

AGENDA GM #5

15-06-2022

18:00 START

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1. Opening

- Selin Elcheik opens the meeting at 18:12

2. Announcements

- Kerem Özal is not present and authorised Selin Elcheik to vote.
- Andrew de Ruiter is not present authorised Mandy Schunselaar to vote.
- Sjoerd van den Assem is not present and authorised Liz Masselink to vote.
- Hugo Kaper is a bit later to the meeting.
- Amelia Beloeuvre is leaving earlier and authorizes Annalena Schersel to vote.
- Josefine Huth is not present.

3. Approval of Transcript

- The transcript is approved.

4. Approval of Agenda

- The agenda is approved.

5. Introducing the Candidate Board

- Žygimantas Pupelis introduces himself.
- Sonia Erbé Gómez introduces herself.
- Romkje van Thuijl introduces herself.
- Anaïs van Schalen introduces herself.

a. Question Round

- Liz Masselink: What are you guys envisioning for the board, yourself and the VSPVU?
 - Žygimantas Pupelis: A lot of active members are active in the room. My goal is to introduce more not only active but also normal students. It is now in the background, I want people to feel associated to the VSPVU and that they can say proudly that they are a member of the VSPVU. My goals is to develop as a person, grow up, take more responsibility and to become a better person.
 - Sonia Erbé Gómez: 1st years are very important. We want a lot of new members. Introduction week and Illusie weekend promotion is really important. In the beginning of the year that will be the focus. I want to learn a few main things: dealing with stress, criticism, managing social life around a lot of work.
 - Romkje van Thuijl: To get a lot of new members; make it a place for people to hang out, make it an amazing experience. For me to get to know the VSPVU a bit better. How to handle stress, organize things and get to know myself.
 - Anaïs van Schalen: I would like more involved first years and new people and just making sure that everyone is having a good time. I would like to be responsible for organizing things that people enjoy. I tend to get out of balance with work and

social life, I think a board year would be good for me, I would be able to say no more often. Planning in rest for myself.

- Iris Doodeman: Related to the functions I wanted to ask why you guys think you fit your function and what you are looking forward to and not looking forward to in your function.

- Žygimantas Pupelis: I want to be a chair because of my personality. I am quite extraverted. I would like to introduce the VSPVU to 1st years. A lot of older members are leaving. I can excel in introducing the VSPVU. I have experience being in a marketing team and think I can develop more here. It is a bigger team, more students, I think I can develop myself more.

- Sonia Erb   G  mez: I have always been organized in uni and school. I can do that and am good at that. I am looking forward to that. I will figure out what I am not looking forward to.

- Romkje van Thuijl: Revathi introduced me to the position of treasurer. I got interested in the economic side of the organisation, learning new skills on the financial part. I am not looking forward to saying the numbers. Learning new skills and handling money.

- Ana  s van Schalen: Being creative with the posters and stuff, making sure promotion is handed in on time. It is the thing I am scared of. I know that I am creative, don't feel confident about that yet. Don't always believe in myself, that is why I want to do that.

- Martijn van der Zee: Name your worst trait you will bring to your board year, how you plan to overcome it, and your best trait.

- Žygimantas Pupelis: From Wintersportcie I learned I am quite detached from things as a person; I want to be there, share my opinion about things. Being on top of my game. I am not shy to start a conversation with other people, learning about them.

- Sonia Erb   G  mez: I want to find it easier to go up to people I don't know that well yet. A good trait is that I am clear and good in organization.

- Romkje van Thuijl: Worst trait is that I am maybe too scared to say something about it when people don't hand in budgets on time or not correctly but I think I will learn from it with experience. My best skill is maybe that I like to communicate with people. I think that will be fine.

- Ana  s van Schalen: When I am really stressed, I shut down, not to other people but to myself. I am stressed internally and don't express that. I am aware of that and I feel like I am becoming better in expressing it. My best trait is that I am good at communicating expectations; i.e., this has to be done, this is what I need from you, making sure everything is clear.

- Maarten Gupffert: All of you said you want to open up the association more to active members, do you have any concrete plan how?

- Žygimantas Pupelis: Introduction week has the biggest impact, it is where we have the biggest chance to connect. We have to spread the word what VSPVU is and what it stands for and how available it is. Introduction week and the beginning 1st 2 weeks are the most important thing.

- Sonia Erbé Gómez: Being open as a board and as mentors.
- Romkje van Thuijl: Keep promoting it the whole year, more lecture talks, promotion on Instagram and promotion from active members themselves.
- Anaïs van Schalen: We talked about it today and I think we are on the same page. We will all 4 be mentors so involved in introduction week.
- Mandy Schunselaar: How do you plan on combining life with board year?
- Žygimantas Pupelis: To be honest, there is no good answer to that question. Neither of us have done this or know the real workload. We have to push each other so we are all on point etc. It is a learning step and we will have to see.
- Romkje van Thuijl: We will find out.
- Anaïs van Schalen: I agree.
- Martijn van der Zee: How will you fit a 40-hour work week with your current schedule?
- Sonia Erbé Gómez: Following courses is not my priority. If I have time to do a course, I will do it. I will just do my 3rd year after my board year. I still have to work.
- Martijn van der Zee: How much a week?
- Sonia Erbé Gómez: Once a week.
- Iris van Rooij: How do you plan to structure your life?
- Sonia Erbé Gómez: One day of work, 4-5 days of board things.
- Žygimantas Pupelis: I work 2 days. After the room shift you have additional hours to do your additional work. I can work weekends and have evenings free for myself for additional things such as social life.
- Romkje van Thuijl: Same as Sonia, but without work.
- Anaïs van Schalen: I am starting criminology. People said you can do 1 course per period. I feel like the board and the association will be my social life, so those 2 will be combined.
- Liz Masselink: You said the room is open from 11 to 4. Why did you decide on these times? Now they are with 3 but usually it is open from 10 to 5. The last hour we had a lot of borrels from 4 to 5 that were really successful. I would recommend doing that again if possible with you guys.
- Martijn van der Zee: I thought it was fitting to ask this one directed to Žygi: you have quite the reputation.
- Žygimantas Pupelis: I do.
- Martijn van der Zee: How will you overcome that image?
- Žygimantas Pupelis : People that have been on Wintersportcie saw my face of responsibility. I could go crazy but next year I will have a whole year full of responsibility. I can't do the same I did while being in that position. I can't let myself do the same things I did. Intro week will show what I can do and be.
- Lotta Heijnen: What are the biggest learning points you are taking with you from being a committee this year?
- Žygimantas Pupelis: Mostly how to give criticism. I don't like to sugar coat things. I should learn how to provide it in a nicer way. Not as harsh.
- Sonia Erbé Gómez: I got to know the VSPVU this year in the Actie. A lot of things I learned about rules I will take. I don't know half the things I should know. I will take

those with me.

- Romkje van Thuijl: I liked the Congrescie a lot. It was a nice experience to do something like this in this association.
- Anaïs van Schalen: I learned from myself that it is easier to do things straight away. Most of the times it is not that much work. Just get it over with and not postpone it.
- Stefan Canic: What are your plans for the summer?
- Žygimantas Pupelis: I have to study and will travel back home for a couple of weeks, after that I come back and will get into VSPVU things like trainings, policy plan and if I can work a bit more to save up.
- Sonia Erb   G  mez: I am going to be in Spain for 2 weeks and a week in Budapest. For the rest in Amsterdam.
- Romkje van Thuijl: I also don't know what I will do but will start with Rev and hang out with the Congrescie girls.
- Anaïs van Schalen: I will go back to Belgium for 3 weeks. I have loose dates that I'm doing stuff but mostly in Amsterdam.
- Stefan Canic: The reason I am asking is because you say you want a lot of first years and want to do this in introduction week. I can guarantee it will be a lot of work in August. I know you guys were late with selected as board due to unforeseen circumstances. I hope you will be very comfortable in your functions before August. I gave my function training to 75 in August which was my mistake. In the end that was what worked out for everyone. Make sure you are ready for introduction week from August onwards because it will be a lot of work.
- Iris Doodeman: You're with 4 people now and it is more than this year but still not that many people. It will still be a lot of work. Are you open to a potential 5th or 6th person and how would you divide the work?
- Žygimantas Pupelis: We are open to 5 and 6. We would be very excited for someone to join and will with open arms. The workload will be divided based on our challenges and it will be up to the board members to decide how everyone will contribute.
- Iris Doodeman: So not a plan yet for the 3 functions that aren't open yet.
- Žygimantas Pupelis: No.
- Iris Doodeman: As a chair it is important to be on top of things and it is really hard to do. The VSPVU needs a good chair. How will you be on top of things and everyone?
- Žygimantas Pupelis: I think I will first have to get information and read information. Our relationship is alright. We should stay connected. I want to put more effort into that. Gathering information and relaying it to my committee and fellow members.
- Ramona Plato: A lot of you said you had trouble with dealing with stress. How will you guys deal with stress?
- Žygimantas Pupelis: I am not very stressed as a person. That will not be a big thing for me. Stress negatively impacts decisions. Staying as calm as possible is good. I see the challenge that I have to battle. If am stressed or not, the challenge

will remain.

- Sonia Erb   G  mez: I work best with a little bit of stress. I exercise a lot to battle that. I will learn to cope better.
- Romkje van Thuijl: When it is too much stress I should find out where it is coming from and ask for help from former board.
- Ana  s van Schalen: I am learning a lot in my personal life about handling stress. I know I get stressed easily but also know how to handle it. I think a board year would be good to expand on that.
- Isa Witteman: Would you ever consider bringing back the Plantcie.
-   ygimantas Pupelis: There are people for that committee.
- Isa Witteman: We tried to do a plant swap last year.
- Sonia Erb   G  mez: We can discuss that in the board meeting.
- iris Doodeman: What do you plan to do differently from the current board?
-   ygimantas Pupelis: We had a 3-person board. There are a lot of things we can develop as a 4-person board. We can have more committees etc. We should discuss what we can see and improve. Maybe we will have 2 people room shifts, we have to see what we can do as a team. I just feel like this board has a lack of time. It is a lot of work for a 3-person board.
- Iris Doodeman: Your whole board year will be a lack of time. Take that into account. You will always will want to do more than you can.
- Ana  s van Schalen: I think it is also good to say why something is late or something. Being transparent and saying why something isn't done.
- Liz Masselink: You have been nice but know that you can give your honest opinion. Will you all be mentors? How will you do that with board?
- Sonia Erb   G  mez: We have not thought about that.
- Liz Masselink: What are you guys' study plans? Which years will you be in etc.?
- Sonia Erb   G  mez: We already said it previously.
- Revathi Renil: It is in the transcript.
- Demi Acquoy: Thank you for your honest answers. No one of you have ever been a chair before. I was wondering how you are going to prepare for hosting the GBM's and being the contact person.
- Romkje van Thuijl: Learning from the previous board, ask them how, ask advice, ask chairs how they did it.
- Ana  s van Schalen: It is also good to work together and be confident with each other, all being confident with the meeting.
- Demi Acquoy: A question for 75: why did you put them in these positions?
- Selin Elcheik: We had the interviews with the selection committee. After the applications we went over the preferences. We all knew one them and also thought about what would fit their personality, goals, what they can excel in and learn from and keeping their preferences in mind.
- Demi Acquoy: What makes   gi a chair?
- Selin Elcheik: He was vice of the Wintersportcie. He likes to party and stuff, but that doesn't have to go hand in hand with his ability to be chair. We saw how he took charge when needed and to delegate tasks between people on the ski trip. He

is approachable, open. Being an easy person to talk to. You need to seem approachable as the chair. He could keep group dynamics strong. Also learning a lot and taking up more responsibility, having to be communicative, being in contact with all the functions at all times. Sonia had mentioned a lot about her organizational skills and structure and we thought she would fit based on that. She also had a passion for that role.

- Revathi Renil: Sonia is really good with structure and deadlines which I saw in the Actie. She is good at taking initiative and is a fast learner. It is very much of a mindset thing. I think she excels in things and she was very passionate about being secretary.

- Selin Elcheik: This year she was the treasurer of the Actie and her work with deadlines was good. Romkje had a passion for being treasurer from working with Rev. I think Romkje has been lucky enough to see what Rev does since people usually don't really know what the treasurer does. A lot of administrative work goes on in the background and she got to see that. She was excited about this role, passionate and intrigued. That was interesting to see.

- Revathi Renil: I feel like treasurer is sometimes a misunderstood function. It is nice to see someone with interest and passion in it. The function of a treasurer is very task heavy with very fixed tasks. Romkje has shown she can get her work done in the Congrescie. I think she will do really well in that function.

- Selin Elcheik: We thought Anaïs would do great with promotion. She was interested in the function. We understood that promotion coordinator is actually also a big function and sometimes gets disregarded. There is a lot of work that goes into promotion. You have to constantly think about how to promote the association. We genuinely thought that Anaïs is a very innovative person. She had various experience in working in different organizations etc. She is someone who is very eager to learn new things. No experience with InDesign but eager to learn and a fast learner. She was the treasurer of the Barcie/Feestcie this year. We thought it fit with her colourful personality.

- Revathi Renil: I think she is also driven to do 1000 things at once. Stefan also mentioned to us how he messed around with InDesign etc. I see Anaïs being busy on InDesign messing around and trying it out.

- Selin Elcheik: Anaïs is also a big fan of having control at times. It is good to have that eye when checking corporate identity in promotion.

- Demi Acquoy: There is a possibility that COVID is coming back. I hope it doesn't happen. Have you thought about this and how has it influence your choice?

- Sonia Erbé Gómez: I thought about it only today and it didn't influence my choice. It happened last and this year, just adapt.

- Žygimantas Pupelis: I think people still have fun in Zoom events. We will have to do Zoom meetings etc. and try to have fun but at the same time it is hard to speculate how fast or how hard it will affect us.

- Demi Acquoy: Use yourself for the fun. We had a lot of fun with the 4 of us. Make the most out of it. What is something new you want to implement?

- Sonia Erbé Gómez: Plantcie.

- Žygimantas Pupelis: I heard from Martijn that there was a VSPVU anthem. I would like to make an international anthem or chant so people can associate with the VSPVU. To have something that would stay.
- Sonia Erbé Gómez: A gala would be nice on a boat.
- Žygimantas Pupelis: A festival if we could do it every year would be quite nice as well.
- Demi Acquoy: There are some different personalities within the 4 of you. That has good and down sides. Some more introverted and some more extraverted. That can cause friction in meetings or discussions. How are you going to prevent that from happening?
- Anaïs van Schalen: I am really good friends with Sonia. I don't think that will be an issue. Same with Žygi. I am not someone who skips over people and will make sure everyone feels satisfied.
- Žygimantas Pupelis: I think every board member carries a voice and should have freedom to express that voice. I think it might create some sparks. Everyone matters the same amount. We should talk to everyone.
- Liz Masselink: Žygi is the chair. What if the girls are fighting and you are not coming to an agreement? How will you solve that?
- Žygimantas Pupelis: Take a piece of paper, put down the plusses and minuses. Develop the ideas and write criticism. I would like more democracy. Make sure no one would feel harmed if their decision or opinion isn't taken.
- Isa Witteman: You wanted to solve it democratically. Aren't you afraid that they will walk over you and you will lose a bit of your chair function?
- Žygimantas Pupelis: My decision can be wrong as well. I would rather take everyone their voice. If I have to make a decision, I will make it. But we all have a voice. That is where it matters, if there are negative sides in the boards and we are clashing it will show. It is important that we have a good connection and then everyone else.
- Isa Witteman: You wanted to do a chant or jingle. I recommend Isaure to sing it. She can do it very well.
- Iris Doodeman: I think many of us are very experienced with the March-April dip. How will you keep yourself motivated? Tasks can become very dull at some point. How will you motivate yourself and keep your committees motivated through that dip?
- Žygimantas Pupelis: I would try to keep my progress over the year. See my improvement and where I can do more. I want my committee to see and let my committee also evaluate themselves. I think sometimes it is not enough to look at yourself. You need other people; I think each and everyone will motive each other.
- Sonia Erbé Gómez: I think especially that we will motivate each other and hopefully will get energy from people at activities. Seeing them have fun and therefore wanting to work had for next events.
- Romkje van Thuijl: Motivate each other.
- Iris Doodeman: How will you do that with committees?
- Romkje van Thuijl: Meet up, remind them of their goals and do it together.

- Anaïs van Schalen: Doing something fun in between. Make sure they feel excited again about being in a committee.
- Demi Acquoy: Are you familiar with constitution order already? I want to see you guys standing in that order in September. What are you looking for in RVA and KASCO and do you consider former board in that?
- Romkje van Thuijl: I haven't thought about that but will ask the former board for advice. People with qualities, we need people who know things.
- Sonia Erbé Gómez: People with experience. We will see who applies. It depends on the person of course.
- Demi Acquoy: The reason I ask is because there aren't a lot of former board members around anymore. People who are here can also apply if they are not former board, who have experience and know they can help out.
- Liz Masselink: In my board year we had 1 RVA member that wasn't former board. If you have that opportunity, add an experienced member. Our RVA member was an active member for 6 years, had experience in diff positions and gave a really different outlook on things. Former boards tend to give advice based on their own vision and year.
- Maarten Gupffert: None of you have been chairs before. Some information is missing in your knowledge. Why did you guys become board over chair and how will you compensate for the lack of experience?
- Žygimantas Pupelis: I first wanted to become Wintersportcie chair but also want to take another year. Being a chair is not as much responsibility I want. I looked for something bigger and think I will learn more being a board member than being a chair. We can always ask 75 any questions about stuff we are missing.
- Sonia Erbé Gómez: I knew I wanted to do board. To be chair first would cut off timing for me. I am now in my 2nd year. I wouldn't want to do it in my 3rd year.
- Romkje van Thuijl: Revathi also advised to do it my 2nd year so I can do courses I don't pass in my 3rd year. Also, really excited so I couldn't wait.
- Anaïs van Schalen: I realised this year that I wanted to be as involved as I am in the association. I think chair would be nice but I feel more for board.
- Iris Doodeman: I know you don't know much yet and are at the starting stage. I heard a lot about asking the former board. I want to say that it is your year so don't be afraid to do your own thing. Don't let that go to waste.
- Demi Acquoy: Yeah you will feel most confident in January. It is okay to not know what you are doing. You won't be ready in August, just keep that in mind (piggybacking off of Stefan)
- Martijn van der Zee: 4 is less than the usual amount of people in a board year. Have you thought about combining committees again?
- Anaïs van Schalen: We talked about it today. It is short notice but it depends on if we get a 5TH person.
- Selin Elcheik: The CB had 2 weeks to decide, there hasn't been enough time to sit with them and talk about a lot since it has been a bit busy lately. Some things haven't been discussed that much in detail.
- Mandy Schunselaar: Do you have any ideas or plans for board bonding in the

summer?

- Romkje van Thuijl: We are going away.
- Žygimantas Pupelis: We have an international idea. We might go to Denmark to bond.
- Revathi Renil: We will travel by train, will do some trauma bonding when we are there etc.
- Mandy Schunselaar: That is the transition weekend then?
- Selin Elcheik: Yes.
- Sonia Erbé Gómez: Today we sat together for the first time so we haven't had time to discuss too much,
- Liz Masselink: Are you guys excited?
- All: Yes.
- Revathi Renil: About the bonding thing. Is there anything you as individuals are thinking of doing together?
- Anaïs van Schalen: We could go to Belgium too.
- Selin Elcheik: While being in the board together, how do you aim to keep a good relationship with your members while also working together? It is important to keep work and personal life separate but it is not always as easy as it seems. Do you have anything you do to keep your life balanced?
- Žygimantas Pupelis: Work is work and friends are friends and keeping things separate. Communication is important and it is up to us to have those quiet evenings together.
- Selin Elcheik: How are you planning to keep work and personal life with board members separate? You are friends and co-workers.
- Anaïs van Schalen: I feel confident that we will be able to talk it out inside of the board. If something happens when we are stressed, talk it out after that moment and with that person face to face.
- Žygimantas Pupelis: Our work should not impact our friendship and our friendship should not influence our work.
- Revathi Renil: Does that mean that after screaming at each other during a board meeting, you are good after the board meeting?
- Žygimantas Pupelis: No, you need a bit of relaxation and then talk about it afterwards.
- Demi Acquoy: Stefan can you tell them the advice you got in the beginning of your year?
- Stefan Canic: I forgot.
- Demi Acquoy: See yourself as board Žygi and person Žygi. That makes it easier to separate and get outside of that role.
- Isa Witteman: Aren't you afraid that you as friends will only talk about the board outside of board?
- Anaïs van Schalen: No. Sonia is my friend. There will be lots to talk about. I am not worried about that.
- Sonia Erbé Gómez: We have been able to communicate very openly and I don't think that will change. I think we will be fine.

- Maarten Gupffert: Anaïs and Sonia are friends and Žygi and Anaïs are friends. It seems Romkje is a bit.... Do you have plans how to prevent a 3-person in person board to form.
- Romkje van Thuijl: It will be fine, we will see along the way.
- Anaïs van Schalen: We are still hoping on a 5th board member.
- Revathi Renil: They are lacking some bonding and will be good.
- Selin Elcheik: Stefan also really didn't know a lot of people and got in a board with 3 people that already were friends.
- Revathi Renil: How do you feel about the questions and talking to everyone?
- Žygimantas Pupelis: It could be worse. It is nice to discover yourself. I told myself to go open into these questions. I can discover more of myself. Overall thank you for all the questions.
- Sonia Erbé Gómez: Right now, better than expected. I was really nervous.
- Romkje van Thuijl: Yeah, same here, I was too nervous to eat.
- Anaïs van Schalen: Same here.
- Revathi Renil: I think you guys did way better than we did. You didn't have a lot of time to prepare for things. I am impressed and excited.

b. Voting

~ Žygimantas Pupelis for Chairman of the 76th Candidate Board

In favour: 31

Neutral: 0

Against: 2

~ Sonia Erbé Gómez for Secretary of the 76th Candidate Board

In favour: 32

Neutral: 0

Against: 1

~ Romkje van Thuijl for Treasurer of the 76th Candidate Board

In favour: 33

Neutral: 0

Against: 0

~ Anaïs van Schalen for Commissioner Communication and Media of the 76th Candidate Board

In favour: 31

Neutral: 0

Against: 2

- Shannon Fredison: Of the 35 people that are present, 2 people their voting sheets were deemed invalid. This means that in total 8 voting sheets (2 x 4) were deemed

invalid. Congratulations on the Candidate Board to be voted in!

6. Update Policy

→ Committee Development

- Selin Elcheik: It was discussed previously that we aimed for the Wintersportcie to host a hitchhike weekend. It was proven to be difficult and was not done. The Reiscie and Webcie were abolished this year. When discussing with 76 we will tell them our reasons for not having these committees and will go over these committees to see if we can go on with them.

→ Optimizing Committees

- Selin Elcheik: As of now, the introduction week party is being planned and 2 Barcies were organized in the room. There will be an additional one in September. They will have in total 3. Lex and Opcie were also combined. The committee ended up organizing one Opcie event being the Career Days and will not organize a second one since it was difficult organizing another career related event. We will evaluate how this combination went and will advise 76 for the Opcie maybe doing something different. Even with the Career Day it was difficult to navigate this. This committee was involved but it is always a bit of a struggle.

→ Questions

- Maarten Gupffert: You misspelled Wintersportcie on the PowerPoint.

- Selin Elcheik: Good, thank you.

- Iris Doodeman: Barcie would host 4. I was wondering why we didn't get the 4th.

- Selin Elcheik: The 3rd one was planned around January, when the restrictions started being there again. During that time, they were given the option to organize an online event and the committee did not want to go through with it.

- Iris Doodeman: Was there also a reason for not rescheduling?

- Selin Elcheik: Yes, we looked into another day, but it was really hard to find a spot in the year schedule and unfortunately it did not work.

- Liz Masselink: What advise do you have for committee development for the upcoming board?

- Selin Elcheik: I think since we combined committees it was a bit controversial. We learned that the Lex/Opcie is manageable. It could have been structured differently. We talked to 74 that there are similarities between the committees and that people are not as eager to join the Opcie. We think for the Barcie/Feestcie was a bit more of a difficult combination. It was a bit tougher than we thought. We will definitely advise to keep the Barcie/Feestcie separate. The Barcie is relatively low key and when you combine it with the Feestcie, it stops being that committee.

- Liz Masselink: I totally agree with what you are saying. Don't put in the policy plan how much you want to organize, but put it as a minimum. More is always better, but for now, you didn't make this whole policy plan because you put in how much you want to do.

- Selin Elcheik: Just generally we will be seeing more of that. That was a mistake we made.

- Liz Masselink: With COVID you never know.

- Revathi Renil: I also remember when we were making our budget and policy plan, we were told that if we low ball it too much, that we can handle more than we have.
- Liz Masselink: Yes, but just to make it a minimal thing. Not 1 but like 2 or 3.

→ **Involvement**

- Selin Elcheik: This year we had room shifts from 11 till 4 and 12:45 till 4 on Mondays. This past period that was on Wednesdays due to our school schedules changing. People were notified if the room would not be open. BOTC's were shared, but in the beginning, we were sharing them in the chair chat. We said there would be 4 GM's. We also had the Emergency GM. We have had the point for committees in the GM. We have not been able to see the efficacy of this point yet, so we have not seen if that point has proven efficient so I will open this point for questions and comments.

→ **Questions and Comments**

- Iris Doodeman: I thought you said they were always sent in the active member chat, that is not true.
- Selin Elcheik: I did not say that.
- Iris Doodeman: Also, about the room being open, maybe notify us a bit beforehand if the room will not be open.
- Selin Elcheik: When those circumstances happening with the room being closed and announced last minute, it was usually due to personal issues going on, but I do agree with that. It is not nice to notify that late.
- Liz Masselink: Do you recommend the point of committees. I don't understand why you didn't add it to the GM before the emergency GM.
- Selin Elcheik: What I was trying to say, during the first GM we didn't have that point due to the transition. The 2nd one was right after the GBM, so we did not have it then since it would have been double. It happens a lot when a GM follows a GBM. I think it depends on when a GM happens. This point was for transparency for non-chairs, but because of low attendance of non-chairs, it might have been not as efficient. We wonder what non-chairs think.
- Liz Masselink: I think it is a good idea, but the GM will always be the week after the GBM. You need input from the chairs. If 76 wants to do it, maybe give it a different "invulling".
- Iris Doodeman: I think it was nice to try it but I don't think it works because you can't say too much about it. Not a lot of information to be informed.
- Selin Elcheik: There we were also struggling to keep it confidential while also relaying information. We will discuss this with 76. I realize that I did not include it in the PowerPoint, there was also a point about committee 10 budget. All committees used it except KasCo. The money that was left over will just be transferred to another active member activity. At least one board member was present at every event, preferably the contact person.

→ **Promotion**

- Selin Elcheik: LinkedIn was not updated, but we did post educational events. All board events were shared in the active member chat. More promo about member initiatives were made and posted. As of now, one member initiative event has been

held and one is in the works as of now. In the case lecture talks were possible, one board member would be present. We were a bit too ambitious with this. It proved to be hard for a person to be ready to go for the lecture talks. We struggled a bit with this. We did have lecture talks every period with the exception of the first period. We think lecture talks are very important, especially in getting first years and other people involved. Monthly compilation as discussed in previous GM's, we did not do this however we did make Instagram highlights to make a summary of each month. We have been keeping track of this each month. We had discussed in previous GM's that we would not be focusing on this point since we did not have a promotion coordinator, a lot of the promotion related tasks were challenging. Due to the limitations that were placed on the VSPVU room in 2019-2020, the efficacy of promotion in the room could not go on well. The slideshows weren't done. We could not figure out the tv in the beginning. We did not have to include this in our policy plan. Posters were and are continued to be in the room and on the blackboard in front of the room.

- Martijn van der Zee: I would advise everyone to download the policy plan from the website to read along.

- Liz Masselink: How would you do the lecture talks. What is the advise that you give the next board to do to make it work.

- Selin Elcheik: Our main issues were getting responses from lectures and when we got responses, it was short notice. Contact was usually via Shannon, and last minute we could not always make it.

- Liz Masselink: My advise is to look up the rooster of the 1st and 2nd years. Check when they have lectures, what time they have lectures and just go 5 minutes before the lecture talks. Some people want to be emailed, or email Esther beforehand. It is really a good way to get those first years to be involved. The promotion in the room thing. The tv didn't work. Was there not another way to solve it like on your laptop?

- Selin Elcheik: We work on our laptops so that would not be efficient. The tv was a bit in the background.

- Liz Masselink: Don't you think it is a bit easy? Look at what is a priority in this case.

- Selin Elcheik: Yeah. Some points will be considered failed since a small part of it didn't go through. We heard that it is not just about passing or failing. Small focus could have been put on points like this, but that would have hindered other points.

- Liz Masselink: Yeah, I get that.

→ Members

- Selin Elcheik: Happy holiday cards were sent out and birthday cards as well. Some cards have been sent back, we will get back to it. We have now:

* Total members: 711

* New Bachelor members: 203

* New (Pre-)master: 33

* Yearly contribution: 127 (2019-2020) + 186 (2020 semester 1) + 7 (2020 semester 2)
= 320

* Not Yearly contribution: 154

A lot of people did not renew their membership and we did not make our 300 new

members. In the first period we had some issues with study sessions. We did book rooms in the other periods. The study sessions were incorporated by 74 during COVID and we continued with it but we are not sure how efficient this point was. The VSPVU room was of course still available for students. Member of the month has been done, but there were 2 months in which they were not posted and delayed but they were posted afterwards. All members of the month will be given a letter from the board and a small gift which they can pick up. There were controversies about this point but we think it was something nice to do to make lesser known members known to others. We think it was nice to make people feel appreciated. The active member participation certificate was reintroduced. If someone asked you to pick it up, we can give it to you, otherwise, they can pick it up in the room.

→ **Questions and Comments**

- Liz Masselink: Why didn't you continue with member of the month?
- Selin Elcheik: We did go on with member of the month, just not posted on time. We did choose them on time.
- Liz Masselink: What about study sessions?
- Shannon Fredison: We did do them except in the first period, just that people didn't really go to the rooms.
- Liz Masselink: So, you don't recommend 76 to do them?
- Shannon Fredison: Not really.
- Anaïs van Schalen: Did you go there yourself?
- Selin Elcheik: Shannon went to check every now and we talked to our committee members and observed. Only Shannon was taking a look at the study session rooms. Especially from the people around us, people have their usual study space and don't really deviate from that. We are not sure how efficient it is.

→ **Policy continuation part 1**

- Selin Elcheik: We had mentioned that the weekend away was cancelled. The preunion borrel for that trip was cancelled. We did not make our 5 borrel goal. We knew it was a lot going in and thought it would have been easy. In the end it just ended up being difficult planning in in the year schedule and it was more work. We had 1 proper borrel at the Heeren and the King's night borrel which was not technically a borrel. They were not the usual Heeren borrels but we definitely are sad about this and would hope that 76 can do way better than we did on this point and can implement the borrel. We had 1 actual borrel that was really nice. We did not have as many participants as it was last minute with everything opening up last minute. We will be having the BBQ borrel and a borrel in intro week. This point of 5 borrels will be failed.

→ **Questions and Comments**

- Iris Doodeman: You had a borrel in the Heeren and we noticed that it is hard to fill up the Heeren and it opened up to other people as well. I was wondering if you would recommend 76 using de Heeren or would recommend moving forward with another bar.
- Selin Elcheik: With the Heeren it was not always communicated properly which part we could get. But you are right as with the new members it is not as easy to fill up

and I do recall the old location being Woody's which was no longer used because it was too small. We hope member count doesn't stay the way it is, but we do recommend 76 to not get the Heeren. But we could also have done better at getting more people.

- Iris Doodeman; I don't think we can fill up de Heeren anymore. I think it would be good for the association to have our own spot/pub. This attracts people and helps bonding. I know that the woody's really misses us. I think you could give them a call. They might be really happy.

- Selin Elcheik: We will advise 7 yes, thank you. Woody's is also eager to work with us.

- Demi Acquoy: For 76, this is the first thing to focus on. The dates for reservation should go asap. Just pick a date in the year schedule and work around that to set borrel dates.

- Liz Masselink: I think it is really funny that the Woody's wants us back right now. They don't play a lot of international music, they play a lot of Dutch music. We decided to change that up. The owner is not really nice to work with. Maybe look at other locations such as a place at Leidseplein.

- Selin Elcheik: The music at the Heeren does tend to be more inclusive. We also discussed this year to maybe get in contact with, like we have a good relationship with VSPA, we were thinking of collaborating so that you have people from another association and the same study and not just strangers in the bar. Or with brother associations or something like that could be a good idea.

→ **Policy continuation part 2**

- Selin Elcheik: GBM talks were done, in the last GM it was brought up that some were missed. We think this point is something nice to do, especially in the beginning of the year.

→ **Questions and Comments**

No questions and Comments.

→ **Policy continuation part 3**

- Selin Elcheik: We discussed in a former GM that the Lustrum Committee already had an alumni event. We already heard the various reasons as to why this was not as successful, such as the date, promotion, etc. We did not think it was successful enough to move on with this event again and we want to move on with focusing on new members.

→ **Questions and Comments**

- Martijn van der Zee: What were the reasons?

- Selin Elcheik: That it was on a Thursday, and people work on Friday. Though we heard that in the previous Lustrum it was held on a Thursday and usual borrels are on Thursdays, so we didn't understand that.

- Iris Doodeman: Some were notified too shortly and some have kids so they would need babysitters or a place to sleep in Amsterdam. Asking for money for an alumni event also upped the threshold for people to come. I also found it weird to ask a non-member price since alumni generally are not members.

- Liz Masselink: No price yeah. They are just there for hanging out and reconnecting with old friends. For students it is fine to have a price and free beer and bitterballen,

but alumni don't really care. Just do a free event. They are okay with paying for the snacks themselves.

- Selin Elcheik: Thank you. We will take that into consideration and will tell 76 about the reason this event had a ticket price. It was due to the stuff we were offering and in the Lustrum week, there were some ticket prices and some free events.

- Revathi Renil: At places we should have a guarantee for the locations, with a lot of places it is like 1000 euros bar guarantee. If we don't make that, we have to pay for that.

- Liz Masselink: I get that. We did have free events.

- Revathi Renil: Yes, but a lot of things are also changing with prices and locations.

- Liz Masselink: Yeah, just a small advice.

- Selin Elcheik: We also observed that alumni are in general less involved as their friends are not in the association anymore.

→ **Policy continuation part 4**

- Selin Elcheik: Right now we are all working on our committee manuals and will be getting into contact with our chairs. When we get the new chairs for our upcoming committees, we will do the trainings. Last year we had some issues with them being late. We believe that the switch to PowerPoint was nice. We recommend continuing with the PowerPoint presentations. One member initiative which was the photography workshop was held. We are now talking to another member and it seems like it will go through.

→ **Questions and comments**

- Liz Masselink: Why does it say in June in the policy plan and you said September?

- Selin Elcheik: I see typos and stuff. I think I uploaded the incorrect one.

- Liz Masselink: Why would you allocate the money in September? If you say September, it doesn't make sense.

- Revathi Renil: Either way, the money won't be reallocated since it will be used.

- Liz Masselink: Okay.

- Selin Elcheik: Merch was brought to events. Not to every event. We introduced the underwear. It was way later than we wanted it to be.

- Isa Witteman: I would have loved it if it were thongs.

- Selin Elcheik: Yeah, haha but it was already difficult with the material already, let alone with thong material.

- Liz Masselink: I agree you don't have to make a policy plan to make the points. Did you talk with each other during your meetings if you would make the points? It is kind of shocking that you made 2 barely. It is something for 76 to think about.

- Selin Elcheik: We did notice that a lot of points did not have to be phrased the way they were. Some things were combined and when one thing was missed, the whole thing went down the drain. We honestly do not believe that this policy plan was doable for a 3-person board without a promotion coordinator mainly. We wanted to keep the nice things as much as we could. But as people that just started board, we did not think it would be that much work. We were just a lot more hopeful. We are happy we could make the association going. That is what we are focusing on at this point.

- Liz Masselink: I totally agree. I think a big thing to look at is that you have to look at the phrasing. A lot of the points were not made because they weren't structured well which sucks.

7. Update Financial Statement

- Revathi Renil presents the financial statement.

→ Income

- Revathi Renil: I advise 76 to not keep bank account interest.
- Liz Masselink: You can close membership already.
- Revathi Renil: There were some problems finding the authorization forms, and it slipped my mind that I should withdraw money from people that filled those out.

→ Board Expenses

- Liz Masselink: Why isn't active member weekend closed yet?
- Revathi Renil: Some payments from PayPal are pending. I contacted KasCo that there are some payments without receipts. we should also get money back from the location since we have less people. Mini events kegs have to get back. We haven't spent board drinks and will reallocate this.
- Liz Masselink: To where?
- Revathi Renil: To board drinks, so it will not be changed.

→ Committees

- Revathi Renil: We still need to receive the invoice from the massage class. Chronicles hasn't been paid yet. First payment for Congrescie was done. Lucie is missing a few payments as we are in contact with Uilenkatten. Congrescie got 200 euros from the flex pot.
- Liz Masselink: You are planning on investing 150 euros extra in Illusie?
- Revathi Renil: Yes.
- Liz Masselink: Put it first on faculty money before putting it on board expenses. I would only write it down if it is actually used. Is it for completeness better to put the full budget on their for Lucie for overview for everybody. They are getting quite a lot from VSPVU. Maybe look into that for the last one, since now it looks like we made a big loss.

→ Board expenses

- Revathi Renil: Today's expenses weren't updated yet. Today we spent around 50 euros and we plan on helping to pay for 76 their first GM. For the GBM, we did not get the reimbursement form yet. We made some more expenses during our last GBM. We expect to be at -50. We didn't go to many COBOS and for one we had gone to, we paid for ourselves. The rest is self-explanatory.
- Liz Masselink: External relations is closed so can get an asterisk. Do you recommend the next board to do less fixed costs?
- Revathi Renil: Maybe, but we also did not do a lot of things. So, I would not advise to change it that much, such as for cleaning the bar.
- Liz Masselink: It should be cleaned every 3 months. I think if you had a normal year, you would also not reach that. But look into it with the new treasurer.
- Demi Acquoy: I put a 250 gap in it, but a lot of things are also coming in now, so

that is another couple of hundreds. It came up to 2250.

- Liz Masselink: Gifts for other boards, which gifts are you planning to give?
- Revathi Renil: We asked an external to help us with the interview for the CB so we want to give him something
- Selin Elcheik: Since we lost the receipt of the COBO we went to, we will give those board members a VSPVU underwear.
- Liz Masselink: The Wintersportcie should be closed right?
- Revathi Renil: They should have their reunion borrel.
- Liz Masselink: When is it?
- Maarten Gupffert: 23rd of June.

→ **Investments**

- Revathi Renil: For promotion we printed stickers and plan to print more so it is open, we had plans for the VSPVU room but could not find it in time. We hope that in the summer we will be able to invest in some nice things for the room. Merchandise remains since we would maybe like to order more merch. Miscellaneous is open since we would like to make some purchases for the board. Member initiative was done and one is in the making.
- Liz Masselink: What do you guys think of Canva?
- Revathi Renil: I really liked it. And we also really recommend it.
- Romkje van Thuijl: It was also great for promotion.
- Selin Elcheik: From the feedback we had gotten, InDesign is really difficult and Canva is really simple and we heard it was really helpful for promotion coordinator.
- Demi Acquoy: Is it time to skip InDesign and switch to Canva?
- Revathi Renil: That is for 76 to decide.

→ **Active member rewards**

- Revathi Renil: GBM outing isn't done yet since we were planning on doing it earlier in the year but due to COVID we couldn't do it. Now we are planning on doing it next week. Active member clothing is higher since I was looking at the wrong budget. I thought we had more money on the post than we did. We overspent and that was my mistake. We printed our active member certificates and the rest will be used for member of the month.

→ **Totals**

- Demi Acquoy: Who were the members of the month?
- Shannon reads them out.
- Revathi Renil: You will get a letter and a gift.

8. Committees

a. Actie

- Revathi Renil: Actie is busy planning their next event which is Stand Up Peddling on the 20th which I hope many of you will attend. They have struggled to find a time where everyone can meet, leading to meeting where less people are active so they will be trying a new approach in which those in the meeting will decide what needs to be done and deadlines will be given to everyone so workload is better distributed. The chair and the vice will be going on exchange so they will attempt to do as much of the planning before

the summer so everyone knows what needs to be done.

b. Balie

- Shannon Fredison: The Balie was doing good committee wise this past year. They didn't sell as many books and summaries, and due to this it was decided with Athena Summaries to not go on with summary sales this past and this current period. We will resume with them in September. We think that due to COVID and lack of promotion of the Balie, people were used to online pdf's and just ordering stuff online instead of in person. We advise 76 to implement more promotion for the Balie and to make people more aware of book sales. Even though we also made people aware in the beginning of the year during the introduction week.
- Iris Doodeman: How did the collaboration with the VU book store go.
- Shannon Fredison: It is going good now. I had a talk with the contact person.
- Iris Doodeman: I think you speak too positively about them so I think I advises you to be harsher.
- Shannon Fredison: I think being there more in person helps vs having contact over email.
- Iris Doodeman: What is your advice for 76 for a future of the Balie?
- Shannon Fredison: To make more promotion. I have no concrete advise at the moment.
- Anaïs van Schalen: What are the concerns with the use of the Balie?
- Iris Doodeman: I sold like 5 summaries this whole past year. It feels a bit useless if they don't really do anything. I noticed that the book store sometimes also asks what we are doing there.
- Anaïs van Schalen: I am faculty manager at Athena, I get that that there were a lot of communication issues with my boss. If I will be in the board, I think communication and collaboration will be better and used more.
- Iris Doodeman: Not just with Athena, but the students that got here.
- Anaïs van Schalen: I feel like we also from Athena didn't make much of an effort for making students aware of it. It has been a lot from the VSPVU side. It is going to more because I am in the board and will be working for them next year. That will work better.
- Iris Doodeman: I also think it makes a very big difference with how the Balie works now vs how it used to work. Athena would release the summaries during week 6 and people could get them at the Balie beforehand. Now Athena releases them way sooner so people don't have to come to the Balie. Maybe that is something to look into as well.
- Revathi Renil: We also talked about it in the GBM and we should talk more to 76 about it to reach a conclusive point. Some people think it is nice to have the Balie. Other people don't find this fair. It is difficult to choose. That is why we should discuss it with 76 to see what takes priority.

c. Barcie/Feestcie

- Selin Elcheik: They were combined this year. There were some challenges but it did work out in the end. The comm was able to host 2 Barcie events in the room, one being in the Lustrum week. It was very successful and different. It was nice having a Barcie in the Lustrum week. They had a silent disco party which went successfully. As of now, they are

working on the introduction week party and securing a location and finalizing things. There will be another Barcie in September.

d. Chronicles

- Revathi Renil: Chronicles finally has created their yearbook and I am very excited for everyone to see it. There has been a delay in printing but our treasurer is getting in touch with them to hear an update but has not received it yet. They are also planning their release party on Friday in which they will have a quiz with the opportunity of winning a special prize.
- Ida Rautiainen: Will the books be there?
- Revathi Renil: They said they will have it by then.

e. Congrescie

- Revathi Renil: Congrescie has confirmed their location which you will see more of later and revealed the theme, Criminal Minds, as can be seen on the Instagram in the form of some fun promotion so be sure to check it out! We are almost sure we have 5 speakers, plus some ideas for backups already and we have been in touch with them. As usual, money has proven to be a struggle so we're working around some solutions for this. We aim to have ticket sales starting around end of July. I am very enthusiastic with how planning is going and strongly encourage you guys to come to broaden your knowledge about Psychology and Pedagogy with respect to Crime!
- Liz Masselink: What is the date?
- Revathi Renil: October 4th 2022.

f. Illusie

- Selin Elcheik: They have been doing great. They hosted a mentor day for the first time in many years and a lot more people came than expected. It took place in the room and was successful. Mentor weekend in April was also successful. Now they are working on Illusie weekend; trying to finalize things for that. It is not as easy but we are working on that. As of now, the main contact people of the committee are going to meetings with VU introduction days and updating the committee. They have the most mentors that they need right now. We are trying to figure out if we have enough or need more. There is a bit of confusion on that. Only struggle has been getting Pedagogical Sciences students involved. As of now, the main focus is on Illusie weekend.
- Liz Masselink: Did you already make a booking for Illusie weekend next year?
- Selin Elcheik: No.
- Liz Masselink: You should do that.
- Selin Elcheik: Our problem has been more finding locations that can take up to as many people as we want. We haven't had this weekend for a while and prices have changed a lot. Places are way too expensive now or too small or already booked but we will look into that.
- Liz Masselink: Yeah, normal rule was that Illusie should be booked for 2 weeks already. Don't forget otherwise they won't have it. Maybe you can add it in the board manual.
- Selin Elcheik: Yeah, last year was also difficult to book things.

- Ramona Plato: Quick comment that there was a miscommunication with RVA who was misinforming my contact person about a contract that was supposed to exist. The location we want to book is booked for next year. We are planning on having it this year vs next year.

g. Lex/Opcie

- Shannon Fredison: They were supposed to host another event, but this was cancelled unfortunately due to low sign ups. They are now working on and preparing for their final event which will be in September 2022.

h. Lucie

- Shannon Fredison: At the moment no other update, other than some final discussions with Uilenkatten.

i. Pedcie

- Shannon Fredison: They had their event which was about growing up in 2 cultures. This was a really nice event and very interactive. The people that were present seemed to enjoy it a lot. It was about children being born in one culture and being adopted in another culture; what the impact of this is. They are now busy planning their upcoming event in September.

j. Wintersportcie

- Selin Elcheik: The Wintersportcie had their ski trip which was very successful and was able to go through. They were planning on a weekend away but didn't go through. Now they are done planning their reunion borrel. Some issues and delay with promo but will be held on the 23rd. The committee looks forward to seeing everyone there. You don't need to have been on the ski trip to come to the borrel.

- Stefan Canic: Is there a chair already?

- Selin Elcheik: No.

- Stefan Canic: Would you advise 76 to stay with Totally? Heard a lot of people complain on the trip. Especially waiting for the busses.

- Selin Elcheik: We will discuss this with 76. Fun fact is that I went on the ski trip a few years back and had these concerns. I proposed to no longer work with Totally and got a lot of backlash, a lot of people now agree. We will discuss this with 76. The previous company was worse, so I guess there is a reason we are working with Totally but we will look into working with companies that other associations worked with and will advise them to change it up.

- Maarten Gupffert: Next weeks' borrel is free and you get a free drink. As chair of the committee, I would advise for a new company to explore Austria. A lot of concerns with totally are concerns with a big trip with a big group for cheap. You will have these issues as well with other organizations. Don't expect too much. These things just happen when you travel with a group for cheap.

- Liz Masselink: There are 3 major tour operators and Totally is in the middle. The first one we had was way worse. There is another one, you can do it, but you would pay 900

euros per person to go on the trip. I agree with Maarten that you have to be realistic. You have to book the Wintersportcie trip already. I would suggest booking that already otherwise there will be no Wintersportcie next year.

- Selin Elcheik: We are planning on making the decision with 76.
 - Stefan Canic: Is it maybe time to think about the 900 euros trip?
 - Liz Masselink: That is the minimum price. For most people, there or a lot of things they have to rent. So, it will be like 1300 euros in.
 - Stefan Canic: Maybe also good to not go 2 weeks before the exam.
 - Selin Elcheik: I think we all agree that the timing is not the best. From what I have seen so far, there is certain times to book when it is cheaper and these trips take place during those times. Otherwise, there is a significant difference int the price. Hopefully, that will change.
 - Stefan Canic: Yeah. For me personally, I would pay 200 euros more and go in a nicer time and not 2 weeks before the exam.
 - Selin Elcheik: We will discuss that with 76.
 - Maarten Gupffert: It is my 3rd year in the committee. Now already people have doubts to go. I think if we raise the trip with 200, there won't be a trip. The price is already at a plateau that we should not go over.
 - Selin Elcheik: We will look into it but there is not much hope.
 - Maarten Gupffert: When you book with Totally, you are dependent on their schedule.
 - Liz Masselink: If totally is really shitty this year, maybe just sit with them and renew the contract.
 - Selin Elcheik: A lot of the stuff we expected weren't there at the location. Maarten did have a lot of contact with Totally. They were ready to help.

9. Idea Box

Idea from the online idea box: Next year, instead of a board we'll have one big Barcie. All the active members become Barcie members so all 100 members become Barcie members, and we have events each week. Instead of meetings, we'll do polls each week to make plans and organize the borrels.

10. Important Dates

11. Certificate Ceremony

12. A.O.B.

13. Questions and Comments

- Quinten MacDonald: Which positions for chair are still open?
 - Selin Elcheik: We have a chair for the Illusie, Barcie and Chronicles. The rest is still open.
 - Anaïs van Schalen: More cookies in the room?
 - Selin Elcheik: I will tell 76.
 - Revathi Renil: Thank you for a great year you guys!

14. Closing

- Selin closes the meeting at 23:30.