. Especially with videos, they can get big really quickly even if they are not intended that way.

- Selin Elcheik: I think what Ramona said, taking it as far as you want... I get what you mean, especially with scene reenactment, but you can also keep it simple especially for comm that don't have that much time. I am taking it into consideration though. We don't want any committees to feel overwhelmed.

- Iris Doodeman: The sending of the assignments in the chat; a small tip: last year I copied it from the transcript and put it in the group descriptions. If Shannon has it, you will have it in 2 weeks, which helped for me a lot.

- Selin Elcheik: I believe that if we do that, they might be sent a bit later since transcripts take a bit longer and we send assignments a few days later usually. Maybe committees don't want to be notified in 2 weeks. Good tip though.

- Iris Doodeman: It is no effort at all to maybe on the night itself send it to the group chat.

- Andrew de Ruiter: Also normally those assignments are in the PowerPoint, you can just screenshot them and put them on WhatsApp.

- Selin Elcheik: That is also an option.

- Ida Rautiainen: I kind of agree with the assignments being pretty

equal, but the Balie has like 18 people so it is harder to make a cake with that many people, but with the videos and posters, it might be easier. I am wondering how you evaluate the bigger vs the smaller ones? How much bigger is the big assignments? How much more do you evaluate it?

- Selin Elcheik: The workload?

- Iris Doodeman: The points.

- Selin Elcheik: Oh, the points, when evaluation the points, we know that baking a cake takes a lot of time which is why it is big, but shooting a picture or a video, is easier. We have not stated a max or minimum amount of time for the videos. You don't have to edit them. We do not add extra points for things that are not being asked for in the assignments, we put the points on how much we think the effort was in the bigger ones.

- Ida Rautiainen: So, you evaluate the bigger ones more than the smaller ones?

- Selin Elcheik: The small ones also have points, in the GBM we discussed it, but I can send the point system into the chair. All assignments and the completion of all assignments is evaluated.

- Demi Acquoy: They are really fun though, don't get me wrong with that, we serve and deliver.

- Selin: We try to be creative and not use things from previous years.

- Shannon Fredison: Also, keep in mind that we encourage you to please speak up if there is something you would like to voice about anything during the meeting.

- Hugo Kaper: What does the winning team of the BOTC get? Why are we doing all of this?

- Selin Elcheik: The winner of the BOTC at the end of the year gets a gift by the board that they can do together. E.g., the Barcie got an escape room to do together, so an activity like that where you can bond with your committee. We are still looking into what we think is the best option.

- Revathi Renil: It won't be completely free, but we will give you a gift card.

→ **Promotion**

- Selin Elcheik: We have stated that the VSPVU would promote in terms of social media, we stated that LinkedIn would be updated, it has not been happening and has not happened until now, we did update some educational events, but most activities so far have not been educational. But we are working on getting LinkedIn more active since it is the only platform that is more education based. All events by

board will be shared in the active member chat, which we did. More promo regarding member initiative, we have not made much promo for this, but until next GM I aim for that to change and will be paying more attention to it. Member initiative events can be really fun and nice.

→ **Lecture talks**

- Selin Elcheik: During first period we were unable to have lecture talks and the organization of this has not been going super well, lectures are going somewhat physical again and we are reaching out. Last period there was one lecture talk. We have not been able to keeping up with this too much, especially with the continuous change from offline to online and back. We are aiming to improve this because we believe that this is a good opportunity to get new members.

→ **Monthly compilations**

- Selin Elcheik: As of now, we have not done this yet since we focused most on other promotion aspects and because we don't have a promo coordinator. We will make these though; we do not just see it as a failed point. We organized the Instagram highlights as we said we would. We would make Instagram more clear. We will also remove the irrelevant ones at the end of the year.

→ **Promo in the room**

- Selin Elcheik: We stated we would do slideshows on the tv, we have not been able to do this because we have not been able to figure out the tv and did not put that much effort into it. But I will work on making a few photos in the slideshows, especially now that we have more physical events from the first part of our year. Events were promoted on the black board and we are hanging posters on the bulletin board.

→ **Questions and Comments**

- Demi Acquoy: As of now, you did not make any points of the promo part, you failed every point up until now, your own policy plan is not that big so I am disappointed that it did not work. I hope you are working on it. Some of them we asked if you were sure about, and you said you will be able to do them. You are lucky to have Canvas at the beginning of the year. I only saw 2 of them, and not even for events. Lecture talks, it is sad to only have 1, but I get that it is a problem with COVID. Do you have time for the monthly compilations? Also, you did not hang up every poster of all the events. With the slideshow, we have warned you about this, make it work.

- Selin Elcheik: Yeah, I agree that we were way more hopeful at the beginning of the year before we saw all the workload. No one had a

realistic view of what a 3-person board would look like. This is the main reason we are struggling with promotion since we don't have someone doing that. We are working on it, but I think people also really underestimate the work of the promotion-coordinator. Certain points are not failed points, e.g., promo for member initiative is still to happen. Lecture talks was a bit of a mess however, I do agree that it is an opportunity we could use. We also had a limited amount of spots at events for members so we did not feel the need to promote it to a larger audience.

- Demi Acquoy: If I remember, Selin you would do board promotion and the contact person would be checking promotion. Is that how it is going right now?

- Selin Elcheik: No, our levels of experience with promotion are quite different, it is way easier and quicker for me to do promo and when it comes to checking, we noticed that when 3 people are checking promo, there are differences. We then decided that one person checking promo is easier. It is also making it easier to keep track of which promo is going out when. There was not always as well of communication that led to chaos. We are now trying to distribute board promo better. People who do less promo do more external tasks.

- Demi Acquoy: I get that it is really hard, but also be realistic with yourself. Stefan made a lot of time for monthly compilations. It sucks if your points are not being succeeded. If it is not realistic, you know that you tried.

- Selin Elcheik: I made a little mistake btw, we had discussed in the board that we would not make an effort to keep monthly compilations something to keep doing, but other stuff we will. If we do end up having some magical extra time in the year, we will do it. Thank you for bringing it up.

- Revathi Renil: Josie wanted to add that Lex/Opcie was not posted on Canvas is because it was already sold out by the time we wanted to.

- Martijn van der Zee: Remark about Canvas is to make sure that it is uploaded in unison with Instagram promotion. If we don't use it, we lose it. Please don't underestimate slide shows. You need to put a lot of effort and select a lot of pictures. We had one at the end of the year, you are going to need a lot so don't underestimate it. Ours was only 2 minutes long.

- Selin Elcheik: I think we already have a lot of photos to use and choose from since we already have a lot of physical events.

- Andrew: LinkedIn, I remember that the company page of the VSPVU

disappeared for some reason, it is now just a personal account so active members cannot link themselves to the LinkedIn account. What is the update on this?

- Selin Elcheik: If I recall correctly, it was brought up not too long ago, we have not gotten to that yet, last time I checked it was working but we will generally look into it more, we have been neglecting it a bit.

- Iris Doodeman: You just now when Demi gave you some feedback you mentioned that you had problems with promo and trying to turn it around. I do disagree that one person is better than others, Huisstijl is one standard so I don't see how there is a difference. Practice more if you are not that experienced yet.

- Selin Elcheik: I meant when you have more experience and made them more, you notice mistakes that we tell committees to avoid. With less experience you do make more mistakes, so maybe it is an idea for us to go over C&M things together, we got our training on the beginning of the year. With InDesign it takes a lot of going into it in detail instead of just the training. We need to figure it out yes and get everything on the same page.

- Revathi Renil: You are right that Huisstijl is Huisstijl and does not change. We will not have a different shade of green. When Stefan gave us a training, he also gave us a checklist, which we go through. But he also told us that for the rest we can just go through it, so if I think something looks better, and Shannon thinks something else looks better, then there are still differences. That is why we changed.

- Iris Doodeman: I like the Instagram highlights, they look good.

- Selin Elcheik: Thank you!

→ **Members**

- Selin Elcheik: Happy Holiday cards were changed and printed quite late, there were some complications and could not be printed on time. Birthday cards are continuing, there are some delays, it took a while to make committees full and some committees' birthdays were passed when committees were formed. Even for passed birthdays, they will be sent. We have distributed them to make it manageable, but we have been late with some birthday cards.

→ **New members**

- Selin Elcheik: We aspired to get 300 new bachelor and 30 new master members. We have not been able to change, we are now at 130 for new bachelor members, so we are hoping to gain more with focus more on promotion and lecture talks. So, we hope to make these numbers increase. We expected more members to come early in the year and expected it to be a normal corona free year.

→ **Study sessions**

- Selin Elcheik: Study sessions were hosted by the board, this was also done in the previous board. In the first period there was some miscalculation in the week, some miscommunication in that sense which is why there were no rooms available. Last period we did have study sessions. During the study sessions the room is open and you can come in for snacks.

→ **Member of the month**

- Selin Elcheik: We stated to reintroduce it. We have been doing up until now. There were some mixed opinions when we mentioned wanting to implement it. As of now, we have not given small gifts and will give them a gift at the end of the year.

→ **Active member certificate**

- Selin Elcheik: We said we would introduce it, this will happen at the last GM of the year.

→ **Questions and Comments**

- Martijn van der Zee: First up, I wanted to ask if there were any reactions from switching from Christmas to Holiday cards.

- Selin Elcheik: No, nothing than from RVA and board.

- Martijn van der Zee: You are at 130 members, that is pretty low, how

- Selin Elcheik: Now our first-year member count is 190 bachelors which is a small difference. There is not much other we can do aside from promo and events. We hope that more in person things are possible.

- Malte Maehlmann: It is a huge difference.

- Martijn van der Zee: I have seen 2 member of the months, have I missed the one from December?

- Selin Elcheik: December was only 1 active week with the committees, so most committees did not meet so we had only one week to post 1 member of the month. We will post 2 at the end of this month, to compensate.

- Martijn van der Zee: Keep it in mind. There was some ruckus about implementing this, I would like of people who were not there to say if they have remarks or comments.

- Revathi Renil: I would like to add; there were some discussions if this would feel people left out or if it would be popularity thing. Also, we were thinking about member or active member of the month.

- Amelia Beloeuvre: I like it, it's cute. Is it member or active member?

- Selin Elcheik: Member of the month.

- Amelia Beloeuvre: If you pick a member of the month, maybe they would like to be more involved in the VSPVU and become an active

member. I think it is a good idea. It is nice to see it.

- Quinten MacDonald: As a first member of the month, I was not an active member yet in the association.

- Selin Elcheik: Oh yeah, the first member of the month was not active member of the month.

- Revathi Renil: Did that influence your choice?

- Quinten MacDonald: No, because I already had in mind to be an active member. But yeah, it did help a little.

- Romkje van Thuijl: I was also member of the month and made me feel really appreciated.

- Andrew: I wasn't a member of the month but still like the idea.

- Demi Acquoy: I hear a lot of miscommunications, things not working out. What was the problem with printing out the holiday cards?

- Selin Elcheik: It wasn't properly communicated who would be handling the printing, it was done in a hectic time before the covid break and the lockdown. So, it was not sent to repro for a while, and when that was done, repro was not working, so we had to wait for them.

- Demi Acquoy: And with the study sessions?

- Selin Elcheik: Just the year schedule, it was stated as the wrong week, the week before the exam week, so rooms were not booked for that week. We noticed this far too late to be able to book a room.

- Ramona Plato: I had a question about the about the study sessions, I mentioned it to Shannon, I had it happen once and the it was double booked. Some of my mentor kids told me that some non VSPVU people were also there. Some other people are also there making our students from our association feel unwanted.

- Shannon Fredison: The double-booking problem, we will now have 2 people room shifts, we can check the study rooms in between. Maybe printing out papers with "VSPVU study sessions" on it can help.

- Amelia Beloeuvre: It is understandable with the whole Christmas card situation.

- Iris Doodeman: You did not make the bachelor members, how is master members going?

- Selin Elcheik: We have 31 new master members.

- Iris Doodeman: 190 means that we will shrink again next year. I am wondering if this is something that is being discussed in UVO and if this is also happening in other associations. It makes me a bit concerned.

- Selin Elcheik: The last UVO meeting was long ago, well now we do every 2 months instead of every month. We haven't had one in 2

months and I think it will be a little bit more than 2 months when we have the next one. The next one will be in February, so I will bring it up. So there have not been a lot of updates yet.

- Iris Doodeman: Maybe something to look into with former boards because this risks next years' board becoming a part-time board.

- Selin Elcheik: The VSPVU switching to a part time board, while still working as a full-time board is an issue. We hope that next year will be a full physical year. It is quite concerning, to check what the problem is. Maybe the numerus fixus, but also a lot of factors that contributed to it.

- Iris Doodeman: A suggestion; normally every year the board sends their member file to the VU, I suggest not to do it this year if they find out.

- Andrew de Ruiter: About the discussion about having an UVO or faculty meeting; I would state conversion numbers, how many signed up and how many are members. If faculty is involved, faculty might sometimes forget and they do know how important the VSPVU is for them. Emphasize the benefits. Check how many people signed up and how many actually became members.

- Selin Elcheik: When I was a first year, I thought they only did the intro week and only became a member for the discounts. Everyone here is studying and we will continue to promote those benefits. Maybe we can make separate promo for educational events.

- Quinten MacDonald: Do we prioritize for non-members and first year students when we plan an activity?

- Selin Elcheik: We prioritize first year schedules. We do not advertise for members that will leave. Our priority is first year students.

- Quinten MacDonald: I noticed that a lot of people that came to our events, are older members.

- Selin Elcheik: I think a big part of that is that most of our activities were pretty limited, and then it is people who invite their friends and you get the same group going to events. We do try to prioritize new people coming, though it is also much harder to attract new people. Older ones come to see their friends. Hopefully it won't happen too much.

- Demi Acquoy: It is indeed what is happening. I think you can ask some older members to maybe want to be on stand-by. I really don't mind giving my ticket away to a new member or someone who is interested. Also put it in the sign-up registration as a question.

- Selin Elcheik: I think it is a good point and I will put it in the board meeting. I personally gave my ticket away in both the Lex and Actie

event. I know some other former members also did this, so maybe a waiting list is indeed something good to evaluate.

- Sjoerd van den Assem: I agree with what Demi said to ask some older members to be on standby. I don't agree with putting it in a sign-up sheet. It should be on voluntary basis. Just ask people if they would be willing to do that.

- Selin Elcheik: You have a good point about that as well, I think what Demi said is that it would be an option. It would indicate if that person would be okay with it happening, if the event is sold out.

- Demi Acquoy: The sign-up form was just an idea, if you see a former board member, try to contact them to ask if they are okay with it. It is up to you to decide, it is on voluntary basis.

- Selin Elcheik: I think reaching out to people is good. I don't think I'm a big fan of the sign up either because it might throw people off.

- Amada-Liz: What is being done to promote the VSPVU to new bachelor students?

- Selin Elcheik: Normally, the biggest way is the intro week. This year we had a physical one, so we hoped it would have helped. We do have a lot of new active members. Other than that, the lecture talks not being as frequent has a big part. Other than that, we aim to promote more new potential sponsors to first years, new deals etc.

- Revathi Renil: Just a follow up, we are in the works with 2 new sponsors that could provide some nice deals for members. Maybe when that is finalized, it can interest new people.

- Andrew de Ruiter: Maybe just add a standard line, that we can add a little note in the confirmation email, in case of the event being full, people can know about it.

- Martijn van der Zee: I honestly don't read that mail, approach people yourself. I counter the mail idea.

- Selin Elcheik: Many people don't actually read it yeah, we can discuss it and see to a conclusion.

- Andrew de Ruiter: Then just add it as a standard line when signing up for the ticket sale itself.

→ **Policy continuation**

- Selin Elcheik: We have stated we would aim for quality instead of quantity, 5 borrels instead of 6, 2 parties instead of 4. 2 promo borrels for the Wintersportcie. As of now, still 2 promo borrels remain to be planned. Since plans about the weekend away are not finalized at all by now, I cannot say much about that. They will have 2 promo borrels. Moving on we will continue to call our chair people before GBM's, we have been doing this pretty actively and sometimes chairs say that it is

not that necessary but we did hear that it makes people more comfortable. We will do the alumni event, educational events will continue to be shared on Canvas and LinkedIn. Now with committee manuals, the last update was done by 74, we gave the new chairs and contact people training, which was much more effective. We are planning on doing this when our year comes to a close. Merchandise: we brought the umbrellas from a few years ago to AMD, sold a few. Also sold a few coffee cups. We will bring more merchandise in the future.

- Martijn van der Zee: I have heard rumors and vagueness about the Wintersportcie borrels. Will there be a reunion borrel?

- Selin Elcheik: The intention is to have a pre-union and a reunion borrel for the Wintersportcie. It is not sure now if there is a reunion borrel since the committee might go for a pre-union borrel instead. It is going to be one of those 2 yeah. Reunion might be replaced with weekend away reunion.

- Demi: Acquoy: You were talking about borrels, you missed 3 borrels, how are you going to solve that? I wanted to know how the GBM talks are going, is it fruitful especially for new chairs as well, maybe they can share some about that.

- Selin Elcheik: In the GBM before we asked this question too, to reevaluate and asked the chairs, but maybe chairs can answer for themselves.

- Lotta Heijnen: I did not have a GBM talk yet. I had one really short one. For the other 2 I did not have one, also for last week.

- Selin Elcheik: I think with you it is that I ask you about stuff like that when we meet, since our meetings are on Tuesday and not Wednesday. Last week we missed yes.

- Lotta Heijnen: The first one we did not do and the other one we also did not do. It could be really nice to do it.

- Selin Elcheik: I think since we do not have a specific deadline for it, I personally can say for myself that I missed a few when making my schedule. I aim to do them earlier yes, so thank you for bringing it up.

- Ida Rautiainen: I really like them, it is helpful to check in.

- Josefine Huth: Yes, I agree.

- Maarten Gupffert: Mine was also very nice, I support them.

- Isa Witteman: I like them.

- Amelia Beloeuvre: Me too.

- Esmee Blankers: Me too, it is nice to have a longer moment to evaluate and have a clear overview about what is going on. It is nice especially for new chairs. I appreciate it.

- Revathi Renil: From a board person's point of view, I think it is really helpful to have a dedicated time, as Lotta said, having a specific time for it might be helpful.
- Selin Elcheik: In the beginning of the year there were preliminary dates in the year schedules. We aim to still aim to have some. As of now we have 3 confirmed borrel dates and aim to get the others as well. We are still talking to our contact persons at the locations.
- Demi Acquoy: How are you going to fit in extra borrels where committees are being denied to have an extra spot for events?
- Selin Elcheik: We will not be paying attention to choosing a date, it is easier to find a date for a borrel, maybe not at the best time for us, for committees it might be more difficult. In borrels we just go to an external location and hang out with people.
- Quinten MacDonald: When will we get committee clothing?
- Selin Elcheik: This will be discussed in the budget. I wanted to say that when it comes to the Dutch translation of the policy plan, it has a bit of errors still, and google translate is not the best, it was a bit hard to get a things right, I noticed some mistakes in the English one as well.

7. Update on Financial Statement

Revathi Renil presents the updated financial statement now.

→ Income

- Revathi Renil: The current results is how much we have currently spent. Virtual is what we expect to spend, budgeted result is what we budgeted to spend. The discrepancies between virtual and budgeted result, I will explain in the budget proposal, for now I will explain the current results.

→ Questions and Comments

No questions and Comments.

→ Board Activities

- Revathi Renil: For active member day there was quite some extra money spent. A big part of this is because the task force was expecting less people, last minute a lot of extra people signed up last minute. There were also some misunderstandings about how much money was actually available. During our CoBo, there was some sporting game, de Heeren asked us to push our CBoo to start later in return for 100 free beers, so we ended up spending a lot less. Mini events is pretty high, because we still have to receive deposit money on kegs

→ Questions and Comments

- Andrew de Ruiter: CoBo post is still open, why?

- Revathi Renil: Because I still have to present the budget you will vote on, then I can close it.

→ **Committees**

- Revathi Renil: Barcie/Feestcie is now in a positive, but upon looking at the budget, there seems to be a mistake in Conscribo, I will try figure out what this is and give an update on it. The Lucie is still in positive, there is something wrong with Mollie, money for the pub crawl still has to be refunded.

→ **Questions and Comments**

No questions and comments.

→ **Board Expenses**

- Revathi Renil: GM; as of now we have not had any expenses, 74 paid for our first one and for this one due to COVID and short notice, we did not do dinner for this one. It is on the lower end and this is because we have a lot of free wine so a lot of free wine for chairs during the GBM. We got MFVU a leaving present for their current board. Porto is our board outfits. Home and office is boring stuff we got for the room. Fixed costs are normal things we have to pay for like the pin machine in the room.

→ **Questions and Comments**

No questions and comments.

→ **Investments**

- Revathi Renil: Transaction costs are higher because the Zettle takes a lot for transaction costs. The pin machines still haven't been fixed. We are in contact with faculty and waiting for their help. Promo is also a little mistake. For board events, when printing out posters, I think they should be on this post and not on mini events. We bought new blankets and pillows for the room. Website we have not made any investments yet. Merchandise is in positive now because we still have the pens and merchandise from last year. The 9 cent difference in Canva, is when you start your free month on Canva, they charge you 9 cents to see if it works. I will take this opportunity to remind you guys about the money on member initiative budgets, think of an event you can organize.

- Martijn van der Zee: Inquire about the website, costs can rise up. The minimum costs are 3,40. If you will not do anything with the website, think about it.

- Revathi Renil: We are still early in the year, so if we want to change something, we can. But in the coming months if we don't use it, I can relocate it.

- Martijn van der Zee: Yes, and inquire about the costs and changes in

costs. Also, should it not be closed on Canva?

- Revathi Renil: Yeah, but there is 9 cents, we will change it.

- Iris Doodeman: How is Canva?

- Revathi Renil: In the beginning of the year we had quite some money, and it was nice to buy it. You can make posters easier and especially for the Chronicles it is easy to find stuff for the year book. But if future boards have less money, no need to invest in it.

→ **Active Member Rewards**

- Revathi Renil: The GBM outing is something we wanted to do when we were back from the break, but given the pandemic, we will wait for things to open up again. BOTC we don't know winner yet. Committee 10 people have not used yet, reminder to use until 28th February deadline, especially committees that have a hard time bonding. Good way to discuss about doing something fun together. Active member clothing, we wanted to get a start a couple weeks before the break, I then looked into it again and noticed we don't necessarily have that much money anymore. I will have a new budget, if it is voted in, we can work with that and I can give you prices. Extra rewards will be member of the month rewards and we want to do them at the end of the year all together.

→ **Questions and Comments**

No Questions or Comments

→ **Totals**

- Revathi Renil: I believe the subtotals are copied and pasted from the wrong document, so my apologies for that.

→ **Questions and Comments**

No questions and comments.

- Revathi Renil: I do want to encourage you guys to ask questions because it is your money and you have the right to question it.

Obviously, I am super happy you are letting me off, but you have the right to. I will give you one last chance.

8. New budget proposal

- Revathi Renil: Please here do really look at this critically, you have to vote on it. There is money being taken away from posts. If you don't agree I would like to have a proper discussion about it. The estimated expenses is the total amount of money I think we will spend on this. The estimated income is how much money I guess we can get on sponsorship and/or ticket sales, lustrum from previous year etc. Budgeted result is how much money you will get from the VSPVU. If you are looking for how much money your committee will get, this is the column you should be looking at.

→ **Income**

- Revathi Renil: I lowered VU bookstore given the fact that 74 did not

get as much money as they thought they would. When I made this budget, I expected a full physical year. For membership we had hope for a lot more members than we got. We also consulted RvA and KasCo about this. However, this has not been the case, we have to be realistic on how much money we could make. This is the amount if we could get 20 new bachelor students. Athena summaries I have also lowered a little bit. I have not lowered that much because we do get the 4000 euros. We also have a new post in our contract, every time they are late with something, they get a 50 euro fine. They have been late a couple times already. In the contract it does say that if they communicated it with us, it does count. We still have to send the invoices, but we will make money off of it. I have not lowered Bavaria that much; we got the money from 74 and made a decent amount. With lustrum coming up, we aim to use more kegs. The location for mentor weekend did not allow us to use our own kegs in Illusie last year, but I hope we can do that this year for mentor weekend. For regular sponsorships, I have increased it a little bit, we have the responsibility to you guys to try hard with this. Now it says we have 130 euros, but will get a 500 euro deal with another company. I think we can keep it up and make 1500 in the new year. I still hope that bank account interest will do something.

- Iris Doodeman: Getting 20 new bachelor members will close the gap?

- Revathi Renil: I need to check what went wrong there then. That is indeed a big discrepancy.

- Demi Acquoy: I agree with VU bookstore and Athena I hope they will pay and that it will work out. Do keep it in mind for the GM in march due to the lockdowns. I would advise on Bavaria to decrease. You miss out on room sales, mini events and barbies. If the lustrum does not go through due to COVID, then you have some space to shift into. Sponsorship I would keep at 1000. You are really already so busy, keep it at 1000. Reevaluate it in March.

- Revathi Renil: I also want to mention in sponsorship, there is a pretty big deal we are currently working on and hope to get money from. It is not that we will do without any basis. I do see what you mean with Bavaria, it is something I will reevaluate next time we look into the budget again. I am trying to stay optimistic about lustrum and room sales.

→ **Board activities**

- Revathi Renil: I have made a mistake in active member day. There is something wrong with Conscribo about how much money we receive. We should be receiving money in ticket sales and would have to invest

money. I propose to close CoBo drinks. AMW, I lowered. It is quite a big jump but seeing the lack of money we have, I would rather take away from this instead of from committees. I hope we will still have a nice AMW. It seems unfair to spend money on previous boards, we can do that ourselves. Same as GM previous as now for transition weekend. Mini events I also lowered. We wanted to invest a lot into mini events for the physical year, but corona said no. I don't think we will miss out that much from having welcome shots if we don't have them.

- Martijn van der Zee: AMD is closed?

- Revathi Renil: Yeah, there are no more payments to be made. Once I figured out what is going on in Conscribo, I will know what to edit.

- Martijn van der Zee: I think lowering mini events and board drinks is a wise call, covid screws some things.

- Demi Acquoy: It cannot be closed since there will be some changes.

- Revathi Renil: Okay, then it will not be closed. The reason of the discrepancy @Iris between the numbers is that the yearly contribution of 5 euros still has to be from members. So, it will be yearly contribution + 20 bachelor members.

→ **Committees**

- Revathi Renil: I have lowered some money from Actie, they are still getting more than last year. Since Actie is still struggling with money, I think it is okay to take it away. Since Barcie unfortunately cannot have a Barcie, I will take away 25 euros. But Lotta knows that it is flexible between the Barcie and Feestcie budget. So, if they want to take some money from their Feestcie, it is okay. I still wanted to give Chronicles some extra money since it is a lustrum year. I took what I thought was an appropriate amount. I really avoid taking money from Congresscie, it is difficult to host an event with the money they are getting especially with locations increasing so much. I wanted to not touch it, but when cutting from all committees, I also had to cut. Illusie usually does not get money from VSPVU, but since Illusie is now getting money from faculty, I am taking some away, but they are for our new students, so I do want to invest in them. Originally, we wanted to give 1000 to this year and 600 to next lustrum. This year got a lot from 73, but seeing that we don't have the money it is not a luxury we can afford.

Lex/Opcie is also a committee struggling to spend money, I think they can manage with 100 euros. Same for Pedcie. Seeing as we did not have a full committee last year, I think this money would be fine for them. Wintersportcie got a lot of money because they were also doing the weekend away. If they still want to do it, they can but they would probably only be able to do a hitchhike weekend. Flexible committee

budget; committees that are struggling, make use of this. The policy plan states how you can apply for this.

- Demi Acquoy: I want to give you compliments on how you allocate money, it is fair. It was a tough job so it is really great. I would not take away money from Barcie, I advise to take this money from the Feestcie. Barcie always has a pilot of 100 euros... for Chronicles and Pedcie, it is sad to see that they are limited, in the end of the year you can relocate. Opcie, lex etc. don't need more money than this.

- Revathi Renil: It is not saying how much money is for the Barcie or for the Feestcie, just to give an idea.

- Martijn van der Zee: I agree, great way to deal with this. One point for Wintersportcie; seeing that the budget is cut towards a hitchhike weekend, I want to invite him to be really reasonable about covid. Because if covid is there, hitchhiking won't work, it is contagious. It is a lot of money, so use it wisely.

- Revathi Renil: I agree with this, I think we discussed in the GM, GBM or privately, but if the weekend is not realistic, this money will be relocated, it will not stay with them.

- Maarten Gupffert: I think what Martijn said is right, this is something we have discussed. We are not sure how possible it will be to get strangers to get you in their car. In the first place it will be hard, so we will have to evaluate what we think would be possible for this weekend, if we think we can spend it right and where else it could go. I really agree with what Martijn says.

- Martijn van der Zee: *thumbs up*

- Revathi Renil: This is on the basis that Wintersportcie will do a weekend away. If they do not, it will be relocated.

- Amelia Beloeuvre: Compliments. For the Chronicles, is also quite some money. But how you and the board were breaking the news was pretty good and transparent.

- Revathi Renil: Thank you.

→ **Board expenses**

- Revathi Renil: GM should be 250 on both sides, please correct this. I have greatly reduced the costs; this is given the fact that we have 2 of our own GM's left and one for 76. If things stay online especially, it will be okay. But I think this money will be enough. GBM is also 200 instead of 300, I reduced because I think we can easily make it work with 200 euros. External was 150 and is now 100. This is usual money for Loop and SSPN. There is no update on Loop yet, and we will be able to invest less in SSPN. I also reduced gifts to other boards, we don't have enough money so it is not the biggest priority. We are halfway through

our year and have not been able to go to CoBos. Board reimbursement will stay the same because we are 3 people. Porto print and home office stay the same. Fixed costs stay the same, especially if we have to fix taps etc.

- Demi Acquoy: The only question I have is how many CoBos did you have or had. Is there any clearance?

- Revathi Renil: No, a lot have been postponed until further notice. As of now we don't know anything about going to CoBos.

- Demi Acquoy: I like you giving the old board money. I wanted to add that as a reminder if Canva is successful, it should be added to fixed costs.

- Revathi Renil: Yeah, so I think it is good, when we had enough money. So, I think it depends on how much money 76 will have and for them to decide.

- Selin Elcheik: We have a CoBo that we will go to in March, VIB said they are hoping on having their CoBo then. We got old the old MFVU lustrum CoBo McDonald's. They had given us McDonald's at our CoBo. We had a deal to give them that back.

- Martijn van der Zee: about SSPN, most associations just use you and profit from it. In the end only a few associations did work. Don't be afraid to be that person/association this year that cuts costs for SSPN. Other associations will do it.

- Demi Acquoy: I completely disagree with Martijn about this, VSPVU is the chair of SSPN. If it does not work, change the functions. As chair we have the obligation to make it work.

- Martijn van der Zee: I also advise not to be chair this year.

→ **Investments**

- Revathi Renil: There should be an asterisk next to Canva. I was very optimistic about the room in the beginning of the year. Website, I will keep it at 340 now, in case we want to change something small. But if later in the year it is not the case, I will relocate this money.

Merchandise I will change to 1290. I was so excited about our merchandise, and hopefully it will still be kind of cool but not as expensive of an investment. I did want to keep it a little bit higher because it is lustrum year. But I think it is a fair realistic amount to have. Miscellaneous investments is a post to keep in case we want to change something. Like I said, for member initiative budgets, I made it a 100 as opposed to 175. I still think it is fun to have a fun event, seeing as how Sjoerd his events have been, he has profited from it. Maybe this year someone can battle Sjoerd. So yeah, I think it would be fine with just 100 euros for this. Canva should be closed, no further

expenses on this, I overspent 9 cents.

- Demi Acquoy: Transaction costs, you are still using PayPal right? Is it doable with this amount of transaction costs?

- Revathi Renil: It should be, we are less than halfway through it and halfway through our year.

- Demi Acquoy: We will see it in March. The update on promotion is not correct in the previous years. You did not spend any money on posters?

- Revathi Renil: I put them in mini events, but that is wrong.

- Demi Acquoy: Are you going to be doing fun additional promo about lustrum stickers?

- Revathi Renil: it is something we are working on.

- Demi Acquoy: I find miscellaneous investments a bit too high, so I would decrease to 200 and give 40 euros back to committees. But that is me, it is always a bit of a vague post. Committees can really use it. Sjoerd has a new idea, right? Pretty sure he will come to you.

- Revathi Renil: Okay, we also have been in contact about the pin machines, so I hope the Zettle use will decrease with the pin machine being fixed. I get you on the point of miscellaneous investments. There is a lot of money there that can be relocated, but it is something that I think will be one of the first posts to be relocated. I just want to keep it in there in case we will need it.

- Demi Acquoy: Maybe discuss it in the break.

- Martijn van der Zee: Do you have any current investments that you are thinking about to explain the money on the post.

- Revathi Renil: We have one that we will not expose, there are some ideas from the first GM, we were thinking of a cheap couch from Marktplaats. People have claimed to fix the vacuum cleaner, but it is not fixed. We might buy a cheap vacuum cleaner.

- Martijn van der Zee: Then I advise you to either lower one or both of those posts (VSPVU room, miscellaneous investments or both).

- Revathi Renil: I will consider this in the room.

- Andrew de Ruiter: Don't cheap out for a vacuum cleaner.

- Revathi Renil: Yeah not cheap out, but not expensive either.

→ **Active Member Rewards**

- Revathi Renil: Our chairs deserve a nice GBM outing. BOTC winning committee deserves a good price. We made it a bit more expensive, but reduced it to 50 euros again. Committee 10, now we have 79 active members. We don't necessarily think we will get a new active member, so I have kept it at 790. Active member clothing, not a big investment to be made at this point. Extra rewards, we think we can still get some

nice presents with this.

- Demi Acquoy: Are you also in the committee 10?

- Revathi Renil: Yes.

- Demi Acquoy: Yes.

→ Totals

Revathi Renil presents the totals.

→ Questions and Comments

Revathi: I appreciate your guys' feedback, attention etc. Please new members state your comments, the oldies might be a bit intimidating, but your events are being affected, it is still your GM. I also did not know a lot of stuff as well in my first year.

- Dylan Ingelse: What is SSPN?

- Selin Elcheik: It is a collective of all psychology associations in the Netherlands, like VSPVU, from UVA, Tilburg etc. They join together to organize a big event. But that association is also an association in itself, so it also has a chair, secretary etc.

- Melissa Sier: Financial statement, money for the committees. I know you have to cut from everyone's budget. But we are getting cut more than other committees.

- Revathi Renil: Yeah, the Chronicles is also getting less. The reason Illusie is getting less is because of how much is being given by faculty, such as Opcie for career days. No one is going to take away your money from faculty, other committees only get money from VSPVU. Illusie originally does not get money from VSPVU but this year they do. We got money from Wintersportcie to be able to do this.

9. Voting

- Revathi: I have some bad news. Upon looking at the budget, it seems we made the same mistake as 74, we thought we had 4500 plus sponsorship from Athena. This means if we make under 4500, we will still get that amount. Corona will lead to 3500 instead of 4500. The 6000 euros in the budget is not correct, we propose an emergency GM for just the budget, it will not be like a regular GM, the only thing that will be presented is this proposed budget. This means that we will not be voting on a budget today. So yeah, that is the money update. We will not be voting on the budget today and will be working on a new GM. I am working really hard to have a new one ready.

- Demi Acquoy: Is March not soon enough for the emergency? Leave it like this, you can then also figure out yearly contribution.

- Revathi Renil: We do not know if that is soon enough since we are still on hold for things like merchandise and active member clothing. This is a huge learning point and will try to make sure that 76 does not fall in the same mistake.

10. Committees

a) Actie

- Revathi Renil: They are doing really great, super on time with all their ideas, tasks etc. Really fun and exciting committee. Their first event was really successful and a lot of people had fun. It was sold out pretty soon. They are working hard on their next event which will be after the ski trip. We really hope to see you guys there.

b) Balie

Shannon: The book sales are not going to great, same with the summary sales, but the shifts are still on. I feel like a lot of people just get their summaries online. We are having an issue with the pin machine at the book store Balie, so we can't be at our usual Balie counter. We hope to have this fixed soon! I am in contact with my contact person of the Book store about this.

- Iris Doodeman: Push the bookstore, we are now being pushed to their checkout systems again. They promised me in December 2020 they would fix the problems.

- Shannon: Yes, I am on it. The contact person has promised me that he would take action.

- Iris Doodeman: We have an agreement with the bookstore, don't let them push you over.

c) Barcie/Feestcie

- Selin Elcheik: The comm had a really nice start with the first Barcie being able to take place in the room. Some of you guys were there, hope you had fun. The second one was cancelled because it was supposed to take place tomorrow. Right now, they are busy planning the Gala which will take place in the Lustrum week. As more things are confirmed, they will continue with the introduction week party.

- Quinten MacDonald: when is the Lustrum week?

- Selin Elcheik: 4-8 April. All these dates can be found on the year schedule on the website.

d) Chronicles

- Revathi Renil: The committee is very effective and they are working really hard on the year book. I am excited for you to see what they will do with the yearbook!

- Amelia Beloeuvre: Woo!

e) Congresscie

- Revathi Renil: This committee is performing super effective work; they are on a really good schedule. They chose their theme and are now thinking of themes under their umbrella theme. They have 2 hosts that are confirmed. They have some difficulty with lecturers since they get their sched later in the year. They have 2 confirmed speakers and are in contact with possible sponsors.

f) Illusie

- Selin Elcheik: The Illusie is currently working on the mentor selections, promotion went out yesterday, they are very busy planning the day, have had their theme set for a while now. It is fairytales. They will follow this theme throughout. They have been working very hard. They are getting along really well as a committee. They are enthusiastic and are busy with mentor planning.

g) Lucie

- Shannon Fredison: The Lucie is doing good! They are currently busy planning their first event: the lustrum theme reveal event and aside from that are working hard on planning the Lustrum week itself.

- Isa Witteman: Goo Lucie!

h) Lex/Opcie

- Shannon Fredison: The Lex/Opcie had their first event in December and it sold out! They are now planning their second event which will be in February, so excited about that!

i) Pedcie

- Shannon Fredison: The Pedcie consist of 3 members! They are working hard and planning on still having their first event go through on the planned date. They have some nice ideas already.

j) Wintersportcie

- Selin Elcheik: Details were posted, they are busy discussing the borrel, they are having some troubles with sponsors from before, not sponsoring students anymore. Now they are busy brainstorming about the hitchhike weekend, while also discussing covid concerns.

- Maarten Gupffert: Hell yeah!

- Demi Acquoy: How useful do you find this yourself in the GM?

- Selin Elcheik: We are seeing this meeting how it is, for ourselves not that useful, mostly for nonactive members to know more, like other members, more interested in the VSPVU, but most people who attend GM's are active members anyways.

- Revathi Renil: This is all stuff that we know, but I think it is a nice reflection point. I think on that level it is a nice little check-in point. One of the things we wanted to do was increase transparency.

- Shannon Fredison: I agree.

- Demi Acquoy: I really like the Pedcie update, but a lot of the piece of text is they are doing great etc. Can it be more transparent? Be a bit more in depth. Highlight big changes in committees. Now at the end I don't know if people are still listening.

- Selin Elcheik: Yeah, I get that, however the reason is also we stated we would keep it broad because of confidentiality issues. In a GBM things like this are discussed more,

we don't think private things should be discussed in a GM.

- Martijn van der Zee: Like I said last GM, if you are going to do it, I advise you as a board also to do this like in a GBM. I was quite surprised not to see you guys doing it. Next time, add board in there too.
- Selin Elcheik: Yeah, good point it would be nice.
- Quinten MacDonald: Do non-active members know that they can join?
- Selin Elcheik: Yes.

11. Corona Update

Selin Elcheik presents the Corona update.

- Andrew de Ruiter: So, based on the information on the screen, committee meetings cannot take place on campus?
- Selin Elcheik: No, I mean no social meetups. Committee meetings are allowed. Pedcie, Lex/Opcie and Congresscie are allowed since they are educational events.
- Martijn van der Zee: Have you checked previous corona documents?
- Selin Elcheik: That is what we are following now with the 8 +2 people in the room.
- Martijn van der Zee: Then this is pretty shallow, you could have mentioned alcohol as well.
- Selin Elcheik: There was nothing stated by the VU regarding corona, but VU does not allow serving alcohol.
- Martijn van der Zee: Revise those documents and upload them on the website. Also, on Instagram. And keeping on the masks.
- Revathi Renil: We will be updating it...now the VU has not told us that we can have 8 people in the room, we are stating by our own rules. In our plan it states we follow our own things.
- Martijn van der Zee: You can keep changing it.
- Revathi Renil: Would it not make sense to keep what we have now?
- Martijn van der Zee: You can say you, officially our room is a horeca instelling, we are open and we are supposed to be closed, so I do advise you to update the document because we are weird.

12. Idea Box

- ~ Bully the Board by Amelia.
- Selin: People are already doing this.
- ~ Midget mini event
- An event in which short people in the association.
- ~ Mimosa or champagne tasting
- Selin: Idea for Sjoerd.
- ~ King's day with 75 and Willie
- ~ Biertjes rennen
- ~ Return of the titans borrel

~ Lustrum time capsule

- Lotta: Ice the people who would find the time capsule.

13. Important Dates:

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| a. 16th of February: | Mini Event #4: Valentine's Day |
| b. 23 rd of February: | General Board Meeting #5 |
| c. 2 nd of March: | General Meeting #3 |
| d. 14 th of April: | Mini Event #5: Easter |
| e. 26 th of April: | Mini Event #6: King's Day |
| f. 6 th – 8 th of May: | Active Member Weekend |
| g. 15 th of June: | General Meeting #4 |
- Martijn van der Zee: Why King's Day and not kings night?
 - Selin Elcheik: Will change it.
 - Iris Doodeman: Add candidate board stuff.
 - Selin Elcheik: Those days are not confirmed, but more info will follow shortly, will be added.
 - Andrew de Ruiter: Mini events 4, 5 and 6. I can only remember one.
 - Selin Elcheik: The first one was meet the committees, the second was Special tostis, and we wanted to do a movie night.
 - Andrew de Ruiter: Also add study sessions.
 - Selin Elcheik: Will add it next time.

14. A.O.B.

- Andrew de Ruiter: Throughout the year maybe I heard stuff needing to be updated. Look at the site overall, documents might be missing. The news area is also not being updated since June. Check those first before checking Genko and what you would like to change.
- Selin Elcheik: I have been especially checking documents because sometimes it is hard to be located. I think we all have way more hang of it now and will look into it.
- Demi Acquoy: How do you think board life is going, do you have fun, are there stuff you are struggling with?
- Selin Elcheik: I will start then: to be honest, I think 74 warned us quite a bit about workload so we weren't as blind sighted, but things did seem easier before stating. But we did come to find out that being with 3 is really hard to delegate the core functions that are missing. It has been a bit difficult. Not everyone has specific set tasks. The amount of hours being put into board, I don't think people understand until they are in board. It is a full-time board. People really do not understand. Sometimes you are expected to be at the exposal to be everywhere, it is difficult to plan personal life, but now I have a bit more a hang of things. January is where things are starting to make sense, and then we have to start looking for a new board. But being at events and hanging out with people makes is worth it. Having to deal with a lot of board work. Going to a committee meetings does not feel like a board task. That is how I feel. It is a lot, but

it is good.

- Shannon: I feel like it is going much better than how it used to go in the beginning. I am feeling more okay in the tasks I have to do, seeing members have fun makes me feel good. That reminds me that our members is what I'm doing this for. Also discovering a lot of things about myself.

- Revathi Renil: In the beginning I was quite sensitive, I am becoming more cold. Sometimes I miss my emotional self but I am happy with how I have become. This is the true Dutch integration of becoming direct. I am pretty happy about that. It is pretty intimidating sometimes. I still suffer with a lot of doubts being a treasurer, especially with Demi being my trust person. A lot of times I doubt myself but working on it and trusting my instincts. I have also found it difficult because sometimes I do find it overwhelming. Since no one has been a 3-person board it has not been a realistic view from previous years. No one else had done it before. Just finding that out, in the policy plan with promotion, being confronted with how much work it will be is pretty difficult. I feel sad because I don't always feel that I can be there for all the things I want to do. It is nice to be involved.

15. Questions or Comments

16. Closing

Selin Elcheik closes the meeting at 00:18.